

SOUTHERN WILL FILL VACANCIES

Harrison Says System Will Replace Strikers, as Peace Move Fails.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Henry W. Miller, vice president of Southern Railway, returned here today after a tour of inspection and declared that no defective equipment or any kind was being used on the lines of the Southern and that none would be.

HARRISON OUTLINES SOUTHERN'S POLICY

Washington, Aug. 16.—The Southern railway, which until this week had made no efforts to combat the shopmen's strike, has announced through its president, Fairfax Harrison, that it will employ any help available to keep trains in operation.

Mr. Harrison in a formal statement said that the Southern had made every effort to settle with its men, even to the extent of offering the terms that they had previously agreed to accept.

Officials of the company supplemented Mr. Harrison's statement only to the extent of pointing out that conferences between the railroad management and the strikers were held last week without result and that the only course left open to the company was to employ such workers as could be obtained.

The action of the Southern was generally regarded as significant in that it had heretofore made an effort to fill the places of the shopmen who went on strike and in that it, not being a member of the Association of Railway Executives, had not participated in the two meetings held by that organization in New York to consider strike settlement proposals put forward by President Harding.

The statement issued by Mr. Harrison said: "Every effort has been made so to operate our property that our men could honorably return to work. Every effort has been made to deal with our men. We have gone to the extent of offering the terms that they had previously agreed to accept."

"We must now turn to employing others, for the road must be run. We must give those who are working in it the same protection that we have given to those who have previously agreed to accept."

"Call is now being made upon every employe, upon every patron of this company, and upon every citizen along its lines, to rally to the support of the road that has served you and protect your own interest in the maintenance of transportation."

"With your help we can run the road, and we pledge all the resources of the company to that end. If it means war to run the Southern railway, then let us have it now—not later."

TOO MUCH IN THE EASTERN SECTION

Raleigh, Aug. 16.—Much cloudiness prevailed during the week with comparatively little sunshine and there was entirely too much rain for crops in the eastern portion of the State, especially in the coastal plain. On the other hand, the crop in the southwest, where progress of the crop was fairly good. Corn improved in the central and western counties, but rain interfered with saving hay, and other crops and curing tobacco which is nearly completed in the eastern section. Some fall plowing is under way in the west. Mountain grapes are good with large shipments in progress from the Tryon section. The peach crop is about gathered. Pastures are good in nearly all parts of the State.

ODELL KING TAKEN ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Odell King, well-known farmer of the county, living on the Beatty's Ford road near Charlotte, was arrested at Rock Springs camp ground in Lincoln county Sunday, according to information received at the sheriff's office here. Mr. King was released on a bond of \$100, it is said, after he had been arrested by an officer on the near the camp meeting ground and a quart of whiskey found on him.

Mr. King is under indictment in this county for alleged reckless driving while under the influence of liquor in the Dowd road some weeks ago when he ran down a negro who was riding a bicycle on the highway. The negro has brought suit against him for several thousand dollars, alleging permanent injury.

SOUTHERN CALLS IN PASSES OF SHOPMEN

Asheville, Aug. 16.—All annual passes, trip transportation and property of the Southern Railway, in the hands of striking shopmen, has been "called in" by H. W. Miller, vice president in charge of operation, it was learned here last night.

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REALTORS DINED AT MERRY PARTY

Insurance Exchange of City Joined Real Estate Men at Event.

North Carolina realtors, who have organized into a State association, will ask the next Legislature to place real estate mortgages in a separate class from other paper of liens at a lower rate of taxation, this in order to encourage home-owning which the realtors consider makes for good citizenship.

This was one of the definite effects of the meeting and joint dinner of the Charlotte Real Estate Board and the Charlotte Insurance Exchange Tuesday night at the Myers Park Country Club, an event attended by about 100 realty and insurance men of the city.

Another objective of the North Carolina Real Estate Board, according to W. G. Jerome, of Winston-Salem, president of the State board, is the beautification of North Carolina highways, by encouraging property owners and county and city organizations to plant trees along permanent highways and by such other means as seem feasible and proper.

McAlister Carson, secretary-treasurer of the State association of insurance men, briefly outlined the aims of that organization, representing the Charlotte Clearing House, C. H. Gover, president of the Charlotte Bar Association, and Charles W. Parker, president of the Charlotte Merchants' association of the city.

The toastmaster for the occasion was Dr. W. H. Fraser, president of Queens College who furnished much of the amusement of the evening by the singing and Arthur Nord presided at the piano. One of the humorous events of the evening was a make-believe exchange of jests between E. L. Keener, the building and loan expert, and Odum Alexander, the real estate man, who was so cleverly done that many of those present did not know until the program was over that it was just a friendly rivalry.

