

CLEVENGER SLAYER FACES TRIAL MONDAY

ROOSEVELT TELLS LABOR REACTIONS TO BE BUT SHORT

Return to Old Ways Won't Last, As History Shows Men Will Demand "Rights"

CHIDES COURT FOR SLAPPING NEW DEAL

"Was Not Wage Earners Who Jeered When Those Laws Were Declared Invalid," President Says; Tells Labor Its Support Is Priceless Contribution

Washington, Aug. 10.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told labor's non-partisan league today he was confident future history would show, as it had in the past, that "a return to reactionary practices is ever short-lived."

In a letter which George L. Berry, president of the league, read at the league's first national convention, Mr. Roosevelt said:

"During the past three years we have endeavored to correct through legislation certain of the evils in our economic system. We have sought to put a stop to certain economic practices which did not promote the general welfare.

Forest Fires Being Fought In Dry Areas

(By The Associated Press) Relief workers, aided by National Guard equipment were pressed into the fight against spreading flames in northern Minnesota's tinder dry forest today, while weary fire-fighters patrolled smoldering timber lines in six other states.

Ten National Guard trucks and 800 WPA workers joined fire-fighters in Minnesota, where the uncontrolled flames threatened devastation to several small communities.

TOBACCO COMPACT IS BEING DRAFTED

Greenville, N. C., Aug. 10.—(AP)—The office of E. F. Arnold, executive secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, was drafting today a tobacco compact to be submitted to farm bureaus in Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee.

VACATIONISTS HIKE DRUNKEN DRIVING

Farmer Says, However, Fewer Drunks in Counties With Liquor Stores

Raleigh, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Captain Charles D. Farmer, of the highway patrol, reported today arrests of drunken drivers in July numbered 376, a gain of about 20 percent over the 304 in June, and attributed the increase to habits of vacationists.

"We always have an increase in drunken driving arrests at this time of year, largely due to celebrating vacationists," Farmer said. "However, it is interesting to note there were fewer drunken driving arrests in the eastern control district, where sale of liquor is legalized, than in the other districts."

Patrolmen arrested 2,754 persons in July, compared with 2,401 in June.

A Barricade in the Defense of Madrid



Loyal troops are shown firing on advancing Fascist rebels in a small town near Madrid. They have barricaded the streets with bedding. Government reports claim that the Fascists have been driven back and that the capital city is now safe from invasion. (Central Press)

Capture Of 13 Rebel Towns Claimed By Madrid Sources

Insurgents Mass In Far North of Spain for Fresh Drive Upon San Sebastian

GOVERNMENT SEES QUICK END OF WAR

Death of Retired British Naval Officer Feared May Endanger General European Accord Seeking Non-Intervention in Spain; Killed by Rebel Shell

(By The Associated Press) Capture of the towns and province of Santander on the Bay of Biscay was announced by the Spanish rebel radio station today as word filtered through that other far northern communities faced a shortage of both food and water.

Targets of bitter attacks by both air and rifle fire as the rebels fought for access to the northern seaboard, which would assure them more guns and ammunition, the northern loyalist-held communities of San Sebastian, Rontaria and Irun were reported to be fighting doggedly for their existence.

Madrid heard that great concentrations of insurgent troops were stacking arms and taking inventory just to the south of the beleaguered towns in preparation for an assault intended to wipe out every vestige of leftist military control in the far north.

(By The Associated Press.) Capture of 13 Spanish communities dominated by rebels was announced by Madrid's loyalist troops today as insurgents massed in the far north for an offensive against San Sebastian and Irun.

The government predicted a quick end to the civil war, now in its 23rd day.

The death of a British subject, meanwhile, was looked upon in diplomatic circles as holding potentialities which might endanger a general European accord sponsored by France for non-intervention in Spain.

Captain Rupert Saville, retired British

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LINCOLN STEFFENS DIES IN THE WEST

Crusading Editor of So-Called "Muckraking" Era of American Journalism Years Ago.

Carmel, Cal., Aug. 10.—(AP)—Lincoln Steffens, crusading leader in the so-called "muckraking" era of American journalism, is dead.

The 70-year-old writer, lecturer and one-time newspaper and magazine editor, succumbed to a heart ailment at his Carmel home, caressing with his last feeble strength the hand of his divorced wife, Ella Winter, radical author.

Educated in California and universities of Europe, Steffens, a native of San Francisco, entered the newspaper field in New York, and in 1902 became managing editor of McClure's Magazine. In this position and later as associate editor of the American and Everybody's Magazines, he encouraged the school of journalism to which President Theodore Roosevelt applied the term of "muckraking."

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Emergency Crops To Be Permitted

Washington, Aug. 10.—(AP)—The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announced today that farmers in nine southern states in the AAA southern division, could plant emergency feed and forage crops without reducing benefit payments due them under the soil conservation program.

