

Hoffman Hurls Lie At State's Witness At Trial Of Bruno

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Against Witness

SAYS RECORD WILL
BEAR OUT CHARGES

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fied He Saw Hauptmann
Near Lindbergh Estate Few
Days Before Baby Was
Kidnaped; Was Only Jer-
sey Witness in New York

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 24 (AP)—Governor Harold G. Hoffman today accused Millard Whited, Saurland mountain lumberjack, and one of the State's chief witnesses against Bruno Richard Hauptmann, of lying, a charge which might be the basis of perjury action against him.

The governor, who questioned Whited at length Saturday, said the "printed and written record shows that he was lying."

Whited was one of the two witnesses who placed Hauptmann near the Lindbergh estate at Hopewell about the time of the kidnaping March 1, 1932.

The Saurland logger was the only witness New Jersey called at Hauptmann's extradition hearing in New York to place Hauptmann near the scene of the crime. Whited swore he saw Hauptmann prowling about the Lindbergh grounds on two occasions late in February, 1932.

He repeated this testimony at the Flemington trial.

Prosecution officials, the governor said, seemed to be making "a studied effort" to "surpass important information in the Hauptmann case."

Prosecutor Anthony M. Hauck, Jr., of Hunterdon county, replied at once to this criticism by accusing the governor himself of withholding some of the facts. Whited's testimony, he said, "shows there has been nothing suppressed."

"The governor," he said, "has taken part of the story to show he (Whited) lied. Why doesn't he be fair about it and show the full record, as well as the full statement Whited gave Saturday, instead of making public a few excerpts?"

"In view of the fact that there (Continued on Page Five.)"

Tanker Shaken by Explosion Reaches Charleston Docks

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 24 (AP)—Flying red flag of danger, the oil tanker Albert Hill, which exploded 200 miles east of Charleston, came into the navy yard here today under her own power, and a search was begun immediately between decks for four missing season who were painting when the blast occurred. The Atlantic Refining tanker was in convoy of the Coast Guard cutter Yamacraw, but was not in tow.

It was put under guard immediately, so to remain until the danger element of further gas explosions was definitely removed.

Ethiopians Claim Push Into North Slaying of Many Italians Unconfir- med; Rome Poised for Fresh Victory

(By The Associated Press)
Ethiopian sources declared today that their soldiers had cut through Italian lines between Makale and Aduwa, killing hundreds of Italian troops in a sudden thrust to the northward.

Out for Auditor



GEORGE ROSS POU.

Pou's Entry Livens Race For Auditor

Campaign for Minor Office May Rival Gubernatorial Bat- tle in State

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In The Sir Walter Hotel,
By J. C. BASKERVILLE.
Raleigh, Feb. 24.—With the announcement today by George Ross Pou that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State auditor in the June primary, the belief in many circles here is that the campaign for that office for which there are now four candidates, may rank next to the gubernatorial campaign in general interest. The four candidates are State Auditor Baxter Durham, who has held the post for 15 years and is expected to seek re-nomination; Willard L. Dowell, executive secretary of the North Carolina Merchants' Association; Charles W. Miller, of Asheville, 25-year-old directory publisher there, and Pou.

Two of these four candidates have been colorful characters in North Carolina politics for ten years or more although this is the first time either has ever run for a State office. These two are Dowell and Pou. Both are regarded as being experienced and canny in political matters, with unusually broad contacts and acquaintances extending into every section of the State. Pou was superintendent of the State Prison for 12 years, from 1921 to 1933, until it was merged with the highway department, and for a year after the merger was executive director of the prison division until he resigned to run for the seat in Congress left vacant by the death of his father, the late Congressman Edward W. Pou, of Smithfield. And while Pou was defeated for Congress by Harold L. Cooley, of Nashville, this (Continued on Page Two.)

BARBARA HUTTON IS MOTHER TO A SON

London, Feb. 24 (AP)—A son was born today to Countess Barbara Hutton-Haughtitz-Reventlow, heiress to the Woolworth millions.

