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BASEBALL SEASON OPENS TODAY IN VARIOUS CITIES

Players and Fans in Four Major League Cities Prepare for Opening Game of National League Season.

"BASEBALL TODAY" ON CARS AND BUSSES

Fair and Warmer Was General Weather Indication in Most Cities.—Band Playing and Flag Raising.

(By the Associated Press.)

Chicago, April 17.—The familiar sign "Baseball Today" came into view this morning on street cars and busses as players and fans in four major league cities prepared for the opening games of the National League season.

The time-honored custom of band-playing, flag raising and throwing of the first ball were expected to be carried out in the various cities.

President John A. Heydler, of the National League, was a guest of the Chicago Cubs in the initial clash here with the Pittsburgh Pirates at the Cubs' reconstructed park.

K. M. Landis, Commissioner of Baseball, was at Boston, the guest of the Boston Braves, and Christy Matthewson for the opening there with the Ne wYork Giants; St. Louis was at Cincinnati and Philadelphia was at Brooklyn.

Fair and warmer was the general weather indication in most of the cities.

TWO GIRLS TRAPPED BY FIRE AT MORGANTON

Night Telephone Operator and Her Sister Barely Escape From Building With Lives.

Morganton, April 15.—Fire originating in Wortman Brothers Electrical shop about 2 o'clock last night did damage to the extent of several thousand dollars, almost the entire electrical stock being destroyed and much damage by water being done to the Bell Telephone Company's exchange on the second floor of the building. By quick work and plenty of water the blaze was confined to this building which is owned by the Tate family and Mrs. Ray, of Fayetteville.

Miss Pausy Lane, night operator, was awakened by the smoke and summoned as many firemen as she was able to reach. Attempting then to escape she and a small sister who was with her, found the stairway blocked by dense smoke and that means cut off. Leith Gordon, special watchman for the First National Bank, was the first man on the scene. Unable to break the lock of the lower door he shot it off, but the smoke made it impossible for him to go up the stairs to the girls. He procured a ladder and assisted them to escape through the front window.

The town was without telephone connections until noon today, but the equipment has been dried and is now in operation. It is thought that the building can be repaired, but suffered considerable damage.

GUY SENTENCED TO SERVE THREE YEARS

Former Cashier of Statesville Bank Sent to State Prison.

(By the Associated Press.)

Statesville, April 17.—John W. Guy, Sr., former cashier of the First National Bank, of Statesville, was sentenced here today to serve three years in the Atlanta Federal penitentiary.

At the January term of Federal Court Guy pleaded guilty of four counts on indictment charging embezzlement, misapplication of funds, abstraction of funds, and making false entries in the individual ledger of the bank involving a total shortage given as approximately $84,000.

Judgment was suspended on three of the counts.

In England dogs have been banned as draught animals since 1854.

NOTES GREAT PROGRESS MADE IN NORTH CAROLINA

Pennsylvania Man Writes Interesting Letter to Mayor Womble.

The progress of North Carolina is a subject which is receiving the attention of persons all over the country, and is the theme of numberless articles in newspapers in this state and elsewhere. Tourists passing through the state daily are a great factor in spreading the news about the Old North State's progress, and they all comment on both the business progress and the splendid roads being constructed all over the state. A letter of this kind was received yesterday by Mayor Womble from a lawyer of Greenville, Pennsylvania, which reads as follows:

"I spent a month near Concord twenty years ago. I passed through again the other day, and was greatly struck by the change, not only in the town itself, but also in the surrounding country and the roads leading into it. Can you tell me what the population of Concord was in 1900, 1910 and 1920, and any other information showing the growth of your section of North Carolina.

"I must say that the trip I took through North Carolina gave me an entirely different idea of the State than any I had ever had. We went in the northeast corner and came out the southwest corner, and if I were going south again, I would stay on North Carolina roads as long as I could.

"Yours very truly,

"E. S. TEMPLETON."

