

GARRETT TRIAL IS WARMING UP

Prosecution Says Trial Has Reached Such Stage That Regular Court Officers Cannot Be Trusted.

(By The Associated Press.)
Cumberland Courthouse, Va., Aug. 21.—Another sensation was sprung today in the Garrett case when the commonwealth's attorney, Bonifant, addressed the court with the statement that efforts had been made to intimidate him.

Bonifant said that after the adjournment of court yesterday, he was approached by Ed Garrett, who he declared was no kin to Robert and Larkin Garrett and who "began telling me some things about the Garrett trial."

Ed Garrett was ordered brought into court and when Bonifant insisted that one of the special city officers be sent for Garrett, the defense asked if the trial had reached such a stage where the regular officers of the court could not be trusted to even summon a witness from another county, the prosecution replied that "it had."

That Cumberland County is "in revolt and only needs to take up arms to be in open rebellion against the rest of the state," that local officers of the court "cannot be trusted" to even summon witnesses, and that some members of the Larkin Garrett jury "perjured themselves" to get on that jury, were some of the charges made by the prosecution in continuing its arguments for a change of venue.

July Is A Month Of Very Few Fires

Elizabeth City Was Among Towns In State Having No Fires In July

Raleigh, Aug. 21.—Fire losses in North Carolina during July totaled \$436,914, according to the monthly report of Insurance Commissioner Stacey W. Wade made public tonight. The number of fires was 109, the value of property at risk \$2,556,845 and the insurance on this property \$1,394,775, according to the report.

"July," says the commissioner in the report "is usually a low fire month, last July being a record month with a loss of only \$128,147 and but 100 fires, July of last year had only 10 fires with losses of over \$5,000, whereas July this year had 17 fires of this class, totalling a loss of \$391,237, or an average of \$23,000 a fire, leaving a total of \$44,777 for the other 92 fires which averaged loss of \$480 each.

In the rural loss list there were 11 dwellings with a loss of \$17,200 and the death of two negroes," the report continues, "while there were 44 dwellings involved in fires in the towns and cities with a total loss of \$26,000."

Seventeen towns and cities had no fires or no fire losses during July, according to the insurance commissioner's report. The towns and cities having no fire losses were named as follows: Durham, Statesville, Elizabeth City, Washington, Hamlet, Randleman, Ayden, Marion Kernersville, Wake Forest, Carthage, Sanford, Nashville, Pinehurst, Spring Hope, Southern Pines, Farmville.

"Asheville had the worst single fire," the report continues, "a department store in that city burning at a loss of \$100,000." Other places suffering large single losses were Burlington, a machine shop and foundry, \$60,000; High Point, a store, \$46,000; Marshville, a planing mill, \$39,500; Whiteville, a warehouse, \$30,800; Wadesboro, a warehouse, \$22,000.

A great many other towns besides those named had no fires, but they are not listed in the report because officials of the towns failed to report to the insurance commissioner, it is said.

"These towns often complain to the department for not being on the honor roll," the commissioner's report says, "but the fault is theirs in not 'officially' reporting by the seventh of each month following the no fire month. One town in the state that had the unusual record of not having a fire during the entire year failed to send in a single report of a no-fire month, although the department knows it is entitled to such.

"In the causes of fires old shingle roofs and defective flues, as usual lead, with 34; unknown, 22; lightning, 11 (the largest number ever reported); short circuit, 6; oil stove, 5; adjoining building, 9; and all others under 5.

"The value of fire protection and safety first agitation and education began by insurance Commissioner Young 15 years ago and continued by Commissioner Wade is evinced in the reports of no casualties from fire-works festivals on July 4.

EXPECT QUESTIONING TO LEAD TO ARRESTS
Macon, Ga., August 21.—The questioning of the three Hudson brothers, arrested for flogging, is expected to lead to the arrest of higher ups in the flogging plots which have terrorized Macon for months.

POSSES AFTER TRAIN BANDITS

(By The Associated Press.)
Oklahoma City, August 21.—Five masked bandits today looted the mail and express cars of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas passenger train near Okesa, Oklahoma, and escaped with about 20 registered packages after overpowering members of the train crew. No estimate of the value of the loot is available. Poses directed by the sheriff of Osage County are scouring the country in search of the bandits who fled in automobiles.

