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is Populace Given rst Real Chance To cclaim Noted Airman

ds Gathered in the ts to Pay Homage pt. Lindbergh as He d Along Streets.

STY CATCHES HEART OF PARIS

t of All the Honor Glory Accorded Him " Remains Just as as Before Flight.

ay 26.—(AP)—Capt. Charles was paraded before the popuiace of Paris today ers as no man has heard y since Woodrow Wilson, triumphal entry into the tal in 1919.

the first opportunity that of Paris have had to see u aviator since his arrival Bourget flying field Satur- for all of his intervening been devoted to receiving persons in high places. thousands of Frenchmen first sight of the young his afternoon as he was es- his country's embassy to le Ville. Under the trees the Champs Elysses the ople of France stood in s, waving flags and shout- s the slender and unspoiled American was driven past state procession.

ue de la Concorde was so was the celebrated Rue looking out from the grand e Tuilleries Gardens, beau- a brilliant May sun. It such as poets and painters ated for centuries, perfect in Paris.

rs were in fresh bloom and wore fresh foliage, while and the Stars and Stripes everywhere. Republican unted on horses lined the every few feet or so stood holding back the frenzied ippers. The scene was the procession was some- disappointment to the

tle and hurry spoiled it for the patient folk who so long for a sight of the e of the man who left New morning and arrived in next night. The car in lbergh sat sped through the lysee at twenty miles an ore.

COTTON MARKET

eady Today at Decline of 3 ints, July Going Off to

rk, May 26.—(AP)—The cot- opened steady today at of 3 to 5 points, under a pre-holiday liquidation and g encouraged by relatively rpool cables and more fav- ther reports.

d off to 16.11 and Decem- .72 before the end of the as the result of weather ing clearing conditions in with warmer temperatures ered favorable over the bulk t. There appeared to be whether west Texas had ficient rainfall.

y from the opening decline e market back to within 2 s of yesterday's closing quo- t at 16.20 for July and December there appeared to more selling. The market atively quiet at midday fairly steady at net declines to 10 points.

opened steady: July 16.19; Dec. 16.80; Jan. 16.86; .03.

MALOLO HIT ON MAIDEN VOYAGE

Liner Will Have to Be Back to New York Harbor.

rk, May 26.—(AP)—The $7,- Matson liner Malolo, new the American merchant ma- 310 persons aboard, today ored at sea 190 miles from k, awaiting a tow to this being crippled in a col- the first day of her trial

alolo, the largest and fastest craft ever built in the ates, and just completed for service between San Fran- Honolulu, yesterday after- rammed amidships in a and disabled, fifteen miles of Nantucket lightship, by egian freighter Jacob Chris- The lightship at sea off the setts coast is a marker for antic craft.

her fire rooms flooded with of water, the Balolo which awaiian tongue, means "Fly- flashed distress class by immediately a dozen ships o her aid.

n War Lord Starts Drive.

May 26.—(AP)—Yang Yu of staff of Marshall Chang the Mancurian war lord, to- nced that a strong drive launched against Hankow, Peking-Hankow railroad, the nt centering at Chumatien, vince of Honan, with 70,000

SAYS FARM OUTLOOK IN SOUTHEAST IS GOOD

Agricultural Prospects For 1927 Better Than in Many Years, Declares Banker.

Atlanta, Ga., May 26.—(INS)—The Southeast faces its brightest agricultural prospects in years, Lane H. Young, vice president of the Citizens and Southern National Bank, said in speaking of the crop outlook for 1927.

With an abundance of money for low rates, inventory at retail, wholesale and manufacturing establishments unusually healthy, and with the industrial development of this section making steady, substantial gains, the Southeast is resting upon a foundation of stabiliy and the future is one of soundness and full of positive prospects of a great volumn of business this coming fall, Mr. Young declared.

The rich Southeastern states, with almost untouched resources, offer the greatest and safest investments of the country, he continued, and the eyes of the nation are now turned upon us.

"Present business conditions in this section are satisfactory and will remain so during the remainder of the year" he said.

