

### Capital Gossip

BY HENRY AVERILL

Raleigh, Feb. 17.—Most obvious bid for newspaper publicity made in a long time was the five-page typewritten statement handed out to newspapermen when Fred Erwin Beal, North Carolina's most tallyhooped convict, arrived here Tuesday to give him self up.

Members of the Beal defense committee and of his legal staff must have taken news men for very unsophisticated suckers if they thought for a minute the reporters would believe that Beal had any real part in preparation of the lengthy handout.

Beal is a typical cotton mill hand, one look at him is enough to show that, and while cotton mill hands are good people and all that, there are few, if any, of them who talk like this:

"What I am doing today is merely carrying out my steadfast desire since the days of the Gastonia trial, namely, to face squarely (note that the infinitive isn't even split) the issues raised by my arrest and sentence, and to erase the blot on the record of the American judicial system implicit in my conviction."

Look that over—"steadfast desire," "erase the blot," "implicit in my conviction."

If Beal himself wrote any part of that, maybe we'd all better go to Soviet Russia for an education.

Reports from the western part of the state are that Solicitor Zeb Nettles, of the nineteenth judicial district, is certain to oppose Judge A. Hall Johnston, a Hoey appointee, in this spring's primary.

Representative Ronald E. Finch, of Black Mountain, was in Raleigh Tuesday. He wouldn't commit himself on the subject of running again for the House from Buncombe, but did not leave the impression that he will not be a candidate.

Nash's Bill Fenner and Claude Abernathy formed quite a pair in the 1937 House. They will in all likelihood try again for the 1939 legislature, though neither is doing any talking for publication.

### National Defense Political Football

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arily suspended, which caused quite a scandal, on the ground that it was unfair to penalize an army officer for testifying conscientiously, according to his lights, under a subpoena which he was bound by law to recognize.

Indeed, the row was such that he presently was reinstated.

However, there are "more ways of killing a cat than choking it with cream." Though reinstated, the general, was transferred (amounting to demotion). Next he was retired ahead

of his time.

**Where To Be Used?**  
Gen. Hagood found no especial fault with the pending \$800,000,000 navy building program.

He agreed that, perhaps, an \$800,000,000 American navy is needed.

What he asked was:  
Why is it needed, and how is it going to be used?

We all know that the international outlook is bilious. Possibly that answers the question, "Why?"

But, "How?"

Are we creating strength to keep us neutral? Or are we creating it to enable us to recommend ourselves as a formidable ally to other powers that we may chance to consider in the right?—when the mix-up does come.

**Up To Congress?**  
Gen. Hagood does not want to leave this issue to the President to decide. It is a constitutional principle that the President cannot declare war; the declaration must be congressional. Still, it is a commonplace that presidential policy generally is such that, when the time comes, Congress has no choice.

Basically, constitutionally, it is up to Congress.

"Well, then," urges Gen. Hagood, "let Congress assert itself before the last minute."

"Let the President tell Congress what his aims are," demands Senator Hiram W. Johnson.

"No," answers Gen. Hagood, in effect. "Let Congress tell the president what he can do."

The general is a heap-sight better constitutionalist than most of the legislators on Capitol Hill.

### STOCKS GO HIGHER ON DAY'S TRADING

Coppers, Steels, Farm Implements and Specialties in Lead of Upward Movement

New York, Feb. 17.—(AP)—With the ticker tape showing more "get-up-and-get," leading stocks moved the recovery route in today's market. Coppers, steels, farm implements and specialties were in the forefront, and gains running to two or more points were widely distributed among industrial groups, near the fourth hour. Bonds, on the whole, did better.

American Radiator	13
American Telephone	138 1-2
American Tob B	65 1-2
Anaconda	33
Atlantic Coast Line	24
Bendix Aviation	12 5-8
Bethlehem Steel	57
Chrysler	56
Columbia Gas & Elec Co	7 3-8
Commercial	8 1-4
Continental Oil Co	9 3-8
Curtis Wright	4 1-4
DuPont	119 1-2
Electric Pow & Light	9 7-8
General Electric	40
General Motors	35
Liggett & Myers B	93 1-4
Montgomery Ward & Co	35
Reynolds Tob B	29 1-2
Southern Railway	11 7-8
Standard Oil N J	50
U S Steel	54 5-8

### She Is Artists' "Dream Girl"



Georgia Carroll Artists' "dream girl"—that is the title given to Georgia Carroll, 18-year-old New York model. She was selected at Artists and Models ball in Atlantic City, N. J.

