

Bank Teller Arrested After Accused Cashier Involves Him In Crash

N. E. Hart Held Under \$15,000 Bond Pending Action of Grand Jury on Holland's Allegations

Board of Directors of Albemarle Bank May Face Charges as Result of Story Told by Holland

Denying emphatically that he had used a single penny of Albemarle Bank's money for his own benefit, asserting that N. E. Hart, teller, was implicated to the same degree that he was, and contending that the directors of the bank had instructed him to meet various expenses that he could not have met by legitimate methods...

Holland was sentenced to three years and nine months in the State Prison by Judge Grady at the opening of court this afternoon. The sentence was imposed on each of the two counts in the indictment against him, with a proviso that both run concurrently.

At the close of the morning session, Solicitor Walter Small drew up charges against Hart, and Judge H. A. Grady ordered that the teller be held under \$15,000 cash bond pending action by the grand jury on the charge against him. Hart is accused of having been accessory in the wrecking of the bank.

If Holland's statement is correct, all the bank's directors are guilty, too. Judge Grady commented when the cashier had left the stand. The courtroom was packed to overflowing, with colored spectators outnumbering the whites three to one, and the judge's comment on the directors caused a perceptible stir.

Through counsel, Holland entered pleas of guilty to charges of having made false entries in the bank's records and thereby having misrepresented the institution's assets and liabilities, and of the bank's books showed a misapplication of funds. He offered these pleas at the opening of the hearing this morning shortly after 10 o'clock.

How Bank Was Wrecked On the stand, Holland told in detail of the method used in juggling the bank's accounts so as to conceal its real condition. He gave his age as 42 years, and stated he had served 10 years in the Navy, afterwards having held a position as assistant cashier in a colored bank in Portsmouth for a period of six months just before coming to Elizabeth City.

Holland stated the Albemarle Bank had been organized when he arrived here to accept a position as cashier in it, but it had not opened for business. He said the bank's books showed an authorized capital of \$25,000 and a paid-in capital of \$15,000, but that \$5,000 of this was offset by a note signed by the directors and discounted by the Tidewater Bank & Trust Company, of Norfolk.

Directors Are Blamed This note, he said, had to be renewed each six months, and with no legitimate funds from which to meet payment on it, and with other expenditures authorized by the directors, he had had to "carry" depositors' accounts from time to time. He stated that

Council Takes Up Details Involved In Issuing Bonds

A resolution authorizing the circulation of petitions among property owners on streets to be paved under the quarter of a million dollar improvement program undertaken this year, was passed last night by the City Council, in special session at the Chamber of Commerce.

This step was taken upon the advice of attorneys employed to handle the sale of the bonds. They advised that that course was necessary to assure the validity of the issue, and the getting of the best price for them.

A suggestion sponsored by the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, that Road street, from Ehringhaus to the Newland Highway, and Main street, from Water to the Norfolk Southern passenger station, be paved permanently in concrete, was taken under advisement by the Council. Representatives of both clubs were present.

It was explained that Road and Main streets, as designated, are links in the State highway system, and will be traversed by virtually all tourists and others passing through this section under the highway system at present under construction is completed. Members of the Council individually expressed strong approval of the idea.

Columbia Sheriff Gets Liquor Toters

Columbia, March 16.—Three young men, inspired by the reputation of East Lake contraband, got a discouraging disappointment early Thursday morning. Sheriff A. J. Cohoon, getting wind of a Ford coupe being loaded in Alligator township and having heard that the three men in it were on their way through Columbia, deputized his son Earle Cohoon, Stuart West, Levy Godwin and Carlton Voliva, and posted himself with his deputies on the bridge over Suppersong River, to await the arrival of the rum run.