Mr. Young said the reason for this healthy condition is that retail merchants have not bought large stocks of merchandise, jobbers are not overloaded with goods, and manufacturers are not stocked up with excessive supplies of raw material.

"The present situation is the absolute reverse of that in 1920, when the post-war deflation started," Mr. Young said. "Then the retailer, jobber and manufacturer were loaded to the gills with finished or unfinished products.

"All lines of business are now operating as close to shore as possible and none have burdensome stocks of merchandise. They are making short, frequent purchases and thus provide a steady market for all essential commodities.

"Money is easier because of this condition. Merchants and other business interests, carrying a smaller inventory, have released hundreds of millions of dollars throughout the nation that formerly were tide up in 'frozen credits.'

"According to a recent survey we made throughout the State of Georgia, the cotton crop is from a week to 10 days earlier than last year and with anything like normal weather throughout the remainder of the growing and maturing season, Georgia will undoubtedly produce one of the finest cotton crops in several years.

"The Southeast has gained national recognition as a great and growing industrial section and each year is bringing millions of dollars of new investments."

County Manager Plan Being Tried.

The Tribune Bureau
Sir Walter Hotel

Raleigh, May 26.—The county manager plan of county government has just been introduced in Craven county when the board of commissioners at a recent meeting elevated L. H. Cutler, chairman of the board, to the position of county manager of Craven county.

This is the first change to the manager plan made under the new county legislation which provides that the board of county commissioners may appoint a county manager who shall be the administrative head of the county government.

Other counties are said to be considering shifting to the manager plan of county government administration, among which Durham county is mentioned. Both the county commissioner form and the manager form are recognized under the new law.

THE STOCK MARKET

Reported by Fenner & Beane.
(Quotations at 1:30 P. M.)

Atchison	182⅜
American Tobacco B	135
American Smelting	160
American Locomotive	114
Atlantic Coast Line	185⅞
Allied Chemical	140
American Tel. & Tel.	168
American Can	49¼
Allis Chalmers	108
Baldwin Locomotive	217½
Baltimore & Ohio	122½
Bangor	97
Bethlehem Steel	50¾
Chesapeake & Ohio	186½
Coca-Cola	112½
DuPont	243
Dodge Bros.	22
Erie	55½
Frisco	112¾
General Motors	193
General Electric	100¼
Great Northern	90
Gulf State Steel	52⅛
Gold Dust	54½
Hudson	80⅝
Int. Tel.	140½
Kennecott Copper	64¾
Liggett & Myers B	116¼
Mack Truck	114⅜
Mo.-Pacific	54¾
Norfolk & Western	185
New York Central	153¼
Pan. American Pet. B	59
Rock Island	105½
R. J. Reynolds	135¼
Remington	42
Stand. Oil of N. J.	37
Southern Railway	129⅛
Studebaker	52
Texas Co.	47½
U. S. Steel	173¼
U. S. Steel, New	123½
Vick Chemical	57
Western Maryland	63
Westinghouse	76¼
Chrysler	45

DOCUMENTS FOUND AT SOVIET HOUSE ARE MADE PUBLIC

British Officials Publish Documents to Show Why Relations With Soviets Will Be Severed Now.

NOTHING NEW IN DOCUMENT

Most of Matter Had Been Covered in the Premier's Speech in House of Commons Several Days Ago.

London, May 26.—(AP)—The British government today made good its promise to publish some of the documents alleged to have been uncovered in recent sensational raid on the Soviet House in London, headquarters of the soviet trade delegation and Arcos Ltd., the Russian commercial organization.

It issued a white paper containing these documents to illustrate as the captain said, "the hostile activities of the soviet government, and the third internationale against Great Britain."

The most interesting part of the contents from an international if not from the British standpoint, was a list of addresses allegedly found in possession of Anton Miller, soviet sycher clerk, who Premier Baldwin told the House of Commons in Tuesday's speech, was found hurriedly burning papers in his office when the raiders appeared.

