

NORWOOD IS BEING TRIED ON ANOTHER FEDERAL WARRANT

He and J. K. Doughton Being Tried in Greensboro For Violating National Banking Laws.

MILLS COMPANY PAID DOUGHTON?

Charge Made That He Received Pay From Mecklenburg Mills, Inc., While Serving Bank.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 18.—(AP)—Testimony showing that the Mecklenburg Mills Inc., supplemented the salary paid to J. K. Doughton, vice president of the defunct Peoples National Bank of Salisbury, although witnesses stated that Doughton was not officer or director in the mill, was presented this morning in the United States District Court of West Carolina by John C. Lawson, officer in the mills, at the trial here before Judge H. H. Watkins, of South Carolina, who is presiding over the trial of Doughton and J. D. Norwood, former president of the bank, who are on trial for violating the national banking act in connection with the failure of the institution.

U. S. District Attorney F. A. Linney introduced letters at the opening of the day's session, one letter from a New York bonding house criticizing the "unsatisfactory manner" in which the Mecklenburg Mills met its obligations to the bonding trustees, and another letter from Doughton to the bonding company containing the following statement over Doughton's signature:

"I have no connection officially or otherwise with the Mecklenburg Mills, Inc." This letter was dated January 5, 1923, and was addressed to A. F. Barringer, care B. W. Brooks Co., Inc., New York.

Lawson testified concerning a conversation he had with Norwood in regard to the advisability of employing Doughton to operate the mill. He said that it was tentatively agreed that the mills would augment Doughton's salary about \$10,000 per year, and that such an arrangement would result in Norwood's being able to devote all of his time to the mills. Lawson said he could not recall the \$50,000 check given by the mills, which check the government contends was worthless, and he said he could not recall any arrangement having been made with the bank for carrying the check. He said Norwood usually arranged for all negotiations with the mills with the bank, Lawson said he is a first cousin to Norwood, and was reared with him in South Boston.

Charles McCauley, a minor official for the mills, identified certain checks issued by the mills to Doughton, stating that these checks were charged to the salary account. He said that certain acceptances at the bank were not shown on the books of the mills and he said that he refreshed his memory in this respect by looking at the books this morning.

Clyde Hoey, Aubrey Brooks, Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson, Col. Frank P. Hobcock, of the defense counsel, interposed several objections to various parts of the testimony as affecting their respective clients Doughton and Norwood.

Salisbury Concern to Develop Suburb Salisbury, Dec. 17.—Salisbury's newest suburban development gets on the map by the passing of deeds that indicate a cash transaction of more than \$200,000 for 1,300 acres lying just to the west of the city. The property will be developed by the Salisbury Development Company, those interested in the company including H. S. Richardson, capitalist, of Greensboro, president; W. F. Ross, vice-president; K. E. Prickett, of Greensboro, secretary; Ross M. Sigmon, of Salisbury, assistant secretary; W. N. Freyer, treasurer; James F. Hodges, and others. Land-scapers graders are already at work on the property, and contracts have been let for water and sewer systems.

Woods Hutchinson has called the fly "the joy automobile of the germ," for as many as 5,000,000 germs have been found in the body of a single insect.

Chang's Army Victorious. Tientsin, Dec. 18.—(AP)—A telegram from Tchow, Shantung province, received this morning by the American mission, declared that after ten days fighting the anti-Koumin-chuan, the forces under Marshal Chang Tso-Lin the Manchurian dictator, have regained possession, and that there had been considerable looting. The hospitals were overflowing, the telegram said, but the foreign compounds were safe.

Rovans Farmer Drops Dead Salisbury, Dec. 17.—John A. Parks, a farmer, sixty-six years old, dropped dead this afternoon just after eating dinner at his home near the city. His funeral will take place tomorrow at 4 o'clock from Calvary Baptist Church. Two sons and two daughters survive.

They Carry Telegrams for the Capital



Telegraph companies in Washington have found girls make more efficient messengers than boys. Hence these four have been given pretty caps and told to go to it. They are, left to right: The Misses Betty Brown, Ethel Farrell, Grace Stevens and Virginia Voelckner.

MITCHELL VERDICT ECHOED IN HOUSE

As Result of Sentence in Court Martial Change in Law Would Lessen Authority in Such Cases.

Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The first Congressional echo of the court martial conviction of Col. Wm. Mitchell, of the air service, took the form today of a bill of Representative Laguarda, socialist, of New York to greatly curtail the authority of courts martial in pronouncing sentence on those convicted of violation of the 96th article of war.

