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## A. E. HOLTON ENTERS SENATORIAL CONTEST

Winston-Salem Lawyer on the Republican Ballot—Grisson Will Not Run.

Greensboro, April 25.—A. E. Holton, of Winston-Salem, former United States district attorney for the western district of North Carolina, Saturday entered the race for the United States senate on the Republican ticket, according to advices received in Greensboro yesterday. Gilliam Grissom, secretary of the State Republican executive committee, with headquarters here, who also entered his name Saturday, after being advised that A. A. Whitener, of Hickory, the chosen candidate of the party, had failed to send notice of his entry to Raleigh, stated last night that while he had not been advised of Mr. Holton's action, he was not surprised to hear he had entered the race, because Mr. Holton had told him he would run in case Mr. Whitener stayed out. Mr. Grissom said he entertains no idea of seeking the senatorial honor himself, but that he mailed notice of his entry, with the entrance fee, Saturday, the last day of filing, according to a ruling by the state elections board, merely to save a place on the official ballot for a Republican candidate for the senate.

Mr. Grissom said that after he had mailed his notice to Raleigh Saturday afternoon he talked with Mr. Holton over long distance telephone and that the Winston-Salem man told him he would probably formally get in the running, and that if he has done so he (Grissom) expects to withdraw, as he explained to the elections board secretary in filing his notice of entry that he would withdraw and ask for return of his entry fee in case any other Republican entered the race before the time for entering expired.

Mr. Whitener, said Mr. Grissom, failed to file his notice before Saturday night because he took the position that the law does not require formal entry at this early date.

## Narrowly Escapes Awful Death

Raidville, April 27.—A. S. Hoover, a lineman for the Southern Public Utilities Company, narrowly escaped electrocution here Friday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock. He was at work on the electric light wires on top of the pole at Sharp's barber shop corner, Scales and Morehead streets, and one of his feet slipped and came in contact with a charged wire. A circuit was formed through his clothing and he was immediately enveloped in flames. Those who saw him were horror-stricken at the spectacle but powerless to render prompt aid. Fortunately the young man turned loose his hold on the pole and fell to the pavement. The fall was a severe one and jarred him considerably, but broke no bones. In falling, it is said, his body turned a number of somersaults and resembled a pin wheel afire. Several persons who saw the falling body thought that a suit of clothes on fire had been thrown from the window of pressing club upstairs in the Overman building.

Young Hoover was carried to Dr. McGehee's office and given medical attention. It was found that he had sustained only flesh bruises by the fall and that burns from the electric current were not severe. It seems that the flames played mostly on his clothing and reached his body only in a few small spots.

Hoover was carried to a hospital in Greensboro, and is now getting along very nicely.

## Amundsen Party Is Icebound in Siberia

Washington, April 26.—The Amundsen polar exploration party in the steamer Maud is icebound at the mouth of Kolyma river, Siberia, and awaiting an opportunity to sail southward, it was indicated in radio dispatches made public today at the navy department. Amundsen, who discovered the south pole, apparently abandoned his attempt to reach the north pole.

The expedition left Dixon island in the White sea early in September, 1918, and had not since been heard from until the navy radio station at Cordova, Alaska, established communication with the party recently.

A dispatch received today in answer to a message to the Cordova station asking for all available information regarding the polar party said that a messenger had started south and that Amundsen intended to take the steamer Victoria at Nome, Alaska, for Seattle but that the time would depend on when the expedition could get clear of the ice.

## SWINDLE ALLEGED TO BE WIDESPREAD

North Carolina Indictments To Be Followed By Others In Other Parts Of Country

New York, April 27.—Federal indictments similar to those which have been returned in Washington, N. C., charging 28 Syrian merchants with conspiracy to defraud, soon will be sought in many other parts of the country, it was announced here today by the National Association of Credit Men which has been co-operating with federal agents in an eight months' investigation said to involve the loss of millions of dollars.

Charles D. West, manager of the association's investigation and prosecution department, declared that a loss of more than a million dollars to wholesalers in northern markets probably was involved in the North Carolina indictments. These indictments returned in sixteen separate cases, named Syrian merchants in Raleigh, Goldsboro, Greenville, Kenley, Wake Forest, Benson, Princeton, Smithfield and LaGrange.

West declared that the association discovered traces of a nation-wide plan, engineered by educated Syrians, to defraud clothing and textile jobbers and wholesalers. He declared that the south and northwest had suffered the most heavily, but that New York and every big jobbing and wholesale center in the country also had lost.

He said that the general scheme was to set up certain Syrian merchants in business, show them how to operate small stores, and to build up credit. When this was done, according to West, the "high-ups" instructed the small merchants to buy on credit large amounts of fine silks, laces and other textiles which can be handled easily by traveling peddlers. West alleged that after the goods were received many of these small merchants disappeared and the "high-ups" obtained the merchandise and disposed of it.

