

NORWOOD ON STAND IN GREENSBORO TO CHALLENGE CHARGE

That Part of the Case Against J. K. Doughton Is Completed in Greensboro Court.

PROMINENT MEN ARE ON STAND

Frank Page, R. A. Doughton and R. G. Vaughan All Testified for the Defense's Character.

Greensboro, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Witnesses are testifying in behalf of J. K. Doughton, former president of the defunct Peoples National Bank of Salisbury, who is jointly being tried in United States court here with J. D. Norwood, former chairman of the bank's directorate, including Frank Page, chairman of the North Carolina highway commission; R. A. Doughton, commissioner of revenue for North Carolina; R. G. Vaughan, of Greensboro, president of the American Exchange National Bank.

Colonel Frank R. Hobgood, of defense counsel, announced at 10 o'clock this morning that he was resting the case for Mr. Doughton with exception of introduction of character witnesses, but Aubrey L. Brooks, counsel for Mr. Norwood, later stated Mr. Norwood would take the stand in his own behalf.

Commissioner Page testified he had known Doughton for about ten years, that Doughton's character is good, and that he (Doughton) is now general manager of the Title Insurance Company in which Mr. Page is interested. Mr. Vaughan said Mr. Doughton's character is good, and that he had known him for fifteen years.

Doughton Freed by Judge. Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 19.—(AP)—"There is not evidence sufficient for conviction, therefore I shall direct a verdict of not guilty as to J. K. Doughton," former president of the defunct Peoples National Bank of Salisbury, co-defendant with J. D. Norwood, former chairman of the bank's directorate, declared Judge H. H. Watkins, of South Carolina, after a prayer for a not guilty verdict made by Col. Frank R. Hobgood, of defense counsel, and the opposition of Thos. K. Harkins, Assistant U. S. District Attorney.

DOUGHTON CALM ON THE STAND IN OWN BEHALF. Former President of People's Bank Stand Up Well Under Examination.

Greensboro, Dec. 18.—The government completed presentation of its direct evidence today in western North Carolina federal district court here against J. K. Doughton and J. D. Norwood, charged with violations of the National banking laws. Attorneys for Doughton immediately placed him on the stand and for two hours and three fourths he related circumstances connected with his employment by the People's National Bank of Salisbury, as president in September, 1921, and for the period from then until the bank closed on June 8, 1923.

District Attorney Frank A. Linn completed cross-examination of Mr. Doughton and the defense will place other testimony before the court Saturday, Norwood possibly to go on the stand.

The former president of the bank stood the examination of attorneys well. He was calm, unharmed, answering readily. His attorneys held him on the stand a little over two hours, and the District Attorney quizzed him a little over half an hour.

Decision Soon in Nickle Plate Case. Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—A decision by the Interstate Commerce Commission in the Nickle Plate merger case before the end of January was forecast today by Chairman McChord after a conference with President Coolidge.

A charter has been issued by the Secretary of State of North Carolina to the Cabarrus Lumber & Supply Co., Kannapolis, with authorized capital stock of \$100,000 and \$150,000 subscribed by Lucy A. Brown and J. R. Brown, both of Kannapolis and Guy M. Beaver, of Concord.

MORE SHOPPING DAYS ANYTHING ELSE, GIRL? BEFORE CHRISTMAS

He's Lost



Dr. William McGovern of London is being sought in northern Peru by a searching party that fears he has not so long ago to explore South America and has not been heard from since Oct. 31.

NEW DRY ORDER HAS BEEN ISSUED

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Use of whiskey, brandy, rum or gin after next February 1st in the manufacture of medical preparations or flavoring extracts and syrups was forbidden today by treasury order. Alcohol and wines can be used instead for the purposes named.

SEEKING TO CONTROL PRICE OF GASOLINE

Attorney General of Mississippi Wants Gas Sold at 16 Cents Per Gallon. Jackson, Miss., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Filling stations of Standard Oil Co., of Kentucky and the Texas Company were closed today in Mississippi pending a hearing on an injunction obtained by Attorney General Knox yesterday to require them to sell gasoline at 16 cents a gallon including the state tax of 3 cents.

STORM WARNING

Small Craft Warned Against High Winds Along Carolina Coast. Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Weather Bureau today issued the following storm warning: "Advisory 10 A. M. Northeast Storm Warning ordered Jacksonville, Fla., to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. A disturbance centered south of Pensacola will move rapidly northeastward with increasing intensity. It will cause increasing northeast and east winds probably reaching gale force this afternoon or tonight. Small craft warnings displayed on Florida coast except in Jacksonville section."