As it drove into sight, about 3 o'clock yesterday morning, Sheriff Cohoon commanded the driver to halt, flashing his light and drawing his gun, but the hurrying flivver increased its speed and was rewarded by one of its tires being shot off by the sheriff's men. The car still going on, the sheriff and his men got into the sheriff's car and overtook the crippled Ford on Highway No. 90, just two miles from town. The men made a hasty effort to disperse of the load, but were so hard pressed by the sheriff they took their legs through the woods.

One of them, giving his name as Delph Edwards, was overtaken and gave himself up. Another, Duard Roughton, was found by W. D. Peale, deputy sheriff of Washington County, in the Norfolk Southern depot in Creswell, and was arrested and delivered to Sheriff Cohoon. The third member of the gang is still at large, described by some as Jesse Dobbins, of Rosemary.

WHITE HOUSE SILENCE DEEP AFTER CONFAB

President Saying Nothing in Seven Languages Since Visit of National Committee Anti-Saloon League

A FAIR TRIAL?

President Once Referred to Prohibition as Experiment That Ought Have Fair Trial

By DAVID LAWRENCE (Copyright, 1926, by The Advance) Washington, March 16.—President Coolidge's conference with the sub-committee of the National Executive Committee of the Anti-Saloon League has stimulated considerable discussion here as to whether Mr. Coolidge will take an active or passive part in the prohibition controversy which is developing daily in Congress.

Beyond the fact that some pending legislation relating to the administrative side of prohibition was discussed, there was no statement issued either by the White House or the Anti-Saloon League leaders. Usually, visits of this kind are followed by some word of praise for the co-operation being given by the Chief Executive in enforcement of the law or some general comment on the sympathy of the President with the Volstead law, but so far as can be learned today, Mr. Coolidge made no statement to his callers that could be construed as an indication of his attitude toward the efforts now being made to amend the Volstead Act.

The President has been careful in all his public utterances to avoid any specific mention of prohibition enforcement, simply contending that all laws should be obeyed and enforced. Now that the Congressional elections are a few months away and some Republicans as well as Democrats are serving notice of their intention to run on a platform advocating modification of the dry laws, Mr. Coolidge is not going to say anything that can be used for or against candidates in local elections. Only today, an announcement was made that Representative Vane of Pennsylvania is to run on a wet plank in the Republican primaries against Senator Pepper.

The President is known to have referred to prohibition as an experiment that ought to have a fair trial. Whether the operations of the Volstead act since 1919 have been a fair trial is not indicated by spokesmen for the President.

When the delegation from the Anti-Saloon League went to the White House, there were rumors that a complaint was about to be made against Assistant Secretary Lincoln Andrews of the Treasury Department who is in charge of prohibition enforcement. Mr. Andrews is supposed to have made the statement to friends that if he found he could not enforce prohibition he would quit next October. There are hints that Mr. Andrews does not think the job can be done and plans to resign at an opportune time. The rumors arose because of a belief that such a step on Mr. Andrews' part would be construed as encouragement by the "wets" who have begun to clamor for modification on the ground that the present law is not enforceable.

But after the conference, White House officials said Mr. Andrews' name had not been brought into the discussion. Mr. Andrews' work has not been criticized as he has been unflinchingly enforcing the Volstead act and the necessity of enforcing it but there are barriers over which even Mr. Andrews has been unable to climb, notably barriers of public sentiment in states where the violations of the law are most numerous. The Anti-Saloon League usually carries its problems direct to the White House after the dry leaders left. The inference generally drawn today was that Mr. Coolidge will play a passive part in any discussion of the merits of prohibition itself.

PRESIDENT'S FATHER IS LOSING STRENGTH

Plymouth, March 16.—Colonel John C. Coolidge, whose condition has shown some improvement during the last two days, lost strength slightly today. This was the substance of a bulletin issued about 12:30 o'clock by his physician. Plymouth, Vt., March 16.—The condition of Colonel John C. Coolidge was little changed today. An early morning report from the sick room said that he had spent a restful night and was able to take a little nourishment. Doctor Albert M. Gram planned to visit his patient during the forenoon. While the news from the Coolidge home continued favorable a large force of men started out from Woodstock today to open the snowbound road leading from Plymouth to White River Junction to automobile traffic.

