

## BUTLER PINCHOT COMBINATION IS QUITE POSSIBLE

### Political Wisecracks in Philadelphia Insist Plan Is on to Wreck Famous Political Machine

### OLD ORDER PASSING

No Dominant Figure Now to Direct Present Organization and Pinchot and Butler May Well Break It

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Philadelphia, Aug. 14.—Governor Gifford Pinchot has begun his "drive" for the United States Senate, but this is not the most interesting bit of political "news" which is to be heard here in Pennsylvania. The wisecracks of Philadelphia insist that Brigadier General Smedley D. Butler, of the United States Marines, is grooming himself or is being groomed for governor of the state. As director of public safety, General Butler has been trying to "clean up" Philadelphia these last 18 months and has leave of absence from the "Devil Dogs" until the end of the year. Then he will have to decide whether to embark upon the troubled sea of Pennsylvania Republican politics or to return to the peaceful pursuits of a fighter.

General Butler has had a terrific battle on his hands here in the city that once was called "corrupt and content." He has had to "break" hundreds of city policemen in order to clean out the bootleggers and the other "gangs" which the general claims had the city of brotherly love by the throat. The general's fight has been a spectacular one. He is sometimes known in the services as the fighting Quaker, but his religious upbringing has not prevented the general from using a bit of soldierly profanity whenever the occasion required and these occasions, it may be added, have not been like angels' visits.

General Butler soon after his arrival here aroused the anger of the political "organization," and they threatened to oust him at once. The general struck an Ajax attitude and told them to go ahead. Butler knew he had caught the fancy and the confidence of the people and he rightly guessed that the political bosses would not dare depose him in the face of a growing public sentiment. Preachers, prominent citizens, civic organizations, all rushed to the assistance of General Butler and he has had full sway at the city hall much to the chagrin of the "regulars" who were content to let Philadelphia go on exactly as she was.

The Republican "organization" still is opposed to Butler and all of his ways and would fight him tooth and nail in the gubernatorial primaries. But this same organization fought Pinchot three years ago and lost the battle. Once the people find an organization can be beaten there is a pretty general desire to kick it in the state. The organization still is opposed to Mr. Pinchot's ambition to go to the United States Senate next year as the successor to Senator George Wharton Pepper, but this opposition does not bother the governor in the least. He believes he is going to win.

Pinchot and Butler have been working hand in glove in the job of "cleaning up" Philadelphia. The director of public safety has had the complete co-operation of the state administration. Therefore the plan now is to have a Pinchot-Butler political combination at the polls next year, Pinchot going to Washington, and Butler being promoted from Philadelphia to Harrisburg. It is an extremely interesting proposition and, while it may be a surprise to the rest of the country, Pennsylvanians have been watching steadily for developments along this line.

Of course such a combination as is proposed would not have been possible in the days of Boies Penrose, but the Pennsylvania Republican machine has no one strong hand at the helm nowadays and neither Pinchot nor Butler is afraid to buck it.

Governor Pinchot is touring the state at present. "on official business," inspecting the various state institutions and getting a first hand view of conditions in general. At the same time, when called upon to speak, he is giving an account of his stewardship at Harrisburg. It is a record of proud, and the governor is rather proud, and as a campaign document it is bound to prove effective. Certainly if Pinchot and Butler next year can win the two most coveted offices in the gift of the people, the reform element will have gained control of a state which once was considered as high among the "hard boiled" commonwealths.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Spencer and children of Swan Quarter returned home Thursday after spending a few days with Mrs. Spencer's uncle, Dr. M. M. Har-

## GAMES THIS WEEK WILL END SEASON

Two more games of baseball this week, officially closing the season here, are announced by the management of the local nine. The first one will begin this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, when Elizabeth City will take on the Ford Plant nine from Norfolk. On Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock, the Norfolk Orioles, one of the fastest amateur nines in this section, will play here.

