

SPINDLE ACTIVITY DURING FEBRUARY SHOWED BIG JUMP

More Spindles Were Active in Month Than at Any Time Since Last Year, Census Report Shows.

AVERAGE SPINDLE HOUR WAS LESS OF THE TOTAL OF 37,877,376 SPINDLES IN PLACE, 33,028,966 WERE ACTIVE DURING FEBRUARY.

SEVENTEEN CITED ON USURY CHARGE

Warrants Issued For Officials of Ten Leading Concerns in Winston-Salem.

Winston-Salem, March 18.—Investigation into the operations of concerns leading money in the city brought definite action today when warrants were issued for the owners and managers of ten investment companies operating in the city and section, the warrants charging usury.

The individuals included in the warrants, one warrant being issued for the owner and operator of each company, numbered seventeen.

Tomorrow has been set for the preliminary hearing of the defendants in the municipal court, but it is probable that the cases will be continued for a few days.

The State statute under which the warrants were issued reads as follows: "Any person, firm or corporation who shall or may loan money in any manner whatsoever by note, chattel mortgage, conditional sales, or otherwise, upon any article or articles of household furniture, and shall or may take, receive, or charge a greater rate of interest than six per cent., either before or after the interest may accrue, or who shall refuse to give receipts for payments on interest or principal of such debts, or shall fail and refuse to surrender the note and security when the same is paid off or a new note and mortgage is given in renewal, unless said new mortgage shall state the amount still due by said old note or mortgage, and that the new one is given as additional security shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and in addition thereto shall forfeit double the interest which has been theretofore paid."

\$100 a Dozen Eggs Offered President For Easter Meal

Lafayette, Ind., March 19.—(AP)—Easter morning breakfast can be an expensive feast at the White House this year, for President Coolidge and his family will have \$100-dozen eggs ready to serve.

The eggs are those of the Araucana, and will be the gift of L. H. Schwartz of the poultry department, of Purdue University, owner of the flock.

Nor will dyeing be required to color the eggs in true Easter fashion, for they have a natural turquoise shade.

Schwartz obtained two Araucana hens and a rooster last year from a zoological garden in Buenos Aires, and now has twenty-five birds. They thrive in Indiana, subsiding on ordinary poultry diet, and their eggs, similar to those of American varieties, boil well, without losing their color. They have the same flavor as other hens' eggs.

The Araucana is a native of Chile, but even there is not plentiful. Its origin is indistinct. The bird is heavy-bodied, with sleek dark brown plumage. Through inbreeding and cross-breeding Schwartz hopes to develop chickens with more prolific laying powers and whose eggs have a higher fertility.

Navy Pigeon Went Home as Soon as Shorn Wings Regrew

Washington, D. C., March 19.—(AP)—Navy pigeons may go A. W. O. L.; but they do not desert.

An aerial messenger, lost at sea more than a year and a half ago, turned up recently in the loft at Coco Sola, Canal Zone, and reported for duty. Examination showed that the bird's wings had been closely clipped, probably when it was forced down by a rain storm and captured by a fancier who attempted to lure it from his navy allegiance. As soon as the clipped feathers had molted and a new crop grew out, the pigeon took wing for its home loft.

To Increase Motor Company Stock

Cleveland, March 19.—(AP)—Stockholders of the White Motor Company at a special meeting today authorized the proposed increase in capital stock from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

Government Expecting To Receive Many Bids For The Shoals Plant

It Is Believed That New Bid From Henry Ford Will Be Received in Capital in Few Days.

POWER COMPANY WILL MAKE BID

Hepburn Will Make Bid For Pennsylvania Power Co., With Government to Operate Plant.

Washington, March 19.—(AP)—Frederick T. Hepburn, organizer of the Pennsylvania Power system, will submit a proposal to the Muscle Shoals Congressional committee Monday to operate the Alabama property under government supervision.

Mr. Hepburn, a nationally known power expert, is understood to have substantial financial backing from New York interests. This is his second appearance in the list of Muscle Shoals bidders. He submitted a bid last fall to the President's Muscle Shoals commission.

His proposal is understood to provide for creation of a corporation to operate the entire property for the production of fertilizer and power. Operations would be divided into two distinct units, with governmental agencies created to see that the government's interests were protected.

Under the plan the corporation would complete construction of the works at Muscle Shoals and for the first year the government would receive 10 per cent. on the income from the sale of power. After the first year, and for each succeeding year an annual rental of \$2,000,000 a year would be paid unless other additions were built, in which case the rental would be 4 per cent. of the cost of the addition.