With Our Advertisers

Scarfs, Collars, Jabots and Flowers at Robinson's. Read the ad. today for prices of these lovely gifts.

Electric motive equipment sold by W. J. Hethcox has the makers' guarantee back of it. Read ad. today.

Services at the First Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. See the ad. elsewhere.

Read the new ad. of Hoover's today. A splendid place to select a gift for "him."

A Christmas gift for your boy or girl for one dollar deposited in the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. may some day be worth hundreds. See new ad.

The Concord Plumbing Co. wishes all patrons and friends a Merry Christmas in an attractive ad. today.

Let the Cabarrus Cash Grocery Co. supply your needs for oranges, candies, nuts and raisins.

Practical, popular priced gifts for everyone at the Parks-Belk Co. See new ad. today.

DAVIDSON STUDENT QUITS NEWSPAPER WORK ON REQUEST

C. F. Monk Asked to Resign From College Publication Following Printing of Recent Article.

"DIM MORNING" WAS THE ARTICLE

Described as Attack on "the Necking Evil."—Students Wanted Tim to Stay at Work.

Davidson, N. C., Dec. 19.—(AP)—"Dim Morning," described as an attack on "the necking evil" has been the cause of a certain amount of consternation in the student body of Davidson College, following the publication of the article in the Davidson College magazine.

This was learned today when reports were officially confirmed that C. F. Monk, editor of the student publication, had been asked to resign by the faculty several days ago. This move was followed by a vote from the student body refusing to accept the resignation, whereupon faculty law was shown supreme and the editor complied with the request.

President Martin, of the institution, said today when questioned about the reports, "Yes, those are the facts. The faculty of course maintains authority over the life of the students." The President described the article as one not suited for youths of 19 or 17 years to read.

BAPTIST INSTITUTIONS BEQUEATHED BIG SUM

Will Get Annual Income of \$32,000 From Estate of Jacob F. Alexander. Asheville, Dec. 18.—Bequests amounting to an annual income of about \$32,000 to North Carolina educational institutions and equal to a disbursement of more than \$500,000 for these institutions over a period of 10 years were left by Jacob F. Alexander, prominent North Carolina and Florida business man, who died yesterday in St. Petersburg.

The deed of trust incorporating the bequests was received today by Rev. J. W. O'Hara of the Baptist mission board, under whose supervision the schools endowed now operate. The total endowment includes a lease for 99 years on a valuable piece of St. Petersburg real estate now bringing in about \$32,000 annual income as Dr. Alexander's interest. The property is under option to be sold between 1937 and 1948 for the sum of \$1,100,000.

When the property is sold, the schools benefiting by the bequests will receive one-third of this total amount, in addition to the income now being received.

The bequests from the income include the following: Mars Hill college, \$10,000 a year; Alexander schools, incorporated, at Union Mills, \$10,000 a year; Baptist orphanage at Thomsville, \$2,000 a year; Bolling Springs academy, Bolling Springs, \$2,000, and the First Baptist and First Methodist churches of Forest City, \$10,000 each.

The endowment becomes operative January 1, 1927, and if there is any remainder after the bequests are made it is to go to Mr. Alexander's wife and children.

The bequests to Mars Hill, according to Rev. Dr. O'Hara, will enable that school to enter the southern association of colleges, with the highest rating.

The Alexander school is an institution started only a short time ago by Mr. Alexander and is devoted to the education of motherless boys and girls.

Mr. Alexander was 60 years old and had been in failing health for several months. He was formerly a prominent cotton mill owner, lumberman, and banker, being president of the Alexander National Bank at St. Petersburg, trustee of the endowment.

Mr. Alexander's estate is estimated to total \$82,000,000.

Centre Students Try to Get President Fired

Danville, Ky., Dec. 18.—Students of Centre college have signed a petition asking the board of trustees to remove Dr. R. Ames Montgomery, the president. It became known here today. There has been considerable feeling against Dr. Montgomery's unfriendly attitude toward football, it is said.

A few days ago President Montgomery caused to be printed a small pamphlet, on the front page of which was a picture of himself. The front page of about 100 of them were torn off and placed face downward on the floor around the front door of the president's office.

It is reported the local alumni of Centre are considering calling a mass meeting of the friends of Centre the early part of January to consider the situation.

As the Dogs Bring the Deer to Bay



This unusual photograph, taken in France, shows an old-time deer hunt nearing its climax. The dogs are racing along the bank to head off their quarry, which can be seen emerging from the river at the left after a long swim.