VIRGINIAN SEEKS A NEW PRIMARY

Senate Candidate Petitions Results of August 7 be Set Aside and Names All Candidates as Respondents.

Norfolk, August 21.—B. A. Banks, candidate for the Virginia senate in the Democratic primary on August 7, today petitioned the city circuit court to set aside that primary as of no force and effect and to order a new primary.

All candidates are made respondents in the petition which sets forth 12 reasons for declaring the primary null and void. Most of these were brought out in the special grand jury investigation which followed the discovery that the official ballots were illegally circulated among the election workers on the day before the primary.

Is State Organizer for Parent-Teachers

The N. C. College for Women in conjunction with the State Parent-Teachers' Association has employed a State organizer to form branches of the association in every county in North Carolina.

Miss Catherine Albertson, former principal of the Elizabeth City High School, and for the past three years principal of China Grove Graded School, was elected to this office at the July meeting of the State P. T. A. Board.

Miss Albertson, by virtue of her office, thus becomes a member of the Extension Division of the North Carolina College for Women, with headquarters at the college, and leaves for Greensboro to take up her new duties, the last of this month.

GIVE COURSE IN MAKING OF JELLY

Mrs. Cornelia Morris, Central District Agent, will give a course in making jelly stock, juice, paste and jelly to the Home Demonstration Agents of the Albemarle counties, on August 30 and 31.

The first day and the morning of the second day will be given to the agents, exclusively; and on the afternoon of the second day, Friday, August 31, a public demonstration in grape products will be given, which all the women in the town and county are cordially invited to attend.

With the approach of fall, housekeepers will be hurrying to complete their pantry supplies, and this course in jelly making comes just in the nick of time.

With scuppernon, James and other varieties of grapes ripening this course will prove very helpful to the housewives of this section.

Time and place of demonstration will be announced later.

STILL KICKING HIGH

H. M. Pritchard of Wecksville, who isn't telling his age, but who went to school with Dr. A. L. Pendleton when they were both boys, tells this story on himself:

"I was out in the woods the other day and I thought of how I used to be able to kick about as high as anybody, so I peeped around to make sure that nobody was looking, then I tried my foot at kicking just to see what I could do. The first time I only kicked about as high as my waist, but the next time I kicked as high as my head, and right there I quit. I just wanted to be able to say that I can still kick as high as my head."

Dr. Pendleton dared Mr. Pritchard to try a jumping contest with him, but when Mr. Pritchard readily agreed, Dr. Pendleton decided to back out, not, of course, because he thought he'd get the worst of it, but because, being president of one of the city's big banks he didn't know what indulging in such boyish sports with his old friend on Main street might do to his reputation for sanity and sagacity.

COURT CONVENES WEDNESDAY

Clerk of the Court E. L. Sawyer telephoned the private secretary of Governor Morrison at Raleigh Monday morning asking if an emergency judge could be sent here to preside at this term of court and was informed that the secretary would look into the matter and see what could be done. The telegram advising that Judge Connor had been assigned to hold court here reached Mr. Sawyer Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Court with Judge Connor presiding will convene Wednesday morning.

Clyde Tuttle Must Face Murder Charge

Judge Jones, His Father-in-Law, Dies Result Shooting On August 2nd

Greensboro, August 21.—The preliminary hearing in the case charging F. Clyde Tuttle, well known advertising man of this city, with the murder of former Judge Charlie A. Jones, his father-in-law, has not been arranged, but the date of the trial will be announced following a conference late today with the city solicitor, Ed Kuykendall, and an important State witness.

Tuttle is at liberty under a \$10,000 bond for his appearance and it is understood that he will plead self-defense when arraigned.

The only eye witness to the shooting, which occurred at the Jones home on the night of August 2, is Mrs. Tuttle, wife of the defendant. Judge Jones made a spirited fight for his life, but succumbed yesterday at 11:25 o'clock, after lingering 19 days. The body was taken to Mayfield, near Muffin, in Randolph County, this afternoon for funeral services and burial.

THINK BROWN FRAMED ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Believing that Jim Brown, colored, convicted in recorder's court Monday of receiving and possession under the Turlington act, had been framed because he is an important witness for the State in a case in which a white man is involved on a charge of handling liquor, County Prosecutor Sawyer re-opened the case Tuesday and asked for a verdict of not guilty.