While the white paper gave this out simply as a "list of addresses found in the possession of Anton Miller" it is assumed to be the same list which Premier Baldwin described as a "list of secret cover addresses, or 'illegal' addresses for communication with communist parties in the United States, Mexico, South America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa."

The edge was rather taken off most of the other documents from the fact that the premier read them or quoted extensively from them in Tuesday's speech in which he announced the intention of the government to break relations with soviet Russia and terminate the trade agreement of 1921.

STORM AT NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH KILLED SIX

Most of Them Were Killed at Baseball Game When Part of Roof on Grandstand Was Blown Off.

Norfolk, May 26.—(AP)—Six are dead today and more than 30 recovering from injuries as a result of the windstorm which yesterday struck the Norfolk-Portsmouth section. Two of the dead and most of the injured were among the 2,000 fans who had crowded into the Portsmouth Virginia League baseball park for a game at which Kennesaw Mountain Landis, high commissioner of baseball, was a guest of honor. A section of the roof of the grandstand was blown off, and fell within a few feet of Commissioner Landis, but he escaped uninjured, and today was on his way to New York.

William Barker, of Craddock, died today as a result of injuries sustained at the ball park, bringing the death list here to two, Richard P. McWilliams of Portsmouth having died in a hospital soon after the tragedy. Three negroes were killed, one died later, and four others were injured when the roof of a warehouse near Norfolk union station was torn off and dashed upon them.

It appeared today that all remaining injured would recover.

H. C. Everheart, president of the Suffolk Amusement Co., was badly injured, but this morning was pronounced by physicians as virtually out of danger.

Many who were treated by physicians were not badly hurt and returned to their homes.

WATERS CONTINUE TO FLOOD MANY PARISHES

Despite Warnings, Many Residents Have Refused to Leave Their Homes.

New Orleans, May 26.—(AP)—In the face of continued warnings from relief chiefs and engineers, residents of Point Coupee parish still clung to their homes today. Many were leaving as water began to encroach on their lands, but relief authorities feared many had been cut off from escape. An aerial survey of the territory affected by the break in the east bank of Atchafalaya at McRae, 130 miles north of New Orleans on the opposite side of the Mississippi, was halted late yesterday by a rainstorm which swept the area.

Relief authorities expected to send a nayal plane out today.

Waters from the crevasse at McRea, which was estimated as being 2,000 feet wide late last night, were believed to ave spread over 200 square miles today.

A report that many cases of smallpox had broken out in the refugee camp at Harrisonburg was denied.

Stephen B. Davis Resigns.

Washington, May 26.—(AP)—Stephen B. Davis, acting secretary of Commerce, in the absence of Secretary Hoover, has resigned, effective July 1, and President Coolidge has accepted his resignation.

R. L. Pickett Is Dead.

High Point, May 26.—(AP)—R. L. Pickett, city manager of High Point, dropped dead in his office here this morning.

ROME'S NEWEST FIDDLER

Premier Mussolini is a fiddler as well as a go-getter. This picture of himself so pleased him that he autographed it.

State Equalization Board Is In Session in Raleigh Now

Tribune Bureau
Sir Walter Hotel.

By J. C. BASKERVILL

Raleigh, May 26.—Just what proportion of the $3,250,000 educational equalization fund each county will receive, as well as the valuation of all property in each county and the school tax rate will be determined by the State equalization board which is in session here today and which may run over into tomorrow.

The most difficult problem the board faces is determining the new valuation of the property in the various counties, since this new valuation this time must be estimated, since there was not sufficient time allowed to permit of an actual revaluation in each county. However, records have been obtained from all the counties of the valuation listed on the tax books in 1925-26 together with the school expenses for that year as yielded by a 40 cents tax for school purposes. Taking these figures as a working basis, the budget estimates for the coming school year of 1927-28 have been found and where the present valuation is insufficient to yield that amount from a 40 cents tax, the valuation will probably be increased sufficiently to yield the necessary revenue required by law to operate the schools for six months. It is believed that an increase of from only 6 to 8 per cent. in the valuation will yield the necessary revenue, according to LeRoy Martin, secretary of the board.