Under Mr. Hepburn's program the government would be requested to construct transmission lines for the distribution of power so that the operators could sell power to consumers rather than being forced to sell it to existing power companies. Power rates would be subject to regulation by various state agencies.

A research laboratory would be established at Muscle Shoals for development of improved methods for manufacture of fertilizer. Laboratory would be supported by an appropriation from the government which would be matched by similar appropriation from the corporation.

Fertilizer operations would be under the direction of a board of experts, which would be empowered to control production. Production of fertilizer would be considered the salient use of the property.

The entire property would be held in a state of readiness to turn to the production of ammunition in time of war, and any improvements would be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Expect Bid From Ford. Washington, March 19.—(AP)—Another bid by Henry Ford for Muscle Shoals is believed to be in prospect. The motor manufacturer, through his secretary has asked the joint congressional committee for information as to the terms on which new offers for lease of the property must be based, and this coming on the heels of rumors that the Detroit automobile builder must try again for control of the Alabama Power site has stimulated interest of other prospective bidders.

J. C. Willeford Files Petition in Bankruptcy. Charlotte, March 19.—(AP)—James C. Willeford, Concord lawyer, today filed a voluntary petition of bankruptcy in the office of the federal court clerk. His liabilities were listed as \$5,550.58 and his assets at \$2,070.28.

Senate Adjourns. Washington, March 19.—(AP)—The Senate adjourned as soon as it met today upon motion of Senator Dale, Republican, of Vermont, out of respect to Colonel John C. Coolidge, father of the President.

Sir Oliver Dodge Declares Death Is Adventure Which Should Be Welcomed

London, March 18.—Death as a "new adventure" and not as "extinction" was described by Sir Oliver Lodge, scientist and spiritualist leader, in an address today at Christ Church, Black Friars. He appealed to his hearers to dismiss the idea of death as a gloomy thing.

Sir Oliver declared that he had frequent talks with the dead. Human souls, he said, temporarily are enclosed in a body of matter in this world and it is quite conceivable that in the future they might be clothed in an instrument made of something other than matter.

"The body is a nuisance" to get rid of, he continued. "And when the separation takes place, we should try to regard the process with intelligence and not with emotion. Do not be afraid of the word 'death.' There is in a way death but there is no extinction. Whatever you think about the body, don't think of the grave with emotion."

"There is too much superstition about the grave. There are no dead in graveyards. I have never seen

the grave of my son in France. He asked me not to.

"If people would not wait for a general resurrection and all that medieval superstitions they would regard death as an adventure, something we may be ready for and welcome when it comes and not be afraid of. We should look forward to death as an emigration which we do not fear; to look forward to fresh conditions with interest, not with apprehension."

"You may ask how do we know about these people who have gone? I can not doubt that because I am frequently talking to them. You can not doubt the existence of people to whom you talk."

"What happens to us elsewhere depends on what we have done here. According to how we have made use of our opportunities, we may go up or down. Matter looks far too big in our attitude here. Let us not take a pitiable outlook. Lift up your hearts. The possibilities open to us are beyond our imagination."

Cubs' Pair of Midgets



Two of the smallest players in the National League are "Hack" Wilson and "Sparky" Adams of the Chicago Cubs. Wilson (on the left), is an outfielder, while Adams cavorts around second base. Both are veterans and will play regularly this season, according to Manager Joe McCarthy.

WILLIAM A. HART DEAD AT TARBORO

Was State Highway Commissioner For First District and a Cotton Manufacturer.

Tarboro, March 19.—(AP)—William A. Hart, cotton manufacturer and state highway commissioner of the first district, died suddenly at his home here today.

The manufacturer died at 5 a. m., when he suffered a heart attack. He is survived by Mrs. Hart and one son, B. M. Hart. Funeral arrangements are yet incomplete.

W. A. Hart was appointed to membership on the State Highway Commission in 1921 by Governor Morrison, after a successful life as a builder of his section of the state. As president of the Tarboro Cotton Mills, Mr. Hart was a prominent figure in his section and was an active contributor to every worth while cause.

His interest in agriculture was of matter of record, and in 1923 he was elected president of the North Carolina Agricultural Society which operates the State Fair. He at once turned his energies to this new endeavor and had planned during the coming year to devote considerable time to upbuilding the State Fair on its new site when it was selected.

REV. DR. ANTON BAST IS DECLARED GUILTY

Charged With Fraudulent Conversion of \$67,848 of Charity Funds Entrusted to Him.

