

WILL TRY McHARGE ON MURDER CHARGE

True Bill Returned in Rowan Superior Court Monday Against Alleged Slayer of Deputy Sheriff Propst.

DATE FOR TRIAL IS UNCERTAIN

Not Known Whether Prisoner Will Be Physically Fit to Be Tried at the Present Term of Rowan Court.

A true bill charging murder in the first degree was returned in Rowan County Superior Court Monday against Lee McHarge, Kannapolis man charged with killing Deputy Sheriff Will P. Propst of this county, according to a message today from Salisbury. Mr. Propst was fatally shot last Friday night in Kannapolis while he was trying to arrest McHarge.

The message from Salisbury further stated that McHarge is in the Rowan County jail, where he was lodged last Saturday evening after being removed from the Cabarrus County jail here. Several witnesses from this county went to Salisbury Monday (and testified before the grand jury which returned the true bill against McHarge. Solicitor Hayden Clement started several days ago that he would ask for a bill of first degree murder, and it was generally felt that such a bill would be returned.

One report sent out from Salisbury Sunday stated that McHarge had admitted shooting Mr. Propst, and therefore a coroner's inquest was not deemed necessary. So far as can be learned McHarge made no such statement while in the Cabarrus County jail, but it is possible that he talked more after reaching Salisbury.

Just when McHarge will be tried is not known now. The man is still being treated for the six wounds he received in his fight with the officers, and it is not known whether he will be able to appear for trial at this term of court. If he is able, a Salisbury report states he will be placed on trial at once.

The men alleged to have been wounded by McHarge are reported today as resting as comfortable as could be expected. During the past two days the condition of Patrolman Proutt, who received a bad wound in his right chest, has greatly improved, and should be cast against McHarge he called this week it is probable that he could be used as a State's witness.

Patrolman Swing, who also was wounded at the time Mr. Propst was killed, would be a witness, as he received only a flesh wound and has not been forced to be absent from his work on the Kannapolis police department.

PRESIDENT HARDING ADDRESSES CONGRESS

Urges Passage of Ship Subsidy Bill at Present Term of Congress—Appears Personally Before Congress.

SAYS LAW WOULD SAVE MUCH MONEY

Just as Fair to Provide Market Highways On Seas as On the Land, the President Contends.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.—Enactment of the administration merchant marine bill was urged upon Congress today by President Harding as necessary to relieve the government of the present "staggering losses" in the operation of the war-built merchant fleet, and to establish a program of assured shipping to serve the nation in war, and give a guaranty of commercial independence in times of peace.

Personally addressing a joint session of the House and Senate, the executive declared an actual monetary saving to the government would result from the proposed law. He challenged every insinuation of favored interests, and the curbing of the special few at the expense of the majority. The legislation, he asserted, automatically guarded against enrichment of perpetual bestowment.

"If success attends, as we hope it will," he added, "the government outlay is returned, the inspiration of opportunity to earn remains, and American transportation by sea is maintained. The President said concern about the American merchant policy was not limited to "our own domain," adding that the maritime nations of the world were "in complete accord with the opposition here to the pending measure." He declared those nations had a perfect right to such an attitude, but that he wished to stress the American viewpoint which he said should be the viewpoint "from which one sees American carriers at sea the dependence of American commerce, and American vessels for American reliance in the event of war."

Mr. Harding declared it most discouraging if a measure of "such transcending national importance" was to have its fate depend on geographical, occupational, professional, or partisan objection. A commercial emporium on the seas, and ample agencies for the promotion in carrying of American commerce, he asserted, are of no less importance to the people of the Mississippi and Missouri Valley, the great Northwest, and the Rocky Mountain States, than to the seaboard states, and industrial communities inland.

"It is a common cause with its benefits commonly shared," he said. "If government aid is a fair term to apply to authorizations aggregating \$75,000,000 to promote good roads for market highways," the President added, "it is equally fit to be applied to the establishment and maintenance of American market highways on the salted seas."

