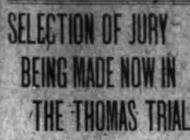
THE CONCORD DAILY TRIBUNE



Case Was Called Early To- Industry During Last Month day in Rowan County Superior Court.—Jury Will Come From Special Venire

MUCH INTEREST IN THE TRIAL

Large Number of Witnesses From This City and Kannapolis Were on Hand for Opening of Court.

O. G. (Red.) Thomas, Charlotte gate salesman, is again on trial for the fatal shooting of Arthur J. Allen, of this city., in Kannapolis on the night of October 25, 1921. The second trial of Thomas got underway in Salisbury this morning in Rowan County Superior Court, and the case was given precedent over everything on the criminal docket in that court.

Judge James L. Webb, of Shelby, is

presiding at the trial. At the first trial Judge J. Bis Ray presided. There has been a big change in the personnel of Thomas' counsel since the first triat. Only one Concord lawyer is taking an active part in the defense now, that being T. D. Maness, while at the former trial Mr. Maness was assisted by Frank Armfield, M. B. Sherrin, J. Lee Crowell and John M. Ogleshy of this city. Other lawyers appearing for the defendant now are Lim and Linn, R. Lee Wright and P. S. Carlton, all of Salisbury, and E. T. Cansler and John J. Parker, of Charlotte, who took part in the first

The personnel of the State's counse has not undergone such a radical change.— H. S. Williams and L. T. Hartsell will again appear in the casel as will L. C. Caldwell, of Statesville, and Hayden Clement, of Statesville, and Hayden Clement, of Sallsbury. The latter was solicitor at the first trial. Zebulon Long, of Statesville, will represent the State as solicitor at the present trial.

More interest than expected is being shown in the case, according to rehorts: from Salisbury today, When the case was called this morning, say has bury reports, the court room was packed, and the case is being discus-

packed, and the case is being discus-sed very freely in that city. It is generally believed in Salisbury that that Thomas will get an impartial trial in that city, judging from com-ments made by Salisbury people. About forty people from this city and Kannapolis went to Salisbury this morning, having been summoned as witnesses. Some of them expect to complete their testimony in the early stages of the trial, while others believe they will have to remain in Sal-

isbury for several days.

The entire session of court this morning was taken up with the selection of jurymen, which are to be chosen from a special venire of 100,

picked Monday afternoon.

It is believed the trial will not be completed under a week's time.

#### Five Jurors Chosen. (By the Associated Press.

Salisbury, Feb. 14.—Selection of a Salisbury, Feb. 14.—Selection of a jury to try O. G. (Red) Thomas, Charlotte full salesman, charged with baying killed Arthur J. Allen last year at Kannapolis, was begun in Superior Court here today and five jurors had been chosen by noon. The case was brought here on a change of venue after Thomas had been convicted once and granted a new trial. and granted a new trial,

Mrs. Robert Lowe, who testified at Thomas' first trial when he was sen-Thomas first trial when he was sentenced to 18 years in the state penitentlary, is seriously ill in Nashville, Tena., it was said by attorneys for the State. The prosecution claims she was riding in an automobile, with Thomas on the night of the killing, and the defense asked each venireman if the fact that a married woman had, been rating with a married man would nce their verdict.

88 Cent Sale at Efird's.

In a page ad, today in this paper Efird's amounces a big 88 Cent Sule for Thurislay, Friday and Saturday, It will be to your interest to read the ad, carefully and see just what the company will offer for SS cents during the sale.

The sale will continue for three days only. Be on hand at the opening and get then the goods you select when you read the ad.

#### Piedmont Theatre TODAY AND TOMORROW

**Roy Stewart** 

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"A Motion to Adjourn'

From the Caturday Evening Post Story by Perer B. Kyne, Also a Rolin Comedy

"Soak the Shiek

# THE THOMAS TRIAL RECORD FOR COUNTRY

Showed Greatest Activity in Its History, According to Late Statistics.

ACTIVE SPINDLES WERE 35,240,853

Cotton Consumed During the Month Totalled 610,375, an Amount Exceeded Only Twice in History.