### State's Spending Exceeding Income

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\$2,888,441.89 for the special funds.

Thus general total of disbursement during January reached \$12,720,651.40 against total receipts of \$10,626,652.61.

**Diversion Unlikely.**

The near balance for the fiscal year between general fund receipts and disbursement indicates that there is only a remote possibility that resort will eventually be had to highway fund diversion in order to take care of the usual and ordinary appropriations of the state.

Diversion to the extent of three per cent of all gasoline sales is possible under action of the 1937 General Assembly, but can only come after the balance in the general fund has been completely wiped out.

It now appears that in the absence of a sudden and unexpected falling off in the state's revenues there will

be no necessity for diversion.

Analysis in the combined report showed that highway bonds still constitute by far the greater part of North Carolina's funded debt, with \$85,396,550 still owed on this type bond. General fund bonds accounted for \$57,485,500 of the total. World War Veterans loan bonds total \$2,500,000 with special school building bonds accounting for the \$10,085,000 which brought the total funded debt to \$155,387,050.

The report showed the actual cash in treasury at \$28,584,436.80, but of this total \$5,286,262.98 is for payment of outstanding warrants and \$1,916,060.80 is reserved for disbursing accounts.

1858—Margaret W. Morley teacher, author of nature books, born at Montrose, Iowa. Died Dec. 12, 1923.

1934—King Albert of Belgium killed mountain climbing.



Jesse Crawford, "King of the King of Instruments," will make a personal appearance at the Stevenson theatre on Wednesday, February 23rd, bringing with him the newest scientific musical marvel of the age, the Hammond Electric Organ. Crawford is convinced that this pipeless organ because of its portability, answers the organists prayer—a dream unexpectedly come true, as a result of modern electronics and amplification, "Musically speaking," said the 'poet of the organ' in a recent interview, "the electric organ makes possible his tour of the world. The vast catalogue of music established during the past century or more is now capable of being authentically interpreted on a single instrument."

Selections to be offered by the organ poet will run the gamut of sympathy to swing. Though he finds value in all music, his personal preference is for the light classics and standard compositions which he likens to "old friends."

### N. C. Farm Income Is Up \$26,000,000

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eral checks to cooperating growers added up to \$12,217,000.

Receipts from the sale of North Carolina livestock and livestock prod-

ucts showed a slight decline in 1937. The 1936 figure was \$2,965,000 while the amount last year was \$2,359,000.

Adding livestock, crops, and government payments together, the 1937 total was \$23,500,000 over that of 1936, Mann declared.

In all major geographical divisions of the country except the northwestern group, increases in farm income were shown last year.

In the South Atlantic States, South Carolina and Georgia were the only two states showing declines.

Mann pointed out that the unusually good prices received for tobacco last year saved North Carolina from sliding into the class with Georgia and South Carolina.

### Two Racket Chiefs Get Long Terms

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fifth man was found innocent.

McKay and Graham had been tried in a swindling case twice previously. Each time the jury disagreed. Sentencing of the pair climaxed a seven-year effort by the government to break up the Reno confidence game racket.

Justice Van Devanter announced he had denied motions to set aside the verdict, and for a new trial, which had been filed with him in writing.

### 5 Trainmen Are Victims In 2 Wrecks

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here today, killing one trainman and injuring two others.

L. O. Parker, Pine Bluff, brakeman on the freight, was killed instantly, and H. E. Thompson, Pine Bluff, another brakeman on the freight was seriously injured.

John Roma, Pine Bluff, engineer of the passenger, suffered a broken leg when he jumped just before the collision.

Visiting in Kinston.

Mrs. J. C. Mann is spending the week in Kinston as the guest of Mrs. R. V. Hooker.

