

DENY ROOSEVELT CHANCE TO REPLY TO GRAVE CHARGES

Sub-Committee of Senate
Naval Affairs Committee
Makes Report Public

DENOUNCE METHODS IN NEWPORT SCANDAL PROBE

Senator King Will File Minor-
ity Report Later But In Pre-
liminary Statement Declares
Positive Injustice Done By
Republicans To Mr. Daniels
and Mr. Roosevelt

The News and Observer Bureau,
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(By Special Leased Wire.)
Washington, July 19.—Former Assistant
Secretary of the Navy Franklin
D. Roosevelt is in Washington.
He came from Maine in order to be heard
by the sub-committee of the Senate
naval affairs committee before it is-
sued its report on the Newport vice
investigation. He had been informed
that the majority report, issued by the
two Republican members of the com-
mittee, Senators Ball and Keyes, would
be issued Monday, and as he had been
promised a hearing before it was made
he telegraphed a request for a hearing.
When he arrived in Washington Monday
morning he was given assurances
that the report would not be issued
until Friday of this week. Later he
learned that it was given out Monday
for release for publication at one
o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The testi-
mony which he had access to Monday
for the first time in 15 volumes of
6,000 pages, and he had set for him a
physically impossible task of review
in a few hours.

Mr. Roosevelt in his statement on
the majority report summed up his
reply this way:
"Throughout their report I accuse
them of deliberate falsification of evi-
dence, of perversion of facts, of mis-
statements of the record and of a deli-
berate attempt to deceive."
Was Promised a Hearing.
Before the report was released for
publication at 1 o'clock this afternoon
Mr. Roosevelt sent a letter to Chair-
man Page, of the Senate naval affairs
committee, protesting against the out-
rage. His letter was dated at 10
o'clock this morning and was sent
at once to Chairman Page. As it
was the former Assistant Secretary of the
Navy Roosevelt set out the fact that the
sub-committee had given him a promise,
this through Chairman Ball of the sub-
committee that he would be notified
before the sub-committee made its re-
port, but that he had not been notified.
As to this failure to notify him
Mr. Roosevelt declared:

"I charge bad faith and deliberate
unfairness on the part of Chairman
Ball." Next he set forth the vast
amount of testimony to be reviewed,
stating that he was given only until
8 o'clock Monday, a few hours, to re-
view this and to appear before the
sub-committee, and that as the report
had already been given out for pub-
lication that anything he had to state
would not, therefore, change the ma-
jority report, but that nevertheless
he had appeared before the sub-
committee, that he had only obtained the
information through a friend at four
o'clock Monday afternoon that the
sub-committee report had been given
out for release at 1 o'clock Tuesday
afternoon. His appearance on Tuesday
night before the sub-committee was
now wholly immaterial, and in this
he charged the Republican members
"with bad faith and deliberate un-
fairness on the part of Senator Ball
and Senator Keyes," but that to show
his willingness to testify he had ap-
peared before the sub-committee, even
with its majority Republican report
already issued, and added:

Charges Improper Practices.
"In advance of its publication I
charge Senator Ball and Senator Keyes
with deliberate improper practices in
that the report was prepared by and
with the assistance of one Fayer-
brother, the agent of John R. Rithorn,
who made the committee."

Mr. Roosevelt gave notice in his let-
ter to Chairman Page that he would
study and review the testi-
mony and would file with the com-
mittee a definite reply, and that "I
ask for an early open hearing before
the full committee."
Unjust and Unfair
The minority report of the Demo-
cratic member of the sub-committee,
Senator King, of Utah, is not yet ready,
as there has been a mass of testimony
to review, but late this afternoon Sen-
ator King issued a preliminary state-
ment. In this he declared that the
charges against former Assistant Sec-
retary of the Navy Roosevelt and
against Secretary Daniels are "in many
particulars unjust and unfair," that
in them are "innuendoes and implica-
tions calculated to convey inaccurate
and erroneous conclusions," that it
does a "great injustice to Mr. Daniels
and particularly to Mr. Roosevelt," that
"important items of testimony are ex-
aggerated, and positive and unimpech-
able testimony ignored. The attack
upon Mr. Roosevelt I consider unjust,
entirely unwarranted, and not sup-
ported by the records. I feel con-
fident that a dispassionate perusal of
all the testimony in the case will compel,
as to Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Daniels, a
conclusion entirely different from that
reached and set forth in the majority
report."

