

TOWNSEND GROUPS WILL NOT ENDORSE ANY MAJOR PARTY

Townsend, Coughlin, Smith
and Lemke To Stump
Nation for Their New
Union Party

DEFEATED OKLAHOMA
CANDIDATE DROPPED

Gomer Smith Removed As
Vice-President of Group,
Though He Is Wildly
Cheered at Cleveland Con-
vention; To Back Lemke's
Presidential Race

Cleveland, July 17.—(AP)—Dis-
sent among leaders of the
Townsend age pension move-
ment became evident today with
a statement by Dr. Francis E.
Townsend that "I do not consider
Gomer Smith any longer a mem-
ber of our organization."

Gomer Smith, an Oklahoman,
has been a vice-president of the
national Townsend movement.

In Oklahoma City today a dis-
trict Townsend leader in that
State said that if Smith is re-
moved, "We'll just secede and form
an Oklahoma Townsend club of
our own."

Gomer Smith delivered a speech
late yesterday at the Townsend
national convention in which he
attacked Father Charles E.
Coughlin, who earlier had called
President Roosevelt a "betrayed
and liar."

The Oklahoman also attacked
Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, leader
of the share-the-wealth movement,
and a Townsend director.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 17.—(AP)—
Frank Arbuckle, permanent chair-
man of the Townsend national con-
vention, announced to cheering dele-
gates today that any motion or re-
solutions having to do with endorse-
ment of a national political party
"shall be out of order at all times
during this convention."

Arbuckle added that the decision
represented the unanimous view of
the Townsend board of directors. He
was greeted with prolonged cheering.
Meanwhile, Dr. F. E. Townsend
worked on plans for a sampling tour
with his new allies, Father Coughlin,
Rev. Gerald Smith and William Lem-
ke, in behalf of Lemke's presidential
campaign.

Townsend announced last night
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Politicians In Pension Group Seen

Cleveland, July 17 (AP)—Robert E.
Clements, former secretary and treas-
urer of the Townsend organization,
who resigned recently after an argu-
ment with Dr. Francis E. Townsend,
asserted today in an interview that
the plan was "being taken over by
political opportunists."

"The Townsend movement, power-
ful as it is, if it falls into unscrupu-
lous hands, is a menace to the gov-
ernment," he said.

Clements said that he no longer
was associated with the movement,
but that he had come to Cleveland
to watch developments.

"I promised when I left the organ-
ization that I would keep track of it,
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NAMING OF JUDGE DIFFICULT AFFAIR

Many Names Pressed for
Vacancy by Passing of
Judge Oglesby

Raleigh, July 17 (AP)—Governor
Ehringhaus asked the fif-
teenth judicial district Democ-
ratic Executive Committee today to
send him as soon as possible its
"recommendation of two outstand-
ing and well qualified lawyers"
available for appointment as su-
perior court jurist of the district.
The place is vacant due to the
death of Judge John M. Oglesby,
of Concord.