Under the measure, 30 days suspension from the army would be the maximum penalty for violations of that article, under which Col. Mitchell was convicted. The present statute leaves the punishment to "the discretion of the court." In the case of Col. Mitchell the penalty was five years' suspension.

The 96th article of war is "the general article" which provides for unenumerated offenses against the military service.

Raid Makes Statement. Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Charges that "ordinary" military procedure was not followed in the court martial of Col. Wm. Mitchell, and that the court "was convened in order to get Mitchell, and get him quick," was made today in a statement issued by Representative Frank R. Reid, of Illinois, who was chief defense counsel for the officer during his trial.

"The general staff," Mr. Reid said, "grabbed at the long sought opportunity of prosecuting Mitchell, in terror of the new step which the advancing truth was about to take. This everybody knows. If he was tried it was because they wished it, not because he did anything to the prejudice of good order and military discipline. It is they alone who made the President and the Secretary of War their tools."

SLAYER OF HUSBAND GIVEN HER FREEDOM. Coroner's Jury Holds Mrs. Franklin Killed Made in Self-Defense.

Charlotte, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Eugenia Franklin, 40, confessed slayer of her husband, George Franklin, aged 50, blacksmith and a war veteran today walked from her cell in Mecklenburg jail a free woman. A coroner's jury held that the woman killed in defense of her life. She struck her husband on the head with an axe the night of December 12, in a bloody family brawl at the Franklin home. Franklin's body was sent to Goldsboro, his former home for interment.

Flowers and Nobby Colors Feature Pajamas Revival. Paris, Dec. 18.—Pajamas in the fashionable French haberdasher shops seem to run to hovers and are in extremely noisy colors. After a temporary fall from grace, they are being vividly received and are becoming as popular as ever for bouidoir wear.

Find Dead Body of Wife Slayer. Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 18.—(AP)—S. A. McAdams, Sulphur Springs farmer, who late yesterday an amek, beat his wife to death, fatally wounded J. D. Helton an aged farmer, and slightly wounded three other persons, was found dead today in a clump of woods a short distance from the Helton home.

Says Diehl Story Of Submarine's Sinking Was "Wholly Untrue"

Lieut. Com. Lockwood Says Captain of Vessel City of Rome Was Mistaken in His Testimony.

Another Mitchell supporter in Congress, Representative LaGuardia, of New York, introduced a bill to prohibit courts martial for suspending for more than 30 days those found guilty under the article of war which Colonel Mitchell was held to have violated in publicly attacking government aviation policies. Another proposal which comes before President Coolidge, who must approve or disapprove the findings of the Mitchell court-martial, contemplates reduction of the suspension sentence to two years, to expire at the time Colonel Mitchell become eligible for voluntary retirement from the army.

This feature of the situation, however, is surrounded by many legal technicalities. There is some doubt whether the years an officer is under suspension can be counted in fixing the time for his retirement. It is also discretionary with the President whether an application for voluntary retirement would be granted or refused, and the army's legal authorities are not willing to pass on the legality of an actual resignation from the army during a period of suspension.

PROPNENTS OF WORLD COURT PLAN ARE HEARD. Senator Lenroot Takes up Argument Where It Was Left Off by Senator Swanson.

Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The proponents of the world court continued to hold the stage today in the Senate, Senator Lenroot, republican, of Wisconsin, taking up the argument for American adhesion where it was left off yesterday by Senator Swanson, democrat, of Virginia, in opening the debate.

Asserting that there was much propaganda on both sides of the question, the Wisconsin senator said most of that in opposition "is very misleading and alleged statements of fact are made that have not the slightest justification."

Denying that the court is "a creature of the league" and is owned by it, Senator Lenroot said "The fact is, as every Senator knows, that this court is American in its origin, and substantially in its present form was proposed by American statesmen many years ago," at The Hague.

Church Women Find Rum Bottle in Car. Kinston, Dec. 15.—A report today said a party of prominent church women returning here from Goldsboro brought a bottle of whiskey back with them from the Wayne county town. They traveled in an automobile. Before returning they made purchases in Goldsboro stores. The parcels piled on the back seat were numerous. The women, three in number, sorted out the packages upon arriving here. Two were left that could not be accounted for. One contained the liquor. The party was shocked. Fines were taken to conceal the names to save them embarrassment. Some person at Goldsboro made a mistake in cars, it was concluded, and placed his bundles in the wrong automobile.

The song, "The Sweet Bye and Bye," composed in the lantern light of a country store, brought a royalty of \$50,000, but not until 50 years after its composer, Joseph P. Webster, of Elkhorn, Wisconsin, had written it.

