

BATTLE TO CENTRE AROUND THE STATE SALARY COMMISSION

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CREATED BY LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Hoyle Sink Defends the Commission Which Was Appointed With View of Eliminating Waste.

Raleigh, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Although the next regular session of the North Carolina general assembly is a year away, it already appears likely that one of the battles of the session will center around the state salary and wage commission, created by the last general assembly, a year ago.

The commission has met with opposition, if not actual defiance, from some department heads; W. H. Neal, representative from McDowell county, has declared that the commission has exceeded the powers the legislature intended to confer upon it, and H. Hoyle Sink, executive secretary of the commission, in a statement issued in defense of the body, declared that members of the general assembly had told him of being approached and requested to use their influence to have the commission abolished at the next session of the general assembly.

Mr. Sink indicated in his statement defending the commission—"that the purpose of keeping the actual facts before the public—that the matter would come before the legislature. He not only referred to efforts to have the commission abolished, but pointed out that the commission "expects and will be prepared to give the next legislature a full report of the work done by it, and welcomes a thorough investigation of its acts."

When his first report was made, it fixed among other things, the working hours, vacation leave, holidays, etc., of state employees.

The first difficulty arose over the question of holidays. The commission provided for the employees to have holidays on only six of the twelve legal holidays fixed by the legislature, on the theory that employees in most private business do not cease work on every legal holiday.

Shortly before Armistice Day, Frank D. Grist, commissioner of labor and printing, and closely allied with the American Legion in this state, announced that his office would be closed on Armistice Day. At a meeting of the commission, a ruling was sought of the attorney general, and he ruled that the commission had no authority to require state employees to work on legal holidays.

The first of these holidays not recognized by the commission to occur was General Lee's birthday, January 19th. On that date, State Auditor Baxter Durham announced emphatically that his department would be closed.

Mr. Neal's statement, among a number on the subject, followed. The McDowell county representative declared that the commission had greatly exceeded its authority. And, finally, came Mr. Sink's statement, in which he reviewed the actions of the commission, and charged that "certain parties" in Raleigh were attempting to discredit everything the commission did, and that "propaganda" against the commission was emanating from Raleigh.

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Cripples Made to Walk.
Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 25.—More than 6,000 crippled children in the United States and Canada have been "put upon their feet" by Shriners hospitals for crippled children, reports to the board of trustees, revealed here today.

In Australia every schoolboy is taught to swim before he takes up any other branch of sport.

Poisoner



Mrs. Laura Christy of East Liverpool, Ohio, was arrested and charged with murder in the death of her fifth husband, Rev. William Christy.

HUMMEL'S DEATH ENDS A SENSATIONAL CAREER

Marks Passing of School of Criminal Lawyers Who Went to Any Extreme.
New York, Jan. 26.—The death in London, England, of Abraham H. Hummel, which became known last night, brings to a close the career of one of the most sensational divorce lawyers that this country ever has known.

Hummel was a disciple and partner, as well as former office boy of William Frederick Howe, known during the Civil war as "Habeas Corpus Howe" because of his success in freeing drafted men. As partners, the firm gained much notoriety in defending more than 650 murderers.

From 1870 to 1900, Howe and Hummel were retained in almost every criminal, divorce or theatrical case of any consequence. The walls of their dingy office on Center street were lined with autographed pictures of actors and actresses, while the hall always was crowded with waiting clients, private detectives and process servers.

The firm of Howe and Hummel was feared by all men and women who burned the candle at both ends and lived the life that leads to the divorce court or who were involved in intrigues that were apt to result in breach of promise or alienation suits. It was said that the "butter and eggs" men of that day feared the Howe and Hummel imprint on a letterhead worse than any other result of their excursions along the primrose path.

The partnership was unusual in many ways. In their office was a safe which was used to house the office books. The partners, with the young attorneys associated with them, would meet each evening and pile their fees for the day in a common pool which then was divided according to each person's interest in the business. They kept no books.

Howe died in 1902. Hummel's nemesis was the same District Attorney William Travers Jerome who convicted Harry K. Thaw. Jerome had characterized the Howe and Hummel firm as "for more than twenty years a menace to this community." It was he who finally sent Hummel to the prison on Blackwell's Island for a year on conviction of conspiracy and subordination of perjury in the notorious Dodge-Morse divorce case.

