

WIRT NAMES ALLEGED BRAIN TRUST PLOTTERS

Senate Committee Approves Government Control Of Silver Supply

PREMIUM ALLOWED ON SILVER PAYMENT UPON FARM CROPS

House Refuses To Pass Ban on Political Appoint- ments to Home Own- ers' Corporation

TAX BOOSTS AGAIN BEATEN IN SENATE

Efforts To Raise Income and Surtax Rates Fail; Senate Bank Committee Adopts Amendment to Seek Stock Market Bill; Roosevelt Against Farm Plan

Washington, April 10 (AP)—Shifting its major attention for the time being from such matters as revenue and stock exchange legislation, the Capital focused its attention today on testimony of Dr. William A. Wirt that "Brain trusters" told him they plotted a revolution.

Meanwhile, unanimous approval was given by the Senate Agriculture Committee to the Dies silver-farm relief bill, which carried a provision that the government take over control of the silver supply.

The Dies bill, already passed by the House, provides that silver may be received from foreign countries at a premium of 25 per cent above the world price in exchange for surplus American farm crops.

Failure greeted another effort in the Senate to raise both income tax and surtaxes above the rates recommended by the finance committee.

In the House the Democrats, by 231 to 115, defeated a Republican effort for adoption of the Roosevelt support.

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No Big Cut Probable In State's Tax

Auto Licence Reduc- tion Only Real Rel- ief That Now Seems In Prospect

Raleigh, April 10.—No material reduction in the State's tax load for the support of the public schools and other essential State activities is regarded as likely by the 1935 General Assembly in the opinion of Capus M. Waynick, State director of the National Reemployment Service, and who represented Guilford county in the Senate of the 1933 General Assembly, and who is again a candidate for the State Senate from Guilford. He does believe however that the 1935 assembly should work out a better distribution of the State's tax load and that it can and should do this. The

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Million Dollar Letting For Highway Commission

Scores of Contractors Bid on 31 Different Projects Ag- gregating \$1,100,000; Brings Total of Federal Aid Projects to \$6,700,000 for This State

Raleigh, April 10.—The largest highway letting held by the State Highway and Public Works Commission since the Federal emergency highway construction program was started, is in progress here today with scores of contractors bidding on the 31 different projects. The total cost of these projects is estimated at approximately \$1,100,000 by Chairman E. B. Jeffress of the commission. All of these pro-

jects are being built with Federal money, of course, since no State fund have been used for new highway construction work for more than three years.

This letting here today will bring the total of Federal aid projects already contracted for in North Carolina to approximately \$6,700,000 and get the Federal Aid highway construction program two-thirds under way or

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NEWTON D. BAKER TO HEAD ARMY'S PROBE OF AVIATION STATUS

Party Finance Head



Here is James W. Gerard, ambassador to Germany when the United States entered the World war, who has been appointed head of the finance committee of the Democratic national committee by Postmaster General James A. Farley, national chairman.

War-Time Secretary of War Accepts Appointment Refused by Colonel Lindbergh

FIVE OTHER CIVIL LEADERS TO ASSIST

Will Aid Army Generals In Making Military Aviation Inquiry; First Meeting Set Late This Week or Early Next Week; Follows Mail Deaths

Washington, April 10.—(AP)—Newton D. Baker, war-time secretary of war, today accepted appointment as chairman of the army air corps investigating committee upon which Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh declined to serve.

Secretary Dern, announcing the acceptance of five other civilians to aid army generals in making the military aviation inquiry, said the first meeting would be held here late this week or early next.

The investigation, planned by the War Department itself, stepped into national focus following a list of tragedies suffered by the army air corps in flying the mail.

MRS. GRICE TRIAL AGAIN POSTPONED

Goldboro, April 10.—(AP)—Mrs. Ruby Grice, charged with murder in connection with the death of her iron worker husband here last year, will not be tried at this term of Wayne Superior Court, it was announced today. The case was postponed on account of congestion of the criminal docket.

TRAIN WRECKED IN AUSTRIA; 2 KILLED

Vienna, April 10.—(AP)—Train wreckers derailed the Vienna-Paris-London express early today between Wells and Linz, capital of Upper Austria, causing two deaths and a score of injuries. No foreigners were reported among the injured.

RALEIGH OFFICERS MAKE FULL DENIAL

Police Commissioner and Sheriff Strike Back at Baptist Minister

Raleigh, April 10.—Commissioner of Public Safety J. H. Brown only laughed and declared that "the public and my friends know better" than to believe the charges of corruption and misconduct in the police force made in a sermon here Sunday night by Dr. J. Powell Tucker, crusading pastor of the First Baptist church, who has been conducting a whirlwind pulpit campaign against bootlegging and bawdy houses in Raleigh. He also charged that the police commissioner and Sheriff Numa F. Turner were controlled by "higher ups" and politicians who told them what to do.

