

MOORE COUNTY JURY SUSTAINS THE WILL OF STATLER HEIRESS

H. Bradley Davidson, Jr., Husband of Dead Woman, Will Get Bulk of Her Property

FOSTER RELATIVES CONTESTED AWARDS

Mrs. Davidson Found Dead in Garage at Pinehurst Home Year Ago; Davidson Pleaded That Jury Saw It His Way; Will Get Around \$370,000 Fortune

Carthage, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The contested will of Mrs. Henry Bradley Davidson, Jr., was sustained here today in the verdict of a superior court jury, which gave the husband of the young Statler heiress the bulk of her property.

The last testament was drafted approximately two weeks after the marriage of the attractive 21-year-old foster daughter heiress of the late E. M. Statler, of hotel fame, to her 40-year-old husband, and within less than two months of her death under mysterious circumstances in her Pinehurst garage last year, which a coroner's jury attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning.

The will was contested by her foster relatives, who charged undue influence had been used by her husband and W. Barton Leach, Harvard law professor and her legal advisor.

After holding the case since 6 o'clock last night, the jury returned a verdict shortly before noon today holding the will valid.

Davidson was the only principal in the court room when the jury filed in with the verdict.

"It is gratifying to know that others think the way I know," he said. He would make no other comment, except to say that he expected to go immediately to New York, where he said he had a business connection, the nature of which he did not disclose.

There was no word from the jurors as to how they had stood on earlier ballots or how many ballots were taken during the 18 hours they held the case.

Although Mrs. Davidson's estate was \$500,000, the verdict meant an actual difference of \$270,000 to Davidson, 49-year-old sportsman.

Attorneys familiar with the trust in which her money was held, said that, if the verdict had been adverse to Davidson, she would still have received \$100,000. Final acceptance of the will by the court will make him the beneficiary of \$370,000.

Statler Will Lawyer



W. Barton Leach (above), Harvard law professor, who drafted the will of the late Mrs. Elva Statler Davidson who left her estate to her husband, enters the Carthage, N. C., court to testify in action instituted by heiress' kin to break will.

N. C. FARMERS WILL GET AAA PAYMENTS

Machinery Now Being Set Up for Distributions to Growers Here

APPROVING CONTRACT

Those in Proper Form Will Be First Cleared; Amount of Money Still Due Not Known by Dean Schaub

College Station, Raleigh, Feb. 15.—Machinery is being set up now for distributing the unpaid balance of AAA payments due North Carolina farmers, Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, announced today.

The first step, he said, will be to complete the job of going over and approving all 1935 contracts, and ironing out technical errors wherever they are found.

As soon as the contracts have been approved, the next step will be to deliver checks to the growers.

Contracts which are not in the proper form, and which can be approved without delay, will be cleared first, the dean said, and in all probability the checks for the growers who signed these contracts will be forthcoming in the near future.

However, he said, it will probably take some time to set the machinery in operation, and he could not give a definite statement as to when the checks would be cleared, particularly those contracts in which technical irregularities are found.

He also said he did not know the amount of money still due North Carolina farmers by the AAA for their cooperation in the crop control programs.

Provisions has been made by Congress for paying cotton growers their

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MONGOLIAN FORCE ATTACKS JAPANESE AND CRISIS GROWS

Details and Losses Are Not Learned, But Japs Claim Repulse of the Invaders

TOKYO GOVERNMENT REMAINS CONFIDENT

Settlement Still Possible With Negotiations With Soviet Russia, Japanese High Officials Believe; Even Militarists Hope To Avoid Real War

Tokyo, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The Domei (Japanese) News Agency reported today from Hailar that an Outer Mongolian force estimated at 1,000 men attacked a Japanese-Manchukuan military post at Asailumu, as high Japanese government officials expressed confidence that the border clashes might be settled peaceably.

The attack on the military post, located at the northern end of Lake Baikal, was repulsed, the agency reported. Details of the assault and any casualties were not immediately ascertained.

Reports of the attack came coincidentally with strong indications that the Tokyo government, even the militarists, were anxious to halt the border conflict.

Pressure was being brought to bear on General Gero Minami, commander-

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Hauptmann's Stay Of Execution Will Expire By Tonight

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 15.—(AP)—Bruno Richard Hauptmann's 30-day reprieve from death ends at midnight tonight, and there was no assurance that Governor Harold G. Hoffman would grant him another.

Unless the governor again intervenes, Hauptmann probably will go to the electric chair in five weeks. The State will seek a new execution date, which would fall between March 23 and April 13.

Hoffman's press aide, William A. Conklin, said the governor would not grant another reprieve unless he and Attorney General David T. Wientz, now on vacation in Florida, agree one is necessary.

