

WEATHER
Increasing cloudiness Friday followed by rain at night. Saturday fair. Slightly colder.

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INDIANA GOVERNOR FREED ON BRIBERY CHARGE

Judge Orders An Acquittal

Jackson Had Insisted That Evidence Be Gone Through With. And Sent to Jury

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 16—(AP)—Ed Jackson Indiana's governor was a free man tonight over his own protest. Against his will defense attorneys won acquittal on the ground that the state had failed to prove one phase of its case—concealment of an alleged attempt to bribe former governor McCray in 1923.

The trial ended late today when Judge McCabe sustained a motion that the jury be instructed to return a verdict of not guilty. The formal jury took only a few minutes after the court made his ruling.

Governor Jackson wanted to continue through the case to meet the testimony presented by the prosecution—that he and others offered former Governor McCray \$10,000 in 1923 and a guarantee of immunity from conviction on charges pending against him if he would name James E. McDonald to the vacant Marion county prosecutorship. The motion for an instructed verdict was presented at once after the state rested its case.

It was only out of consideration of George Coffin, Marion county Republican chairman, and Robert Marsh, a local attorney who were indicted with Governor Jackson, that the governor finally permitted his attorneys to make the bid for freedom today.

ROBS SAFE OF LARGE AMOUNT

Nick Newsome Reported to Have Lost \$180 to Youth in His Charge

Several weeks ago Nic Newsome, prominent citizen of New Hope township, took under his parole one Willie Wood, young white juvenile who had been convicted of breaking an entrance; according to reports reaching The News, Wood seemed to be coming along fine.

Yesterday Mr. Newsome went to the funeral of his friend Mr. May at LaGrange, and while he was away Wood cracked his safe and left the place with \$180. Such were reports coming to The News last night.

Officers here were being communicated with in an effort to locate the young man.

WHITE HOUSE PET COON HAS BEEN DESERTED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16—Rebecca, White House pet coon, has been deserted.

Horace, her boy friend, pulled a moulin Wednesday and escaped from a wire cage on the rear grounds. Twice before he got away but each time was recaptured. Once a tree had to be cut down to prevent him from climbing its limbs and jumped over the wire enclosure.

ASSURE BETTER EGG MARKET

Swift and Company Will Make Purchases at Wholesale Prices

Wayne county farmers and those of other counties in this part of the state are now assured a ready market for their surplus eggs as a result of successful efforts on the part of the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce.

Effort to Rob Bank Of Denton is Failure

THOMASVILLE, Feb. 16—(AP)—An unsuccessful attempt to rob the Carolina Bank and Trust Co., at Denton, south of here, was made last night. The yegmen believed to have been professionals apparently were frightened away. Acetylene tanks with two connections were found this morning on the floor of the bank.

MARK WELLS JR. SERIOUSLY ILL

Blood Poison Develops From Seemingly Superficial Automobile Accident Injuries

Mark Wells, Jr., 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wells of Greene county and former resident of Goldsboro, was last night reported in a critical condition with blood poisoning which developed from a bruised hand suffered in an automobile accident. Relatives who returned from visiting the young man where he is confined at the home of his parents, reported that physicians doubted he would be able to live through the night.

A week ago the past Sunday young Wells' automobile turned over and he sustained minor bruises about the hand and cuts about face. His injuries were considered as of a superficial nature and scant attention was paid to them. He continued at his work for several days and then was bothered with a severe inflammation about the hand which had been bruised. Physicians were summoned and pronounced the case blood poisoning. Since that time the case has grown gradually worse.

Last night Dr. Jim Parrot came from Kinston, and according to relatives here, did an incision into one side for the purpose of removing a collection of pus. If Wells lives through the night and into the day, it was said, there was a possibility that he might recover.

The young man is a brother of Kirby and Luby Wells of this city and Mrs. Dave Montague and Mrs. E. W. Pate, his father Mark Wells, is a prominent farmer living on the old Goldsboro-Snow Hill road and about 15 miles from here.

CUTS CHILD'S LIFE VEIN IN OPERATION

CHICAGO, Feb. 16—Surgeons of the Wesley Memorial hospital severed the jugular vein of a child in a most difficult operation to prevent poisons from entering her heart and lungs. The vein was tied and the operation was performed successfully.

Think Effort to Wreck Train Near Here Has Been Solved

Norfolk and Southern railroad men here believe that the mystery of who attempted to derail the night passenger train from New Bern to Goldsboro recently has been solved. The train was proceeding in the direction of Goldsboro when the engineer suddenly saw loom up on the rails ahead an object disclosed by the beam of the headlight. He applied his brakes but not in time to prevent the train from hitting the object. There was a sound of breaking timber and for a moment the air was filled with what was later described "flying stove wood." None of the cars left the track and subsequent investigation showed that a new cross tie had been placed across the rails. It was considered extremely fortunate that the large obstruction had not derailed the locomotive with possible serious results.