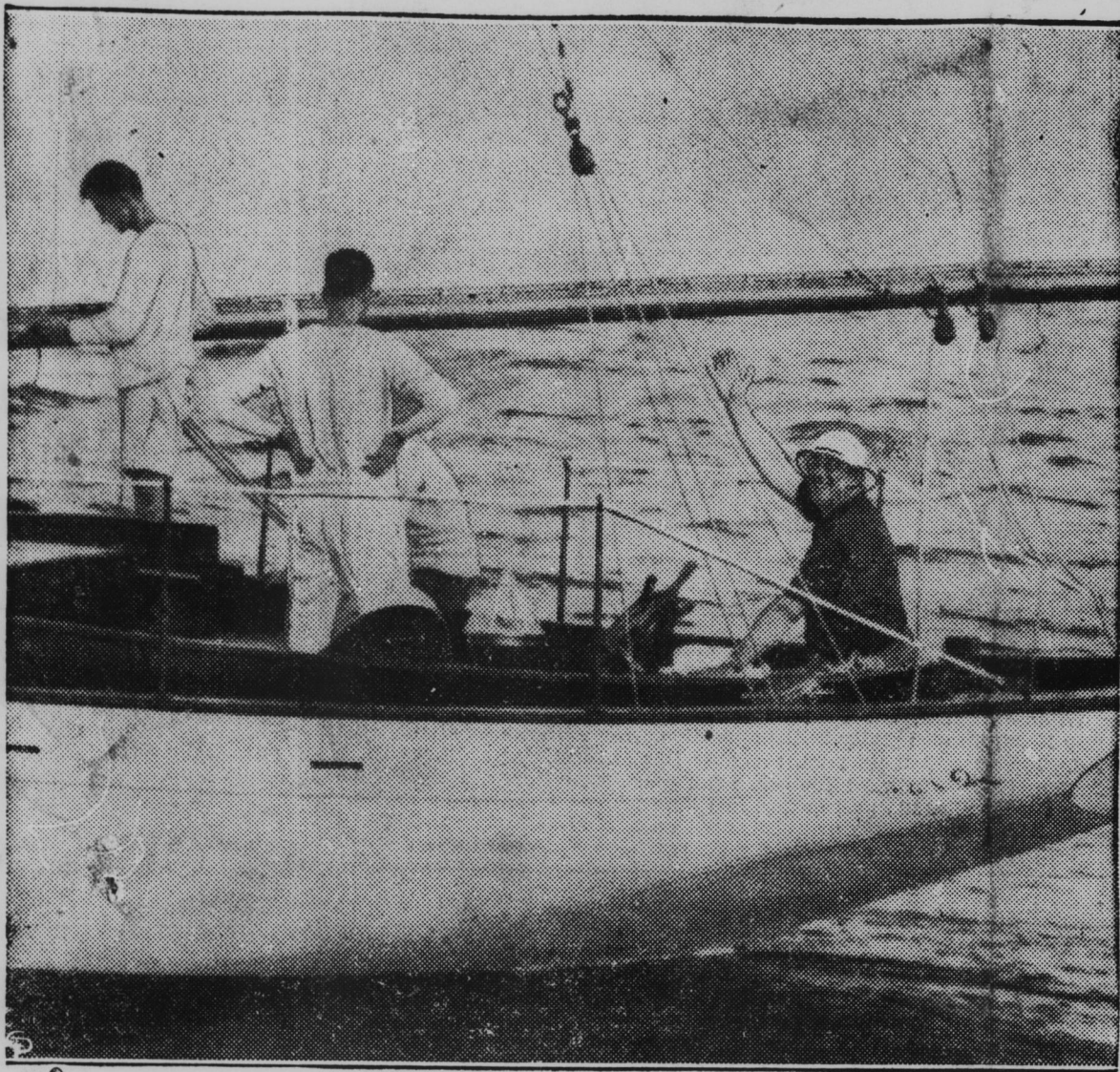
Under the law the governor may
appoint a successor to serve un-
til the next general election,
which will be in November, but
the nominee for the election must
be chosen by the district com-
mittee.

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In The Star-Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, July 17.—Governor Ehring-
haus hoped to make quickly his fif-
teenth district judicial appointment to
fill the vacancy caused by the unex-

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President, Vacationing, Skippers His Own Yacht



President Roosevelt is seen, right, at the wheel of his yacht

Accompanied by three of his four sons, President
Roosevelt is vacationing aboard the yacht Sewana
up and down the coast of Maine. The president
frequently takes the wheel, as he is doing in this
photo. Seen with the president are two of his sons,

John, left, and Franklin, Jr., center. The Roose-
velts will end their cruise at Campobello, N. B.,
their summer home, July 28. The president and
his family have not been able to pass much time
there the last four busy years. —Central Press

Trio Rockingham People Are Killed In Crossing Tragedy Near Asheboro

Deputy Killed by Passing Car Shot

Roanoke, Va., July 17 (AP)—
Deputy Sheriff C. E. "Big Boy"
Simmons, was slain early today by
shotgun charges from a trailing
automobile as he and a fellow of-
ficer patrolled the Rocky Mount
highway three miles south of
here.

