

# JUDGE DANIELS IS ROUGH ON MOB LAW

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Raleigh. Opening the superior court here, Judge Frank A. Daniels, brother of Secretary Daniels, in his charge to the grand jury, scored mob law in no uncertain terms. Citing the Franklin lynch as a distressing example of what an infuriated crowd can do, he said that when someone pleaded with the infuriated mob to desist, the answer came back that if they let criminals go to the courts the courts would not convict and if they did convict the governor would not let them sentence stand.

Judge Daniels denounced such an excuse as being only the alibi of cowards, but at the same time urged the grand jury to do its duty in such a manner as nobody would question its sincerity.

Judge Daniels, continuing his remarks, said that county officials who are lukewarm about law enforcement bring reproach on any community. There are communities, he said, in which a sheriff's posse can be recruited at any time to chase a little negro for stealing a pig, while people guilty of graver offenses are allowed to go free.

**755,963 Bales Ginned in State.** Commissioner of Agriculture William A. Graham announced that up to January 1 there were 755,963 bales of cotton ginned in North Carolina.

**Selma Mills Change Hands.** The Selma cotton mills, at Selma, have changed hands, the consideration being about \$500,000. The mills were purchased by the Standard Textile Produce company, an Ohio corporation.

**Governor Issues Proclamation.** Governor Bickett issued a proclamation citing the fact that constitutional prohibition becomes effective January 16 and setting aside Sunday, January 18 as "Law Enforcement Day."

On that day he requests that the congregations of the state assemble and that ministers preach sermons bearing on law enforcement.

**No Medal Investigation.** Washington.—(Special).—Cold water has been thrown on the proposed investigation by Congress of the Sims-Daniels controversy over medals. This was learned when it became known that republicans of the house naval affairs committee were opposed to appointing a sub-committee to sit with a like senate committee in the investigation.

**Green Succeeds Jeter.** P. W. Green, head of the publicity department of the Federal Bureau of Markets in Washington, has been named to succeed F. W. Jeter, who resigned as publicity director of the Agricultural Extension work in North Carolina several weeks ago to accept a position in Atlanta. Mr. Green will come to Raleigh at the end of the month to assume his new duties.

**Farm Purchases Approved.** Approval of the purchase of the site of the new state prison farm in Wake county was given at the regular monthly meeting of the prison board here, and a voucher for approximately a quarter of a million dollars was signed for payment for the property. The deeds for the land, 1,991 acres, are being examined by Attorney General James S. Manning and as soon as they are in readiness they will be filed for record and the voucher drawn in payment.

**To Sell Prison Property.** All the surplus mules, wagons, buggies, tractors and other farm equipment at the state farm in Halifax, which was recently sold, will be resold January 15.

Chairman Varner stated that the convicts, about 400 in number, at the farms would be moved from the farms about the latter part of the month. A few of these will be brought to Raleigh and put to work on the new farm at Methodist, and will be put to work making bricks and sawing lumber.

**Colonel Taylor Has Resigned.** Washington.—Col. Walker Taylor has resigned as collector of customs for North Carolina, was announced at Senator Simmons' office.

He will be succeeded by James H. Cowan, secretary of the Wilmington chamber of commerce and formerly editor of the Wilmington Dispatch.

Senators Simmons and Overman recommended Mr. Cowan after conferring. Colonel Taylor, who has been collector of customs several years, resigned to attend to private business, it was said.

### Bids For State Conventions.

The State Democratic and Republican executive committees will be extended an invitation to hold their 1920 conventions in Raleigh. The Chamber of Commerce, through its directors, took steps toward securing the conventions for the Capital City. Secretary Beaman was authorized to extend the invitation at once.

In asking the committees to select Raleigh as their convention city this year, the Chamber of Commerce will point out the advantages of Raleigh over other cities expected to bid for the meetings. Its central location and proximity to more towns than other large cities will be one of the reasons why Raleigh should be the place of the conventions.

### Revenue of \$21,000,000.

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The receipts last month include income tax, \$11,664,449.32; tobacco list, \$437.32; distilled spirits, \$21,934.93; capital stock, \$1,466.50; estate, \$11,198.54; sales, \$426,520.70; miscellaneous, \$204.01; tobacco stamps, \$9,203.76; documentary stamps, \$4,536.07; stock transfer, \$15.10; order forms, \$24.50; special taxes, \$2,696.40.

### To Include Course in Hygiene.

The incorporation in the curriculum at the University of North Carolina of a course in hygiene and public health, with the requirement that every student take the course, is recommended by Dr. A. J. Warren, assistant State health officer in his report of the annual sanitary inspection of the University to Governor T. W. Bickett, chairman of the board of trustees.

### The W. C. A. Highway a Fact.

"The Wilmington-Charlotte-Ashville highway proposition is no longer a dream but a big reality," said Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick.

Of the 424 miles of highway which must be built to complete the road, 316 are now either actually under construction or arrangements have been made for their completion. Sixteen counties are now represented in the W. C. A. Highway Association which represents about 33 per cent of the state's population and 40 per cent of

### Conference on Summer School Work.

President H. W. Chase and Prof. N. W. Walker of the University of North Carolina, were in Raleigh to confer with State Supt. E. C. Brooks relative to summer school work, which, they say, will be carried on in the usual way.

### Baseball is Permanent Sport.

Baseball in Raleigh next year and, perhaps, for many years hereafter, will be in charge of a private company with a paid in capital of \$10,000, under the leadership of Col. Albert Cox as president. The Raleigh Athletic Association, Inc., will furnish the national pastime to fans of this city, operate a modern stadium and promote generally all forms of athletics for the public of the city and state.