FEDERAL JUDGE MAY BE IMPEACHED SOON

Next Step in Case of Judge George English Rests With House Judiciary Committee.

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Proceedings of impeachment initiated against Federal Judge George W. English, of the eastern Illinois district, as a result of charges of corruption, rested today with the judiciary committee of the House.

A special House committee in a report adopted last night, declared the judge "guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors requiring the interposition of the constitutional powers of the House." The committee reached its conclusion after extensive hearings during the summer in St. Louis, where the charges against Judge English originated.

MOUNTAIN PARK FUND IS GIVE BIG BOOST

More Than \$94,000 Reported Yesterday and Remainder of Quarter Million is in Sight.

Asheville, Dec. 18.—Buncombe county went a long way towards its goal of \$250,000 for the Great Smoky Mountains national park fund today when, through its campaign team workers and special gifts committee, an addition of \$94,134.11 to the fund was reported. Of this amount the team workers brought in \$21,743.11, and the special gifts committee through Don S. Elias, city campaign chairman, reported \$72,400.

Although there is needed approximately \$90,000 more to complete the Asheville-Buncombe county quota, Chairman Elias announced at today's report luncheon at the George Vanderbilt hotel that the special gifts committee had in sight at least another \$100,000. To date \$100,134 has been subscribed, according to the totals compiled at the close of the luncheon.

The total subscribed today was made up of the pennies of negro school children, of substantial sums from merchants, hotel managers and business men of Asheville generally, and was climaxed by the donation of \$15,000 from one realty company.

Virginia University Student Magazine Barred From Mails

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 18.—Postmaster J. M. B. Lewis has notified printers here of the Virginia Reel, a publication of the University of Virginia student body, that no more copies of the December number can be sent through the Lynchburg post office. Certain contents of the publication, Postmaster Lewis said, violates the postal regulations. He has sent a copy of the publication to the post office department at Washington asking for instructions.

"Most of the copies, it was said by the publishers, have already been mailed."

The printers here announced this afternoon that as soon as their attention was called to the offending articles in the Virginia Reel they had withdrawn copies from sales stands.

Another Committee to Consider Muscle Shoals

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The House rules committee today decided in favor of appointing a joint congressional committee to make recommendations for disposal of the government's Muscle Shoals property.

The committee directed Chairman Snell and Representative Garrett of Tennessee, the democratic leader, to draft a resolution designed to carry out this purpose, and to present the resolution to the committee January 4th for consideration.

Fear Vessel Will Be Lost. Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Fears are entertained that the mine sweepers or Cruiser which only this week ran on a reef off the Atlantic coast off Panama will be a total wreck.

DOHENYS AND FALL FAIL IN APPEALS

District of Columbia Court Refuses to Reconsider Its Decision in Their Several Cases.

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The court of appeals of the District of Columbia refused today to reconsider its decision holding to be valid the bribery indictments against E. L. Doheny, E. L. Doheny, Jr., and Albert B. Fall, former Secretary of the Interior.

The indictments which grew out of the naval oil leases, were quashed by a lower court on the ground that an agent of the Department of Justice was in the grand jury room illegally. The government appealed and the court of appeals recently overruled the lower court. Fall and the Dohenys then asked for a rehearing, which was denied.

It is still possible for them to attack the indictments from other angles in the lower courts, or take the case to the Supreme Court of the United States.

SELECTS CHURCH PEW AS PLACE TO SLEEP

New York Man, in Durham Without Funds, Arraigned in Court But Is Turned Loose.

Durham, Dec. 18.—A white man who said that his name was William Green and that his home was in New York, appeared in recorder's court here this morning to answer to a charge of trespass in connection with his desire to secure a place to sleep last night, and failing to find this elsewhere, selected one of the pews in St. Phillips Episcopal Church.

The man declared that he was on his way to Florida and that he was without funds. Visiting the church he found the door unlocked, and entered, and curled up on one of the benches and was fast asleep when the police arrived on the scene. The rector refused to enter charges against the man and he was allowed to continue on his way. Before departing, however, the stranger suggested that the rector have cushions placed upon the benches for the benefit of others who might drop in at his church for a nap.

The troubadour grasshopper is one of the four or five insects capable of making a noise. He has no voice. He uses his hard wing cases as a sounding board, drawing the shank of his leg across them and thus producing his music. The Katydid and the cricket are likewise noisy, but the devil's horse is silent.