As sensational in defeat as in victory, Hummel gave a grand farewell dinner at his mansion at 52 East 72nd street, just off Fifth Avenue, attended by many friends. He served his prison sentence and then expatriated himself, keeping his self-composed exile in Europe with the exception of one or two brief visits to the United States until his death.

Between 1900 and 1905, before the Dodge-Morse expose it was said the firm brought about many large settlements in society scandals that never found their way to the courts or the press.

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Stripped of His Rank as Colonel in the Army Air Service.—Is Suspended For Five Years.

HE IS TO RECEIVE \$397.67 A MONTH

Mitchell Says He Will Make No Statement to Make for the Present—Visits the Capitol.

Washington, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Stripped of his rank as colonel in the army air service, Wm. Mitchell today began serving his sentence of suspension from the army for five years.

President Coolidge in affirming the verdict stipulated yesterday that the sentence be executed as ordered except as to the provision depriving the former colonel of all pay and allowances. Under the President's decision he will receive \$397.67 monthly "during the pleasure of the President."

During the morning Mr. Mitchell visited the office of Representative Reed in the capitol. He said he would have no statement to make for the present.

Resolution to Revise Law.
Washington, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Investigation of the Mitchell court martial posed today in a resolution by Representative Reed in the capitol. He said he would have no statement to make for the present.

On December 10, he said, when he asked for the co-operation of the American people in an effort to meet the situation by conservation and provisions of independent supplies, spot rubber was selling for \$1.09 a pound and rubber for delivery within three months was \$1.05. The spot price yesterday, he said, was 68 cents and rubber for three months delivery was about 64 cents.

PRICES OF CRUDE RUBBER AFFECTED

By the Campaign Against High Cost Now Going On.
Washington, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The prices of crude rubber have been greatly affected by the campaign against the high cost now going on in the United States, in the opinion of Secretary Hoover.

With Our Advertisers.
If you are going South, visit Fishers and get fixed up for the trip. You will find there a smart collection of coats, dresses and headgear.

The White Auto Co. will give 500 California four votes for every \$1.00 purchase of gas and oil for the remainder of this week.

The spring hats have arrived at the J. C. Penney Co.—silk and straw combinations at \$4.98.

The January Clean-Up Sale at Ivey's will continue all this week. Shoes at almost unheard of prices.

Bob's Dry Cleaning Co. will give 500 votes for every hat sent there from Wednesday, January 27, to Wednesday, February 3rd. Phone 787.

H. B. Wilkinson is giving 20 per cent. off on Simmons' new graceline beds this week only. Stores at Concord, Kannapolis, China Grove and Mooresville.

Big 88 Cent Shoe Sale at Efrid's, at 88c \$1.88, \$2.48, \$2.88. See ad on page two.

One-fourth off on beautiful pottery at Kidd-Frix Co.'s all this week. Five hundred votes for every \$1.00 purchase.

Get an Atwater-Kent radio from York & Wadsworth Co.

The January Clearance Sale of shoes at the Markson Shoe Store continues. Prices run from \$1.00 to \$4.95.

Death of Judge Billingsley.
Washington, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Former Judge J. L. Billingsley, of Miami, Fla., died here today after an illness of more than three months. He had been undergoing treatment by Mayo brothers in Minnesota eight weeks before coming here where he entered the Washington Sanatorium.

Resume Flight From Spain to Argentina.
Las Palmas, Canary Island, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Commander Franco and two other Spanish aviators today resumed flight from Spain to Argentina. They hopped off for Cape Verde Islands at 8:20 a. m. in the plane Ne Plus Ultra.

Martin Durkin's Second Wife



This is Martin Durkin's second wife—Ruth Fiebnek, of Chicago, whom he married in 1922. As he has never obtained a divorce from her, it is believed that his most recent marriage, to Irma Sullivan, is illegal.

NO ACCOMPLICES, SHELTON ASSERTS

Man Who Robbed Bank Tells Exactly How He Accomplished the Deed.
Greensboro, Jan. 24.—John W. Shelton, Danville man, today could not be budged from his declaration that he had no accomplices in robbery of a strong box in the American Exchange Bank here.

On last Sunday evening, he went into the bank, with some of the employees, saw the pad of cashier's checks on a desk, and that night secured the passage in the army and navy are in the hands of the Federal Reserve Bank.

