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Rome, April 7.—(AP)—An attempt was made to assassinate Premier Mussolini this morning. A woman fired a revolver point blank at him, but he escaped with a slight wound.

Mussolini was shot through the nose. The shooting occurred at about 1:15 a. m., while he was leaving the session of the Congress of International Surgeons in the Palace di Capitoie, to enter his automobile.

A great crowd was around the entrance cheering the Premier when the woman pressed to the front and pointing a revolver directly at him pulled the trigger.

Mussolini, submitting to medical attention, maintained great composure. He ordered that immediate dispositions be taken to preserve order and that no retributions be taken.

News of the attempt created a sensation, not only in Rome, but in other cities throughout the country where it was made known.

The semi-official Stefani Agency says the immediate action was the organization of manifestations of loyalty to the fascist chief.

Creates Sensation in London. London, April 7.—(AP)—News that Premier Mussolini, of Italy, had been shot and wounded by a woman giving the name of Violet Albina Gibson, caused a sensation in London.

The third daughter of the late Lord Ashbourne is the honorable Violet Albina Gibson, aged 50.

The press association says "In connection with today's attack on Mussolini the Press Association is informed by a member of the family of the late Lord Ashbourne in London that the Honorable Violet Albina Gibson is at present in Rome. She is a lady of somewhat eccentric temperament."

Demonstration Reported. Paris, April 7.—(AP)—A Havas dispatch from Rome says the attempt upon Mussolini's life was followed by demonstrations in one of which the printing plant of Il Mondo, anti-fascist newspaper, was destroyed.

EX-GOV. DAVIS SEEKS FIVE MILLION DAMAGES Suit Started Against Kansas City Journal Post and Number of Individuals.

Topeka, Kans., April 5.—Suits asking \$5,000,000 damages were filed in Shawnee county district court today by counsel for former Governor Jonathan M. Davis, alleging criminal libel and malicious prosecution. The defendants are Walter S. Dickey, publisher of the Kansas City Journal Post, and a number of individuals.

The suits are an outgrowth of the trials of the ex-governor on charges of accepting bribes for paroles and pardons which followed the publication of a copyrighted article in the Kansas City Journal, January 10th, 1925, purporting to expose corruption of the pardon power by Governor Davis.

North Carolina One of Most Progressive States. Raleigh Bureau of The Concord Daily Tribune

Raleigh, April 7.—North Carolina is set forth as one of the most progressive states in the Union in an article appearing in the March issue of the Giant Cement News.

In 1924, the article points out, North Carolina paid more Federal taxes than any other state except New York and Pennsylvania and, with less than 3,000,000 population, paid more than Illinois, which has a population of practically 7,000,000.

The state's wealth has increased ten times over within the past twenty years, the article states further, and the value of school properties has jumped from \$1,000,000 to \$48,000,000 within the same period.

In furniture and manufacturing, North Carolina runs Michigan a close race, and in textile, it gives North Carolina equal rating with Massachusetts. In that respect, the writer was conservative, as latest reports show the Old North State in the lead.

The article carried with it pictures of the Six Walter Hotel in Raleigh and of the furniture market in High Point.

Deaf Man Fined \$25 on Assault Charge. Greensboro, April 6.—William Spivey, deaf, of Wilmington, tried in Municipal court here this morning on a charge of assault on a female was sentenced to pay \$25, the complainant being a 16-year-old girl who said that Spivey had accosted her. The actions of the man frightened her, she said, that he thrust a note in her pocket, there being scribbled on the note an improper proposal. She ran to a telephone and summoned police. Spivey is said to have a family in Wilmington. He is about 25 years of age.

FOREST FIRES AT ROARING GAP UNDER CONTROL

Elkin, N. C., April 7.—(AP)—The forest fire which raged in the woods near Roaring Gap for two days was gotten under control Tuesday afternoon, according to a report received here today.

The blaze spread over a large acreage and did considerable damage. It was fought heroically by large delegations of farmers before they succeeded in extinguishing the rapidly spreading and destructive flames.

WOODROW WILSON BIRTHPLACE MEMORIAL

From April 15th to 30th Set Apart as the Time for a Canvass. Raleigh, N. C., April 7.—The two weeks from April 15th to 30th have been set apart as the time at which the canvass will be conducted throughout North Carolina for the Woodrow Wilson Birthplace Memorial, to be established at his native place, Staunton, Va.

