

WAGE-HOUR FOES CLAIM MOVE WILL FAIL

Morgan Aids \$10,000,000 Fund



J. P. Morgan, noted financier, chats with an unidentified man as Henry C. Alexander (left), listens. The group is pictured at the dinner which opened the campaign of the \$10,000,000 Greater New York Fund for private health and welfare agencies.

Inspired Chinese Army Halts Japs

TANCHENG CIRCLED AS MENACE TO JAPS IN SOUTH SHANTUNG

Rapid Progress of Native Army Results from Re-invigorated Forces of Gen. Chiang

JAPANESE PUSHED BACK TOWARD SEA

Attack Relieves Threat of Japanese Thrust from North at Seaport Terminus of Lunghai Railway; Chinese Double Efficiency Since Shanghai

Shanghai, May 5.—(AP)—An inspired Chinese army claimed capture of Matowchen, near and northwest of Tancheng, has continued "rapid progress," and was reported today as erasing the second big Japanese offensive in south Shantung province.

At the same time, a sudden attack by the 57th army was reported to have driven the Japanese back toward a point on the Yellow Sea, in a battle along the Shantung-Kiangsu border.

Pressure was being increased on Tancheng by a re-invigorated army, which qualified foreign observers on the war front said had doubled its fighting efficiency and striking power since it retired from the shambles of Chapel, in Shanghai, and from the central government capital at Nanking.

YOPP NEW HEAD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Wilmington Man Elected President and His City Is Chosen for 1939 Convention

Raleigh, May 5.—(AP)—The North Carolina Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association elected W. E. Yopp, of Wilmington, today as its new president.

The next convention will be held at Wilmington. Yopp advanced from the first vice-presidency, succeeding Oscar Breece, of Fayetteville.

E. A. Timberlake, of Lexington, was named first vice-president, and W. E. Thompson, of Burlington, as second vice-president. Charles Rogers, of Sanford, was elected as third vice-president, and Henry A. Hanes, of Greensboro, secretary-treasurer.

John H. Rhodes, of St. Petersburg, Fla., former president of the National Funeral Directors Association, urged North Carolinians to remember that funeral directors should make their plans carefully and conduct themselves as to build respect for the profession.