The Entire Family Will Find Fun In This Novel Contest

The mystery of the "pled letter" message received by Miss Audrey Morton was cleared, in part, today when she received the following letter from Malcolm Duart, well known story writer.

The author wrote, "I have written a romance about your most unusual love affair, but I haven't fully decided on the title for it. Several titles occurred to me. One of them is contained in the group of letters I sent to you. Can you make it out?"

"No, I can't make it out," Audrey said today. "There are so many words that can be fashioned from 10 letters that it is difficult to pick a title for them. Several good titles are possible, but I don't know which one Mr. Duart has in mind.

"I'll tell you what I'll do—I'll give a reward to the reader of the Advance who picks out the correct title and writes the best statement of 50 words on why that is a good title for a newspaper serial story.

The Advance is acting on Miss Morton's suggestion. The contest is on. Every one in the family can join in on this, but the answer must be submitted in the name of an individual. Read the rules carefully.

THE RULES

Compose as many words as you can from the letters TNEHEM-SOEW. The letter E may be used three times, the other letters only once in the same word. Words may be of any length. Proper names and abbreviations will not count. All words must be found in Webster's unabridged dictionary or in the Standard unabridged dictionary.

Employees of The Advance and members of their families are barred from competition. From the words evolved construct a title for a newspaper serial story. Any number of words may be used for this title, but only one title is correct. Each contestant may submit only one title.

When you have selected the title you think is the proper one, write a statement of not more than 50 words telling why you think that a good title for a newspaper serial.

Neatness of answers will be a deciding factor in the awarding. The contest closes at midnight Saturday, March 20, and no entry will be considered after that unless the postmark shows that it was mailed before midnight of that date.

Here Are The Awards To the reader turning in the correct title with the best statement of reasons for that choice, a cash prize of \$5.00 will be awarded. To the reader turning in the correct title with the second best statement of reasons for that choice a cash prize of \$3.00 will be awarded. The third and fourth prizes will be \$2.00 and \$1.00 respectively.

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Tyrrell Votes Against Taxes

Special Election For County Wide School Tax Overwhelmingly Defeated

Columbia, March 16.—The inference one might have drawn from a news item in the Elizabeth City Advance, concerning a meeting headed, "Tyrrell County Democrats to Have Eight Months' Schools," would not seem as forcible now as it did then, if the results of Tuesday's special election have any bearing on it. In that election, for the purpose of setting the authority to levy a special county school tax, not to exceed 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of both real and personal property, to supplement the six-months' school term, there were 804 registered voters, and only 174 ballots cast in favor of the special tax. In Seppewaug township 109 votes were cast against it and no way for it.

Reasons for the overwhelming majority against the special tax as given by those most intimately acquainted with the situation are: that in three townships, each levying a special school tax, and each levying less than 20 cents on the \$100 valuation of property, except Columbia special district, which levies 60 cents; that the superintendent estimated that many of the voters were afraid the money collected, or a part of it, would be spent where many school children of the county could not attend by reason of the poor condition of the county roads; and that a plan is being put forward to get modern highways in the county, which may require a special tax election. People are getting very anxious for good roads and the question is becoming daily discussed by men all over the county.

Prohibition Bureau Bill Is Approved

Washington, March 16.—The Administration bill to create a Bureau of Prohibition in the Treasury Department was approved today by the ways and means committee. The measure would provide for a Bureau of Customs and a commissioner of customs would be appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury at salaries of \$5,000 a year. Assistant Secretary Andrews, in charge of prohibition enforcement, proposed this realignment of prohibition enforcement machinery. At present the prohibition personnel is under the Internal Revenue Bureau.

"SUNSHINE" REPEATED

Shiloh, March 16.—Bad roads made it impossible to have a full house on last Friday evening, so the play "Sunshine" will be repeated at Shiloh High School, Thursday, March 18, 7:30 p. m.