"Perfect Sound Theatre"

## STEVENSON

LAST TIMES TODAY

Feature Starts  
2, 4:10, 6:20, 8:30 and 9:30

GRETA GARBO CHARLES BOYER  
**"CONQUEST"**

Plus: News of the Day

TOMORROW — SATURDAY

**Wells Fargo**  
A PARAMOUNT PICTURE

JOEL McCREA  
BOB BURNS  
FRANCES DEE

Plus: "Zero Rides Again"

Coming Next Wednesday  
**JESSE CRAWFORD**  
—In Person—  
"Poet of the Organ"

## The STATE

TODAY  
"NO TIME TO MARRY"

Serial—News  
TOMORROW  
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Admission ..... 10 and 25c

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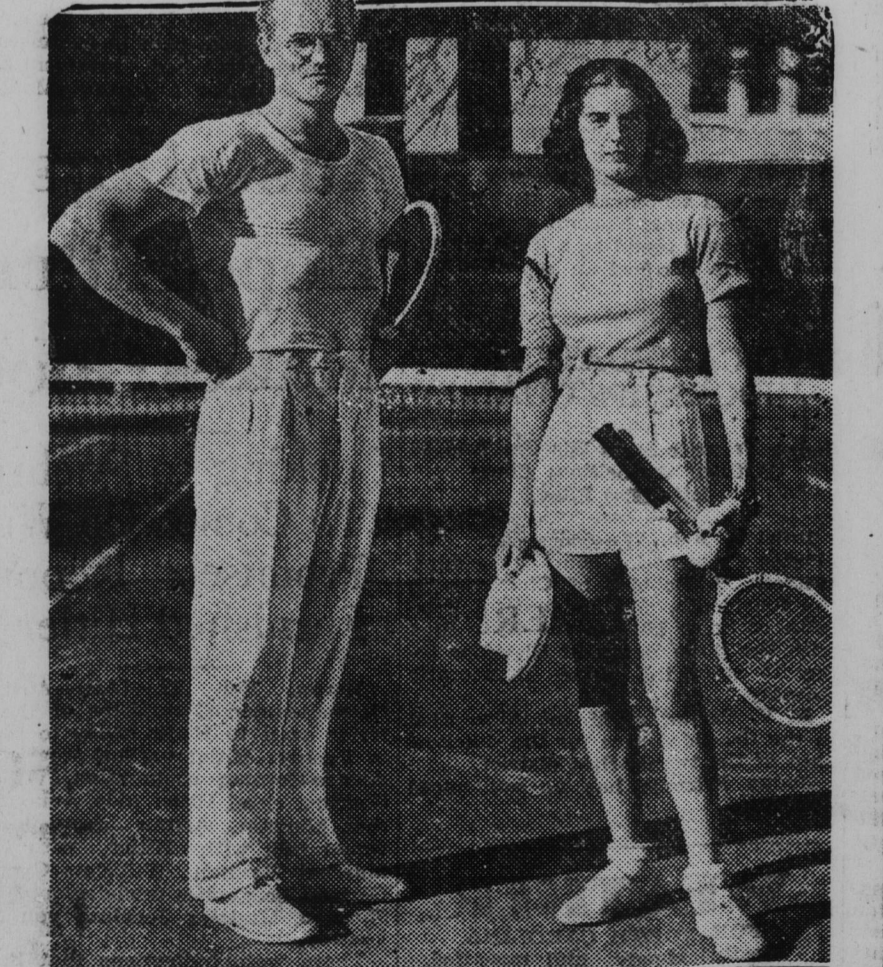
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Bob Burns, Joel McCrea and Henry Stephenson in "Wells Fargo" Stevenson Friday and Saturday.

### Black Jack's Son at Play



Francis Warren Pershing, son of the World War general, is pictured with his fiancée, Miss Muriel P. Richards, on the tennis courts at Palm Beach, Fla. Miss Richards is the granddaughter of Jules Bache, internationally-known financier. The young couple expect to marry this Spring. (Central Press)

## EFIRD'S

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The newest in skirts and sweaters for spring wear, all colors, all styles—

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**HOSE**

Senior class hose, very sheer pure silk, full fashioned in all new spring colors, bluish tan, sunflower, crab apple, beach tan, mimia sun, talisman. At a new low price—

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Hudson, slightly irregular, full fashioned, pure silk, all new spring shades, a regular 79c value, a bargain for—

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**New Spring SILKS**

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**55¢**

**Cotton Prints**

The finest cotton prints, fine for street dress, also for house coats, all new spring patterns, for—

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