## YACHTSMEN SAY ROUGH THINGS

### Raise the Dickens About Boats Being Searched by Coast Guard

By ROWLAND WOOD  
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New York, Aug. 14.—Some three thousand owners in the United States of pleasure boats, of the cabin cruiser and upwards classes—half of them in the New York district—are saying rough things about the Government's prohibition enforcing machinery today as a result of the latest wrinkle in dry enforcement in these parts—the seizure by coast guard officials of the motored houseboat Stroller and the arrest of Albert Fink, prominent Chicago lawyer, and his bride, who were honeymooning aboard.

The boarding party found only 23 bottles of intoxicating liquor on the Stroller, which is less by far than thousands of New Yorkers keep on hand in their homes unharmed. Yachtsmen here, however, have been considering their craft if they had sleeping quarters—as their castles, and have been "getting away with it" until the Stroller's seizure.

Indeed, the Government appeared to take the same view of the situation, for recently the dry enforcement authorities issued a circular letter to yachtsmen advising them that they were to be free from boarding and search unless they were traveling under suspicious circumstances, and requesting them to co-operate in the work of catching liquor smuggling craft.

"If the facts in the Stroller case are as represented, I certainly think the coast guard's action was high-handed," Commander H. M. Curtin of the Seawanhaka Yacht Club, one of the largest about New York, told the writer today. "It certainly seems queer, coming right on top of the letter the department sent out to all yacht clubs. It has occasioned great indignation and there has been some talk of testing out the 'castle' theory, but I don't see how such a claim could stand in court, as the law permits boarding and search of any vessel within American waters."

Coast guard Captain Jacobs, commander of the rum patrol in this port, declared today that the government had no plan with respect to yacht boardings other than "that formulated some time ago, which provided for the search of all suspicious craft."

"We received certain information that the Stroller had liquor aboard," he said.

"The information was correct. We will continue to make searches in similar cases, but there will be no general boarding of private craft under present orders."

As the Strollers plight is laid to a "tip" given the coast guard by disarmed employes, the only moral in the case seems to be: Stand in with the help.

## FUNNY, BUT TEXAS IS SHORT OF HOGS

Fort Worth, Aug. 14.—The hog shortage in Texas is the most serious ever known and the state will have to spend \$75,000,000 outside to buy its needed pork products. The decline is due largely to increased interest in cotton farming.

## YOUTHFUL MURDERER GETS HEARING TODAY

Sedalia, Missouri, Aug. 14.—The preliminary hearing before the justice of peace this afternoon will see the initial appearance before the bar of Justice of Everett Adams, 17-year-old Wilmington, Ohio, youth charged with murder.

## NEW CHECK LAW FAILED TUTTLE

### Criminal Action on Check Believed Worthless Falls Down

C. C. Colson of Perquimans County, against whom trial on the charge of manufacturing and selling liquor is pending in Federal Court, was permitted to go free by County Judge Sawyer in the recorder's court Friday morning on a charge of passing a worthless check for \$165.95.

The charge against Colson was brought by John F. Tuttle of the Tuttle Garage on Matthews street. There was no question that Colson signed the check and that on the strength of it he obtained a car from the garage on which the defendant owed a repair bill. But, in view of the fact that the prosecuting witness admitted that when he took the check he did not believe that it was good, the court refused to hold the defendant.

Colson claimed that he signed the check without even knowing that it was a check and without looking at the amount, but this would not have prevented his conviction, apparently, had it not also been for the prosecuting witness' admission that he did not believe when he took the check that the defendant had the money in the bank and that he tried for about 30 days to collect on it before presenting it at the bank for payment.

Colson had not for several years even carried an account at the bank on which the check was given.

## SCHOOLS GROW IN QUARTER CENTURY

### Annual Expenditures Jump from One Million to Nearly Thirty Millions

Raleigh, Aug. 14.—Total school expenditures in North Carolina increased from \$1,062,203 in 1900 to \$29,747,075 in 1924. W. H. Pittman, chief clerk in the State Department of Public Instruction, has reported. "If this increase were distributed equally among the 24 years of this period," he said, "it would represent an annual increase of nearly one and one quarter millions of dollars."

Mr. Pittman pointed out that \$22,375,000 of the 24 years increase is found in the five years since 1919. In 1919-20 the total, he said, was \$6,750,000, and in 1919-20 it was \$12,250,000. In 1920-21 the total had risen to \$17,487,763, and in 1921-22 it was \$21,649,695. In 1922-23 the expenditure was \$29,851,780 and in 1923-24 it was \$29,747,075. There was a slight decrease from 1922-23 to 1923-24.

