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## BIG BREAK YESTERDAY.

**Warehouses Filled With Tobacco—Good Tobacco Sold High as 50 Cents—Good Sales Every Day This Week.**

The Lumberton tobacco market experienced the biggest break of the season yesterday, the warehouses being filled with the golden weed. Prices ranged as high as 50 cents the pound, all good tobaccos selling above 40 cents.

Mr. C. M. Britt of R. 4, Lumberton, sold one barn—more than 1,000 pounds—at \$50 the hundred, the barn totaling more than \$500.

Good sales have been conducted every day this week and the better grades of tobacco are bringing very satisfactory prices. The tobacco sold this week is grading better than last week and by next week it is expected that the grades will show great improvement. Many of the primings have already been sold.

## RALEIGH NEWS LETTER.

**Committee Will Begin Investigation of Graham Affair Monday—Women Suffrage Clubs Have Opened Headquarters—Parker Writes Legislators**

Raleigh, July 28.—The special committee appointed by the Governor for the purpose of investigating the affair at Graham when Durham machine gunners are alleged to have killed Jim Ray, will hold its first meeting in Durham on Monday, August 2. The committee is composed of General B. S. Royster, former adjutant general, ex-Judge Harry W. Whedbee and Col. A. H. Boyden.

The committee was appointed and the investigation is to be made because the people of Graham claim there was no provocation for the machine gun company to fire. The machine gunners, including the captain and other officers guarding the three negroes in the Graham jail, have made statements that the soldiers were first fired upon by a masked mob which approached the jail under cover of darkness on the night of July 19. From Durham the committee will go to Graham, where witnesses there will be given an opportunity to tell their side of the case.

## SUFFS GETTING READY.

The woman suffrage clans of the State have opened headquarters in Raleigh, which will look after the interest of the advocates of votes for women during the coming session of the legislature. The women declare that it is not true that they have \$10,000 as a slush fund to spend on this campaign. They have only a small amount of money, and will have to depend on friends to pay the expenses of keeping the office open in Raleigh.

The object of the women in establishing headquarters here is to keep in constant touch with friends of the measure in the legislature, and to furnish such information as members of the legislature may desire. They do not intend to lobby in the generally accepted meaning of that word, but do intend to keep posted on the progress of the suffrage amendment in North Carolina during the special session.

## PARKER WRITES LETTER.

John J. Parker, candidate for Governor on the Republican ticket, has addressed a letter to every member of the General Assembly, setting forth his views of necessary legislation. The Republican candidate says that he may have to criticize the legislature for some of its work, and he wants to be entirely fair to the Democrats. Hence he is giving members of the General Assembly the benefit of his ideas about taxation, woman suffrage and other matters. If the legislature follows his ideas there will be no occasion for criticism, according to the general tenor of the Parker letter, which he sends to the members.

First and foremost the Republican candidate is in favor of the repeal of the revaluation act. He would have none of it. He suggests its repeal this year in order to save the general session of 1921 the time and trouble it would take to repeal it then.

Everett Frady was killed and Lieut. Theodore Whitt had both legs and one arm broken when the aeroplane in which they were riding crashed to earth near Asheville Sunday. Frady became frightened and seized the control and froze to death despite efforts of the pilot to loosen his hold, the machine plunging headlong to the ground.

Two bandits and 2 express company paymasters were shot, one of the latter probably fatally, and \$25,000 were stolen in two daring payroll robberies in Chicago Monday within 20 minutes of each other. All the bandits escaped.

## ALLEGED SLAYER OF DEPUTY KITCHIN IN JAIL HERE

**John Henry Bethea Surrendered and Was Brought to Lumberton to Jail—He Had Been Sleeping in the Woods.**

John Henry Bethea, colored, charged with killing Deputy Sheriff J. A. Kitchin on the night of July 2, last, is in jail here, having given himself up last Saturday night. Bethea surrendered himself to a Mr. Meadows, a bank cashier at Little Rock, S. C., the home of Bethea.

Betha was carried by Mr. Meadows to Columbia and placed in jail there. Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Deputy Sheriff A. H. Prevatt went to Columbia Monday and brought Bethea here Monday night, making the trip on an auto. Bethea is mute on the subject of killing. He says, however, that he slept in the woods every night from the night Deputy Kitchin was killed until he surrendered and was tired of that sort of life. He told the officers he had rather be dead than to live the life of a fugitive. The next term of Robeson criminal court will convene in November.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, Deputy Kitchin died as a result of being shot when he stepped out of his auto beside a car standing in the public road in Alfordville township on the night of July 2. Rural Policeman W. W. Smith was with Deputy Kitchin and Dave Bethea, brother of John Henry, was killed in the exchange of shots between the officers and the negroes. John Henry escaped into the woods. A bullet struck the middle finger on John Henry's right hand. The automobile driven by the negroes was loaded with whiskey and sugar and had been stopped on account of a puncture.

