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The Iowa primary election, well advertised in advance as a test of the "New Deal purge" attracted national attention because Senator Guy M. Gillette, seeking the Democratic renomination, was one of the nine Democratic senators facing the voters this year to oppose the Administration on the bill to reorganize the Supreme Court.

Gillette Had Friends

Mr. Gillette won by a 2-1 vote over Representative Otha D. Wearin, who was the choice of Harry Hopkins, the "friend" of James Roosevelt, and who had the support of some closely associated with the President. The Democratic primary, however, was not a thorough test of the Administration's strength. Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, a power in Iowa politics, remained strictly neutral in Washington, but his followers in Iowa were openly supporting Mr. Gillette.

In addition, the Senator and his friends claimed the tacit backing of Jim Farley and undoubtedly had the support of practically the entire Democratic State ticket, including Governor Kruschel, who compared the records of the two candidates during the campaign, contending that the Senator, with the exception of the Court bill, has been a supporter of the President.

Republicans Pleaded

Republicans in Iowa, who nominated former Senator Lester J. Dickinson to oppose Senator Gillette in the election this Fall, were particularly pleased when the figures showed that around 260,000 persons participated in the Republican primary, as compared with about 140,000 in the Democratic test. The total primary vote, about 400,000, is far below the 1,100,000 votes cast in the 1936 presidential election. The Democratic total is far below the 621,750 votes cast for President Roosevelt and the Republican party is considerably short of the 487,977 votes credited to Governor Landon.

Hopkins Denounced

National interest in the Democratic primary in Iowa reached a high point about two weeks prior to the voting, when Harry Hopkins, Administrator of the WPA, declared that if he were voting in Iowa he would vote for Representative Wearin on the basis of his record.

This declaration on the part of Mr. Hopkins was widely denounced as a plain demand on WPA workers, in Iowa to support Representative Wearin. Administration opponents immediately asserted that it was proof that the WPA fund was used for political purposes in spite of the earlier declaration by Mr. Hopkins that WPA workers could vote as they pleased without fear for their jobs.

After the result of the primary was apparent, it seemed certain that WPA workers did not exert themselves in behalf of Mr. Wearin. This was plain in Sioux City, where he polled only a few hundred votes although more than 4,000 WPA cases were in the community. In fact, some political observers express the belief that the Hopkins endorsement was something of a boomerang. Mr. Hopkins himself declared that the vote was a "refutation of those who accused me of playing politics."

Court Issue Not Vital

It seems fair to assume, on the basis of the Iowa primary, that a vote against the bill to reorganize the Supreme Court will not, of itself, mean the defeat of Democratic Senators. To make this vote a test of party regularity, as some of the advisers of the President are anxious to do, even against the advice given by Jim Farley and other Democrats, was not successful strategy in Iowa. More over in view of the recent decisions of the Supreme Court, which is becoming more New Deal than ever, the question is somewhat academic and lacks a great deal of being a vital political issue. Where such a vote coincides with a record of opposition to the President, it is probable that the Democratic party machinery will be aligned against the candidate and the primary result will be different.

Much has been written about the hot weather in Washington and the summer temperature which soars into the stratosphere, but capital heat does not worry the congressmen as much as the fires which have been started in their states by potential legislators, anxious to relieve them of (turn to page five, please)

The 11th annual Rhododendron festival began

—in Asheville at the beginning of this week, thousands of visitors converging on that city Sunday for the event, which opened with tours to rhododendron areas of the Craggies, Pisgah and the Great Smoky Mountains National park. A check was kept of the visitors in the Craggy gardens Sunday and 448 cars carrying 2,240 persons were counted by CCC enrollees and motorcycle policemen.

The 10 southern state sponsors arrived Sunday and were met at the Southern Railway station by members of the brigade of guards and escorted to their hotels by motorcycle police details.

The rhododendron grand parade, first big out-of-doors event of the festival, moved through the city at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning in a spectacular display of floral splendor and regal pageantry.

The parade, one of the highlights of the entire festival, was two miles long and required approximately an hour and a half to pass a given point.