Negro Kills Young Man and Attacks Companion

(By the Associated Press.) Waco, Texas, Nov. 21.—Grady Skipwith, aged 19, was shot and killed, and his young woman companion attacked last night near Lovens Leap, near Waco. The couple were riding in an automobile. Skipwith was shot at close range. The young woman whom physicians say was "treated roughly" is in a hospital.

GOVERNOR MORRISON'S PROPOSED SHIPPING LINE

Executive Favors a Commission to Govern Its Operation. Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 20. (By the Associated Press.)—Taking the position that practically every prominent platform of the present administration already has been carried out, Governor Cameron Morrison now is organizing his forces for a concentrated effort to pass the state shipping line corporation bill and other closely aligned measures at the next session of the North Carolina general assembly, it was learned tonight at the capitol.

The chief executive, in discussing his proposal, stated that he favored the creation of an "able commission something like the highway board to govern the establishment and operation of the shipping line." This body, he continued, should be "clothed with ample power, as decided upon by the legislature, to work out all details for the corporation's success."

As to the exact amount of the appropriation which would be required to establish the state-owned line, it was stated further study than has been made at this date would be required before a definite conclusion is reached.

The governor is of the opinion there will be no conflict between the adoption of his proposal for shipping line corporation commission and another proposition to establish a port commission. The suggestion that a port commission be established developed among the executive's supporters, it was stated, and all interested parties now have agreed that the shipping line commission measure, the power of which will be fixed by the assembly, is to be introduced with their support.

In reaching the decision to unite his forces behind a few closely related measures, Governor Morrison held the opinion, it was asserted by those familiar with his plans, that the highway improvement program now is confronted with a further difficulty, and that many of the other progressive things the administration has been working on will proceed according to expectations.

EXPRESS ROUTING TO BE ARGUED NOV. 29

Oral Argument Will Be Heard Before Interstate Commerce Commission on That Date. Greensboro News.

Oral argument before the Interstate Commerce Commission will be heard November 29 on the question of the routing of Greensboro express, about which Greensboro merchants have repeatedly protested.

THE BOLL WEEVIL GETS IN HIS WORK

South Carolina Crop Ginned to Date Is Only 464,121 Bales. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 21.—Cotton ginned prior to November 14 amounted to 8,809,857 running bales, counting 151,758 round bales as half bales, and including 7,715 bales of American Egyptian, and 4,787 bales of Sea Island, the Census Bureau announced today.

THREE THOUSAND TURKEYS ARE BROUGHT TO HICKORY

Came From Watauga County to Be Dressed For Thanksgiving Dinner. (By the Associated Press.) Hickory, Nov. 21.—Three thousand Watauga County turkeys, the largest number ever brought to this market in one season, have been brought to a local plant and dressed for Thanksgiving dinners throughout the country, Walter J. Shuford announced today.

MOHAMMED SENDS INQUIRY AFTER WIVES

Officials of the Sultan's Palace Send a Radio Message in Reply, Saying "All Are Well and Happy."

HIS LATEST WIFE RETURNS TO PARENTS

Turkish Newspapers Say the Sultan Took With Him \$500,000 in Currency and Many Valuables.

Constantinople, Nov. 21. (By the Associated Press.)—Officials of the Sultan's palace today received a radio message from Mohammed VI, who has fled to Malta inquiring after his wives, all of whom he left behind. The following reply to his inquiry was forwarded:

"All are well and happy." The most anxious of the Sultan's harem is a young beauty to whom Mohammed VI was recently married. Her installation in the imperial household aroused considerable rivalry among the other members of the harem, for she immediately became a favorite and her master lavished expensive gifts upon her. She has now returned to her parents.

OPPOSES PRESENT COTTON FUTURES CONTRACT LAW

Senator Dial, of South Carolina, Says It Reverses the Laws of Common Sense.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Nov. 21.—The present cotton futures contract law "reverses the laws of common sense, and the custom of merchandising" by permitting the sellers to deliver any one of ten grades to the buyers, Senator N. B. Dial, of South Carolina, declared today in an address before the Southern Commercial Congress.

