

## Convicts At Philadelphia Suffocated

**Driven "Stark Mad" by Steam Heat in "Air Tight Cell Blocks," Probers Say**

Philadelphia, Aug. 24.—(AP)—A picture of death among convicts driven "stark mad" by steam heat in an "air tight cell block" was drawn today by two officials investigating the deaths of four hunger-striking inmates of the Philadelphia county prison.

Coroner Charles Hersch said autopsies disclosed that the four described by Warden William Mills as "agitators" in a strike of 600 prisoners, died of suffocation in punishment cells where their nude, battered bodies were found early Monday.

The coroner said the four and some 20 other prisoners were placed in the cells Sunday night. The windows were closed and steam was turned on in the radiators by a guard. He said he would continue his investigation until he learned whether the heat was turned on intentionally or if it might have been an act of carelessness, and added: "We know the guard who turned on the heat; what we want to establish now is who gave him the order."

Similar versions of how they said the deaths occurred were given by Hersch and Assistant District Attorney John Boyle, who said that interrogation of witnesses revealed "conditions much more like the Black Hole in Calcutta, rather than a modern prison." Boyle declared that no body went near the place (punishment cell) all night.

## UNDERPASS SITE IN APEX IS PROTESTED

Raleigh, Aug. 24.—(AP)—The Highway and Public Works Commission considered routine business at a brief meeting here today. A protest on the location of an underpass on Route 55 in Apex was received from residents of that town, and a hearing on the matter was set for September 9 in Apex. The hearing will be conducted by Chairman Frank Dunlap and two commissioners.

Formal approval was given to a recently-awarded contract for paving a section of Route 59 between the Wake county line and Lenoir.

## High British Official Shot In Palestine

Jerusalem, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Gunmen invaded British district administrative headquarters at Jenin today and seriously wounded J. S. Moffatt, British assistant district commissioner. The attackers fired five shots point-blank at Moffatt. They were reported to be Arabs.

He was the second British official of the same rank to be shot during the past year as a result of the strife between Jews and Arabs in the Holy Land. The other was L. Y. Andrews, who was slain at Nazareth in September, 1937.

Moffatt was rushed to Haifa for a blood transfusion, but little hope was held for his recovery. He is a bachelor in the late 30's, and had been in Palestine since 1925.

Before the incident at Jenin, eight gunmen raided the police station at Lydda and stole a quantity of rifles and ammunition after over-powering policemen on duty. Airplanes and troops with bloodhounds hunted the raiders.

## Farmers Say Crop Control To Be Permanent Agency

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Aug. 24.—Despite the vehement post-election campaign carried on by the opposition to such regulation, tobacco farmers who have cut and cured their crop tell the newspaper men that there will be even less difficulty attending the election next year.

By the terms of the federal act there can be an election called by the growers, who in this instance happen to be cotton and tobacco farmers. There may and there may not be such election next year, as the basis of it will be the November 15 report, which will show whether there is more than five per cent of the normal supply on hand. If so, the secretary of agriculture makes his call and there is another vote.

The summer and fall developments have been quite contrary to the earlier predictions. It was said that the big fellow gets all the breaks and the

## Victim of Subway Crash



Strapped to a stretcher, one of the victims of the subway crash at the 116th Street station of the Lexington Avenue subway line in New York City is shown being rushed to hospital. A local train crashed into another, stalled in the station. Two were killed, forty injured.

## Frank Hawks Meets Death In His Plane

**Friend in Plane With Him on Test Flight Also Dies at Buffalo, New York**

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 24.—(AP)—Death came last night to Lieutenant-Commander Frank Hawks, world famous speed flyer, as he had predicted—in an airplane. The 41-year-old aviator, who had turned a year ago from speed flying to the aviation business, struck some wires and crashed in flames on a polo field near Buffalo.

Hawks, who told a friend some years ago, "I expect to die in an airplane," and J. H. Campbell, up-State socialite and sportsman, who had accepted an invitation for a trial spin in a small plane Hawks' company sells, were fatally injured.

