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TESTIMONY IS BEGUN IN AXE-SLAYER TRIAL

REORGANIZATION OF STOCK EXCHANGE IS SEEN AS CERTAIN

Suspension and Insolvency of Whitney and Co. Gives Impetus to Movement

"OLD GUARD" RULE LIKELY BE OUSTED

"Insurgent" Group Claims "Old Guard" Has Perpetuated Control from Year to Year and Not Alert to Public and Political Temper Toward Street

New York, March 9.—(AP)—Richard Whitney, senior partner of the brokerage firm which bore his name and five times president of the New York Stock Exchange, today shouldered full responsibility for the condition which led to the sensational failure of his company.

OLD GUARD REGIME IS BLAMED BY INSURGENTS New York, March 9.—(AP)—Wall Street was in a flurry of conjecture over the possible impetus to stock exchange reorganization and reform which may result from the sensational suspension of Richard Whitney & Company.

While eagerly awaiting revelation

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Open Dykes Halt Japs In China

Shanghai, March 9.—(AP)—Chinese blasted dykes and hopes by flooding today to check the Japanese army drive in the fertile southern territory of China's Yellow river.

The new tactics were used against 900 Japanese with 20 tanks across the Yellow river at a point 25 miles west of the strategic railway junction in Honan province.

Many of the Japanese were drowned, Chinese said, and their tanks were crippled when blown up dykes flooded the countryside.

It was believed that the Japanese would make the point of crossing the base for driving against the junction of China's east-west and north-south railway.

The Changchow junction leads south to Hankow, where the Chinese central government is now maintained.

The Japanese were in a position to cross the south bank of the Yellow river at a half dozen other points in Shensi and Honan provinces.

SPAIN TERRORIZED BY BOMBARDMENTS

Government and Insurgent Bombers Stage Raids Over East Spain

Hendaye, France-Spanish Frontier, March 9.—(AP)—Terror mounted today in east Spain under renewed air raids by insurgent and government bombers. Insurgents tried to avenge the loss of the cruiser Baleares in a naval engagement in the Mediterranean Sunday, and the consequent blow to their blockade of government ports.

The government aimed at breaking up troop concentrations. Government dispatches said fleets of bombers were ranging the Aragon front, where increasing insurgent activity was noted yesterday, and were attacking troop centers, artillery batteries, and truck trains.

Insurgents bombed the outskirts of Barcelona, being defeated from an attack on the center of the city by anti-aircraft fire and powerful new searchlight batteries. They also bombed suburban Terragona to the South.

Insurgent fliers were reported driven from Carpageña, government naval base by anti-aircraft batteries.

Set Up Machinery For Farmers Vote Saturday

Washington, March 9.—(AP)—The House tentatively struck from the tax revision bill today the proposed surtax on family-owned and closely held corporations. The teller vote was 180 to 124.

Defeated in its initial attempt to save the most controversial item in the measure, the administration forces said they would demand another vote on it before the House ballots on final passage of the bill.

A coalition of Republicans and Democrats succeeded in winning House approval of an amendment to strip the levy from closely held firms from the bill, although members had received shortly before a warning that the revenue bill with that tax feature eliminated might be vetoed by President Roosevelt.

Meanwhile the Agriculture department set up machinery to take the

farmers vote Saturday on its voting control provision of the new farm law for the first time.

Polling places were established in 20 states, where more than 2,000,000 cotton and tobacco farmers will say whether they want a quota system to hold surplus yields of their crops off the market. Approval of two-thirds of the farmers participating in the referendum, one for cotton and one each for flue-cured and dark fired types tobacco would put the quota device in operation.

States in which cotton referendum will be held and an estimate of the number of farmers eligible to vote included North Carolina 140,000.

States in which flue-cured tobacco referendum will be held and an estimate of the number of farmers eligible to vote, included North Carolina 175,000.

Schuschnigg Name Byrd Asks Vote Of Austrians Bandit Car

Plebiscite Called For March 13 to Determine Independence Strength

Innesbruck, Austria, March 9.—(AP)—Chancellor Schuschnigg tonight called an Austrian National Plebiscite for March 13 to determine the strength behind his fight for Austrian independence.

In the referendum, Austrians will be asked to vote on whether they were satisfied with the government's program.

When the plebiscite was predicted earlier in Vienna, government officials said they expected Schuschnigg would receive a 70 per cent endorsement of the course he had steered in his "Berghesgaden conversation" with Reichfuhrer Hitler last month.

The chancellor has been trying to rally support for his determined resistance to German encroachment, for which the Berghesgaden talk, giving which the Reichfuhrer in Austria's government, was an opening wedge.

