

MORE FIREWORKS IN CO-OP CASE IN FEDERAL COURT

Lloyd Horton Ready Meet Spiro in Courts but Not to be With Him in Council Chamber

STRONGE LANGUAGE

Things Have Come to Bad Pass When Man Can't Beat His Own Jackass, Avers Colorful Colonel

Raleigh, March 31.—With Judge Isaac M. Meekins' decision to hold in abeyance his decision as the sensational plea in abatement of the defendant association, hearing of the case of five Virginia tobacco growers against the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association finally got under way in Federal Court here Monday, with every indication of lasting for days or unless brought to a sudden halt by the judge's ruling in favor of the association's attorneys.

The judge gave no particular intimation as to his ruling on the plea of the association's attorneys, but it was noted that he went to considerable lengths to prepare the grounds for granting it without having such action construed as an indictment of the four prominent attorneys for the plaintiffs, against whom the plea charges fraud and conspiracy.

He let it be distinctly understood that he believed the "fraud," if such existed, was solely due to errors in judgment and not to moral turpitude or deliberate violation of ethics on the part of the lawyers under fire.

Reading of the bill and the answers was completed during the afternoon session, then several witnesses were placed upon the stand by the plaintiffs. All were large tobacco growers, except Mrs. Dennie F. Keel of Greenboro, formerly wife of J. M. Gallaway, deceased, and James W. Gilder, a tobacco grower in the country during his lifetime.

The bitter attacks began Monday by Attorney J. Lloyd Horton, W. M. Persons, F. W. Gilchrist, and James W. Gilder, who were accused of conspiracy and fraud in the defense's plea, was continued Tuesday and brought to a climax by Colonel Persons' colorful and dramatic peroration.

Other abuse had been heaped upon the head of the militant attorney, including a few caustic references to his being a Californian, and the judge, in no uncertain terms, called a halt upon the line of further personalities.

He declared, in defense of Aaron Spiro, that his manner in court had been most decorous and his statements most helpful and positive forbade any further aspersions being cast upon him because of his residence outside the state or because of the method he had

Flesh Does Not Long Outlast Departure of Spirit, Opening Of Graves In Cemetery Shows

Further evidence that those who enter the Great Beyond to the spirit soon leave few, if any, mortal remains behind them except when unusual precautions for preservation are taken, was forthcoming yesterday when workmen, under the supervision of Street Commissioner Anderson, completed the task of removing the bodies in the ancient cemetery in the path of that new street which will connect Cherry and Matthews, and incidentally will become the first through street in Elizabeth City in the large area between Main and Broad streets.

In all, 18 graves were opened yesterday, and the few bones discovered were carefully taken up and re-interred in Hollywood Cemetery. One metallic coffin was found a week ago, when the work of moving the cemetery was begun, and two more were uncovered yesterday. Both had held the bodies of children. Both were found to be full of water, and contained only a few bones.

Except for these two small, corroded caskets, only one other grave yielded vestiges of human remains. This was an unprotected sepulcher which held a skull, apparently of a grown person. The remainder were quite empty.

This cemetery at the rear of the First Baptist Church was evicted to the town commissioners of Elizabeth City for use for burial purposes, by William T. Muse in 1823. Thus far, no trace of Muse's grave has been discovered, according to City Manager Fer-

ber. There is a rumor that not many years after he evicted the cemetery, he went bankrupt, and subsequently left here.

The digging up of the graves revealed one interesting fact. All that had been enclosed with brick and cement were found to be filled with water, with a few traces of bones. The others were quite dry, but all bones and other vestiges of burial had disappeared.

One pathetic figure was present when the digging was going on yesterday. He was an elderly man, known and revered by the community as a whole. "I had 12 kinspeople buried here," he said, when the work had been finished, "and there was not a trace of a single one of them to be moved to Hollywood."

Removal of the graves was completed yesterday, and all that remains to be the opening of the street is the task of removing the buildings at either end. The work of moving the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell, on Hardy street, has been begun, and should be finished in a day or two. City Manager Ferber declares, adding that several buildings on the Dyer street side on property formerly owned by W. M. Price are to be moved this week. Mr. Price has been given notice to move them.

The work of grading the new street should not require more than a day, Mr. Ferber estimates, declaring that it should be open and ready for traffic early next week, at the latest, and possibly by Friday or Saturday of this week, unless the weather is bad.

FUGITIVE GIVEN 90 DAYS IN JAIL IN THEFT CASE

Raynor Cartwright, of Mt. Hermon Community, Enmeshed in Web of Circumstantial Evidence

ACCEPTS JUDGMENT

Convicted in Connection With Robbery Which Occurred Last August; Had Flew Before Hearing

Enmeshed in a tightly drawn web of circumstantial evidence, Raynor Cartwright 23 year old, of the Mt. Hermon community, was sentenced to 90 days in jail in recorder's court here Wednesday morning after having been found guilty by Trial Justice Sawyer of the larceny of \$9.89 in United States currency from J. M. Ownley, merchant, also living in Mt. Hermon.