AMERICAN DEFENSE SOCIETY NAMED

Inadventently as One of the Organizations Supposed to Be Supporting Wm. Z. Foster.

(By the Associated Press.)

St. Joseph, Mich., April 17.—The name of the Amerigan Defense Society was unintentionally brought into the trial of Wm. Z. Foster, charged with criminal syndicalism, as one of the organizations supposed to be supporting him, it was disclosed today on examination of the stenographic record of the Foster trial.

Chas. W. Gore, prosecuting attorney for Berrien County, who was questioning the prospective jurors about a letter mailed to Berrien county voters by the American Civil Liberties Union and the Labor Defense Council, inadvertently used the name of the American Defense Society instead of that of the labor organization.

DAWN OF PEACE IS SEEN BREAKING OVER IRELAND

Collapse of Opposition to Free State Gives Promise of Era of Peace.

London, April 17.—Clearer skies and happier days seem in prospect for Ireland. Events of the past few weeks, including the arrest of killing of some of the rebellion's ring leaders; the decrease of incendiarism, restoration of rail traffic, almost to normal, and a general relief in the tension among the people both North and South, have encouraged the friends of Ireland to believe that at last she is on the threshold of peace and order.

Nothing has heartened the opponents of De Valera and his Republican supporters so much as the admission by the Irregular chieftain that he is condemned to view the tragedy through a wall of glass, powerless to intervene effectively. The Irregulars have also admitted their inability to continue operations on a large scale.

To Probe Firing on Women by Officers.

Greenville, S. C., April 16.—James Lewis, foreman of the Greenville county grand jury, today called a meeting of that body for Wednesday morning for the purpose, it is understood in official circles here, of inquiring into the shooting into an automobile occupied by two Asheville, N. C., young women by prohibition officers ten days ago.

The foreman declined to comment on the calling of the jury, but it was stated that the call was issued immediately after he received an official copy of a resolution passed on Saturday by the board of directors of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce. This resolution demanded a thorough inquiry by the grand jury and solicitor, into the shooting, which was done by federal prohibition officers, who were hunting bootleggers, when the young women refused to halt.

Te origin of a case of scarlet fever has been traced to a book which was read by a scarlet-fever patient twenty years ago.

The letter "e" is used more often than any other.

FIRE LOSSES INCREASE

Not Only in This Country But in Canada Losses Continue Excessive.

(By the Associated Press.)

Raleigh, N. C., April 17.—The records for March show that not only in this state but throughout the country and Canada, losses continued excessive, according to a detailed report issued tonight by Stacey W. Wade, insurance commissioner.

The losses reached a total of $674,671 in North Carolina, compared with $476,452 for March last year, and $41,150,650 for the United States and Canada, as compared with $39,910,750 for March 1922, according to the report. These figures, said Mr. Wade, do not include damage from forest fires, which he asserted in North Carolina alone for March will duplicate the loss on buildings and contents.

The total loss for the first quarter of 1923 shows mounting losses as follows:

North Carolina, for 1923: $2,174,171; for 1922, $1,911,662.

United States and Canada, for 1923: $120,543,300; for 1922, $107,878,650.

"Of the 204 fires during March in which the loss reached $5,000 or more," the report reads "There were 20 with a total of $544,135 leaving a loss for the entire other 184 of only $130,566. The largest single loss was that of a furniture plant at Lexington, $100,000. Other large single losses were at Raleigh, supply store, $63,000; Wadesboro, garage and contents, $60,000; Charlotte, store, $5,000; Asheville, garage, $46,000; Greenville, planing mill and lumber, $40,000; Statesville, business building, $23,000.

"Of the total March loss for North Carolina, the property immediately at risk aggregated $3,775,251 with a total insurance of $2,669,125.

"There were 125 dwelling fires, with a total damage of $178,546, valued at $668,955 and insured for $362,916."

Defective flues and shingle roofs were the principal causes of fires.

BETHUNE IS BOUND OVER TO WAKE COUNTY COURT

Is Charged With Manslaughter as a Result of Automobile Accident Recently.