### Road Building Program.

Craven county is evidently unwilling to allow Lenoir county to monopolize the building of hard surfaced roads in the state, and has launched a program that calls for the expenditure of some three millions of dollars during the year on road work. The state highway commission was notified that petitions were in circulation calling for an election on the question of selling \$2,000,000 worth of bonds, and serving notice that the commission would be asked to supplement this with state and federal money.

### \$100,000 Motor Vehicles in State.

The number of pleasure vehicles or otherwise passenger automobiles, licensed by the secretary of state in North Carolina passed the hundred thousand mark, the figures totalling at the end of the day 100,112. In addition to these there are somewhat more than 9,000 trucks licensed in the state and some hundreds of motorcycles.

### Aycock Memorial Assured.

At last the Aycock memorial is to be realty. It will be a statue, probably in bronze, and will be located in the Capitol square at Raleigh.

The executive committee of the Aycock memorial committee met and appointed the following committee to select the sculptor and design and award the contract, D. W. Connor, chairman; Judge Francis D. Winston, and Dr. Clarence Poe.

It was announced that \$11,000 is in hand for the work and more is needed.

### Campaign Workers Conference.

As a preliminary to the approaching campaign for Armenian and Syrian relief to be conducted in February, State Chairman George H. Bellamy has called a conference of North Carolina county chairmen and other workers to be held in Raleigh Monday, January 19. Over a hundred workers are expected to attend the meeting.

The conference will be featured by addresses from prominent speakers representing the New York headquarters of the Near East relief and will continue throughout the day.

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At a recent meeting of the White Oak lodge a committee was appointed to take charge of the proceedings.

Meeting of Press Association.

Greensboro—One hundred members of the North Carolina Press association were guests at a banquet given by the local newspapers, at the conclusion of the first day's session of the midwinter press meeting.

Governor T. W. Bickett was present and addressed the publishers on the subject of the new property revaluation act, declaring that it made for truth and honesty and that he accepted full responsibility for having urged its passage.

General J. S. Carr, of Durham, spoke briefly on advertising, arousing applause in his denunciation of tainted money when he said: "I would rather plow a stumped-tailed bull on Hickory mountain down in Chatham county than ride down Fifth avenue in a limousine bought with tainted money."

Durham—Protests of ministers and citizens against Durham's leadership in North Carolina, for divorces appear to have gone without avail.

With the year 1920 in its first month there are 49 actions for divorce pending in the superior court.

Winston-Salem—The canvassers for subscriptions to Winston-Salem's new million dollar hotel announced that the goal is in sight, and organizations are expected to be perfected within the next week or two to prepare plans for commencing work.

Asheville—With Col. Wade Harris and George Stephens of Charlotte among the subscribers, \$25,000 was raised toward the purchase of the Mt. Mitchell railway, the most scenic railway in the world, and a decision was reached to call an organization meeting here, at which application for a charter will be made.

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Charlotte—A sale of 60 head of native registered Jersey cattle near this city in March was announced by Charles E. Miller, county livestock agent, the sale to be held under the auspices of the Mecklenburg Jersey Breeders' association.

Planning Lincoln Courthouse.

Lincolnton—At the monthly meeting of the board of county commissioners James A. Salter, architect, of Raleigh, was employed by the board to make the plans and specifications for the new court house which the county proposes to build on the site of the present one.

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# Horticultural Advice

PREPARE FOR STRAWBERRIES

If Soil Does Not Have Abundance of Humus It Must Be Supplied Before Planting.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Preparation of land for planting strawberries should be complete and thorough. Failure in this respect before setting the plants is likely to prove costly. If the soil does not have abundant humus, it should be supplied before planting, either by making heavy applications of manure or by growing and turning under one or more green-manure crops, preferably a legume. If nematodes are present in the soil, they may be starved out by growing some of the crops which are immune to them, such as corn, sorghum, winter oats, rye, millet, velvet beans, peanuts, and certain varieties of cowpeas, of which the Iron and Brahma are perhaps the best known.

Both the hill and the spaced matted-row systems are used extensively in irrigated regions. Where the soil is heavy and rather impervious to water, narrow beds must be made and the hill system should be adopted. In cases where the soil is penetrated readily to some distance by irrigated water, the bed may be wider and the matted-row system may be used.

Directions for planting, care after planting, harvesting, and shipping varieties and uses of strawberries are contained in the bulletin, copies of which may be secured free, so long as the supply lasts, on application to the United States department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., as may also the Farmers' Bulletins 1026, Strawberry Culture in South Atlantic and Gulf Regions; 1028, Strawberry Culture in Eastern United States; and 1043, Strawberries Varieties in the United States.

## RODENTS HARM FRUIT TREES

Rabbits and Mice Gnaw Bark Near Surface of Ground and in Some Cases Girdle Trees.

Each winter considerable damage is done to young fruit trees by rabbits and field mice. They gnaw the bark near the surface of the ground and in extreme cases the trees are entirely girdled. Often such injured trees may be saved if suitable measures are taken promptly; but a much better plan is to protect the trees from injury in the first place. This can be done by placing around each one a tree protector, made of closely-woven galvanized iron wire or of thin wood veneer. The wire protectors are cheaper and are much more generally used.

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## SMALL ORCHARD IS FAVERED

Every Farm Should Have at Least Twenty Fruit Trees and Some Berry Bushes.

Every man who lives on his own farm should have a few fruit trees and in a fenced orchard or yard. An acre is little enough, but at least any farm should have ten apple, five peach and five cherry trees. These cost but a trifling sum, but if cared for properly will supply a family with fruit in some form for the entire year. Then a row of raspberries, blackberries, currants and gooseberries and a square row of strawberries will add much to the happiness of the family. Extension Department University of Arkansas.

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