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Wilmingtonians Behold A Vast Revelation In Visit To Bolton Drainage Tract TRIAL AT 90 ALE GAIT

Waccamaw Lumber Co. Demonstrates Big Work of Draining Forest District

BLACK LANDS ARE RICH IN SUPERIOR CORN CROP

Drainage and Development of Green Swamp Country Attracts Western Farmers

By T. W. CLAWSON

win wealth and population North Carolina was demonstrated Columbus county, yester-The opportunity to do it was hown on a Green swamp tract of 206,acres of land, 28,000 acres of which have been reclaimed for rich farms and fortunate new comers to Carolina. A vast morass has men reclaimed and nearly 300 invited guests of F. L. Finkenstaedt, general manager of the company, beheld a revelation in a vast area of corn growing ten to 12 feet high on the most uable black lands in America. Farther than the eye could see over waving corn, there were thousands of of reclaimed land shut out from view by a corn crop of such area at ever was before seen by the oldest

of North Carolinians. Wilmingtonians Beheld It Best of all, many of Wilmington's siness men were Mr. Finkenstaedt's guests and he demonstrated to them he great opportunity which capital in such undertakings as that Mr. Finkenstaedt's invitation prominent citizens from New Hanover, Bruns with him at Bolton yesterday. He enertained them at a chicken dinner and spread in the

what once was one of the largest swamps in North Carolina. Reclamation and Homesteading

Mr. Finkensaedt's object in inviting he people of four counties to spend he day with him was to enabled them rgest land reclamation developments them to observe an achievement which has resulted in the comblack lands in a green such by the of 206,000 acres, purchased by the the whole tract is immense, it is only a bit of a North Carolina swamp which is 18 miles long, and from four to 12 les wide, embraced in the counties of Columbus, Bladen and Brunswick. Regarded by most people as impenetrable and practically valueless for anything it is immense in value in cypress, miper, pine and hardwood timbers. The part of it which lies around Bolton has been conquered and restored

to civilization. How it Was Done

The holdings of the Waccamaw Lumber company in Green swamp were bought for their timber value, and that is estimated at millions of dol-The company established a large lumber plant at Bolton, on the Atlantic Coast Line, 39 miles from Wilmington, and the industry has built p a prosperous town at that locality. The company's first office was in a boxcar side tracked there by the raiload, but it now has commodious offices near the plant. The company's plant is now running night and day the manufacture of high grade lumher, shingles and boxshooks. The saw mill cuts 85,000 feet of lumber a day shingle mill manufactures 75,000 juniper shingles a day, and ten car-loads of boxshooks are shipped every month. The company operates a large planing mill, and the whole plant is ne of the most modern lumbering industries in the great timber region of eastern North Carolina.

Conquering the Monster Swamp In order to get its timber out of an area covered with water the company had to dredge canals and construct miles of logging railroads extending into the morass. Old natives say it was once the habitat of panthers and wolves, and nobody knows but what those beasts are yet hiding in distant parts of the swamp. As fast as the hig lumber company removed the timand converted it into thousands of carloads of products for the market, it began, on a systematic plan, to

frain the lands and reclaim them for farm development. Networked With Canals

The 28,000 acres from which the water has been drained are covered with a network of 45 miles of canals. Besids that, many miles of collateral inage ditches have been cut as the land was made fit for cultivation. The drainad area is now made accessible automobiles which use the com-Pany's good roads system embracing ten miles of highways for removal of ense crops of corn and other

Vast Stretches of Corn Vast stretches of magnificent corn met the view of the vistors. As far as here was corn from eight to 12 feet an loaded down with huge ears of However, much of it will not be gathered till late in December, for in this limate corn remains in the stalk withdeterioration from the weather. the 28th of December, 1919, Secre-"It Wilson's cabinet, was amazed then he found an immense acreage of arn standing in the fields without the khtest hurt from the winter rains. one immense field of corn was planted as late as June 4th but it had reached laturity and nature is curing it for rib when it suits the corn growtis to gather it. Corn cribs all over (Continued on Page Two)

First Bale of Cotton Marketed in Dunn, N. C.