Deputy Sheriff Charles Boone,
who was unscathed by the bar-
rage, said the killer's machine
waited until the officers' car en-
tered into a ditch and then sped
by. No motive was suggested.

City and county police started
an investigation that brought the
round-up of a dozen persons three
hours later.

Attempt On King's Life Is Unsolved

Mystery Woman Who Knocked Pis- tol from His Hands Rumored American

London, July 17.—(AP)—The man
who leveled a revolver at King Ed-
ward VIII told behind bars today his
story that the apparent attempt at
assassination was "merely a protest."

Police surrounded him, questioned
him and checked his statements with
a mass of testimony brought in by a
widely spread Scotland Yard and po-
lice dragnet.

The fate of George Andrew Mc-
Mahon, middle-aged crippled writer
may lie with the still mysterious "wo-
man in gray" who witnesses said
knocked the prisoner's revolver from
his hand as the king rode before a
military parade yesterday.

It was believed she was able to tell
the true story of McMahon's attempt,
but the police did not make her name
public, and they were said to be shield-
ing her from public contacts until the
prisoner appears in court next week.

Rumors circulated that the woman
is an American.
King Edward, seemingly unconcerned
by the apparent attempt on his
life, busied himself with the usual af-
fairs of state at York House, while
messes of congratulation poured in
from the whole world.

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Mother of Young Man and Young Woman Injured So Badly She Will Probably Die

OTHER DEAD LADY COUSIN OF OTHERS

Bodies Are Badly Mangled
and Mutilated Almost Be-
yond Recognition and Car
Demolished; Crash Occurs
North of Randleman on
High Point Road

Asheboro, July 17 (AP)—Three
Rockingham citizens—a man and two
women—were killed and another wo-
man critically injured near here to-
day in the crash of their automobile
with a Southern railway train.

The dead:
William Covington, 24; his 21-year-
old sister, Elizabeth, and a cousin,
Miss Maude Moore Steel, 20.

Mrs. Stancill Covington, 50, moth-
er of William and Elizabeth, was
brought to a hospital and not expect-
ed to live.

The bodies were mutilated almost
beyond recognition. The car was de-
molished.
[The crash occurred about three
miles north of Randleman on the
highway to High Point.

PAPER SAYS VOTE IN MAIN WAS FAIR

Richmond County Journal
Says Hoye Side Just As
Honest as McDonald

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In The Star-Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, July 17.—Hoye people who
have heard themselves low-rated no
end since the late second primary, got
quite a solace from Scott Thomas this
week, when the fiery factotum of the
Richmond County Journal made his
leading editorial declare that there
was an "honest election."

Mr. Thomas, who said in some for-
mer issue during the campaign that
he was so disgusted with Clyde Hoye's
speech that the editor did an Al
Smith and took a walk, speaks hand-
somely of his rival, Ike London, editor
of the Rockingham Post-Dispatch,
who as chairman of the county board
of elections, Mr. Thomas says, "cares
more for his personal reputation for
fairness than he does for any can-
didate." Mr. Thomas thinks the count
ing was correct in Richmond.

The young editor begins his writing
by declaring his ardent support of
Dr. McDonald, "desires to go on
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Bridgers Goes On Education Board

Raleigh, July 17.—(AP)—The
State Board of Education approved
today an application of the Fay-
etteville State Normal School for a
PWA grant of \$13,500 to be used to
construct a new library, and ap-
pointed J. H. Bridgers as a mem-
ber of the Vance County Board of
Education.

WINSTON NEGRO IS EXECUTED BY GAS

Death Comes in 12 Minutes To Killer Sent up From Forsyth

Raleigh, July 17.—(AP)—William
Abraham Hudgins, 36-year-old Negro,
a native of Elizabeth City, was exe-
cuted at Central Prison here this
morning for the murder in Forsyth
county of 71-year-old Herbert Searcy.

Gas was administered for eleven
minutes and 45 seconds. He was pro-
nounced dead by prison physicians at
10:40 o'clock.

Hudgins killed Searcy, with whom
he had been living, with a hatchet on
the night of December 23, and stuffed
the aged man's body in a trunk,
where it remained for five days until
discovered by relatives.