Cartwright decided to accept the court's judgement after a conference with E. F. Aydtell, his attorney.

The defendant was accused of having entered the home of Mr. Ownley, who is a brother of County Commissioner C. A. Ownley, on August 7, last, and of having stolen \$9.89 from his bureau, while he was away.

Mr. Ownley testified he lived alone, and left home on the morning of the robbery to get a load of wood. Returning shortly after 10 o'clock, he discovered his money had been stolen. Suspecting young Cartwright, whom he had passed on the road a few minutes before, he at once hastened to Elizabeth City and obtained a warrant for his arrest. A few minutes later, Cartwright was taken in custody by Chief of Police Holmes.

Chief Holmes told the court that when he asked Cartwright how much money he had, the latter produced several dollars in change, saying that was all. Later, the chief testified, a search of Cartwright's person disclosed four paper dollars. The amount and the denominations of bills and currency corresponded with Mr. Ownley's description of the money which he said had been stolen from him.

Curtis Ownley, 10 year old son of C. A. Ownley, testified to having seen Cartwright passing out of the gate at J. M. Ownley's place at about 10 o'clock.

C. E. Cartwright, father of the defendant, declared on the stand that he had lent the latter four paper dollars on the morning of the robbery.

Raynor Cartwright, next to testify, denied having entered Mr. Ownley's house or his yard that morning, asserting he took the opposite side of the road in passing the place.

Chief Holmes searched him, testifying he produced all the money, when so requested. Explaining his failure to appear for trial, he said he knew he was innocent, and "didn't want to get mixed up in the courthouse."

Robert Bartlett, colored, charged with failure to pay his dog tax, was let off with payment of the tax and the court costs.

Flimsy Evidence for Shacklette Charges Or That is Impression at Capital as Hearing Nears

Raleigh, March 31.—Although the Shacklette vs. Pou and Sink controversy has been overshadowed in Raleigh this week by the sensational charges hurled in the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Marketing Association hearing in Federal Court, the prison episode has been far from forgotten and there is keen anticipation as to what tomorrow's hearing of the prison board will bring forth.

COURT REMOVES DRIVING BAN IN SEYMOUR CASE

Petition Signed by Six Jurymen, Mayor McCabe and Others Granted by Trial Justice Sawyer

MAY USE AUTO HERE

Second Request That Suspended Sentence Be Taken Off Also Is Denied; Court Explains Stand

Acting in response to a petition signed by the six Jurymen in the case, Trial Justice P. G. Sawyer Wednesday removed the ban imposed in recorder's court Tuesday against former Deputy Sheriff Horatio S. Seymour, of Camden County, driving an automobile in Pasquotank County for a period of one year.

Seymour was convicted on a charge of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor, and was fined \$50 and costs and put under a suspended sentence of 30 days in jail, besides the order against driving a car in this County for a year. His conviction resulted from an automobile accident here Friday night.

In presenting the petition, E. F. Aydtell, attorney appearing for Seymour, requested also that the suspended sentence be removed. Trial Justice Sawyer denied this request, reminding Mr. Aydtell that the sentence would not go into effect, and as a matter of fact meant nothing, unless the defendant committed some offense.

Besides the Jurymen, the petition was signed by Mayor A. G. McCabe, Register of Deeds J. C. Spence, F. M. Sealey, Jr., witness for the State in the Seymour trial, C. D. Gallou, J. O. Meigs, R. J. and W. L. Stevens, J. C. Wright, W. P. and J. Q. A. Wood, R. T. Venters and W. T. Culppeper.

In passing upon the matter, Trial Justice Sawyer stated he felt duty bound to respect the wishes of the Jurymen who tried the case, and that inasmuch as they had requested the degree of leniency embodied in the petition, he could not well refuse to grant it, though he was under no direct obligation to do so.

TWO BOYS HURT IN AUTO SMASH

Max Wood and James Sylvester, of This City, Injured Near Winfall

Two young Elizabeth City residents were hurt more or less seriously in an automobile accident at the sharp curve in the Hertford Highway at Winfall Monday night, when the automobile in which they were riding crashed into a telephone pole which they answered from the road to avoid a collision with a rapidly approaching car.

The injured are Max Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wood, whose back was wrenched and a leg badly mashed, and James Sylvester, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sylvester, who sustained a painful cut on the neck. Young Wood is under the care of a physician at his home here. A third occupant of the car, Vance Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Bailey, escaped injury. The automobile was demolished.

