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CAROLINA BIG AUTO SHOW WILL OPEN TOMORROW

Committees Complete Preparation for Week's Event.

HUGE HOUSE OF BEAUTY

Finishing Touches on Decorations—Musical Events to Feature Every Day of Week.

Under a canopy of Florida gray moss, wisteria and southern smilax, with glittering electric lights thickly grouped from ceiling, pillars and walls, the second annual exhibit of the Carolina Automobile show will be officially opened Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The Charlotte Automobile Trade Association committee, in charge of the auto show, are looking for an attendance of 15,000 to 20,000 visitors during the week. The show closes Saturday evening.

The auto show will be open every day during the week, beginning Monday. The hours after Monday will be 1:30 o'clock for the afternoon opening and 7:30 to 10:30 will be the evening hours. The exhibits and show will be closed during the morning hours.

A musical program that will be unequalled in arrangements, with famous artists and Arthur Pryor's band, will be a leading feature of the week. Among the artists who will take part in the afternoon and evening concerts will be Marion Harris and Margaret Travers, soprano; Carmelia Ponselle, contralto; Barbara Maurer, soloist, and a number of instrumental soloists with Pryor's band. Margaret Travers will sing each day of the show in concert. Other artists will be heard in two-and three-day engagements. The afternoon and evening concert programs will be equally high class and entertaining. Music that will appeal to every visitor will be found in the well balanced program of vocal and instrumental numbers.

The large show building, which will cover 30,000 square feet of floor space. The show building committee has placed the permanent structure in the center of the building, and on the first floor center, with the truck and accessories exhibits on the first floor. Space allotted has shown that the committee did not restrict the floor space to the interior of the building, which is the property of the Standard Oil company, was tenanted from the Carolina Automobile show building. Electric cars, and a vast amount of floor space appeared at once to the judgment of the committee on show building.

Space for exhibitors has been set aside in the center of the first and second floors. Exhibits will be located in space around the sides of the large area that makes up the 100 by 150 feet floor space, and in rectangular spaces allotted in the center of the floor with wide ways for passage of visitors between the exhibits, following the long rows of booths and exhibit spaces completely around the show building. Blue prints have been drawn in duplicate for the use of decorators and officials of the auto show, indicating the place set aside for each exhibitor, of whom there are nearly one hundred, including distributors of cars, accessories, truck distributors and accessories houses.

A Bower of Beauty.

The decorations for the show have been in charge of Mrs. M. M. Schiltz, who has been filling the entire work, employing many men, was practically complete Saturday.

The ceilings are completely covered with Florida moss, hanging gracefully from the walls overhead, while wisteria blooms and vine give brightness to the background of moss. Southern smilax has been profusely utilized in adding further attractiveness to the color scheme, which is one of gray and lavender. Around the lower side walls wide streamers of white and purple bunting, the official colors of the Charlotte Automobile Trade Association, have been fixed, filling the entire two stories with a background in which the adopted color scheme is carried out with the highest art. The electrical illuminations will also be arranged to emphasize the beauty of the decorations, and at night the scene will be enchanting and full of visual splendor. Gaily decorated booths, many of which will be filled with handsome women, will create a added atmosphere of elegance to the scene on both the first and second floors, especially on

PAPER MILL WORKERS "REJECT" WAGE CUT

NEW YORK, April 9.—Union representatives of the workers in the paper pulp mills of the United States and Canada at a conference here today unanimously rejected a proposal submitted by the mill owners calling for a 50 per cent wage reduction and increasing the working day from eight to nine hours.

COBB SWAYS BIG AUDIENCE HERE

Noted Humorists Mixes Serious Strain in Lecture.

Pleads for Pure and True Americanism in Address Before 2,000 on "Home Folks."

Using humor and pathos as his most expert weapons, Irvin S. Cobb, writer, traveler and master of his native tongue, swayed an audience of 2,000 people in the auditorium last night when he talked on "Home Folks," but gave his subject a national and patriotic turn that made every American feel a deeper love for his country and a more serious determination to stand up for American institutions.

The speaker handled the anecdote and story with the deftness of a swordsman in the hands of a duelist. It was the work of just a few moments to lead the 2,000 Charlotte people from a state of inordinate and sweeping laughter to that of tears and the sense of elemental emotions holding them in iron grip.

Every story told by the speaker was spiced with an oyster, and every story and anecdote went home to the mark. He swept his hearers from the old southern plantation to the battlefields of France and Belgium, from the New York east side to the blue grass fields of Kentucky, Cobb's native state, with a speed that was more than remarkable.