(By the Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 14.—Cotton manufacturing showed greater activity dur ing January than at any time in the history of the industry. The number of cotton spindles active during the month passed the 35,000,000 mark, for the first time, the Census Bu-reau's monthly report issued today, showing the number to have been 35,

Consumption of cotton during Jan-uary totalled 610,375 bales which has exceeded only twice, in March 1916 and in May 1917.

The growth of the cotton spinning industry in colton growing states is largely responsible for the increased adivity. In January cotton growing states consumed more cotton than in any other menth in their history, and Palme the number of active spindles was plant. larger than ever before.

Cotton Consumed During January, Washington, Feb. 14.Cotton consu ed during January amounted to 610, 375 bales of lint and 49,864 of linters. compared with 527,945 of lint and 49, 078 of linters in December; and 526, 698 of lint and 43,626 of linters in January last year, the Census Bureau

#### WOULD MUZZLE PAPERS Fieklin Would Prohibit Publication of

Execution Stories.
Raleigh, Feb. 13.—E. B. Ficklin, of Greenville, member of the state prison board, made public tonight a bill to be introduced in the legislature tomorprehibiting the publication of descrip-tive accounts of electrocutions in the

Mr. Ficklin announced some weeks ago his intention to have this bill introduced, declaring that the elaborate and, in many instances, harrowing accounts of electrocations were creating an unjustified sentiment against capital punishment. The state prison board today endorsed the proposal of Mr. Ficklin and voted to support his The prison authorities also sup-

Display before the public of the gruesomness of electrocutions has become so elabroate during the last cial circles and among persons who recognized the necessity for the penalty. Much of the descriptive writ-ing about electrocutions has been in keeping with the confessed efforts of some news writers to creat a senti-ment in favor of abolishing capital punishment by painting harrowing ple-

tures of executions.

As a matter of fact, there is nothing in an electrocution that is more gruesome or harrowing than any death scene. Pen pictures of death on the sick bed can be, and have been, painted with as pathetic effect and horrifying reaction as those of electrocutions. Electrocutions at the state prison, at least in the experistate prison, at least in the experi-ence of this correspondent, have been carried out with a serious matter-of-factness in keeping with the judg-ment of the courts. Any scene of death affords material for the greatest of dramatic effect, however, and the scenes at the state prison have been worked excessively.

#### THE COTTON MARKET

Opening Decline in Response to Low er Cables From Liverpool. (By the Associated Press,

New York, Feb. 14.—An opening decline of 5 to 10 points in the cotton market today was in response to lower layerpool cables and overnight selling liverpool cables and overnight selling orders which appeared to come from the South, New Orleans and Wall Street sources. There was a good deal of buying on the bullish report of the Census Bureau on domestic consumption for the month of January, however, and prices firmed up right after the call with May advancing from 28.13 to 28.33, and with the general list soon showing net gains of 5 to 11 points.

the call with May advancing from 28.13 to 28.83, and with the general list soon showing net gains of 5 to 11 points.

Cotton futures opened steady: March 27.87; May 28.13; July 27.65; October 25.20; December unquoted.

Thirty-Seven Schools Close in Buncember County, (By the Associated Press.)

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 14.—Thirty-seven six-month term schools have closed their annual session to open again in August. The remaining 29 long term schools will continue until the seven, eight and alne months terms have been completed.

The only French word in the Bible and Kannapolis.

The only French word in the Ribie is "Brait," meaning a noise or disturbance. It occurs in Jeremiah 10:22 and the reas n it got there was because and the reas n it got there was because Norman-French was the official land in London. Kensington Palace was gauge at the time of the Ribie's first one of the first buildings to England thin-lation into English.

10:2 and at present serves about 1,000 homes and 1,000 homes and husdness houses in this city ribid in combined Jaw power and cquipment of teeth is the shark. The hammer-head shark may have as many as five rown of triangular teeth, while a tiger shark can sever a man's body with a single bite, exercising a jaw thus lation into English.

### Search of Jones Grave Will Be Made at Once

New York, Feb. 14.—Proparations ing the geme in America came early insert made this morning to open the Brooklyn grave of Seamin James, to determine whether his casked contained any of the Russian crown jewels.