## Robeson Folk in the Mountains—A Drive With Dr. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharpe and children, Anna Courtney and J. A. 2nd, and Miss Josephine Breese returned Tuesday from Waynesville, where they attended the annual convention last week of the North Carolina Press association, over which Mr. Sharpe presided as president. Dr. J. P. Brown of Fairmont and Mr. W. I. Linkhaw of Lumberton were sojourning in the mountains at the same time and Friday afternoon, after the press convention adjourned, Dr. Brown gave Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe the pleasure of a drive through Pigeon gap and over some of the other interesting roads about Waynesville, not forgetting to stop at a delightful spring where some delicious cider—"cider" is right—was to be had. Dr. Brown has been going to Waynesville every summer for 15 years or more, during the war he practiced medicine there for many months, and he knows the people and the country about as well as he knows his Fairmont section of Robeson, so no more competent and interesting guide over that section of the mountains could be found.

Dr. Brown and Mr. Linkhaw went by rail to Charlotte a few weeks ago, purchased a Ford Sedan in Charlotte, drove to Asheville and Waynesville via Chimney Rock, and returning they drove via Black Mountain, Lincoln and Hickory, arriving at Lumberton Monday night.

## Extra Fine Melons.

Mr. J. W. Thomasson, who lives 4 miles from Lumberton on the Red Springs road, has had some extra fine melons on the market this week. The melons range in weight from 50 to 90 pounds and are known as the Bradford melon. Mr. Thomasson moved to Robeson from Mecklenburg county last winter and says he has been growing the same kind of melons for 20 years. He saves his own seed and improves his crop every year. He does this, he says, by saving only the seed from the middle of the melon, discarding all the small undeveloped seed about the end of the melon. Mr. Thomasson might be termed the melon king.

## Box of Rattlesnakes Passes Through.

A box of rattlesnakes passed through Lumberton yesterday. The snakes were shipped by express from the State of New York to Lakeview, S. C. One of the snakes had 14 rattles and he was using them freely. The other snakes were small ones.

Mr. John Austin left his home in Albermarle about midnight Sunday night to go to the bedside of his sick mother and when he returned home about 6:30 morning his wife was missing. A search for her proved fruitless and officers were notified. After a search lasting all day and night Mrs. Austin was found Tuesday morning by her husband in the attic of the front porch of his home. Her mind has been affected by illness.

Council, July 28.—Tom Porter, a prominent farmer living six miles from this place, shot and killed Richard Rhodes, negro, who was farming on Porter's place, this morning. There has been some ill-feeling between the men for some time and it was reported that Rhodes made threats against Porter's life. Mr. Porter is married, his wife and several children living with him. He is a prominent and progressive citizen. No further trouble is expected.

## C. C. WEBB GIVES BOND; CHARGED WITH THEFT OF AUTOS

**Charged With Taking 2 Ford Cars From T. C. Lewis' Garage at Rex—Cars Trained to Lumberton—R. C. Thrower Knew Nothing of Cars Being Stolen—Other Cases Before Recorder.**

C. C. Webb was bound over to the Superior court by Recorder E. M. Britt Monday afternoon on the charge of the larceny of two new Ford automobiles from the T. C. Lewis garage at Rex. He was placed under a \$1,000 justified bond, which he made. R. C. Thrower was found not guilty of receiving the stolen cars knowing that they were stolen goods.

The two automobiles were taken from the garage at Rex Tuesday night, July 20, the lock having been cut off the garage door. Mr. Lewis trailed the automobiles to Lumberton and they were located in a shed at the home of Mr. Thrower, near the National cotton mill. Thrower testified that Webb, who is his brother-in-law, had asked him a short time before the cars were placed there about storing some automobiles, stating at the time that he was expecting some in a few days and that he might take the cars there at night, as he was a very busy man. Thrower also testified that the two cars were carried to his place about 4 o'clock Wednesday morning and placed in the shed. He said he did not know who carried the cars there. Mrs. Thrower corroborated the testimony of her husband. Webb did not go upon the stand.

Messrs. E. M. Johnson and L. J. Britt assisted Mr. W. Lennon, solicitor of the recorder's court, in the prosecution. Messrs. McIntyre, Lawrence and rector represented Thrower and Messrs. McLean, Varner, McLean, & Stacy represented Webb. Geo. Calhoun plead guilty of being drunk and carrying concealed weapons. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of cost in the concealed weapons case, while judgment was suspended upon payment of cost in the other.