The school population of North Carolina, reported Mr. Pittman, increased 263,366 in the interval between 1900 and 1924. There were 657,949 children of school age in the State in 1900 and 921,315 in 1924. The increase was 40 per cent over the number in 1900.

The white population was 439,431 in 1900 and 628,132 in 1924. There were 188,701 more white children in 1924 than in 1900. The increase in the number of white children represented 43 per cent.

In 1900 there were 218,518 negro children of school age in North Carolina, and in 1924 there were 293,182, an increase of 74,665, or 34 per cent.

In connection with the announcement of financial and enrollment figures, Mr. Pittman made a study of attendance records. He found that the total enrollment in 1900 was 400,452 and in 1924, 793,045, an increase of 392,594, or 98 per cent.

The number of children in average daily attendance in 1900 was 206,918, and in 1924, 571,359, an increase of 364,441, or 176 per cent. Thus, it is seen that the attendance had climbed more rapidly than either the increase in school population or enrollment.

In 1900 there were only thirty high schools in the State with a total attendance of 2,000. In 1920 there were 420, with an enrollment of 29,294, and in 1924 there were 738 high schools, with a combined attendance of 63,375. White school property in 1923 was valued at \$53,177,325 and negro school property at \$6,580,770.

## ADMITS KNEW OF MAIL CONSPIRACY

Kewanee, Ill., Aug. 14.—Joseph Jackson, driver of the government mail truck, which was robbed of a sack of registered mail, admitted today that he had knowledge that the robbery was to be staged. He is held on the charge of conspiracy to rob the mails.

## GOING AHEAD WITH ONE PLANE OFF DUTY

Washington, Aug. 14.—With one of its planes temporarily out of commission the MacMillan Arctic expedition is going ahead with the other two to establish an intermediate base at Flager Fjord on Ellesmere Island, 100 miles from Etah, Greenland, the main base.

## When the Street Floated Away



They had a heavy rain in Detroit—almost a cloudburst—and it flooded dozens of streets. Streets that were paved with wood or composition blocks suffered heavily, as the blocks floated away and were scattered all over the city when the water subsided.

## Chicago Has Plan For Getting Rid of Crime

### By Segregating Three Thousand Mental Delinquents Judge and Psychopathic Director Believe They Would Save Trouble for Over Three Millions

(By The Associated Press)  
Chicago, Aug. 14.—A standing offer to rid a city of more than 3,000,000 population, of all crime by permanently segregating 3,000 mental delinquents who are marked repeaters is in final form for the next session of the Illinois Legislature.

The offer is from Chief Justice Harry Olson of the Municipal Court of Chicago, and Dr. William J. Hickson, director of the Court's Psychopathic Laboratory, in which defendants in more than 48,000 criminal cases have been examined during the last 11 years.

The experience of the laboratory has brought Judge Olson and Dr. Hickson to the conclusion that crime prevention is more a problem in psychology than in police administration, and that the root of the problem is the mental delinquent whose debility renders him incapable of interpreting punishment as retribution.

Instead of committing offenders to prisons and reformatories for short sentences, and then throwing them on society again, to commit a greater crime, Dr. Hickson proposes a permanent industrial farm colony where the delinquents could live lives adjusted to their peculiarities.

He would make the colony largely self-sustaining, and in addition would save upwards of \$7,000,000 annually of Chicago's \$15,000,000 budget for policing and criminal courts.

The laboratory's records show mental deficiency as the prime factor in Chicago crime, and also, that in a large majority of the delinquents, the criminal bent is manifested in some minor offense during the period of adolescence.

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## H. D. CLUB GIRLS CAN GET GRADES SATURDAY

The girls of the Home Demonstration Clubs of the County who went to Raleigh a few weeks ago for the special work given there in the summer course can get their grades on the food and clothing courses, at the meeting to be held Saturday afternoon with Miss Marcella Albertson at the Chamber of Commerce Rooms at 2:30 o'clock.