(By the Associated Press.)

Raleigh, April 17.—William Bethune, state college student, charged with manslaughter on two counts as the result of an automobile accident in which two young Raleigh men were killed several weeks ago, waived hearing when the case was called in city court this morning and was bound over to Wake County Superior Court for trial. He was placed under $1,000 in each case.

Bethune was driving the automobile which collided with another car driven by Robert Chappell. William Naylor, one of the occupants of Bethune's machine, was instantly killed, and Chappell was so badly injured that he died the following day. Three other occupants of Bethune's car were more or less seriously injurel.

State of Iowa Fails to Sell Bonds to Pay Solider Bonus.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 16.—Two attempts to market the $32,000,000 Iowa Solider bonds failed today, although the auction room was crowded with representatives of nearly every important financial institution in the country.

Under the law the certificates bearing 4 1-4 per cent interest, must be sold for not less than par and accrued interest. When the first call for bids failed to produce any offers, State Treasurer Burbank adjourned the session for 20 minutes. The next offering of the securities likewise failed to draw bids. The sale then was adjourned until late today to permit conferences. It was said offers might be made for the first five earlier securities, at par and accrued if the state treasurer would accept, but that the longer term bonds might have to be printed and signed over again to bear a higher interest rate. There are now on file, 94,300 bonus applications, averaging $201.50.

Cyclone Mack Has Captivated His Big Audiences at Mebane.

Mebane, April 16.—Notwithstanding the fact that he has just preached twice, Rev. B. F. McLendon has already captivated his audience. Thousands thronged to hear him Sunday afternoon and evening and before his sermon was over he carried the congregation at will, at times tears would be in their eyes, then a burst of laughter would greet him.

Mack is an evangelist, different from any ever heard. There is no slang used by this great man. He is neat in his delivery as he appears in his dress, every inch a gentleman. But that doesn't mean he is any respector of persons when he is preaching. He strikes them all, church members, drunkards, gamblers, and every sinner, telling them of their wrongs in a mannner in which it seems "headquarters," as he terms heaven, demands.

Mathilde and Max Have Bought Farm

Geneva, April 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Max Oser have bought a large farm near Yverdon, at the southwest end of Lake Neuchapel in the canton of Vaud, Switzerland. They will spend six months of the year on the farm and the remainder of the time in the United States.

Oser, who was a former Swiss riding master, and married Miss Mathilde McCormick, of Chicago, last week in England, intends to become a naturalized American citizen.

Southern Planning Double Track.

Birmingham, Ala., April 16.—Double tracking from Atlanta to Birmingham is being considered by the Southern railway, R. B. Pegram, vicepresident told the Birmingham city commission today during discussion of a viaduct program for Birmingham. This would give the Southern double trackage from Washington to Birmingham.

The Communist Party of America Dissolves Itself

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, April 17 (By the Associated Party).—The communist party of America has dissolved itself, and diverted its members to the Workers Party of America, which it recognized as the only affiliation of the Third Internationale of Moscow in the United States, it was disclosed today by associates of C. E. Ruthenberg, secretary of the Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party.

The communists dissolved, according to Ruthenberg's fellow officers at the national headquarters, after voting at a secret convention here April 7, that they "believed the support which the Workers Party of American has already won among the working masses, will enable it openly and publicly to carry on the struggle for communism in the United States."

INNOVATION FOR CHURCHES

Chapels For Prayer and Meditation to Be Built in Chain of Hotels.

New York, April 17.—Announcement that chapels for prayer and meditation would be placed in all hotels with which he is connected was made yesterday by John McE. Bowman, proprietor of the Biltmore, Commodore and Belmont hotels in this city and other hotels throughout the country, known as the Bowman group. The suggestion was made to Mr. Bowman several weeks ago by Joseph E. Wilson, a lawyer of Philadelphia.

"There shall be a chapel in every hotel of which I am President or may me connected with during my lifetime," Mr. Bowman said. "We shall commence at once to install these chapels for the use of our guests.