But Sheriff Turner struck back at Dr. Tucker's accusations and vigorously denied his charges. He showed that some of the cases of alleged misconduct on the part of his deputies had already been investigated and the deputies cleared of such charges.

"I want unequivocally to deny that either I or my office is controlled by anybody," Sheriff Turner said of Dr. Tucker's charges. "I was the first open charge of that nature I have heard concerning my administration. During my tenure in office of nearly eight years I have tried to conduct a clean administration and have waged unrelenting war on bootleggers and blockaders. I have tried to be fair and open in all my dealings and have never hesitated to probe any reports concerning my deputies."

Some of the charges made by Dr.

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Heirs to \$22,000,000



Mrs. Campbell
Mrs. Sutcliffe

Two daughters of the late Judge E. H. Gary will share in the \$22- 000,000 steel fortune controlled by their stepmother, Gary's sec- ond wife, until her death recently. They are Mrs. Bertha Gary Camp- bell of Chicago and Pasadena, Cal., and Mrs. Gertrude Gary Sutcliffe of Chicago.

WAGNER IS HOPING TO PASS HIS BILL

Labor Board Measure Fav- ored by Hugh S. Johnson, NRA Administrator

LEADERS NOT SO SURE

Democratic Chiefs Hold Privately It Has Mighty Slim Chance; John- son Explains Failure To Testify

Washington April 10.—(AP)—Democratic leaders held privately today that the chances for enacting the controversial Wagner labor board bill at this session were slim.

Senator Wagner, Democrat, New York, author of the measure, which would outlaw employer-dominated company unions, nevertheless held to the view that the legislation had a fine chance of enactment.

The New York senator was particularly pleased by what he said was an "okey" placed on the bill by Hugh S. Johnson, NRA administrator, before his departure for the South yesterday.

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Highways, Bridges Safe After Storm

Raleigh, April 10.—In spite of heavy rains throughout the State yesterday, with many creeks and smaller rivers flowing bankful and up to the flooring of bridges, no reports of any bridges having been washed away had been received by the State Highway and Public Works Commission this morning, Chairman E. B. Jeffress said. Nor were there any reports that any of the State highways had been overflowed or damaged, already Jeffress said he was expecting much damage to shoulder and to county roads.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Fair tonight and Wednesday; warmer in the interior tonight and on the north coast Wednesday.

JURY IS INFORMED CONNON FUND WAS EXPENDED LEGALLY

Bishop's Lawyer Says Jury's Only Duty Is To Deter- mine if Conspiracy Existed

GOVERNMENT HOLDS FUND WAS MISUSED

Attorney McNeill Tells Jury "Every Dollar" of Unre- ported Part of 1928 Anti- Smith Money Was Spent Under Advice of Virginia Committee

Washington, April 10.—(AP)—Robert H. McNeill, attorney for Bishop James Cannon, Jr., told a criminal court jury today that "every dollar" of the unreported part of a 1928 presidential campaign contribution to the churchman "was spent under the management" of the Virginia State Anti-Smith Committee.

He referred to a \$65,300 contribution made by Edwin C. Jameson, New York insurance executive, for the Southern Methodist churchman's use in his efforts to defeat Alfred E. Smith for the presidency.

Bishop Cannon and Miss Ada L. Burroughs, who was treasurer of the Virginia committee, are on trial charged with failure to report the entire contributions.

The government contends only \$17,300 of the amount was reported to the clerk of the House under the Federal corrupt practices act.

The remainder was spent in Virginia, McNeill said, and Jameson was so advised.

He told the jury that the question before it was not whether the money was "misused," which government counsel said yesterday would be shown.

"The only thing you have to consider," McNeill said, "is: was there a conspiracy to hide it?"

Horne Sentenced To Pen for Fraud On N. C. Treasury

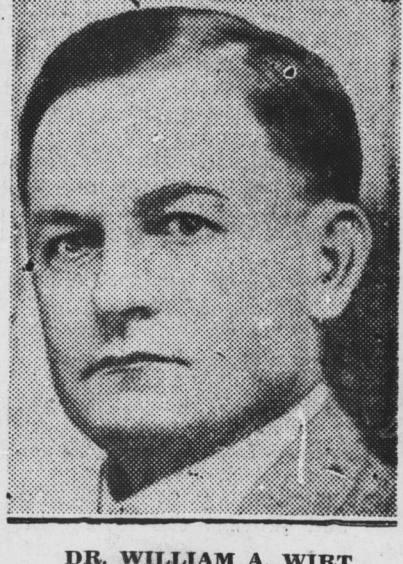
Raleigh, April 10 (AP)—Claude Horne, one-armed former bank employee, and ex-convict of Columbus county, today pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy to defraud the State of North Carolina through the insurance of forged vouchers on the State Treasury, and was sentenced conditionally to serve 20 years in State Prison by Judge Henry A. Grady in Wake Superior Court.

