

EUROPEAN NEUTRAL PACT MORE HOPEFUL

Legality Of Confession By Negro In Clevenger Killing May Be Big Issue At Trial

THREE CLAIMS AS BASIS OF PROTEST TO BE LAID DOWN

Mistreatment of Negro, Promise of Leniency and Non-Arrest Are To Be Charged

ATTORNEY ASKS TO RETIRE FROM CASE

J. Scoop Styles, Named by Court as One of Two Defense Lawyers, Required by Judge Phillips To Continue; Selection of Jury Proceeds Rapidly

Asheville, Aug. 19 (AP)—A jury to try Martin Moore for the death of Helen Clevenger was completed today just before the Buncombe County Superior Court recessed for lunch. Its selection followed rapidly after J. Scoop Styles, court-appointed counsel for the 22-year-old Negro former hallboy at the Battery Park hotel, announced the defense would contest the legality of a confession obtained by Sheriff Laurence Brown when the Negro was arrested after a 24-day investigation.

Asheville, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Legality of Martin Moore's alleged confession to the slaying of Helen Clevenger loomed as the principal issue today as selection of a jury to hear the case

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2 Aviators Ready For London Hop

Brooklyn, N. Y., Aug. 19.—(AP)—Two men of different ways of life—the skyways and Broadway—worked on an airplane at Floyd Bennett field today preparing it for a round-trip to London.

They are Dick Merrill, veteran of 2,500,000 miles of air mail flying, and Harry Richman, theatre and night club singer.

The plane is Richman's \$100,000 monoplane.

They flew from Albuquerque, N. M.,

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UNEMPLOYMENT FOR STATE UP IN JULY

More Jobless Despite Apparently Better Business Conditions Shown by Reports

Raleigh, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Despite better apparent business conditions, unemployment in North Carolina last month increased while job placements decreased, a report of the State Employment Service, made public today, revealed.

Although the 9,480 new applicants who registered with the service were 6.7 percent fewer than the total during June, 9,404 renewals brought total applications to 18,884, an increase of 9.7 percent.

Job placements in June totaled 9,491, a decrease of 27 percent from the preceding month.

Daughter Of Reynolds To Get Fortune

Winston-Salem, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Reynolds Babcock, eldest daughter of the late R. J. Reynolds, has come into her inheritance of \$30,000,000, it was revealed here today. Mrs. Babcock was 28 years old on August 8, and, under the terms of her

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Flyer to Films



Laverne W. Browne

Frequent meetings with B. F. Shulberg, Hollywood producer, on air trips have won for Laverne W. Browne, above, Kansas City airplane pilot, a seven-year contract in the movies at \$18,000 a year. Shulberg proposed the screen trial after becoming acquainted with Browne on air journeys. Browne is married and is an excellent pilot, according to his fellow workers.

—Central Press

60 Counties Might Claim Road Funds

Few Acting So Far, However, Have Complied With The Rules, Bailey Says

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

Raleigh, Aug. 19.—A much larger number of counties are preparing to file claims with the county road debt adjustment commission than had been expected to do so, judging from the large number of inquiries which are being received, Chairman Carl L. Bailey, of Plymouth, indicated today. If claims are filed by all the counties which have made inquiry concerning the procedure to be followed, it would not be surprising if between 60 and 70 counties file claims for between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000, it was indicated. During the 1935 General Assembly, 44 counties filed claims for the refunding of some \$8,000,000 for roads which they had built and later turned over to the State.

The formal claims of all the counties which think they are entitled to refunds or which want the State to take over the balance due on any bond issues for roads later turned over to the State, must submit these

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Tobacco Is Still High For Border

(By The Associated Press) Border belt offerings on the Carolina tobacco markets continued light yesterday, with the price average around \$24 per hundred pounds. Sales included: Fairmont, 266,200 pounds at an average of \$23.56 per hundredweight. Whiteville, 182,740 pounds, \$24.42. Mullins, S. C., 300,000 pounds \$24.11. Dillon, S. C., average \$24.41. Tabor City, average 25.50. Lake City, S. C., 350,000 pounds sold. Loris, S. C., 60,000 pounds at \$23.50. Lumberton, 425,000, pounds, \$24.00.

WALLACE ASSERTS DROUGHT WILL NOT PRODUCE SCARCITY

Did Not in 1934 and Will Not in 1936, Secretary Says at Great Lakes Show

REAL SCARCITY WAS IN 1932, HE CLAIMS

Was Then That Surpluses Were Greatest and Bread Lines Longest; Every Year Since Then Buying Power Has Been on Rise and Business Gaining

Cleveland, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace said, in an address prepared for delivery at the Great Lakes Exposition today, "drought did not bring scarcity into the average American home in 1934, nor will it in 1936."