Opening with a strain of humor that got him the swift attention of his audience, Cobb struck into deeper water, and told the people that with the backwash of war overrunning the world, and revolution stalking around the planet, it was time for every American to show himself 100 per cent true, and to cry down bolshevism, rampant socialism and anarchy.

"We hardly realize the nearness of the danger," urged the speaker, "and yet it is almost present and is hardly to be put off to the future. The melting pot was all right when it got a clear white stream, but I think now it has become a chemical retort from which will flow danger to our institutions and revolution to our country. If proper restrictions are not thrown around it."

Mr. Cobb took exception to former

NEIGHBORS AND ALLEGIANTS IN ROSS WILL CASE

Declare One of Women Had an Inferior Mind.

TRIAL RUNS OVER WEEK

Has Been Going on for More Than a Week Now With the End Nowhere in Sight.

Special to The Observer.
MONROE, April 9.—Dr. Isaac Taylor, head of Broad Oak sanitarium at Morganton, testified in the Ross will case today, that if the jury finds the statements set out in the hypothetical question propounded by attorneys for caveators to be true, Miss Maggie Ross was mentally incompetent to make a will in 1907, when she is alleged to have signed her last will and testament, which caveators are trying to have set aside. Dr. Taylor was admitted as an expert.

Dr. H. O. Stewart of Monroe, testified in answer to the hypothetical question, and also of his own knowledge, that he did not think Maggie Ross had sufficient mental capacity to make a will.

Mrs. Amanda Howard, of Waxhaw, for many years a neighbor of the Ross family and Claud P. Edwards, of Charlotte, who had visited in the home frequently since 1901, both testified that Maggie Ross had inferior mentality and transacted no business that she knew of.

Court adjourned at 1 o'clock until 9:30 Monday and the jurors were allowed to go to their homes over Sunday.

When superior court adjourned here this afternoon the Ross will case had consumed nine days, with no prospect of the end in sight. The caveators still have a number of witnesses to put up and the proponents in rebuttal will offer several dozen witnesses. The importance of the case may justify a brief resume of the facts.

Misses Sallie and Maggie Ross, maiden white women, living in the little village of Marvin in Sandy Ridge township, this county, on November 23, 1907, signed mutual wills, selling, almost entirely in terms in which the estate owned by them as tenants in common and consisting of about 1,400 acres of farm lands and (at that time) about \$15,000 in money, to a son, Robert Ross, and his daughter, Belle Houston, and at her death to be disposed of as follows:

About \$15,000 to individuals, churches, hospitals, almshouses and similar institutions, and the balance of the estate to be divided between Robert B. Ross, colored, who had been reared in their home, and Mittie Belle Houston, his daughter, who had been given a small amount under the original will, and bequeathing a thousand dollars to her business agent, R. A. Hudson, prominent citizen of her community. The will of Sallie Ross was not offered for probate until after the death of Maggie Ross in May, 1920, when both wills were offered together and probated at the same time, with R. A. Hudson and R. B. Redwine as executors. As soon as the provisions of the will became known, a number of second, third and fourth cousins, there being no first cousins or nearer relatives of the women surviving, filed a caveat to the will in behalf of themselves and others who might make themselves parties to the action. When the case came to trial more than 100 caveators had joined the action as parties plaintiffs, alleging that the will of Maggie Ross is invalid on the ground that she did not have mental capacity to make a will, and if she did have mental capacity to make a will this particular will was obtained by undue influence exerted upon her by her sister, Sallie A. Ross, the negro beneficiaries, Rob-

JUDGE J. C. PRITCHARD IS REPORTED IN EXTREMIS

Special to The Observer.
ASHEVILLE, April 9.—Judge J. C. Pritchard was very death tonight at a local hospital and the end was momentarily expected. The judge layed into unconsciousness this morning and has been steadily sinking. Attending physicians believe he cannot survive the night.

WILLIAMS GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE

Convicted of Murder of 11 Negro Farm Hands Killed.

Placed in Jail in Atlanta to Await Action April 30 on Motion for New Trial.

COVINGTON, Ga., April 9.—John S. Williams, Jasper county farmer, was taken to Atlanta and placed in jail today to await action April 30 on his motion for a new trial, which was made here today immediately after he was convicted and sentenced to life-time imprisonment on a charge of murdering 11 negro farm hands after depredating justice agents had started to investigate alleged peonage charges on his farm February 13, last. Three of the negroes, including Lindsey Peterson, were specifically charged with killing, at the trial ending today, were alleged to have been brought into Newton county and drowned.