## ANTIS WANT A HEARING.

**Governor Cox Asked to Grant Women Of South a Hearing on Question of "State Rights and Party Honor"—Protest Against Conscription of Womanhood.**

Governor Cox was requested yesterday, states a Nashville, Tenn., dispatch, to grant a hearing to the women of the South on the question of "State rights and party honor" in a telegram sent to the Democratic presidential nominee by the Southern Woman's league for rejection of the Susan B. Anthony amendment. It was signed by Mrs. James S. Pinckard of Montgomery, Ala., president general of the league.

The message declared that the "home-loving women of the South who do not picket, card-index or blackmail candidates, appeal to you as the leader of the Democratic party to grant us a hearing."

The appeal was made, the message continued, because it was proposed to "bring about the political conscription of our womanhood and the destruction of Southern civilization, by using Federal patronage and party pressure to coerce the legislators of Tennessee into violating their solemn oaths of office and their State constitution."

Suffragists were boasting, the appeal said, that Governor Cox had sent secret agents into Tennessee, not only to discuss State relations, but to urge legislators to dishonor their oaths of office.

The suffrage plank in the Democratic platform was declared to condemn the women of the South, and the majority of the women of the country without a hearing and, was characterized as a "studied insult to the women of the South," implying a desire to "read out" of the Democratic party the South if it opposed ratification of the suffrage amendment.

"Is the South to understand that the Democratic party, whose very existence is due to the loyalty of the South, now intends to treat with utter contempt those who have lifted to power?"

The message said that the Republicans would pass a force bill, but continued that the Democratic party, "judging from its ruthless verdict against the South at San Francisco, equally indorses complete Federal control of every Southern voting booth."

Declaring that the league was pledged to perpetuate the memory of the "men who died for State rights," and to fight for local self government, the appeal to Governor Cox declared that, "if, against the solemn protest and earnest petitions, we are forced to become the political conscripts of a Federalist empire, we are fully determined to use the very weapon of the ballot that is thrust into our hands to drive from public office all these who are guilty of the destruction of Southern States."

Governor Cox was entreated to extend to Southern women "seeking neither vote nor office fair consideration, before casting his lot with a small group of pickets whose chosen symbol is a badge representing their jail terms for persecuting a Democratic president."

## VILLA WILL RETIRE TO PRIVATE CITIZENSHIP

**Surrenders Under His Own Terms—His Army Will Be Paid.**

An Eagle Pass, Texas, dispatch of July 28 gives the following: Francisco Villa, bandit idol of the Mexican peon and for years a menace to governments of his country throughout northern Mexico, is entrained tonight with his men for Torreon, there to take the first actual steps looking to his entrance once more to private Mexican citizenship, a consequence of his negotiations with the De La Huerta government concluded at Sabinas early today.

Advice reaching here from Sabinas which contain the information, told also the terms under which the bandit chieftain agreed, in the words of General Eugenio Martinez, commander of the Torreon military zone and personal representative of the de la Huerta regime, to "submission to the laws of the government." Under these terms, advice state, Villa is to be allowed a year's army pay for his soldiers, and permitted to go with them to Torreon under personal escort, where this condition of the terms will be effected. The band will number about 1,800, it is said. At Torreon the men are to be "mustered out" of Villa's service and each allotted a tract of land on which to engage in farming. Villa, too, it is said, has been given very pleasing financial guarantees.

General Martinez, communicating to Emiliano Tamez, Mexican consul at Eagle Pass, termed Villa's acceptance of the terms as "an act of patriotism."

All rumors of slaughter of Sabinas policemen and mutilation of bodies of many women there, lack confirmation.

Washington, July 28.—Recognition of the new Mexican government by the United States in the opinion of Mexican observers here, has been brought measurably nearer by the surrender of Francisco Villa. The status of Villa so far as the United States is concerned, however, is not greatly changed, the bandit leader is under indictment, charged with the killing of soldiers and civilians at Columbus, New Mexico, in 1916 and the placing of himself under the laws of his own country, may mean that his extradition will be sought. In such contingency the Mexican government might be afforded fresh embarrassment.

## Lyon Will Not Resign Until Nearer Election.

Homer Lyon, nominated by the Democrats of the Sixth district to succeed Congressman H. L. Godwin, spent yesterday in the city. Asked if he expected to resign as solicitor of the Superior court of this district, he stated that he did not think that he would until a short time before the November election.

Mr. Lyon said that his reason for this was that if he did resign now his successor would only serve until November and there would have to be a primary to name the candidates for election to his office.

