

NEW HEARING ASKED FOR THE COUNTESS OF CATHCART LOST

The Labor Department Declines to Grant Hearing, Saying the Matter Now Rests With Courts.

NEW EVIDENCE TO BE GIVEN

The Department Officials Decide Any New Facts Must Now Be Given to the Courts.

Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—A new hearing for the Countess of Cathcart on the order for her exclusion from the United States was denied today by the Labor Department.

In the opinion of Acting Secretary White the case now can be decided only by the court. A judicial determination as to whether moral turpitude is a crime and constitutes a bar to admission of aliens admitting acts of that sort, it was said, is desired by the Labor Department.

Mr. White, after a conference with Assistant Secretary Husband and Solicitor Theodore Risley, notified Arthur Garfield Hays, attorney for the Countess, who had requested that the case be reopened for the admission of new evidence, of the decision.

Mr. Risley said cases similar to that of the Countess were continually coming before the Department and he hoped the court action growing out of the habeas corpus proceedings instituted by Mr. Hays for him would define for the Department a course to follow in the future.

The solicitor added he had ordered bond only after he had conferred with various departmental officers who advised that the case be decided by the courts, and the Countess be given bond while it was in process of adjustment.

The Labor Department, Mr. Risley said, considers that the contention of the Countess was correct under laws regulating the admission of aliens to this country. The order for her exclusion, he added, would be defended in court, probably by legal officers from the Department's own personnel.

In denying a new hearing, Acting Secretary White said close adherence had been given to Departmental policies.

"Under the practice of the Department," he added, "we cannot reopen a case for submission of additional evidence while a writ of habeas corpus is pending. That always has been our policy and we have never departed from it. There is no reason why this case should be an exception."

Will Not Institute Reprisals. London, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The British government will consider no proposals to institute reprisals for the barring of the Countess of Cathcart from the United States.

This in effect was the reply of the foreign secretary, Sir Austen Chamberlain, to a spirited cross-fire of questions in the House of Commons today regarding the workings of the American immigration laws.

Sir Austen said the British government considered it entirely the business of the American authorities as to who should or should not be admitted to the United States.

BROWN SAYS GARNER IS A "COMMON LIAR"

"Ordinary Blatherskite" Also Applied to Texas Congressman For His Remarks.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 23.—Edgar A. Brown, speaker of the house of representatives of the South Carolina general assembly and chairman of the state Democratic executive committee, replying tonight to charges made by Representative Garner of Texas in Congress today that he had been "bought" by the American Bankers' league to advocate repeal of the federal inheritance tax law, denounced the Texas congressman as "a common, ordinary blatherskite and liar."

Speaker Brown declared that "Congressman Garner ought to produce the proof and put it in the Congressional Record, in proof of his rash statements or be ought publicly to admit that he is the liar that he is, and say that the reason he made his statement against me was made because I went at the invitation of his own people, to his own state, and by the record proved that the position on the inheritance tax matter was inconsistent, undemocratic and communistic in its tendency, and because of my speech out there a great state wide mass meeting was later held in Texas, as a result of which Congressman Garner will likely be retired to private life at the end of this year."

Coca-Cola Dividend. Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 23.—The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 a share on the 500,000 outstanding shares of common stock was voted at the annual meeting of stockholders of the Coca Cola Company here today. The dividend will be payable April 1 to stockholders of record March 15. One new director, John P. Higgs, of Columbus, Ga., was elected. The remainder of the directorate was re-elected.

Two Men Shot by Robbers. Baltimore, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Three men shot down. Assistant Paymaster M. J. Berlin, of the Western Maryland Daily Company, and Patrolman Patrick Durkin today, escaped in an automobile with \$10,000 in cash and check. Berlin and the patrolman are dangerously wounded. Of the money taken nearly \$13,000 was in cash. Berlin with his police escort was on his way to a bank.

Hunger Defeats Fear; Birds Invade Village. Princeton, Mass., Feb. 24.—Wild pheasants are walking the streets of Princeton Village; the canny crew has discarded his wariness and is haunting the farm yards, and partridges and other shy birds are leaving their wild homes in search of food.

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Kitty Plays the Mouth Organ



Miss Zita Harrison of San Francisco has a pet kitten, "Pugliaccio," that is very musical—so it is said. Anyway, here's a picture of the kitty playing a mouth organ and strumming a banjo, all at once.