Meanwhile, Hauptmann awaited another visit from Samuel T. Leibowitz, New York criminal lawyer, who has expressed doubt that the Lindbergh baby kidnap slaying, for which Hauptmann was convicted, was a one-man job.

LIQUOR STAND OF G. O. P. SPECULATED

Not So Much Interested in Dry State As Votes of Dry Democrats

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. HASKERVILLE

Raleigh, Feb. 15.—Action of the Republican State Executive committee in Greensboro this week in calling for the repeal of the present liquor laws under which 18 counties are now operating county liquor stores, is regarded as being of more than ordinary significance in political circles here.

For while Republicans as individuals are regarded as being just as "wet"

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Gubernatorial Candidates Silently Watch Each Other

Some Think Graham and McDonald Playing Good Politics in Withholding Comment on Hoy's Opening Speech; All Three Frantically Lining Up Managers

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. HASKERVILLE

Raleigh, Feb. 15.—The various candidates for the Democratic nomination for governor have been strangely silent ever since the speech by Clyde B. Hoy, of Shelby, more than a week ago, with which he opened his campaign. But this does not mean that they have not been busy or that they are not watching every move made by the others.

Dr. Ralph W. McDonald has been dashing in and out of Raleigh for the past week or so, reputedly working on his organization plans. Lieutenant Governor A. H. Gram has also been here several times this week, conferring with different ones.

Hoy has not been here since his speech in Charlotte February 6, but his supporters have been busy sounding out sentiment and trying to learn the effect of his speech. John A. McRae, the fourth candidate

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Senator Questions Soil Act And Defends Supreme Court

Secret Peril to U. S. Coast Bared in House



REP. TILMAN PARKS



Warning Congress that an alarming condition exists on one of America's coasts requiring immediate attention to U. S. coastal defense, Representative Tilman Parks of Arkansas, chairman of sub-committee handling War Department appropriations, led the fight in the lower house for adoption of the nation's largest peace-time military budget. Parks told fellow legislators that the condition was so alarming that Congress could not be advised of it publicly. Some of the arms of the U. S. coast defense are shown in action, big coast defense and anti-aircraft guns, and navy airplanes.

COURT RULING MAY SCRAMBLE RELIEF

Philadelphia Judge Says War Veterans Must Have Job Preference

POLICY NOT PURSUED

New Deal Plans To Go To Supreme Court With Battle To Sustain Administration of \$4,000,000 Program

Washington, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Startled by a legal blow threatening to scramble its 4,000,000 works relief policy, the New Deal laid its plans today to fight the issue up to the Supreme Court, if necessary.

No sooner had Federal Judge George W. Welsh ruled in Philadelphia yesterday that war veterans and their dependents must be given preference on work relief jobs, even if that means the dismissal of non-veterans now working, administration officials went into hurried conference.

They announced last night they would carry an immediate appeal to the circuit court of appeals in case Judge Welsh refuses to stay execution of his injunction. This injunction prohibits the Works Progress Administration from employing or paying any one in the Philadelphia area unless veterans, their wives and widows are given preference.

The administration insists that, in general, only persons from the relief

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Ethiopian Capital May Be Bombed

(By The Associated Press.)

Ethiopian diplomatic sources expressed fear today of Italian intention to bomb Addis Ababa in revenge of asserted Fascist casualties along the northern front.

Their fears arose after persistent aerial attacks in the last few days, when Italian planes swooped down on Makale, Dessye and other concentration points of the defending forces.

Informed sources at Rome declared the invaders were pushing a northern front offensive in an apparent effort to solidify the lines of Marshal Badoglio's black-shirts between Addi Abbi, 25 miles west of Makale, to the confluence of the Dakkaze and Ueri rivers.

An Ethiopian official communique reported that two missionaries previously held for failing to leave the war zone had been sent to a concentration camp at Sodu, in northern Gamo province.

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Winds And Floods Join To Torment Nation Over Wide Area; Losses Grow

Ships Tossed by Raging Waves, Buildings Collapse Under Snow, Cold Deaths Increase and Whole Towns Are Marooned by Floods and Snowdrifts

Chicago, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Storm winds and flood waters lashed the land and churned the sea today from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Ships were tossed by raging waves, buildings were caved in by snow, lives were lost in the cold, and whole towns were marooned by floods and snowdrifts.

Fear of death from disease, escaping gas and fuel and food famine was felt in various places as a new cold wave advanced from the Rockies eastward.

Zero weather, already gripping the west, was expected to chill the east before the week-end passed.

Landslides and floods harried California as rains continued on the Pacific coast.