Copenhagen, Denmark, March 19.—(AP)—Rev. Dr. Anton Bast, Methodist Episcopal bishop of Scandinavia, was found guilty by a jury today of the fraudulent conversion of 182,000 kroner (\$67,848) of charity funds.

The bishop was exonerated on the second clause of the prosecutor's charge, that of making public appeals for charity based on "more or less shamelessly falsified accounts."

He was also cleared on the third clause of fraudulently converting to his own use 55,000 kroner (\$14,410) belonging to the central mission. Bishop Bast was sentenced to three months imprisonment.

With Our Advertisers.

The 57th series of stock in the Cabarrus County B. L. & S. Association will begin April 8th. The officers and stockholders invite each and every man, woman and child in Cabarrus County to take some shares in this series.

Running shares cost 25 cents per share per week. Prepaid Shares cost \$72.25 per share. Each share is worth \$100.00 at maturity.

The Boy W. Cox Studio will give special prices on photographs until Easter. See prices in ad. today.

The special price on Rund heaters installed is only \$22.75 will expire tomorrow. Terms, 75 cents down and \$2.00 a month. See ad. of Concord and Kannapolis Gas Co.

See the new Studebaker ad. of the Auto Supply and Repair Co. New coats for misses, women and juniors \$9.90, \$14.75 and \$24.75 at J. C. Penney Co's.

Pre-Easter Sale of Shoes at Efrid's now going on, 65 cents to \$5.45. Schloss Bros. Easter suits and top coats, \$25 to \$50, at Hoover's.

You will find a lot at Robinson's that will be a perfect complement. Specials Saturday at the Kidd-Fix Co., piano for \$105, and player for \$221.

Catawba Preparing For First Encounter. Salisbury, March 18.—Uniforms were issued to the Catawba College baseball squad this afternoon following a week or more of rather intensive practice in preparation for the opening game of the season on Saturday against the Kannapolis Y at Kannapolis.

The lads have been working out steadily as often as the weather permitted for about two weeks, and give promise of having a splendid team this year, although it is not yet put out by the college since its re-opening here this past fall.

Funeral Service For Colonel Coolidge 2 Tomorrow Afternoon

SIDELIGHTS IN VOTE ON PROHIBITION

A Brief Glance at Events That Accompanied Big Referendum

Many women are voting against their husbands in the prohibition poll being conducted by the Brockton, (Mass.) Enterprise, says D. M. Travis, managing editor.

Indicating the accuracy with which NEA newspapers are conducting the poll, the Brooklyn Citizen threw out 6718 ballots as improperly marked.

The Seattle Star found that its farmer readers do not favor the prohibition law. A tabulation of farmers' votes showed: For prohibition, 60; repeal, 222; modification, 378.

In Hickory, N. C., several lodges polled their entire membership. The Sioux City (Ia.) Tribune placed ballot boxes in stores, theatres, churches, industrial plants and luncheon clubs.

The response from Sioux City and the surrounding territory was unusual, many small towns in Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska voting," says E. G. Tripp, managing editor.

Rev. Charles W. Brushares, Methodist pastor of Dayton, O., announced before his congregation that he felt it his duty to vote in the poll conducted by the News.

C. M. Vaughan of Russell, O., personally solicited 125 dry ballots for the Ironton, (O.) Tribune.

Clara C. Cloyton, state president of the Nebraska W. C. T. U., announced that the national W. C. T. U. was preparing a "roll of allegiance" of persons in the United States who want the prohibition law upheld. She predicted the names on this roll would greatly outnumber the total of wet voters in the national referendum of NEA Service.

Long lines of people waited at the voting booth of the Brooklyn Citizen on the last day of its poll.

In Memphis about 55 per cent. of the women are voting for modification, 30 per cent. for repeal and 15 per cent. for the dry law.

The Rhode-Island Herald listed the names of all those voting in its poll, but did not reveal how they voted. It thus answered the criticism of a subscriber that "bootleggers would vote as many times as they pleased."

The Lubbock, Tex., Ministerial Association urged all church members to vote in the Lubbock Journal poll and to vote dry.

In Tulare, Cal., the chief of police supervised the counting of ballots. Excerpts from letters received by the Times, Wichita Falls, Tex.:

"I do not think you are fair to the side that wants a change in the prohibition law. You have tried to stir up the prohibitionists to vote and haven't done anything of that kind for the other side."

"I am a World War veteran and refute the implication so often heard that the national army would have voted against prohibition."

"I am a World War veteran. Ask those who write in favor of prohibition how they got it. Ask them if we had a fair vote."