"We have already engaged the Gorham company of this city to design chapels suitable for all of our hotels, including the Biltmore in Los Angeles, now in progress of construction, the Biltmore in Atlanta, Ga., and the Seville-Biltmore in Havana, Cuba. The chapels will vary in size according to the needs of the different hotels. Each one will contain a beautiful stained glass window to suggest an air of sacredness. There will also be an altar, cathedral chairs and appropriate lighting. It is the intention to always keep fresh flowers on the altars, and the doors of the chapels will be open day and night as a perpetual invitation to enter for those who desire to meditate in prayer.

"Although these chapels will be consecrated, they are not intended for set services, though services may be held in them on special occasions. Their purpose is to provide a place for any guest, visitor or employe to enter and worship in silence and meditation. Furthermore, the chapels are intended for the use of all denominations and will be absolutely non-sectarian."

Mr. Wilson predicted that other hotel owners would follow the example set by Mr. Bowman. "Mr. Bowman's to adopt this idea constituted an epoch," Mr. Wilson said. "It is practical Christianity in the largest sense of the word."

MARION BUTLER HAS A TALK WITH PRESIDENT

It Is Understood That They Went Full Into the Mexican Situation.

Washington, April 16.—President Harding talked for nearly an hour this morning with former Senator Marion Butler by appointment. While Senator Butler will not discuss the interview with the President, it is understood that he went fully into the Mexican situation as he has earned it in person from two recent extended trips to that country. It is known that Mr. Butler and his clients, who have interests in Mexico, are strongly in favor of prompt recognition of the Obregon government by the United States, and it is believed that he stressed and urged early recognition as earnestly as possible. Senator Butler makes no secret of his great personal admiration for President Obregon and also for the stable and progressive government which he has established and he says that his interview with President Harding was very satisfactory.

FORMER GOVERNOR IN JAIL

Had Pleaded Guilty of Contempt of Court in Disregarding Summons.

(By the Associated Press.)

Oxford, Miss., April 17.—Theodore Bilbo, former Governor of Mississippi, and central figure in the state's politics for a dozen years, awoke in the Fayette County jail here today, facing 29 more days of imprisonment, a sentence of 30 days having been imposed yesterday by Judge Holbes of the Federal Court after the former executive had pleaded guilty to contempt of court in disregarding a summons to appear as a witness in the celebrated Russell-Birkhead case last fall.

Says He Is Not a Candidate for Office

Jackson, Miss., April 17.—"I'm not a candidate for any public office, at least not until after I can dispose of this Federal case," said Theodore G. Bilbo in the Lafayette County jail at Oxford today over the telephone when asked by the Jackson News if he would announce today his candidacy for Governor, as was reported here last night.

It takes at least six years to produce sufficient seeds of any new type of wheat to test it for milling purposes. If it fails then, the variety is discarded.

DR. LONG ATTACKS PLAN OF DR. WORK

Secretary of Interior and President of the American Medical Association.

Asheville, N. C., April 17 (By the Associated Press).—The plan of Dr. Hubert Work, secretary of interior and president of the American Medical Association, to divide the organization into districts was attacked today by Dr. J. W. Long, president of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina, in his annual address, urging the members to instruct their delegates to vote against the proposition.

Dr. Long also favored the "federating of all similar organizations in the state, so that the greatest good may come to the greatest number and which means the benefits of the medical profession should be carried to every citizen both high and low," in North Carolina.

In answer to his own question as to whether the proposed four-year medical school for North Carolina will be established, the president declared:

"I have in my pocket letters from certain men who, of all others in the state, are most vitally interested in medical education and they agree in saying: 'It shall be done'!"

Dr. Long called attention to all medical, surgical, hospital, health and welfare organizations in the state, describing their various duties and work accomplished in approaching his suggestion for closer co-operation.

DANCES 66 HOURS AND SIX MINUTES

Cleveland Girl Exceeds the Record Made by Miss Williams, of Houston, Texas.

