

### FIND DEAD BODIES OF TWO WOMEN ON STATEN ISLAND ROAD

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### MILKMAN FOUND THE TWO BODIES

Police Believe the Women Were Murdered and Their Bodies Thrown From the Motor Car.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, April 6.—Miss Bessie McMahon, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Miss Irene Blanding, of Jersey City, N. J., were found murdered with their throats cut along an isolated roadside at Douglass Hills, Staten Island, early today. The police believe they were murdered elsewhere and their bodies thrown from an automobile. Thirty feet from the roadside the police discovered in a clump of bushes a large blood stained butcher knife. In addition to their throats being cut, a stab wound was found in the back of each girl.

### CHATMAN IS ALMOST CAUGHT IN HOSPITAL

Was Found in Boiler Room of Hospital From Which He Escaped, But Got Away Again.

Athens, Ga., April 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—With his feet propped against a brass rail beside the boiler in the basement of the hospital from which he was thought to have escaped Thursday night, Gerald Chapman, leader in the million dollar mail robbery in New York 31 months ago, was nearly captured today by Harry Bishop, a guard from the Atlanta penitentiary.

### THE COTTON MARKET

Yesterday's Big Advance Followed by Reactions During Early Trading. New York, April 6.—Yesterday's big advances were followed by reactions in the cotton market during the day's trading. The Liverpool cables were relatively easy while the early weather report made more favorable showing. The opening here was fairly steady at a decline of 15 to 20 points. May sold off to 29.50 and October to 25.50 during the first few minutes, but about 24 points net lower, under realization and scattered Southern selling.

### FRANCE NOW READY TO SUPPRESS ALL HER NAVAL FORCES

Will Take Such Action if Other Countries of the World Will Join Her in An Agreement.

### FRANCE ANXIOUS FOR WORLD PEACE

And President of the French Naval Committee of Senate Says France is Ready to Take Any Peace Steps.

(By the Associated Press.)

Paris, April 6.—A guarantee "in the name of the French parliament that France will suppress her entire fleet if the other powers will do likewise" is contained in a statement given to the Associated Press by Gustavo de Kerguelon, president of the naval committee of the Senate. Asserting that the world is coming to "another Washington treaty will make an honest revision of naval armaments," Senator de Kerguelon offers a proposal for a "new conference for scrapping the big navies."

### REV. JOHN A. SMITH DIED AT STATESVILLE

Funeral of Well Known Preacher Will Be Held in That City Tomorrow Afternoon.

Statesville, April 6.—Funeral services for Rev. John Andrew Smith, who died at a local hospital yesterday morning following an operation for appendicitis, will be held from the First Presbyterian Church here at 4 p. m. tomorrow. Interment will take place in Oakwood cemetery.

Rev. Mr. Smith was born in Alexander county on June 23, 1865. He was educated in Erskine College, Due West, S. C., and in 1893 entered the ministry of Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church. He held pastorates in South Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas and Ohio. He came to Statesville in 1912, having entered the evangelistic work of the Presbyterian Church.

### What Is the Cabarrus County Building and Loan Association?

This Homestead or Building and Loan Association was organized for two purposes: To encourage savings and to encourage home owning. The Stockholders are divided into two groups: Savers and Borrowers, for whose mutual profit this association is conducted. Those who have with this association receive the highest return on their savings consistent with safety. All funds are loaned on first mortgages in Cabarrus county, to members desiring to own their homes. The loans are repayable in small weekly or monthly installments, making it easy for people of modest means to build or buy a home.

### ALDERMAN IN LONG MEET TAKE ACTION ON MANY SUBJECTS

Board Was in Session Until 11:30 and About Forty Matters Were Presented to Them For Action.

### SPECIAL TAXES MADE FOR YEAR

Board to Widen Part of South Church Street.—Judges and Registrars for Election Are Chosen.

(By the Associated Press.)

The April meeting of the board of aldermen, held in the city hall Thursday night, proved to be one of the most important and one of the longest held within the last eight years. The board was in session until 11:30, and about forty matters, all of them more or less important, were presented for consideration. The board took definite action on a number of matters presented to them and the others were continued until next Thursday night, when a final meeting will be held.

### DYED EASTER EGGS FATAL FOR ONE CHILD IN FAMILY

Brothers and Sisters Who Also Eat Them Escape Deadly Effects.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 5.—Poisoned by Easter egg coloring which he ate on Sunday, David, the three-year-old son of James McHugh, of Pittston, died at the City Hospital here late last night.

### DEATH OF COL. W. F. BEASLEY

Was Said to Have Been the Youngest Colonel in the Confederate Army.

Baltimore, April 6.—Col. William F. Beasley, reputed to have been the youngest Colonel in the Confederate Army, died at a hospital here today from heart trouble aggravated by the infirmities of age. He was 73 years old.

### DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

Dozens of Homes Damaged and Several People Hurt.

Nashville, Tenn., April 6.—A 31 lb. of dynamite for sewer excavation work in West Nashville, variously estimated at from 100 to 300 sticks, from some unknown cause exploded this morning at the corner of Alabama and 4th avenues, badly damaging dozens of homes and injuring several people.

### SUPREME COURT DECISION REVERSED

State Tax Exemption Building Law Is Constitutional.

New York, April 6.—The appellate division of the Supreme Court today unanimously reversed the decision of Justice Tierney, who declared the state tax exemption building law unconstitutional.

### Winston Will Entertain the Women's Clubs in May

Winston-Salem, April 6.—Among the features of the annual meeting of the State Federation of Women's Clubs here May 2, 3 and 4 will be addresses by Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, of Milledgeville, Minn., president of the general federation; Miss Rosa V. S. Berry, of Berkeley, Calif., and Mrs. Mary Oberdorfer, of Chicago. Elaborate plans are being made for the federation, the sessions of which will include addresses and reports on literary, civic and music interests.

### Charged With Plotting Against Government

Mexico City, April 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—More than thirty persons were arrested last night at Santa Julia, a suburb of Mexico City, while engaged in a meeting which the authorities charge was held for the purpose of plotting against the government.

### Imports in January Show Increase

Washington, April 6.—Preliminary estimates of the commerce department today valued imports of the United States during January at \$319,000,000, or \$162,000,000 more than the imports in January, 1922, and \$25,000,000 in excess of imports during December.

### AN URGENT APPEAL

No settlement in the county and but few in the State have developed more rapidly, built better homes, schools and churches than the Winseoff settlement. It was largely through their efforts, energy and influence a crooked hole of a road was changed 15 years ago to the present splendid highway, and paid for by Cabarrus County citizens.

For this highway the community was taxed year after year, its assessments being double and triple that of any other part of the county. The present road was located unilaterally to all people and the county commissioners. It has a splendid grade and permanent roadbed.

In the present rebuilding of the road satisfactory strides were made to eliminate black crossings, by building an underpass under the railroad in the cut south of the present crossing. The contract was let, the road is almost completed for one mile, the contractor has shipped in and stored his material at Cook's crossing for the above survey and according to his contract which he entered nearly one year ago.

In spite of all this orders have come to reverse action, change plans and without considering the inconveniences, losses and ruin to the community, county officials or any Cabarrus citizen. Orders are to cross overhead.

### EJECTS BARE-NEED GIRLS, GREENSBORO HOLDING DOKIE CEREMONIAL

Ceremonial is First of Year Under Direction of Bagdad Temple of Asheville. Greensboro, April 6.—North Carolina members of the Dramatic Order of Knights of Khorrassan were here today for the first Dokie ceremonial of the year under the direction of Bagdad Temple, of Asheville. More than 300 visitors are here for the ceremonial which starts with a street parade at 2:30 this afternoon. The ceremonial proper will be held immediately following the parade, followed by a banquet, torch light parade, and the night work to-night. Dokie officials predict that 100 candidates will be initiated.

### OFFICE OF KLAN PAPER IN CHICAGO IS BOMBED

Office of Man Who Advertised in the Paper is Also Damaged by Bomb.

Chicago, April 6.—The explosion of a bomb wrecked the publication office of a Klan paper in Chicago last night. Twenty minutes later another bomb partly damaged the office of F. W. Gilliland, a roofer, who said he had advertised in the Klan publication.

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### Knucklers Force Woman to Look on as They Beat Maca.

Macon, Ga., April 4.—A band of eight unmasked men, believed by police to be members of the Ku Klux Klan, kidnaped Mrs. Frederick Klux of New York, and Lynwood L. Brigat from the former's automobile at Second and Arch streets at 10 o'clock to-night, carried them to a lonely spot beyond Oomaige Park, a negro section four miles from the city, and there beat Brigat almost into insensibility. Mrs. Klux was not horseshipped as at first reported, but was forced to look on.

### Textile Workers Agree to Accept Wage Increase.

Fall River, Mass., April 5.—The six unions affiliated with the textile council voted tonight to accept the wage increase of 12 1-2 per cent, effective April 30, offered Monday by the Fall River Cotton Manufacturers Association. The council had demanded an increase of 15 per cent.

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### Call for Bank Statements.

Washington, April 6.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business Tuesday, April 3rd.

### Statistics show that if a man suit a woman are riding together in a train which meets with disaster the women have more chances of escaping death than the man.

A plant has begun operations at Leesburg, Fla., for the manufacture of paper from the giant sawgrass of the Florida marshes. Cotton on the local market today is quoted at 29 cents per pound; cotton seed at 65 cents per bushel. Born, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Kearns, April 6, 1923.