Two thousand persons took part in the 125 units of the parade. Music was furnished by 1,282 musicians in 18 bands and drum and bugle corps.

Four of the five divisions of the parade competed for prizes. The fifth was the court division and included the floats of the festival king and queen, members of their court and the sponsors from 10 southern states.

Governor Clyde R. Hoey, his wife and their daughter, Isabel, viewed the parade from the reviewing stand on Pack Square.

King Herman Gudger Nichols and Queen Evelyn Elizabeth Radeker, who ascended to their throne at the grand ball and investiture of the rhododendron brigade of guards Tuesday night, will be crowned in coronation ceremonies tonight (Thursday) at the rhododendron ball.

The wreckage of an airliner lost Mar. 1 was found

—Sunday on Buena Vista peak, near Yosemite, Calif., by H. O. Collier, of Fresno, Calif., 24-year old prospector, who was led to the long-missing plane by a "hunch." A salvage crew which toiled for more than 12 hours through heavy snow on the peak arrived at the wreckage late Monday. The crash of the plane on the storm-veiled mountain killed nine persons. Aerial observers reported the party of more than 30 persons reached the shattered Transcontinental and Western airplane shortly after 6 p. m. (EST) Monday.

Collier guided ground crews up the 9,777-foot Sierra Nevada range peak to where the shattered \$85,000 liner lay. He and the guides, followed by a pack train, trudged through snow up to more than five feet in depth. Travel along the snow and ice-covered mountain trails was slow and arduous.

The region in which the airliner crashed while on a flight from San Francisco to Winslow, Ariz., when adverse flying conditions developed, is one of the wildest in the Sierra Nevada. Six of the persons aboard were passengers and three were crew members.

The wrecked liner was consigned to the elements Tuesday near the top of the lonely peak in Yosemite National park as Department of Commerce men completed investigation of the wreckage and started the long, hazardous trek down the steep mountain. The bodies of the plane's nine occupants arrived in Wawona by pack train after a 20-mile descent clinging to narrow trails along precipitous cliffs.

FIVE KILLED WHEN PLANE CRASHES IN WYO.

World, Wyo., June 11.—Four men and a woman were killed today when a private plane piloted by William O. Bashaw, 34, Seattle, crashed on a farm near here. Reports indicate the motor failed and caused the plane to go into a nose dive.

Two convicts from the prison camp here escaped

—Tuesday from Airbellows Gap and Vox, where they were working on the road. One of the men, Len Secrest, 34, of Lenoir, was serving a six-months sentence for assault, and the other, John Lovette, 27, of North Wilkesboro, was serving a 21-months sentence on about four charges.

Bloodhounds were placed on the trail as soon as possible, but were unable to trail the fugitives. However, early apprehension of the escapees is anticipated.

Franklin McCall pleaded guilty to the kidnaping

—of James Bailey Cash, Jr., at a preliminary hearing held Tuesday in Miami, Fla. The \$10,000 ransom

kidnaping is a crime that carries the death penalty in Florida, if the accused is convicted. The court arranged to hear evidence in the case yesterday.

A special grand jury also indicted the 21-year-old truck driver for murder in the five-year-old Princeton lad's death but McCall, arraigned immediately, pleaded innocent to this charge.

After several attorneys expressed unwillingness to defend the prisoner because they were prejudiced, Circuit Judge H. F. Atkinson appointed Jack Kehoe to defend him on the kidnaping count only. It was indicated McCall might not be tried on the murder charge.

A special grand jury heard testimony from James Bailey Cash, father of the kidnaped victim, and federal agents, and returned the indictments within two hours. McCall was arraigned immediately.

The murder indictment contained two counts.

One charged that McCall "unlawfully and from a premeditated design to effect the death of James Bailey Cash, Jr., did kill and murder him, . . . by strangling, smothering and choking the said James Bailey Cash, Jr., with his hands, the said Franklin Pierce McCall's hands."

FBI agents said earlier McCall confessed he placed a handkerchief over the face of the Cash's only child, in taking him from his bedroom May 28 at nearby Princeton, Fla. The body was found 12 days later, less than a mile from the residence.