(By the Associated Press.)

Cleveland, O., April 17.—The world's continuous dancing championship came back to Cleveland and into the hands of Madelyne Gottschick at 8:54 a. m. today as she still continued dancing at a local club, beating Miss Magdalene Williams, of Houston, Texas.

Miss Gottschick quit at 9:06 a. m., setting a new world's record at 66 hours and 6 minutes, beating Miss Williams' record by 13 minutes. She said she was forced to quit because of exhaustion largely due to dancing on a tile floor. Miss Gottschick started dancing Saturday at 3 p. m.

HARDING SAYS GARY IS RIGHT IN STATEMENT

That There Is a Shortage of Labor Due to Restrictive Immigration Law.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, April 17.—President Harding was said at the White House today to believe that E. H. Gary, the chairman of the Board of the U. S. Steel Corporation, was quite correct in his statement made to the Corporation's stockholders yesterday that a serious labor shortage is threatened through the operation of the restrictive immigration law.

Body of Tabert Found in Grave Filled With Water.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 16.—The body of Martin Tabert, North Dakota youth, who died while serving a sentence in a lease convict camp, was placed in a cheap coffin in a grave half filled with water, near the town of Clara, Fla., according to a statement made today by Arthur Johnson, a former convict, to Attorney Generals Grimson and Kneeshaw, of North Dakota.

Johnson, sentenced to serve two years on four charges of illicit distilling, declared he was the first prisoner to be taken to the lease camp of the Putnam Lumber Company where Tabert died; that he prepared the body for burial and later was one of the four men, three negroes and one white man, to act as pall bearers.

Gift of One Million Dollars For Educational Development.

Frankfort, Ky., April 16.—A gift of $1,000,000 and 16,000 acres of rich timber lands from E. O. Robinson, Fort Thomas, Ky., to be used in the educational agricultural an deconomic development of the mountains of eastern Kentucky, was announced here today by Ed C. O'Rear, president of the board of trustees of the newly incoporated E. O. Robinson mountain fund.

The University of Kentucky, Lexington, will take active charge of the work of development, according to Judge O'Rear, who with other members conferred with the board of trustees of the university as to the best methods of carrying the state's best methods of carrying the state's the mountains of Kentucky.

A Fourteen-Year-Old Girl is Missing After Fire in Home

(By the Associated Press.)

Wilson, N. C., April 17.—Edna Eatman, 14 years old, was missing today following a fire which completely destroyed the home of her father, D. B. Eatman, farmer, who lives six miles from Wilson, according to reports made to the county authorities today. Search of the ruins of the home failed to reveal any trace of the body of the girl.

According to members of the Eatman family, Miss Eatman went to her room about 9 o'clock last night and has not been seen since.

The girl created quite a stir in the community two months ago when she eloped with Richard E. Tomlinson, 18, the couple being married in South Carolina. The girl was ordered by a local magistrate to return to her home, and Tomlinson was placed under bond to answer to a charge of kidnapping.

The Tomlinson boy was at his home this morning. He declared he knew nothing of the girl's disappearance or whereabouts.

SOUTHERN ASKS NAME FOR THE NEW TRAINS

Road Offers $200 Prize for Appropriate Name for New York-New Orleans Train.

Name the Southern railway's new trains, Nos. 33 and 34, which will be put on the New York to New Orleans and return run on Sunday, April 29, and win $200. Yesterday the road offered that sum to the person who would suggest an appropriate and suitable name for the new trains.

The new trains are intended to give fast service between points south and those north and the action of the road in ordering the addition to the passenger service on the main line has met with unqualified indorsement on the part of the traveling public of this section of the south.