Plan To Finance Hotel Is Announced In Detail By Executive Committee

Purchasers of Stock Will be Given Period of Fourteen Months in Which to Finish Payments

ISSUE 1,500 SHARES Will be Sold in Blocks of Two Preferred and One Common, at Rate of \$200 for Each Unit

Full details of the plan whereby Elizabeth City's proposed new hotel is to be financed were made public by the hotel executive committee today. The committee will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce to work out final arrangements for this phase of the campaign. It is planned to build a hotel of 100 rooms, to be situated on the rear of the Bradford tract, in the downtown retail district, with an arcade entrance from Main street and possibly another from Poindexter street.

It is intended to issue approximately 1,500 shares of 6 per cent non-assessable cumulative preferred stock at a par value of \$100 per share, and 2,250 shares of common stock of no par value. The stock will be sold in units of two shares of preferred and one share of common, for \$200 a unit. The hotel will be incorporated under the laws of North Carolina. All stockholders will buy on exact cash basis. It is announced, with no provision for stock to be paid or given anybody. Under the terms stipulated, purchasers of hotel stock will pay for it over a period of 14 months, the first installment of 10 per cent to be due April 20. Three more 10 per cent payments will fall due respectively on the twentieth of June, August and October. Fifteen per cent will be due respectively on the twentieth of December, 1926, and on the twentieth of February, April and June, 1927. The stock will then have been paid for in full.

The new hotel is to be run by the William Poor Hotel Operating Corporation, one of the best known concerns of the kind in the South, with no provision which provides that before the operating company shall have received any compensation for its services, there must be paid all operating expenses, taxes, assessments and insurance, and a sinking fund shall be set aside to cover depreciation of the property.

Then, before the operators can divide a single cent of profit, a dividend of 8 per cent will be paid the local stockholders. After payment of all these items, 40 per cent of the net revenue of the hotel shall go to the operating company, and 60 per cent to the local stockholders, to be available for additional dividends on their stock.

From the sale of the 4,500 shares of preferred stock, the sum of \$450,000 would be realized. This is regarded as amply sufficient to meet all expense incident to erection of the proposed new hotel.

The hotel financing plan is set forth in greater detail in a full page advertisement on page three of this edition of The Daily Advance.

BENONI CARTWRIGHT

The funeral services of Benoni Cartwright, aged 89, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. W. Cowell, after a short illness, was conducted Friday afternoon, at Union Church, by Rev. W. T. Phipps. Interment was made in the family burying ground near the church. The pallbearers were: H. H. Wiedner, Will Swain, W. F. Saunders, Miles Saunders, Dempsey Twine, and Richard Swain. He is survived by eight children, forty grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren, three daughters: Mrs. L. Coppersmith of Moyock, Mrs. E. W. Cowell and Mrs. Joe Markham of this county; five sons, Jerry M. Cartwright, Jesse Cartwright, Lem Cartwright, Ben Cartwright, and Bright Cartwright, all of this county.

Mr. Cartwright was a life long resident of this County and a well known citizen. Among those out of town attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. L. Coppersmith and family of Moyock, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Jones, Otis Coppersmith, Pierce Cartwright, Ambrose Cartwright and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cartwright all of Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs. Will Swain and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Thompson and family and Mrs. Azie Twiddy, all of Elizabeth City.