Max Wood was driving the car at the time of the accident, which occurred at about 11 o'clock, while the three were on their way home from a trip to Edenton. Members of the party stated that they rounded the curve at Winfall, they observed a car coming toward them at a high speed, and that they turned out well to the right to let it pass. As it neared them, it unexpectedly swerved sharply toward them, and they cut across the road to avoid it, colliding with a telephone pole.

Wood and Sylvester were taken hurriedly to Hertford, where Dr. G. E. Newby administered first aid. Upon their arrival here, they were treated by Dr. I. Fearing. Sylvester was back at work Wednesday, but it was indicated that Wood probably would be confined to his home for several days, at least.

Efforts to learn the identity of the driver of the car which is credited with having caused the accident thus far have been without avail.

Motion Change Venue In Cranford Case

Albemarle, March 31.—A motion to quash indictments and another to move the case to another county were before Stanley Superior Court today in the case of N. C. Cranford charged with the murder of two convicts in 1918.

Fair Maids To Disport in Spring's Latest Modes At Country Club Festivities

Fashion Show Added to Features Planned for Cabaret Dance Wednesday Night; Golf Course Is Steadily Gaining in Popularity Now

What promises to be a highly diverting feature has just been added to the program for a cabaret dance to be given at the Elizabeth City Country Club next Wednesday night at 8:30 o'clock, members of the committee in charge announced today, through the inclusion of a fashion show, in which local merchants will cooperate by supplying the latest spring modes in dresses, bathing suits and lingerie. These will be displayed upon attractive living models.

Observations of tables for the entertainment are proceeding rapidly, according to members of the committee, and a variety of additional stunts are planned for the event, which will usher in the post-Easter social season.

The appearance of about 40 golfers on the Country Club course last Saturday afternoon proved a harbinger of spring, offering proof of the popularity which the great South game is winning in Elizabeth City. The road to the club house is in excellent condition, making it possible for members to motor there from this city in 15 minutes' easy driving time.

The tennis courts near the club house are being put back into condition for play, and will be ready in a few days, it is announced. Also, much work has been done on the bathing beach, in preparation for the summer. The committee on trap shooting has decided to purchase equipment for that popular sport, and expects to have it installed at an early date.

In the last few weeks, seven new applications for membership have been received and are being passed upon according to C. O. Robinson, club president, who adds that there are three additional vacancies, and suggests that those wishing to join send in their applications promptly. In order that they may receive full benefit from the club quarter, which begins April 1.

Hertford Rotary Host To Farmers

General good fellowship prevailed at a "Farmers' Night" celebration given by the Hertford Rotary Club Tuesday night, to which the invited guests included about 60 representative Hertford and County farmers, and N. Howard Smith and County Agent C. W. Falls, of this City. The address of the evening was delivered by James M. Gray, assistant director of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, at State College.

Taking as his subject, "Live at Home," Mr. Gray urged the farmers generally to adopt diversification of crops on a broader scale, and to adapt this to their special conditions by watching the markets closely. He suggested more extensive raising of hogs as a means to greater farm profits.

Declaring that modern conditions demanded greater efficiency in farming operations, Mr. Gray told the farmers present that they would have to change their working period from three to six months in the year, to a full 12 months, or change their occupation.

"This change eventually will have to be made," he declared, "especially along the coast, and you had better prepare for it."

Mr. Gray stressed the need for city and rural community to get together and work out the solution of the problems, reminding that the farmer no longer lives to himself.

SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR IS HONORING EXTRADITION

Raleigh, March 31.—The governor of South Carolina last night wired Governor McLean that he was honoring the extradition of J. H. Harris, alias J. Hayes, wanted in Pitt County for assault with a deadly weapon, transporting liquor and driving an automobile while intoxicated. The appeal for extradition was made by the prosecuting attorney of Pitt County.

CARAWAY BILL IS FAVORABLY REPORTED

Washington, March 31.—The Caraway Bill to prohibit transactions in grain or cotton futures except by those who make an oath that they actually have or will have grain or cotton for delivery when required was favorably reported today by the Senate Agriculture Committee.

AMERICA ASKED TO PAY GERMAN WAR CLAIMS

Government Would Be Reimbursed Later and Plan Would Release Funds Held Pending Settlement

MAY PASS CONGRESS

Bill Providing Issue Bonds to Carry Out Plans Has Been Introduced and Passage Likely

By DAVID LAWRENCE (Copyright 1925 By The Advance)

Washington, March 31.—The American people are asked to pay the war claims which Germany should pay and probably will pay ultimately, but not soon enough to suit the American claimants. This in substance is the question that has arisen as a result of the tangled over alien property and the claims of the families of Americans who lost their lives in the Lusitania disaster as well as property claims.

The Congress of the United States has hesitated to permit German property held in America to be returned to German citizens amounting to over \$400,000,000 until some arrangement was made to pay American claims against Germany amounting to about \$250,000,000. Now it is proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Ogden Mills, of New York, with the approval of the Treasury Department, that the United States under the plan to pay American claimants and thus allow the German property to be released at once.