METHODISTS FIGHT BEER.

Modification of Dry Laws Would Mean Return of Alcohol to Its Old Power.

Washington, Feb. 23.—A militant denial that the churches have weakened in their support of prohibition was issued here tonight over the signatures of high officials of the Methodist Episcopal church, the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and the Methodist Protestant church.

The joint statement characterized the recent appointment survey of the research department of the federal council of churches as "an inexcusable betrayal of many church bodies; declared there has been no apparent change in the sentiment of the people as a whole and appealed to church members to unite in support of the law.

It was the first time high dignitaries of the Methodist organizations had joined in a common outline of their views of prohibition. The statement was signed by Bishop James Cannon, Jr., chairman of the commission of temperance and social service of the Methodist Episcopal church, South; Bishop William F. McDowell, president, and Dr. Clarence True Wilson, secretary of the board of temperance, prohibition and public morals of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Dr. Thomas H. Lewis, president of the general conference of the Methodist Protestant church.

ROSS N. SCOTT TAKES LIFE IN CHARLOTTE

Body Discovered in Bathroom Which Was Filled With Gas—Every Sign of Suicide.

Charlotte, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Ross N. Scott, 45, book keeper, was found dead today in a gas-filled bathroom at his home here. Police after investigation, said there was every indication of suicide. He had been dead several hours, they said.

With Our Advertisers.

Just three more days in which to get one of the beautiful free oil colored portraits given free with each order of one half dozen or more photographs at the Boyd W. Cox Studio, over Correll's Jewelry Store. Phone 879.

The Concord Furniture Co. has just received a big shipment of Block go-carts at a large reduction. They will sell them for about half the former price. See new ad, on last page for description.

The Reid Motor Co. is calling to your attention in their ad, the facts about the new Ford. Today they tell you about the left-hand drive.

Fire insurance is a sensible investment. See new ad, today of Fetzer & York, with offices in the Cabarrus Savings Bank.

All kinds of notions for dress-makers at J. C. Penney Co's. Quality supplies that are low priced. See list in new ad, today on page five.

Schloss Bros. Suits, \$30 to \$45, Schobbe hats \$5 to \$8, Harry Berger Shirts, \$1.50 to \$5, at Hoover's.

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Ten Pages Today Two Sections

Leads China



Hsu Shih-Ying, one of the most noted jurists in China has been appointed Chinese prime minister. He comes to office with two world conferences on Chinese affairs being held in Peking.

SCHUMANN-HEINK IS TO SING UNTIL 1928

Famous Contralto Plans One Final Grand Two-Year Tour of the Country.

New York, Feb. 24.—Youth imperishable, as well as a glorious voice, the gods gave Ernestine Schumann-Heink, who, at the age of sixty-five, is about to make another debut in the Metropolitan Opera House. After nine years' absence, she will return to the scene of many of her earlier triumphs to sing in Wagner's "Ring" cycle, beginning with "Das Rheingold" of Thursday afternoon.

White-haired now, she is as radiant as ever and as energetic as ever—and as domestic. A reported for the world who called at her suite in the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday afternoon found the famous contralto sewing buttons on a son's shirt.

She laid aside the white garment to free her hands for the rapid gesture that always accompany her equally rapid speech.

"Yes, it is a happiness to come back," she said. "I like the rehearsals. There are no hallelalooos, but from the singers, from the orchestra, I feel there is a welcome from the men back stage too—many of them were boys when I last sang here."

Two more years Mme. Schumann-Heink will sing, and then she plans to retire. She wants to give concerts all over the country, but she will not call it a farewell tour—"The people, they are fooled so often and they might think it a fake."

Her health is excellent, her voice in perfect condition.

"But," she explained, "I wish to cease when people will say, 'What a pity!' and before they ask one another, 'Oh, why doesn't she stop?'"

Praise for Miss Talley

Mme. Schumann-Heink, oldest star of her fame to reappear at the Metropolitan, was generous in praising one of the youngest—nineteen-year-old Marion Talley, who made her debut in "Rigoletto" on last Wednesday.

"The girl is a wonder," she said. "I heard her for a few minutes in rehearsal. Her coloratura was perfect. One hearing only her middle and low notes would not think she had the high notes."