This accident is understood to have occurred near Kennedy station and reports out of Kinston now are that Wayne Smith, 15 year old boy, has been arrested charge with three attempts at train wrecking. He did it for the thrill of the thing, he is alleged to have confessed to a detective who placed him under arrest. The boy's at-

Court Rules 'Confession Made to Rev. Mr. Pardue Is Competent as Evidence'

Handclapping Demonstration Occurs As Defense Attorney Cross Examines Evangelist and Judge Threatens To Clear Courtroom of Spectators

WENTWORTH, Feb. 16—(AP)—A demonstration of handclapping while defense counsel was cross examining the state's chief witness the Rev. Thos. F. Pardue, halted for a few moments today a trial of Mrs. Alma Petty Gatlin for the axe murder of her father and caused the defense to ask the preacher whether his friends had come to court applaud him.

The demonstration came near the end of a long day during which the minister had related to the jury his story that Mrs. Gatlin confessed her father's murder to him after ending one of his revival services where he had preached on the confession of sin.

After first threatening to clear the courtroom of all spectators, Judge McCray then ordered the sheriff and deputies to watch for any more evidence of a demonstration and to halt the offenders before him for jail sentence. The handclapping was vigorous and followed a reply from Pardue to chief defense counsel Gledwell. The latter, endeavoring to impeach the witness, asking into the minister's relations with the Baptist church to which he said he belongs. Pardue had admitted there had been some dissension over whether he had been endorsed by Dr. Charles E. Madry, secretary of the State Baptist convention and part of a congregation at Leaksville had challenged him on the score.

He said Dr. Madry had denied he had endorsed him but that the Secretary had written him an apology and he would be glad to offer the apology in evidence. At this juncture the demonstration was made. Court officers jumped forward in an endeavor to single out those making the demonstration but evidently the applause was participated in by a large group.

HILL TWELVE DEADLOCKED

Jury Which Heard Case Charging Murder of Mother Unable to Agree

OTTAWA, Ill., Feb. 16—(AP)—Their request to be discharged twice refused the jury which for two days and a half has debated the fate of Harry Hill, confined to deliberate tonight apparently in a hopeless deadlock 8 to 4.

Less than two hours after the morning returned this morning from the hotel to the court room, apparently rested and in a good humor they hatched on the jury door and reported, they were unable to agree.

The case of the young man accused of shooting his mother and burying her body in a basement, was given to the jury Tuesday afternoon.

HELEN COSTELLO DESIRES DIVORCE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16—Suit for divorce was on file in Superior court here today, bearing the name of Helen Costello, motion picture actress, and John W. Regan, whom she wedded last summer.

SOCIALLY PROMINENT WOMAN GETS DIVORCE

PARIS, Feb. 16—Mrs. Rhinoceros Stewart, Jr., the former Laura Biddle was granted a divorce today.

Her application charged her husband with refusing to live with her.

ELIHU ROOT REACHES 83rd BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, Feb. 15—Elihu Root, former Senator and Secretary of State, received many messages of greeting today on the occasion of his eighty-third birthday anniversary. Although advanced years have forced his virtual withdrawal from active participation in public affairs, Mr. Root continues to take a keen interest in the event and happenings of the day.

LINDBERGH

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16—(AP)—The minting of 10,000,000 Lindbergh commemorative medals to be sold for a fund to buy the early home of Charles A. Lindbergh at Little Falls, Minn., and to erect a museum at St. Louis, Mo., for souvenirs of his air travels would be provided under a bill introduced today by Representative Vale, farmer-labor, Minnesota.

Church Will Observe Its 73rd Birthday

The Presbyterian church of this city will celebrate the seventy-third anniversary of its organization in an annual get-together meeting this evening. The service will begin at 7 o'clock and will be held in the Sunday school annex. This annual event for the church has come to be one of the occasions looked forward to with interest. Every member is expected to be present this evening.

NEW YORK MEN IN WASHINGTON

Republican Spotlight Shifts As Conference Is Held With Coolidge

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16—(AP)—The Republican political spotlight shifted momentarily today to New York state where party leaders have maintained a studied reticence toward all candidates. George K. Morris, Republican chairman of the state visited President Coolidge, and though reports of a revised "draft Coolidge" campaign preceded him to Washington. He said afterward he had not discussed presidential politics with Coolidge. He indicated that he felt unlikely that Mr. Coolidge would run and that nothing had taken place to modify state leaders to send an unstructured delegation to Kansas City.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP HAS GROWN

NEW YORK, Feb. 16—(AP)—The Girl Scouts, Inc., in fifteen years has grown from a membership of eight to one of more than 168,000 with a total income for 1927 of \$273,182, the annual report of Jane Deeter Ripplin national director shows. The Girl Scouts were organized in Savannah, Ga. in 1912.

TRY OUT BYRD'S NEW MONOPLANE

Machine Will Be Used On Flight to Fly Over South Pole; Works Fine

NEW YORK, Feb. 16—(AP)—The large tri-motor monoplane completed for Commander Richard Byrd's southpole expedition took the air for the first time today.