Regarding the prize and the rules and regulations governing suggestions, etc., R. L. Avery, superintendent of the Danville division, yesterday issued the following statement:

"Two hundred dollars will be given as a prize to the person suggesting the most appropriate name for Nos. 33 and 34, the new trains between New Orleans and New York to be inaugurated Sunday, April 29, by the Southern Railway system, the Louisville and Nashville, the West Point route and the Pennsylvania railway, according to announcement made today by W. H. Taylor, passenger traffic manager of the Southern, Washington, D. C., to whom all suggestions should be sent. The prize will be awarded by a committee of officers of the interested lines."

BAILEY BROS. GIVE 20 CENT. WAGE INCREASE

Tobacco Manufacturers of Winston-Salem Increase Employees' Pay.

(By the Associated Press.)

Winston-Salem, April 17.—Bailey Bros., Inc., local tobacco manufacturers, today announced a 20 per cent. increase in the wages of the 200 employees of the company, effective at once. The Company has signed an agreement with local unions of the Tobacco Workers International Union which has headquarters in Louisville, Ky. The agreement reached by Bailey Bros. with the union places the working hours at 48 per week, paying time and a half for overtime.

PLANS TO BE WORKED OUT BY CONGRESS

For Consolidation and Regional Supervision of the Country's Railroads.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, April 17.—Legislation to make effective the plans being worked out by the Interstate Commerce Commission for consolidation and regional supervision of the railroad systems of the country will be undertaken in the next Congress, Chairman Cummins of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, said today after a discussion of the railroad problem with President Harding.

ATTEMPTS TO WRECK TRAIN

Carrying the French and Belgian Cabinet Members Into the Ruhr Region.

Paris, April 17 (By the Associated Press).—A Havas dispatch from Essen today reports that two unsuccessful attempts were made last evening to wreck trains conveying the French and Belgian cabinet ministers who are inspecting the Ruhr region. No injury resulted to anyone from these attempts, the message added.

DEADLOCK IN THE CONFERENCE AT PARIS

Caused by American Demand For Priority on Germany Reparation to Pay Cost of Our Army.

Paris, April 17 (By the Associated Press).—An American demand for absolute priority on German reparations to pay the costs of the American army of occupation on the Rhine was continuing today to deadlock the conference here over this question, it was stated in well informed quarters.

With Our Advertisers.

H. B. Wilkinson has a surprise for you. Watch his space in Thursday's Tribune.

New Spring suits from $30 to $50 at the Browns-Cannon Co.

A good buy is Milk Maid bread—always of the highest grade.

When you buy Kuppenheimer Good Clothes at W. A. Overcash's you get honest value.

Hoover's sell the famous Schloss Bros. clothing in Concord. See new ad. today.

Hats of every kind, trimmed in becoming styles at the Specialty Hat Shop.

The Central Filling Station sells the Perfection, Allen, Lafayette and Durant tires.

Killed Herself on Account of Ill Health.

(By the Associated Press.)

Elizabeth City, April 17.—Mrs. Lloyd Halstead, whose body was found late last night hanging in the attic of her home near Salem Church in this county, committed suicide because of ill health, in the opinion of members of her family. Mrs. Halstead, who was about 27 years old, is survived by her husband and t five-year-old child.

"Commissariat of Empire" Abolished.

Coblenz, April 17 (By the Associated Press).—The "commissariat of the empire" which is Berlin's highest authority in the Rhineland, has been abolished by the inter-allied Rhineland high commission.

Death of Miss Esther Ransom.

(By the Associated Press.)

Hickory, April 17.—Miss Esther Exum Ransom, a daughter of the late Senator Matt W. Ransom, died at her home here at 1 o'clock this morning.

Washington, April 16.—The American debt funding commission today authorized Secretary Mellon to sign the war debt funding agreement with Finland.

SHERIFF MAKES $[illegible] ON EACH PRISONER

State Library

Leased by Leon County, Florida, to Putnam Lumber Company.—Profit Accruing to Him Personally.

TESTIFIES BEFORE COMMITTEE TODAY

Legislative Committee is Investigating the Death of Martin Tabert, a Convict From North Dakota.

(By the Associated Press.)

