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ican Liberty.**

Asheville, N. C., July 26.—Sentences amounting practically to life imprisonment may be imposed upon three former officials of the defunct First National bank of Asheville if they are convicted on all the counts.

The three defendants, who are charged with conspiracy and embezzlement, are Major J. E. Broom, Joseph E. Dickerson and W. H. Holland.

The First National Bank of Asheville closed its doors 13 years ago, since that time the cases against its former officers have been before the United States courts in North Carolina almost continuously. Major Broom, who is the most prominent of the three defendants,

at Greensboro, in October, 1937. Later another indictment was returned in Asheville, charging the defendants with embezzlement, misapplication of funds and fraud. The Asheville indictment was held by the United States circuit court of appeals to be defective because two members of the grand jury—two negroes—who returned the bill had not paid their taxes. The defendants are now to go on trial on the Greensboro indictment.

ville bill of indictment and found guilty. Each was sentenced to 10 years in the federal prison at Atlanta. The case was appealed to the United States circuit court of appeals and a new trial granted on the ground that the presiding judge had erred in charging the jury that the second trial Major Breese was tried alone and a mistrial resulted. The cases were then removed from Asheville to Charlotte and Major Breese tried for the third time. Another mistrial resulted. Major Breese was tried for

the misapplication count and on the embezzlement count. The court imposed a sentence of seven years in prison. Again the case was carried up to the United States circuit court of appeals and dismissed on the ground that the Asheville indictment was faulty because two of the members of the grand jury had not paid their taxes.

The Voters of this city will have, for the first time since the adoption of the new city charter, the opportunity to cast their vote at a referendum election. The election has been called to pass upon an ordinance granting to the Union Traction company the right to use certain streets of the city, as provided in a franchise recently granted to the company. Under a provision of the new city charter all matters of this nature must be referred to the electorate.

Tehama Airline Mail Service.
The United States Post Office at Sacramento, July 26.—The largest albatross on the coast was reduced to ash yesterday afternoon and the loss is estimated at \$300,000. The mail belonged to W. E. Gerber and E. Clemens Horst and was situated at Tehama. Owing to the extreme combustibility of the materials the efforts of the firemen were unsuccessful.

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