Mr. Lyon says that he intends to make a thorough canvass of the Sixth district before November. He declares that when elected to Congress he will represent the district or get out and allow some other person to try.

Wilmington is the keystone of the Sixth district, said Mr. Lyon, and what affects this city likewise affects all of the counties in the district.—Wilmington Star, July 28.

## Personal and Other Items From Lumberton R. 5.

Correspondence of The Robesonian, Lumberton, R. 5, July 27.—Most all farmers in this section are busy cropping the weed.

We are sorry that some girls and boys from Tabernacle were disappointed Sunday night when they took the drive to Zion's Hill for prayer-meeting, but the night was too tough. We hope they will come again some fair night.

There will be prayer-meeting at Singletary's Cross Roads every Thursday morning at 10 sharp.

Mr. Harvie Baxley was a caller at the home of Mr. J. F. Allen Sunday p. m.

Mr. Proctor Kinlaw was a caller at the home of Mr. John Barnes Saturday and Sunday p. m.

Messrs. R. A. Allen and Rowland Kinlaw were callers at the home of Mr. McKay Byrd Sunday p. m.

Misses Lacie and Bessie Hammond were visitors at the home of Misses Jennie and Essie Smith Sunday p. m.

Misses Velma Britt, Nettie Pridgen and Pearl Wilson were visitors at the home of Misses Lula and Janie Sessoms Sunday.

## THE RESOLUTE WINS.

**Defender Gives British Challenger Shamrock Drubbing and Yachting Cup Remains American Property.**

Defender Resolute gave the British challenger Shamrock IV, the worst drubbing of the 1920 regatta in the final race of the series today, states a Sandy Hook, N. Y., dispatch of July 27, winning boat for boat by 13 minutes and 45 seconds—and the America's famous yachting cup remains American property.

Overcoming a 30 second lead and the advantage of the windward berth, which Shamrock IV had taken at the start, the fleet defender held a lead of 4 minutes and 8 seconds at the half-way stake of the 30-mile course and crossed the finish line 13 minutes and 5 seconds ahead. Including her handicap of 6 minutes and 40 seconds, which she did not need, Resolute won by 19 minutes and 45 seconds.

In capturing the series and retaining possession of the America's trophy, Resolute came from behind after Shamrock had taken two races and won out by registering three straight and impressive victories. Shamrock IV won the initial race when the defender was forced out by an accident to her rigging and completed the second in a fickle wind that left Resolute becalmed most of the way. Resolute won the third by her time allowance of 7 minutes and 1 second, running a dead heat with the challenger. Her other two victories were won boat for boat.

Sir Thomas Lipton, owner of the green challenger, what appeared to be the unanimous verdict of yachtsmen who had seen the five races when he declared tonight that "the best boat won."

Sir Thomas Lipton, who built the challenger, in his fourth effort to lift the bottomless old pewter mug that is the America's cup and take it back to its original home in England, turned away from his humble sailing beauty and sent his steam yacht Victoria full speed ahead to overtake and congratulate Resolute's crew. He returned just in time to see Shamrock come home.

The aged sportsman's gameness as he drew away from his own sloop to congratulate the winner brought a salvo of cheers from those on board the spectator craft and Sir Thomas responded as jauntily as if he had not seen his own fondest hope once more baffled.

## R. D. CALDWELL.

Offices of The Lumberton Cotton Mills, The Dresden Cotton Mills, Inc. The Jennings Cotton Mills, Inc.

Lumberton, N. C. July 27, 1920.

Whereas, on the 16th day of July, God, in His never ending wisdom, removed from our midst our honored President, beloved friend and associate, Robert D. Caldwell, we, the Committee, appointed by the Board of Directors of the Lumberton Cotton Mills, the Dresden Cotton Mills and the Jennings Cotton Mills, of Lumberton, North Carolina, as a mark of our appreciation and high regard for his exemplary life and character, do resolve:

First, That while we bow in humble submission to the Divine will (for He makes no mistakes) we sincerely deplore his passing.

Second, That in his death institutions of which he has been an honored officer from their infancy, have sustained an irreparable loss, as he was always prompt, willing and faithful in attendance at all of the councils, fair, courteous and untiring in the discharge of every duty; a friend whose memory we will cherish, and whose example and character we most heartily commend.

Third, That his high ideals in social and business life, and his Christian character are worthy and deserving of our most serious thoughts, and are a real benediction to the community in which he wrought so long, so faithfully and so successfully and well.

Fourth, That to the bereaved loved ones we offer our heartfelt and sincere sympathies, and commend them to the One alone who can sustain and comfort in this their hour of sorrow and loss.