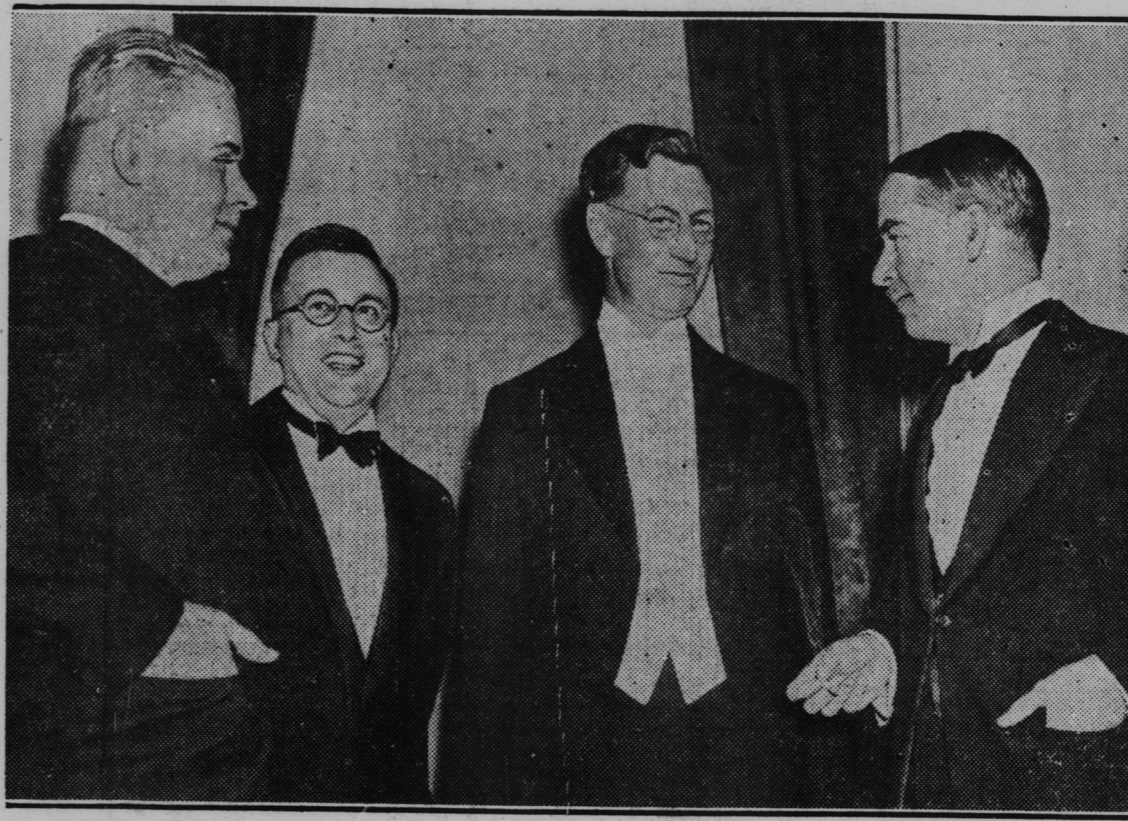
Dempsey Is Witness At Own Trial

Raleigh, May 5.—(AP)—Major J. C. Dempsey, of Wilson, Federal alcoholic tax unit investigator, charged with accepting bribes, testified in United States District Court here today that he had tried to trap special agents who worked up the evidence against him.

Telling of being taken into custody at the union station here, Dempsey said: "I knew they had to beat me to the trap I was trying to beat them to."

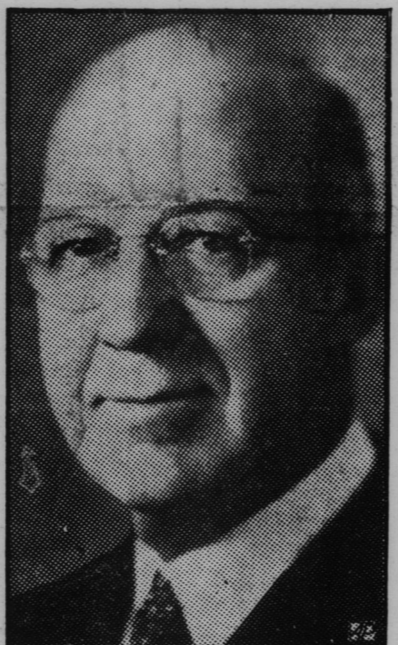
The officer testified W. A. Harris, of Elizabeth City and Norfolk, Va., an admitted bootlegger, who said yesterday he gave Dempsey money for

Four Winners of Pulitzer Prize Awards



Left to right are Pulitzer Prize winners Raymond Springle, of Pittsburgh, Pa.,—for his articles on the exposure of one-time Klansman, Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black; Paul Herman, of Cambridge, Mass.,—for the most distinguished American history, "The Road to Reunion"; J. M. Imrie, of Edmonton, Can.,—for defense of freedom of the press in Alberta Province, and J. P. Marquard,—for writing the best American novel of the year, "The Late George Apley."

Dr. Peele Elected Methodist Bishop



Dr. William Walter Peele (above), 56 of Greensboro, N. C., was elected a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by the quadrennial conference meeting in Birmingham, Ala. Six other new bishops also were elected.

WASHINGTON FEARS LAFOLLETTE MOVE

It May Become One of Two Major Parties by 1940 Campaign

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, May 5.—Washington's politicians continue to talk of little but the "La Follette movement."

It is not, indeed, seen as likely to score heavily in this year's campaign results. It is too late for that. Nominating primaries already are progressing. When election day arrives the La Folletteites will have not more than a small handful of candidates in the field except in Wisconsin.

But 1940 is a different matter. Party Realignment? What politicians are wondering is:

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EHRINGHAUS HEADS UNIVERSITY ALUMNI

Chapel Hill, May 5.—(AP)—J. M. Saunders, general secretary, announced today former Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus was the only nominee submitted for president at the annual meeting here March 25 and succeeds George Stephens, of Asheville.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Partly cloudy, scattered showers in central and northern portions tonight and on the extreme south-east coast Friday.

Daladier Pegs Franc At 2.79 Cents To Get Cash For French Rearmament

Stabilization Represents Devaluation of About Nine Percent Under Past Year

LOWEST LEVEL OF MONEY SINCE 1928

Franc Ordered Tied Definitely Under Anglo-Franco-American Accord; Stern Measures Are Taken To Prevent Any Profiteering

Paris, May 5.—(AP)—The Daladier government, seeking a solid monetary base for a re-arming France, today fixed a new bottom for the franc at the level of 2.79 cents, or 35.80 francs to the dollar.

This stabilization represented a devaluation of about nine percent from the average rates of the "floating franc" of the last ten months, and brought the currency to the lowest level since the Poincare stabilization of 1928.

The franc was ordered tied definitely to the pound sterling under the accord for monetary equilibrium among the United States, Britain and France.

The government acted simultaneously to prevent profiteering and price rises under the devaluation. The minister of interior issued a communique saying:

"The government has decided to proceed to stabilization of the franc, but this measure should in no way provoke any increase whatsoever in prices. On the contrary it should assure their proper stability."