Senator King reviews the testimony
and shows where positive injustice has
been done by the Republicans on the
sub-committee to Mr. Daniels and Mr.
Roosevelt. He says that "serious
charges, which are not substantiated
and which the testimony shows to be
entirely unwarranted, and not sup-
ported by the records. I feel con-
fident that a dispassionate perusal of
all the testimony in the case will compel,
as to Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Daniels, a
conclusion entirely different from that
reached and set forth in the majority
report."

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BOTH PRINCIPALS TO EXCEPT FROM POWER RATE ORDER

Then Each Will Watch Other
For Move Toward Courts
For Injunction

COTTON MILLS DISSOLVE ALLIANCE TO FIGHT ALONE

Cannon and Cone Interests Will
Fight Order In Courts, But
Other Mills May Let Things
Go As They Stand; Smaller
Power Companies Watching,
and May Seek New Rates

Both petitioner and respondents will
file exceptions to the recent order of
the Corporation Commission granting
30 per cent increase in power rates to
the Southern Power Company, accord-
ing to well authenticated statements
made in Raleigh yesterday. While
neither the cotton mills, which entered
the suit as respondents, nor the power
company may go as far as the courts,
neither wishes to be put in the position
of acquiescence until the other shows
his hand.

Exceptions to the order must be filed
within ten days after the certification
of the order, or thereafter the principals
in the suit will be bound by it. The
time limit expires next Saturday, but
it is understood that both litigants will
except formally before that time, and
stand by to watch for further develop-
ments. Ten days more are allowed for
the perfection of an appeal to the courts
to restrain the enforcement of the order.

Cotton Men Meet.
Cotton mill men met in Greensboro
on Monday and discussed the matter
among themselves, but agreed on no
further alliance of interests. Each
mill will proceed along lines that seem
to serve individual interests, excepting
such portions of the rate order as
appears good to them, and leaving the
rest to do as they please. It is un-
derstood that the Cone interests in
Greensboro will except from the sec-
ondary power rates, and that the Can-
non interests at Concord will resist the
order on general grounds.

Southern Power officials have been
in New York since the order was issued,
and no authoritative word has been
received from them as to what action
will be taken. It is understood that
they will not allow ten days to pass
without lodging exceptions that would
save them from going into court in a
purely defensive attitude if the rates
should be attacked on that basis. Sat-
urday they are expected to file the time
limit for them as well as for the cot-
ton mills, and it is generally expected
that exceptions will be filed.
Little belief is entertained that any
general attack on the rate will be
made in the courts, except by the Can-
non and the Cone. The suggestion was
advanced that conferences between the
power company and the mills might
work out some understanding that would
eliminate further disagreement. Court
action, if taken, would follow closely
the track of the Southern Bell Tele-
phone and Telegraph Company in its
petition for an injunction against the
Commission in recent order in tele-
phone rates.

Another angle of the power rate fight
developed yesterday with the declara-
tion that other power companies in the
State would shortly follow the lead
of the Southern Power Company in
asking the Commission to fix a standard
rate to replace the present individual
contract system. No other company
in the State has so extensive holdings
as the Southern Power, but the ag-
gregate will approximate the power
development of the Southern.
No move is likely to be taken by the
other power companies until after the
expiration of the time limit for filing
exceptions and injunction suits in the
recent order. Upon the outcome of
these will depend largely the determi-
nation of action to be taken by the
smaller producers of power in the State,
but the opinion prevails that the
smaller companies will not rest long
under the present system if the bigger
one finds its new arrangement satis-
factory and remunerative.