A full empany of soldlers joined the milliary guard which has been on duty for more than a month at the National cometery at Cypress Hills. The company was drawn up in front of the cemetery gaic, and announcement was made that no one would be permitted to witness the dishermment except the military and agents of the treasury department.

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The transport of the Russian crown jewels was found in the coffin of isemmen James Jorts when the body buried in a Brooklyn cemetery, was disintered today by the government.

The first concrete evidence that the the government.

RAW SUGAR MARKET

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hour's trading.

Authorized.

for the college.

plans.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 14.-After advances

High Point, Feb. 13,-Meeting here

today, trustees of the North Carolina

and the erection of two dormitories

in the immediate future so that the

It was intimated that work on these

the completion of the college.

INVESTIGATION STARTS

Washington, Feb. 14.—An investiga-tion to determine whether civic rights

of American citizens have been abridg-

ed or denied during labor controver

sies in the coal industry, and whether

breaches of civil or criminal law have

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## Cheaper Gas For City is Promised After March 1st

Concord & Kannapolis Gas Company Announces Voluntary Reduction of 10 Cents Per 1,000 Cubic Feet .-Further Reductions May Be Made at Later Dates.

Chenper gas for Concord is assured by the announcement made today by the Concord & Kannapolis Gas Company that beginning March first it will reduce its rate in Concord and Kannapolls 10 cents per 1,000 cubic feet The announcement was made by Mr Walter Whetstone, of Philadelphia President of the company, who spent Tuesday and today with Mr. John S. Palmer, manager of the local gas

"Beginning March first." the an nouncement of the company states, "the charges for gas will be reduced 0 cents per 1,000 cubic feet, making the rate on and after that date \$2.40 gross, \$2.30 net." The minimum rate will be continued its at the present \$1.00 per month,

In announcing the reduction Mr. Whetstone declared the company "had kept the public trust" by the fact that it "made no promise but indicated that as soon as it got its property into the black instead of the red" it would take a chance and voluntarily reduce

its rate. The reduction is made voluntarily on the part of the company," he stated, pointing out that permission of made, as such permission had to be secured before the last increase was

Mr. Whetstone stated that the com pany hoped to so popularize the use of gas that the "community will make larger use of this particular public utility."

"We appreciate very much the long suffering of the general public," he continued, "and we have not continued the high rate longer than was absolutely necessary.
"Gas is a necessity in a community

as is indicated by the fact that com munities not enjoying gas as a public utility are making daily overtures to us to build them a plant. It is not profitable to build such plants due to the fact that it takes at least five years to bring the plant up to economic production, and during that time the the rate in Concord that a new community would not be able to stand for

Mr. Whetstone was of the opinion that the reduction announced for March first would not be the only one to be made by the company in the mean future. If the reduction in price causes more people to use gas, or the present users to consume more gas, auother reduction in rates will be made and Mr. Whetstone expressed the hope that this can be done in the near fu ture.

"We hope to be able to progressive ly continue these rate reductions," he said, "and we believe it is now up to the present consume to become a boost-er for the local gas plant and induce his neighbor to use gas. When the consumption of gas under the reduction rate increases enough to counter act the loss in income caused by the is able rate reduction, the company plans to dents. another cut in price.

The last increase granted the com pany was in January, 1922, when the Corporation Commission granted a request of the company to be allowed to increase its rate to \$2.50 gross and \$2:40 net. In its announcement the company states that the increase was sought only because "for months dur-ing and after the World War it continued to serve gas to this, community at a considerable loss," and that when it appealed to the commission it "in-dicated that as soon as possible it

Bluffs" Made by Turks Are Playing Out With Allies, Who Will Not Comply With Ultimatum.

ALLIED ANSWER SENT TO TURKS

Who Have Not Sent a Reply to It.—Believed the Terms of Lausanne Treaty Will Be Accepted.

Paris, Feb. 14 (By the Associated Press).—The representative of the Auporn government at Smyrna has not yet delivered the reported ultimatum for the withdrawai of the warships there to the allied chiefs.