Similar changes in the east-central region, which includes North Carolina, had previously been announced.

Social Act Board Will Open Office

Two Headquarters for State as Tax Collections Start Next January 1

(By The Associated Press.)

Raleigh, Aug. 10.—The two offices to be opened in the State soon by the National Security Board will have plenty of work to do between now and January 1, when the old age benefits section of the social security act become effective without any cooperative State law, Commissioner of Labor A. L. Fletcher pointed out today.

For these two offices will have the big task of listing every employe and every employer in the State between now and January 1, in order that the government may start the collection of the one percent assessment or tax on all payrolls and on the ages of all employes.

Scramble for Offices.

One of these offices will probably be located in Raleigh and the other probably in Salisbury, although Charlotte is known to be making a very strong effort to get the second office, Commissioner Fletcher said. The first thing these offices will probably do will be to make up lists of all employes in the State, with the number of employes of each, the period of time each has been employed and the total wages received to date. All of this data is required before the effective date of the law on January 1, although no benefits will be paid until January 1, 1942. But beginning January 1, 1937, every employe and every employer must start making their payments of one per cent per year on the wages and salaries received and on total payrolls in order to build up the benefits or insurance fund, Fletcher pointed out.

Compulsory Insurance.

The old age benefits plan is in reality nothing more than compulsory annuity insurance which becomes effective at age 65 and which will pay from \$10 to a maximum of \$85 a month, depending upon the total earn

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APPROVAL GIVEN JOHNSON'S PLANS FOR ROAD BONDS

Popular Reaction, So Far as Gauged Now, Is State Could Well Afford New Debts

WOULD REQUIRE NO ADDITIONAL TAXES

Present Levies for Gasoline and Licenses Could Not Be Cut, However; School Forces, Expected To Oppose Project, Are Inclined To Be Favorable

(By The Associated Press.)

Raleigh, Aug. 10.—The suggestion made by State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson that the time has come for the State to issue some more road bonds with which to build needed links in the State highway system and rebuild worn out and obsolete roads built 12 or 15 years ago, which are no longer adequate for present day traffic, has stirred up plenty of talk in political circles here. Some commentators think that Johnson has stepped into a veritable hornet's nest in advocating the issuance of any more bonds, even if they can be issued and retired without in any way increasing the State's debt service requirements, as Johnson maintains. Most of those here who have studied Treasurer Johnson's suggestion, however, are inclined to approve it and think that he is advocating a move which in the long run is economical and entirely sound.

Only Way To Modernize.

The proposal made by State Treasurer Johnson in a speech before the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association in Asheville Saturday, was that the only way the State can rebuild and modernize its main highway system is by issuing some new bonds in sufficient amount to do the job properly, since it will be impossible to get enough funds for new construction from current highway revenue to do more than patch the roads or put temporary surface treatment on them. Johnson pointed out

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OUR WEATHER MAN



FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy, scattered showers Tuesday and possibly in west portion tonight; slightly warmer in interior tonight.

Her Slayer Makes Confession



Helen Clewenger

Manufacturing Is Placed At Highest Levels Since 1930

Washington, Aug. 10.—(AP)—With manufacturing production placed at the highest point since the spring of 1930, the Commerce Department reported today that business activity was continuing without suffering from the usual summer slackening.

With the year 1923-25 taken as 100, the Department's seasonally adjusted index of manufacturing advanced three points in June to 104. A further rise, the department said, was indicated for July.

The steel industry was described as "unusually active" last month, with electrical equipment, machinery and building supply industries also gaining.

Automobile production dropped off last month, but the department said that the "active market for both passenger and commercial cars has held production to a high level, consideration being given to the lateness of the season."

WOULD DIVIDE UP MEDICAL SCHOOL

Raleigh Regarded by Some As Best Location If It Is Established

(By The Associated Press.)

Raleigh, Aug. 10.—Most of those here who are interested in having a four-year medical school established in the State, probably as a part of the University of North Carolina, think that part of the school, embracing the final two years in medicine, should be located in Raleigh. It has been known for some time that a determined effort will be made by alumni of the University of North Carolina and Wake Forest medical schools, which so far have offered only two-year pre-med courses, together with many other doctors in the State, will make a determined effort to get the 1937 General Assembly to establish a four-year medical school in the State in order to prevent the closing of the Carolina and Wake Forest schools by the American Medical Association. One of the leaders in this movement is Dr. Ben J. Lawrence, of Raleigh, who was a candidate for the House of the 1937

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Two Nash County Officers Are Shot In Moonshine Hunt

Rocky Mount, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Two Nash county officers feared critically wounded by shotgun fire as they emerged from a swamp bearing a huge illicit liquor plant, were enroute to a Rocky Mount hospital this afternoon, according to information from Sheriff C. J. Johnston.