Horrified friends, who had watched the take-off from the small field, heard the plane crash behind a clump of trees. They saw a flash as flames shot high in the air. They pulled Hawks from the controls of the blazing ship and dragged Campbell from beneath a crumpled wing. The injured men were taken to a Buffalo hospital in ambulances. Neither regained consciousness.

Hawks was flying a plane designed for private flying. He carried a four-leaf clover a friend had given him for "a good luck" a few minutes before the take-off.

## COMMISSIONERS OF PITT ARE SUSTAINED

Greenville, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Judge Paul Frizzelle today sustained a demurrer motion of the Pitt county commissioners in an action brought by a group of tax-payers seeking to recover county funds alleged to have been paid to A. S. Batson and, or, the National Bureau of Investigation.

little fellow gets all the losses. Fall surveys show that the farmers now vocative against the control act are found among the time merchants and the absentee growers. This was not expected. There were many smaller growers. But ships upon the small under control he seems to be less dissatisfied than he was at the beginning.

The seasons worked well with the controllers who found evidences all over the world of a stimulated tobacco growth. The weather mowed down many a stalk and reduced the poundage on many an acre. Notwithstanding which, the growers count their crop pretty good and the prospect for good money far better than it was three months ago.

Agricultural leaders in eastern North Carolina declare that there isn't the slightest chance of repealing the control feature for this half of the State. They are convinced that it is a necessity.

## Transport Liner Falls; Four Hurt

Albuquerque, N. M., Aug. 24.—(AP)—Eleven persons escaped serious injury early today when forced landing badly damaged a Transcontinental & Western Air transport liner four miles north of Albuquerque airport.

Officials of the line said they were not immediately able to assign the cause of the accident. Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Smith, of Bell Air, Cal., and their two sons, aged nine and three, were taken to an Albuquerque hospital for observation, but attendants said they appeared to be suffering only minor cuts and bruises.

Four other passengers, the pilot, co-pilot and stewardess, went to a hotel. A TWA spokesman said they were not injured.

## Primary Fight To Give Court Plenty To Do

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Aug. 24.—Judge W. C. Harris listens half the day and meditates the other half as the Burgin-Deane contest unfolds before his honor, who finds the situation so new to him that he must take it in small installments.

Argument and presentation of affidavits make up the morning session and afternoon with the books is the judicial program. So far as is known, there has been nothing even akin to the present case and Judge Harris has to feel his way along.

Both sides are getting help. In his present mood the jurist inclines against the challenge to the State Board of Elections' authority. Habituated to review of his own courts, the judge leans strongly toward acceptance of the State board as the final arbiter. But he leaves a wide open door to the plaintiff, who is alleging that arbitrary action by the board in throwing out certain ballots in the congressional primary of July 2, was improper in that it ignored the plaintiff's rights. If it should turn out that the State board acted upon insufficient law or evidence, it seems now that Judge Harris has the contest where it was before there was a judgment.

For instance, in one county certain ballots were counted by the county board. They were disallowed by the State board. The authority of the State board to throw out those ballots is based on something besides its standing as a State agency. If the State board threw the count improperly, they may be counted again. And there the case in its incomplete developments was standing this morning.

There is, however, a political aspect which has had no treatment at all. Rumors get out that the board was badly divided in its decision. Whether the old distrust perseveres or not, there is a feeling that the perpetual war of the Republican party on the State's election laws has been carried into the board by the minority. In the Deane-Burgin contest it is alleged by the Burgin members of the legal household that Republicans voted in the primary for Deane and did so without challenge; that they went into the Democratic primary without giving notice of their change in pol-

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## Japs Attack Plane With 17 On Board

**12 Passengers Killed or Wounded; Some Missing; American Aboard as Pilot**

Hong Kong, Aug. 24.—(AP)—The American pilot of a Chinese air liner reported today that Japanese war planes had forced him to set his plane down near Canton and then machine-gunned it, killing or wounding at least 14 of the 17 persons aboard.