PASTOR OF COLORED CHURCH LEAVES MIAMI

Miami, Fla., July 19.—The Rev.
Phillip S. Irwin, white pastor of St.
Agnes colored Episcopal church, who
was tarred and feathered Sunday night,
boarded a train here this afternoon for
New York. Still defiant, he declared
he would not leave the United States,
as he was warned to do by his kid-
napers, under penalty of lynching.
Yesterday Irwin issued a statement
that he would remain in Miami and
continue in his pulpit. Today he
changed his mind after a conference
with Bishop Cameron Mann, presiding
officer of the South Florida district
of the Episcopal Church and city and
county authorities. Irwin was told that
he would be given full protection of
the law if he decided to remain in
Miami, Sheriff Allen offering to place
two deputies at his home for day and
night duty, while Chief of Police Di-
lon said he also would assign two pa-
trolemen to guard the clergyman's house.

"I am leaving Miami of my own
volition," Irwin declared, "even though
I have been offered the protection of
local authorities and the British vice
consul. I believe it would be the best
policy. I believe that I have on ac-
count of the intense feeling stirred
up against me by reports that I had
preached social equality and inter-
marriage of the races, despite the fact
that these reports are false. At first
I decided to stay and face the conse-
quences, but after giving careful con-
sideration to them there I decided that
even if I remained, further work here
would be under a terrible handicap
and would possibly lead to much tri-
bulation and trouble between the races."

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THROUGH WATCHES WHILE DERRICK HAULS CAR FROM OLD ROCK QUARRY



Thousands of people looked on yesterday as divers went down to at-
tach cables to automobiles at bottom of hole. X marks Hudson car being
hauled out.

Private Detective Is Working On Old Rock Quarry Mysteries

Hudson, Stripped of Rear Tires,
Battery and Carburetor
Dragged From Pit

KING "8" IDENTIFIED
BY DIVERS AND LIFTED

Is Declared To Be Same Car
That Killed Dr. J. M. Pick-
ell; Hudson Weighted Down
With Rocks; Owners Both
Cars Said To Be Out of
Town

Arrival of detectives in the city to
participate in the investigation of the
presence of numbers of "lost" automob-
iles at the bottom of the old Rock
Quarry added new fuel to the interest
that has centered about that gaping
hole in the ground a mile out on Mar-
tin street for the past three days.
Another car was added to the list of
those identified yesterday when
divers went down 20 feet into the water
and deciphered the numerals on the
license plate of a King 8. They de-
clare with unanimity that the figures
are 840, and the records of the auto-
mobiles license department identify
the car as one recently lost by J. E.
Chappell, and the vehicle that killed
Dr. J. M. Pickell last winter.

All day long, thousands of people
watched the work of salvage. Divers
went down time and again, and at last
succeeded in attaching a steel cable to
the car described as the King "8." It
is some fifteen feet away from the Hud-
son that was hauled to the surface
late Monday afternoon, and it is ex-
pected that it will be hauled out some
time today.

Hudson Was Stripped.
The Hudson was hoisted almost to
the rim of the Quarry yesterday morn-
ing and the rope broke. Another at-
tempt to land it was made during the
afternoon, and it was pulled to the top
and landed on the level. The seats in
the car were fastened in with wires,
it is supposed to keep them from float-
ing to the surface and betraying the
location of the car. Heavy stones had
been placed in the rear seat, and the
rear tires had been removed.
Both Mr. D. Muse and J. E. Chappell,
owners of the two automobiles identi-
fied thus far, were said to have been
out of town yesterday, and nothing
could be learned of their theories as
to how their cars came to be in the
quarry. Neither could it be estab-
lished definitely by whom the insur-
ance on the cars was carried. The
Hudson is said to have been protected
to the amount of \$2,000 against theft,
and the King for a similar sum.

Investigation Private.
No legal action of any sort had been
started yesterday, and the investiga-
tion thus far is altogether a private
enterprise. The Hudson was brought
to the city last night and placed in the
Simpson garage. No one has put in a
claim for it thus far, and if no insur-
ance company comes forward with a
claim, and its reputed owner does
not claim it, it will be the property
of Mr. Simpson. Efforts will be made
to haul the other car out early to-
day.