He declared that the "higher-ups" were very brazen, shrewd, young and highly educated, some of them in English and French universities. He declared that a number of them were worth \$250,000 each.

According to West, New York merchants lost \$250,000 alone in the last six months, while other centers affected were St. Louis, Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit, Cleveland, St. Paul, Milwaukee, Boston, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Rochester, Seattle, Portland, Ore., San Francisco, Los Angeles, New Orleans and Atlanta.

## Syrian Merchants Are Named In Indictment

Raleigh, April 26.—Investigations which have been conducted by post-office inspectors since November, 1918, have culminated in a blanket indictment being returned by the federal grand jury at Washington, N. C., against 28 Syrian merchants who have been operating stores in Raleigh, Goldsboro and other cities and towns in eastern North Carolina, charging them with conspiracy to defraud and obtain goods and money under false pretenses, with an alleged probable loss of upwards of a million dollars by wholesalers of northern markets.

The indictments against the Syrians were based on evidence secured by Postoffice Inspectors L. T. Yarborough, of Rocky Mount, who has been in active charge of the investigation since it was started nearly three years ago; C. H. Keeler and C. D. West, of the prosecution department of the National Association of Credit Men, and Frederick R. A. Steffel, manager of the prosecution bureau of New York Credit Men's association.

## Many Forest Fires in Western North Carolina

Asheville, April 26.—Reports of forest fires in many sections of western North Carolina, especially in the famous Pink Beds of the Pisgah National forest, have been received in the city.

The national forest fires, followed the destructive fires of last week on Little Busbee, near Skyland, when about 150 acres of land was burned over, destroying much valuable timber.

In the Pink Beds the fires are said to have been started from sparks from the engines of trains on the Carr Lumber company's railway and on Friday and Saturday swept over about 250 acres of land, although no reports were received Sunday as to the spread of the fire. It is believed here, however, that the residents of that section have been able to get the fire under control.

## CASWELL SCHOOL BOY HAS RIDE ON HANDCAR

Tom Miller Creates Some Excitement at Kinston and Damages a Truck.

Kinston, April 26.—Out to see the world from a handcar, Thomas Miller, a charge of the state at the Caswell training school here, journeyed two miles and a half, drove his "observation car" into a motor truck and finally, after a marathon up Queen street, gave up to a pursuing policeman. Tom watched his chance while track workers repaired the railroad in front of the school. When the time was propitious he boarded the handcar and headed eastward. He disregarded the ordinance requiring the flagging of crossings. His lusty throat was a warning siren. Everybody up and down the track gave him the right of way. When his speeding train arrived opposite the Norfolk Southern freight station at McLewane and Blount streets Tom "blew his whistle" as a signal to the driver of a wholesaler's truck to give him gangway, and to show that he was serious about it opened the throttle a little wider. The truck driver paid no attention. "Let him take the consequences," said Engineer Miller, half aloud. With a horrifying crash, as they say in the stories, the speeding locomotive dashed into the truck, which stood across the track at a fore and aft angle. With a sickening thud the handcar piled into the rear tires of the truck, and the tires promptly "kicked" the handcar 20 or 30 feet. Miller did an involuntary balloon ascension. He landed unhurt, brushed the dust from his clothes, spied a cop and took to his heels. He led in the race for several blocks, but the cop had better wind and overtook him. It was a thrilling half hour, Tom admitted on the way back to the school.

## Suffragists Hope to Land North Carolina

Washington, April 25.—Prediction that the suffrage amendment would be ratified by the North Carolina legislature at its special session in July was made here tonight by the national woman's party after a canvass of the members of the legislature. Thirty-eight of 60 legislators who replied to a questionnaire pledged themselves for ratification, while 11 were definitely opposed, the statement.

North Carolina might not become the 36th state to ratify the statement continued, as the Delaware legislature reconvenes May 5 and the Louisiana legislature will meet in regular session May 10, and action in Connecticut and Vermont also is not an impossibility. The party is continuing its campaign in all these states.

## CONGRESS TO INQUIRE INTO PAPER SHORTAGE

Subcommittee From Senate Will Start Investigation.

Washington, April 26.—Congressional investigation of the print paper shortage will be started next Wednesday by the subcommittee of the senate committee on manufacturers headed by Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri. The committee's plans include inquiry into supplies, distribution and prevailing prices.

Pending congressional action, the assistance of the state department was invoked in connection with efforts to secure removal of restrictions upon export from Canada of raw materials used in paper manufacture. Chairman Porter of the house foreign affairs committee, accompanied by representatives of the paper industry, conferred with Secretary Colby and received assurances that the subject of diplomatic correspondence would be given careful consideration.