H. L. Woods, of Hays, Kans., the pilot, reached Macao unhurt. All others on the plane were Chinese. The forced landing was made on a small river between Canton and Macao, Portuguese colony 50 miles to the south.

The pilot sent this message to the China National Aviation Corporation, owners of the plane: "Landed on river O. K. Japanese machine-gunned us, killing or wounding 12 passengers, also co-pilot and stewardess. Radio operator Loh, one passenger and myself survive. Other fourteen unaccounted for. Ship, sunk in river."

A United States gunboat left Hong Kong for Macao to aid survivors after hurriedly recalling to duty officers and men ashore here.

Forty-five percent of the China National Aviation Corporation's capital is held by American interests, the rest by the Chinese government.

Reports from Macao later than Wood's message said C. N. Lou, the passenger who reached that port with the pilot, had a bullet wound and was taken to a hospital for an operation. Still later, two other passengers were reported admitted to a hospital near the scene of the shooting in five days.

The air liner encountered the Japanese plane southwest of Canton while it was flying from Hong Kong to Wuchow.

## Magill Quits His Position In Treasury

Hyde Park, N. Y., Aug. 24.—(AP)—President Roosevelt accepted today, the resignation of Roswell Magill, his under secretary of the treasury, with an expression of "genuine regret."

Magill, who has been the Treasury's top tax expert for a year and a half recalled in a letter to the President that he had accepted his appointment in January, 1937, with the understanding that he would return to his professorship in the Columbia University Law School this September.

He tendered his resignation as of September 15. Meantime, the President, condemning reported Republican intervention in Democratic primaries, cleared the way for administration support of an independent senatorial campaign in Idaho. The President said yesterday that recent political morality demanded that members of one party stay out of the primary elections of another party. His statement was precipitated by questions about the political situation in Idaho, where Senator Pope, a down-the-line administra-

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## Seeking Truce?



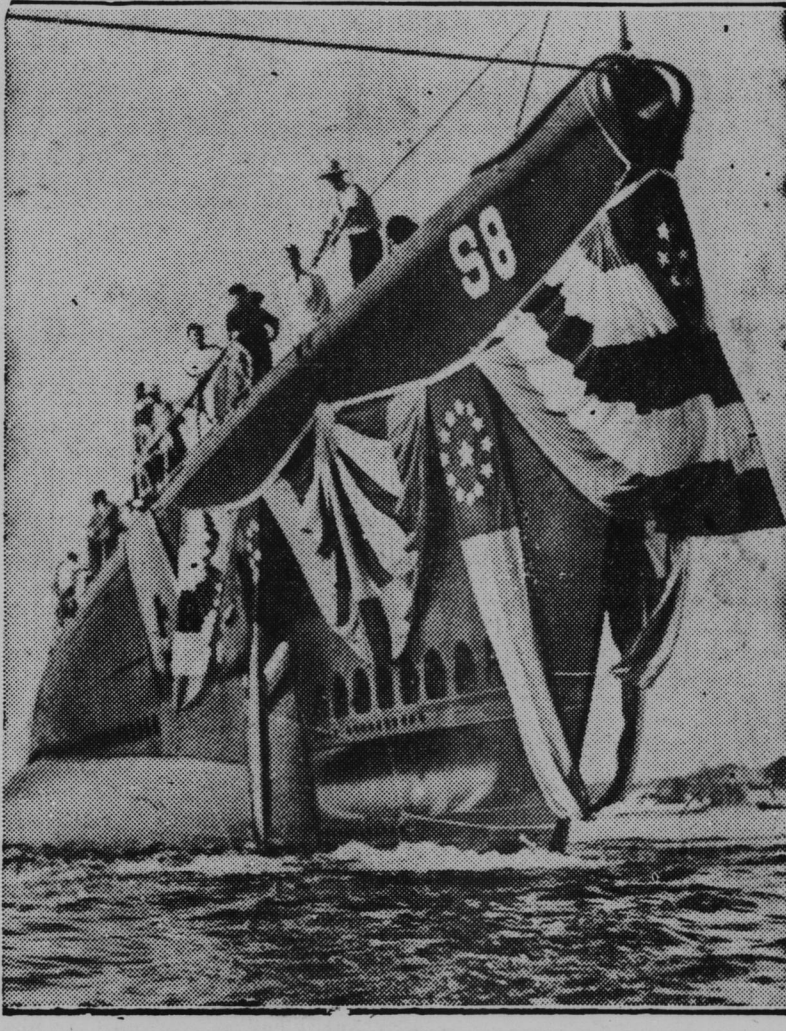
Shown entering his Paris hotel during a brief stay on his trip to London, is the Emir Ibn Saud, King of Arabia. It is reported he will confer with British authorities with a view to ending the conflict between Arabs and Jews in Palestine. (Central Press)