To Provide For Grading Of Tobacco

Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—A \$250,000 item to administer the tobacco inspection and grading act was included in the agriculture appropriations bill reported today in the House.

The measure also carried a \$137,744 item for continuing research for improvement of tobacco production and handling.

The tobacco inspection act provides for government grading of tobacco and the designation of auction markets as government-graded markets where two-thirds of the growers approve such service.

GREAT DAMAGE TO HIGHWAYS NOT YET REALIZED IN STATE

Vast Extent of Ravages Of
Snows, Rains and Severe
Cold Beyond Com-
prehension

FINANCING REPAIRS
WILL BE DIFFICULT

Will Take Time To Restore
Roads to Normal and Work
Cannot Even Begin Until
Dry Weather, Chairman
Waynick Says; Outlines
Phases of Problem

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In The Sir Walter Hotel,
By J. C. BASKERVILLE.
Raleigh, Feb. 24.—The bigness of the job now facing the highway department in trying to repair the thousands of miles of roads damaged by the snows, rains and sub-freezing temperatures this winter, or the tremendous cost of this work, is not yet realized by the public at large, Chairman Capus M. Waynick, of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, said today. There are still 23,000 miles of roads in the State which have never even had a topsoil or sand clay surface put on them, while there are 22,000 miles of roads with nothing more than topsoil, sand clay or surface treated surfaces, Waynick pointed out.

"It has required a period of 16 years and the expenditure of \$300,000,000 for us to build only 8,000 miles of concrete and asphalt pavement in North Carolina. So I do not see how we can possibly be expected to put the 22,000 miles of soil or bituminous surfaced roads and 23,000 miles of dirt roads back into condition in a few weeks time. But we are going to do the best we can and do it as quickly as we can with the money available," Waynick said. "But we cannot make a move until the roads dry up enough for us to start work, since it is impossible to scrape or repair a muddy road. We have just got to have some patience and wait on the weather."

It has been suggested that the highway department put down gravel on the dirt roads. But it would cost at least \$500 a mile to put down only a light sprinkling of gravel, the engineers estimate, while to do much good and to last any time at least \$1,000 worth of gravel per mile should be used. Thus the cost of graveling or putting crushed rock on 23,000 miles (Continued on Page Two.)

Party's Treasurer Paid Well by Firms Having RFC Loans

Washington, Feb. 24 (AP)—Senator Couzens, Republican, Michigan, told the Senate today that Walter J. Cummings, treasurer of the Democratic National committee, received salaries of \$90,000 a year as an official of firms borrowing from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

He made this statement in opposing a bill supported by Chairman Jesse Jones, of the RFC, to exempt bank stocks held by corporations from State taxation.

Couzens said Cummings received \$75,000 a year as a chairman of the board of the Continental Illinois Bank of Chicago, to which the RFC has lent \$50,000,000, and \$15,000 a year from the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific railroad, another borrower.

"If these banks can pay these salaries," he continued, "they can certainly pay taxes on these preferred stocks."

Puerto Rico Slayings To Draw Probe

San Juan, Puerto Rico, Feb. 24 (AP)—Puerto Rican Nationalist agitation, which resulted in the slaying of E. Francis Riggs, chief of the insular police, and a district police chief, drew today a vigorous official investigation.

Riggs, 48-year-old former United States Army colonel, was shot to death here at noon yesterday by two nationalists, both of whom were killed later by police.

Just two hours later, District Police Chief Francisco Velazquez Ortiz attempted to put down a Nationalist riot at a cafe in the central town of Utuado, and was killed.

Dies In Baltimore



Albert C. Ritchie

ALBERT C. RITCHIE, LONG GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, IS DEAD

Was Candidate for Demo-
cratic Nomination for
President at Chi-
cago in 1932

WAS VIGOROUS FOE
OF ADMINISTRATION

Held That Roosevelt Poli-
cies Tended To Override
U. S. Constitution, and
Had Been Mentioned As
Probable Hard Campaign-
er Against President In
1936

Baltimore, Feb. 24 (AP)—Former Governor Albert C. Ritchie, vigorous advocate of states' rights and a pioneer in the movement that led to prohibition repeal, died suddenly at his apartment here early today. He was in his 60th year.