But whether the board will do this or not is not certain, although it is the course being recommended by Mr. Martin, who has been devoting several months of study to the situation. For while the law allows a maximum tax of 45 cents for school purposes, the tax at present stands at 40 cents, and it is believed that the board will prefer to make slight increases in the valuation here and there, rather than undertake to increase the tax rate, since if an increase is made, it must be uniform in all the counties.

Following the determination of the property valuations in the several counties, the allotments of the equalization fund will be made.

It is in the apportioning of this large equalization fund that the board faces its most difficult task, however, since it must be distributed in accordance with the ability of the counties to raise the necessary funds by taxation to meet the cost of maintaining the constitutional six months term. This cost is measured by the November budget for the preceding year, including only teachers' salaries, plus 15 per cent. of that amount for operating expenses.

But the ability to meet the determined cost is reckoned by the valuation of the property on the tax books of the counties participating. But here more trouble is encountered, since hardly two counties have the same standard of valuation, it is well known that the valuation ranges anywhere from 50 to 80 per cent. on an average, the valuation in some counties being as low as 23 per cent. as in Jackson county and as high as 98 per cent. in others, as in Carteret county, according to Mr. Martin.

Before the next division of the equalization fund the board will undoubtedly attempt to make an actual revaluation of all property in the various counties, since no adequate and equable distribution of funds can be made without this actual revaluation. And such a revaluation would undoubtedly reduce the tax rate materially in the majority of the counties in the state. However, for the time being, the revaluation for this year and the consequent apportionment of the equalization will have to be done largely by estimate.

DR. ARTHUR PRITCHARD DIED SUDDENLY TODAY

Was Leading Surgeon of Asheville and Head of the French Broad Hospital There.

Asheville, May 26.—(AP)—Dr. Arthur T. Pritchard, 45 years old, leading Asheville surgeon, and head of the French Broad Hospital died suddenly early today. His death was attributed to acute indigestion and heart disease. Dr. Pritchard was a son of the late Jeter C. Pritchard, who successfully served as United States Senator from North Carolina and judge of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The surgeon was stricken at nine o'cluock last night while visiting at the home of a neighbor.

Gives Birthday Party.

Little Miss Lillie Mae Felker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Felker, held a birthday party at her home on McGill Street Monday evening, in celebration of her sixth birthday anniversary.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following guests: Catherine Crooks, Elizabeth Lee, Louise Helderman, Eunice Smith, Juanita Smith, Delite Eudy, Sarah Virginia Felker, Edward Morris and Noel Morris.

The hostess received a number of lovely gifts.

Jay Sims, who is a member of Sousa's band, arrived this morning from New York to visit his sisters, Mrs. R. E. Ridenhour, Jr., and Mrs. Gales Pickard, for several days.

Miss Roberta Hullender has returned from the Normal College at Asheville, where she completed the two-year course for teachers.

DR. FRANCIS E. CLARK DIED AT HOME TODAY

Was President of World Christian Endeavor Society—Ill Three Weeks.

Newton, Conn., May 26.—(AP)—Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder and president of the World Christian Endeavor Society, died at his home here today.

Dr. Clark, who was 75 years old, had been ill three weeks. Yesterday he sank into a coma from which he did not recover. His family was with him for the last few days of his illness. Death came at 10:55 this morning.

Pliny the Elder perished in the lava of Vesuvius, A. D. 79.

CAN YOU SCORE TEN ON THESE?

1—Whom did Mary Todd reject before she wedded Abraham Lincoln?

2—Name three foreign cities having larger populations than that of Chicago, now estimated at 3,100,000.

3—Who are Canada's best and second best customers?

4—What is a Miss Nancy?

5—Which day of the week was named after the moon?

6—Name the continent that is entirely under the British flag.

7—Name the made-to-order city that became the capital of Australia on May 9, 1927.

8—Name the American architect who designed Canberra.

9—Who founded the Mormon sect?

10—Name the state that was first in population until 1820.

