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EVIDENCE HEARD IN CLAYTON TRIAL

By the Associated Press.
Waynesville, N. C., April 15.—Jury having been completed late yesterday, the taking of testimony began this forenoon in the trial of T. R. Clayton charged with the murder of Deputy Sheriff M. N. Blue in January when Blue and another officer were attempting to arrest him for disorderly conduct.
Deputy Sheriff Patrick who accompanied Blue when he sent to arrest Clayton, was the first witness to the state.
He testified that after Blue went to arrest Clayton, the latter drew a pistol and shot Blue.
While lying on the sidewalk mortally wounded, Patrick testified, Blue shot Clayton in the chest.
J. J. Lindsey, with whose daughter Clayton is alleged to have been engaged, was the next witness and testified that Clayton had a pistol, was boisterous at his home and said he would kill any officer who tried to arrest him. The state rested shortly before noon.

SHEET IRON REDUCED BY BIG COMPANY

By the Associated Press.
New York, April 15.—Price reductions for sheet iron were announced today by the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation.
The reduction varies from \$7 to \$14 a ton on various products.
Early this week the United States Steel Corporation announced a reduction in its products.

DR. JONES SPEAKS TO METHODISTS

By the Associated Press.
Richmond, Va., April 15.—An address by the Rev. Dr. M. Ashby Jones, pastor of Mount Hallion Avenue Baptist church of Atlanta, was the chief feature of this morning's session of the women's missionary convention of the Methodist Episcopal church, south.
The Rev. Dr. W. W. Pinson, general secretary of the board of missions, submitted his report. Mrs. Ruth Johnson submitted her report as chairman of a committee. The open discussion of missions in foreign fields featured the afternoon session. Dr. Henry L. Snyder, president of Wake Forest college, discussed the educational situation.

CAPT. THOS. W. MASON DIES AT NORTHAMPTON

Raleigh, April 15.—Captain Thomas W. Mason, one of the best known of the state's great figures in the Confederacy and later its public life died at his home in Northampton county.
A telegram from Senator W. L. Long grandson of Captain Mason, was sent to Chief Justice Walter Clark, but it bore no details of Captain Mason's illness. He had been in ill health many weeks and his death was expected momentarily.
The life of Captain Mason lacked the spectacular elements of many others but few were more distinguished. He was as fine a gentleman as the commonwealth ever knew, a superb soldier, powerful lawyer and magnificent stump speaker. He was the nominee of the Democracy for the United States senatorship from the east in 1895, but was beaten by Marion Butler and Lee S. Overman was the closest defeated Vance. Captain Mason followed Ransom. Senator Overman was beaten by Judge Jesse C. Pritchard. This was one of two legislatures which the Democracy failed to control since reconstruction days.

LARGE INCREASE IN WEDDINGS IN ENGLAND

London, March 23.—There was a boom in marriages in England and Wales last year when nearly 400,000 couples were wed. This easily constitutes a record says the Registrar-General.
For the three years preceding the war the annual average was only 250,000 and only twice has the 300,000 mark been passed—in 1915 and 1919—when owing to the recruit shortage of "single men first" the marriages in the second half of the year went up with a bound and eclipsed all previous figures.

NAMED TREASURER OF UNITED STATES

By the Associated Press.
Washington, April 15.—Frank White of Valley City, N. D., was nominated by President Harding to be treasurer of the United States.

MAN IS BEATEN BY FLORIDA MOB

By the Associated Press.
Orlando, Fla., April 15.—W. H. Boyte of this city was dragged from his buggy last night while returning from a ride with his wife and children, taken six miles to a lonely spot stripped of his clothing and beaten.
Boyte told the authorities that after the mob had beaten him, they warned him to leave the state within 48 hours and threatened to minister 40 more blows unless he would make a statement that his prosecution of R. L. Wilder, recently convicted of misconduct toward five young girls and sentenced to jail, had been maliciously promoted. This Boyte said he would not do.
Boyte was picked up by the sheriff a few miles from town.

ARMY FLIER FALLS 200 FEET TO DEATH

By the Associated Press.
Washington, April 15.—Lieut. James J. Langdon army air service, was killed today at Bolling field. He was descending to make a landing and was within 200 feet of the ground.

TO MAKE CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTER

By the Associated Press.
Chicago, April 15.—Plans whereby it is hoped to make the church the recreational center of the community as well as the religious center were announced today by the committee on conservation and advance of the Methodist Episcopal church. The plans contemplate creation of playgrounds, organization of athletic teams, house economies and like subjects.
A committee was announced to visit rural communities to give instruction in games and calisthenics. Gymnasium supplies will be furnished churches.
The work will be conducted, it was announced, from the \$22,000,000 centenary fund.

ROB MESSENGERS OF WRONG CHECK

By the Associated Press.
Chicago, April 15.—Six armed bandits held up two bank messengers on an Illinois Central train early today and escaped with \$638,000 worth of cancelled checks. The robbery was elaborately planned two of the bandits following the messenger when he boarded a train at a down town station and the other four joining them half a mile south. The robbers left in an automobile.

