

Three Witnesses Testify That Angier Policeman Slugged Farmer In Cell

FARMER JAILED ON DRUNK CHARGE AND DIES IN TWO DAYS

Solicitor Canaday Will Ask Second Degree Verdict For Angier Policemen

WITNESS TESTIFIES HE SAW THE BEATING

Sherill Smith's Testimony Corroborated; Tells of Collins Cursing Officers and Their Return to Jail, Black-Jacking Farmer; Chief Held Light

Lillington, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Three witnesses today testified in Harnett Superior Court that they saw Oris M. Hollar, former Angier policeman, beat F. G. Collins, wealthy farmer over the head with a black jack in the Angier jail two days before Collins died.

Pollard and C. F. Deans, former chief of Angier police, are under murder charges growing out of the death of Collins, and Solicitor C. C. Canaday said he would seek a second degree conviction.

Sherill Smith, of Angier, first witness, said he saw Collins placed in the Angier jail on Christmas Eve by Pollard on a charge of drunkenness. After Pollard and Deans had turned away from the jail, Smith related, Collins cursed Pollard.

The witness testified that the officers went back and that Pollard struck Collins a dozen times with his hands and three times with a black jack. Smith said Collins slumped to the floor and had nothing else to say. He testified that Deans held a flashlight with the beam turned on Collins while Pollard hit the prisoner.

The other two witnesses tended to corroborate Smith's testimony.

AAA SUBSTITUTE BILL IS NEAR END

House May Pass It By Night; Goes To Senate To Act on Changes

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—AAA substitute reached the end of a fast journey through Congress today as legislators limited President Roosevelt may make public next week his suggestion as to how to finance the new plan.

The \$500,000,000 bill providing Federal subsidies to farmers who conserve soil by taking acreage out of commercial crop production has been debated in the house, where leaders said it would be passed by tonight.

After that, it must go to the Senate. That chamber has already passed the bill but in slightly different form, so the difference must be ironed out.

Gas Blasts Terrorize Utica



Water that seeped into gas mains at Utica, N. Y., causing the mains to burst, resulted in a series of blasts which injured two persons and terrorized hundreds. Arrows in photo above show manhole covers blown high into the air by the explosions; below, Patrolman Ernest Bonville, injured by a flying manhole cover, is placed in an ambulance.

Severe Winter Weather Costs State \$4,000,000

\$1,000,000 in Gasoline Taxes Lost, Damage to Roads Put at \$3,000,000 and Decline in Sales Taxes Is Placed at Well in Excess of \$500,000

State, Dispatch Bureau. In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, Feb. 21.—The bad weather in December and January has already cost the State about \$600,000 in sales tax revenue alone, it was estimated at the Department of Revenue, to say nothing of the loss of more than \$1,000,000 in gasoline tax revenue caused by the bad weather or the damage now estimated at \$3,000,000 done to highways.

Figuring The Cost. Sales tax collections so far in February, which represent the sales tax collected by merchants on business done in January, amount to only about \$600,000, it was learned today. But if the weather had been good and business normal, the collections should have amounted to at least \$900,000, since taxable retail sales in the State have been averaging about \$30,000,000 a month, it was pointed out. Sales tax collections in January, which represented the tax collected by merchants on sales made in December, amounted to \$1,094,804, or some \$300,000 less than the department had estimated. For in January, 1935, before the sales tax exemptions were removed and before the sales tax was applied to meals in restaurants and cafes, the collections amounted to \$1,007,242. Accordingly, the department had counted on getting at least \$1,400,000 from the sales tax on December sales, and it would have but for the bad weather and so much snow.

FINANCE FIGHT IS WAGED IN GEORGIA

Tie Up In Departments; Some Won't Turn in Fees; See Legal Action

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 21.—(AP)—While the capital waited nervously for Governor Talmadge's next move in his controversy with two State officials over the financial operation of Georgia, State Treasurer George E. Hamilton asked legal action against the department heads withholding fees from the treasury.

The capital was filled with rumors that Governor Talmadge intended to take action against Comptroller General William B. Harrison who yesterday refused to countersign a treasury warrant to be paid out of 1935 revenue. Hamilton informed Solicitor General John A. Boykin that Tim Linder, commissioner of agriculture and close personal and political friend of Governor Talmadge, and Charles E. Steward, inspector of Naval Stores, and also a Talmadge supporter, were the only two officials who had not transmitted their fees to the treasury on his demand. Hamilton, in a letter to Solicitor Boykin, called his attention to a State law describing withholding of fees from the treasury as a felony.