Tallahassee, Fla., April 17.—Sheriff J. R. Jones, of Tallahassee, made a personal profit of approximately $23 on each prisoner leased by this, Leon County, to the Putnam Lumber Co, he testified today before a legislative committee investigating prison conditions in this state, as the outgrowth of the death of Martin Tabert, of North Dakota.

Sheriff Jones was before the committee for more than an hour when it resumed its hearing today and testified that between August 15, 1921, and December 31, 1922, he transferred to the Putnam camp a total of 103 prisoners.

The lumber company, he said, had made a contract with Leon county commissioners to lease prisoners, and he had entered into an agreement with W. H. Fisher, superintendent of the lumber company, to take all prisoners convicted in this county to the camp, for which he was to receive $20 a head.

OFFICERS OF DEFUNCT BANK ARE CHARGED WITH FRAUD

In a Suit Brought by the Bank of Pembroke Against Them.

(By the Associated Press.

Raleigh, April 17.—T. E. Cooper and C. E. Bethea, former officers of the defunct Commercial National Bank of Wilmington, are charged with fraud in a suit brought by the Bank of Pembroke against them for the recovery of $2,500, alleged to have been obtained on false securities, it was learned at the State Banking Department today.

The suit has been filed in Robeson County Superior Court, and is scheduled for hearing May 16th. Cooper and Bethea are alleged in the proceedings to have given as security for the $2,500 loan a sealed envelope containing stock in a bank liquidated several years ago. The envelope was not opened, it was stated, until after the failure of the Commercial National Bank.

THE COTTON MARKET

Rather Firmer Today Following the Sharp Break of Yesterday.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, April 17.—The cotton market showed indications of rather a firmer technical position following the sharp break of yesterday. The opening was steady at an advance of 3 to 25 points in response to relatively firm cables and there was probably some buying on reports of further rains or showers in the southwestern and central parts of the belt.

Cotton futures opened steady. May 28.25; July 27.48; Oct. 24.87; Dec. 24.38; Jan. 24.05.

KEE AND MATTHEWS GUILTY

Charged With Robbing the Bank of Summerfield in 1922.

(By the Associated Press.)

Greensboro, April 17.—The jury in the case of Romer Kee and Gus Matthews, charged with robbing the Bank of Summerfield, this county, on May 29, 1922, this morning returned a verdict of guilty as to both prisoners. Sentence will be pronounced later today.

Grand Opening Sale at the Parks-Belk Company's.

On Thursday morning, April 19th, at 8:30 o'clock the Parks-Belk Co. will celebrate the occupation of their big new store of three stories by inaugurating a Grand Opening Sale. This will be the biggest sale they have had in years, and they take four whole pages of this paper today to tell you about it. They carry nearly everything in their big store, and their selection this year surpasses anything they have heretofore carried.

The store will be closed all day Wednesday getting ready for the Grand Opening Sale. On Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock a reception will be given. A music programme will be rendered and cigars and flowers will be distributed.

Employment under the age of 14 has practically ceased in London.

A DEED OR RENT RECEIPTS?

Which would you rather have after a few years—A Deed to Your Own Home, or a Bunch of Rent Receipts?

Every man owes it to his wife, his children, and to himself to provide a permanent Home for those dependent upon him.

Home ownership reveals in a man or woman the qualities of Thrift, Self Respect and good citizenship.

It is easy to come into possession of a home. All that is necessary is to put aside each pay day a small amount of one's earnings in this Old Reliable Building and Loan Association. Start today by taking some shares in Series No. 51 now open. All stock is non-taxable. Loans can be made on short notice—"that means at once." Begin Now.

Cabarrus County Building Loan and Savings Association

OFFICE IN CONCORD NATIONAL BANK.

"GRAUSTARK"
JOHN GILBERT
—IN—
"Truxton King"
—WITH—
Ruth Clifford Playing the Feminine Lead.
A Fox Production of George Barr McCutcheon's Novel of Graustark
PIEDMONT
TOMORROW, THURSDAY