(Special to The Star)
DUNN, Aug. 22.—A bale of new crop cotton was sold on the Dunn market today. It was grown on the farm of Arthur Pope by Elliott Spears, a negro, tenant.

The cotton graded middling and was sold to J. L. Thompson & Co., local cotton merchants for 25 cents the pound. The cotton was nicked last week

brought to a local gin yesterday.

though it was not ginned until this

The bale was sold before noon today and it is thought that it was the first bale of 1023 cotton marketed in the state.

FEDERAL OFFICERS MAKE BIG HAUL IN RIVER STILL RAIDS

Amos Wallace, Negro, **Brought in To Face Charges** of Distilling

capacity, a garbage can still, and Amos Wallace, negro, the alleged distiller in the custody of the sheriff, is plainclothesman, Leon George, E. R Lilly, deputy United States marshal leared area of a former island, in and several other Federal officer:

yesterday. The officers had to go ten miles the river to make their find. What is termed to be one of the biggest hauls of late is the story told

Officer George, who was at the head the party. Mr. George said last of the party. Mr. George said and of the party. Mr. George said and officers encountered. Their boat turned over, ducking the entire party and then the receding tide made it time going up the stream with stumps When the first still, made of copper

with 50 gallon capacity, was found the officer stated that about 200 gallons. This mail was delivered tonight so of mash was found together with a that within an hour official messages job, having just come down to make eastern mail officials his day's run. He immediately sur-charge of the service's rendered, and his plant and liquor confiscated.

Several other trips were made in the vicinity of the first one and in the and, except for an added effort to make midst of what George says is one of speed on the fields and in flight, tothe darkest wilds of the county, they found another plant with only five him. He served as an instructor in hundred or more gallons of mash, ready france for American aviators. He said for operation. This still was one of there had been no unusual incident in out in the middle of the stream with a oncrete furnace and barrels, bottles and some 20 or more discarded cans thrown aside, similiar to the can which was being used for the distillery. No one was found at the still.

Two Marine Aviators Plunge to Death as

PENSACOLA, Fla., Aug. 22.—Undergoing combat practice which would have completed their aviation training course, Capt. George F. Hill and First Lieut. Cornelius McFadden, both of the United States marine corps, were killed when a plane which they were flying two hours after the plane touched collided with another machine piloted ground, the mail was being delivered. by First Lieut. M. A. Richal, in midair, and fell more than 3,000 feet at the naval air station here today.

An investigation of the accident has been ordered by the navy department at Washington.

Richal miraculously escaped death when his machine went into a long glide. It was upside-down during the long fall of 3,000 feet, and was in that position when it landed on ai paved highway leading from Pensacola to the naval air station. The running gear

Nineteen Injured When Pullmans Are Ditched

MAPLE LAKE, Minn., Aug. 22.— Nineteen persons were injured, one seriously when three Pullmans and the observation coach on the Winninger flyer of the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste Marie railway were derailed and toppled over into a ditch near here early tonight.

Mrs. B. F. Socoggin, of Oak, Nebr., suffered a depression of the skull.

\$10,000,000 Credit For Port at Mobile

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 22.—By Mr. Lisner said today, to conclude neavote of 68 to 31 the house of the gotiations for the sale of 1 ships now Alabama legislature this afternoon operated on trans-pacific routes by the passed the Holcomb bill, 6 providing for the state lending its credits to the amount of \$10,000,000 for the development of Mobile port.

WORLD LARGEST PLANE FRENCH REPLY HAS SAILS OVER DAYTON IN APPROVAL OF PRESS, BURN NEAR MT. OLIVE

s of Crew

bomber, d's largest airplane, took off from Wilbur Wright field at about 6:20 o'clock after several minutes pre liminary tuning of the six Liberty motors by mechanics. It rose easily from the ground after a comparatively short run and in a few minutes was about 2,000 feet in the air. Aerial experts who are witnessing the flight say the ship appears to answer perfectly to the controls an the motors

seen to be functioning smoothly. The ship after circling over the field apparently well in hand started off in a flight toward Dayton. First plans were for the plane to sail immediately ready for an immediate landing in an emergency but the pilot plainly was so confident of his hrip that he was willing to take the big craft over the

city.
The plane was travelling at the rate of 9 miles and hour.