A half-dozen pop bottles were found by police under the ice-box in a store and restaurant run by Brown's wife, following a tip to the police to raid the place, and the bottles could so easily have been put there while the two women running the place were back in the cook-room that the charge against Brown, in view of his good reputation and the rather suspicious source of the tin on which the place was raided, was dismissed.

Tom Scarborough, white, was let go on charge of drinking on the street rather because of the fact that it appeared he was about to leave the city to take a job in the Middle-West than on account of any doubt of his guilt the court not wishing to put anything in the way of Scarborough's leaving town while he was offered a job and while he seemed disposed to such a course.

Theodore Adams, colored truck driver, for speeding at street intersection and driving without lights, submitted to a fine in police court Tuesday of \$10 and costs.

Raymond Harrell and Raymond Madrin for playing ball on the street were let off with the costs.

CHARLOTTE MILL WORKERS STRIKE

Charlotte, August 21.—Strike orders in Mill Number Three of the Highland Park Manufacturing Company became effective yesterday at the closing hour as a protest against the dismissal of several employees. Three hundred and twenty-five men are affected.

Poplar Branch School Will Open With Bright Prospects

With a Record of Rapid and Substantial Growth in Last 11 Years, Preparations Have Been Made for Biggest and Best Year in School's History

Poplar Branch, August 21.—The Poplar Branch School will open September 10 with a force of 11 regular teachers, seven of whom will be connected with the high school. The music department is expected to have a teacher, and this will give a faculty of 12.

A full time teacher of agriculture is to be in the faculty this year, which will mean much to the community. The equipment for the home economics department is to be installed within a few days, so that this work will begin promptly at the opening of school.

Four new classrooms are to be added to the school building immediately. The teacherage is also nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy at the opening of the school term. The inner walls of the school building have been repaired and the outside has been painted white, so that everything will be spick and span to start off the session.

One of the most pleasing announcements in regard to the school, from the pupils' point of view, is that a moving picture outfit is to be installed. All arrangements have been made for this, and the entire community looks forward to seeing the pictures. The plan is to have half of each program devoted to educational subjects and the other half to wholesome entertainment.

Two new trucks have been bought for use in transporting students to Poplar Branch high school. This will give a total of five trucks bringing in students from other parts of the county to this school. All seventh grade work has been suspended in the smaller schools of the county and boys and girls who live below Maple will come to Poplar Branch to take their junior high school and regular high school work.

Eleven years ago Poplar Branch school had an enrollment of nine pupils in the high school department. During the school year ending in May, 1923, there were 99 students in the high school department and a graduating class of 19. More students now matriculate in the higher institutions of learning in the State from Poplar Branch High School every year than entered such institutions from the whole county in the two generations preceding the opening of Poplar Branch High School.

With the new teacherage, costing between \$8,000 and \$10,000, the additional school rooms, equipment, teachers, and so on, even greater progress is confidently expected in the school year which begins on September 10.

The Parent-Teachers' Association, which has been active in season and out, plans this year to inaugurate a card catalogue system in the school library, which will be of great help to students and faculty.

Sweets Still Bring Very Good Prices

Farmers will Get More for a Small Crop This Than for Big Crop Last Year

A sweet potato crop of between 50,000 and 60,000 barrels for lower Camden and Currituck is the forecast of W. H. Gallop, prominent potato grower of Jarvisburg, Currituck County, who was in the city Tuesday. That would make this year's crop, if prices continue to hold up, net the growers between \$225,000 and \$300,000 on a basis of \$4.50 a barrel which is what number one potatoes will bring today f. o. b. Elizabeth City. The market opened at \$10 a barrel in northern cities.

Mr. Gallop figures that two thirds of the Currituck-Camden sweets have been dug, and the number of cars shipped from this point to date is practically 200. If 200 cars represents two-thirds of the crop, the total crop would be 300 cars or 60,000 barrels.

Sweet potatoes from Camden and Currituck are still going from here to northern markets at the rate of about 18 cars or 3,600 barrels a day, estimated, to about the middle of September. The movement will continue, it is estimated.