Detective work done thus far is also
entirely private. It is understood that
a careful inquiry is being made in
various places which promise develop-
ments of interest. Several clues are
understood to have been developed,
and these will be traced carefully. In-
surance companies having agencies
here are said to be backing the investi-
gation to the limit, and will leave no
effort unmade to clear up the mystery
that thus far envelops the situation.
The center of popular interest con-
tinued to revolve about the quarry
yesterday, to the hurt of business gen-
erally and in particular the patronage
of professional sport a few blocks
away at the ball park. The attendance
fell off sharply at the ball game,
dropping from 1,200 to 400 in one day,
while the attendance at the quarry was
hoisted from about 400 on Monday
afternoon to close to 2,000 yesterday
afternoon. The crowd came and went
all day, but many sat throughout the
entire day.

Some Fancy Diving.
The diving of J. M. Oughton and
L. Francis, both expert swimmers,
continued to hold interest. Both went
down to the bottom and were able to
see clearly in the water they said.
Neither had any doubt about the iden-
tity of the King. Both declared that
they could make out the numerals on
the license plate as an eight, a four
and a naught. The glass from the
Hudson was also seen by them.

Robert A. Kohlsoos, of Salisbury, ap-
pointed as prohibition director for
North Carolina, and A. B. Coltrane,
Trinity, appointed as assistant di-
rector, are both in the city. They
came for a conference with Commis-
sioner Blair and with Prohibition Com-
missioner Roy Haynes, so as to figure
out plans before they went to the work.
It is the understanding that Director
Kohlsoos will appoint Sheriff Fletcher
of Yadkin as chief deputy in the head-
quarters at Salisbury.

At the office of Commissioner Blair
there are coming in letters endorsing
Mr. Kohlsoos and saying that his ap-
pointment is all right. One of the let-
ters is from Solicitor Hayden Clements
of the Salisbury district in which it is
stated that the Kohlsoos appointment is
a fine one, that no better man could be
found for the position. Former Sen-
ator Marion Butler takes the opposite
view, for he says, and emphasizes his
view, that Mr. Kohlsoos is totally unfit
for the position, that it was a blunder
to appoint him, and that his appoint-
ment is going to hurt the Republican
party. Though Mr. Kohlsoos has been
former Senator Butler continues to
smash at him with the declaration that
Kohlsoos is not fit for the position.

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ASSERTS SHE PAID OFFICER \$5,000 TO RELEASE BERGDOLL

Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll Makes
Direct Charge Against Maj.
B. R. Campbell

SAYS MONEY WAS FOR USE AMONG 'HIGHER-UPS'

Mother of Grover Cleveland
Bergdoll, Draft Evader, Re-
called In Effort to Establish
Responsibility For His Es-
cape; Major Campbell To
Answer To The Charges

Washington, July 19.—The direct
charge that five thousand dollars was
paid to Major Bruce R. Campbell, an
officer of the army, for use among "the
Higher-Ups" to obtain the release of
Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, her son,
was made today by Mrs. Emma C.
Bergdoll, of Philadelphia, to a House
investigating committee.

Having heard the charge, the com-
mittee developed that on February 10,
last year, about ten days after Mrs.
Bergdoll swore the money was paid,
Campbell deposited four thousand, five
hundred dollars with Wasserman
Brothers, member of the New York
Stock Exchange, and two thousand dol-
lars more on March 1, all of which and
more was wiped out by the end of June
in market trading. The money was
deposited to the joint account of the
Major and Laura E. Campbell, sup-
posedly his wife.

Campbell Not Present.
Major Campbell, who enlisted as an
army private in 1901 and served over-
seas with the Rainier Division, and
who was Bergdoll's ex-cel court-
martial proceedings, was not present at
today's hearing. He previously had
testified that he did not get one dollar
of Bergdoll's money, but at the direc-
tion of the committee the War Depart-
ment has ordered him here from Camp
Pike, Ark., to answer the charges.

Called back to testify after govern-
ment agents had picked up the Campbell
due in a renewed effort to fix responsi-
bility for Bergdoll's escape while hunt-
ing for a buried ton of gold, Mrs. Berg-
doll stood firmly on her constitutional
rights and refused to answer questions.
But when assured by Chairman Peters
of immunity from prosecution, she be-
gan her story, declaring Campbell first
demanded one hundred thousand dol-
lars.