Roekingham, Mar. 9 (AP)—Two witnesses told a Federal court jury here today John Byrd, 25, of Durham, was driver on an automobile bearing two bandits, who fled after holding up and robbing the Bank of Candor of \$2,970 last September 28.

Byrd, is charged, with complicity in the holdup which Federal Agent Edward Scheidt, of Charlotte, said William Payne and Wash Turner, alias Jack Borden, had admitted after their capture in Sanford in January.

The witnesses, only two heard before the luncheon recess, J. D. McCaskill, cashier in the bank in a little town in Montgomery county, and his sister, Miss Ruby McGaskill, assistant cashier.

They testified Payne and Turner, now sentenced to death for slaying State Highway Patrolman George Penn, at Asheville, last August 26, came into the bank and committed the hold-up while Byrd remained in the car.

A jury was chosen quickly after the case was called at 11 a. m. One of the jurors is a Negro.

District Attorney Garlyle Higgins and J. R. Patton, of Durham, were Byrd's attorneys, were said to have obtained depositions from Payne and Turner in Raleigh yesterday.

OPPOSITION BITTER ON REORGINIZATION

Fight In Senate Taking On Some Aspects of Supreme Court Fight

DESPTISM IS FEARED

Centering of So Much Increased Power In President Resented by Many Democrats and All Republicans

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, March 9.—The congressional fight against the Roosevelt plan of governmental reorganization is assuming the proportions of the President's defeated Supreme Court reorganization program.

Governmental reorganization generally is recognized as long overdue and urgently needed—but not, the pending scheme's opponents say, the kind of reorganization urged by the administrative supporters. These opponents contend that a virtual executive dictatorship would be created if the White House has its way; furthermore, that no economies are contemplated—only a promised (but not guaranteed) increase in efficiency.

Indeed, Senator James F. Byrnes, who sponsors the proposition, admits that no money will be saved, except as enhanced efficiency may be interpreted as an economy.

Opponents answer that despotisms always are represented as efficient, at least temporarily, but they object to a despotism.

Its Possibilities. The thing is not literally a proposed despotism.

The plan seeks to empower the President to rearrange, jumble up and reassign governmental commissions, boards, bureaus and administrations, to switch divisions from department

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TRADING SLIGHT ON COTTON MARKET

New York, March 9.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened two lower to one higher with trading slight. May advanced from 9.06 to 9.10 and shortly after the first half hour prices ranged from one net lower to four higher. Around mid-day, May was 9.09 and remained from net unchanged to five higher.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Cloudy, occasional rain in central portion, slightly warmer on coast tonight; Thursday, occasional rain, slightly colder in north central portion.

Nothing New In Levine Kidnaping

Father Denies \$30,000 Ransom Been Paid; Another Boy Missing

New Rochelle, N. Y., March 9.—(AP)—Murray Levine, whose son, Peter, 12, disappeared 19 days ago, said flatly today that no ransom had been paid in the apparent kidnaping.

The New York lawyer, in a routine telephone statement from his house, asserted "there is nothing new."

Asked if a rumor that \$30,000 had been paid were true, he answered "That is incorrect. There is nothing new."

Police said they were still staying away from the Levine house at the father's request in order to facilitate contact with the supposed kidnapers.

Police officials said they had neither made searches or taken any other step according to the father's wishes.

Disappearance of another New Rochelle boy was reported by the police today.

The parents of Bernard Richard.

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ALCOHOL AGENT IS SLAIN BY TWO MEN

Officers Halt Car Near Virginia Line; Met by Fusillade of Shots

Norfolk, Va., March 9.—(AP)—Joe Thomas West, of Elizabeth City, and Bernard E. Royals, 24, of Norfolk county, were in custody today charged with the fatal shooting last night of W. J. Jackson, Jr., 45, of Plymouth, alcohol tax unit officer.

The men were arrested at Royal's home by federal, state and county officers shortly after Jackson was shot through the head as he and Officer J. F. Estes approached an automobile they had halted on the George Washington highway near the North Carolina line.

Estes, a Norfolk policeman, detailed to duty with the alcoholic tax unit, said he and Jackson were in South

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63 MEN SET ASIDE BEFORE COMPLETION OF FULL JURY LIST

Hungary's Cabinet Resigns In Body

Budapest, March 9.—(AP)—The Hungarian cabinet, headed by Premier Dornavai, resigned tonight after 17 months in office. Admiral Horty, the regent, accepted the resignation, but commended Dornavai to form a new government. He requested the regent minister to continue in office until a new cabinet is formed. The resignation came after a debate in parliament on a plan to devote most of an internal loan of 1,000,000,000 Pengoes (\$198,350,000) for rearmament.

