

DEFENDANT DENIES PART IN KILLING IN TAYLORSVILLE BANK

R. E. Black Says He Did Not Knowingly Take Part In Crime Perpetrated July 29

CLAIMS IGNORANCE OF THEIR CONFERENCES

Tells of Movements of Party of Four Prior to Attempted Robbery and Fatal Wounding of One Man; Identifies Cap as That Of Co-Defendant

Taylorville, Sept. 8 (AP)—R. E. Black one of the co-defendants on trial for the murder of T. C. Barnes a bank cashier in an attempt to hold up here July 29, took the witness stand today and testified that he did not knowingly take part in the crime.

Black declared that he sat in the car while the robbery was attempted but that he was entirely innocent of his companions' intentions. He told of meeting the other three members of the party several nights before the robbery, but that they had not discussed any of the plans with him.

"We went to Wilkesboro," he said, "and they had conferences I didn't hear. I slept in a separate car from the others for two nights. All four of us came to Taylorsville the next morning. We stopped near the town, and the others went into the woods to change their clothes. I stayed in a field near the car."

At this point Solicitor John R. Jones exhibited a hat, a cap and an old coat.

Black identified the hat as that worn by Mike Stevenson, who is also on trial with him.

Dr. J. E. Thompson, a High Point physician, took the stand to testify to Black's low mentality.

Millions Paid to Forestry Workers

Fert McPherson, Ga., Sept. 8 (AP)—Major General Edward D. King, commandant of the fourth corps area, says \$5,600,000 has been distributed to Civilian Conservation Corps workers and their families in the southeast since the camps were established. His report showed \$290,000 had been sent to families in North Carolina.

Latest Figure on Cotton Reduction Shows Fourth Cut

Washington, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The latest estimate of the results of the cotton reduction campaign are that 10,396,000 acres were taken out of production this year.

This is a little more than one-fourth of the cotton in cultivation on July 1, the crop reporting board said today.

North Carolina's estimated reduction was 230,000 acres, or 17.4 percent of the total amount in cultivation on July 1.

2 Balloons Missing In Air Races

Chicago, Sept. 8.—(AP)—A widespread search was under way today for two missing balloons in the international James Gordon Bennett balloon races.

Facts were expressed that the four occupants of the missing balloons—the Goodyear IX, piloted by Ward T. Van Orman, and the Polish entry, piloted by Captain Francisz Hyniek—may have drifted out over the Atlantic to their doom.

NAVAL AIRMEN TRAVEL 750 MILES



Lieut. Kendall and Lieut. Comdr. Settle. Landing at Branford, Conn., after driving from Chicago in the Gordon, Bennett international balloon race.

This Year's Cotton Crop Put At 12,414,100 Bales

Increase of 100,000 Bales Above August 8 Report; Per Acre Yield Down Fractionally; Government Forecast Is For Virtually Normal Yield

Washington, Sept. 8.—(AP)—A 12,414,000-bale crop of cotton today was predicted for this year by the government reporting board, the forecast being an increase of 100,000 bales over that of August 8.

Government experts said the staple east of the Mississippi had deteriorated, but this had been more than offset by western improvement.

The board predicted the yield per acre for the entire cotton growing section would be 197.8 lint pounds, as compared to the forecast of 198.4 pounds on August 8.

The indicated yield per acre for this year is about 80 percent higher than the en-year average, and is the highest since 1914, with the exception of the yield in 1931.

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GOVERNOR URGES FARMERS TO SIGN PLEDGES QUICKLY

Ehringhaus Proclamation Asks Fullest Cooperation In Acreage Reduction Campaign

Wants Speed In Campaign So Warehouses, Now Closed Throughout Two States, Can Be Reopened To Permit Sales To Continue Without More Delay

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Sept. 8.—Without letting up an instant in the vigor with which he has been pushing his campaign to secure better tobacco prices and thus help the tobacco farmers of the State, Governor Ehringhaus today issued another proclamation calling upon all the tobacco growers to cooperate to the fullest extent with the Federal government in its efforts to stabilize tobacco prices by signing the acreage reduction contracts in the campaign to be carried on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Governor Ehringhaus continues to be more optimistic than ever about the general tobacco situation and is convinced that the Federal government, from President Roosevelt on down, is doing everything possible to help the tobacco farmers. He is also convinced, however, that in order to make any of the measures being planned by the government effective, it will be necessary for the growers to show a willingness to cooperate by signing the temporary crop reduction contracts that will be sent out Monday and Tuesday.