If Miss Talley's singing is deficient in emotional power, age and experience will remedy that lack, the older star remarked. The girl was fortunate in that she never was nervous.

"Nerves, nerves, nerves! They are the great trouble of the American women today. All the time they are saying, 'My nerves!'—the singer raised her voice to a tinny whine and hunched her shoulders expressively. "It is the excuse for everything."

"I think I know why the American women are so nervous. They smoke too much. They cannot have a tonic to stimulate them, and so they have a cigarette."

She relaxed her shoulders, leaned forward and grinned.

"No, no tonic! No brandy! I do not criticize even that old Volstead. But I suppose some one will come in one of these days to stop me from cooking Boston beans."

And she laughed, not one of those thin, high-pitched titters, but a right hearty, robustious, honest laugh. It is, perhaps, the ability to laugh where others storm or preach that gives this woman of sixty-five the sturdy freshness of youth.

Her Later Philanthropies

After she had retired, Schumann-Heink will devote herself to her "boys," the disabled veterans of the World War, which robbed her of two sons, and to teaching young and struggling singers who cannot afford instruction.

"They are absurd, these prices," she cried. "Twenty-five dollars for half an hour! And what can be done in half an hour, anyway? There is the slow-de-you-do, and taking-off-of-wraps, and the telephone rings for the teachers."—Her hands went out in a gesture of repudiation.

Teachers who have made money should be glad, she said, to take a few talented pupils who could not pay for lessons.

BROWN AND SIMPSON ADMIT ATTACK WHEN CASES ARE STARTED

Plead Guilty to Simple Attack When Taken in Mecklenburg Superior Court During Day.

BROWN RESIDENT OF KANNAPOLIS

Cases Grew Out of Attack Made on Charlotte Girl.—Attack Was Not Successful, the Girl States.

Charlotte, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Pleas of guilty to charges of simple attack were entered by Knox Brown, Kannapolis youth, and Brady Simpson, 34, of Thomasboro, who is married, when they were brought to trial today in Mecklenburg superior court.

The attack charges grew out of an investigation by officers that followed the disappearance of a young Charlotte girl some time ago. Simpson, who left the state, was arrested recently in Georgia.

The girl told the court that the defendants' attempt to attack her were not accomplished.

NEW ENGLAND TEXTILE MEN CAUSE AGITATION

Grist Thinks They Are Jealous And Are Agitating Investigation in State.

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—Massachusetts' jealousy of North Carolina's newly acquired lead in the textile industry is blamed by Labor Commissioner Frank Grist much of the determined agitation for an investigation of employment conditions in the state's manufactories.

Basing his statement on opinion and not absolute knowledge, Mr. Grist said he felt sure there was considerable truth in reports that Massachusetts textile interests were behind the agitation.

"I can see no other sound reason for such agitation," he said. "Comparing the cost of living here with that of New England, North Carolina cotton mill workers are just as well paid as they are in Massachusetts and their living conditions are just as good or better."

The Raleigh Times carried a story yesterday declaring that "more than one state official" believed New England textile interests had been lending encouragement to the agitation for a survey.

The story brought a rejoinder today from members of the Women's League of Voters to the effect that the suggestion was "absurd and without foundation." The only state official to get his name hitched to such a belief is Commissioner Grist.

The matter of a survey of the state's industries is now pending before the child welfare commission, which has been requested by a delegation of women representing the League of Women Voters and other women's organizations to call on the women's bureau of the federal department of labor to do the job.

Governor McLean has registered opposition to the idea of calling on outside help, and his attitude may cause the commission to turn down the request of the women's organizations.

The commission lacks the funds to conduct such a survey itself. When the women's organizations first asked for the survey two years ago the commission announced its agreement if the necessary funds could be provided. It made an estimate of the cost and submitted it to the 1925 legislature. The law makers, however, failed to provide the appropriation.

MRS. COOLIDGE NOW CONFINED TO HOME

Heavy Cold, Similar to That of Husband, Causes Her to Cancel Engagements.

Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Mrs. Coolidge was confined to bed today by a heavy cold which caused her to cancel engagements to attend a dinner given last night by Attorney General and Mrs. Sargent in honor of the President and Mrs. Coolidge.