Flood waters smashed a 125-foot bridge over the Coralitas creek, isolating 50 ranch families and 100 Federal transient workers near Watsonville, Cal. Landslides cut 140 CCC boys off from the rest of the world at Placerville.

The bitter cold encircled the Dakotas and Minnesota in deep white, paralysis. Snow plows and rescue parties started in three directions from Rapid City and Sturgis, S. D., to isolated communities in Meade county.

Rationing of food and fuel began in southern Minnesota towns cut off by deep drifts.

SKEPTICISM FELT ABOUT NEUTRALITY

Hardly Possible to Take Stand in Peace That Will Hold Up in War

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Staff Writer

Washington, Feb. 15.—Many very pacifistic folk are skeptical of the possibilities of any imaginable legislation to insure Uncle Sam's neutrality if and when the world is afflicted with another large scale overseas war.

I have my own doubts on the subject. To be sure, the Senate's munitions

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OUR WEATHER MAN

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy, slightly colder in east and central portions tonight, probably followed by rain on the coast; Sunday cloudy and unsettled possibly rain.

GEORGE DECLARES ATTACKS ON COURT ARE UNJUSTIFIED

Party or No, He Won't Support Any Program Eliminating Dual Government System

M'NARY AMENDMENT BRINGS ON DEBATE

Proposal Would Prohibit Lands Taken Out of Production from Being Used for Grazing Purposes; Clark Amendment Would Restrict Administrators

Washington, Feb. 5 (AP)—Defending the Supreme court from criticism by Democratic leaders and others, Senator George, Democrat, Georgia, told the Senate today such attacks were in his opinion, "without justification."

Opposing an amendment by Senator McNary, the Republican leader, to prevent lands taken out of production under the new farm bill from being used for grazing dairy and other cattle, George said he regretted criticism of the court for its AAA decision, "especially" that from the "Democratic leadership."

He did not mention Democratic Leader Robinson by name.

George said the McNary amendment clearly would make the soil conservation bill unconstitutional, adding:

"Whatever my party writes into the next platform, I will not support any program that looks to the elimination of the dual system of government."

Expressing doubt about the validity of the soil act, George added, "much would depend on its administration."

Controversy over the McNary proposal flared after the Senate adopted an amendment to prohibit the secretary of agriculture from incurring obligations in excess of the \$300,000,000 authorized.

The amendment was offered by Senator Clark, Democrat, Missouri, to prevent what he termed a repetition of recognized excess expenditures, as "a moral obligation," such as with the case in contracts entered into with farmers under the AAA before the Supreme Court decision.

Senator Byrnes, Democrat, South Carolina, said he would offer an amendment to the independent offices appropriation bill to be taken up after disposition of the farm bill providing \$410,000,000 for the farm program.

Venezuela Drops Ban Upon Press

Caracas, Venezuela, Feb. 15.—(AP)

—The Venezuelan government capitulated today to mass public demands for an end to press censorship and a shake-up of officials after a day of rioting, in which at least five persons were killed.

Cavalry units patrolled the streets and disorders diminished.

The strict censorship was lifted.

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Ice Jams In James River Destructive

One Ship Sunk, Others Marooned and Docks Damaged; Floods Threaten

Richmond, Va., Feb. 15.—(AP)—Battered by an 18-foot wall of ice and water from an ice jam break in the James river here near midnight, a dozen or more vessels today faced new dangers from rising flood waters.

The United States Weather Bureau at Richmond said another pack was being formed in the city harbor by the ice-jammed river, which had risen six feet here in the past 24 hours and was still rising.

A tug sank, a steamship of 2,000

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Baldwin's Cabinet Is In Danger

London, Feb. 15 (AP)—British government opposition sources advanced a suggestion today that the stormy House of Commons defense debate might precipitate a government crisis imperiling the position of Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin.

The criticism turned upon Baldwin by Sir Austen Chamberlain, during yesterday's Commons discussion of the government project for increased national defenses, opposition sources said, might set in motion forces leading to a crisis.

Sir Austen, former foreign minister and first lord of the admiralty,

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Gangster Of Capone Days Is Murdered

Notorious Terrorist Accused of Valentine Massacre in Chicago in 1929

Chicago, Feb. 15.—(AP)—"Machine Gun" Jack McGurn, notorious terrorist of the old "Scarface Al" Capone alcohol mob, and once indicted for the St. Valentine's Day massacre of seven rival gangsters was assassinated in typical gang method today in a north-west side bowling alley.

The deliberate killing, at the hands of three men who followed him into the reception room, came just an hour too late to fall on the seventh anniversary of the massacre of which he was accused.

The State quashed its indictment after its principal witness was slain.

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