If the farmers sign these contracts willingly and rapidly, thus showing their confidence in and willingness to cooperate with the government, there is no doubt that the Agricultural Adjustment Administration will take steps to stabilize the price of tobacco immediately, as well.

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TEACHERS SCHEDULE IS BEST AVAILABLE

Governor and Others Think Every Possible Cent Put on Salaries

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Sept. 8.—Deciding it was better to adopt a salary schedule for teachers based on the amount of money available for them rather than a schedule that was higher than could actually be paid, the State Board of Education finally approved the salary schedule as drawn up by the State School Commission several weeks ago.

The only vote against its approval was cast by Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, who last week sought to get the board of education to approve a salary schedule for teachers 10 per cent higher than the one that has now been adopted.

The board at that time refused to act on the motion of the attorney general, deciding that it should wait until Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus and Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham could be present, in spite of his vigorous protest.

This action by the State Board of Education bears out the prediction made by this correspondent early this week to the effect that the board would refuse to adopt the motion.

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SETTING TRAP TO GET TAX EVADERS

Dr. Noble Not At All Satisfied With System Now In Use By Bureau

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Sept. 8.—The weaving of a net designed to catch both the big and little tax evaders that have so far been slipping through the meshes of the old tax collecting net of the State Department of Revenue, is one of the primary objectives of the reorganization now in progress in that department under the direction of

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Generally fair tonight and Saturday, except probably light showers in extreme southeast portion.

Coast Guard Cutters Sent To Points On Cuban Coast As Americans Request Aid

Members of Cuban Junta



Following the new uprising of Cuba's armed forces, which resulted in unseating the Government of Provisional President De Cespedes, these two men have entered the spotlight as members of Cuba's "Big Five." They are Guillermo Barrientos (left), of Cuba's radical party, and Dr. Ramon Grau San-Martin, two of the five revolutionaries comprising the Junta which took control after President De Cespedes had resigned.

Witnesses In Burgaw Case Can't Identify Any Of Mob

Physician of Wallace Says He Thinks Negro Was Alive When Seized From Officers; Much Dispute at Time As To Whether Negro Was Already Dead

Burgaw, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Dr. R. C. Williams, a physician of Wallace, testifying today at an inquiry into the death of Doc Rogers, Negro, expressed belief the Negro was alive when the mob pulled him from a truck near here and riddled him with bullets on August 27.

Before Rogers was seized by the mob, he had been shot down by a posse seeking him for the shooting of Mrs. Tom Piner, a farmer's wife. Mrs. Piner was wounded in the shoulder and recovered.

Dr. Williams said he examined Rogers after he was shot by the posse and found the Negro seriously wounded, but alive.

The posse put the Negro in a truck and started to Burgaw with him when the mob stopped them.

The hearing was before Judge E. H. Cramer, sitting as a committing magistrate, with Solicitor Woodus Kellum calling witnesses.

Reports at the time of Rogers' death differed as to whether the Negro was dead or alive at the time he was seized by the mob. Governor Ehringhaus, however, called Rogers' death a lynching and offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest of the slayers.

None of the witnesses at the hearing during the morning were able to identify any person at the scene of the shooting of the Negro, except officers and members of the posse.

STATE WILL FIGHT PARK LAND VALUES

\$975,000 Price In Condemnation Award Held Grossly Exaggerated

Raleigh, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The State of North Carolina took steps today to fight the condemnation award of \$975,000 placed on the Ravensford Lumber Company tract of land in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park when Governor Ehringhaus instructed J. Wallace Winborne, of Marion, and J. Hall Johnson, of Asheville, if necessary, to take the matter to the superior court.

Winborne is State chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, and an attorney at Marion, while Johnson has been engaged in previous legal proceedings for the State Park Commission.

The valuation of \$975,000 for the 32,000-acre tract was trenched excessive by the governor, who said half that much would be excessive for that tract.