### MANY BUILDINGS IN SYLVA ARE BURNED

Commercial Hotel and Three Other Buildings Burned in Blaze Which Threatened Entire Block.

### REPORT ON SUGAR PRICES WILL BE MADE SOON

Tariff Commission Now Preparing a Report Covering Its Recent Investigation.

(By the Associated Press.)

Sylva, N. C., April 6.—Fire which threatened to wipe out the entire business section of Sylva early this morning destroyed the Commercial Hotel and three other buildings before it was brought under control. The damage was estimated at \$50,000, partially covered by insurance.

### Washington, April 6.—The tariff commission today began the drafting of a preliminary statement covering the sugar price situation in reply to the President's request for information on that subject.

Members of the commission said, however, that the statement on which they are working would cover in the main patent facts taken from market records and other easily accessible sources. It is not intended to take the place of the more comprehensive report on which field investigators are engaged, and which will include statistics of production costs and other items entering into the general price situation. This report probably will not be ready for several months.

### GOV. MORRISON SIGNS STATE HIGHWAY BONDS

In New York the Governor and Mr. Lacey Put the Final Touches to \$5,000,000.

New York, April 5.—Governor Cameron Morrison and State Treasurer Benjamin R. Lacey, of North Carolina, today began signing an issue of \$5,000,000 North Carolina highway bonds sold some month ago to a syndicate of bankers headed by the National City company.

### Harrison A-sails Smoot's Statement.

Washington, April 6.—Assailing contentions of acting Chairman Smoot of the Senate Finance Committee that resulting interests were responsible for present sugar prices, Senator Harrison, democrat, of Mississippi, declared in a statement today that rates in the Fordney-McCumber tariff act were intended to increase protection to beet and cane sugar interests by increasing the price to the consumer.

### Man Dies on Eve of His 112th Birthday.

Ville Platte, La., April 4.—August Jeansonne, who would have been 112 years old tomorrow, died here today as a result of complications following an attack of influenza. He was married three times and was the father of twenty-three children, of whom seventeen are living, the eldest being 93 years old. He left survived by 137 grand-children, one of whom is 76 years old, while there are many great-grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

### Palmer is Exonerated of Manslaughter Charge.

Albany, April 5.—The grand jury in Superior Court has returned no bill for manslaughter in connection with the automobile accident on the Raleigh-Albany-Charlotte highway last November, when three men lost their lives. This is the end of a case which has created considerable interest throughout the state.

### The Iredeed Board is Against Revaluation.

Statesville, April 5.—There will be no revaluation of property in Iredeed county this year, according to resolutions passed by the board of commissioners at their meeting yesterday. The board finds that real estate in Iredeed is a new stand upon the tax book is a "true and accurate account" of said real estate, and that said value represents the present value of said property, and orders that the same be adopted as the true value of all real estate in the county for the next quadrennial period.

### Democratic Primary For This City Will Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon

The Democratic primary, to determine who will be the standard-bearer of this party in the municipal election to be held here on May 8th, will be held tomorrow. Voting will begin at 2 o'clock and continue until 6 o'clock, voting to take place at the regular voting places in the city. The voters will choose the following candidates at the primary: Mayor, alderman at large, school commissioner at large, a school commissioner from Wards one and four, and an alderman from each of the five wards.

### COULD NOT DECIDE ABOUT CANDIDACY IN NEXT ELECTION

Vice President Thinks People Will Demand the Renomination and Reelection of President.

### HIS PLANS ARE NOT GIVEN OUT

Made Statement in Regard to the Rumors and Number of Inquiries.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, April 6.—Responding today to inquiries as to his attitude toward 1924, Vice President Coolidge predicted that President Harding's renomination and re-election would be demanded by the people because of the record of his administration.

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The following candidates are in the race: For Mayor, J. B. Wombie and J. O. Moore; for alderman at large, J. T. Sapp; for school commissioner at large, J. L. Hartwell; for school commissioner from Wards one and four, L. T. Hartwell; for school commissioner Ward four, Y. L. Norman and Dr. R. M. King; for alderman Ward one, W. W. Flowe and

Jno. L. Petros; for alderman Ward two, W. A. Wilkinson; for alderman Ward three, C. M. Ivey; for alderman Ward four, R. C. Litterker and J. G. McEachern; for alderman Ward five, R. A. Hullebender.

Dr. R. M. King is the only candidate to enter the race today. He is seeking the nomination of school commissioner from Ward four, and will have V. L. Norman as his opponent in the primary.

The following have been named as judges for the primary, tickets for which are on the press today: Ward one, box one—A. L. Sappenfield; Ward one, box 2—Tom Brinkley; Ward 2—W. A. Foll; Ward 3—Dr. L. A. Bikle; Ward 4—G. T. Crowell; Ward 5—U. Sapp.

Each of These Will Have some one to assist him.