House Passes Tax Reduction Law And Refuses to Reconsider

Washington, Dec. 18.—A \$225,000,000 Christmas gift to federal taxpayers was voted today by the House in passing the tax reduction bill.

Bearing the indorsement of President Coolidge as well as leaders of both parties in the House, the non-partisan measure was directed to the Senate for the more difficult part of its legislative journey by a vote of 390 to 25.

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The final vote was not reached until after dark and its passage less than two weeks after introduction set a pace-time record in revenue legislation.

Those voting against the bill were: Republican—Beck, of Wisconsin; Brown, Wisconsin; Cooper, Wisconsin; Frear, Wisconsin; Lamber, Wisconsin; Mills, Wisconsin; Sinclair, North Dakota; Schafer, Wisconsin; Schneider, Wisconsin, and Voigt, Wisconsin—10.

Democrats—Collins, of Mississippi; Drane, Florida; Green, Florida; Howard, Nebraska; Huddleston, Alabama; Moorehead, Nebraska; Rainey, Illinois; Ralston, Mississippi; Sabbath, Illinois, and Sears, Florida.

TEN PERSONS HURT IN TRAIN ACCIDENT

Accident Occurred When Passenger Train No. 32, of Pennsylvania System, Was Derailed.

Altoona, Penn., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Ten persons were injured, five of them seriously, in the derailment of the Pennsylvania passenger train No. 32, Pittsburgh to Philadelphia, near Bennington, ten miles west of here, early today. The injured were brought to a hospital here.

Passengers said the entire train left the track, and that the engine and one car overturned and rolled down an embankment. The injured included the engineer, fireman and eight passengers. They were brought to Altoona in special train and taken to the Altoona hospital.

THE COTTON MARKET

Quiet in Today's Initial Trading, Opening Being Steady at Unchanged Prices to Advance.

New York, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The cotton market was quiet in today's initial trading. Uncertainty as to the showing of Monday's spinning report, together with the approach of the holidays seemed to restrict business to week-end evening up, and fluctuations were correspondingly narrow. The opening was steady at unchanged prices to an increase of 3 points in a little trade buying and covering, with March selling up to 18.88 and May to 18.62 during early trading.

This bulge met realizing, combined with a little southern hedging, but the market held fairly steady during the first half hour. Liverpool cables said that trade calling and speculative covering had absorbed hedge selling in that market, but that spinners were apathetic and business in cotton cloth and yarns were restricted.

Cotton futures opened steady. Jan. 18.20; March 18.87; May 18.61; July 18.23; Oct. 17.90.

House Committee Declares Judge is Guilty of Crimes

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FIGURES ON COTTON SPINNING INDICATE PROSPEROUS PERIOD

While the Industry Was Less Active Than In October, It Was More Active Than Last Year.

SPINDLE HOURS SHOW DECREASE

Not As Many Spindles Were in Action Last Month as In Month Before, Report Shows.

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Cotton spinning industry showed a slight drop in the aggregate number of active spindles in November, as compared with October, but they were considerably higher than last year, the Census Bureau today reported.

Active spindle hours for November numbered 7,838,792,613 or an average of 207,000 hours per spindle in place, compared with 7,961,670,919 or an average of 210 in October this year; and 1,129,959,034 or an average of 188 in November last year.

Spinning spindles in place November 30 numbered 37,919,358 of which 32,892,324 were operated at some time during the month; compared with 37,905,330 and 32,425,206 in October this year; and 37,845,140 and 31,789,876 in November last year.

DOUGHTON EXPECTED TO STICK TO DECISION

Employees in Revenue Commissioner's Office Think Branch Offices Will Be Eliminated.

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—Revenue Commissioner R. A. Doughton is not here to speak for himself on the proposal of Coleman W. Roberts, of Greensboro, to recede from his proposal to take the branch offices of the automobile license department away; but employees have no doubt that the grand old man will stand by his original plans to put in a machine and eliminate many clerks.

Mr. Roberts came here several days ago to see Governor Doughton and delivered, somewhat on the subject. He did not think the proposal workable and said so. The machinery for this work will cost about \$25,000, but it will be months before it can be put into operation. Officials in the office think it will save that amount in one year.

Kelley A. Grice, president of the Carolina Automotive Service Association, of Charlotte, does not think so. He wrote a protesting letter to R. A. Doughton, commissioner of revenue, and mailed copies of it to Governor McLean; W. N. Everett, secretary of state, and Frank W. Page, chairman of the highway commission. He urges that the license distribution be left to the Carolina Motor Club.