CASH AND PISTOL IN BAKERY HAUL

And Only Explanation How Thief Gained Entrance Is He Had a Key

That Raper's Star Bakery in the new Christ Church building was robbed of more than \$50 in cash and a Smith and Wesson 38 caliber pistol last Friday night because the safe door was unlocked, a key to the safe was found in the pocket of a man who was seen entering the building at that time, police officers today disclosed in regard to the robbery that had been in their hands since last Saturday. The thief evidently had a key to the front door of the store as Mr. Raper found the door locked when he opened the store Saturday morning and the bars securely fastened at the back door. The combination on the safe has not been used for some time but the door to the cash drawer was locked. The intruder bored a hole around the safe door lock and got all of the cash out and then left both doors to the safe closed as he had found them. Until he went to the safe Saturday morning to change some money for his first customer Mr. Raper had not observed anything out of the ordinary. After missing the money, however, he noticed that everything on the desk appeared to have been looked through for valuables. In this search the uninvited visitor evidently took the pistol from a cigar box on the desk. Mr. Raper has offered a reward for information leading to the recovery of the pistol which he prized highly as it was a gift from his father. Occupants of the building are somewhat puzzled as to who could have a key to the building and Mr. Raper and others renting stores in the building have purchased individual locks for double protection. It happens that only one key had been given to those leasing the building as the contractors have not yet completed some of the finishing work.

Rotary Meeting at Edenton Wednesday

Edenton, March 16.—The Edenton Rotary Club will hold its weekly luncheon Wednesday at 1:30 at the Cupola House instead of Thursday this week. The change is for one week only.

MEMBERS JUNIOR ORDER

All members of the Junior Order are requested to be present at the meeting tonight. Important matters to be taken up including plans for a large representation at Berkley Thursday night, adv. 11.

Belated Returns In Prohibition Poll Swell Dry Vote

Belated returns from remote sections of The Advance territory continued to come in in the Advance prohibition poll today and as a result Perquimans is moved over from the doubtful to the dry column. Voting here dry, Belvidere says from the result of the three votes out of the damp pocket at Woodville recorded yesterday. Elizabeth City R. F. D. 4, heard from for the first time today because subscribers on this route are served by loop carriers whose mail is not delivered in Elizabeth City until the day following its collection, voted dry and helped to pile up the odds in the County as a whole against the wet or damp sentiment shown at Weeksville and in Providence. This makes rural Pasquotank slightly dryer than Elizabeth City. One lone vote from Powells Point added another to the damp column in that county and made the total vote of the county 26 to 2 for the present law with strict enforcement. The vote yesterday was 26 to 1, but through a typographical error in the tabulation the vote appeared as 17 to 1. The total vote to date follows:

Table with 3 columns: Dry, Damp, Wet. Elizabeth City: 191, 79, 69. Rural Pasquotank: 26, 3, 7. Camden: 17, 0, 6. Currituck: 26, 2, 0. Perquimans: 6, 3, 0. Other counties: 27, 0, 0. Total: 293, 87, 76.

Twenty-Eight Counts Against Judge English

Washington, March 16.—Twenty-eight counts on misdemeanor charges against Federal Judge George W. English of the Eastern District were submitted to the House Judiciary Committee today by a subcommittee which recommended impeachment proceedings against the jurist. The English Committee considered the report at an executive session with several members expressing belief that the counts might be reduced by half in the committee's report to the House. That report is expected to be made this week with the House giving immediate attention to it. Judge English was accused of "high crimes and misdemeanors" by the special House Committee which investigated the case last summer but the judiciary committee decided that there was insufficient evidence to prefer charges of crime.

More Rigid Examination of Drivers Recommended

Washington, March 16.—A more rigid examination of applicants for automobile drivers' licenses as a means of halting traffic accidents to a minimum was recommended in a report submitted to Secretary Hoover today by the committee on causes of accidents of the National Conference on Street and Highways. The report recommended that the examination of applicants for drivers' licenses be made more rigid and that the examination be made more practical. It also recommended that the examination be made more practical and that the examination be made more practical.

Cotton Market

New York, March 16.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: March 18.70, May 18.24, July 17.27, October 17.24, December 17.21. New York, March 16.—Spot cotton closed today quite, middling 19.40, an advance of 5 points. Futures closing bid: Mar. 18.77, May 18.21, July 17.61, Oct. 17.27, Dec. 17.32.