Floyd Bennett, Byrd's pilot on the flight to the north pole and a member of the south pole expedition was at the polls and pronounced the plane a nice job. In contrast with first flight of the Trans Atlantic flight and serious injuries which eliminated Bennett as a member of the crew the flight today was declared a complete success.

Leading Poultry Experts Coming for Short Course

Nine poultry experts will appear on the program of the second annual short course for poultry raisers of Eastern North Carolina to be held in the city February 24 and 25, according to the schedule as announced yesterday by T. J. Brown, county poultry agent.

Announcement of the course is being broadcasted throughout 53 counties and is expected to attract many raisers of poultry. Those who will comprise the faculty for the two-day instruction are: R. S. Dearstine, associate professor of poultry disease, State College; H. S. Wilfong, instructor in poultry disease, State College; E. W. Gather, district demonstration agent; Dr. William Moore State veterinarian; W. F. Armstrong, assistant professor of poultry science, State College; Dr. B. F. Kaupp, head of the poultry department for State College; F. W. Risher, marketing specialist department of agriculture.

The schedule and courses offered are as follows:

- Friday February 23th
- 10-11 Blood testing and Bacterial White Diarrhea Eradication—R. S.

W. H. Edmundson Dies By His Own Hand At Home in Stantonburg

Many Friends Here and Over Eastern Carolina Greatly Shocked by Happening

WANT MEETING HELD ANNUALLY

600 Delegates From 50 Towns Attended Parental Education Institute

RALEIGH, Feb. 16—(AP)—Decision to make the gathering an annual event an address by Dr. Francis P. Gaines, Wake Forest College president, tonight marked the close of the three day North Carolina Institute of parental education.

The sessions held here were attended by 600 delegates from about 50 cities and towns of the state. The institute sponsored by nine agencies of the State whose representatives were chosen to keep it alive and to hold annual meetings, was declared by leaders to be one of the most outstanding events of its kind ever held in the country.

HEAVY TAXES IMPOSED ON DISTRIBUTION OF CIRCULARS

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 16—Distribution of circulars in Charlotte will be taboo in the future unless heavy taxes are paid, the city fathers decreed today.

The commissioners decided to put a stop to the spreading of circulars because of the "messy" conditions of streets each time they are handed out and thrown away.

INDIAN HELD FOR ROBBERY

Hillsboro Officers Find, However, He is Not Member of Organized Gang

PITTSBORO, Feb. 16—(AP)—The half breed Indian held at Rowland for alleged store robberies in that section is not one of the alleged gang which held up the bank of Bennett on January 17, authorities said tonight.

The sheriff and bank officials went to Rowland to determine whether the man held fitted the description of a robber they are seeking. He was not the one they said, adding that Rowland authorities had said the half breed was in a critical condition from wounds received in a battle with officers who arrested him.

The Chatham officers said that they had been informed that Albert Culler whose alleged confession recently started them on the trail of numerous stolen automobiles was not expected to live.

DEATH CLAIMS FORMER CITIZEN

A. H. May Died at Home in LaGrange After Very Brief Illness

A. N. May, prominent farmer of the LaGrange section, died Wednesday night at 12:30 after an illness of only a few days having been taken with pneumonia on last Friday. Mr. May was 52 years of age, and was one of the most prosperous and well liked men in that section.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 3:30 from the home. Rev. Mr. Bradley, pastor of the LaGrange Methodist church, officiated. Interment was made in the White Hall cemetery.

Mr. May is survived by his wife, and several children his mother, a sister, and a brother. Among the children surviving, is Mrs. Joe Crumpler of this city.

Mr. May formerly resided in Goldsboro and was well and favorably known in the city. The high esteem in which he was held in Wayne county was shown in the great crowds at the funeral.

Dearstine, Associate Professor Poultry Disease, State College

- 11-12 Common Poultry Disease—H. S. Wilfong, Instructor in Poultry Diseases, State College.
- 12-1 Home Production of Feed—E. W. Gather, District Agent.
- 1-2 Lunch Hour.
- 2-3 Certification Work and Blood-testing—Dr. Wm. Moore, State Veterinarian.
- 3-4 Internal and External Parasites—H. S. Wilfong.
- Friday Night
- 7:30 Motion Pictures on Poultry Raising.
- Saturday, February 25th
- 10-11 Poultry House Construction—W. F. Armstrong, Assistant Prof. Poultry Science, State College.
- 11-12 Selecting and Mating—Dr. E. F. Kaupp, Head Poultry Department, State College.
- 12-1 Culling—Prof. W. F. Armstrong.
- 1-2 Lunch Hour.
- 2-3 Marketing Live Poultry and Eggs—F. W. Risher, Marketing Specialist, Department of Agriculture.
- 3:00 Hatching and Rearing Chicks and Feeding and Care of Growing Stock—Dr. B. F. Kaupp.