In French dipiomatic circles the opinion is expressed that the Turks have reached the end of their string of "bluffs," and now are auxious to settle matters definitely and the feeling is that the Lausanne terms will be accepted without important modifica-

Answer Ultimatum BREAK 100 POINTS London, Feb. 14 (By the Associated Press).—The wording of the joint note the allied high commissioners in Constantinople were to have handed yesterday to Adran Bey, Turkish nationalist representative in reply to the demand for the withdrawal of war-After Advances of 28 to 72 Points at Opening, Market Broke 100 Points, the Maxships from Smyrna harbor, was left to the discretion of the allied repre sentatives on the scene, but it is un-derstood in official circles the note declares the Turkish demands are un acceptable.

ANOTHER CATHOLIC

of 28 to 72 points at the opening of the raw sugar futures market today. prices broke 100 points, the maximum fluctuation allowed in one day's trad-

By the Associated Press.

fluctuation allowed in one day's trading, by the exchange.

Yesterday's specticular advance of
100 points had left many buying around
the ring. Today these orders were executed, causing an advance May and
July selling as high as 6.40.

After the execution, however, there
was, beayay Unulantion, and prices
tumbled one cent a pound in the first
hour's trading. Montreal, Feb. 14.—Trinity Church, the oldest Anglican church in Canada, which recently passed into the hands of Syrian Catholies, was destroyed by

fige early loday.

The cause of the blaze has not been determined. The church was the 14th Catholic institution in Canada to be attacked by flames, within the last

METHODIST PROTESTANTS WILL COMPLETE COLLEGE Detectives Guard Home of Campaign For Funds in Interest of High Point Institution Has Been Private Harold McCormick.

Chicago, Feb. 13.-Guarded by a score of private detective, Harold F. McCormick, head of the executive Methodist Protestant college faid plans looking towards the completion of the college administration building committee of the International Har rester company, and his Paris bride prima Ganna Wa'ska Puacz, Polish lonno, who were re-married today to comply with the Illinois divorce laws, remained in seclusion tonight at the institution might open its doors at the earliest possible time. The trusteen estate of Mr. McCormick's mother in

Akthough the ceremmony was Mme, riculum and the choosing of a faculty Walska's fifth and Mr. McCormlek's third, it was marked by all the usual flourishes. A truck load of flowers MISS CUYLER The first step of the trustoes cook ing towards completion of the cottege filled the house, 20 musicians played was the authorization of Dr. R. M. Andrews, chairman of the board, to the wedding march and a caterer from a downtown hotel served an elaborate draw up plans for a state-wide campaign for funds, and to appoint and wedding breakfast for the small party the bride and bridegroom, Mrs. C lirect a committee to carry out the H. McCormick, Sr., and Mrs. Emmons Blane the bridegroom's sister, and th The trustees also instructed Herbert B. Hunter, architect, to com-plete the plans for two dormstories. Rev. Fred V. Hawley, who performed the ceremony.

The wedding took place at noon buildings would be started as soon as the license for the marriage to legalize in Illinois the ceremony perthe plans are finished. | Arrangements have not been made formed in Paris ast August having been obtained during the morning. for the opening of the college next fail, but the trustees are anxious that The names and ages written upon the institution open as soon as pos-sible, and, according to enthusiasm

records were as follows: "Harold Fowler McCormick, 50 shown by them today, they will push years old. "Ganna Walska Puacz, 31 years

The administration building now lacks only the finishing touches, out the trustees say that they do not want The re-marriage was made necessary by the provision of the Illinois to open the college until the two law forbidding the marriage of divorced persons within a year after dormitories are built and the college

is able to care adequately for its stu-Five Community Fairs in Mecklenburg This Year. (By the Associated Press.) Federal Coal Commission Starts Investigation Concerning Civic Rights of Mine Workers.

/ (By the Associated Press.)

granting of the decree.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 14.—Five communities—Sharon, Dixie, Steel Creek, Huntersville and Black Creek have voted to hold fairs during the line with the rehabilitation of the Mecklenburg Community Fair Associa-

been involved, with a purpose of fixing responsibility was begun today by the Federal coal commission. Former Vice President Marshall, one of the commission members, was detailed to What the Mail Carrier Does.

there was sold 14,000,000 postage stamps, 57,000,000 special delivery stamps, 38,000,000,000 newspaper wrap-pers, and over 1,000,000,000 postal make the preliminary examination. Gives Radium to Winston-Salem Hos Gives Radium to Winston-Salem Hospital,

One the awaretated Press,

Winston-Salem, Feb. 14.—Mr. Bowman Gray, of this city, has presented to the City Memorial Hospital a sufficient quantity of radium for use in all cases to which it is applicable in treatment, Dr. Thomas Redfern, superintendent, has announced.