The bomber following a 25 mile swing through the air made a perfect landing at 6:45 p. m. today. Theo big ship took off on its epoch making trip

Walter Henry Darling, designer of the huge craft, was one of the crew of four men who managed the ship on maiden flight. Lieuts. Harold R. Harris and M. S. Fairchield of McCook field, piloted the bomber. Douglas is Culver, McCook field mechanic, was in charge of the engines.

MAIL PLANE FLIGHT **ENDS SUCCESSFULLY**

Johnson Lands at Hempstead and Vance in San Francisco on Time

sociated Press).—San Francisco mov-ed nearly four days' travel nearer New York today through the success of the air mail service's first test of night flying westbound. Pilot Clair K. Vance bzrought more than 40 pounds of mail from Eastern points to Cirssy field here tonight at 6:24 o'clock, 34 hours and 23 minutes after the first batch of it had left Hempstead field, Lonk Island yesterday morning.

gallon of the finished product. The from Mayor Hylan of New York to alleged owner of the plant was on the Mayor Rolph of San Francisco, or from eastern mail officials to those in charge of the service's affairs in the west, were being read. west, were being read.

Vance clambered out of his seat with a smile. He is a veteran air mail pilot day's effort was nothing unusual for connection with his flight.

HEMPSTEAD, N. Y., Aug. 22 .- The first transcontinental mail flight from San Francisco was completed at Hazle hurst Field at 4:14 o'clock eastern stan-dard time when Pilot C. Eugene Johnson, who took the first west bound bound mail plane out yesterday, landed with the plane he had taken over from an eastbound pilot at Cleveland shortly after noon.

He had a load of mail with which he had started from Cheyenne last Planes Crash in Air at continental air mail service had been broken at Laramie, Wyo., 50 miles been broken at Laramie, Johnson brought the plane from Cleveland, where he relieved Pilot Wakner.

Immediately Johnson landed the mail bags were unloaded and rushed on a truck to Minneola, where they were put on a train for New York. Within Johnson flew from here to Cleveland yesterday taking the first westbound air mail. When he arrived there he was ill with tonsilitis, from which he had been suffering for several days, but nevertheless insisted upon making the return trip.

He made the 435 miles in three hours and twelve minutes, averaging approx imately 13 miles an hour, one time over Belle Fonte, Pa., he attained an altitude of 11,000 feet. The plane was a Dehaviland two passenger, converted into a one passenger, the extra space being used for the mail cargo.

The eastern flight from San Fran-sisco was broken when Pilot Collisson had trouble in reaching Cheyenne, and the relay plane started off without

U. S. TRIES TO SELL 18 SHIPPING ROUTES

Ships Will go With Them if Negotiations are Concluded in New York

ping board will renew efforts in New York tomorrow for the sale of 18 routes now operated with government ves-

sels.

Efforts will be made particularly, the Admiral line. Each company opera-

BUT NOT OF CURZON WITH LOSS OF \$5,000

Carries Up Ys er Henry Barl-ing Der r and Three Expected Nor is U. S. In-Returning From Church terference

HUN INTEREST LESS THAN FRENCHMEN PAY

and to strike a popular chord in bub- termined. ie opinion.

Few members of parliament are in Paris most of them being occupied in meetings of the general councils pistol shot wounds received a night or of the various departments, but those two ago when returning from church who were in the lobbies of the chamber this afternoon united in approving

the premier's stand.