Mrs. Schenk Critically ill. Greensboro, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Sallie W. Schenk, widow of the late Judge David Schenk is critically ill at her home here. She is the mother of Judge Michael Schenk, of Hendersonville.

Lake Erie, the shallowest of the great lakes, has an average of 204 feet.

Colonel Mitchell Is Found Guilty; Is Given Five Year Suspension

Washington, Dec. 17.—A verdict of guilty on all specifications and the general charge coupled with a sentence of suspension for five years from "rank, command and duty" in the army, was found tonight against Colonel William Mitchell by the court-martial which has been conducting his trial for insubordination since October 28.

The "military record of the accused during the world war" probably saved him from a more severe sentence. That was indicated by the court when it announced that the finding "is thus lenient."

Major General Robert L. Howe, president of the court, and the nine other members closed the court at 3:40 o'clock this afternoon for findings. At precisely 6:34, or two hours and 54 minutes later, the sentence and verdict was announced in these words:

"The court upon secret written ballots, two-thirds of the members present at the time the vote was taken concurring in each finding of guilt, finds the accused guilty of all specifications and the charge, upon secret written ballots.

"The court sentences the accused to be suspended from rank, command and duty, with forfeiture of pay and allowance for five years.

"The court is thus lenient because of the military record of the accused during the world war, two-thirds of the members who were present at the time the vote was taken concurring."

Colonel Mitchell, standing at the decision was announced with Mrs. Mitchell at his side, smiled.

Adjournment of the trial automatically transferred the Mitchell case from the old brick building near the capitol to the war department. There it will be forwarded by the adjutant general of the army to the board of review in the judge advocate's to be checked for inaccuracies. Later, the board will pass it on to Secretary, who, in turn, will submit the voluminous trial records to President Coolidge for final review and approval.

Meanwhile, Colonel Mitchell remains in the status of an officer under technical arrest since the court's verdict can only be made effective by President Coolidge's indorsement. In view of this situation and the flat refusal of the accused to comment publicly concerning his future plans until after the President has taken final action, there was some belief on the part of the colonel's closest friends that he would quietly await the outcome, and if that failed to relieve him from the five year suspension, he might offer the President his resignation from the army.

Prinze Plans Soon to Move to Marlborough House. London, Dec. 18.—The news that the Prince of Wales is likely to take up his residence at Marlborough House, when in London, has been received with genuine satisfaction by the press and public. At the same time the announcement is taken as an intimation that the heir to the throne is about to settle down to the performance of those many social and state duties which fall to him as the King's eldest son, duties which for nearly ten years have been deferred, first by the participation of his Royal Highness in the war and since then by his extensive travels abroad.

Whether there exists any connection between the contemplated change of residence and the matrimonial intentions of the Prince is also a matter of lively speculation. In any event, Marlborough House is regarded as a far more desirable town residence for the Prince than the "White" House, St. James' Palace, where he has made his home for several years during his brief stays in London.

Moreover, Marlborough House will ever be associated in the minds of Londoners with the Prince of Wales. For nearly forty years it was the London residence of the late King Edward VII, when he bore the title of Prince of Wales, and it is said that his accession to the throne necessitated his removal to Buckingham Palace. After his death Queen Alexandra returned to Marlborough House and to the familiar surroundings and fond memories of many happy years.

Marlborough House was built by Sarah, the first and greatest Duchess of Marlborough, on the gardens of an old priory. A stipulation in the original lease was to the effect that the friary gardens should not be built over. For this reason the garden's although in London's very heart, remain to this day spacious and productive. Sarah of Marlborough was remembered bitterly with her architects when the mansion was about to be built, and it is said that this singular woman completed the plans herself and personally directed their carrying out. At any rate, Marlborough House is one of the most admirably constructed houses in London.

The Marlboroughs dwelt in Marlborough House from the days of the great Duchess down to the first decade of the nineteenth century, when the successive heavy losses of the then Duke and of his son, Lord Blandford, caused the family to part with it, in order that Housheim might be saved. Royalty at once leased the King George had intended it as a house for Prince Leopold, husband of the ill-fated daughter of George IV, residence for his daughter, Princess Charlotte, but the princess, who died in childbirth, at Claremont the same year, never lived in it. Her widower, Prince Leopold, made it his residence for several years, until he became King of the Belgians.