WILL INVESTIGATE THE DEATH OF J. J. WILKES

Raleigh Police Relieve Fatal Wound May Not Have Been Self Inflicted. (By the Associates Press.)
Ruleigh, Feb. 14.—A coroner's in quest into the death of J. J. Wilkes

of Atlanta, Ga., traveling sale who died in a local hospital today from wounds about the will be held this afternoon. Wilkes was removed to a hospital Sun-day night he was suffering from a severe cut just behind the left ear, and a wound in the back of the head.

Wilkes was found lying in a pool of blood in his room at a local hotel Sunday night. He told the police, they say, that he received the wound back of his ear when he stumbled and fell on a nail file. Later, according to the police, Wilkes declared that he had been in a liquor party with some women and had been "drugged." The police were unable to gain from Wilkes whether he had engaged in a fight. City authorifies yesterday issued i warrant charging Wilkes with at tempting to commit suicide.

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—J. J. Wilkes, a traveling salesman of Atlanta, Ga., who was found with a deep gash in his throat at a local hotel Sunday night, died at a Raleigh hospital early today. A warrant was issued by fo lice authorities yesterday charging Wilkes with attempting to commit snielde

The authorities are trying to locate Wilke's relatives in Atlanta. Wilkes is said to have fived at one time, in Charlotte, where he owned a home. POLLARD CLAIMS HE HAL

BEEN FALSELY ACCUSED Richmond Man Held on Murder Charge

Criticises Newspapers, Richmond, Va., Feb. 13.—Breaking the rigid silence he has maintained since his arrest, Thomas Pollard, young real estate man, who is on trial here for the murder of Mrs. Thelma Ham Richardson, a pretty divorcee, who wis killed at the Pollard home on the night of December 11, in an interview with newspapermen today declared his innocence and insisted that the shooting of the woman was an accident. Pollard declared that he had been

"falsely accused," and expressed the hope that "the public will withhold judgment until the facts are presented in their true light in court." Refer-Church Recently Purchased by Syrian clam of the press and declared that Catholics in Canada Destroyed by the newspapers "poison the press and declared that Fire. ring to stories printed in the newspaattended a number of public functions since his arrest and declared that he never left his home except when ac-companied by his counsel.

The interview took place in Pollard's cell in the city jail, to which he was committed yesterday by Judge David C. Richardson, who ruled that the defendant could not be granted freedom during the trial. Pollard had been at liberty under \$10,000 ball which he made on the night of the tragedy.

Fourteen talesmen were in the jury box when court adjourned shortly af ter noon today. The special venire of 75 men who reported this morning year exhausted within three hours with only ten of the number qualifying as tentative jurors. Six more are needed to complete the tentative panel of 20 men, from which the jury of 12 men will be selectd. Another venire of 50 men has been summoned for tomorrow and opposing counsel expreswill be completed in another day.

MISS CUYLER INJURED

Automobile Turus Over on Them-Miss Cuyler's Back is Broken. Rishmond, Va., Feb. 13.—A burred windshield and a wet roadway were

said by police tonight to have been responsible for the automobile accident in which Benjam'n S. Rucker, member of a local tobacco firm, was kill ed and Miss Grace Barton Cuyler, and six children. An 11-year-old prominent New York society girl, was daughter and two sons, nine and six, seriously injured late last night, when the car in which they were riding overturned in a western suburb.

It was said that Rucker was thinded by a mist which had collected on off the payament When the driver atempted to steer the machine back to the roadway, it is said, the car overturned, pinning Mr. Rucker and Miss Cupler beneath Rucker was killed instantly. Richard S. Pauletts, a 1003 lawyer, and Miss Josephine Buckner also of New York, were thrown clear of the car and escaped injury.

Miss Cuyler, whose back was brok was reported in a serious condition conight. Physicians at the hospi tal, however, entertain hope for her recovery.