## WEATHER

**FOR NORTH CAROLINA.** Partly cloudy, with scattered thundershowers this afternoon or tonight in north portion and possibly near coast tonight or Thursday; slightly cooler in north central portion tonight, and in north and central portions Thursday.

## East Carolina Leaf Markets Expect Average Of Over \$25 As Season Begins Tomorrow

## U. S. New Undersea Guardian



Gaily bedecked with flags and bunting, the Scurry, newest member of Uncle Sam's undersea fleet, is pictured from an unusual angle a few moments after the launching ceremony at New London, Conn. The craft, of a new type, is 299 feet long with a beam of 26 feet and a displacement of 1,435 tons. (Central Press)

## Dewey Casts James Hines As Boniface

**Operated His Rackets While Giving Free Turkeys and Food to Poor Families**

New York, Aug. 24.—(AP)—District Attorney Thomas Dewey and Defense Counsel Lloyd Stryker crossed verbal swords today in an "off-stage" hearing before Supreme Court Justice Ferdinand Pecora, delaying the resumption of the conspiracy trial of Tammany district leader James J. Hines.

The youthful racket-busting prosecutor, taking up the thread of yesterday's sensational testimony by George Weinberg, an ex-convict and once top aide of the late gang overlord Dutch Schultz, sought the admission of testimony portraying Hines as a political boniface distributing free turkey and food baskets to the poor families of his West Side district.

Stryker entered vigorous objection, asserting he was all too clearly aware of the "joker" in Dewey's offer to characterize his client as one who kindly gave.

It was not immediately apparent why Dewey placed such heavy emphasis on the free turkey angle, since he had scored far heavier hits through the testimony of Weinberg that Hines was paid \$500 a week to "fix" New York City magistrates on policy arrests, and to "break" too persistent police officers.

## Roosevelt Is Trying System England Uses

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Columnist

Washington, Aug. 24.—(Continued): We were discussing the English national electoral system, as compared with ours.

It is agreed, I take it, that an English administration is entitled to try to influence an election—not crookedly but by argument, both offensive and defensive. I don't assert that an American administration is unentitled to do so, but it's disputed, as in the case of President Roosevelt's present activities.

Our Plan May Deadlock. What ensues when an English ministry (administration) calls an election, as we're having one in the U. S. A.?

Why, if that ministry's side wins, (Continued on Page Two.)

## Huge Breaks Already Laid Upon Floors

**Governor To Attend Opening in at Least One Market; Quotas Are Pleased**

Raleigh, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Prices of better than \$25 per hundred pounds were expected tomorrow when the singsong chant of the tobacco auctioneer sounds the opening of 14 New Bright Belt markets in Eastern North Carolina.

By truck, trailer and wagon thousands of pounds of the golden weed, North Carolina's principal money crop, were brought to the market towns today.

Experts said the tobacco was of excellent cigarette quality, and predicted the price would be somewhat higher than the 25-cent average marked up by the Border Belt markets, which opened several weeks ago. Last year the Bright Belt average was \$25.43 per hundred pounds.

Governor Hovey will be on hand for the belt's opening, making an address at Wendell early tomorrow morning.