Taking of Testimony Begins After Last of Jurors Are Accepted for the Trial

STATE USES LAST OF ITS CHALLENGES

Many Prospective Jurors Say They Have Formed Opinions as to Guilt or Innocence of Defendant; Court Room Is Packed for Hearing

Taking of testimony was begun in Vance Superior Court this afternoon in the case of Clarence Fairbanks, 24, charged with first degree murder for the axe-slaying of Steve Good, his showman-employer, here the night of Sunday, January 16. The jury was completed at 3 o'clock, after 75 prospective jurors had been called and 63 of them set aside for various causes.

The eleventh and twelfth jurors were selected in thirty minutes after court convened at 2:30 o'clock. The eleventh man was J. A. Alford and the twelfth was J. W. Dupriest, both mechanics for the Carolina Bagging Company. Eight men were called in selecting the final two jurors.

Judge Parker inquired of the health of all jurors, and decided not to select a thirteenth juror.

All takers called for the case were discharged, an taking of testimony was started.

The first witness for the state was Garland Adcock, who testified to driving Fairbanks in Adcock's taxicab to the police station the night of the killing to report the affair.

Ten jurors were seated and sworn when Vance Superior Court recessed for the lunch hour at one o'clock this afternoon in the trial of Clarence Fairbanks, 24-year-old youth charged with the first degree murder of his showman-employer, Steve Good here the night of Sunday, January 16, and the full panel was expected to be completed and taking of testimony begun sometime during the afternoon.

Seven of the ten jurors who had been seated at the noon hour were obtained from the regular jury panel serving at this March term of court after that list had been exhausted with the calling of 18 men. The other three up to that time were obtained after 49 of the special venire of 100 summoned for duty had been examined. Sixty-seven men in all had been called up to the noon recess.

Most of those set aside were rejected because they claimed to have formed opinions already as to the guilt or innocence of the defendant, though a few were excused because of the condition of their health, and one because he said he did not believe in capital punishment. All the others had no scruples about the death penalty, when merited.

At the noon hour the prosecution had exhausted all of the six peremptory challenges allowed it by law, and the defense had accepted ten of its allotted limit of fourteen challenges.

The first two prospective jurors called were accepted by both sides and were sworn. They were L. E. Barnes, Kirtell township farmer, and W. P. Pope, lifelong farmer of Wil-

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Mid-Pacific Islands Are Disputed

British Ambassador Tells U. S. Britain Has Right Over Canton, Enderbury

London, March 9.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain told the House of Commons today that Sir Ronald Lindsay, ambassador to Washington, has been instructed to inform the United States government Britain reserves the right over the islands of Canton and Enderbury.

Chamberlain announced proposals will be submitted in hope of ending the controversy.

It was believed that some form of joint control of the two mid-Pacific islands would be proposed by Britain (Canton and Enderbury islands, in the Phoenix group, have been occupied by Hawaiian parties, landed by a United States Coast Guard cutter previously they had been treated as British territory in British government.

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Chautemps Cabinet Is To Resign

Paris March 9.—(AP)—Premier Chautemps cabinet, will resign tonight, Deputy Alfred Ferol, vice president of the socialist block in the Chamber of Deputies said late today.

Ferol said the premier had decided to resign when a majority of Socialist and Communist, deputies, forming the largest part of his parliamentary support, showed themselves hostile to his demand for powers to direct state finances by decrees.

Chautemps organized the present radical socialist government January 19 after rifts appeared in his coalition with the less moderate socialists and communists.

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Love For Climbing Led Winslow To His Death

Raleigh, March 9 (AP)—The Raleigh Times in a copyrighted story this afternoon, quoted Detective Captain Bruce Poole as stating he was confident there was no foul play in the electrocution death here last Saturday night of Phillip Winslow, North Carolina State College student from Greenville, who was trying to do stunts such as he often did.

The Times presented a picture showing Winslow standing on his head atop a college dormitory. Poole gave his description of the death of the student before Coroner L. M. Waring opened his inquest.

The detective said he had reached his conclusion after talking to college

officials and friends of the dead student.

"I believe that the boy was just bubbling over with energy," said Poole, "and was performing one of his many unusual acrobatic stunts when he came into contact with the 'single' hot wire which electrocuted him.

"The boy just loved to climb, and evidently tried to climb the pole, not knowing the wires were hot."

The detective said Ed Fugh, of Elizabeth City, with Winslow when he was killed and Paul Blalock, of Fremont, and C. H. Berry, of Goldsboro, with him earlier in the night, had aided him in the investigation.