The other count charged the minister's son "unlawfully and from premeditated design to effect the death of one James Bailey Cash, Jr., did assault the said James Bailey Cash, Jr., and by some manner and means unknown to these grand jurors did kill and murder him. . ."

This Week FEATURES YOU WILL LIKE

Lee Chiswick's desperate battle against cattle rustlers, told in the exciting new serial, "To Ride the River With."

The meaning of the crucifixion of Jesus is the subject for the Sunday School lesson by the Rev. Harold L. Lundquist. The text is Mark 15:22-39.

A chicken thief is making life miserable for Pa Piffle. See "Mescal Ike" in our comic section.

C. Houston Goudiss warns of the Danger of Overweight in the feature "What to Eat and Why" in this issue.

Our news photo section in this issue reveals President Roosevelt inspecting a prize cow in the little mountain community of Arthurdale, W. Va., site of a federal homestead project.

Arthur W. Pickard summarizes the world's week in the feature "News Review of Current Events" in this issue.

The Iowa primary election is discussed by Hugo S. Sims, Washington Correspondent, in the feature "Looking at Washington" in this issue.

Wins National Spelling Bee



Washington, D. C. . . Marian Richardson, 12-year-old Elizabeth, Indiana, farm girl, shown holding the plaque she received for winning the 14th National Spelling Bee held in the Capital city. Jean I. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., failed to spell the word "pronunciation" correctly, and is checking the spelling of it in the dictionary.

Philip J. Truitt, Galax, was killed Friday morning

—near Delavan, Ill., when the storm-tossed army bombing plane in which he was riding burst into flames

and plunged into a farm field, scattering the broken bodies of its full crew of eight soldiers over the rain-drenched prairie. The huge craft, caught in the onslaught of lightning, thunder, rain and buffeting winds, crashed to the ground with terrific force.

Carey Youle, who witnessed the tragedy on his father's farm, reported the big bomber exploded, bounced high in the air and spread bits of debris over a half-mile area.

The Galax youth, who was a private in the army air service, was 24 years of age; and was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Truitt.

Enlisting two years ago, he was stationed at Langley Field, Va., until last January, when he was transferred to Denver, Colo.

In addition to the parents, the deceased is survived by two sisters, all of Galax.

The body arrived in Galax by train Monday morning, and funeral services were conducted in Galax at 4 o'clock Monday in the first Baptist church, by the pastor, Rev. Herbert R. Carlton.

Following the services, the body was taken to Felts Memorial cemetery where it was interred.

The body was met at the train by members of the Blue Ridge Post, American Legion, which formed a military escort. The flag-draped casket was carried in and out of the church while legionnaires stood at attention on the steps and gave a military salute. Standing with them was an army officer from the field where Young Truitt was stationed. Military exercises were held at the grave by the legionnaires.

Other victims of one of the most appalling plane disasters in recent army records were:

Captain Richard B. Reeve, 36, Waunakee, Wis.

First Lieutenant Norman H. Ives, 31, Los Angeles.

Second Lieutenant Thomas Langhen, 27, Galveston, Tex.

Staff Sergeant Edward F. Murah, Denver.

Corporal William H. Housley, Stillwater, Okla.

Private Max W. Myser, Villa Grove, Ill.

Private George L. Huntsman, Kankakee, Ill.

It hit with heavy force a half-mile from me. Then came the explosion. The plane bounced high. Parts of it flew everywhere. It came down again with terrific force. It settled on top of a knoll in the open field.

The bomber had been in the air approximately 40 minutes. It had covered 60 miles of its westward journey.

It apparently fell from an altitude of at least 1,500 feet—the height of the concealing storm clouds in the estimation of meteorologists.

One witness reported the wind approached tornadic velocity for one minute and a half about the time the plane dropped.

The wage-hour bill was laid on the doorstep

—of the White House Tuesday night when opposition suddenly collapsed and the Senate completed final congressional action by adopting the House-approved conference report.

With Congress working late in a drive for adjournment, the House adopted and sent to the Senate the conference report on the \$3,753,000 spend-lead recovery bill by a vote of 296 to 74.