Suggested Hot Climate.
"I told him to go to hell," she ex-
claimed. "He had tortured me into be-
lieving that my boy would be shot un-
less the 'high-ups' were paid."

Questioned by John H. Sheburne, of
Boston, the committee counsel, Mrs.
Bergdoll, step by step, told how she had
taken the money, pinned in her waist,
to Governor's Island, turned it over to
Grover, who met the major under the
big flagpole at the reservation, and de-
livered it. Later, she swore, Campbell
told her that he had received the money
from Grover, but that under the law
he could keep no part of it for him-
self, and had given it to an officer,
whose name she could not remember. It
was her understanding, she testified,
that it was to go eventually to a mem-
ber of the court trying her son for
evading the draft.

SAMPSON COUNTY MAN GIVING AWAY PROPERTY

Kinston Heirs of James Pugh
Will Seek Injunction Against
Further Giving

Clinton, July 19.—A big and sensa-
tional suit looms up here. Mr. James
Pugh, an old bachelor of near 90 years
of age, is giving away his estate, worth
possibly \$75,000, just as fast as he can.
P. S. Herring, a young lawyer of this
town, is the recipient. It was stated
some time ago that Mr. Pugh had willed
Mr. Herring his property, but later it
evolved that he is deeding the land to
him outright, and has given him checks
to the value of many thousand dollars.

The heirs are Mrs. Mary Wooten,
of Kinston, and her sons, Frank and
Lloyd Wooten. Mrs. Wooten is Mr.
Pugh's sister.

It is said that Mr. Pugh's cash was
in the Kinston bank, of which a half-
brother of the heirs is cashier, and the
withdrawal of the funds from this
bank aroused the suspicions of the
Wootens, while reports from Clinton
confirmed them.

MILLION DOLLAR COTTON CREDIT NEGOTIATED WITH GERMAN BANK AT BERLIN

Credit Negotiated With
German Bank at Berlin
Berlin, July 19.—(By The Asso-
ciated Press.)—The first million dol-
lar American cotton credit has just
been negotiated between the Ameri-
can Products Export and Import
Corporation, of Charleston, South
Carolina, and the Darmstadter Bank
of Berlin, the latter guaranteeing
repayment which is based on three
six-month credits on the dollar
basis.

Half Million Dollar Loan.
Washington, July 19.—An agree-
ment to make an advance of five
hundred thousand dollars to a South-
ern exporter to finance the exporta-
tion of approximately twelve thou-
sand bales of cotton was announced
today by the War Finance Corpo-
ration. The cotton the corporation
said, is from Georgia, North and
South Carolina and under this loan
is to be held in warehouses for ex-
port within a period of six months.

Member of Board of County
Commissioners Held In Jail
On Murder Charge

Morganton, July 19.—A member of
the Burke county board of commis-
sioners is in jail, charged with wife mur-
der. The killing is said to be directly
traceable to blockade liquor. Sidney A.
Kincaid, well-to-do farmer and mer-
chant, is held for the murder of his
wife last night at their home at Ches-
terfield, six miles from Morganton. The
death instrument was a short-handled
knife which Mrs. Kincaid used to peel
fruit and vegetables.

The story of the tragedy is one of
the most horrible that has ever come
from this section of the State. In for-
mer years Mr. Kincaid had been a
drinking, reckless man but due largely,
it is said, to his wife's influence, he had
apparently reformed and his reforma-
tion was considered so complete that
he had won the respect of his commu-
nity and was elected last fall to mem-
bership on the county board. He was a
good business man and had accumu-
lated property to the value of probably
thirty thousand dollars.

Recently he had gone to drinking
again, this grieving and worrying his
wife, who was devoted to him, and
thought only of how she might pre-
serve his and the family's honor. She
worked with him in the store they con-
ducted at Chesterfield, which is not
more than fifty yards from their beau-
tiful country home. They had no chil-
dren but shared the home with Mrs.
Kincaid's mother, Mrs. Betty Davis,
and an invalid brother of Mr. Kincaid.