C. H. Gover of the bar association lauded the motives of the realty and insurance men in seeking to raise their respective vocations to the dignity of a profession where ethical practices as prevail in the most rigid terms. E. E. Jones said the bankers would have to go out of business if it were not for the services rendered by the realty men who promote home-building, and thus create more merchandising, more business of every kind and more banking.

Mr. Parker said the realty and insurance men were factors in the expansion and home-building just as the merchants were factors in the same field by importation and selling of goods. He said the realty men and insurance men and co-operation with the companies they represent are three main purposes for which insurance men are organized, according to McAlister Carson, who said the object of the organization is to elevate the profession to a higher plane.

W. D. Wilkinson, president of the Charlotte Insurance Exchange and F. E. Harlan, president of the Charlotte Real Estate Board, both spoke briefly at the dinner. Mr. Harlan, chairman of the program committee.

W. G. Jerome, principal speaker of the evening complimented the great development of the residential section of ethics based on the golden rule, of Charlotte. The realtors have a code Mr. Jerome said and try to live up to the code. He said the realtors seek to promote the welfare of their respective cities by encouraging the building and owning of homes. One of the most useful features of the organization, he who are not guided by ethical principles and who can be brought to terms said, is to keep a watch on those dealers where there is an organization like a realty board.

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Four men have just been added to the traffic squad and Walter B. Orr, police chief, is attempting to get the force back to normal in order to handle the city's ever increasing traffic problem.

For one reason or another, places left vacant in the last few months were filled, but now the city commissioners are swearing in new officers and in one instance transferring officers from one squad to another.

Mayor Walker in discussing the traffic question Wednesday morning, said that the city really needs 12 or 15 additional officers to assist in the handling of traffic.

It is the major's opinion that officers can well be stationed at busy street corners such as Church and Trade, College and Trade, Tryon and Fifth to direct traffic in "go and stop" fashion. The traffic is becoming so heavy that such a policy would tend to greatly improve the situation, he thinks.

On the other hand, the city's revenue will not warrant at present the employment of the desired men. Mr. Walker said that Charlotte gets along with the least number of policemen and firemen of any city in the State, in proportion to population.

With the employment of the new men bringing the force nearly to normal, conditions will be remedied somewhat, says the mayor, who adds that the police department is now giving close attention to traffic.

The couple married in an airplane were certainly high fliers.

AGED MASON VERY ILL

Richmond, Va., Aug. 16.—Dr. John Chiles Edwards, of Highland Springs, Va., 95 years of age, said to be the oldest Mason in America, and the oldest living graduate of the University of Virginia, is critically ill in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Horace McClure, at Highland Springs.

SURE RELIEF FOR INDIGESTION

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Dilworth Building Company to E. S. Gray, for \$100 and other considerations, a lot on East Boulevard.

W. H. Miller and Nellie Miller to J. T. Cannon, for \$1,000 and other considerations, a lot on Columbia avenue.

Mary Morris Walker to T. C. Wilson for \$100 and other considerations, a lot on Alexander street.

KILGORE COMES TO FARM BUREAU

Campaign Here Will Be Stimulated, It is Thought, by His Presence

The campaign to sign up cotton growers of Mecklenburg county to sell their cotton through the medium of the Co-operative Cotton Marketing Association which has been on in the South for the past two years, will be continued here this summer, according to Kope Elias, farm demonstration agent, who said Wednesday that Dr. B. W. Kilgore would be invited here either for next Saturday or some date next week to make an address relative to the campaign and initiate it anew on a large scale.

The decision as to when Dr. Kilgore will be here depends on a further conference Wednesday afternoon between Mr. Elias and other agents in the county who are connected with the co-operative cotton marketing association as it has been organized so far in the county. Dr. Kilgore has been one of the champions of the co-operative cotton marketing plan since its inauguration in the South.

North Carolina cotton growers to sign up pledging themselves to market their cotton through this agency.

In many Southern states the cotton growers have pledged far more than the minimum number of bales to be sold through the co-operative marketing association. North Carolina's original quota was 200,000 bales but this was pledged to the extent of more than 50,000 bales on the present campaign, which is to put on over the entire cotton belt to extend the field of operations of the association. In other states the quota was exceeded in more spectacular fashion than in North Carolina. Texas and other Southern states far exceeded their quota and was reported to be still pledging their support to the campaign.

The proposal to undertake a campaign in this county to bring cotton growers into the association is of more than passing interest because of the announcement from Memphis a few days ago that the United States government is to make Charlotte one of its buying points, with a branch office of the National organization, for acquiring and shipping cotton direct to European and domestic buyers.

The annual reunion of the family of L. L. Elliott will be held at his home Saturday. Mr. Elliott will be 74 years of age August 29, the reunion usually being held on that date but since it falls on Sunday this year, Saturday has been named. Mr. Elliott is the father of 17 children and has grandchildren with seven great grandchildren living.