## GAS PRICE CUT

New York, Aug. 14.—Another reduction of one cent a gallon in the tank wagon price of gasoline throughout its territory was announced today by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. North Carolina's quotation is 18 cents.

## HERTFORD MAN DIES SUDDENLY

### T. C. Whedbee Victim of Heart Attack Shortly After Midnight

Hertford, Aug. 14.—T. C. Whedbee, familiar figure on Hertford streets for years and cousin of Chas. Whedbee, prominent Hertford lawyer, died at 12:30 o'clock Friday morning very suddenly. He was conscious only 15 minutes before he expired after suffering a heart attack caused by high blood pressure.

Mr. Whedbee lived on Church street near the Perquimans River bridge. He was 58 years old and is survived by his wife, two brothers, Dr. J. P. Whedbee of Suffolk, W. B. Whedbee of Hertford, three sisters, Mrs. Lena Newby, Mrs. E. M. Newby and Miss Pattie Whedbee of Hertford.

No funeral arrangements have yet been made but as Mr. Whedbee had a special aversion to flowers at funerals his wife has asked that they be omitted.

Mr. Whedbee was well liked and especially popular with the business men and farmers.

## NEGROES BE TRIED HERE FOR LARCENY

Norfolk, Aug. 14.—It was stated at the Norfolk County jail last night that an automobile in which Jack Griffin and James Howell, colored, both of Elizabeth City were riding on the Washington Highway, when they clashed with Deputy Sheriff Smith and Prohibition Officer Wilson in an exchange of shots, was yesterday claimed by P. M. Colson, a resident of Perquimans County North Carolina.

The county police yesterday went to the points on the highway where the shooting occurred and recovered a pistol from the woods, in which Griffin and Howell were arrested after they fled from the car.

Advices from Elizabeth City authorities state that Griffin and Howell both live in that city and are wanted there for larceny of an automobile after charges against them here have been satisfied.

## REPORT ON COTTON CONSUMED IN JULY

Washington, Aug. 14.—Cotton consumed during July totaled 483,898 bales of lint and 62,513 of linters as compared with 492,765 bales of lint and 60,577 of linters in June this year, the Census Bureau announced today.

## BELGIAN COMMISSION IS MARKING TIME

Washington, Aug. 14.—Debt negotiations between the United States and Belgium were suspended today pending conferences to be held Monday between President Coolidge, Secretary Mellon and Senator Smoot, representing the American Commission.

## BATTLE IN FLORIDA OVER STRIP OF LAND

Port Myers, Fla., Aug. 14.—Marion Island today was divided into two hostile camps which are reported ready to do battle over the ownership of a strip of land more than a mile wide across the middle of the island which has never been included in the survey.

## MOTORISTS IN GLEE OVER GASOLINE WAR

Atlanta, 14.—Motorists are in glee over prospects of a gasoline price war. The Woffard Company has announced a reduction of 3 cents a gallon retail sharing "secret rebates, discounts and concessions" by distributors.

## WANT THE STATES TO REGULATE BUS LINES

Detroit, Aug. 14.—Michigan will join other states in an effort to bring inter state bus and truck lines under regulation of individual states rather than of the interstate commerce commission which, local transportation men say, is too far removed to take up local problems.

## DEFENSE THEORY IS EXPLODED BY X-RAY

Richmond, Aug. 14.—The defense theory that the skull of three persons and the wounding of a fourth here July 29 was exploded today when an X-ray specialist reported no depression evident.

## For Evolution



James Robert Wilson, Rhea Springs, Tenn., aluminum plant worker, and father of five children, wants them taught evolution. To insure this, he has filed in the federal court at Knoxville a bill which would make the Tennessee statute against teaching evolution null and void.

## MAY RETURN TO WHIPPING POST

Illinois Fed Up on Kindness Theory May Revert to Ancient Custom

By OWEN L. SCOTT  
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Chicago, Aug. 14.—Convinced that kindness and clemency never will make good men out of criminals, authorities here are turning their attention to the whipping post—one of the most ancient and most effective crime deterrents—as a possible solution to their problem.

State enactment would be required to bring the cat-o-nine-tails into vogue, but in the face of the rising crime wave passing over the country officials believe that legislative sanction would be forthcoming if sought.