Strange Substance Found in Boring Well. Edeton, March 18.—While boring a new well on land owned by C. H. Barber Tuesday, Harrison Spruill, discovered a substance of which has been sent to the State geologist for analysis.

When the drill had been pierced about forty-five feet he bored through a two-inch eypress board in fine preservation and going deeper to the depth of sixty-five feet he found about a bushel of petrified substance, part of it hard and clear like glass and other pieces dark brown, suggestive of great heat.

Ly Cobb's first game in the major league was against the New York Yankees, August 30, 1905.

ANNOUNCEMENT
The 57th Series in this Old Reliable Building and Loan Association will open on April 3rd. The officers and stockholders invite each and every man, woman and child in Concord to take some shares in this series. Running Shares cost 25 cents per share per week. Prepaid Shares cost \$72.25 per share. Each share is worth \$100.00 at maturity. We have been maturing our stock in 328 weeks. Tax return day is coming. Just remember that all stock with us is non-taxable. BEGIN NOW CABARRUS COUNTY BUILDING LOAN AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION Office in The Concord National Bank

WEEK PRESIDENT RESIGNS AND NEW ELECTION FOLLOWS

Admiral Coundouriotis, Who Has Been Head of Nation Since 1923, Going to Take Needed Rest

PREMIER TO BE NEW PRESIDENT

Will Be in Office Until After Election.—Admiral Plans to Go to Native Island of Hydra.

Athens, March 19.—(AP)—Admiral Coundouriotis has resigned the Greek presidency. An election will be held to decide his successor.

Admiral Coundouriotis assumed the regency of Greece when King George was forced to leave the country in December 1923. Subsequently upon the formation of the republic after the plebiscite of April 1924, he became provisional president, holding the post up to the present time.

Rumors of his impending resignation arose last month when it was announced that he was going to his native island of Hydra for a short rest, and that Premier Pangalos, military director of the Greek government would visit him there.

Pangalos at that time said he did not expect the president to resign, but that if the unexpected happened, he would either appoint a new chief executive or arrange for a new executive. He would assume the presidency himself, but only temporarily.

CALIFORNIA MAN RUNS AMUCK AND KILLS SIX

His Wife and Sister-in-Law Among Those Slain—Revenge is the Motive

Sacramento, Calif., March 18.—John M. Goins, of Stockton, who today shot and killed six persons, was slain on the state highway north of here tonight by Captain Carl E. Slatterback, state traffic officer, and Supervisor W. S. Briggs, of Eldorado county.

Stockton, Calif., March 18.—Five women and one man were slain today by John M. Goins, Stockton real estate man, who ran amuck. Goins was still at liberty tonight.

After shooting to death his wife, Florence Podesta Goins; his sister-in-law, Minnie Podesta, and Mary Carroll McNoble, wife of George E. McNoble, prominent Stockton attorney, Goins fled from Stockton.

On a farm near Galt, Calif., he killed Alexander Marengo, his wife and their daughter, Mary. The Marengos were related to Goins' wife, Stockton authorities said.

All officers in this section of California were seeking the slayer. Mrs. Goins recently had consulted McNoble with a view to obtaining a divorce and it is believed that, blaming McNoble for a part in his domestic difficulties, Goins went to the McNoble home for revenge.

He first went to the Podesta home near Stockton and shot his wife and sister-in-law. Ranch hands heard the shooting and saw Goins fleeing in his automobile.

Goins proceeded to McNoble's office and, finding that the attorney was in San Francisco, drove to the McNoble home. Mrs. McNoble was shot down as she appeared at the door. Two of her children, just arriving from school witnessed the shooting.

Police found Mrs. McNoble still breathing. On the floor were six empty cartridges, indicating that Goins had reloaded his revolver before he departed.

Believing that Goins intended to kill the entire Podesta family, whose estate he had handled, police took two of the Podesta sisters to places of safety.

Goins reached the Marengo ranch about 2 o'clock this afternoon. He used only three shots to dispose of three members of the Marengo family.

Two small children of the Marengo girl who was Mrs. Mary Dutra, witnessed the slayings. They were not molested.

Improving on Nature. London, March 19.—The production of synthetic camphor from turpentine oil in this country appears to be an accomplished fact. Exact details are not known, but from one to three tons a day have been quoted as estimates of the production.

Charlotte Toth, the great new England swimmer, could not swim until he was 20 years old.

SAT'S BEAR SATS
Partly cloudy tonight, slightly warmer in extreme west portion; Saturday increasing cloudiness, and warmer, followed by showers in west portion. Gentle variable winds becoming south.