The other eight negroes were declared by Manning, negro farm boss, to have been killed in Jasper county, and inquiry by the grand jury failed to indicate Williams and three of his sons is to open there Monday.

Williams appeared to take his conviction calmly, but when his wife and daughters were made to see their father in the courtroom with them for ten or fifteen minutes before being taken to Atlanta.

CHARGED WITH KILLING TOTAL OF 14 NEGROES

MONTECELLO, GA., April 9.—Indictments against John S. Williams and three of his sons and Clyde Manning, negro farm boss, on charges of the murder of a total of 14 negroes and indictments against six or seven other citizens, including lyncher, Edna Hamilton, negro, will be sought at the grand jury investigation beginning next Monday at Monticello, according to announcement tonight from Solicitor General Day Campbell.

"The law-abiding citizens will show to the world they believe in law enforcement," Mr. Campbell said tonight. "A number of citizens involved and we have evidence sufficient to indict six or seven. We have the lynchers on the run and will clean up the county."

"What's the News?"

Thirty-six out of 45 defendants in the express theft conspiracy case at Macon are found guilty by the federal jury after 28 hours deliberation. They are to be sentenced April 30.

An agreement is reached by the British striking coal miners and mine owners for a conference Monday in an effort to settle the strike.

John S. Williams, Georgia farmer, is convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment on a charge of murder of one of 11 negro farm hands recently killed. Hearing on his motion for a new trial is scheduled for April 30.

G. O. P. GLOOMY PROSPECTS FOR BUSINESS

Financial Depression and Lack of Credit Discouraging.

PEACE BADLY NEEDED

Business Afraid to Move Until Republicans Decide on a World Peace Policy.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.
WASHINGTON, April 9.—The financial depression in the United States and the lack of funds and credit in foreign countries that like to trade with America is discouraging the southern cotton producers. Cotton mill men from North Carolina have brought gloomy reports to Washington within the last few days.

Administration leaders here are greatly worried over the business outlook. With cotton and wheat going down the republican promoters are up a tree.

There is no doubt in the minds of democrats that the "wiggling and wabbling" of the republicans on the peace treaty is delaying a return of prosperity in the entire world. The lack of confidence in the republican policy has made every nation uneasy. Secretary of State Hughes is working out something, and may succeed in bringing order out of the chaos by selling from the Lodge policy which was founded on principle but hated for Woodrow Wilson, the lame lion of S street.

Farmers throughout the United States are seeking blue. They cannot get any sunshine out of present conditions. Cotton is hard hit by the depression here and the lack of money in foreign countries. All the league of nations has failed for the reason that no one with money has any confidence in the present status of things. Had the league of nations been ratified the rest of the world and business picked up.

Southern bankers are anxious for cotton to move but they have been unable to do anything on credit. Here and there isolated incidents of war efforts to do something practical have been recorded but the fellow to move try it out first. Before credits can be established to export cotton someone abroad who will contract for it must be found.

So far just one loan of \$100,000 "for the export of cotton to Europe" has been made by the war finance corporation met with a committee of bankers from the various southern states April 4, to discuss the question of facilitating the export of cotton.

The lack of a definite foreign policy on the part of the dominant party has caused business interests to hesitate. Money lenders and the committee of bankers appointed to continue the prompt discussion with the war finance corporation may work out a plan that will prove helpful to democrats and republicans that if the United States would close up the war with Germany, and carry out the general plan outlined by Mr. Wilson, times would be better.

Reports coming to the department of agriculture and the treasury department show that the cotton producers are looking for a planting and gathering another crop.

Pie Seekers Busy.
In the meantime the office-seekers are pressing their claims. John M. Morehead, ex-governor of North Carolina and C. R. Pugh of Elizabeth City left tonight for North Carolina. They came up to look over the political situation in the place of democrats. Mr. Morehead has put his cards on the table, and will let the President do the rest.

GREAT "MADE IN CAROLINA" EXHIBITION HERE THIS FALL

Many Exhibits Already Secured and Work to Start Soon on Building Covering Half City Block, Providing 100,000 Feet Floor Space, for "Show" on Vast Scale to Be Held in Charlotte in September.

Announcement was made yesterday that there will be held in Charlotte, during the first two weeks in September, the largest industrial exposition ever staged under one roof in the south.