ROUTE TO TRAVEL IS HEAVIEST IN DISTRICT

Traffic Census Taken While Territory is in Ice King's Throes.
Greensboro News.—As usual, travel on the Greensboro-High Point road was heavier than on any road in state highway district number five, according to traffic report for January. It happened that the census was taken on January 13 when the whole district was in the throes of the last snow and a material decrease in number of vehicles is shown.

Urges Removal of State Fair to Greensboro.
Greensboro, Jan. 25.—Since the directors of the North Carolina State fair are considering a change in site for the annual event, a suggestion is made by Barlad Daniel, president of the Central Carolina Fair Association, that the State fair be transferred to Greensboro the coming fall.

McCRAY REPORTED TO BE IN ILL HEALTH

New Petition Must Be Presented Before President Will Consider Clemency.
Washington, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Before President Coolidge would be inclined to consider clemency for former Governor McCray, of Indiana, now in the Atlanta penitentiary, it will be necessary for McCray to submit a new petition pointing out that ill health justifies release.

Gen. Patrick Says Time Will Come When It Will Supplant War and Navy Departments.
Washington, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Mason M. Patrick, chief of the army air service, repeated before the House Military Committee today his prediction that the time would come when a "department of national defense" would supplement the War and Navy Departments.

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STUDENTS' CONDUCT AT UNIVERSITY AT THE PRESENT TIME



Is as Good as That of Any Preceding Generation in Its History, Dr. Chase Tells Trustees.

THE UNIVERSITY LIFE IS SOUND
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Raleigh, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The conduct of students at the University of North Carolina today is as good as if not better than that of any other preceding generation in the institution's 130 years of history, President W. H. Chase told the board of trustees at their winter meeting here today.

The life of the University is sound, Dr. Chase said, and the men it is sending out into North Carolina will mean every bit as much to the State as those of the past. Conditions on the campus are fine and clean, the influences surrounding the students are as constructive and as helpful as at any time in its history.

He emphasized in his report that "the University is being operated on a budget system and has done so for years. The system followed is the one that is being followed by the largest Universities all over the United States. Every one of the approximately 35 departments and administrative divisions of the University has at the beginning of the year a definite allotment of funds with which to carry out the work for the year. It receives a monthly statement as to the condition of the funds and does not exceed its total in the annual expenditure."

The report pointed out that it has been disclosed "that the percentage of students who fail is not greater now than it was 20 years ago although the institution has grown much larger in size."

BIBLE BEING ATTACKED; SIMPLE FAITH DERIDED
Davidson Minister Appeals to Christians to Rally For Repairing Breach in Wall.
Davidson, Jan. 25.—Dr. C. M. Davidson, in his morning sermon at the Davidson Presbyterian church made a challenging appeal to the Christian people of his community and of the state and nation in general "to rally for the repairing of the breaches in the wall that encircles and protects the liberty and sacredness of our country."

The program of grand opera will open here February 2nd with the presentation of "Madame Butterfly" on the night of the second. There will be no opera on Wednesday night, but on Thursday the company will present "The Barber of Seville," at the matinee performance. At night they will present "La Traviata."

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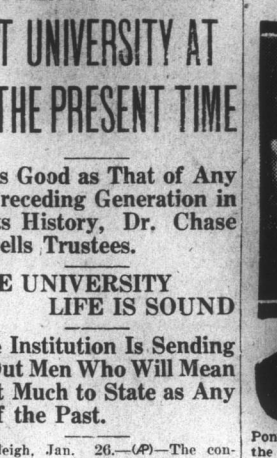
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Benefactor



Ponca City, Okla. will have one of the finest museums in the southeast as a result of the generosity of E. W. Marland, president of the Marland Oil Co. He is donating a \$250,000 building that will house relics and mementoes of the pioneer days.

Not Only Cutting Up Miss Dietrich's Body But to Killing Her.
Philadelphia, Jan. 25.—David L. Marshall, Philadelphia chiropractor, tonight confessed that he had strangled Miss Anna Mae Dietrich to death before dismembering her body in his office last Tuesday night.

Marshall said he had killed the woman after an argument which, he asserted, followed an attempt to extort money from him. He made his second confession late tonight in the office of District Attorney Fox after being under a severe grilling almost continuously since 6 o'clock last night.