Publishers of leading papers will be invited to appear before the investigation committee, Senator Reed said. New York publishers will be heard on Wednesday, and on succeeding days those of Boston, Philadelphia and Providence. Before the committee concludes its investigation it expects to give publishers of all classes of newspapers an opportunity to express their views.

Appointment of a committee to seek removal of Canadian embargoes on pulp wood was urged by Senator Underwood, Democrat, Alabama, before the house foreign affairs committee earlier in the day. Retaliatory legislation should be enacted, he said, if friendly efforts toward this end were unsuccessful.

"Serious injury will be suffered by our newspapers in a few days if there is no legislation," Senator Underwood said.

## THE KAISER IS TOO CLOSE TO HOME

Premier George Points Out Danger To Peace Of Europe With Him In Netherlands

The Hague, April 27.—Responsibility for the continued residence in Holland of former Emperor William of Germany was placed squarely and exclusively upon the Netherlands government in a note sent by Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain on March 28 and published today for the first time in the Orange Book containing documents relating to the demanded extradition of Count Hohenzollern.

Mr. Lloyd George's note says: "The allied governments have learned of the royal decree assigning the former emperor a definite place of interment in Eutacht, this decree being accomplished by an undertaking by the Netherlands government to assume complete responsibility for the custody of the former emperor and control of his correspondence and relations with the outside world." The note pointed out that "William also would remain a serious danger while within 40 kilometers of the German frontier and is a potential center of reactionary propaganda and a constant menace to the peace of Europe."

## Morrison Makes Attack On Both Page And Gardner

Sanford, April 24.—Cameron Morrison addressed an audience here tonight that filled to capacity the Lee county courthouse. He made an attack on the candidacy of Page and Gardner, who he declared have been posing as business men while charging him with being a machine politician. "If there's a Gardner or a Page on earth who's not a politician she's a lady," he declared.

## Sugar Takes Another Jump; Going Higher

New York, April 26.—The American Sugar Refining Company announced today it had advanced the price for bulk granulated sugar from 17 1/2 cents per pound to 18 cents wholesale. Prices for sugar now vary from 17 1/2 to 23 1/2 cents a pound among the leading refiners, based on various quotations for raw sugar and inability to get sizable amounts in any quarter.

Since last December the price of Cuban raw sugar has advanced from 10 cents cost and freight, to 18 1/2 cents, also the rise has been checked from time to time only by the forecasts of the arrival of some 200,000 tons of sugar from the Far East, attracted to this market by the high quotations here. This importation has not reached here.

## THE LYCEUM SINGERS.

Everybody likes to hear a good male quartette. There is a fascination about their singing that is found in no other organization. We don't know what "something" is, but we must all admit that it does exist.

In planning the organization of the Lyceum Singers two things were kept in mind. First, to secure four fine vocalists, artists of experience who could



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sing together, making their ensemble numbers a real feature. Second, to build a program that would be essentially of a Lyceum character. That is, it must have quality, and a good measure of variety, so as to make it appeal to all classes that make up the average Lyceum audience.

The vocal part of the program is emphasized, with the instrumental features in second place, and used to give variety and novelty, though the members of the quartette excel in their instrumental work.

There will be lots of action, plenty of fun, and enough variety to suit the taste of the musically educated and the casual concert goer.

Hear them at the High school building Friday Night, April 30th, at 8:15.

## CHAMP CLARK WOULD ACCEPT NOMINATION

Follows Announcement By New York Woman That He Had Decided To Run.

New York, April 26.—Champ Clark, former speaker of the house of representatives, has decided to become a candidate for Democratic Presidential nomination, it was declared here today by Mrs. Julia Sanders, an officer of the Swastika club, a woman's political organization.

Mrs. Sanders said Mr. Clark had made known his decision to her over the telephone from Washington, explaining he desired to make the announcement through a woman's organization "in appreciation of the charming compliment the women voters of the country have paid him" by supporting him during his public career.

"I would be glad to serve the people as I have served them for 23 years," said Mr. Clark. "I am not going into any state to wage a fight for delegates to the Democratic national convention. As a poor man I cannot buy political patronage."

## White Barbers at Durham Have Gone Out on Strike

Durham, April 26.—A white barbers' strike is on in Durham, effective Saturday night, which embraced 22 white barbers, who left their chairs, and include five shops. The contention, and cause of this walkout, seems to be, from the proprietor's viewpoint is that the barbers wanted them to raise all work a nickel on the present prices, and give them the benefit of a raise of two and a half per cent. The present prices prevailing are 20 cents for shave and 45 cents for hair cut.

## Peach Trees Killed

Atlanta, April 16.—Thousands of peach trees in Georgia, especially the young ones, were killed outright by the cold wave of March that followed a warm wet weather. W. V. Reed, assistant state entomologist, said here today on returning from a trip through Talbot and Upson counties. In orchards near Woodlawn and Thomson, he said, fully 30,000 out of the 40,000 trees were killed.