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Chairman Allen stated further that he felt confident North Carolina would raise the \$50,000 assigned to her for the Memorial, and that the many friends and admirers of Woodrow Wilson in this state would welcome the opportunity to share in this tribute to him.

A chairman has been appointed for each county in the state, who will have charge of the canvass in his community, and everyone will have an opportunity to contribute.

The Birthplace memorial embraces three features, the central one being the house in which Woodrow Wilson was born in Staunton, Virginia, in connection with this shrine, the chapel in which he was baptized and in which his father preached, for more than fifty years, the property of Mary Baldwin College, will be restored to its original form and a Wilson Memorial Hall will be erected on the campus of the college.

A. M. FLASHER, General Chairman, Woodrow Wilson Birthplace Memorial, Box B, Staunton, Va.

Charlotte, April 6.—Announcement made Sunday that Hamilton C. Jones had "withdrawn from the race" for the nomination for State Senator in the Twentieth Senatorial District for the 1927 session of the Legislature, brought the reminder from friends yesterday that Mr. Jones had never entered the race.

While it had been apparently generally understood that he would be a candidate, yet Mr. Jones had never announced his candidacy either directly or inferentially and was not therefore in a position to withdraw.

Mr. Jones went to the Senate unopposed two years ago and made a record to which his friends and well wishers point with pride. In a statement he said that he was very grateful for the many expressions of approval from the people of the city and county, of his course during the 1925 session and that these cordial expressions which had come to him made his experience in the Senate one of very pleasant memories.

Mrs. Mamie Sebastian Falls Dead in Her Yard. Salisbury, April 6.—Mrs. Mamie Sebastian fell in the yard at her home on Twelfth street this morning and died in a few minutes. Surviving is the husband, S. S. Sebastian, and six children. Mrs. Sebastian was 36 years old and a daughter of the late Henry Rusher.

Postpone Hearing. Chicago, April 7.—(AP)—Hearing of a government request to file an amended bill against the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana and fifty other corporations, charged with violating the anti-trust law, was postponed in the Federal District Court here today until May 3rd.

Promotion For Jadwin. Washington, April 7.—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Edgar Jadwin, now assistant chief of engineers, will become chief of the engineers corps with the rank of Maj. Gen. on the retirement July 27 of the present chief, Maj. General Harry Taylor.

Watching For Disturbances. Lisbon, April 7.—(AP)—The Portuguese government having received reports concerning intended disturbances, has adopted preventive measures.

Chaplain Shacklette Discharged. Raleigh, April 7.—(AP)—The board of trustees of State Prison today discharged prison chaplain W. S. Shacklette, W. S. Shacklette, the discharge to be effective at once, so far as his duties are concerned. The chaplain will be allowed to draw his full salary for this month and to occupy his present residence until the end of the month. The action was taken, said a statement issued, "as his usefulness as prison welfare officer 'is at an end.'"

Contract is Awarded For Monroe's New Water Plant. Monroe, April 6.—The city aldermen of Monroe today opened bids on constructing the municipal water plant and awarded the contract to W. O. Pratt, of Mount Holly. The consideration is \$231,000. This is for the entire plant and includes removing the trees and shrubbery from Lake Lee, which will have a shore line of eight miles. The job is to be completed and the water turned on in eight months.

Son of Gen. Vance Dies in Asheville. Asheville, April 6.—James H. Vance, who was for several years one of the proprietors of Vance Hall, a summer resort hotel in Alexander, died Sunday afternoon at the French Broad Hospital after an illness of several weeks.

Mencken Found Not Guilty. Boston, Mass., April 7.—(AP)—H. L. Mencken, editor of the American Mercury, was acquitted in municipal court today on a charge of possessing and selling obscene literature. He was arrested Monday when he sold a copy of the April issue of his magazine on Boston Common.

Wilkins and Nielson Make a Safe Flight. New York, April 7.—(AP)—The North American Newspaper Alliance today announced that Capt. George H. Wilkins and Pilot Ben Nielson landed safely at Circle City, about 150 miles northeast of Fairbanks, Alaska, yesterday afternoon.

John E. Andrus, of Yonkers, reputed to be worth \$100,000,000, rides to and from work each day in the subway, although he is 85 years old.