For two weeks past a number of manufacturers, in and out of Charlotte, have been arranging all of the preliminary details for this gigantic show and the entire undertaking will be underwritten by 30 influential men of this section.

The total cost of the building will be approximately \$31,000, it is asserted. It will be equipped with construction, and plans and specifications are already in hand. It will be well roofed, walled in and will provide 100,000 feet of floor space, over 40,000 of which will be given over to displaying Carolina-made articles of manufacture.

The building will be complete throughout and provided with every facility for comfort and convenience. It will have raised band stand, rest rooms for women and children, smoking rooms, etc., according to the plans. It will be equipped with plumbing and fully wired, each exhibit being connected up.

To give an idea of the immensity of the structure, it is explained that it will be three and one-half times as large as the space given to Charlotte's automobile show last year and will be ten times as large as the Charlotte Auditorium.

Thousands for Entertainment.
In addition to the cost of the structure, the underwriters are planning to expend approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000 for the very best entertainment, musical and otherwise, which can be contracted for in America, as well as for decorations of the building and other details.

The underwriters also are negotiating for property on which to construct this building and a meeting of the 30 underwriters is called for Monday, April 18, at which time full information will be given out as to the personnel of the organization and as to site chosen for the building and other details.

This show is open to manufacturers of both the Carolinas. In fact, one of the first large manufacturers to engage floor space was the Anderson Motor company, of Rock Hill, S. C., which concern will have on display seven models of cars "Made in the Carolinas."

Those interested in the show sent out a few telegrams at random to manufacturers of both states and the replies were spontaneous and enthusiastic.

36 FOUND GUILTY ON FIVE COUNTS IN EXPRESS CASE

Convicted Persons to Be Sentenced Saturday, April 30.

64 IN ALL INDICTED

Verdict Returned by Jury in Federal Court After 28 Hours Deliberation.

MACON, Ga., April 9.—After deliberating for 28 hours a jury in federal court late today returned verdicts of guilty on all five counts of the indictment against 36 persons accused of conspiracy to rob the American Railway Express company of property valued at one million dollars.

Four of the 64 persons indicted were never arrested; nine were found not guilty by the jury; nine verdicts of not guilty were directed by Judge Beverly D. Evans; five pleaded guilty, and one case was not probed.

The case has been on trial for four weeks, witnesses from all parts of the United States being on the witness stand to complete the chain of evidence in the various transactions. During the government's presentation of evidence it was shown that there was a system of signals in the conspiracy. "Will he ride?" was a query to determine whether a person alighted to was "all right," the "all right" being an answering signal.

Judge Evans announced that he would sentence the convicted persons on Saturday, April 30, at 10 a. m.

In sentencing you I will take into consideration that though you were found guilty on five counts, it was really all one transaction," Judge Evans said. "I will sentence you as if it were all one count."

The maximum sentence is two years in the penitentiary or a fine of \$10,000 or both. Judge Evans told the jurors that they were exempted from jury service for four years. Immediately after the verdict was expressed, many moved up to the federal building and began to carry away the great mass of evidence.

Those found guilty are: C. R. Baker, baggage master, Albany, Ga.; W. W. Barber, messenger, Albany, Ga.; O. B. Barber, flagman, Albany, Ga.; Henry Barlow, news butcher, Albany, Ga.; W. B. Brunner, messenger, College Park, Ga.; R. C. Chancey, express agent, Hartford, Ala.; Walter Crittiss, negro porter, Macon; Les Dix, baggage master, Macon; E. E. Dunaway, express agent, Albany, Ga.; George Floyd, negro porter, Macon; William Hackney, baggage master, Montgomery, Ala.; King Hardy, conductor, Albany, Ga.; J. O. Hood, agent, Cutbert, Ga.; Charlie Huntley, baggage master, Albany, Ga.; J. L. Johnson, agent, Smithville, Ga.; J. L. Johnson, baggage master, Macon; Charlie Johnson, conductor, Albany, O. G. Johnson, transfer clerk, Smithville, Ga.; W. J. Gardner, C. Johnson, ter, Albany, Ga.; C. E. Langford, messenger, Warrenton, Ga.; J. C. McArthur, messenger, Americus, Ga.; T. M. McKinnon, conductor, Dotson, Ala.; Dan McDonald, conductor, Florissant, Mo.; B. McMichael, messenger, Montgomery, Ala.; C. F. McMillan, messenger, Woodward, Ala.; W. G. Micon, agent, Ozark, Ala.; J. F. Morris, flagman, Albany, Ga.; W. P. Pierce, merchant, Macon; J. N. Smith, conductor, Macon; O. L. Smith, flagman, Albany, Ga.; W. V. Wood, baggage master, Macon; Eugene G. Stovall, messenger, Union Springs, Ala.; R. J. Stovall, messenger, Hampton, Ala.; Ed Knox, negro express helper, Arlington, Ga.; H. L. Rucker, messenger, Millen, Ga.