"Prefectures were ordered to take a

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LEVINE WILL MAIL CIRCULARS ON BOY

Continues \$25,000 Reward for Boy Alive and \$5,000 for Return of His Body

New York, May 5.—(AP)—Murray Levine announced today that since the Department of Justice can't afford to do it, he is going to send out at his own expense 50,000 circulars for the return of his son, Peter, 12, kidnaped from their New Rochelle home February 24.

Simultaneously, Levine, who is a lawyer, said he had extended from May 10 to June 15 the deadline for payment of rewards he has offered. One is for \$25,000 for the return of the boy alive; the second is for \$5,000 for the return of the boy's body. The rewards were first offered April 20.

Meanwhile, Pasquale Parisi, 25, who pleaded guilty to attempting extortion on Murray Levine, father of the missing Peter, was sentenced to Sing Sing prison to from two and a half to five years.

Tornado Strikes Town In Alabama

Ethelville, Ala., May 5.—(AP)—A tornado descended upon this town of 500 population early today, demolishing nine homes, but apparently injuring no one. One brick residence and eight frame houses were destroyed, according to a hurried check-up.

HOSIERY WORKERS URGE WAGES-HOURS

Charlotte Convention Calls on Republicans To Support Effort

Charlotte, May 5.—(AP)—President E. Rive, of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, today called upon New England and Pennsylvania delegates attending the annual convention here to urge Republican congressmen from their districts to join in the movement seeking a vote on the wage-hour bill at the present session of Congress.

Rive told the convention that he had been informed it would be too late after tomorrow to obtain favorable action on the measure, which the House Rules Committee last week referred to report out.

Rive, in his report to the convention

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INSURANCE POLICY OF COOGAN ARGUED

Child Star's Mother and Stepfather Now Want To Cash in on Surrender Value

Los Angeles, Cal., May 5.—(AP)—Bickering over a \$100,000 life insurance policy for Jackie Coogan today featured an interlude in the former child screen star's \$4,000,000 accounting suit against his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bernstein.

The "kid" of silent pictures, who wants the Bernsteins to turn over to him his estate, which declared he filed suit after he was informed his stepfather was considering cashing the insurance policy for its surrender value, \$7,500.

This Bernstein admitted, but he offered an explanation for the contemplated move. He said: "The policy was such that Jackie could never change the beneficiary or have any power right in it. Mrs. Bernstein felt that she no longer wanted to pay the premium on the policy from which she could collect only if Jackie died."

PROPOSERS LIST 200 PLEDGES FOR DEBATE ON FLOOR

Telegrams Sent Absentees Urging Them To Return To Sign Petition for Measure

ROAD FUNDS BILL IS UP IN SENATE

Ickes Says Roosevelt Is Nation's No. 1 Liberal and LaFollette Third Party Movement Will Fail; Labor Board Has Another Suit on Its Hands

Washington, May 5.—(AP)—House sponsors of wage-hour legislation, claiming 200 pledged supporters, tried vigorously today to persuade 18 more members—enough for a majority—to sign a petition forcing the controversial bill onto the floor.

The proponents dispatched telegrams to absentees urging them to return at once and sign the appeal, designed to wrest the measure from the House Rules Committee, which refused last week to give it right of way.

Among the 200 pledges, the sponsors said, were about 25 Republicans. They contended, too, that some southerners might sign because of the overwhelming primary election victory of Senator Pepper, Democrat, Florida, who supported the Senate wage-hour bill.

Foes of the legislation, on the other hand, said enough signatures would not be forthcoming, and the measure would be dead for this session. While the Senate considered minor

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POLITICS MENACING BIG N. C. INDUSTRY

\$1,000,000 Feldspar and Mica Production Hit by Huge Imports

Daily Dispatch Bureau; In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, May 5.—Just when North Carolina is bending every effort to secure new industries for the state, political aversion to opening up a tariff argument in an election year seems likely totally to destroy a once-humming \$1,000,000 per year established industry in several western counties—namely Mitchell, Yancey and Avery.

The industry is mining of feldspar and scrap mica—an industry which the competition of cheaper Canadian nepheline-syenite is about to put completely out of business.

The political angle lies in the fact

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GOVERNMENT IS TO BUY SWEET POTATO

Beaufort, May 5.—(AP)—The Federal Furplus Commodities Corporation will buy a limited quantity of U. S. No. 1 Puerto Rico sweet potatoes in Carteret county, it was stated today by J. O. Anthony, farm agent.

Hitler Sees Displays By Italian Army

First of Demonstrations Is Held To Show Mussolini's Might to German

Naples, Italy, May 5 (AP)—Thundering guns and churning propellers broke the calm of the Naples coast today as Italy's navy went into a magnificent demonstration of its prowess in honor of Reichsfuehrer Hitler.