SEARCH AT AZORES FOR PINEDO, WHEN REPORTS CONFLICT

Reports Continue to Come in That He Has Been Saved But Definite Data is Not Yet Available.

WARSHIP SAID TO CARRY HIM

At the Same Time Another Report Says He and His Plane Were Picked Up by Another Ship at Sea.

London, May 26.—(AP)—Search was being made today near the Azores for Commander de Pinedo.

Although circumstantial reports have been received that the Italian four-continent flyer had reached either Fayal or Flores islands of the Azores group in his homeward flight from New Foundland to Italy, meager dispatches indicated that nothing was definitely known in the Azores other than a report that a schooner had been sighted towing a plane generally assumed to be de Pinedo's.

Efforts by the gunboat Beira and tugs to obtain news on the nine islands forming the main Azores group and the smaller islets, said one report from the Azores, met with no success. The warship's latest trip was to Corvo, most northern of the islands, but it gained no information.

Another Report.

Horta, Azores, May 26.—(AP)—A radio message received from the Italian steamer Fust from the Italian steamer Superga, says that the latter encountered Captain Francisco de Pinedo in Latitude 40, degree 7 minutes, and Longitude 30 degree, 3 minutes.

Says Airman is On Warship.

Lisbond, Portugal, May 26.—(AP)—A wireless message received from an Italian steamship at 3 o'clock this afternoon says the Portuguese warship Infante de Sagres, is taking commander de Pinedo and his damaged plane to Horta on the island of Fayal in the Azores.

With Our Advertisers.

Practical time pieces that are ornamental as well as useful at the Starnes-Miller-Parker Co.

"The Patsy," three acts of laughter, will be represented on the third night of Chautauqua. The program will begin tomorrow afternoon. Seasons tickets only $2.50.

Straw is featured in many of the summer hats carried at the J. C. Penny Co. The brims on these hats will protect milady from the sun. Priced from $1.98 to $4.98. Dresses are also being featured at this company, with special bargains in frocks for women, misses and junior misses at $7.90. Read ad. carefully.

Self-hanging Vudor ventilating porch shades sold here by the Bell-Harris Furniture Co.

New Spring dresses are being offered among the week-end specials at Efird's for Friday and Saturday. Dresses range in price from $2.95 to $16.50.

The Standard Buick Co. has a number of used cars for sale. See list in new ad. today.

All local banks will be closed Monday, May 30th, Memorial Day, a legal holiday in the State of North Carolina.

Talc and Soapstone Production Increased.

The Tribune Bureau
Sir Walter Hotel

Raleigh, May 26.—Production of talc and soapstone in North Carolina in 1926 was practically double the output of the previous year with a value of $97,008 as compared with $48,550, according to figures announced today by the department of conservation and development.

The large increase in the production of the minerals is ascribed by State Geologist H. J. Bryson chiefly to developments and the extension of operations at two of the largest companies at Hemp and Glendon, in Moore county, producing pyrophyllite, a commercial variety of talc.

A further increase in the output of the minerals during the current year is expected by the geologist with preparations being made to operate on a much larger scale at Glendon. Machinery to increase the output of the mines at the place is being installed and will be ready to begin operations within a short time. Pyrophyllite will be marketed from Glendon in both powdered and sawed form.

According to geologists, the only commercial deposits of pyrophyllite known in the United States are found in North Carolina.

Will Cotton Acreage Be Reduced?

Raleigh, May 25.—Cotton acreage undoubtedly will be reduced in North Carolina this year, according to a statement today from the North Carolina co-operative crop reporting service.

Most of the crop, it was reported, is planted, and chopping is underway. The stands are far better than a year ago, and dry conditions are aiding in the cultivation, it was said.

The tobacco outlook was reported optimistic, with an increase in acreage. Planting, held back by dry conditions, probably will affect the stands, it was reported.

Mrs. B. F. Rogers is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John F. Yorke, in Charlotte.