Only three voices were raised in the halls of Congress Tuesday against final passage of the wage-hour measure, and one of those was that of Senator Josiah W. Bailey, of North Carolina.

The North Carolina senator and William E. Borah clashed in the Senate over the constitutionality of the legislation. In the House the North Carolina delegation divided its vote on adoption of the conference report. It was supported by Bulwinkle, Umstead, Hancock and Cooley, and opposed by Clark, Kerr, Warren, Barclay and Lambeth. Weaver and Doughton did not vote.

Speaking against the conference report in addition to Senator Bailey were Representative Fred A. Hartley (R), N. J., and Representative William Lamberston (R), Kan.

Senator Bailey opened his attack by asserting:

"I consider this bill manifestly unconstitutional and I believe the Supreme Court will so hold."

He said the high tribunal had always held that the commerce clause of the Constitution on which the wages and hours bill rests gave Congress no power to regulate industry inside a state.

"I did not wish this legislation to reach the Supreme Court unless some senator here expressed the belief it was unconstitutional," the North Carolinian asserted.

Senator Borah advanced the theory that the bill was unconstitutional on the ground that Congress had ample authority to establish a minimum wage to protect the health of those "actually engaged in producing goods for interstate commerce."

Conceding the health argument of Borah, Bailey said it did not follow that Congress could enact a so-called flooring for wages and a ceiling for hours. "This is not a matter of health," he added.

Senator Carter Glass (D), Va., interrupted Bailey to give him a "concrete example." "I am more than 80 years old and I have worked 18 hours a day," the Virginian asserted.

It was a big victory for the administration after a hard and long fight, which saw the bill defeated twice in the House before favorable action came. The law will set minimum wages and maximum hours for all United States industries engaged in interstate commerce.

Earlier Tuesday Democratic leaders had definitely sidetracked railroad relief for the session. At a late parley between Vice President Garner, House Majority Leader Rayburn and Speaker Bankhead, it was decided not to attempt adjournment Tuesday night.

The annual associational W. M. U. meeting

—is to be held on Tuesday, June 21, at Liberty Baptist church, Whitehead, beginning at ten o'clock. The

program, which has been arranged for the gathering, is as follows:

Hymn; Devotional, Rev. A. F. Absher; Welcome, Mrs. J. T. Fender; Response; History of hymn for the year, Mrs. Tom Moxley; Women's Hymn; Reports; assistant superintendent, Miss Ivy Grace Doughton, Stewardship, Mrs. George Crutchfield, Mission Study, Mrs. W. R. Taylor, Personal service, Mrs. W. P. Maxwell, Young People, Mrs. Bruce Wagoner, Margaret Fund, Mrs. Ed Lundy, Jubilee Committee, Mrs. W. B. Estep, Treasurer's report, Mrs. W. B. Reeves, Mrs. Van Miller, Miss Jennie Watson, Training School, Mrs. Eugene Shepherd, Report from Southern Baptist Convention, Mrs. F. Miller; Special music, Roll call of Church representatives.

History of Alleghany W. M. U.; Inspirational address, Mrs. N. C. Teague, of Winston-Salem; Appointment of committees; Lunch; Hymn, Devotional, Rev. Howard J. Ford; In Memoriam; Special Music, Mrs. D. C. Bledsue and Edna Wall.

Address: Standard of Excellence, Mrs. Edna R. Harris, of Raleigh; Plans on canning for orphanage, Mrs. C. A. Reeves; Report of Committees; Golden anniversary meditation, and Benediction.

The Yellow river in China went on a rampage

—and its waters swirled over hundreds of square miles of Honan province yesterday (Wednesday)

threatening one of the greatest flood disasters in China's history. Japanese military engineers reported 150,000 Chinese civilians already had been drowned where the river broke through a 50-mile stretch of weakened dikes on its south bank.

Fate of a large number of Japanese troops scattered through the area was not known. It was believed, however, that thousands might be trapped and drowned.

Japanese military officials said their engineers were directing thousands of peasants in attempts to check the rushing river, but that it was virtually beyond control.