The neighbors and Mrs. Davis tell
that supper was prepared as usual last
night and Mrs. Kincaid went repeatedly
to the store to get Mr. Kincaid to come
to the evening meal. She knew he was
drinking, it is said, and probably
wanted to get him home on that ac-
count. She and Mrs. Davis sat on the
porch at the front of the house waiting
for him. A salesman, who wanted to
demonstrate a lighting arrangement for
the house, waited for while but finally
left.

Shortly after 10 o'clock Mr. Kincaid
came from the store. Mrs. Davis says
that he went around the house, and as
he did so, her daughter went through
the hall to meet him and give him his
supper, saying as she went, "Oh, well,
I have to put-up with drunkenness in
the home again." Mrs. Davis heard
them talking on the back porch and
though she could not distinguish what
was said the tones of their voices indi-
cated that Mrs. Kincaid was remon-
strating with her husband for drinking
again. She was attracted by what she
describes a gurgling sort of noise and
hurried to the porch to see what was
happening.

As she reached the hall door she says
that Mr. Kincaid had his hands around
Mrs. Kincaid's neck as if choking her,
that she rushed to them, asking, "Sil-
ence, my dear, you are choking Lilly." As
she pulled his hand away the warm
blood gushed on her hand and Mrs.
Kincaid fell, at that the mother cried,
"You have killed Lilly, Sidney." Sum-
moning just strength enough to say
"No, he hasn't," Mrs. Kincaid gasped
her last.

Evenly realizing what had hap-
pened and sobered by the realization,
the unhappy man threw himself down
beside his wife, covered her hands and
face with kisses, his moans and screams
arousing the whole community. Neigh-
bors were on the scene almost imme-
diately and they tell that he acted like
a wild man. They hold him to keep
him from carrying out his threats of
that the sheriff be sent for, and when
self-destruction. He himself suggested
officers arrived went with them will-
ingly. Today he has begged pitifully
for the privilege of seeing his wife's
face just once more before she is
buried.

Solicitor Huffman is in court in Lin-
colnton but is expected home tonight
to arrange for the preliminary hearing.
Mrs. Kincaid's funeral will be held
tomorrow morning at Mount Pleasant
church, Chesterfield. Though no vio-
lence to Mr. Kincaid is expected it is
doubtful that the Solicitor will allow
the request that has been made that
he attend the funeral.

This morning the knife with which
Mrs. Kincaid was stabbed was found in
the yard near the back porch. The
doctor's examination showed that the
angular vein had been cut, and though
the wound on the neck on the left side
was not long, it was deep. It is not
thought that Mr. Kincaid was choking
his wife after he cut her with the knife,
which, in his drunken anger, he had
seized from the porch shelf where it
was kept, but that as he drew the knife
out he came in a way to his senses and
was attempting to stop the flow of
blood. His clothing was literally soaked
in his wife's blood, it is said.
The horrible affair has been the chief
topic of conversation in Morganton to-
day and at Chesterfield all work has
been practically suspended.

FIRST SALES SHOW 50 PER CENT SLUMP IN TOBACCO PRICES

Golden Weed Sells at Average
of From \$5 To \$12 On The
Early Markets

PRICES DISAPPOINTING TO TOBACCO GROWERS

Average at Lumberton and
Fairmont From \$5 To \$7,
With Highest Prices Rang-
ing Around \$20; Georgia
Market Reports Best Aver-
age With \$12

Leaf tobacco prices on markets in
southeastern North Carolina, South
Carolina and Georgia were more than
fifty per cent under the averages of
the opening day last year according to
reports on the initial sales of the 1921
season yesterday from tobacco towns in
the three states. Price averages rang-
ed from \$5 to \$12 per hundred, whereas
last year the average was from \$20 to
\$25 and over. The preceding year to-
bacco sold at an average of from \$35
to \$45 per hundred pounds.

Although no reports of sales being
stopped were received, the prices gen-
erally were disappointing to farmers
and business men. On the basis of the
initial prices, tobacco growers ap-
parently will not be able to realize an
appreciable profit (despite the fact that
the crop this year has been produced
at a greatly reduced expense as com-
pared with 1920).