EXTRA SESSION OF LEGISLATURE SOON APPEARS PROBABLE

If Tobacco Compact Is Accepted by Other States, North Carolina Must Also Act

GOVERNOR ATTENDS MEET ON TUESDAY

Will Be at Washington Conference on Methods to Hold Down Size of 1936 Tobacco Production; State Biggest Grower of Any of the Group

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

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—Talk of a special session of the General Assembly has bobbed up here again as a result of the tobacco situation and the talk of a pact between the tobacco producing states to limit the acreage. The fact that Governor J. C. E. Ehringhaus has announced that he and Attorney General A. A. F. Seawell will attend the conference called in Washington for Tuesday, February 25, called by Governor George Peery, of Virginia, and to which the governors of the six other principal tobacco growing states have been invited, at which the state pact plan will be discussed, is regarded already as being quite significant. For if a majority of the other tobacco growing states pass special legislation to limit tobacco production, Governor Ehringhaus cannot help but fall in line and call a special session without losing the good will and support of the largest group in the State which has stood by during the past three years—the tobacco farmers—according to the opinion of many here.

Too Early To Talk. Governor Ehringhaus takes the position now that it is too early to talk about a special session since it is not yet known what the other tobacco growing states can do or will do, and

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MANY INSANE ARE IN COUNTY JAILS

Have To Be Kept There for Want of Room in Three State Hospitals

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

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—At least 200 insane persons are now being held in county jails awaiting transfer to the three State hospitals whenever there is room for them, a survey made by the division of institutions of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare shows, according to R. Eugene Brown, director, said today. These insane persons should be in State hospitals now receiving treatment, but lack of room and congested conditions in the three hospitals at Raleigh and Morganton for white persons and for Negroes at Goldsboro, makes it necessary to keep this number in jails, Brown said.

Reports received from only 38 counties in December showed 104 insane persons in these county jails, so that it is estimated that in the State as a whole there must be at least 200 insane persons now being held in jails, Brown said. Of the 104 insane persons being held in jails in December, 55 were white men, nine white wo-

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Eighth Snow Visits N. Car. For Winter

White Blanket Spreads Over Most of State With Varying Depths

(By The Associated Press.) Snow fell on North Carolina today—the eighth of the winter. Over the State, the white flakes were reported at various points as falling fast and thickly, after beginning during the morning's early hours but it appeared to be melting almost as fast as it touched the ground. Snow fell generally over the State yesterday, ranging from slight flurries to an inch or so, but it quickly melted when skies cleared and a warm sun came out. Today, Fayetteville and Charlotte reported fast falling flakes. Statesville reported a hard snow. A light fall was reported at Asheville. Hickory said the fall there had been steady since about dawn, and it was snowing hard at Raleigh.

Handwriting Evidence In Bruno Richard Hauptmann's Case Has Been Collapsed

When Firemen Turn Into Icemen



Stop complaining about tingling ears and toes as you look at this scene in New York where firemen fought blaze in sub-zero weather. The fire-laddie (center) has been in the thick of the fight and his pals had to use an axe to chop his rubber coat open.

HANDWRITING OF BRUNO LOOKED LIKE THE RANSOM NOTE

Prison Official Thought He Saw Resemblance in Letter "P" in Notes

NO FURTHER STAY HOFFMAN'S INTENTION

Warden of Prison Says That There the Note Received From Hauptmann Wasn't Similar As To "P's"; Will Not Be Referred To Expert

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Reported fresh evidence fixing Bruno Richard Hauptmann anew as the writer of the Lindbergh ransom note collapsed today at the same time as Governor Harold G. Hoffman reiterated that he has no intention of granting a second reprieve to the condemned man.

Handwriting "evidence" was supposedly discovered in the office of Colonel Mark O. Kimberling, warden of the State Prison, by a subordinate, who said that he detected a similarity between the letter "P" in the ransom note as the same character in letters written by Hauptmann since he has been in the death house. "Colonel Selby received a note written by Hauptmann," Colonel Kimberling said. "He found a letter 'P' he thought looked like that in the ransom note. I don't agree that there is a similarity or that there is any resemblance. The handwriting has not been referred to an expert and will not. There is no need for it."

EXPORTS GAIN IN VALUE OVER 1935

Past January Greater Than Last But Were Below December, 1935

Washington, Feb. 21.—(AP)—A thirteen per cent gain in the value of United States exports in January, 1936 over January, 1935, was reported today by the Commerce Department. The exports, however, declined eleven per cent from December, 1935, while imports were fractionally above December as 12 per cent higher than January, 1935. Both imports and exports were about half the 1923-25 average.

The surplus of exports in January this year was \$11,521,000 against \$9,391,000 in January, 1935. Smaller shipments of unmanufactured cotton which declined \$21,100,000 from December, unmanufactured tobacco which declined \$2,900,000, and petroleum and products which decline \$4,500,000 accounted for the export drop from December. Imports gain was owing largely to increasing in purchases of sugar.

Two Rioters Slain; Ten Wounded

Election Clashes In Spain Causing Death by Guards and Troops

Madrid, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Civil guards killed two Extremist rioters and wounded ten more at Bollullas Del Canado today, raising the total of election dead to 27 persons.