"The record shows," he continued, "that the real period of scarcity was in 1932. It was then when the surpluses were greatest, that the bread lines were longest. It was then that the farmers were losing their farms, that industry was prostrate and fear and hunger were rampant. It was when farmers were burning corn in

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HOLD GREENVILLE MAN FOR SLAYING

Jailed In Connection With Training School Girl's Death By Alleged Operation

Greenville, N. C., Aug. 19.—(AP)—A man Police Chief George Clark hooked as Don Evans, of Greenville, was in jail here today in connection with the death Saturday night of Miss Huntley Belk, 20, Monroe, N. C., college student of what Chief Clark said was an illegal operation.

The chief said Evans denied an operation was performed and contended the girl died from self-administered medicine.

The officer indicated other arrests would be made.

Police Chief E. F. Armfield, of Monroe, said Miss Belk, a summer school student at East Carolina Teachers College here, was a daughter of Robert Belk, prominent Monroe merchant.

M'DONALD AIDES TO BE CANDIDATES

Valentine May Oppose Barnhill for Judge; Fountain for Congress

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

Raleigh, Aug. 19.—Three men who were active supporters of Dr. Ralph W. McDonald in the recent campaigns for the Democratic nomination for governor are now regarded as potential, if not active, candidates for office two years hence, according to reports reaching here.

One of these three is Itimous T. Valentine, of Nashville, Nash county, who was assistant campaign manager for Dr. McDonald, now regarded as an active candidate for the Democratic nomination for superior court

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OUR WEATHER MAN



FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; possibly showers in extreme north portion.

ACTRESSES RETRACT CHARGE AGAINST WPA OFFICIALS



Edith Rubin, Attorney Murray Lewin and Jean Parker

Although three Boston actresses have retracted their charges that they had lost their WPA jobs because they refused to "entertain federal men" at a drinking party, Aubrey Williams, deputy WPA administrator, said a board of inquiry would determine whether there had been any discrimination

in the recent dismissal of the three women. The women retracted their charges, Williams said, at a hearing in Boston. Above, two of the actresses, Edith Rubin, left, and Jean Parker, right, are seen in Boston with their attorney, Murray Lewin, who denied any retraction.

—Central Press

19 Power Companies Ask Halt Of TVA Activities

Freed by Spaniards



J. Owen Ambler of San Antonio, Tex., who was among 38 members of the staff of a British mining company held as hostages by the Spanish government forces at Huelva, Spain. He was released after intervention by the United States government.

Would Stop Every Move By Government Power Corporation Pending Outcome of Suit

MOTION FILED WITH KNOXVILLE COURTS

Making of Power Contracts With Cities, Building Transmission Lines and Extension of Rural Electrification Plans Would Be Enjoined

Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 19.—(AP)—A group of 19 private power companies which recently challenged the constitutionality of the Tennessee Valley Authority act asked Federal district court today to halt all power activities of the TVA pending a settlement of the suit.

The request was made in a motion filed in connection with the constitutionality suit.

The motion seeks to tie up every phase of the TVA's power program. The Authority would be stopped from making power contracts with cities, from building transmission lines, carrying out rural electrification plans, and otherwise doing anything that might be construed as designed to further its power projects.

The court did not fix a date for a hearing on the injunction plea immediately.

Mask Ousted For Ignoring Brain Trust

Regional Director in Raleigh Put Efficiency Ahead of Tugwell Politics

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

Raleigh, Aug. 19.—Homer H. B. Mask, until last Saturday regional director of Resettlement for region four with headquarters here, was summarily fired by Director Rexford G. Tugwell last week for no other reason than that he placed efficiency above politics, believed that the function of Resettlement was to help needy farmers and farm families rather than the playing of office politics within the organization and the retention of inefficient employees, and that he did not kowtow and salaam enough to Tugwell's coterie of theoretical economists and baby "brain-trusters" in Washington, according to those who know something of the background of Mask's dismissal. Now that the smoke is beginning to clear away, observers are able to piece things together in an effort to ex-

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PRESIDENT SCOLDS WAYWARD BACKERS

Taken as Indication of Administration Worry Over Defections

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Staff Writer
Washington, Aug. 19.—Of course the Roosevelt campaign management's story is that it is not the least bit worried by the hostility of such old-fashioned Democrats as those who met recently in Detroit to denounce the New Deal as the antithesis of Jeffersonianism.

Nevertheless there are hints that the White House considers the disgruntled element's influence strong enough to be worth a little counter-acting.

One of these hints is to be seen in President Roosevelt's so-called "social visit," toward the middle of August, at Assistant Secretary of State Sumner Welles' Maryland estate, near Washington. If that visit wasn't political rather than social there is nothing in inside information.

In the first place, the President, seemingly preferred not to have it known that he planned to drop in on Welles.