A stroke apparently caused the death of the noted Marylander, a contender for the Democratic presidential nomination at the 1932 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. The end came about 1:45 a. m., less than two hours after he was stricken.

Death ended speculation over the possibility of his taking a leading role in opposition to re-nomination of President Roosevelt at this year's Democratic convention in Philadelphia. His outspoken criticism that Roosevelt New Deal policies tended to circumvent the Constitution and engulf states' rights stamped him as an outstanding figure among intra-party foes of the administration.

His last public utterance was on the Constitution. Addressing a church meeting across the street from his home a few hours before his death, he had sharply criticized centralization of government in Washington as opposed to constitutional tenets.

News of his death spread rapidly, and expressions of grief and tributes were widespread, coming from national leaders in all sections of the country.

NEW FARM PLAN TO TIDE OVER, ANYHOW

May Be Unconstitutional,
But Cannot Be Acted on
Before Election

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Staff Writer
Washington, Feb. 24.—It is hard not to agree with the statesmen, like Senators William E. Borah of Idaho, George W. Norris of Nebraska and Charles L. McNary of Oregon, who say that if AAA was unconstitutional, as the Federal Supreme Court held, the New Dealers' substitute farm plan is unconstitutional, too.

The AAA act outspokenly provided for crop control by the United States government, through payments to farmers for what they refrained from producing, up to a certain limit. Friends of the scheme argued that agricultural surpluses thus would be (Continued on Page Two.)

OUR WEATHER MAN

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Partly cloudy and warmer to-
night; Tuesday mostly cloudy,
warmer in east and central por-
tions.

\$161, 163, 147 Appropriation To Agriculture Work Asked As New Farm Bill Comes Up

General Hagood, Critic Of New Deal, Is Ousted From High Army Office

Relieved of Eighth Corps
Area Command at San
Antonio After Testi-
mony at Capital

REFERRED TO WPA
AS "STAGE MONEY"

General Malin Craig, Army
Chief of Staff, Declines
Comment on Action Or-
dered by President Roose-
velt; Said Funds Spread
Over Country "Like Mud"

Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Major General Johnson Hagood was summarily relieved from his command of the eighth corps area at San Antonio, Texas, today and ordered by President Roosevelt's direction to proceed to his home and "await orders."

Hagood, in recent testimony before a House appropriations sub-committee, suggested that Congress take advantage of what he termed "WPA stage money" and use it to improve housing at army posts.

The order was signed by General Malin Craig, army chief of staff, by order of the secretary of war.

When asked the reason for the unexpected order, Craig said he had "no comment" on what he described as a routine administrative procedure.

The chief of staff said he had no immediate new assignment in mind for Hagood.

In his testimony on the War Department appropriation bill, Hagood urged that \$150,000,000 be used for army housing.

"At the present time," he said "there is a vast flow of silver—I won't say gold—spreading out all over the country like mud."

"It will soon dry up without anything permanent to show for it. I shall not be accused of profanity when I say, 'For God's sake, put some of it into stone and steel.'"

Hagood said he was "not familiar with the various pockets in which Uncle Sam keeps his money, but understood" there is budget money, which is very hard to get; there is WPA money, which is not so hard to get, and then there is a vast quantity of WPA money, which is very easy to get for trifling projects, but almost impossible to get for anything worthwhile.

A native of Orangeburg, S. C., Hagood, who holds one of the most distinguished service records in the army, has been in charge of the eighth corps area since October 4, 1935.

Security Of World, Goal Eden Seeks

Even U. S. Must Help
He Tells Commons
In Discussion
About Sanctions

London, Feb. 24.—(AP)—A British plan to induce all nations, including the United States, to join a worldwide system of collective security in an effort to end war was outlined to the House of Commons today by Anthony Eden, foreign secretary.

"Our final objective," Eden declared, "must be a worldwide system of collective security, which embraces all nations, in an authority which is unchallenged and unchallengeable."