Sales Supervisor George Hall said heavy offerings were expected at Wendell. Smithfield warehousemen also said they were looking for heavy offerings. Sales Supervisor George Arlington said about 750,000 pounds were on the floors of the warehouses at Rocky Mount by noon, and predicted opening day offerings would aggregate at least 1,000,000 pounds. He said offerings mostly were primings of good color.

Opening day sales on the Greenville market were expected to exceed one million pounds. Twelve warehouses

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## DURHAM MAN JAILED FOR MURDER TRIAL

**Eugene Evans' Car Caused Three Deaths and Four Injuries There Last Week**

Durham, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Counsel for Eugene Evans waived preliminary hearing today when the 45-year-old city mail carrier was arraigned in recorder's court in connection with a highway tragedy here August 17, in which three persons were killed and four injured.

Judge William Murdock ordered Evans jailed without privilege of bond pending trial of the case at the September term of superior court, which convenes on September 5.

Evans, who allegedly drove his car into two separate groups of persons on the Durham-Raleigh highway, near here, is charged with manslaughter.

## Says State Board Within Its Rights

**Attorney General Defends Elections Body in Certifying Deane for Congress**

Raleigh, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Attorney General Harry McMullan asserted in Wake Superior Court today that the State Board of Elections was within its legal right in refusing to certify Democratic primary election returns "which it knew to be fraudulent."

Without that legal right, McMullan said, the board would be "like a puppet emperor of Manchoukuo with no power to do anything but sign, sign and sign."

Attorneys for W. O. Burgin, of Lexington, who is seeking to force the State board to declare him the Democratic nominee for the United States House of Representatives in the eighth congressional district, categorically denied McMullan's statement.

The State board, they said, had no authority to throw out votes cast in the July 2 election after the returns had been certified by county ballots. After an investigation by the State board, C. E. Deane, of Rockingham, had a 25-vote majority.

The election hearing, which began Monday, reached its final statements with arguments of attorneys today. The case is being heard before Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh.

## Robber Killed by Pembroke Officer

Pembroke, Aug. 24.—(AP)—A man identified by Coroner D. W. Biggs as "Red" Jacobs, of Hamlet, was killed instantly in a bursting of gunfire that sprang his body face downward on an open Bible in a display window.

The Robeson county coroner said Jacobs was killed by Night Policeman Ed Martin, who reported that he was fired upon by two men outside the building while on his tour of duty. Martin, he said, ducked into a boiler shelter and then was shot at by Jacobs from inside the building. Martin, the coroner said, returned the fire, felling Jacobs as the two other men motored away, and left behind 15 suits of clothing which he said had been removed from the establishment.

## New Bridge Scenic Wonder In The State

Edenton, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Thousands of persons are expected here tomorrow for the dedication of the new Albemarle Sound bridge, the largest and most expensive span in North Carolina. Speeches, a parade of floats and a beauty contest are on the program.

Former Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of Elizabeth City and Raleigh, will make the principal address. As governor, Ehringhaus backed legislation to remove tolls from bridges in the northeast section of the State.

Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde and Dare counties will be represented in a parade of floats which will leave here late tomorrow morning.

Frank Dunlap, chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, will present the bridge to the people of the Albemarle section. Governor Hovey will make the address of welcome, and Colonel E. E. Holland, of Suffolk, Va., a member of the staff of Governor James Price, of Virginia, will respond.

The bridge was opened to vehicle traffic August 14. It runs from Leonard's Point in Washington county, to Sandy Point, in Chowan, a distance of about three and a half miles, and cuts 30 to 60 miles from the highway distance between the counties.

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Aug. 24.—Upstaters are as much interested in the Albemarle bridge, which is to open formally tomorrow, as anybody; for they see daily streamers on Virginia and North Carolina cars, the exact size of The Lost Colony strips and these proclaiming the James River Bridge.

The advertising of the Virginia crossway omits the small fortune which the traveler must pay to get (Continued on Page Two.)