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COUNTY PUPILS IN CITY SCHOOL

New Arrangement Goes Into Effect With Opening of Fall Term.

The county schools will probably find the usual congestion incident of an annual opening all the more augmented this Fall on account of the law passed by the last General Assembly which allows children from surrounding rural districts to attend city schools unless they are otherwise provided for.

It is indicated that the county has a host of children living near the city limits who the county has made no adequate provision for in the way of schools. It is explained by county school officials that it has never been the policy of the rural school boards to build up schools right near the city limits for the reason that it was a sort of "twilight zone," some desiring to come into the city and not enough being left to justify the maintenance of a rural school.

A conference was held Wednesday morning between Superintendent Harding of the city schools and Superintendent Matthews of the county schools, at which this issue was threshed through and an effort made on the part of the city superintendent to ascertain what proportion of such children from the county would likely apply for admittance in the city schools.

Here it has been customary for the city schools to allow rural children to enter here if they paid a nominal tuition charge which varies with the grades entered. The problem, however, became so acute and so widespread throughout the State, where the same condition prevails surrounding other city centers, that Dr. Brooks, State Superintendent of Instruction, got together and had adopted a State-wide plan by which rural children would be permitted to attend city schools free of charge for six months of the year, after that time, if they were to go longer than that, they will be forced to pay the city schools tuition charges.

The State officials took this step, it is explained, because the State is maintaining free schools for six months of the year uniformly in both in cities and counties, and for that reason, it was held, it is a matter of no consequence to the State whether a patron sends a county or to a city school. Whichever is the most convenient will be selected.

School children, living outside the city limits, nearer city schools than county schools, will be allowed to attend city schools for six months without cost, it was agreed at the conference.

The county board offered to pay the cost of educating that particular child and the amount the county board ordinarily pays. For each child, the city school spends \$9.61 more than the county school would spend for the same child living in the county who attends the city school. This will be paid on the basis of six months.

Parents of the children will have to pay the regular city tuition rate for outside children the remaining three months of the regular nine-month term. Children, who take advantage of the agreement, must live nearer a city school than a county school and must receive a certificate from J. M. Matthews, superintendent of county education.

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City News Told In Tabloid Form

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There will be a glance given in the ball-room of the New Central hotel Friday evening, between the hours of 9 and 12. Music will be furnished by the Southern Melody sextette.

W. M. Kincaid, of Salisbury, was fined \$50 and cost by Judge Wade H. Williams in police court Wednesday morning for operating an automobile while under the influence of whiskey.

The Highway garage located near the baseball park and owned by R. E. Jennings, was broken into Wednesday morning about 1 o'clock and between \$75 worth of inner tubes and blowout patches stolen, according to Mr. Jennings. Mr. Jennings reported the matter to the police station.

United States Deputy Marshal M. C. Coin arrested Peter Wright, a well-known citizen of Cleveland county, a few days ago on a warrant charging him with violation of the prohibition law. The defendant was held for the October term of Federal Court on a charge of handling liquor.

Fire caused by heat from an electric motor, broke out in the Rogers Mattress Company's factory in Howday Arcade, about 7:45 a. m. Wednesday. The fire was quickly extinguished by men from the Central station using large quantities of chemicals. R. L. Rogers is proprietor of the factory.

Cecil E. Mahaffy, observer in the local United States weather bureau, will visit relatives before going to New Orleans, where he will be connected with the weather station. He will be succeeded by G. V. Fish, of Rochester, N. Y., who arrived in the city Tuesday night.

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J. J. Pittman, traveling representative of the Rose Brothers, cotton brokers at 19 1/2 East Fourth street, whose automobile was struck by a passenger train three miles west of Salisbury Tuesday afternoon, is getting along nicely at a hospital in Salisbury. Admitted to the hospital in his firm here Wednesday, he is expected to leave the hospital Saturday. Mr. Pittman is a brother of Dr. R. L. Pittman, of Fayetteville.

The former residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Harris on Hermitage Court has been sold by the Myers Park Home Company to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Taylor, who expect to move there shortly. The home is one of the most attractive on Hermitage Court. The price is understood to have been around \$8,000. The sale was made by C. E. Hobbs of the James Carson real estate firm in the Trust Building.

The annual Sunday School convention of Steel Creek Presbyterian church, the largest church in the county in point of membership and the largest rural church in the Southern Home Company, will be held Tuesday, August 22. The church grounds, wide and grass covered, are ideal for picnic purposes and it is expected the usual large attendance at this annual event will be noted. Many visitors from Charlotte are usually there.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Lyles died at St. Peter's Hospital and other members of the family of only one hour or two. It had been named Nelson Lyles, Jr. A brief funeral service will be conducted at the graveside in Elmwood Cemetery, where the interment will take place Wednesday afternoon. Rev. H. M. Presley, supply pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Lyles are members, will conduct the service.