Shows tonight, colder in extreme southwest and warmer in extreme north portions. Thursday mostly cloudy and colder, probably showers in the east portion. Fresh northwest shifting to northwest and north winds.

THAT 3.75 TONIC



Is it a beverage? No, it's a tonic—according to the taste. Fred Pabst, head of the Pabst Brewery Corp., (right) sips a glass of the 3.75 malt extract that his firm has been permitted to sell, while Dr. A. J. Scheidler, chief chemist of the corporation, helps him try it.

BUCKNER DISCUSSES DRY LAW IN NEW YORK

Gives Intimate Picture of Trail of Lawlessness Uncovered in Dry Enforcement. Washington, April 7.—(AP)—An intimate picture of the trail of lawlessness and corruption uncovered in prohibition enforcement in New York was given to a Senate committee today by Emory E. Buckner, federal district attorney for the metropolis. "An atmosphere of collusion" in the federal building was described by the witness. He told of finding a seething mass of "fixers," bootleggers, waiters and others in the building when he took office months ago. Jurors were bribed in the federal building itself, Buckner said, but these conditions now are improved and the courts are catching up with their doings.

DOUGLAS ROBINSON WAS NOT MISSING

Son of Assistant Secretary of Navy Was at Classes as Usual Today. Cambridge, Mass., April 7.—(AP)—Douglas Robinson, son of the assistant secretary of the Navy, was at classes at Harvard University today, unaware that his family had started a search for him on a report that he was missing. While his father prepared to make an airplane flight from Washington to aid in the search for his son, his mother, the former Helen Astor, who came to Boston last night, was making frantic efforts to find him, young Robinson was going about his daily routine after recovering from a slight illness. Robinson went to New York last Friday it was explained, to see a doctor about sinus trouble. He had not told them of his plans. When his mother arrived last night, she found he was gone and became worried. The student, unaware that his mother was on the way, returned to his rooming house last night. Mystery Surrounds Case. Cambridge, Mass., April 7.—(AP)—Mystery surrounded the reported disappearance today of Douglas Robinson, son of the assistant secretary of the Navy, a sophomore at Harvard College. Although it was said officially at Harvard that he had been reported attending classes this morning, no one could be found who had seen him. At his rooming house on Linden street, all information concerning his whereabouts was refused, nor would Miss Malone who manages the house, say whether he had been in his room last night or during the past few days. Earlier in the day she had reported he had gone to New York but later refused to confirm or deny the statement. The University later received word that the student's father was leaving Washington by train, abandoning his earlier intent to come by naval airplane, and would arrive at 10:15 to-night. Pending his arrival the authorities said they preferred not to discuss the case further.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION WILL MEET TOMORROW

But Between Bramham and Butler Scheduled as the Headliner. Raleigh, April 7.—With the bout between William G. Bramham, state chairman, and Marion Butler scheduled as the headliner, the biennial battle among Republicans to determine who will lead the party to another defeat in North Carolina will get underway in Durham tomorrow. At the same time, Democrats the state over will be watching with tongues in cheeks, murmuring, perhaps "And the wonder grew and grew 'That anybody wanted to.'" If the virulence of the pre-convention propaganda may be taken as a criterion, the convention should be the bitterest in modern political history, but old-timers declare from previous experience, that that doesn't mean a thing. Bitter inter-changes of personalities just prior to conventions are not all unusual in the G. O. P. ranks, they point out, and, if history is to repeat itself, all differences will be settled in the seclusion of hotel rooms and the convention itself will prove about as exciting as a quaker prayer meeting. Others, however, not quite so blasé and disillusioned, believed that the attack of Marion Butler upon William G. Bramham has gone too far to be chocked off without reaching the convention floor. Even if Mr. Butler were willing to relinquish what seems to be the all-consuming ambition of his life, at this time, and without his broadside, they say, Mr. Bramham could hardly be held back from replying to the abuse which has already been heaped upon his athletic shoulders. It is generally held that the state chairman is awaiting only the time when he will be released from the gag of office to loose an attack at least as fiery as that which has been directed at him. He has stood mute for weeks, they point out, and it against human nature to keep such emotions as must be seething within his bosom bottled over. On the eve of the convention, it looks as if the first battle which will be fought will be between nature and party propriety. If human nature wins out, then a war of words will ensue on the convention floor the echoes of which will be long in dying down. Should party propriety prove supreme, the fireworks will be confined to the four walls of some hotel room in secret conference and the convention will be as tame as a circus lion. Mr. Butler's proposal of a re-organization of the state committee, to make it consist of one member from each county and the chairman to be elected by it, can hardly be kept from the convention floor. The best guess as to the disposition of that proposal, at this stage, is that a committee will be appointed to consider this plan, and others, to report back to the 1928 convention. This can hardly meet with the approval of Mr. Butler and his cohorts, who can not be expected to overlook the possibility of a committee carefully selected to return a verdict against the change, but even the most confirmed prognosticators refuse to risk their reputations on a prediction as to how strenuously the committee idea will be opposed. There are three outstanding candidates for the state chairmanship: Brownlow Jackson, J. J. Jenkins and B. C. Campbell, with Mr. Jackson an odds on favorite. He is the favorite son of the western Carolina and, according to current reports, will be nominated by Mr. Bramham himself. J. J. Jenkins is Butler's man, according to reports equally as authoritative and, if the invader's oratory, should it break forth, win over a sufficient number of delegates, he stands a good chance of winning. Mr. Campbell, now of the Federal Internal Revenue service, is not to be considered lightly, either, should he make it plain that he would like the job. His resignation from the Federal service was recently announced, but it is understood that that action has no connection with politics. It's no good suffering in silence if you're going to talk a lot about it afterwards.