A three-man award jury composed of Judge James S. Manning, of Raleigh; W. G. Garrett, of Asheville, and T. L. Gwyn, of Waynesville, set the figure.

Johnson told the governor this morning that the total tax valuation placed on the 32,000 acres before 17,000 acres were cut over during lumbering operations was only \$395,000, including the values of the new lumber mill and its logging railroad.

"The Ravensford Lumber Company bought that property at a receiver's sale for \$50,000," Johnson explained. "The sum of \$975,000 is an enormously exaggerated valuation."

2 STRIKES SETTLED BY EFFORTS OF NRA

Avert Cleveland Street Car Walk-Out; Embroidery Strike Ended

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 8.—(AP)—A strike of Greater Cleveland's street car employees, originally called for called for today, has been averted, at least temporarily, through efforts of the National Recovery Administration and city officials. Nearly 3,000 workers would have gone out.

EMBROIDERY WORKERS IN NEW YORK BACK ON JOBS

New York, Sept. 8.—(AP)—A settlement was reached today after an all-night conference in NRA headquarters which will enable 15,000 striking embroidery workers to return to work Monday.

NAVY GETS MONEY FOR STORM DAMAGE

Washington, Sept. 8 (AP)—The public works administrator, Harold L. Ickes, today announced an allotment of \$856,985 to the navy for storm repairs, including \$237,585 for the Norfolk yards and operating base.

Construction in South In August Nearly \$30,000,000

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 8 (AP)—Southern construction contracts reached \$29,351,000 in August, the Manufacturers Record reported today.

The August awards included \$16,151,000 for industrial plants, with new breweries, textile mills, refrigeration projects for steamships and rayon expansions prominent among the building activities, the bulletin said.

CRAFT FROM SHIPS ALREADY GATHERED IN HAVANA REGION

American Lives Reported Endangered by Unsettlement in Various Shore Localities

NO NEW SYMPTOMS OF DISORDER HEARD

Secretary Hull Says Emphatically No Landing Party Has Been Put Ashore, Either of Marines or Bluejackets; Only Soldiers Ashore at Embassy

Washington, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Coast guard cutters, those fleet sentinels of the seas, were dispatched to several points on the Cuban shore line today on reports of American lives being endangered by the unsettlement there.

These craft were of the powerful American concentration already in the neighborhood of Havana. The cutter Unalga was sent to Puerto Padre, located about 100 miles from the eastern tip of the island.

The Gresham was dispatched to Matanzas, and the Yamacraw was sent to Cardenas. The last two towns are within 100 miles to the east of Havana.

A fourth cutter sent to Havana, the Tuscarora, meanwhile, was dispatched to Key West for repairs and stores.

Secretary Hull announced that requests for protection had come from Antilla, and that a ship had been sent there. At the navy it was thought the Unalga would take care of that situation.

Outside of the reports from Antilla, Secretary Hull, who has just talked with Ambassador Welles at Havana by telephone, said there were no more symptoms of disorder than yesterday, and that conditions generally were reasonably quiet.

Hull said emphatically that as yet no landing party of bluejackets or Marines has been put ashore in Havana, and that no sailors except a possible handful of mechanics to do work around the embassy, were on shore.

SATURDAY TRADING RESUMED IN STOCKS

New York, Sept. 8 (AP)—Saturday trading in the New York securities markets and most of the commodity exchanges will be resumed tomorrow.

The stock exchange, closed for the past six Saturdays, will go back to its usual two-hour week-end session. A few markets will remain closed tomorrow.

Prices Of Bread Are Under Fire

Farm Administration Scrutinizing Charges for Loaf at Charleston, S. C.

Washington, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Bread prices at Charleston, S. C., came under the scrutiny of the Farm Adjustment Administration today.

Dr. Fred C. Howe, consumers' counsel for the administration said he would ask an explanation of bread prices in six other cities.

"In these seven cities," Dr. Howe said, "the average price of bread is one cent or more above the national average price for a pound loaf."

Howe said he had asked the president of the American Bakers Association for a report which would give information on costs and wages of the bakers in the seven cities he named.

Other price increases and the cost of the pound loaf of bread for the country as a whole, Dr. Howe said, continued to check with advances in material costs.