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Raleigh, Aug. 16.—Tobacco markets for the sale of bright leaf tobacco at auction opened yesterday in all parts of eastern North Carolina with receipts comparatively light. Prices ranged from \$17 to \$25 per hundred pounds, an increase from \$4 to \$6 per hundred as compared with sales on the initial day.

The offerings were in "high order" because of wet weather, this affecting prices to some extent.

The quality was reported rather poor on some of the tobacco, the tobacco being light in weight, but of good color chiefly because of heavy rains.

At Wilson, the largest leaf market in the world, a half million pounds were sold at an average of from \$24 to \$25 per hundred.

Greenville and Kinston sold nearly a half million each with prices from \$20 to \$25 per hundred. Rocky Mount, Goldsboro, Smithfield and Farmville reported light sales with prices from \$17 to \$22.

Members of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Marketing Association, held meetings at Goldsboro and Wilson. The co-operative warehouse will open the first of next week.

MISS FERRIS SUES WILLIAMS WOMAN

Miss Sadie Ferris, who was the object of a sensational attack on a street car near Independence Square late Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Hester Williams, has entered suit against Mrs. Williams through her attorney F. M. Redd, to recover alleged damages to the extent of \$1,000. The papers beginning the suit were drawn Tuesday afternoon by Mr. Redd and will be filed in the clerk of the court's office Wednesday.

The complaint of Miss Ferris alleges: "that on or about August 12 Hester Williams did unlawfully, wilfully, and maliciously strike, hit, bite and beat the plaintiff, inflicting serious and painful wounds on the plaintiff, causing her to suffer intense pain in mind and body causing her to spend money for medical attention, disfiguring her arm and causing her to suffer humiliation and mental anguish, said wounds being serious and permanent to plaintiff's great damage in the sum of \$1,000."

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HARRELD URGES TARIFF ON OIL

Oklahoma Senator Charges Effort is Made to Monopolize Supply.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Tariff duties on crude petroleum and fuel oil were advocated today in the Senate by Senator Harreld, Republican, Oklahoma as the only means of protecting the independent oil producers of the United States against what he described as a monopoly by the Standard, E. L. Doheny and Royal Dutch Shell Oil Companies.

Renewing his charge of last August that the Standard, Doheny and Royal Shell Companies were seeking to monopolize all production in this country, Senator Harreld said that since that time the Royal Dutch Shell had taken over the Union Oil Company of Delaware, thus getting control of \$75,000,000 worth of properties; that the Standard and Doheny companies had acquired the Tea Pot Dome, in Wyoming, and other valuable holdings in California, and that the Standard of Indiana had acquired 99 per cent of the stock of the Mid West Refinery Company.

The Oklahoma Senator also asserted that during the past year while oil prices were low "the monopolists did succeed in purchasing the holdings of a great many independent operators at practically forced sales and at a very small percentage of the value of such properties."

Charging that the three companies he named had a monopoly of production of oil in Mexico, Mr. Harreld told the Senate it was their policy to charge all that the tariff would bear and that consequently the price would not be affected by a tariff. He argued that on the other hand the tariff would bring to the Government a huge amount of revenue and at the same time protect the thousands of small independent producers in the United States.

WALTER HINTON ON LONG FLIGHT SOUTH

New York, Aug. 16.—The giant cruiser Sampaio Corroier, piloted by Lieutenant Walter Hinton, hopped off from the Hudson river, this afternoon, for Rockaway on the official start of the flight of 8,500 miles to the Amazon. At Rockaway the plane will take on fuel and then start later today for Manteo, on Roanoke Island, N. C.

NEGROES FOUND GUILTY OF CRIME

Two Sentenced to Death and the Other Given 12 Years in Prison.

Carthage, N. C., Aug. 16.—After being out seven minutes the jury in the trial of three negroes on charges arising out of the attack upon Mrs. Mrs. A. E. Ketchens, of Miami, Fla. automobile tourists, near South Pine, ten days ago, returned a verdict of guilty as to two of the negroes, who were immediately sentenced to die in the electric chair on September 28. John Lee, the other negro, was found guilty of secret assault and was sentenced to 12 years in the penitentiary. The negroes sentenced to the electric chair are Angus Murphy and Jasper Thomas.

Two thousand spectators, including the victim of the assault, looked on in silence as the jury returned its verdict. Murphy, the oldest of the three, broke down and wept and pleaded for mercy as the judge passed sentence of death. Thomas manifested his attitude of indifference.