The men, M. A. McLinn, and Cuthrell Cooper, both constables, had been employed by the county alcoholic beverage control board as special agents to fight bootleggers in the county.

LEONARD ASSAILS STATE TAX SET-UP

Tells Labor Convention Democratic Principles Are Abandoned

Winston-Salem, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Paul Leonard, of Statesville, head of the North Carolina Fair Tax Association, denounced North Carolina's tax policies today in an address before the annual convention of the State Federation of Labor.

"When a state goes so far in the departure from the one true Democratic principle of fair taxation—ability to pay that it collects more than 50 percent of its revenue in consumptive taxes, it is time to call a halt and reverse the trend," he asserted.

Leonard said the recent report of the State Department of Revenue for the fiscal year just ended showed over \$10,000,000 had been collected in general sales taxes and over \$19,000,000 in gasoline taxes, along with other consumptive taxes, amount ed to more than 50 percent of the total collections.

George L. Googe, southern representative of the A. F. of L., declared in an address to the convention the biggest thing confronting organized labor now is re-election of President Roosevelt. He condemned the Republican labor plank. He discussed at some length the controversy in the A. F. of L. over the question of craft unionism, denying the A. F. of L. was opposed to vertical unionism as such.

WILSON NEGRO HAS ADMITTED ATTACK

Wilson, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Joe Barnes, 35-year-old Negro, was held in an undisclosed jail today after his arrest for the slaying of Mrs. Charles Allen. Chief of Police John Gurley said the man had confessed to attacking her. Mrs. Allen was improving from the cuts she received on her throat, chest, arm and hand.

QUICK DISPOSITION OF ASHEVILLE CASE APPEARS PROBABLE

Sheriff Brown Convinced Negro Bellhop Made No Effort To Assault Pretty Co-Ed

MAKES CONFESSION AFTER QUESTIONING

Declares Robbery Was His Motive in Entering Room, and Clubbed and Shot Girl When She Screamed; Martin Moore, Confessed Slayer, Acted in Fright

Asheville, Aug. 10.—(AP)—An early trial was promised today for Martin Moore, 22-year-old Negro hotel employee, who confessed, Sheriff Laurence Brown said, he murdered Helen Clewenger, blonde young co-ed, in a moment of panic when he went to her room to rifle it and found her there.

Solicitor Zeb V. Nettles said the gangling, darkened hall boy at the fashionable Battery Park hotel, where the New York University student was staying, would be tried at a term of court beginning next Monday.

The prisoner, arrested Saturday night and grilled for hours before he was said by the sheriff to have confessed he shot and clubbed the 18-year-old girl to death, is held in the county jail atop its skyscraper court house.

The sheriff said Moore denied he attempted to ravish the girl. Robbery, he told the sheriff, was his only motive, and he entered the room after trying several others, upon finding the door unlocked.

When he saw the girl inside and she screamed, he said he became panicky.

"When I got in the room," he related in his purported confession, "she screamed and that's why I shot her. She screamed some more and started to run out. I struck her with the gun. When she fell on the floor, I struck her several times more to stop her screaming."

Sheriff Brown, the chief investigator of the murder, which he once termed a "jigsaw puzzle," said he was convinced that the girl had not been ravaged and that robbery was the motive.

Toward the end of the investigation Sheriff Brown and his deputies were aided by Walter E. Orr, former Charlotte, N. C., police chief, and two members of a New York City homicide squad, Sergeants Thomas J. Martin and John J. Quinn.

MYSTERY IS SOLVED WITH ARREST OF NEGRO HALLBOY

Asheville, Aug. 10.—(AP)—The mysterious hotel room murder of Helen Clewenger, young vacationing co-ed, was solved yesterday, Sheriff Laurence Brown said, with the arrest and confession of Martin Moore, 22, a Negro hotel boy.

Moore, after hours of grilling, made a signed statement that he crept into the girl's room at the fashionable Battery Park hotel the night of July 15, bent upon robbery, and brutally

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Girl Slayer Arraigned In Lower Court

Murder and First Degree Burglary Charges Laid on Confessed Killer

Asheville, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Martin Moore, 22-year-old Negro hotel employee was arraigned on charges of murder and first degree burglary today, waived preliminary hearing in county court, and was ordered held for trial in superior court for the slaying of Helen Clewenger.

Conviction on either charge carries the penalty of death in the gas chamber.

The court appointed Thomas L. Johnson, Jr., to act as Moore's attorney. No evidence was presented and Judge J. P. Kitchin issued his order in a brief session.

Solicitor Zeb V. Nettles said "the angle is definitely out" of the case. Sheriff Laurence Brown announced yesterday Moore had confessed the killing.