Dr. Jas. F. Coupal, the White House physician, reported that she was resting comfortably and would be in her usual health in a day or two.

Man Burned to Death in Cavern Dismissed

Athens, O., Feb. 24.—In a cave reached by a fifty-ft. passageway 14 inches high prohibition officers today found the charred body of Frank Lenzinger, twenty-six, and the unconscious form of his brother, Amos, twenty-three.

People living in the vicinity had reported "there was something queer in the cave. The dead man apparently had been overcome by fumes from a kerosene stove used to operate a still, then burned in an explosion of the stove."

The cave was elaborately fitted up for making liquor. Six barrels of mash were found. Everything bulky, the officers said, must have been knocked down, carried into the chamber and assembled there.

Belgian Senate Ratifies Debt Plan. Brussels, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The Belgian senate today ratified the debt funding agreement with the United States, negotiated at Washington. The vote was 110 to 10, with one abstention.

"Snooks" Wins His Own Case



"Snooks," a pet bulldog owned by Edward Frank of Memphis, Tenn., got his master into a lawsuit—and then got him out again. Frank was sued for \$5000 by a neighbor, who claimed the dog had bitten the neighbor's boy. The dog was malicious, he charged. Frank replied that the dog bit the boy because the boy had hit him with a stick, and to prove the dog was not of an ugly disposition, led him before the jury. "Snooks" wagged his tail, the jury grinned—and Frank won the verdict.

WILL ENTER PROTEST WITH HIS GOVERNMENT

Owner of Schooner Eastwood, Says Boat Was Illegally Fired Upon By Coast Guard Vessel.

Lunenburg, N. S., Feb. 24.—(AP)—R. B. Cann, of Yarmouth, owner of the schooner Eastwood, which is alleged to have been shelled about a week ago while at anchor 20 miles off of Long Island, N. Y., by the U. S. coast guard cutter Seneca, is preparing to register formal protest at Ottawa with the Canadian government.

"I would not consider myself a patriotic citizen," said Mr. Cann in a statement, "unless I registered a protest against this sort of treatment. I will surely make a formal protest to the government at Ottawa, I intend to fight this case to the very limit, not because of the damage done my vessel, or the expense to myself, but because I as a Canadian will not stand idle and allow any foreign country to treat the Union Jack as a joke when it is hoisted on the mast of a British merchantman."

COBB HISTORY WRITTEN

The "Margaret" Mentioned in Letters Found to Be Another Wife of Noel Cobb.

Dothan, Ala., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Another page in the history of Noel Cobb's adventures was written here today when whispers concerning "Margaret" developed into cold facts which revealed the somewhat mysterious figure in the Decatur triangle as another of his wives.

The "Margaret" whose letters were found in Cobb's possession is Mrs. Noel Cobb, formerly Miss Margaret Farmer, prominent Dothan girl, who met and wedded Cobb while she was a student at Peabody College, Nashville.

Cobb and Miss Farmer were married at Jeffersonville, Ind., November 19th last year. This Mrs. Cobb is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Farmer, well known citizens.

Cobb was introduced to Miss Farmer as a Presbyterian minister. He told her he was in charge of a church at Indianapolis at that time. After marriage Cobb and his wife came to Dothan to visit Mrs. Cobb's parents.

While here he was invited to fill the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church. He accepted the invitation and created a most favorable impression.

THE COTTON MARKET

More Active and Showed Generally Steady Tone During Early Trading.

New York, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The cotton market was more active and showed a generally steady tone in today's early trading. Some selling at the opening was promoted by relatively easy cables, but it appeared to be absorbed by covering or price fixing in old crop months, while there was good demand from trade interests for new crop positions on the basis of 17.75 for December.

First prices were seven points lower to one point higher, March selling off to 20.00 and October to 18.00, but offerings were well enough absorbed at this level to cause rallies of 2 or 3 points. Active positions ruled about 5 points below to 3 points over yesterday's closing figures at the end of the first hour. No further March notices were reported.

Private cables attributed the decline in Liverpool to hedging and continental selling.

Cotton futures opened steady, March 20.03; May 19.46; July 18.83; Oct. 18.10; Dec. 17.78.