MITCHELL CASE TAKEN TO FLOOR OF HOUSE

Representative Tillman Says Court Was Organized to "Get the Colonel."

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Mitchell court martial case came to the floor of the House for the first time today when Representative Tillman, democrat, of Arkansas, charged that the court was organized to "get the Colonel" and that its verdict "infringes free America."

"I call upon the granite-faced and granite-loving nation," he said, "to mitigate or quash this harsh sentence."

The court's edict suspending the air officer from rank and pay for five years, because of his attack on government aviation policies, Mr. Tillman continued, was "senseless, unusual and cruel."

"They sought to affix a gag," he said, "and at the same time impoverish him and his family. It seems that in this trial the usual military procedure was not allowed to take its ordinary course."

History of Federation of Women Clubs

Raleigh, Dec. 19.—(AP)—A history of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs has now been completed, and has gone to the printers, Mrs. Cornelia P. Jarman, chairman of the publicity committee of the federation, has announced. The book is expected to be ready for distribution on March 1st.

Responsibility for the sale of the books has been placed upon the district presidents, and a prize of \$10 in gold has been offered the district president selling the greatest number of the books by the time the Asheville convention opens in May.

Santa Claus Comes. China Grove, Dec. 18.—Santa Claus visited the Rowan County Farm Life school this afternoon as the first demonstration of Christmas spirit for the section around China Grove.

COLONEL HOUSE IS CALLED TO CAPITAL BY THE PRESIDENT

Man Who Served With President Wilson and on Peace Commission, is Guest of the President.

VISIT CAUSE OF MUCH SPECULATION

Blieved It Has to Do With Request From League America Join in Plans For Conference.

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Col. E. M. House, for years president Wilson's confidential, and appointed by him a member of the Versailles peace commission, is a house guest of President Coolidge at the White House.

Unhindered by any public disclosure of his plans, the Colonel arrived in Washington last night, and by invitation went at once to the Executive Mansion. Today he visited Secretary Kellogg at the State Department.

His sudden appearance and surroundings that at once were so familiar to him, and at a time when the President and Secretary of State are seeking advice on the league of nations invitation to take part in a disarmament meeting, caused something of a flutter in official and diplomatic Washington.

Under President Wilson's appointment, Col. House was the American committee which drew up the league covenant at Versailles, and through the acquaintances then formed as a result of more recent trips abroad, he has kept himself well informed about intricate details of the league's operation.

CAESAR'S HEAD TO BE IMPROVED

Laurel Park's Head Purchases Scenic South Carolina Property. Hendersonville, Dec. 18.—One of the biggest real estate deals ever consummated in the Carolinas was announced here when it became known that E. Walter Fuller, president of Laurel Park Estates, Inc., has purchased Caesar's Head, Greenville county, South Carolina, from the Paris Mountain-Caesar's Head company, of Greenville.

Consideration was said to be approximately a half million dollars, and the area involved in the deal is said to be about 2,500 acres. The deal was handled by Jones McCrory, of H. G. Love and company, Hendersonville, and Parrish and Gover, realtors, of Greenville. The announcement of the deal was made through the new owner, and officials of the Paris Mountain-Caesar's Head company.

Caesar's Head rises to an altitude of 3,227 feet and the highest accessible point in the state of South Carolina. It has been a popular summer resort for scores of South Carolina families for around 100 years. Recent completion of a first-class highway from Greenville to the Head has made it more easily accessible and added materially to its intrinsic value as a resort center.

Along with Chimney Rock, Caesar's Head is probably the outstanding rock formation in the Blue Ridge mountains, and is annually visited by thousands. The panoramic view from the top is said to be unexcelled by any in the country.

War Chief Will Inspect Holding in the South

Washington, Dec. 18.—Secretary Davis will leave tomorrow on an inspection trip of war department holdings in the south which may keep him away from Washington until after the holidays. His itinerary has not been definitely mapped out but he will inspect particularly tracts in Georgia and Florida which might be disposed of advantageously.

Miners Ready to Confer

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The United Mine Workers today notified the anthracite mayors and burgesses that they would resume negotiations with the operators at Scranton next Monday, on condition that the peace proposal of Governor Pinchot would be the basis of discussion.

Will Participate in Conference

Moscow, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Soviet Russia will accept the invitation of nations to participate in the international disarmament conference as well as the world economic conference.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS!

Rain tonight and Sunday, somewhat warmer tonight. Increasing north east and east winds, probably reaching gale force tonight, shifting to westerly Sunday.