One Ray of Hope.
However, there may yet be something
of a silver lining in the dark cloud.
The offerings yesterday were mostly
"primings," consisting chiefly of the
low grades of lugs, and apparently lit-
tle tobacco of the higher grades was
sold. The opinion has been advanced
that there is a surplus of low grade
tobacco, but that the better grades will
be in demand. When the better grades—
wrappers, cutters and bright lugs—
average naturally will go higher, and
if there is a brisk demand for good
tobacco, the average within the next
week or two should be considerably
above the opening day's figures.

Coupled with this are reports that the
quality of the crop is much better than
last year and that better grades will
most likely predominate, as growers
have paid more attention to quality
than to quantity this season.
The highest prices paid yesterday
ranged around 20 cents a pound, while
the low grades sold around four and
five cents. On markets in southeastern
North Carolina prices averaged from
\$5 to \$7 per hundred pounds. Lum-
berton reported sales of 100,000 pounds
at an average of \$5, with \$19.50 the top
notch figure for the day. Other mar-
kets in Robeson averaged about the
same. At Fairmont nearly 90,000 pounds
were sold at an average of \$7.10 per
hundred.

Georgia Prices Highest.
Fitzgerald, Georgia, turned in the
highest average—\$12 per hundred. The
sales there totalled 17,000 pounds with
20 cents the maximum and four and
five cents the minimum prices. Florence
South Carolina, reported sales of 50-
000 pounds at an average of \$7 per
hundred.

First prices on the early markets
are generally accepted as a gauge for
prices on the big markets of the great
bright leaf belt in Eastern North Caro-
lina, which open in September. The
tobacco on the early markets generally
is neither graded nor tied and thus
does not sell as high as well handled
tobacco. On the face of this, it is
probable that prices on the later mar-
kets will be higher than the figures
reported yesterday, but to what extent
remains to be seen.

A large number of North Carolina
buyers and warehousemen attended the
opening sales in the three states yester-
day. Many of the buyers will re-
main through the early season, which
closes in time for them to be on hand
for the opening in the big bright leaf
belt in September.

LUMBERTON AVERAGES \$5

Lumberton, July 19.—The average
price at the opening tobacco sales here
today was less than half as high as on
the opening day last year. About 100-
000 pounds were offered and the aver-
age was around \$5 per hundred. The
highest price paid was \$19.50 per hun-
dred.
The offerings today consisted largely
of primings and sand lugs, although the
quality was somewhat better than last
year. The sales were attended by a
large number of people, many being
here from the Eastern belt.
Farmers generally were much dis-
pleased with the prices, although it is
expected the average for the better
grades will be much higher.

Prices on the other markets in Robe-
son County were about the same as
paid here, according to reports reaching
Lumberton.
\$7 AT FLORENCE, S. C.
Florence, S. C., July 19.—First
cuttings of tobacco on the local market
today averaged about seven cents and
about 50,000 pounds were offered. There
were many buyers.
Big Drop at Fairmont.
Fairmont, July 19.—The price average
at the opening sales of the Fairmont
leaf tobacco market today were far
under last year's average, 89,000 pounds
offered versus 74 per hundred. The
quality of the general crop is under-
stood to be good. Large sales are ex-
pected tomorrow and Thursday. Sales
here last season aggregated 89,000
pounds at an average of \$26.28 per hun-
dred pounds.
Georgia Average Highest.
Fitzgerald, Ga., July 19.—The Fitz-
gerald tobacco market opened today and
sold 17,000 pounds of tobacco were
sold. The top price was 20 cents a
pound while the lowest grades sold for
4 and 5 cents. The average price was
\$12 cents a pound.

BURKE MAN KILLS WIFE WHILE DRUNK

Member of Board of County
Commissioners Held In Jail
On Murder Charge

Morganton, July 19.—A member of
the Burke county board of commis-
sioners is in jail, charged with wife mur-
der. The killing is said to be directly
traceable to blockade liquor. Sidney A.
Kincaid, well-to-do farmer and mer-
chant, is held for the murder of his
wife last night at their home at Ches-
terfield, six miles from Morganton. The
death instrument was a short-hand