BRICK SCHEDULE RATE SUSPENDED

By the Associated Press.
Washington, April 15.—The interstate commerce commission suspended today until August 13 freight schedules proposing to increase the minimum charge on less than carload shipments over 100 pounds to be charged at first class rates to Carolina points.

GREAT INDUSTRIAL TRAGEDY IN BRITAIN AVERTED BY RAILROAD MEN AND TRANSPORT WORKERS

Refusal of Miners to Confer With Owners Causes Break in Triple Alliance at Last Moment

TURN IN BLACK SITUATION LEFT ALL ENGLAND IN DAZE

Means That Millions of Men Who Were to Quit Their Posts Tonight Will Stand with Lloyd George—Thomas and Premier Make Similar Announcements

By the Associated Press.
London, April 15.—An unexpected and sensational split in the ranks of the powerful alliance of labor this afternoon completely changed the complexion of the blackest industrial crisis Great Britain has ever faced and averted the projected strike of the railway men and transport workers set for 10 o'clock tonight.
Events developed with such sudden and startling changes as to leave the public in a maze.
Simultaneously with the announcement in the house of commons by Prime Minister Lloyd George that the ministers had declined to reopen their negotiations with the mine owners announced last evening came the announcement that the railroad and transport workers had cancelled their call for a strike.

RAILWAY AND TRANSPORT MEN WON'T STRIKE

By the Associated Press.
London, April 15.—Announcement that the railway men's strike set for 10 o'clock tonight had been cancelled was made shortly before 4 o'clock this afternoon by J. T. Thomas, general secretary of the national association of railway men.
No explanation was made of the railway men's action, but it was indicated that a break in the triple alliance had occurred.
The transport worker's strike has also been called off, Mr. Thomas announced.
"As far as the railway men and transport workers are concerned, the strike is cancelled," he said.

MINERS OBDUROTE

By the Associated Press.
London, April 15.—Mr. Lloyd George, the prime minister, announced in the house of commons this afternoon that the miners had refused to open negotiations with the mine owners on the present basis.
The prime minister read a letter from the miners' federation stating that the only basis on which a settlement could be reached was one which must follow concessions of the two principles of a national wage board and a national pool.

MORRISON SURE OF PROGRESS IN STATE

(BY MAX ARBERNETHY)
Raleigh, April 15.—Improvements at the state educational and charitable institutions and roadwork greatly desired during the next four years by Governor Morrison are not to be held up long pending the return to normalcy of the money market.
Should the governor's trip with Treasury Lacy to New York City, where the greatest financial heads are to be talked to, fails to produce results and it develops that a "watchful waiting" policy should be adopted, a way will be found to finance the improvement program already blueprintted. Whether it will be necessary to press into service emergency measures cannot be determined until the governor and the treasurer return to the capital and make their report.
Governor Morrison has already been assured that state bonds will be purchased in an amount sufficient to float road work and improvements at the University, Greensboro College for Women, State College and the various state charitable institutions. This is going to be done through the efforts of friends of the governor who are anxious to see the Morrison administration a success, which is aside from their patriotic interest in their mother state.
In the governor's newly appointed highway commission he has some of the best financial brains of the state and it is by and with their aid that the state's bonds will if necessary be handled within the confines of Tarheelia. From the following list the governor may beat the bond buyers of N. Y. City and start road building and improvements during the summer months: John Sprunt Hill of Durham;

CASHIER MATCH FOR 4 BANK ROBBERS

By the Associated Press.
Chicago, April 15.—S. B. Witowski, cashier of the state bank of Cicero, a suburb, successfully defended the bank against a band of six automobile bandits today, killing one robber wounding two and capturing two others. Only the driver of the automobile, who remained outside, escaped.

FREE FIREWORKS FURNISHED TOWN

By the Associated Press.
Randolph, Miss., April 15.—Randolph was rocked early today by a series of explosions in the plant of the United States Fireworks Company which with the subsequent fire wiped out that plant, rocked houses for miles around and tossed sleeping persons from their beds. Scores were injured, but none seriously. The property damaged was \$50,000.
The blast was felt within a radius of 25 miles.

HARDING PROMOTES JAY TO RUMANIA

By the Associated Press.
Washington, April 15.—Peter A. Jay of Rhode Island, now minister to Salvador, has been appointed minister to Rumania.

HUGHES TO TALK OVER MEXICAN POLICY

By the Associated Press.
Washington, April 15.—Consideration of the Mexican problem by Secretary Hughes was forecast today by the announcement that Chas. T. Sumnerlin, American charge at Mexico City, had been called to Washington. Mr. Sumnerlin left the Mexican capital last night and will confer with Secretary Hughes.
It is known that in general the attitude of the administration will not differ from that indicated by former Secretary Colby when he informed Mexican agents that a signed acknowledgment of its intention to safeguard the rights of American citizens as a preliminary to recognition.

