

Hard Surface Road From Concord to Mt. Pleasant

Action Taken by the County Commissioners and Highway Commissioners Who Met in Joint Session.

ERIE RAILROAD LIABLE

For Money Recovered by Every Employee Because It Reduced Wages of Crossing Watchmen. Chicago, July 19 (By the Associated Press).—The Erie Railroad has made itself liable for a money recovery to every employee who suffered loss of compensation when the carrier arbitrarily reduced the wages of the crossing watchmen, flagmen and trackmen, in violation of decision No. 147 of the U. S. Railroad Labor Board, the Board announced today in a decision rendered in the case of the American Federation of Railroad Workers against this carrier.

20,000 L. W. W.'S LEAVE FOR PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS

Member Alleged to Have Been Beaten by Ku Klux Klan; Texas Ready For Them.

New York, July 18.—Firmly believing in the efficiency of "direct action," hundreds of members of the I. W. W. are leaving here tonight on a crusade to Port Arthur, Texas, the object of which is the "Protection of the I. W. W. constitution" and the rights of three members said to have been kidnapped and severely beaten there.

Port Arthur Has Labor Gang Place for I. W. W.

Port Arthur, Texas, July 18.—Members of the Industrial Workers of the World will have a place waiting for them on labor gangs to take care of city work, local officials said today upon learning that officials of the marine transport workers branch of the I. W. W. have ordered all foot-loose "Wobblies" to invade Port Arthur in connection with the reported kidnapping of three I. W. W.'s recently.

TREMNAL HOTEL FATE TO BE SETTLED TODAY

Owner Given Opportunity of Deciding On Closing It Up—Several Contested.

Salisbury, July 18.—Judge Stahlke Linn, in county court today, gave B. H. Isenhower, owner of the Terminal hotel, till tomorrow morning to decide whether he wants the property continued to be used as a rooming house or is willing to close it up for keeps.

HARDINGS TURN ON THEIR WAY HOMEWARD

Will Visit Three More Alaska Cities on Their Way Home.

Seward, Alaska, July 19 (By the Associated Press).—The Naval transport Henderson with President Harding, Mrs. Harding, and their party, aboard was to leave here early today, steaming out of Resurrection Bay through the recently christened Harding Gateway, and for the first time in two weeks turning her bow southward.

At Theatres.

"Call of the Wild," the sixth round of the serial "Fighting Blood," is being shown again today at the Piedmont Theatre.

At Theatres.

The Star Theatre today is offering a Goldwyn feature picture "The Man With Two Mothers."

At Theatres.

Kathleen MacDonald in "Money, Money, Money," and Baby Peggy in "Sweetie," are on the program today at the Pastime Theatre.

At Theatres.

A \$20,000 labor temple is planned by the trades union of Des Moines.

SUBPOENA ISSUED AGAINST ALLEGED KU KLUX OFFICIALS

A Surprise is Sprung on the Defense by the Clerk of the Court of Robeson County in Flogging Case Trial.

ASKED TO PRODUCE THE KLAN RECORDS

Records Are Expected to Show What Connection if Any Chief of Police of Lumberton Had With Klan

Lumberton, July 19.—B. M. Lawson, Chief of Police at Fairmont, took the stand in his own behalf here today and denied he was present during the recent flogging of two white women near Proctorville. Judge Brogden and John Hedgepeth, the two other defendants, had previously denied any connection with the case, and alibis have been offered in behalf of all three.

REPORT SUBMITTED AT TWO O'CLOCK TODAY

Was Submitted to Governor and Council of State at That Hour.

Raleigh, N. C., July 19.—Chairman Long, of the Legislative Committee which has the report of the auditors on the State's financial condition announced at 2:30 this afternoon as he emerged from the Attorney General's office where the committee had been in session since 10 a. m. that the auditors' report would be announced shortly after 2 o'clock. The report will be submitted to the Governor and the council of state at 2 o'clock, Mr. Long said.

AMERICA HEADS LIST OF MULTIMILLIONAIRES

Henry Ford Heads the List, and Rockefeller Comes Next—Mellon Is Third—Buck Duke Has More Than \$100,000,000.