In support of the measure, therefore, there are aligned all the people who want to regain possession of seized property and all the people who have unsatisfied claims against Germany. The only thing lacking has been the money to finance the transaction. The Treasury would borrow in varying amounts so as to pay off the \$250,000,000 and then collect the same amount from Germany over a period of eight years or more, out of the receipts from Germany through the Dawes plan annuities. The American Government is receiving money under the plan to cover German claims against the United States since the Armistice in maintaining an Army on the Rhine in deference to the wishes of the Allied Government.

About \$250,000,000 was spent in this way by the American Government and it already has been paid by the American taxpayer through income taxes levied since the war. Instead of reimbursing the American taxpayer, the new plan proceeds on the theory that the money from the Dawes plan can for a few years at least be used to repay in part the bonds about to be floated to pay American claims. Ultimately it is the expectation of the American Government that Germany will pay out of the Dawes annuities enough money to cover all outstanding claims made by the American Government.

The point is that no matter how undesirable it may be to pay American claims out of American funds, the individuals who suffered losses could not get their money any other way at present. Other foreign governments have financed the losses of their nationals in virtually the same way. In support of the plan, moreover, the President and Secretary of the Treasury remove all possible demand for the confiscation of German property held by the United States. Chairman Borah, of the Senate foreign relations committee, has insisted that the United States which is against compensation should long ago have been applied in the return of the seized property.

As for the payment by the American people even temporarily of money that Germany should pay, the argument is made that the United States is financing the allied side as well, helping in various ways to pay the British and French debts to America. Many officials believe that the American consumer of rubber is helping materially to pay the British debt to America through advanced prices on rubber. Secretary Hoover is waging a campaign against what he considers exorbitant prices charged by European countries against governments control certain raw materials needed by America.

On the whole the latest Treasury plan to finance the claims has a better chance of passage than any that has been presented but it is doubtful whether action will be taken at the present session of Congress.

FUNERAL LITTLE CHILD

Funeral services for Virginia Bray, five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Bray of the Davis Bay section of this County were conducted at Riverside Baptist Church by Rev. M. F. Boss Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment was made in Hollywood, Virginia was the youngest of a family of eight children and another of the children is critically ill. Death was due to pneumonia.

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Meet Maynard Lawwell of Los Angeles, Calif. who recently won the National handball title for the third successive season. Lawwell worked his way through one of the classiest fields ever to compete for the crown, beating another westerner, Jack Donovan of San Francisco, in the finals.

Handball King

Some Born To Toga Others Can't Wear It Gracefully

By CHARLES F. STEWART (Copyright 1925 By The Advance)

Washington, March 31.—Some congressmen were born to be congressmen. All congressmen start out as something else, generally as lawyers, but these natural-born ones have the congressional virus in their blood from earliest infancy, and as soon as they're elected it breaks out all over them.

Thenceforward they're primarily congressmen and doctors, lawyers or merchants and so forth only incidentally.

Others, before breaking into politics, become too thoroughly saturated with their various original callings ever to get them out of their systems. These remain essentially doctors, lawyers and merchants, and are congressmen only secondarily.

Congressman Blanton of Texas, for instance, is almost exclusively a congressman. He was a lawyer to begin with, but as a congressman, he swallowed himself up as a lawyer.

Senator Copeland of New York, on the other hand, is striking specimen of a doctor who happened to be elected to the Senate. He seldom has anything to say about legislation except as it relates to questions of health, sanitation or the practice of medicine. Otherwise he's indifferent. For example, the coal strike interested him immensely because it was giving his constituents pneumonia.

If Blanton lost his congressional job he'd dry up and blow away, or at any rate hibernate until he got it back again. If Dr. Copeland were retired he'd go back, with a light heart, to writing medical articles.

Andrews Defends New "Health" Drink

Washington, March 31.—The sale of the new 3.75 per cent beer tonic was defended today by Assistant Secretary Andrews, in charge of prohibitions, as "practicable and reasonable."

"Although the issuance of a permit for preparation has been pronounced a mistake by the Anti-Saloon League," Andrews declared, "the product could not be regarded as beer."

MRS. T. H. PARSONS DEAD

Mrs. T. H. Parsons died at her home below Wekeville Tuesday night after a two weeks illness of influenza which developed into pneumonia. Her little 10 year old girl, Iris Belle, is critically ill and is not expected to live.

Mrs. Parsons is survived by her husband and by five children, all girls, the eldest only 12 years old. She was the daughter of Robert Lowry and besides her father is also survived by two brothers, Robert and Henry Lowry, and by one sister, Miss Ellen Lowry.

The funeral will be conducted at the home Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.