"We are far from that objective at present. We can only hope to realize it by strengthening the authority of the existing system and facilitating it by agreement based on wide understandings and cooperation of other nations in our work."

Eden declared that the future of disarmament depended in a large extent upon the military strength of Great Britain. In his first speech as chief of the British diplomatic service in the House of Commons, the young statesman declared:

"The road to disarmament lies in the increased power and authority of the League of Nations."

He said that the League, in turn, depended "in a considerable measure (Continued on Page Five.)"

SOIL CONSERVATION MEASURE TAKEN UP BY THE CONFEREES

Agricultural Supply Bill Is
In Excess of Current
Year, With Re-App-
ropriations

SHELTER BELT OF
TREES IS DENIED

Appropriation for That
Cause Is Turned Down;
Farm Credit Administra-
tion Gets \$4,000,000, Same
As This Year; Would Elim-
inate Diseased Cattle

Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—A \$161,163,147 agriculture department appropriation bill for the 1937 fiscal year was laid before the House today as the new \$500,000,000 soil conservation farm program headed for conference on House and Senate differences.

Although from the viewpoint of actual new money appropriated, the supply bill was \$28,528,857 under budget estimates, there were reappropriations of unexpended balances totalling \$18,000,000. The measure was, at the same time, \$21,635,563 above current appropriations, not counting re-appropriations.

In addition, the bill allowed \$4,000,000 for the Farm Credit Administration—the same as this year.

Following the policy laid down in the War Department supply measure, the appropriations committee refused to allow the \$1,000,000 requested in the budget for the shelter belt tree planting program down the great plains belt.

The principal provision for using unspent balances which otherwise would revert to the Treasury, was \$17,500,000 for the elimination of diseased cattle work—the amount requested in the budget.

Chiefly accounting for the measure's total increase over this year's fund was inclusion of the soil conservation service for the first time as a regular item under the agriculture department. The committee cut the \$27,500,000 budget estimate to \$22,469,265. It is under this law that the substitute AAA program is being set up.

GOVERNMENT'S NEW BONDS FIND MARKET

Offering of \$1,500,000
March 15 Will Be Read-
ily Gobbled Up

INFLATION IN CREDIT

Present Market Kiting Believed
Largely That; Consumption May
Catch Up With Demand,
and Then New Drop

By LESLIE EICHEL
Central Press Staff Writer
New York, Feb. 24.—The United States Treasury is expected to make a \$1,500,000,000 offering on March 16, an offering which will be satisfactory to financial New York. It will be grabbed up. In spite of all the shouting from financial interests, the government's securities still rank first.

There is a reason—the federal government's taxing powers are enormous, and it has taxed merely one-third as much as England, for example.

Not that financial New York desires any more taxes! No, but the power to tax the income of 127,000,000 persons is an asset with which no private bond, even of the staunchest corporation, can compete.

Then, again, there are funds that can find haven only in such "legal" securities as "government."

Status Of Farmer Is Improving

Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—De-
clarations that the farmer's financial
status as shown "vast improvement,"
and that the nation is threatened with
"billions of dollars" loss of soil ero-
sion, were placed before Congress to-
day by government agencies.

Governor W. I. Myers, of the Farm Credit Administration, which holds about 40 percent of the farm mortgage debt of the country, said there had been such a "vast improvement" in the farm status that need for government credit is decreasing.

His testimony was given in hearings on the annual agricultural department appropriations bill, made public today.

The warning that business invested (Continued on Page Five.)

Comptroller For Georgia Is Removed

Man Who Refused
to Sign Talmadge's
Warrants Is Dis-
missed by Him

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 24 (AP)—Governor Eugene Talmadge removed Comptroller General William B. Harrison from office today, commissioning Adjutant General Lindley Camp to serve the order for Harrison's refusal to countersign warrants under the Talmadge "dictatorship" set up in the absence of a 1936 appropriation act.

The governor's order suspended Harrison until the 1937 session of the (Continued on Page Two.)