## New York Assembly Acts Favorably On Beer Bill

Albany, N. Y., April 24.—The New York legislature today acted favorably on a 2.75 per cent. beer bill, passed in the senate early this morning at the close of an all-night session. The bill was acted favorably upon in the assembly this afternoon. The vote in the lower house was 85 to 57.

The bill is intended to provide that the 2.75 beverage may be sold to be drunk only in restaurants, clubs and hotels in first and second class cities. The bill is drawn so as to prevent the return of the saloon, Senator James J. Walker, its sponsor, said.

## SCIENTISTS EXCHANGE THEORIES ON UNIVERSE

Whether There Is One Great Universe Or Million Small Ones Is Discussed.

Washington, April 26.—Whether there is one great universe, perhaps ten times as large as commonly believed, or a million "islands" universes similar to that of which the earth is a part, was discussed at tonight's session of the annual meeting of the National Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Heber D. Curtis, of Lick observatory, California, defended the old idea that the Milky Way contained practically all the stars, the planetary and diffused nebulae and the star clusters. Dr. Curtis said such a universe was "relatively small," being less than 30,000 light years in diameter and not more than 3,000 light years in thickness. He reminded his hearers, however, that light travels 186,000 miles a second.

Dr. Harlow Shapley, of the Mount Wilson solar observatory, advanced the theory of a galaxy of stars ten or more times larger than the Milky Way. Beyond this galaxy, he declared, there undoubtedly are innumerable other universes, the only traces of which appear as dim star clusters through the telescope.

Another discussion concerned twins in the human family. Dr. Charles B. Davenport of the Carnegie institution, presented a study showing that about 1.1 per cent of human births were plural and that twins were especially apt to occur in families of which the mother or father, or both, have close blood relatives who were twins.

## INTERESTING WORK AMONG BEES

Biggest Transfer Of Bees From Gum To Standard Hives Finished

Greenville, S. C., Wilmington, April 24.—The biggest undertaking in the way of the transfer of honeybees from old gum hives to the new standard hives with Langstroth frames ever attempted in this state has just been successfully accomplished in the Caintuck section of the Lower Cape Fear region, it being the noted D. G. Kelly beeyard near Caintuck Landing, 31 miles above Wilmington, an apillary purchased last fall from Mr. Kelly by W. J. Martin, who is establishing a chain of apiaries in the Lower Cape Fear region.

This Kelly beeyard is about the largest and most picturesque of old gum-hive variety to be found in the state and a picture of it has for several years been a special feature in a group of pictures exhibited in the agricultural division of the United States department of agriculture at Washington.

The transfer of these bees from the gum hives, about 150 of them, into the improved hives was accomplished the past week under the special direction of C. L. Sams, the government bee specialist, operating under the cooperative extension service of the state and federal departments of agriculture, and attracted much attention and great interest on the part of beekeepers of this Caintuck section where gum hives all these years have been used almost exclusively and greatly handicapped the development of beekeeping and the conservation of the honey producing resources of the section, almost without an equal in the state if improved methods are applied. It is believed that the transformation of this noted old beeyard into a right-up-to-date apiary will so quicken the interest of the old gum-hive beekeepers in "this neck of the woods" that the curse of the gum hive will be rapidly eliminated and the introduction of the more approved methods will greatly multiply the production of choice honey.

## Camp in Bee Yard

Mr. and Mrs. Sams, F. R. Jordan, well known bee-keeper of this county, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Martin camped for several days at the bee yard, where, with the assistance of a number of the beekeepers of the locality the work of transferring the bees was pushed along quite successfully. The old gum hives were turned upside down and the bees "drummed" out into the empty sections of gum of the same size. The new improved hives were placed on the old stand and the driven bees dumped therein. The old gums were taken to a bee-proof tent where honey and brood comb were cut out and frames of brood and honey given to the transferred bees along with enough frames with full comb foundation to fill out the ten-frame hives. Other choice honey was packed in containers for home use, that in old dark combs barreled for later feeding back to the bees as occasion may require and the leavings of brood comb scraps and infilled honeycombs went into a huge pile to be later rendered into beeswax. The old gums many of them over two feet in diameter, were piled out to one side and furnished a picturesque feature for the transformed apiary with its long lines of improved hives, each painted white, numbered and finished in thorough manner.

Mr. Sams has been engaged in this bee culture extension service in this state for several years now and is well pleased with the improvement in methods of beekeeping that he finds in nearly every part of the state. Of course there are many beekeepers and whole neighborhoods still "wedded" to the old gum and box hives along with many others who hesitate at the expense of putting their bees in Standard hives, but the realization of the great advantages and greater profits assured by the modern methods in spreading and there is steady improvement says Mr. Sams, who has gone this week into the northeastern section of the state to make demonstrations in this same work of transferring bees in co-operation with a number of county agents.

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