During the questioning Marshall, who had kept steadfastly to his original confession that he had dismembered the body but did not kill Miss Dietrich, suddenly flushed and turning to the district attorney, cried: "I'm lying, it's all lies. I'll tell the truth now."

Marshall, who is married and the father of a 12-year-old girl, said Miss Dietrich had tried to obtain money from him under threats of exposing his double life to his wife. He told how he had been out with her and later went to his suite of offices, where the murder started.

There, parts of the latest confession as given out by the police said, she repeated her demands for money in the women's retiring room. Seizing her by the throat, he strangled her, he went on, until she dropped unconscious on the floor. He then carried the body into another room, placing it on the operating table, and went to his home. He returned the next day, dismembered the body by cutting off the head and legs and took the parts in his motor car to the outskirts of the city, where they were found the next day.

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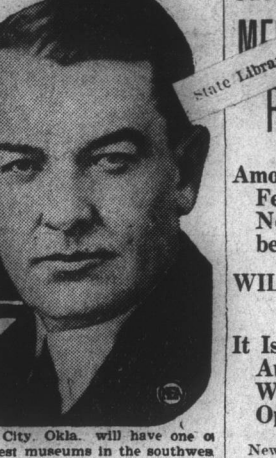
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SIXTY-ONE ALLEGED MEMBERS OF LIQUOR RING ARE INDICTED



Among Those Indicted by Federal Grand Jury in New York City Are Members of Coast Guard.

WILLIAM DWYER ALSO INDICTED
It Is Alleged by Federal Authorities That He Was Leader of Gang Operating on Rum Row.

New York, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Thirteen members of the coast guard and 48 other individuals were indicted today by a federal grand jury investigating the alleged syndicate headed by "Bill" Dwyer, former race track owner.

Nine of the coast guardmen named in the indictment are still in active service. Three separate indictments were returned charging the 61 defendants with violation of the federal prohibition law and conspiracy to violate the law.

The grand jury has spent six weeks in investigating the alleged rum ring which is represented by the federal authorities as having controlled 18 ocean steamers in the rum running business. Dwyer and more than a score of confederates were arrested in December and since then four boats supposed to have been in the trade have been seized.

The syndicate, federal authorities believe, was responsible for bringing in millions of dollars worth of liquor to this country annually. It was considered the "backbone of rum row." A suit of offices was maintained in the East River Savings Bank building and headquarters were in Lexington Avenue.

The coast guardmen were alleged to have been in his pay. Papers seized in possession of the first men arrested in the roundup in December showed that there was confusion between some members of the coast guard and the syndicate, federal authorities said. Codes for an elaborate system of signals for communication between the alleged confederate guardsmen and rum ships were found among the seized papers.

Nicholas Brown, boatswain and commanding officer of coast guard cutter No. 128, one of the men arrested in the initial roundup, was indicted. Papers seized alleged "pay off man" Philip J. Goffey, alleged "pay off man" for the ring, contained a notation showing that \$8,400 had been paid to Brown by the ring.

THE COTTON MARKET
Opening Barely Steady at a Decline of From 5 to 14 Points.
New York, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The cotton market opened barely steady in today's early trading owing to renewed concern about month liquidation with some southern or local selling inspired by relatively easy Liverpool cables. It opened barely steady at a decline of 5 to 14 points and active months showing net losses of 9 to 13 points by the end of the first hour, March selling off to 20.00 and October to 18.15. Houses with Liverpool connections were moderate buyers here coupled with a little trade buying and covering but support was limited and the easier ruling of the near months had rather an unsettling effect on sentiment.

Private cables reported hedging and continental selling in Liverpool with a fair spot demand from spinners and exports and considerable cloth inquiry from India.

Cotton futures opened barely steady. March 20.13; May 19.50; July 18.00; Oct. 18.14; Dec. 17.00.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS
What Is Called "Catastrophic" Quakes Occurred Early Today.
Prague, Czechoslovakia, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The seismograph instrument at the geographical institute at 1:57 this morning registered what was termed a "catastrophic" earthquake many miles away. The shocks continued for some time.

Registered in France.
Clermont-Ferrand, France, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Earthquake shock of considerable violence was registered on the seismograph of Puyde Dome Observatory at 12:55 this morning. The shock continued for 3 seconds. Its center was estimated to have been 2,500 miles away.

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