GUFF NOMINATED ASSISTANT OFFICER

By the Associated Press.
Washington, April 15.—Guy V. Guff of Wisconsin was formally nominated today to be assistant to the attorney general, a post he has held under a recess appointment.

WILL DO LITTLE IN SETTling DISPUTES

By the Associated Press.
Chicago, April 15.—Both railroad executives and labor leaders today declared the decisions of the United States labor board abrogating the national agreement would not materially advance the efforts to settle wage matters satisfactorily to all parties.
Labor representatives said the 14 basic principles laid down, especially the eight hour day and the right of the employes to select their own representatives, includes principles they have been fighting for.
The decision affects members of 18 unions, including all those affiliated with the railway department of the American federation of labor. In this group are the "big four." It also includes telegraphers, clerks, shop employes, maintenance of way employes, sheet metal workers and those members of other groups affiliated with railroad men.

DAILY PAPERS TO HOLD CONFERENCE

By the Associated Press.
Greensboro, N. C., April 15.—The quarterly meeting of the North Carolina Association of Dailies, comprising representatives of practically every daily paper in the state, will be held here tomorrow night. Many important matters are scheduled to come before the meeting and indications point to a large attendance.

THREE MURDERERS HANGED IN CHICAGO

By the Associated Press.
Chicago, April 15.—Sam Cardinella leader of a band of thieves and murderers, and Joseph Costanzo and Salvatore Ferrara, convicted of murdering a fellow countryman, were hanged here today. The triple hanging was a last minute agreement decided upon when Cardinella, who was to be executed with him, had been reprieved last night by Governor Small. The drop fell for Cardinella at 10:24 and for the others a few minutes later.

WOULD NOT SHIP ARMS TO REBELS

By the Associated Press.
Washington, April 15.—Blanket prohibition against the shipment of arms and ammunition to any country where they might be used to promote revolution was asked of congress by the state department.

SOLDIER'S WIFE CUTS SOME COPERS

By the Associated Press.
Grand Island, Neb., April 15.—The wife of Roy Yates, an overseas soldier who married again when she was informed of the death of her husband, solved the dilemma when her first soldier returned unexpectedly yesterday by eloping with a third man.
Yates, who lost an arm in France and recently was released from an eastern hospital, came to Grand Island in search of his wife, only to find she had remarried. Her second husband Guy McCracken, who with his wife had been living with relatives on a farm in this section offered to release the woman as the wife of the former soldier.
The three sat down to supper to discuss the complication. The young wife excused herself.
Later a note was left by her addressed to Yates and McCracken, saying that she was leaving for the east with another man, named George McDonald.
Yates, Smith and McCracken left for Chicago in the hope of intercepting the pair.

REFUSE TO ACCEPT WAGE REDUCTIONS

By the Associated Press.
New York, April 15.—The engineers beneficial association today notified the American steamship association that its members would not accept cuts in wages of 20 to 30 per cent and submitted a proposal that the present wages be increased him.

FUNERAL IS HELD FOR DR. HAWKINS

Raleigh, April 15.—Dr. Alexander Boyd Hawkins of Raleigh, oldest living graduate of the University of North Carolina, prominent physician and business man, whose death occurred here early yesterday morning, was buried this afternoon, services being from the Church of the Good Shepherd at five o'clock. Dr. Hawkins was ninety-six years old.
Until a few months ago Dr. Hawkins led a very active life, illness incapacitating him but he kept up his interest in his business affairs. For years a director of the Citizens National Bank of Raleigh he rarely ever missed a meeting of the board of directors. A native of Franklin county, Dr. Hawkins spent his youth there and entered the University at the age of sixteen, graduating with the degree of A. B. in 1845.

SELF-GOVERNMENT OF STUDENTS URGED

Raleigh, April 15.—Indictment of R. H. McComb, Hickory student at State college for participation in an alleged hazing episode at the West Raleigh institution two weeks ago, has brought from friends of the college about the capital the suggestion that student self-government ought to be tried.

TRIAL OF THE STUDENT WHO IS DOUBTLESS NOT MORE GUILTY THAN SIX OR EIGHT OTHERS BUT WHO IS THE ONLY ONE GRAND JURY FOLLOWING AN INVESTIGATION, HAS BEEN ABLE TO HANG ANYTHING UPON, WILL NOT BE COMMENCED UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR TERM OF WAKE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT NEXT MONTH. IT MAY BE BY THAT TIME THE INVESTIGATION WHICH SOLICITOR NORRIS INDICATED HE WILL CONDUCT WILL CAUSE THE ARREST OF OTHERS.

The hazing at the college here has not been any worse, according to President W. C. Riddick, than at other institutions in North Carolina, but it was considered by him of enough concern to call upon the superior court official to help stamp it out. Aside from hair cutting and the firing of pistols into the air the freshmen were not subjected to any other indignations. The president has indicated his desire to break up the hazing as well as the hazing.

That the students at State College should be given an opportunity to govern themselves as is done at the University is going to be urged by alumni of the institution. The suggestion has already reached President Riddick, it is learned.