London, June 17.—Who are the richest men in the world? asks the Sunday Express. It answers the query itself by giving a list at the head of which is Henry Ford, whose fortune is estimated at \$500,000,000. John D. Rockefeller comes next with \$450,000,000; Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the treasury, is third with \$150,000,000, and then follows the Duke of Westminster, Sir Basil Zabaroff, Hugo Stinnes, Percy Rockefeller, Baron H. Mitsui, Baron H. Iwasaki and the Gaekwar of Baroda, each with \$100,000,000.

KU KLUX OFFICIALS ARE ORDERED TO PRODUCE RECORDS

Subpoenas Duces Tecum Issued at Lumberton in Women Flogging Trial.

Lumberton, July 18.—Overshadowing the testimony offered here today at the trial of Mike Lawson, chief of police at Fairmont, Johnson Hedgepeth and Jule Brogden on charges of secret assault, assault with a deadly weapon, and kidnapping, the charges growing out of the alleged flogging of Mrs. Mary Watson and Mrs. Hattie Purvis, was the issuance by the clerk of court of Robeson county of two subpoenas upon the alleged grand klaff of the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina and the alleged head of the Fairmont Klavern, ordering them to produce all records of the Klan showing membership in the Fairmont Klavern, all records showing the connection, in any form, of Mike Lawson with the alleged whipping, and all records showing the connection of H. L. Tallaferro, alleged agent of the Klan, who is under indictment for tampering with State's witnesses, with the Klan.

Bill to Make Soliciting Labor a Felony.

Atlanta, July 19.—An effort to check the migration of negroes and other farm labor was given by the authors as the reason for the introduction of a bill which would make it a felony for any person or concern to solicit labor in Georgia for other states.

Charlotte Aviator Killed at Sacramento.

Sacramento, Calif., July 19.—Jack B. Gregory, 26, of Charlotte, N. C., one of the aviators who has been "writing in the sky" at Los Angeles and San Francisco recently, was killed late yesterday near Lake Tahoe, when his plane in which he was traveling from Reno, Nevada, to San Francisco fell, according to word brought here today by Harry Turner, a fellow aviator.

One of the most famous fishing grounds in the world, the Dogger Bank, in the North Sea, is said to be falling off as a source of supply.

INTERESTING ITEMS ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA.

The manufacture of tobacco products ranks second among the industries of the state, being exceeded only by the cotton goods industry.

The combined value of the tobacco and cotton goods manufactured products represents more than 40 per cent. of the total manufactured products of the state.

North Carolina ranks first in acreage planted in tobacco among the states of the union and is second in quality and value of products.

Winston-Salem is the center of the industry, more than three fourths of the tobacco products being manufactured there.

The tendency for the past twenty years has been to concentrate the industry in immense factories. In 1910 there were 96 factories in the state, 43 in 1910, and in 1922 only 15.

The value of products manufactured in 1910 was \$35,987,000 and in 1922 it had grown to \$14,830,248.

The industry furnishes support to 16,449 persons, with an average high daily wage for men of \$5.04, and for women, \$3.07.

Durham, Asheville, Greensboro, Hickory, Leaksville and Statesville are the principal tobacco manufacturing points, with Durham second to Winston-Salem which leads all others, Durham, because of the product bearing its name, is perhaps the most widely known of these centers.

The value of plants operating in 1922 was \$20,115,034 with a yearly payroll of \$14,027,661.

PROPERTY OWNERS URGED TO EQUIP THEIR BUILDINGS WITH LIGHTNING RODS

Property Owners Urged to Equip Their Buildings With Them. Raleigh, N. C., July 19.—Property owners throughout the country are urged to equip their buildings with lightning rods by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, which today declared that 99 per cent. of the first caused by lightning could thus be prevented. The losses by fire caused by lightning total \$30,000,000 annually.

NEGROES SAT DOWN ON A RED HOT PIPE

Were Playing Dice and One Grabbed for the Pot—When a Pistol Flashed All Sat Down on Pipe. St. Joseph, Mo., July 19.—Twenty of thirteen negro laborers who participated in a dice game at the LaBelle Iron Works labor camp are in the mill hospital today suffering from burns.