He urged amendment of the act to give the purchaser rights equal to those of the seller. Under the present system, he said, the growers suffer because purchasers sell out their best rather than accept delivery of inferior grades and consequent heavy sales depress the price.

DETROIT FINANCIERS TO BUILD \$10,000,000 AUTO FACTORY AT RIDGEWAY, VA.

Winchester, Va., Nov. 20.—Options on a 2,500 acre site for a \$10,000,000 automobile factory to be built at Ridgeway, Va., will be built at once, it was announced today by William Jordan, representative of a group of Detroit financiers interested in the project.

Wm. H. Vanderbilt to Come Into Possession of His Fortune

(By the Associated Press.) Portsmouth, R. I., Nov. 21.—Wm. H. Vanderbilt on his 21st birthday next Friday, will come into possession of the fortune left him by his father, Alfred G. Vanderbilt, who lost his life in the sinking of the Lusitania. Reginald C. Vanderbilt, brother of Alfred, has held the property as trustee.

OUTS NOT GUILTY

Pensacola, Fla., Nov. 21 (By the Associated Press.)—Following deliberations lasting only nine minutes, a jury in the United States District Court here late last night found Sidney J. Catts, former Governor of Florida, not guilty of a charge of having held in peonage John Henry Rogers, a negro.

\$10.00 REWARD

In an effort to prevent accidents on the various streets where improvement work is being done we are putting up barricades and also have on display a red lantern. The public has been abrogating these signs and is constantly using the streets which fact does great damage to the paying, to say nothing of the inconvenience given the contractors. By throwing down barricades and removing the lanterns lives and property of the public is endangered, and a reward of TEN DOLLARS is offered for the apprehension and conviction of any one guilty of removing a lantern or throwing down a barricade.

MRS. FELTON WINS SEAT IN SENATE

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 21.—Mrs. W. H. Felton, the "grand old lady of Georgia," won her fight today for a seat for a day as the first woman Senator.

NORTH CAROLINA'S NATIONAL GUARD

Ranks Second in the Fourth Corps Area, Says Gen. Metts. (By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Nov. 21.—North Carolina's National Guard not only has organized all but three of the twelve units allotted to it by the United States War Department but also has been developed in numerical strength and equipment to the point where it ranks second in the fourth corps area, according to figures released by Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts today.

In June, 1921, there were 1245 officers and men in the State's National Guard as compared with 2,400 officers and men on November 1, 1922, the figures showed. There are units organized and fully equipped in 30 counties, where instruction is being given under the direction of experts designated by the war department.

Companies also are in process of organization in Morganton, Charlotte, Red Springs and Eden, it was stated. North Carolina's allotment included a regiment of infantry, a battalion of engineers, an ambulance company, one hospital company, a veterinary company, one transport company, a divisional signal company, two batteries of field artillery (155th Howitzers included) one anti-aircraft machine gun company, on squadron of cavalry, an extra troop of cavalry and two coast artillery companies.

"The units not yet organized or in process of organization," said Adjutant General Metts, "are one hospital company, a coast artillery company and a company of engineers. The National Guard of the state today is in the best condition in its history and the department has received from officers in charge of the recent encampments information to the effect that the North Carolina units showed a high degree of efficiency," he said.

Georgia is the state in the fourth corps area which ranks above North Carolina. "Present war department plans," said Major Gordon B. Smith, who is attached to the adjutant general's department, "call for the organization of the Thirtieth Division, National Guard, in the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia. The division as a whole is almost organized and equipped."

"The divisional units are allotted to the states who in addition are called upon to organize certain corps and army troops not embraced in the division. The National Guard is in the first line of defense and its mission, briefly, is to augment the regular army in time of emergency and take its place on the firing line along with the regular army," he asserted.

PLANTERS' WAREHOUSE AT GOLDSBORO BURNS

With Large Amount of Tobacco and 450 Bales of Cotton. (By the Associated Press.) Goldsboro, Nov. 21.—The planters tobacco warehouse together with a large amount of tobacco, and 450 bales of cotton and two residences were destroyed by a fire which started in the basement of the warehouse here this morning. The loss is estimated at between \$75,000 and \$100,000, partially covered by insurance.