Large Tobacco Sales Reported. (By the Associated Press.)

Winston-Salem, Feb. 14.-A total of 31,477,806 pounds of leaf tobacco has been sold in the local market since the to damaging much wearing apparel, season opened last September, officials A light was burning in the rear of the have announced. The tobacco has store when the police arrived and as brought growers \$8,447,598.71 in cash, they entered the second floor, facing The average for the season is \$26.83 per hundred pounds.

Fair at Greensboro in October Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 14.—The Central Carolina fair will be held in Greensboro the second week in Octoher this year, according to an agre-ment reached by the directors.

## Debt Funding Bill Gets Consideration in Senate

Washington, Feb. 14.—An agree-ment between Senate republican and democratic lenders on the British debt funding bill reported to have been reached informally today, would strike out the House provision authorizing the submitted to Congress.

## FOR LECKLATUR AME CAID TO REST

House Votes to Continue Special Committee Making Check Now of Finan-

cial Standing of State.

PLAN TO GET REPORT LATER

Auditors Think It Will Be April First, Perhaps, Before They Have Completed Their Examination.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 74 (By the Associated Press).—All rumors relative to an expected recess of the General Assembly were laid to rest today when Speaker Dawson of the House, introduced a resolution providing that the special finance committee be continued in force and report back to the Gov-ernor and council of state after the special committee reported that the au-dit ordered by the committee would not be ready before April 1.

The report of the special committee stated that the auditors would not be ready during the legal period of the session, which ends on March 3, and Mr. Dawson's resolution passed unanimously after it had been amended to provide that printed copies of the report be mailed to members of the General Assembly.

Raleigh, Feb. 14 (By the Associat-Press) .- Refusing a substitute bill, but accepting an amendment to the original measure, the Senate today by a roll call vote of 42 to 2 ed on its third reading the bill which proposes to raise the "age of consent" to 16 years. The amendments to the bill provide that a female defendant under the proposed law would be charged with a "misdemeanor" instead of a felony; that marriage of the defendants would be a bar to further prosecution; and that all defendants under 16 years of age would be in the jurisdiction of the juvenile the

The Senate majority registered in favor of the bill does not judicate th nature of the debate-which preceded the roll call, as that was vigorous and was accompanied by efforts to send the bill back to committee. Reasons assigned for the movement to re-refer were not fundamental objections to the proposed legislation, but the contention that the details of the measure were undesirable and that the numerous amendments were confusing. The bill now goes to the House for currence.

NEGRO KILLS WHITE MAN NEAR LUMBERTON

Metco Horn, Father of Six Children, Murdered By Brack Prudle, Who Escapes. Lumberton, Feb. 13.-Brack Prudle,

negro, shot and instantly killed Meteo Horn, white man, at Horn's home about seven miles north of here, at 7 o'clock this morning. Two shots were fired by the negro, both taking effect.

A quarrel over 40 cents seems to have started the trouble. A posse organized shorty after the shooting came within 300 yards of the negro, shooting who was trying to escape, and fired several shots at him, but afternoon he had not been cantured.

The murdered man leaves a wife were the only eye-witnesses to the shooting The escaping negro told his grandfather that he shot Horn had assaulted him with a trace chain. The wife of the murdered man the windshield and drove the macaine has had medical attention since the shooting, she being in a such that she could not withstand the shock of the affair.

Macon Police Shoot at Reflections and Ruin Plate Mirrors. Macon,, Ga., Feb. 13. Dannenburg

department store officials late today after what they termed a "careful in-vestigation" declared that the police who entered their establishment Sunday night in search of burglars gaged in a gun battle between them-selves and their reflections in the big mirrors in the store. Officials further declared that there were no burniars in the store at the time.

Bullets shattered several hundred

dollars worth of mirrows in addition a number of mirrors their shadows in the soft darkness presumably and the appearance of burglars moving about the store, officials said.

Armour & Co. Stock Doclines in Price Chicago, Feb. 14.—Armour & Com-pany preferred shares dropped \$7 in value today to \$86, with trading in the stock the most active ever known. Selling of the stares was influenced by announcement that the control of J. Ogden Armour's interest in the packing industry had bon transferred to Juniters for a period of five years.