His execution this morning went off
quietly, as scheduled, in contrast to
that of Henry Grier, another Win-
ston-Salem Negro, who was electro-
cuted at the prison one week ago fol-
lowing a suicide attempt.

TRENDS ARE MIXED IN BUSINESS WEEK

New York, July 17.—(AP)—Dun
and Bradstreet's said in its weekly
review of business today that, while
the mid-summer recession has not yet
made itself felt in most trade di-
visions, trends have been more mixed
this week than in some time. Fears
of the effect of drought damage and
excessive heat, brought to an end in
some regions by rains and lower tem-
peratures, were "found to be more
psychological than real," the trade or-
ganization said.
Wholesale volume continued to ex-
pand, the review added, with nearly
every type of merchandise sought by
the largest number of buyers that
have visited some markets in six
years.

OUR WEATHER MAN



FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Partly cloudy tonight and Satur-
day; scattered thundershowers
Saturday afternoon in the moun-
tains.

FARMERS STILL LOOK IN VAIN FOR RELIEF FROM INTENSE HEAT

Peace With Compromise Looms In Labor's Ranks Following Conference

Industrial Group Would
Abandon Plans Except
For Steel, Auto and
Rubber Trades

CRAFT UNION THEN
WOULD GIVE HELP

Neither Side Accepts Propo-
sal, Evolved at Unheralded
Conference, But Plan Is
Still Being Studied; Trial
of Rebels Begins if Pact
Fails

Washington, July 17.—(AP)—Peace
maneuvers were under way today in
the American Federation of Labor.

For the first time in months, labor
observers saw signs of a compromise
settlement of the war between the
federation's craft and industrial union
factions.

The first of these was the A. F. of
L. executive council's decision to delay
suspension of the United Mine Work-
ers and eleven other unions allied in
the committee for industrial organiza-
tion.

Significant also was the proposal
of a definite compromise plan at an
unheralded conference. Representa-
tives of both factions sat in.

This compromise would have the in-
dustrial unionists abandon the com-
mittee for industrial organization and
limit to steel, autos and rubber their
proposal to bring all workers in each
big industry into one big union.

In return for these concessions, the
craft union faction would throw its
support to the steel, auto, rubber
drive.

Neither John L. Lewis, president of
the United Mine Workers, nor the
craft control executive council accept-
ed the plan immediately. But it still
is being studied as a possible basis
for a peace agreement.

If no settlement is reached before-
hand, the heads of the 12 unions in
the Lewis committee are slated for
trial August 3 on charges of "insur-
rection."

Hosiery Strikes In Winston Ended Under Agreement

Winston-Salem, July 17 (AP)—
The Hanes hosiery strike was
ended this morning through a
settlement of the terms of which
were not announced. The work-
ers will return to work Monday
morning.

The settlement was announced
this morning following a con-
ference of J. L. Connor, United
States labor conciliator; J. G.
Hanes, president of the mill; J.
N. Weeks, vice-president, and H.
I. Adams, hosiery union district
leader.

The strike was regarded as of
significance because it followed
abandonment by the mill of NEA
code hours and wages. The walk-
out started slowly and workers
kept going out of the mill until
several departments were closed
or crippled. This mill employs
1,800.

Trouble Ahead If Drouth Lasts Very Much Longer

If It Strikes Heavily Into Cotton and Corn, Real Nation-
al Crisis Is Feared By Babson; Cutting of Farm In-
come Will Be Felt In Business

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Babson Park, Mass., July 17.—If I
were asked to select the two most im-
portant factors in our economic life
I would name character and weather.
There is not a single industry on
which they do not have a vital bear-
ing. We are certainly in the Middle
Ages as far as long-range weather
forecasting is concerned. If this could
be reduced to a science, our farmers,
retailers, power companies—in fact,
practically every business—would
save millions annually.
Billion-Dollar Waste.
The Bible tells of seven years of