Those found not guilty are as follows: Charlie Burgess, garage proprietor, Florida, Ala.; Will Driggers, garage man, Florida, Ala.; O. E. Hall, conductor, Albany, Ga.; L. V. Meeks, conductor, Macon; L. B. Rodgers, transfer man, Albany, Ga.; M. H. Sheppard, depot agent, Albany, Ga.; W. G. Simpson, agent, Union Springs, Ala.; P. Stokes, messenger, Boston, Ga.

Not guilty by direction of Judge Beverly D. Evans: L. C. Cason, barber, Florida, Ala.; C. M. Croston, messenger, Albany, Ga.; L. V. Meeks, conductor, Macon; L. B. Rodgers, transfer man, Albany, Ga.; M. H. Sheppard, depot agent, Albany, Ga.; W. G. Simpson, agent, Union Springs, Ala.; P. Stokes, messenger, Boston, Ga.

CONDITIONS IMPROVED BUT LITTLE IN MARCH

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Financially and economically the situation throughout the world improved but little in March with few signs of better conditions to come, according to cables summaries for the month received today by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce from its trade commission.

Should Abate Fierceness in Income Tax, Says Taft

War-Time Eagerness No Longer Necessary or Proper.

BRITISH STRIKE MAY END SOON

Dispute With Coal Miners Seems in Fair Way of Settlement

Miners Yield and Conference With Mine Owners is Called for Monday.

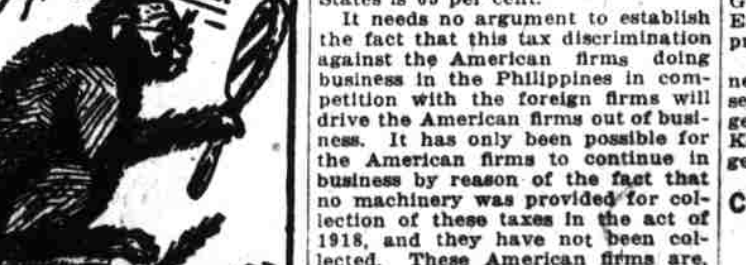
LONDON, April 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—The strike of the coal miners, which threatened to carry with it a general strike of the railway men and transport workers, seems now to be in a fair way of settlement through negotiations.

The dispute throughout has been full of surprises, and another one was sprung tonight when, after conferences and interviews between the parties concerned lasting all day long, and when it was supposed that all efforts to move the miners had proved ineffectual, it was suddenly announced that the miners had yielded and that a conference with the coal owners had been convened for Monday.

The only explanation yet available as to what inducements were offered to the miners to remove their rooted objection to assenting to steps assuring the safety of the mine owners' property is the somewhat cryptic statement of Frank Hodges, secretary of the miners' union—"The conference was arranged unconditionally."

Whether the government is willing that the wage question should be adjusted on a national basis may be unknown. If, as Mr. Hodges suggests, the government and mine owners have really agreed to an unconditional conference, that would be sufficient to induce the miners to yield the pumping point. In any case, the unexpected agreement gives the liveliest hopes that the struggle which would have swept the country, will be averted.

IO IO SAYS



Fair and much cooler today; fair and cool Monday.

Any girl can hear compliments if she but cultivates the habit of talking to herself.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS

Retiring Secretary of the American Navy

has written a series of thirty articles in which he presents hitherto unpublished facts relative to

OUR NAVY IN THE GREAT WAR

In addition to being absorbingly interesting reading for the public, they constitute a real contribution to the history of American participation in the World War. Mr. Daniels is now able to reveal many absorbing facts and figures, dramatic situations and new light on interesting events which could not with propriety be told before. The Observer has secured for its readers this notable series. Publication will begin

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J. C. MARLOW OF WILKES, AGE 70, TAKES OWN LIFE

Special to The Observer.
WINSTON-SALEM, April 9.—J. C. Marlow, aged 70, committed suicide in Wilkes county Thursday by severing his jugular vein below the left ear. He lived alone and his body was not found until last night. A coroner's jury this morning decided that the old man came to his death by his own hands. A razor and knife were found by his side.