He disappeared from the executive mansion quite suddenly, unknown to

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Ward Secretary With Democrats

Marion, Aug. 19 (AP)—J. Wallace Winborne, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, announced today the appointment of State Representative David Livingston Ward, of New Bern, as secretary of the committee.

Ward succeeds Cutler Moore, of Lumberton, who resigned the position last spring. He will serve for two years.

Hauptmann Income Tax Is Settled

Stipulation Filed By His Widow With Tax Appeals Board In Washington

Washington, Aug. 19.—(AP)—The government's income tax case against Bruno Richard Hauptmann, executed for the kidnap-murder of the Lindbergh baby, has been settled by the filing of a stipulation by his widow with the board of tax appeals.

Mrs. Anna Hauptmann, an executrix of her husband's estate, admitted that Hauptmann owed additional income taxes of \$117.67 for 1932, and \$1,729.59 for 1933. Hauptmann had been charged with a deficiency of \$117.67 for 1932 and \$5,283.27 for 1933, together with penalties and interest which aggregated \$9,678.30 for two years.

The stipulation was dated August 5. Hauptmann's appeal—made before he was executed in Trenton, N. J.—contended that he derived the income from a fur business conducted by him and Isidor Fisch, now deceased, and in subsequent pleading denied that the additional income was a part of the \$50,000 ransom money paid by Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh for the return of his son.

NEGRO QUESTIONED IN OTHER KILLINGS

Man Who Surrendered In Chicago Confesses Slaying of Mrs. Trammell

Chicago, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Turning from Rufe Swain's confession that he killed Mrs. Mary Louise Trammell, investigators questioned the Negro today about the slaying of two other women.

Captain Daniel Gilbert said Swain, 27, admitted last night he bludgeoned and choked Mrs. Trammell, 24, to death last Saturday night.

Then officials took him to the criminal courts building for interrogation about the deaths of Mrs. Florence Thompson Castle, 24, night club

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ITALO-GERMAN AID CLAIMED BY REBELS IN SPAIN, HOWEVER

Mussolini Cools Slightly from Reported Threat of Sending Planes Into Spain

DENIAL BY FRANCE OF GOVERNMENT AID

Paris Socialist Regime Asserts Its Neutrality in Word and Deed; Strive Harder To Bring Italy and Germany into Non-Intervention Accord Quickly

(By The Associated Press.) Italy, warily keeping her fleet of 1,500 Fascist war planes in a state of readiness, let it be known today a compromise Franco-Italian agreement on Spanish neutrality was, nevertheless, in sight.

Such a compromise, Fascist officials indicated, might mean Italy would give up her demand that Socialist France stop expressions of public opinion at home on behalf of the Socialist Spanish government.

Earlier informed Italian sources said Dictator Benito Mussolini had served notice the air fleet would wing to the aid of Spanish Fascist rebels if France fails to abstain from intervention and "moral" support for the Spanish government.

Paris officials quickly let it be known France would abandon her present position of neutrality if Italy undertakes to aid the rebel cause. They insisted France still was neutral in word and deed.

Jubilant rebels, from their headquarters at Burgos, declared both Italy and Germany were ready to extend full recognition to a Fascist Spanish government on the day the rebel armies take Madrid—if they do.

But French officials, despite these new and seemingly difficult obstacles, pressed negotiations to bring both Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy into a non-intervention pact.

The sharpest civil fighting appeared to be taking place in the Bay of Biscay sector, with rebels advancing within 600 yards of Irun.

GROWERS IN WAYNE LEARN OF GRADING

U. S. Department of Agriculture Official Addresses Goldsboro Business Men Also

Goldsboro, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Farmers of Wayne and adjoining counties gathered here today for a mass meeting to consider the advantages of government tobacco grading service offered the Goldsboro market beginning September 1.

Frank E. Wilkinson, senior marketing specialist of the United States Department of Agriculture, told 300 Goldsboro business men last night government grading of tobacco provides the farmer with information as to what he has to sell and knowledge of the value of his produce.

The meeting was a preliminary to the mammoth mass meeting planned for today, to which approximately 3,000 farmers have been invited.

16 Russians Admit Guilt In New Plot

Had Planned Overthrow of Soviet Government; Trotzky Behind Conspiracy

Moscow, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Sixteen accused Trotsky conspirators pleaded guilty in open court today to charges they plotted to seize power through an organized reign of terror, in which Dictator Josef Stalin and other heads of the state would have been killed.

Prosecutors at the opening of the trial charged the plot was organized by Leon Trotzky, famous bolshevik exile, and that the plotters hoped for international complications which would pave the way for overthrow of the government.

The German secret police also was charged with direct participation in the plot. Hardly had the session opened when Gregory Zinoviev, former high bolshevik leader, accused as one of the masters of the conspiracy rose and declared: "I am fully guilty."