Fifth, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of these organizations, and copies be furnished to the Robesonian for publication. (Signed)

FRANK GOUGH, C. B. TOWNSEND, H. B. JENNINGS, Committee.

Correct—Attest: F. P. GRAY, Secretary.

Mr. F. C. Nye of Memphis, Tenn., passed through town today en route to the home of his father, Mr. J. E. Nye, near Proctorville, where he will spend a few days. He was met here by his father and brother, Mr. J. A. Nye.

## BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Earle McDonald and Clara Watson.

—Miss Margie Russell went yesterday to Laurinburg, where she will attend the marriage of one of her girl friends.

—Dr. J. D. Regan suffered a slight stroke of apoplexy yesterday afternoon. His condition is reported as favorable today.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Caldwell left last night for a business trip to Baltimore, Md., and New York City. They will be away about a week.

—There will be a special communication of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M. this evening at 8 o'clock for work in first degree.

—The condition of Mrs. Robert Chaffin, who has been seriously ill at her home, Fourteenth street, for some time is in some respects, improved today.

—Joseph B. Little left Tuesday evening for the navy yards at Philadelphia, after spending two weeks visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Little, in East Lumberton.

—Mr. F. G. Odom and son, Mr. Harvey Odom, of the Buie section, were Lumberton visitors Monday. Mr. F. G. Odom had been sick for a long time but his condition is improved now.

—Dr. J. P. Brown of Fairmont and Mr. W. I. Linkhaw of Lumberton returned home Monday night from the mountains, around Asheville and Waynesville, where they spent ten days. They report a great time.

—The fair weather of the last few days was welcomed by the farmers, after a week of rain. The fair weather will make it possible for them to "lay by" the cotton crop and handle the tobacco crop more successfully.

—Mr. Stephen McIntyre was elected vice-president of the National Bank of Lumberton to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late R. D. Caldwell at a meeting of the directors of the bank yesterday.

—Chief of Police D. M. Barker says he hears much complaint recently about children riding bicycles on the sidewalks. This is a violation of the law and somebody is likely to get "pulled," according to Chief Barker.

—Mr. F. F. Townsend of R. 6, Lumberton, who is a Lumberton visitor today, brought the editor a much appreciated gift of tomatoes and grapes from Mrs. Townsend, affectionately known to Robesonian readers as Aunt Sophia.

—Judging from the amount of garden produce and fruit being offered for sale, this must have been a good year both for gardening and fruit. Many nice melons and canteloupes are also being offered by the farmers. Prices remain high, regardless of the bumper crop.

—Mr. Frank F. Townsend, who is a marine engineer, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Townsend, R. 6 from Lumberton. He arrived home Tuesday from Norfolk, at which port his ship arrived Monday from England. He will leave Sunday or Monday to return to his ship.

—Lumberton gasoline dealers are protesting against the ordinance recently passed by the town fathers requiring that all gasoline filling stations be moved off the streets and sidewalks. The gas dealers met Tuesday evening and discussed the matter. Nothing has been given out as to what action the dealers will take.

—Mr. W. K. Bethune returned Monday night from a cross-country trip to Asheville and Hendersonville. His aunts Mrs. Mollie R. Norment of Lumberton and Misses Dora, Minnie and Fannie Rozier of Fayetteville, and uncle, Dr. R. G. Rozier, of Rozier, who accompanied him, Miss Fannie Rozier driving her own car, will spend several weeks in the mountains.

—At a meeting Tuesday of the directors of the Lumberton and Dresden cotton mills, Mr. H. B. Jennings was appointed president of both mills to succeed the late R. D. Caldwell. Mr. Jennings has been secretary and treasurer of these mills and president of the Jennings mills since they were established. At the same meeting Mr. K. M. Barnes was appointed a director of the Dresden and Jennings mills and Messrs. F. P. Gray and S. F. Caldwell were appointed directors of the Lumberton mills.

—Mr. Terrel Poole of Rockingham arrived yesterday and will spend some time here visiting at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Prof. and Mrs. J. R. Poole, Elm street.

—Miss Marjorie Steele arrived home yesterday from Raleigh, where she attended a summer school.

—Mr. H. C. McQueen of Wilmington spent a few hours here yesterday with his sister Mrs. Robert Chaffin.

—Miss Dorothy Finlayson of Davidson spent the week-end here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chaffin.

—Mr. W. J. Johnson of St. Paul, R. 4, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

—Miss Jennie Thomas of Baltimore is a guest of Miss Julia Wessel at her home in the northern part of town.

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