Four or five dollars a barrel f. o. b. Elizabeth City is a good price for sweets and Currituck-Camden farmers will this year realize a sufficient profit on this year's crop to atone in some measure for the heavy losses last year when fully one half of the crop, it is estimated, was left in the ground for the hogs to harvest. In isolated cases growers did not dig 10 per cent of their crop of sweets.

The acreage this year was greatly reduced, Currituck farmers turning to cotton very largely as a result of the poor prices for sweet potatoes last year. Another factor in the increased cotton acreage in Currituck is the fact that the boll weevil has not appeared, except, perhaps, in one or two isolated cases. In that county as yet. Currituckians say that they not only have the biggest acreage but the finest crop of cotton ever produced in that county.

HEAD OF AMERICAN MUSEUM PRAISES WILD ANIMAL FILM

Henry Fairfield Osborn, president of the American Museum of Natural History in New York, has written a letter of congratulations to Martin Johnson for his splendid photoplay, "Trailing African Wild Animals," released by Metro at the Alkrama today.

Mr. Johnson held a private showing of the picture for Dr. Osborn, and the result was an enthusiastic reception of it. Mr. Osborn, for the Museum, has given the photoplay his official endorsement.

Carl E. Akeley, big game hunter and authority, attached to the staff of the Museum declares that Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson's photoplay is "by far the finest thing in wild-life pictures that has come out of Africa, or any other place for that matter."

PAGE AND GRIMES IN HALL OF FAME

Raleigh, August 21.—Walter Hines Page and J. Bryan Grimes were yesterday elected to the North Carolina Hall of Fame.

TWO KILLED WHEN HALL COLLAPSES

(By The Associated Press.)
New York, August 21.—Two men were killed and 47 were seriously injured when a three-story brick dance hall and store building in Brooklyn collapsed last night during a fire, burying scores of firemen and spectators. The official police report today shows the loss of life as much less than was at first expected.

Liner Is On Rocks But Not In Danger

(By The Associated Press.)
Manila, August 21.—The Eastern Oriental liner Changsha, British, carrying passengers and freight from Australia to Manila, has come on the rocks at Tigibank, near the Tawitawi Islands of the Philippines, according to a radio message received here today. The ship's condition is not believed to be dangerous, however.

TWO MAIL PLANES START TEST TRIP

(By The Associated Press.)
Hempstead, N. Y., August 21.—With one mail plane winging its way from San Francisco to New York today, another took off from Hazelhurst Field on Long Island for the Pacific Coast in the first of the five days test inaugurated by the Government to demonstrate the feasibility of a permanent trans-continent air mail service.

ZEPPELIN SHED IS NOW MOVIE STUDIO

Berlin, Aug. 21.—The immense airframe from which, during the war, the German Zeppelins began their terrifying flights, is today being used as a motion picture studio. The hall, located at Stanken, outside of Berlin, is 4,500 feet long and 130 feet high. The Germans declare it to be the biggest film studio in the world.

FEAR SKULL FRACTURE

Various reports went about town Tuesday to the effect that Wallace Miller is suffering with a fractured skull and that his condition is critical. Miller's physicians told The Advance at 3 o'clock that they were then preparing to make an X-ray examination of the young man's skull in order to ascertain whether or not a slight fracture was causing his continued headaches. Miller, however, is getting along well, and no serious complications are feared, according to his physicians.

Woman Officer Resigns Commission

Turkish Warrior Had Thrilling Experiences During the World War

Constantinople, Aug. 21.—Turkey's only woman officer has resigned her commission in the army and was received on retirement at a public audience by the Galip. The woman is Lieutenant Kara-Fatma Hanem, about 4 years old and the widow of a Turkish Major. Together with 15 female relatives, she joined the army at the beginning of the Great War.

This small band of women was assigned to the Caucasian front but it was not until after the armistice that they took part in fighting against the Armenians, and after that were sent to Anatolia against the Greeks. There they joined a body of 700 men and were present at the battle of In-Enu, in which a number of them lost their lives.

Lieutenant Kara-Fatma Hanem was wounded and taken to a hospital. After her recovery she returned to active service and was taken prisoner by the Greeks. She escaped to take part in the battle of Broussa, when she was accompanied by her 13 year old daughter.