A bright sun shone on the famous Neapolitan shore line. Smoking Vesuvius in the background framed the

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BISHOP PURCELL TO DIRECT CAROLINAS M. E. CONFERENCES

Minister Just Elected To Episcopacy To Succeed Bishop Paul Kern In This State

ASK CIVIL COURTS RULING ON MERGER

Organized Laymen Fighting Unification Of Three Churches Advise "Loyal Southern Methodists" To Remain in Churches Pending Decision

Birmingham, Ala., May 5 (AP)—The twelve episcopal districts of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South were announced today by the college of Bishops.

They include: Fourth district: Bishop Paul Kern, Tennessee Holston Conference; Florida; Latin Mission, Cuba Brazil.

Sixth district: Bishop Lee Holt, Central Texas; North Texas; Northwest Texas; New Mexico.

Seventh district: Bishop W. W. Peele, Baltimore, Virginia, Western Virginia.

Eighth district: Bishop Clare Purcell, North Carolina.

Western North Carolina; South Carolina, Upper South Carolina.

Bishop Purcell, an Alabama churchman, newly-elected bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was assigned by the college of bishops to the Episcopal district comprised of North Carolina, Western North Carolina, South Carolina and Upper South Carolina. He was born in Columbia, Ala., 52 years ago, and educated at Birmingham-Southern College; Vanderbilt and Emory Universities. The bishop has been active in Gadsden civic affairs, and a leader in temperance campaigns and in the Red Cross. The bishop and Mrs. Purcell have two sons and a daughter.

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Roosevelt Ship Heads Back Home

Charleston, S. C., May 5.—(AP)—Enroute back to the states on his South Atlantic voyage, President Roosevelt arranged to receive official mail from a seaplane off San Juan, Puerto Rico, early today.

The cruiser Philadelphia, carrying the President and his White House fishing companions, left Sombroero island, northernmost dot in the Lesser Antilles, shortly afternoon yesterday for the temporary stop off San Juan.

"The cruiser will not anchor there," said a message received at the navy yard here, but will stand by long enough to receive an official pouch from Washington, and send off mail to Washington.

Before leaving Sombroero island, the President and companions fished for three hours. Secretary McIntyre reported Mr. Roosevelt made the biggest catch, with a 20-pound pampango.

"Stage Hand" Out Of Derby Contest

Louisville, Ky., May 5.—(AP)—Stage Hand was declared out of the Kentucky Derby today by Maxwell Howard, Dayton, Ohio, owner of the winter book favorite. Howard said the colt developed a high temperature last night, and showed no improvement this morning.

MAGISTRATES MAY SOON BE ELECTED

Proposal Made To Remove Appointment by Legislature and Governor

Pinehurst, May 5.—(AP)—A complete reorganization by legislative act of the system of selecting justices of the peace in North Carolina has been endorsed by the organized justices, and tomorrow will be considered by the State Bar Association, in session here.

James McClamroch, of Greensboro, chairman of the bar group committee on justices of the peace, today revealed details of the proposed bill for submission to the 1939 General Assembly, which would eliminate hundreds of justices.

The North Carolina Association of Magistrates endorsed the measure at its April convention, McClamroch said.

Election of justices or magistrates, by the legislature would be abolished under the new act, and there would be no new justices appointed by governors, though chief executives would be authorized to appoint for successive terms any justice who was serving

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SPECIALIZATION MAY BE TAKEN TOO FAR

L. V. Sutton, Power Chief, Addresses State College Students at Awards Event

Raleigh, May 5.—(AP)—Louis V. Sutton, president of the Carolina Power & Light Company, warned students of N. C. State College today there could be too much specialization in technical courses at the expense of cultural growth.

Sutton spoke at exercises at which winners of 25 coveted scholarship awards were announced. Awards included: Cups for highest averages among seniors and freshmen in ceramic engineering, Arthur Dammann, of Amityville, N. Y., and S. R. Millhouse, of Wilson; award for excellence in chemical engineering, V. F. Casey, of Greenville; Delta Sigma Phi, for highest four-year average in commerce, R. L. Stallings, of Bridgeton.

CUMBERLAND INDIAN KILLS HIS "IN-LAW"

Seavy Young Sought for Fatal Shooting of Bill Johnson. They Married Sisters

Fayetteville, May 5.—(AP)—Bill Johnson, 35, formerly of Asheville, was shot to death last night at his home near here, and Sheriff N. H. McGeachy said today he was hunting Seavy Young, a Croatian Indian, ann.

Johnson, ex-soldier with Young over had had an argument with Young over family affairs. The pair had married sisters, he said, and lived across a road from each other.

Coroner W. C. Davis said no inquest would be ordered pending the return of Young.