HUNSUCKER AND FOGLE ARE FREED AFTER HEARING

Hickory, May 26.—(AP)—Catawba county's longest preliminary hearing came to an end at three minutes after 12 o'clock today when Judge W. B. Council f[illegible] there was not sufficient [illegible] to bind the defendants, [illegible] L. Hunsucker and W. [illegible], over to Superior Court on charges preferred by Miss Hargaret Carpenter, pretty Newton girl.

State Library

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS FINALS BE GIVEN IN CITY TONIGHT

Graduating Exercises of Central and No. 2 Schools To Be Held This Evening, Beginning at 8 O'clock.

Graduating exercises of Central and Number Two grammar schools will be held this evening, marking the close of one of the most successful scholastic sessions in their history. The commencement finals of Central school will be held in the auditorium of Concord high school. The program of Number Two school will be given in its auditorium.

Exercises at both schools begin promptly at 8 o'clock, and a cordial invitation is extended to friends and parents of students in these two elementary institutions. Certificates of promotion to high school will be given fifty pupils by these grammar schools.

The program of Central school follows:

March, High School Orchestra.
Song: "America, The Beautiful, audience standing and singing.
Prayer: Rev. L. A. Thomas.
Music: High School Orchestra.
Presenting the D A. R. Medal, Mr. L. T. Hartsell.
Address and Presentation of Certificates, Rev. R. S. Arrowood.
Salute to N. C. Flag. The Old North State.
Songs by the Class.
The American Creed, Class.
"The Star Spangled Banner," Everybody.
Class:
Winifred Eugenia Blackwelder,
Katherine Rosetta Bost
Clarence Burleyson, Jr.
Harry Furr
Mack Harris
Henry Clifton Hinson
Virginia Jean Hansel
Stuart Clark Henry
W. D. Hinson, Jr.
Caroline Ivey
Charles M. Ivery, Jr.
Frances Gray Loftin
John C. Pounds, Jr.
Luicile Ritchie
Van Scott
Alice Juanita Sides
Levi A. Talbirt, Jr.
Charles Brown Thompson
Willene Swink
Lewis Varner
William White
Ralph B. Ward
Marshalls:
Wyatt Armfield (7-B) Chief
Nancy Haywood, 7-B
Mary Gibson Junker, 7-B
Lax Shu, 7-B
Ellis Weddington, 7-B
Eugenia Brumley, 6-A
Mark Fuller, 6-A
Margaret Royster, 6-A
Lois Hollbrooks, 6-A

The Marshalls are elected on their class record.

The program of Number Two school is given below:

The Violet ("Humoreske") Dvorak-Bliss, Chorus.
Invocation, Rev. J. W. Stryder.
Address, Rev. R. M. Courtney.
"Morning Song," Forman; Chorus.
Presentation of Certificates, Rev. G. H. Hendry.
Class Colors: Black and Gold. Class Flower: Carnation, Class, Motto: Be Prepared.

Class Roll

Harry Arrowood, Spencer Barnhardt, Pauline Beaver, Alice Beaver, Iretta Bean, Margie Barbee, Viola Carter, Harry Crowell, Rayfield Dunn, Bernard Dry, Clarence Dellinger, Olin Helms, Louise Hunter, Nora Lee Misenheimer, Fay Misenheimer, W. R. Murr, Eugene McLaurin, Ruby Peigler, Broughton Smith, Willie Mae Shelton, Howard Simpson, Dixon Sims, Rachel Williams, Ira Verble.

Marshalls

Mary Frances Calloway, Chief
Margaret Beaver
Edna Goodman
Odessa Biles
Fay Calloway
Ila Whitley
Willard Jenkins

Burgwyn Goes to Prison Farm.

Tribune Bureau,
Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, May 23.—Henry K. Burgwyn, formerly a director of the State Prison, has resigned from the board, and has been elected general manager of the Caledonia Prison farm, in Halifax county. Walter D. Laroque, banker and farmer of Kinston, has been appointed by Governor McLean to succeed Mr. Burgwyn.