The part of the note that appealed The part of the note that appealed a dispute and who, it is alleged, had to most to the political leaders was that use his pistol in self-defense. in which M. Poincare asked Lord Curzon if France should be treated by her allies more severely than Great

former common enemy. Great stress was also laid on the assertion, that Germany's calamity is lebt and a foreign debt of only 50 oillion marks, and an annual interest charge much less than that France is obliged to bear. t was declared. Germany had profited past year's work is anticipated. from the stoppage of work in the Rev. Harry Smith, of Wilmingt Ruhr, by putting her industries in such shape that, when a settlement is finally reached she will be able to compete more sharply than ever with those countries which suffered damage

at her hands. Comment in official quarters indicates plainly that Premier Poincare anticipates continuation of the discus sion with the British cabinet. In political circles outside the govern ment there is not so much confidence that London will desire to go on with the argument, but nowhere among public men, or in the press does there appear any great apprehension as to the consequences of eventual separate action by the British government. American participation in any

ternational export conference to fix Germany's capacity to pay, is regarded as altogether unlikely, and it is not thought the British will desire to take the risk of proposing reference of the Ruhr occupation question to the in-ternational court at The Hague in the face of France's refusal to accept the jurisdiction of the court in this ques-

and, except for an added effort to make | List of Shippers is Being Secured Who Will Use Waterway

> Mayor James H. Cowan is of the opinion that the main thing needed for opinion that the main thing needed for the jugular vein, and bled to death the intra-coastal canal from Beaufort before help could reach him. The men to the Cape Fear river is a convincing display of shippers who will use the canal when it is built. And the mayo is securing a list of shippers that wil use the new waterway route which wil be presented to the government engi neers at Washington along with a let-ter from the Diamond Steamboat and Wrecking company and the Southern Transportation company of Philadel phia. The latter companies assure the people that they will operate a barge line if the canal is built. There was survey made some time ago for an 8 foot channel but it is a 12 foot channel that is needed. The channel from Norfolk to Beaufort is 12 feet. "If we get the 12-foot channel we shall have the big New York yachts coming through on their way to Flor-ida. We snall have them tied up at our docks and their wealthy owners and their guests will see Wilmington and seeing, invest their money here. I happen to have yacht club connections that have brought me into contact with some of these yacht owners and they are enthusiastic for the intra coastal canal. From the mouth of the Cape Fear-navigation to Florida is comparatively safe," said the mayor. "The intracoastal canal dodges the Cape Fear shoals and the Frying Pan, which General Eixby, former head of the government engineers called the grave yard of the sea. That's where

the tug Juno foundered. You noticea in the Star today that the Diamond Steamboat and Wrecking company is taking off its barges because of the danger of these shoals? That is one of the best arguments we can use for the survey of the 12-foot channel and the building of the canal. The original estimate at eight feet called for an outlay of about \$5,000,000. We estimate that the 12-foot channel would cost

bout \$6,000,000. "With barges operating between Norfolk and Cape Fear and Wilmington, freight rates would be lessened. There would be no tying up of steam-Clyde line boat failed to get in the other day and held back cargoes needed here. Few persons or firms could WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—commis-loperate steamships but barges cost sioners O'Connor and Lisner of the ship less to build and maintain. State roads loperate steamships but barges cost could carry produce to landings near towns along the canal line and take

back goods from the big towns.
"Commerce on the canal from Norfolk to Beaufort increased last year and the year before and much more this year. This fact will be one of our exhibits to show the government engineers the economic value of the proposed enterprise. They already are tes five passenger cargo shipping board sold on the practicability of the chan-

HOUSE AND CONTENTS Governors to be Called

Returning From Church With Friends

MOUNT OLIVE, Aug. 22.—The farm ome of L. B. Dail, about four miles north of Mount Olive, was destroyed by PARIS, Aug. 22.-Premier Poincare's of the contents were burned, together reply to Marquis Curzon's reparations with a quantity of tobacco, stored upnote seems to suit the French press stairs. The origin of the fire is undewith about \$2,500 insurance.