In Michigan Race



Representative Prentiss M. Brown
of St. Ignace, Mich., above, has
announced his candidacy for the
Democratic nomination for U. S.
senator in the Michigan primary
election next September. A
staunch New Dealer, Brown like-
wise is a close friend of Senator
James Couzens who recently
announced he would seek renomina-
tion on the Republican ticket.
Senator Couzens was offered the
Democratic nomination also.
—Central Press

Asheville's Hotel Death Is Mystery

Helen Clevenger's Body
Found by Uncle Badly
Mutilated Early
Thursday Morning

CORONER'S INQUEST INTO DEATH BEGUN

Asheville, July 17.—(AP)—The
mutilation death of pretty blonde
Helen Clevenger in her hotel room re-
maines cloaked in mystery today as
authorities opened a routine inquest.

The coroner's jury began calling wit-
nesses, but Sheriff Lawrence E.
Brown and his deputies intensified
their investigation behind a wall of
secrecy.

They question Prof. W. L. Clevenger,
of N. C. State College, Raleigh,
the girl's uncle, at length as to any
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DEATH TOLL NOW IS AROUND 4,200 FOR THE COUNTRY

Scattered Showers and Low-
er Temperatures Predict-
ed But No General
Rain Seen

CROP DAMAGE HITS YET HIGHER TOTAL

Missouri Alone Sustains Es-
timated \$100,000,000 Loss;
Indiana and Ohio Suffer to
Extent of \$1,000,000 Or
More Each; Corn Fading
Rapidly

Chicago, July 17.—(AP)—Already
resigned to drought losses calculated
in the hundreds of millions of dollars,
farmers of the nation's corn-belt, looked
in vain for the favorable condi-
tions today as forecasters reported:
"No general relief sighted."

Heat deaths, although reduced in
rate by the more moderate tempera-
tures in the hard hit states of Min-
nesota, Michigan, Wisconsin and Il-
linois, neared 4,200 in the nation.

Scattered showers and slightly low-
er temperatures but no general relief,
were predicted for parts of Missouri,
Illinois and Indiana.

At Des Moines, Iowa, Journal Me-
teorologist S. E. Decker said reports
indicated drought and heat reduced
that state's probable corn yield a
bushel per acre each day.

Iowa's death list for the current
heat wave mounted to 400.

Crop damage in Missouri already
was figured at \$100,000,000 in a crop
bulletin. Yesterday was the 13th con-
secutive day of 100-degree tempera-
tures in most parts of the state.

Purdue University estimated the
drought had damaged Indiana's corn
crop alone to the extent of \$12,000,000.

Departure of Ohio's heat wave left
crop damage figured at \$10,000,000,
rain still badly needed.

Navy Man Plans For A Defense

Washington, July 17 (AP)—A two-
fold defense was prepared today for
the coming trial of former Lieutenant
Commander John S. Farnsworth,
who is accused of selling naval secrets
to an agent of the Japanese Imper-
ial Navy.

Lying on a narrow cot in his jail
cell, Farnsworth outlined one of the
points in his defense. He insisted
that he negotiated with the Japanese
for the sole purpose of obtaining
employment in Japanese aviation
and that he never divulged American
naval data.

Relatives indicated another line of
defense. They intimated it would be
based on recent statements of his
parents that he had been irrespon-
sible ever since he was knocked un-
conscious in an airplane crash in
Pensacola Bay, Florida, some years
ago.

Again and again Farnsworth denied
that he had sold to an agent of Ja-
pan a confidential copy of an Amer-
ican navy document. He said he
gave a batch of photographs and other
papers to a member of the Japan-
ese Embassy, but that there were
merely evidences of his experience and
qualifications for the job he sought
and were not secret data.

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CAPITAL STATUTES MAY BE MODIFIED

Judge Siler Would Make
Juries Fix Degree of
Punishment

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In The Star-Walter Hotel.
Raleigh, July 17.—Representative-
Nominate Walter D. Siler, of Chat-
ham county, isn't going to attempt
the abolition of the death penalty in
North Carolina, if and when he comes
to Raleigh to legislate next January,
but Judge Siler will seek modification
of the statutes providing death judg-
ments so that the juries may fix the
penalty.
Judge Siler may ask for abolition
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