DEATH TODAY OF REAR ADMIRAL C. D. SIGSBEE

Captain of the Ill Fated Maine Dies Suddenly at His Home in New York. New York, July 19.—Rear Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee, U. S. N., retired, captain of the ill-fated battleship Maine, died suddenly at his home here today.

The Kerr Street Revival.

The Lord Our God blesses His children in many ways, and I believe that everybody that was under that old gospel tent on Kerr Street received a blessing last night. The people are waking up around here. Mr. Sisk is a mighty man of God, and when he hits the platform with the Holy Ghost guiding him as it did last night you may look out. There will be something doing when he gets through.

With Our Advertisers.

Pay your bills by check. The Citizens Bank and Trust Company invites small as well as large accounts.

PROPOSED TUNNEL TO BRING OCEANS NEARER TOGETHER

Will Cut the Rail Distance Between the Oceans Seventy Miles.

Denver, Colo., July 19.—Actual work on the Moffat tunnel, through the continental divide west of Denver, is expected to begin early next month. The first shovelful of dirt may be turned on August 1, Colorado Day. Everything is in readiness to start. Bids for construction are being advertised, and the bonds are being offered for sale.

The Moffat tunnel will cut the rail distance between the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans by 70 miles. Its construction is an engineering feat of much difficulty, and it is of great national importance, for it will open up a large section of land in northwestern Colorado rich in natural resources.

The tunnel will be available immediately to the Denver & Salt Lake railroad, now completed to Craig, Moffat county. The plans of this line include building into Salt Lake City. It also will be available later to the Denver, Rio Grande & Western railroad which now is building a cutoff to connect with the tunnel.

The tunnel will be 4.04 miles long. The project consists of a main tunnel 20 by 16 feet in the clear and a pioneer tunnel paralleling it. Trains through the tunnel will be operated by electricity. Provision has been made so that automobiles and other traffic may pass through the tunnel in special cars. The tunnel elevation at the east portal is 9,190 feet, at the west 9,100 feet.

Sponsors of the tunnel predict that ultimately almost all of the railroads using Denver will use the tunnel as a short cut from Denver west. Tourists who have enjoyed the trip over the continental divide on the Moffat route will mourn the fact that the coming of the tunnel will mean that the famous little station, Corona, 10,660 feet above sea level, now is the highest point in the world where there is a standard gauge railroad. The tunnel will eliminate the climb from Tolland, whose altitude is about 9,000 feet, to Corona. This climb has given many a thrill to Eastern tourists. The grade above Tolland is four per cent.—almost unprecedented in railroad grades—and there are many curves as the train mounts upward. It is a land of perpetual snow. Even in the middle of June, frequently climbs through snowdrifts higher than its car tops.

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Weather Ideal for Flying.—Four Stops Planned en Route—Has 16 Hours and 10 Minutes for the Trip.

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Maughan's machine is in fine shape, his mechanic said, after a hasty inspection. Maughan declared he had experienced no trouble of any kind, and is now confident he can make up time so as to reach San Francisco before sundown.

Lieutenant Maughan maintained his stride of 160 miles an hour in a jump from Dayton to this city, a distance of 560 miles. He left Dayton at 7:53 Central time.

Lieut. Maughan departed from St. Joseph at 12:05 Central time.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at a Decline of 57 Points on September.

New York, July 19.—The cotton market opened steady today at a decline of 57 points on September, but generally 8 to 22 points higher on reports of continued drought conditions in the southwest. There was not a great deal of demand, however, and the market eased off from the opening under realizing or liquidation. October contracts sagged off from 23.83 to 23.65, with the general list selling about 5 to 10 points net lower during the early trading.

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John R. Early, Leper, Escapes Fourth Time.

Washington, July 16.—John R. Early, whose detention as a leper caused a country-wide sensation some year ago, has escaped from confinement for the fourth time and has paid a visit to his old haunts around Washington.

Having completed his call here, he today reported to the District of Columbia health authorities, who ordered him sent back to the National leprosy in Louisiana. He said he had been living at a down town hotel. He left the leprosy three weeks ago, he told the authorities, and since then also had visited Chattanooga, Tenn., Asheville and Tryon, N. C., Chicago and Milwaukee.

Portugal contains only two cities, Lisbon and Oporto, with populations in excess of 50,000.