WILL FORD PRESENT ANOTHER OFFER FOR SHOALS PROPERTY?

Time For Filing Bids Will Expire Saturday and Ford Bid Has Not Been Sent.

OTHERS PRESENT THEIR PROPOSALS

Some Views of Joint Committee Given by Action Taken by Several of the Members.

Washington, April 7.—(AP)—With the joint congressional Muscle Shoals committee in recess today, and its dead line for reception of bids expiring Saturday, the likelihood of a new offer from Henry Ford and the possible procedure which might be adopted to place it before Congress provided a focusing point for speculation.

While a group of Southern power companies commanding a capital placed at \$150,000,000 was presenting to the committee through Thomas W. Martin, president of the Alabama Power Company, a plan for lease of the project yesterday, a report became current that Mr. Ford had a counter proposal ready. Reports had it, however, that he might withhold it until the committee's recommendations had been placed before the Senate and House.

An indication that the committee views the production of cheap nitrogen at Muscle Shoals as more important than the amount of rental to be received by the government, was given when it pointed out that the annual production of 40,000 tons of fixed nitrogen will be required of the lessee.

Mr. Martin, it is understood, under the power companies' plan would place this phase of the work in the hands of Theodore Swan, a chemical manufacturer, of Anniston, Ala.

With Our Advertisers. It's refrigerator time in Concord and Bell & Harris have them for every body. "The Unpardonable Sin" will be Mr. Truett's sermon at the First Baptist Church tonight.

Seed corn for early planting at the seed store, Cline & Moore's. Efford's invite all the ladies of this community to a free demonstration of lamp shade making on Thursday and Friday, April 8th and 9th, on the second floor of their store.

Special this week in pocket and kitchen knives at Ritchie Hardware Co's. \$1.00 values for only 69 cents. Better get yours today.

Read about the torque tube drive in the new Ford ad. today of the Reid Motor Co.

Only this month left to get votes in the free trips to California. See ad. of Cabarrus Cash Grocery Co.

The new print dresses, only \$9.00, at J. C. Penney Co's in original designs and colors.

You can't look at Hoover's spring suits without buying one.

Contract is Awarded For Monroe's New Water Plant.

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Andy Farris, 28, Union county, (Tenn.) farmer, shot to death his seven-year-old nephew, McHenry Bobbie Hill, with a strap. He was convicted by a jury of mountaineer farmers.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at an Advance of 7 to 9 Points.—Trade Buying Took May to 16.85.

New York, April 7.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 7 to 9 points in response to relatively steady Liverpool cables and an unfavorable weather map.

Increased commission house demand, as well as covering and trade buying carried prices up to 16.95 for May and 17.63 for October before the end of the first hour, or about 16 to 18 points net higher.

The weekly report of the weather bureau was mixed, saying that the early crop was making good progress in extreme south Texas but poor elsewhere, with planting backward, and germination unsatisfactory.

Private cables attributed the advance in Liverpool to trade calling, covering and continental buying.