HERBERT L. COBB DIES FROM PISTOL WOUND

Gun Found by His Side, Indicating That He Hook His Own Life.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Herbert L. Cobb, president of the Birmingham Athletic Club, and paymaster of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company, was found dead today in his room at the recently completed building of the athletic club. A pistol was found by his side.

His body was found by a maid. He had been in ill health for some time, Coroner J. D. Rasmus was summoned and immediately started inquiry to determine whether it was a case of self-destruction as reported to police headquarters.

ARMY AIR SERVICE TO BE DEVELOPED AS OTHER BRANCHES

Secretary of War Davis Working Now on Plan to Be Presented to Congress Next Week.

PROGRAM WILL COVER 5 YEARS

It Is Planned to Spend Less Than \$100,000,000, Amount Wanted by the Navy.

Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—A five-year continuing aviation development program similar to the naval aviation project now before Congress will be submitted to the House military committee by Secretary Davis of the War Department next week.

The project provides for a proportionate increase in aviation as compared to other branches of the army. It was described at the War Department today as designed to strengthen the army air service materially in equipment although it was indicated that the plan would not involve as great an expenditure as the \$100,000,000 in the five year navy plan.

The program was worked out as a result of the study Secretary Davis directed be undertaken of all the testimony at the recent Congress and other aviation hearings. Major General Mason M. Patrick, chief of the air service co-operated with other branches of the army in its preparation.

The project was described as in nature of first phase of the Lassiter board program which contemplated a ten-year expansion of 2,500 planes but modified to make expenditures reasonable and conservative, and also to conform with the recommendations of the President's air board.

RELEASE OF COUNTESS SOMEWHAT OF MYSTERY

No Public Announcement of Why Cathcart Was Allowed to Leave Island For Ten Days.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Mystery continued tonight to envelop the reasons which prompted Solicitor Theodore G. Risley, as acting secretary of the labor department, to order the release of Vera, Countess of Cathcart, from detention by immigration officials at Ellis Island for a ten day stay in New York under bond.

In the absence of Secretary Davis and Mr. Risley, the department today had no official copy of the order and no record of the reasons it was issued. It was indicated, however, that there had been an exchange of messages between the solicitor and the secretary, who is in Florida, before the release order was telegraphed to Ellis Island.

Mr. Risley's return to his desk after a speaking engagement yesterday in Rochester, N. Y., is expected tomorrow. At that time Acting Secretary R. C. White, who with Assistant Secretary W. W. Husband, was out of Washington when the release order was signed, will get his first information as to why the order was issued.

The absence of Secretary Davis and Mr. Risley compelled Mr. White and his assistants to await developments and do nothing more today that mark time. Even the decision on the request of the countess' counsel, for a reopening of the case looking to modification of the ruling by which the countess was denied admission to the United States was postponed pending a conference between Mr. Risley and Mr. White, probably tomorrow.

Phelps and Lund Saved. Cristobal, Canal Zone, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Merley Phelps and Harry Lund, of West Palm Beach, Fla., were landed here today by the British motor ship Silver Elm, which had picked them up about 70 miles off Miami after they had been tossed in an open boat in rough seas for four days.

The pair left West Palm Beach on February 13th for a fishing trip. Their engine stalled a short distance from shore and a strong wind blew them out to sea. The Silver Elm picked them up on February 17th. They expect to leave for New Orleans on the first ship.

Will Sign Present Tax Bill. Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—President Coolidge indicated today to Representative Tilton, the Republican House leader, that he would sign the tax bill if assured Congress would not go too far in increasing government expenditures.

February White Sale at Parks-Bell Company.

The big February white sale at the Parks-Bell Co. will take place Thursday, Friday Saturday and Monday. Household linens, towels, curtains, blankets, underthings, all materials for home sewing will be in this sale. This is an event that always attracts big crowds. This year it is going to be one of the biggest ever. All white goods will be included in this sale.

Big bargains will also be offered in spring fashions in everything for men and women. In the bargain basement you will find some especially attractive bargains. Read the two pages of ads. in today's paper for details.

SAT'S BEAR SATS



Increasing cloudiness and warmer tonight, Thursday cloudy and warmer probably showers in west and central portions. Moderate to fresh east and southeast wind.

Place Your Application With Mgr. Concord Theatre For Charleston Contest. 1st Prize—\$15 in gold. 2nd Prize—\$10 in gold. 3rd Prize—Season Pass.