> Daniel Lane, a young white man, is suffering at his home here from two two ago when returning from church with a party of friends. He met another young white man by the name of Street Carter, with whom he got into

Woman's Missionary union of the Eastern Baptist association, met today in annual session with Bear Britain wanted to treat Germany, their | Marsh church, six miles from here, in Duplin county, for a two-day session. Miss Macy Cox, of Magnolia, is president and leader of the union, under whose guidance the union does a won derful work in the woman's sphere of religious activities. Quite a large atexpected, and gratifying reports of the

Rev. Harry Smith, of Wilmington, to-night closed a 10-day revival meeting in the Methodist church here. Mr. in the Methodist church here. Smith is a quiet, conservative speaker with much depth and originality of thought, and has brought to the local congregation interesting and instructive messages, the influence of which is expected to live and bear much fruit

GLARING LIGHTS ON APPROACHING AUTO CAUSE TRAGIC DEATH COTTON MILL HEAD

Jim Ellerbee, With Three Chadbourn Negroes, Dashes Into Truck in Road

WHITEVILLE, Aug. 22.—A fatal accident occurred very early yesterday town, when a Ford car containing four negroes ran into a truck standing still with the result that the car was completely demolished, the driver was killed almost instantly and the other ccupants were severely hurt.

The truck, which was loaded with lumber, had broken down and was left for the night standing at the side of the road. The occupants of the car claim that the headlights of a car approaching them blinded them so that they did not see the truck until they crashed into the rearofit .

Physician and other people were soon at the scene of the accident, but the driver, whose name was Jim Ellerbee, had received a fatal cut severing were all from Chadbourn.

BROKEN DAMN ON WAY THREATENS BIG TOWNS

Arkansas River at Full Bank, in Flood's Path and May

PUEBLO, Colo., Aug. 22.—Heavy rains last night raised the water and formed a lake five miles back of the river from the Fowler dam, which is discovered, but now it is asserted there

half a mile wide. The entire dam went out this after-noon and a wall of water is descending on Olney Springs, Manzanola Rocky

Ford and Lajunta, Colo.

higher ground.

To Devise Means to Keep States Hot Without Coal

GIDDY-YAP!



President Coolidge as he took his first presidential canter astride Gen-eral, his personal mount.

OF CHERRYVILLE IS **GUEST OF COOLIDGE**

John J. George Named Him for President at Chicago in

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 .- John J WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—John J. tend the conference and a representa-George, of Cherryville, president of the tive of the Interstate Commerce com-Vivian Cotton Mills, called on Presi-matter of fuel distribution is largely Marion Butler accompanied him.

Mr. George was a delegate to the Republican convention at Chicago that nominated Harding, and Mr. Butler said tonight, was the one North Carolina delegate who voted for Coolidge to reeive the presidential nomination

Both voted to name Coolidge for vice

MEANS' WHEREABOUTS WALL OF WATER FROM KNOWN TO OFFICERS

His Alleged "Shakedown" of Liquor Violators Not Punishable, 'Tis Said

BY. H. E. C. BRYANT
WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Gaston B.
Means, according to his friends, now
is in easy reach of the department of justice, but there is no danger of his arrest for his alleged "shaking down of liquor manipulators."

A great flurry was made about Mr. Means' little game at the time it was is no law under which he can be reached.

Many people assert that what he did n Olney Springs, Manzanola Rocky ord and Lajunta, Colo.

The Arkansas river, into which this legal transfer.

The prediction was made today that and fears are felt for the safety of the towns in the flood's path. Residents in all the lowlands are moving to said he rounded up several hundred higher ground.

EDISON INDISPOSED AT FORD'S MICHIGAN CAMP; RUMOR OF DEATH DENIED

and is Not Feeling Well,

FORMAL STATEMENT

ISHPEMING, Mich., Aug. 22.-Rumors concerning the health of Thomas A. Edison caused considerable commotion in the Michigan upper peninsular this afternoon. Meanwhile the inventor who with his wife, Henry Ford and Mrs. Ford, Harvey Firestone near here for several days, was retir-ing quietly in camp—"a little indispos-

Suffered Slight Injury to Finger | ed but not ill"-according to Mr. Ford's manager. It was understood Mr. Edison had suffered a slight injury to one finger.
Mr. Ford and Mrs. Firestone were

SCOUTS SICKNESS to have grown out of news sent out and had been sticking close to the caravan during the peninsular trip. E. G. Kingsford, manager of the Ford properties in upper Michigan, to quiet rumors which finally grew to the point of stating that Mr. Edison had died of apoplexy, issued a formal statement this afternoon that the inventor was not ill. Mr. Kingsford indicated that and Mrs. Firestone, has been camping his chief condition simply did not feel well and therefore had remained in