Cotton futures opened steady, May 18.72; July 18.25; Oct. 17.52; Dec. 17.20; Jan. 17.25.

Give Order For Stone Mountain Model.

New York, April 6.—It was announced yesterday by the Stone Mountain Association that an order had been given for the largest model in clay ever turned out. The model, an equestrian bas-relief by Augustus Lukeman, will measure twelve feet high and sixteen feet in length.

The Stone Mountain committee has chosen a New Yorker, Herman Walhausen, famed internationally as a molder, to make two plaster casts, one of which will be sent to the studio at Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, Ga., in a few days, while the other will be retained in New York by the Stone Mountain Association, possibly at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, if the trustees desire, or at some other suitable place. The model is so large that the cast has to be made in three sections.

Recently Colonel Ben Trask, executive head of the Art Department of the Sesqui-centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, requested the Stone Mountain Association to have a third cast made of Mr. Lukeman's model, to be exhibited in the main entrance of the principal art building on the exposition grounds. The association has this request under consideration.

Gun Club to Have Shoot. The gun club has moved its trap from the Fair Grounds to the Country Club and the opening shoot of the season will be held tomorrow, Thursday, afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Visitors have been invited from Charlotte and Salisbury. Most of the local club members, 30 in number, will be present.

Members of the local club have challenged the neighboring marksmen and hope to carry off the honors.

Ready For Impachment Trial. Washington, April 7.—(AP)—The Senate today informed the House it was ready to receive the managers appointed to prosecute the impachment charges against Federal Judge George W. English, of Illinois.

SENATOR COUZENS REFUSES TO HEAR WHEELER TESTIFY

Says When Wayne B. Wheeler Comes Before the Committee He Will Not Be in Room.

WHEELER'S ACTION NOT PLEASING

To the Michigan Senator Who Says He Will Have Nothing to Do With the Dry Leader.

Washington, April 7.—(AP)—While the big prohibition show was on today before the Senate prohibition committee, a strident voice called attention to the merits of the Senate civil service committee as a side attraction for those looking for excitement.

There Senator Couzens, republican of Michigan, was down in black and white as announcing to the world that he would not sit as chairman while Wayne B. Wheeler of the anti-Saloon League addressed the committee.

Mr. Wheeler yesterday was invited by one of the committee members to testify on a bill to place prohibition agents under the civil service.

"Not while I am chairman," Mr. Couzens said. "If Senators want to hear him I'll go out and someone else may take the chair. No man of Wheeler's character and methods can come before any committee I have anything to do with or associate with me in any way."

Mr. Wheeler was present, and with others he was excluded when the committee decided to go into executive session.

THE ENGAGEMENT RING STATUS IS NOW FIXED

Girl's Property When Engagement is Broken By Man, British Court Rules.

London, April 7.—If a man jilts a girl, she is entitled to keep the engagement ring. This more or less ordinarily conceded precedent was just laid down—and laid down in length—by British law. The task, ironically enough, falling to Britain's famous "bachelor judge," High Court Justice McCardie.

The case was a somewhat ordinary shattered romance, for which Clissie Cohen, an attractive London east side Jewess, obtained cash damages to the extent of 74 pounds (10 shillings from Nathan Selary, also of east side Jewry. There had been a dispute about the ownership of the engagement ring, however, and the jury who awarded Miss Clissie heartbreak expressed the opinion that she ought to return the ring.

The ring being valued at 35 pounds, Nathan was of that opinion also, but Justice McCardie thought differently. He took a week or two to consider matters and then laid down a considered judgment which is regarded as masterly, especially from a bachelor.

It was curious, said the judge, that after the centuries in which so many engagements to marry had been made in hope but dissolved in illusions, the question before him had never been determined by direct decision. It fell to him, therefore, to make what virtually amounted to a new law.

The law or contract had only been fully developed within comparative recent times, and actions for breach of promise had been clothed with the more obvious features of commercial disputes. By the slow growth of decisions the promise of marriage was today fixed, with many of the legal characteristics of a commercial bargain. It was governed largely by the principles of law applicable to ordinary contracts.

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Advertisement for STAR THEATRE, featuring 'The Grand Duchess and the Waiter' and 'The Unpardonable Sin'.

Advertisement for SAT'S BEAR SAYS, featuring an illustration of a bear and a person.