Major breaks in the dikes were between Kingshui, just north of the Chengchow junction of the Lungtai and Peiping-Hankow railways, and Kaifeng, 50 miles to the east.

Foreign relief workers believed that ravages of floods and war in Honan, Anhwei and Kiangsu provinces would bring a relief problem almost as great as that created by the World war.

An estimated 30,000,000 refugees were fleeing to the west to escape invading Japanese armies. Millions more were imperilled by yellow waters roaring through the heart of China and rapidly spreading out.

While Japanese charged that Chinese deliberately had cut Yellow river banks in an effort to wipe out Japanese military forces along the Lungtai, Chinese asserted that major breaks were caused by Japanese bombardments along the river.

Three dozens of new books have been purchased

—this week by the Sparta Public library.

Among these newest books is "Paradise," by Esther Forbes. It is said that those who read "Gone With the Wind" will enjoy this historical romance, which Dorothy Canfield Fisher describes as a long, rich, colorful, deep and true story, laid in seventeenth-century Massachusetts.

Other outstanding titles in this collection are "Winged Pharaoh," by Joan Gran; "Promenade," by G. B. Lancaster; "The Exile," by Pearl S. Buck, and "Roper's Row," by Warwick Deeping.

Four prisoners escaped from the Grayson Co. jail

—in Independence, Va., late Tuesday by boring their way to freedom. One, however, was caught but the others

were believed to have fled into North Carolina, according to Grayson County Sheriff W. C. Ward, keeper of the jail.

The one who was caught is a youth who was being held for juvenile authorities. Sheriff Ward said those who escaped were: Talmad Poole, awaiting trial on an assault charge; Paul Jones, serving a term for breaking jail last October and awaiting trial on a charge of larceny of an automobile; Lester Osborne, serving a six-months term as the aftermath of successive convictions of violating traffic laws, and the youth, Paul Thomas, held as a delinquent minor. The trials of both Poole and Jones had been set for hearing yesterday in Grayson county circuit court.

Commenting on the jailbreak, Sheriff Ward said he had complained repeatedly to county authorities about the condition of the jail which he said was badly in need of repairs. Judge John S. Draper, Pulaski, who is holding court there, will inspect the jail today (Thursday). Sheriff Ward said, with a view toward determining what repairs are needed.

The prisoners made their escape by cutting a hole in the roof. Their get-away was witnessed by the sheriff's small daughter who informed her mother, leading to the quick formation of posses to search for the escaped men. A group of boys captured Thomas within a short time and turned him over to officers.

Homes are being sought for four small boys

—for the rest of the summer by Crossmore school, Inc., at Crossmore. The boys are Jackie, Boyd, Floyd and Roadman, 9, 10, 11, and 12 years of age. Roadman, it is said, is probably the smallest of the group, despite his twelve years. They are all boys, it is said, that anyone would enjoy having with them.

It was thought that they had homes for the summer, but the persons with whom they were to stay became ill or went away on unexpected trips.

JOHN L. LEWIS SUFFERED A CRUSHING DEFEAT

—Tuesday when a house committee refused to allow a vote on a labor bill he sponsored.

National And World NEWS At A Glance

EARTHQUAKE IN EUROPE
London, June 11.—An earthquake born in the North sea jolted five nations today, rumbling over a 400-mile front from England to the Rhineland. Three capitals—London, Paris and Brussels—felt the shocks. Damage was minor but extensive, apparently most serious in Belgium.

ROVING BANDITS CAUGHT
Welch, W. Va., June 12.—Vesta McCoy, 25, emerging from a mountain hiding place near Panther, was sent to jail tonight as the last of three roving "gun-toters" who were chased back and forth over the Virginia line for two days.

U. S. GUNBOATS TO STAY
Shanghai, China, June 14.—The United States government yesterday rejected a Japanese warning to foreign shipping by informing Japan it had no intention of restricting activities of American warships on the Yangtze. British naval authorities, it was learned, took a similar stand.

CZECHS ARE WARNED
Berlin, June 13.—A foreign office mouthpiece warned the Czechoslovak government today that delay in solving the Sudeten German question "will lead only to a more forcible solution."