The new leftist government of Manuel Azana was forced to declare martial law in many communities as the result of increased rioting and celebrating leftists.

Civil guards and troops were active everywhere attempting to restore order while hundreds of political prisoners were released from jails. Red flags were raised by Communists in several villages. One hundred guards, armed with machine guns, were dispatched to the town of Tija, where communists proclaimed a Soviet state and raised their red flag. Police clashed with another group of demonstrators displaying the red flag in Hoyu Tinars, and one woman was killed there.

CHURCH QUESTIONS POLAND'S ACTION

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 21.—(AP)—The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, today asked the State Department to investigate the Polish government's action suspending activities through which the church carried on its work there.

ITALY MAY LEAVE THE LACARNO PACT

Two Visits of Von Hassell From Rome to Berlin Seen in Move

Berlin, Feb. 21 (AP)—Germany's ambassador to Italy Ulrich Von Hassell, traveled back to Rome today after his second conference in five days with Adolph Hitler as middle man between the Reichfrueher and Italy's Duce.

The Wilhelmstrasse declined to discuss the reason behind the ambassador's two flying trips but diplomatic sources consisted in a belief in an Italo-German and Franco-British common view were being considered. A spokesman for Berlin in diplomatic quarters said he believed that among the points the two dictators sought through Von Hassell was a possibility of an Italian withdrawal from the Laccarno Pact if an oil sanction was imposed upon Italy as further punishment of the Fascist was in Ethiopia. Another point believed to be under consideration was a possible "reform" of the League of Nations, which is applying the sanctions on Italy and from which the Reich has resigned.

HOLD FIVE NEGROES FOR BRUTAL ATTACK

Posses and Bloodhounds Seeking Sixth for Oklahoma Crime

Altus, Okla., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Six-year-old daughter of a prosperous farm couple died today an hour after a Negro sought for a vicious attack on the girl and her mother had been shot and fatally wounded by a posse of 100 men near Vallir, Okla. The Negro died en route to the hospital.

The Negro was said by Under Sheriff Ernest Haddaway to be Willie Jones, 32, an ex-convict, was hunted as a suspect in the attack on the girl and her mother, Mrs. Alice Wilson, 31.

FIVE NEGROES ARE HELD; AS ANOTHER ONE SUGHT

Mangum, Okla., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Five Negroes were held today for questioning, while posses and bloodhounds sought a sixth suspect in the beating of Mrs. Alice Wilson, 31, and her six-year-old daughter at their farm home near here last night. Their heads battered, Mrs. Wilson and her daughter, Alice, lay near death at a Mangum hospital. Sheriff E. N. Olabough said Mrs. Wilson regained consciousness for a time last night, but there was not hope for the recovery for either.

The girl told officers a Negro forced his way into their home yesterday, struck her and her mother with an axe handle and then fled.

Television Will Restore Glamour With The Radio

Babson Foresees Broadcasting System for Every Home, As Well as Instrument for Bringing Vision Synchronized With Sound; Short Wave Space Unlimited

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Babson Park, Fla. Feb. 21.—Millions won and millions lost in one short decade is the story of radio. In its early days, most every new industry goes through a great speculative boom. But I wonder if any other industry ever had such a hot-house growth, if speculative fever ever reached such a high pitch as in radio? Technical and commercial progress have both been exceptionally rapid.

First Broadcast in 1920. It is not quite sixteen years ago that the first commercial broadcast—the result of the Harding-Cox campaign—came over the air. Almost overnight "wild-cats" companies by the hundreds mushroomed up. Within three years there were 200 manufacturers of sets and 5,000 makers of parts. New development followed new development as the twenties wore on. Readers will recall the great excitement over those new changes—loud speakers, storage batteries, attic antennas, plugging-into-the-electric light socket, all-wave sets, and now metal tubes. Each improvement brought its own wave of speculation—freezing out

some concerns, booming others. Everybody wanted to get an interest in this new "Eldorado." At one time "investors" paid over \$500 a share for the stock of one company—even though it never had, and never has, paid a common stock dividend. Speculation hit its peak in 1929. The market crash knocked radio sales into a cocked hat. Depression came quicker than it did in most industries. Because the radio business was still over-crowded in 1929, competition was extremely bitter. In a desperate effort to maintain sales volume, price-cutting soon came into the picture and for three or four years most manufacturers lost money by the millions. 1935 Record Year. Price cutting, however, turned out to be a blessing in disguise for those who survived. It brought out the "baby", "pee wee", "midget", and the table sets. Rapid technical progress induced by the stiffest kind of competition, produced radio sets which today sell at one-tenth the 1929 price with far better reception. As a result the 1935 sale of radios reached an all-time peak—double the level of the

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OUR WEATHER MAN. Illustration of a man in a hat holding a weather vane. Text: FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Snow this afternoon, probably mixed with rain in the east portion and ending early tonight. Saturday, mostly cloudy continued cold.