LONDON MARKS ITS MOST FAMOUS SPOTS

London, Aug. 21.—Visitors to places of interest in the city, and many Londoners themselves, have been surprised lately to find numerous blue plaques with white letters on walls of buildings. These are being put up by the City Council to mark the sites of famous citizens.

One of the most recent ones marks the spot in Cheapside from which the Romans measured their miles from London. Residences of Chaucer, Keats, Shakespeare, Pepys and other prominent citizens of the olden days also have been designated.

COTTON MARKET

New York, August 21.—Spot cotton closed steady, middling 25.75. Futures, closing bid, October 24.49, December 24.35, January 24.01, March 24.02, May 24.00.

New York, Aug. 21.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 24.57, Dec. 24.45, Jan. 24.09, March 24.18, May 24.12.

FIVE AMERICAN TOURISTS KILLED

Sightseeing Automobile in France Crashes Through Parapet on Mountain Road and Plunges Into River Var

(By The Associated Press.)
Nice, August 21.—Five American tourists and one Frenchman were killed and 15 persons were injured, some perhaps fatally, when a sightseeing automobile crashed through a parapet on a mountain road between Nice and Evian yesterday, plunging over a hundred foot precipice into the river Var.

Eighteen of the 22 passengers were Americans.

Boll Rot Damages Year's Cotton Crop

Disease May Be Distinguished by Small Reddish Dots on Cotton Bolls

Raleigh, August 21.—"Anthracnose, or 'boll rot,' is again making itself felt in certain parts of the State," says Franklin Sherman, chief entomologist for the Department of Agriculture, in a report issued here.

"This disease," the report continues, "occurs in every part of the State where cotton is grown and causes more or less damage every year, but from reports received by the Agricultural Department, it is indicated that the damage is more severe this year than usual in the edges of Wake, Johnston, Nash and Edgecombe Counties.

"A delegation from this section was in our office last week," the entomologist says in his report, "and told of whole fields being ruined by this destructive disease."

"The anthracnose may be distinguished by small reddish dots on the cotton bolls. These spots increase in size, reaching a diameter of an inch or more and sometimes uniting with other spots until the whole boll is covered. Whenever a 'boll rot' occurs it does some damage, no matter how little the plant is affected. If it is there, it will cause more or less damage."

Mr. Sherman says that there is nothing that can be done to combat the disease this year, but that steps towards preventing its encroachment next year can and should be taken. He suggested that the following rules be observed:

"Do not plant cotton next year on fields that have been infested this year. The fungus may live a year in the soil, thus forming a source of infection for next year's planting.

"Be careful in selecting seed for next year's crop. If possible secure these seed from fields that were not infested this year and do not secure seeds from any fields that had an infection of over 10 per cent this year.

"A proper use of the crop rotation system and care in selection of seed will do much to check the spread of anthracnose and will soon rid any section of the disease," Mr. Sherman concluded.

Davidson Is Expecting Good Football Season

Davidson, August 21.—A new coaching staff, new athletic field and new conditions will surround the 1923 football season of Davidson College which will open on the last Saturday in September. The season's schedule calls for nine games, opening with Elon College, at Davidson and closing with Trinity on Thanksgiving day, November 23, with the scene set at Wearn field, Charlotte.

William L. "Monk" Younger, assistant coach for the past five years at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia, has signed as head coach at Davidson, his Alma Mater. With him will come Tex Tilson, varsity lineman with V. P. I. for five years. Tilson will devote most of his coaching to the Wildcat linemen.

Davidson's season schedule follows: Sept. 22, Elon at Davidson. Sept. 29, Presbyterian College of South Carolina, at Rock Hill, S. C. October 6, Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, Va. October 13, Citadel at Davidson. October 20, Wake Forest at Charlotte. October 24, Furman at Columbia (South Carolina State Fair.) November 3, N. C. State at Charlotte. November 10, Clemson College at Clemson, S. C. November 29, Trinity College at Charlotte.

N. C. Publisher Falls To His Death

Camp Bragg, Aug. 21.—Alfred De Merquita, publisher of the Durham Sun and the Fayetteville Observer, and an army aviator, Sergeant Edmund Reoso, were instantly killed late Monday afternoon when the plane in which they were aloft crashed to the ground in a nose dive.