To back up their position, those favoring physical punishment for criminals point to the experience of Quebec, Canada, where the lash has been laid on with effectiveness.

Burglary has almost disappeared from Delaware as a result of the threat of the whipping post, according to figures of those who favor its return. Montreal, by using the lash has stopped crime waves, while in England the use of the whip on juvenile offenders, when their cases began to be flagrant, is said to have cut down the number immediately.

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## IT'S HOT TIME IN NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh, Aug. 14.—North Carolina continued to swelter today following the hottest night of the summer.

## AUTO MAKERS WILL EXPAND THEIR PLANTS

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### AUGUST SALES GOOD

### Not Only Are Prices Reduced but Terms are Made as Convenient as Possible for Purchaser

By J. C. ROYLE  
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New York, Aug. 14.—Automobile manufacturers, instead of worrying over a possible saturation point, are preparing to expand their plants in many instances.

"There is nothing in general conditions throughout the country, as far as I can see, to warrant anxiety with reference to continued satisfactory business," C. W. Nash, president of the Nash Motors, said today. "Industry in general should proceed in a prosperous manner. The outlook for our company in particular is more favorable than ever before. Orders on hand are greatly in excess of our ability to ship."

This statement accompanied an announcement that new buildings would be added to the plant layout at Kenosha. More factory sites are in demand in Lansing than ever before in the city's history, and 68 per cent of the industry there are connected with the automobile industry. The August motor car sales are proceeding at an unprecedented rate for this time of year. This fact is substantiated by dispatches received today from Atlanta, San Francisco, St. Paul, New Orleans and other widely separated points.

Strenuous efforts to increase and encourage those sales are being made, not only through price reductions but through ease and cheapness with which purchases can be financed. The spread of payments throughout the industry has been increased nearly 20 per cent. The Ford Company having been a pioneer in the sale of pleasure cars on a partial payment plan, has turned its attention to the aiding of farmers to purchase tractors. The new financing plan for the agriculturalists has been developed by the Motor Acceptance Corporation of Milwaukee, which handles purchase of Ford tractors and other farm equipment. Under the scheme a 13 per cent finance charge is added to the factory price of a Fordson tractor. The farmer pays 25 per cent cash plus freight and dealers delivery charge and the 75 per cent balance is split into two equal payments due November 1, 1925 and November 1, 1926.

Additional equipment such as plows and harrows, etc. can be bought on the same terms. Ford officials say they hope this will materially aid in motorizing many American farms. In connection with the financing of automobiles, it is to be noted that money rates are fairly low and while borrowing rates may be expected to increase, it is believed bankers will continue reasonably free in extending accommodations.

Announcement was made today that the Ford Company would bring out a 2 1/2 ton truck about January 1 at a slightly less than \$1,000 for the chassis or \$1,300 equipped with a stake body. A fleet of these trucks has been operated experimentally for some time by a concern which handles some of the Ford supplies.

Despite the fact there were 1,936,700 new passenger automobiles made in the last half years, dealers stocks are remarkably light and on the whole manufacturers are carrying only normal stocks. Some of the more prominent producers are far behind deliveries. The Cadillac factory is turning out 100 cars a day and is expected to increase this to 135. Chrysler is producing 800 cars a day and Dodge Brothers about 1,100.

Although sales were less than 100,000 larger in the last six months than in the corresponding period of 1924, profits for most of the leading companies showed substantial increases and some producers up new high records for all time.

This betterment extended to the retail dealers. The Glichrist Company, one of Boston's large department stores, has opened a department for the distribution of two well known makes of automobiles. It is believed this is the first department store to engage in retail merchandising of motor cars as well as accessories. Buses are being turned out in record volume and a total production of at least 25,000 for the year now is indicated.

## RUBBER COMPANY HAS RESUMED OPERATIONS

Bristol, R. I., Aug. 14.—The National India Rubber Company of Bristol, a subsidiary of the United States Rubber Company has resumed operations on a four day per week basis.

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## COTTON IS STRUTTING

Sacramento, Aug. 14.—With the present warm weather cotton is making excellent progress in all the growing districts of California.