In 1831 the Queen Dowager Adelaide lived there. Some thirty years later Queen Victoria assigned it to the newly married Prince and Princess of Wales (later King Edward and Queen Alexandra) as their popular town establishment, and such it remained for nearly forty years. On this occasion the structure was much enlarged, many portions of it entirely rebuilt, and its interior renovated to meet modern requirements. Since then it has been regarded as the most comfortable of all the royal residences in London.

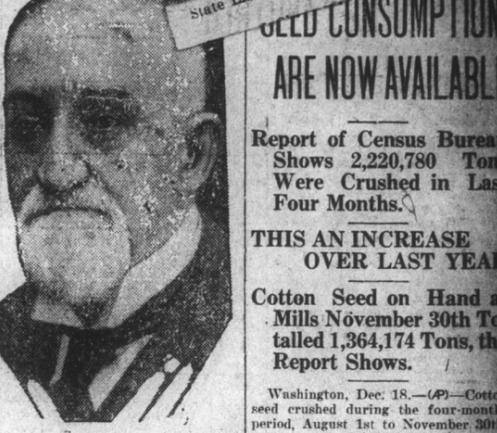
It has been said that Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, after her marriage to the present Duke of Marlborough, from whom she has since been divorced, conceived the ambition of winning back Marlborough House from royal control, and placing it once more in the hands of the Marlboroughs. Nothing, however, came of the project.

Nominated Ambassador to Spain. Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Ogden H. Hammond, of New Jersey, was nominated today to be ambassador to Spain.

Report of Census Bureau Shows 2,220,780 Tons Were Crushed in Last Four Months. THIS AN INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR. Cotton Seed on Hand at Mills November 30th Totalled 1,364,174 Tons, the Report Shows.

Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Cotton seed crushed during the four-month period, August 1st to November 30th, amounted to 2,220,780 tons, compared with 1,843,820 tons for the same period a year ago, the census bureau today announced. Cotton seed on hand at mills November 30th totalled 1,364,174 tons, compared with 1,190,920 tons a year ago.

For 65 Years FIGURES ON COTTON OLD CONSUMPTION ARE NOW AVAILABLE



Rev. J. B. Briney, who occupies a pulpit in a Disciples of Christ Church at Kansas City, Mo., has spent 65 years in the ministry. Beginning his career in 1859, he has served in Kentucky, Tennessee, Washington, Illinois and Missouri.

OPERATORS DO NOT WANT PINCHOT AID. Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The only practical effect of Governor Pinchot's course in offering his proposal to end the anthracite suspension and in making coal one of the subjects for consideration by the extra session of the legislature "is to prolong the strike, increase the public inconvenience, add to the distress suffered by the mine workers, and to the losses of the industry and the whole anthracite region," said a statement issued today by William W. Inglis, of the operators.

With Our Admirations. Bed spreads and bath mats at Roby's. Perfume—the perfect gift. Gibson Drug Store has the kind the ladies use. Get a bowl and two gold fish with every tube of tooth paste at the Pearl Drug Store.

Good things to eat for Christmas at Cline & Moore. Read the new ad. "Merry Christmas!" Say it with footware. See the new ad of the Markson Shoe Store.

Miss Irene Rich, a Warner Bros. movie star, will appear in person at the New Concord Theatre tomorrow, (Saturday) at 2 p. m. She will be glad to meet all her friends and admirers in the lobby there.

Read the "Merry Christmas" poetry in the ad. of C. H. Barrier & Co. today. It's good. Put a pair of bed room slippers on every tree. See the new ad of Ivey's.

Christmas at the Charles Store. The Charles Store is not only the Gift Store but the Store of Christmas Service. The store is literally filled with gifts suitable for every one in the family. The prices range from 5 cents to \$2.98, nothing higher. You will find here books, toys, lingerie, jewelry, lamps, silver and hundreds of other Christmas things. See big ad. in this paper.

High School Star Becomes Benedict. Gastonia, Dec. 18.—Carroll Shelton, star halfback on Pat Crawford's championship Gastonia eleven, and Miss Alberta Rankin, prominent Gastonia school girl, were married Wednesday, it was announced today. Both were in the tenth grade and popular students. Shelton has dropped out of school and is now connected with a drug store here.

Appropriation Bill Reported to House. Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The first big appropriation bill of the year, that for the Treasury and Post Office departments, was reported to the House today, calling for increased expenditures of \$103,962,000 over the total allowed these establishments in last year's allotments.

Every minute fire destroys more than one thousand dollars worth of property in the United States.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS! Fair tonight and Saturday, slowly rising temperature Saturday. Mod. easterly shifting winds.

More Shopping Days. 5 MORE SHOPPING DAYS.

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