Expecting Strike Washington Prepares Plans for Distribution and Regulation

SUBSTITUTE FUELS WILL BE ADVOCATED

Surplus Crude Oil Supplies Will be Recommended to Meet

f a system of distribution designed to insure an adequate supply of substi-tute fuel will be the first object of the government in case of stoppage of profuction in the anthracite fields. The initial step to this end was take today when F. R. Wadleigh, the fed eral fuel distributor, invited governors of anthracite-consuming states to sen representatives to a meeting at New York August 28, to assist in formulating an emergency distribution system he telegram which went to the execu tives of the 11 states forming the New England and middle Atlantic tier, to and including Maryland, was dispatched fter a conference between President Coolidge, Acting Chairman Achison, of the Interstate Commerce commission and Mr. Wadleigh at the white house. It was said that the Interstate Com-merce commission and traffic depart-

might be worked out to the last de-Distribution Agencies Planned A tentative plan for the institution of central distributing agencies in each state with supervisory headquarters in Washington to insure priority of trans-portation, has been worked out by Mr. Wadleigh and will be laid before the

ment of the principal eastern railroads

would be represented at the New York

meeting in order that any plan adopted

conference Announcing the call to the govern-ors, Mr. Wadleigh said, "In order to discuss and formulate plans for the distribution of bituminous coal and coke for domestic consumption in the principal anthracite-consuming states in the event of a stoppage of work at he anthracite mines on September 1 the governors of the states interested will be requested to send representa-tives to attend a conference at New York city on August 28, 1928. Governors to Gather

"It is hoped that every state will be epresented so that full discussion may e had and definite action taken in order to insure the distribution to the respective states of sufficient amounts of coal and coke to the end that the public may suer no inconveniences, owing to a lack of fuel for heating

homes, offices, etc. Representatives of the railways terested will probably be asked to at-

one of adequate transportation. "An important subject to be discussed will be the matter of education of the consumer in the use fuels other than anthracites, as it is felt that a systematic plan of public instruction can be made of great service in the practical and efficient use of such fuels and will thereby reduce the actual cost of heating, with re-sultant savings to the individual con-

sumer and the community."
Education to Stop Waste Inclusion of the "educational plank" n the conference platform is in line with the tentative policy understood to have been adopted by the administration as soon as the controversy be-tween anthracite miners and operators became critical. This was to use every friendly means to secure mediation on the points at issue, but to bring to the attention of the disputants the danger of permanent injury to their basic markets growing out of any extended tieup of production.

A record surplus of crude oil supplies is believed by government of-ficials to offer a substantial support to the reserve of substitute fuel available for use in an emergency. It was said officially that the commerce depart-ment had been informed that an un-usual number of inquiries as to the adaptability of oil for economical heating of dwellings had been addressed to commercial firms, dealing in appliances for this purpose. Intervention Last Resort

There were indications from various government branches today that the administration had no immediate intention of intervening in the situation operators. However, at the white house he coal commission and other branch directly interested in the national fue supply, the impression was given that hope of further negotiations had no been entirely dispelled. In the eve neither side offers a compromise gestion, the government was said to determined to be ready to protect the public needs, both as to individuals

and industry.

A survey of the situation, made by government bureau with this policy in mind, was said to show a reserve of 50,000,000 to 55,000,000 tons of bituminous and 23,000,000 to 25,000,000 tons of anthracite on hand which could be ra tioned out through an emergency or

ganization. With normal consumption of hard coal averaging 2,000,000 tons a week, no fuel shortage was foreseen by govthe woods this afternoon. The reports of anthracite production continue until concerning Mr. Edison are believed to have grown out of news sent out last night that he was not feeling well an additional factor in support of the man additional fact administration's assurance to the pub-

> WEATHER FORECAST BY STATES Virginia: Fair and rising temperaures Thursday and Friday.
> North Carolina: Showers Thursday,

cooler in east and south; Friday clo South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Missisippi: Local thunder showers Thursday and probably Friday, not quite as warm Friday.