Rebecca Westmoreland, attractive young woman of Thomasville, who admitted aiding Horne to pass two forged vouchers here, was given a two year prison term, suspended on the condition she be of good behavior. The woman testified for the State against Horne.

In sentencing Horne, Judge Grady specified that he may be allowed his freedom after service of five years of the 20-year term if he posts a \$2,500 bond then to assure his good behavior for ten years. If he fails to comply with the judgment, or gets into trouble during the ten years he is under bond, he is to serve his 20 years.

Conviction Laid Upon Dr. Tugwell Of Existing Plot

He Calls Names



DR. WILLIAM A. WIRT

Dr. Wirt's Assertions Are Denied

Miss Kneeland At Chapel Hill and Speaker Rainey De- clare Story Wrong

Chapel Hill, April 10.—(AP)—Miss Hildegrade Kneeland, mentioned by Dr. William A. Wirt in Washington today as one of his informants regarding "brain trust" recovery attitudes, said here today:

"I've never talked to the gentleman on anything connected with all this."

She said she had never met Professor Rexford Tugwell at the time she was reported to have quoted him as saying recovery was a "speculative spree," and that he would like to close the grain and stock exchanges.

Miss Kneeland, a field worker for

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ASSASSINS FAIL TO GET SPANIARD

Madrid, Spain, April 10.—(AP)— Assassins today missed in an attempt to kill Jose Antonio Primo de Rivera, son of the for- mer dictator of Spain, and himself leader of the fascist movement.

The attempt took place in the central section of Madrid. The shot which was fired went wild.

EPISCOPAL WOMEN GATHER IN OXFORD

Oxford, April 10 (AP)—The 52nd annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of North Carolina of the Protestant Episcopal Church, convened here today with Bishop Thomas C. Darst and Bishop E. A. Penick on the program.

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Says Budget Director Doug- las and W. I. Westervelt Can Throw Light On Subject

SPEAKER RAINEY'S NAME ALSO CALLED

House Leader Quoted as Having Said Congress Would Become Rubber Stamp, Government Would Seize Some Industries and Things Would Happen

Washington, April 10.—(AP)—Naming "brain trusters" and their "satellites" as his informants, Dr. William A. Wirt indicated today that he traced back to Dr. Rexford Guy Tugwell, assistant secretary of agriculture, his conviction that a plot exists to "overthrow the social order."

Port two sensation-studded hours, he recounted his fears to the House investigating committee while a massed crowd followed his words.

The story ended with the Indiana educator unable to complete his testimony today, suggesting that the committee summon Lewis W. Douglas, budget director, and W. I. Westervelt, Chicago business man formerly with the Farm Administration. They, Wirt asserted, could throw more light on the alleged plotting to brink communism.

Speaker Rainey's name figured, too Wirt quoting Westervelt as having said he had asked Rainey what Congress was going to do and Rainey replied that Congress "would assemble, pass certain laws, stay in session."

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SIX ARE NAMED IN WIRT'S TESTIMONY

Heard Plans at Dinner He Attended Near Washing- ton September 1

Washington, April 10.—(AP)—Dr. William A. Wirt testified today in the House investigation into his "brain trust" charge that six persons were present at a dinner where he first heard the assertion of a plot under way to bring communism.

He gave the names as Robert Bruere, Lawrence Todd, Hildegrade Kneeland, Mary Taylor and Alice Barrows and David Cushman Coyle.

Chairman Bulwinkle, Democrat, North Carolina, asked Dr. Wirt where he first heard "brain trusters talking about a revolution."

"From a group of individuals present at a dinner in Virginia near Washington," Wirt answered, referring to cards on which he had closely-written notes.

"When was that?" Bulwinkle pursued.

As a hush settled over the more than 600 persons in the committee room, Wirt replied:

"As I remember it was Friday evening."

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South Carolina Farmer Kills Wife, Her Mother

Bamberg, S. C., April 10.—(AP)—Joe Barre, 45-year-old farmer, was arrested near here early today after an extensive hunt since late yesterday by officers, who charged him with killing his wife and mother-in-law at their home near Batesburg.

Officers said Barre had shot the women to death evidently in a fit of anger, reporting they could learn nothing that precipitated the affair, except that there had been a quarrel.

Sheriff T. J. Hadwin and Policemen J. W. Price said Barre was drunk when they arrested him.

The officers received a telephone call from a man who said he was Barre's brother and were asked to take the fugitive into custody.

When the officers arrived they found two other men in an automobile with Barre and his brother. The other men said they were cousins of the Barres.

Barre was placed in county jail, while the brother explained he had taken the fugitive's two children to the home of a relative, where they were safe.