Since the resignation of N. C. McNair as general manager of the Caledonia prison farm in January, 1926, there has been no official general manager, though G. N. Moore has been acting in that capacity, as well as being general farm foreman. However, the farm is so large, with more than 4,000 acres under cultivation, with 570 prisoners employed—that it was considered necessary to have a general manager. Because Mr. Burgwyn has been a member of the board for a number of years and is thoroughly familiar with conditions, and because he owns a farm of his own just across the river from Caledonia, he was selected for the position.

SEARCH FOR FRENCH AIRMEN RENEWED AS NEW REPORT COMES

2 Workmen in New Foundland Tell of Hearing a Crash Which May Have Been Caused by Plane.

SAME DAY THAT MEN WERE LOST

Men Giving Report Were in Vicinity of Homes of Other Perons Who Said They Heard a Motor.

St. Johns, N. F., May 26.—(AP)—The search for Captains Charles Nungesser and Francis Coli, missing trans-Atlantic flyers, went forward today with new hope born of a report that a crash which may have been that of a falling plane had been heard by two workmen near Pacentia Bay.

Henry Collins and his son, of Paradise Sound, an inlet of the bay, that that at 10 o'clock Monday morning, May 9th, the day on which the Paris to New York flyers were due to pass over New Foundland, they heard a falling object followed by an explosion. A preliminary investigation failed to disclose the cause of the sounds.

Other persons at points near Conception Bay, where the aviators might have been expected to have first sighted the mainland, have told of hearing a plane on the same morning.

REVOLTING CRIME IS REPORTED IN FAYETTEVILLE

It Is Charged That Eight Men Held Two Women Prisoners After Kidnapping Them.

Fayetteville, May 26.—(AP)—The Fayetteville Observer will say this afternoon that two Scotland county men are under arrest in Laurinburg and six others being sought as result of one of the most revolting crimes in the criminal annals of North Carolina.

It is charged that the eight men attacked and held prisoners for the whole of Saturday night, Mrs. Ollie Davis, 18, a bride of 5 months, and Alva Hodges a 16 year old girl.

The women were accompanied by Rufus Davis, 18, husband of Mrs. Davis. Their car was overtaken between Laurinburg and Maxton, forced to one side of the road, and according to a story told by Davis today he was beaten up and held while some members of the party attacked his wife and the younger girl.

Davis, an employee of Cumberland Mills in this county, returned from Cumberland to Laurinburg Monday and had warrants sworn out for as many of the men as could be identified.

The names of the men whose arrest was effected are Clyde Norman and Pickett Jeanes. Marion Everett, for whom a warrant is sworn out, is alleged to have disappeared.

SOUTHERN'S AGENTS DISCUSS BUSINESS

Speeches Relative to Their Work Featured Yesterday's Sessions At Hickory.

Hickory, May 25.—All social activities were laid aside today and the hunderd or more agents went into business sessions proper of the Southern Railway Agents association which opened its 29th annual convention here Tuesday.

Fairfax Harrison and a score of other representatives of the Southern system, who did the association honor by being present on the opening day, had practically all departed this morning, leaving the meeting in the hands of the agents.

Today's program was occupied mainly with talks relative to work the agents are engaged in, the operation of the Southern Railway company. Tomorrow's meeting will be given over to the election of officers and the finishing up of routine work. The convention will adjourn tomorrow afternoon.

E. P. Seay, of Charleston, president of the Agents association, called the meeting to order this morning. The first speaker was W. M. Cowhig, general superintendent of transportation, who spoke on "Transportation Responsibilities." His address was followed by that of J. C. Williams, of Washington, manager of the development service, who declared that the one sound manner in which a community, or community project can grow, is from within.

THE STOCK MARKET

Renewed Activity and Strength of Rails Featured Market Today.

New York, May 26.—(AP)—Renewed activity and strength of the railroad shares nearly a score of which touched record high prices, overshadowed all other developments in today's stock market. Industrials disclosed widespread irregularity, buoyancy of several specialties being offset by heaviness of some of the standard steels, motors and textiles.

The market closed irregular. Total sales approximated 2,600,000 shares.

WEATHER

Fair tonight and Friday, cooler tonight and in the east portion Friday.