The blaze for a time threatened several other structures, but firemen confined it to the three buildings burned. The planters warehouse was the only tobacco auction market in Goldsboro.

November Thanksgiving Sale at Edfr's

Edfr's will have a big November Thanksgiving Sale, beginning Wednesday, and for Wednesday and Thursday many fine bargains are to be offered. The company has a two-page ad. in today's paper, setting forth some of the bargains to be offered during the two day sale. Not only are the bargains advertised to be offered, but many others will be included in the sale.

Final Estimate of Cotton Production in Egypt

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 21.—The final estimate of cotton production in Egypt for 1922 is placed at 830,000 bales of 478 pounds net according to a cablegram received by the department of agriculture from the international institute of agriculture, at Rome. The corresponding official estimate for 1921 was 645,000 bales, but receipts in Egypt that the crop probably exceeded 800,000 bales. The area this year is estimated at 1,521,000 acres, against 1,339,000 acres last year.

PLANS TO REVISE THE STATE SCHOOL LAWS

To Be Discussed and Adopted by County School Superintendents Who Will Meet in Raleigh November 28.

CHANGES HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT

By the Commission Authorized by the Last Legislature—Commission in Accord With Dr. Brooks. (By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 21.—Plans for the complete revision of North Carolina's school laws will be discussed and adopted by county school superintendents who will meet here with the State Teachers' Assembly in their thirty-ninth annual session November 28, according to a statement today by Julie B. Warren, secretary of the organization.

"The changes have been worked out and printed," said Mr. Warren. "The county school superintendents will be asked for such suggestions as they deem wise and these will be written into the proposed changes. The whole will be presented to the general assembly in January as a basis on which to develop any changes the legislative body may desire to make in the laws regulating the school system."

Complete details of the proposed revision have not been made public, but Mr. Warren asserted a proposition to "codify and bring together various school laws enacted during the past twenty years," will be among the most important to be considered. "In order to get accurate information of the duties of the several school officials," he continued, "it is necessary to study all of the laws and amendments that have been passed by the assembly in recent years. The educational commission authorized by the special session of the legislature last December believes that the appointment of the equalization fund of \$500,000 or more, with which the state helps weaker counties, could be changed to advantage."

"At the present time this fund is distributed after a county having levied the maximum tax rate for school purposes fails to secure enough revenue to run the school six months as required by the Constitution. "On the whole, the commission has announced that it is in accord with the views of Dr. E. C. Brooks, superintendent of the state department of public instruction," he said.

Addresses by Henry Van Dyke, Elizabeth Marrell, of the New York City schools, and M. C. Carter, secretary of the Illinois State Teachers' Association, are among the most important events on the program for the general session. In addition to this program, plans for departmental sessions, at which problems of teachers in the field will be discussed, have been completed. Demonstrations will be given and methods to meet these problems devised, according to Mr. Warren.

"Co-operation among the different colleges for the purpose of attaining the common ideals will be discussed at the branch meeting of the assembly. Financing colleges," he said, "The proper co-operation between colleges and high schools of the state so that the courses of study of high schools will correlate with those of the higher institutions also will be up for discussion."

The program worked out for higher education by Dr. T. C. Amick, of Elon College, and his associated officers will be presented and followed by the assembly departmental attendants. "With Our Advertisers. C. Part Covington is offering special bargains in overcoats. You can get hard coal results with soft coal in the Buck's Hot Blast, says new ad. of Concord Furniture Co. today.

The C. & L. Motor Battery and Electric Co. sells the Vesta battery. New ad. will interest you.

The certificates of deposit of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company offer fine opportunities to save.

McDonald Chosen Leader of Labor Party. London, Nov. 21 (By the Associated Press.)—James Ramsay MacDonald today was elected leader of the Parliamentary labor party.

Farmers in a community in Washington County ordered co-operatively through their county agent this fall about 400 bushels of different seeds at a saving of 18 cents a bushel.

Y. M. C. A. Open House Party Tonight 7:30-9:30 Games and Water Sports Refreshments Public Invited