

Chasman Page Visits This City on Business

With High Officials of the Southern Railway Co. He Makes Inspection of New Route to Kannapolis.

ROUTING OF ROAD BROUGHT VISITORS

It is Believed Controversy Over Underpass or Overhead Bridge Brought the Officials to the City.

Frank Page, chairman of the State Highway Commission, the district engineer of the commission, and high officials of the Southern Railway Company spent several hours in Concord today making an inspection of the Kannapolis road to determine whether an underpass or an overhead bridge will be constructed to carry the present grade crossing at Cook's crossing.

The Southern officials here are E. Herman, assistant to the Vice President, of Washington, D. C., C. D. McKay, mail traffic director, of Washington, and Mr. Buckley, maintenance of way expert, of Charlotte.

Mr. Herman is traveling in his private car, No. 12, with Mr. McKay traveling in his car, No. 15. One party came to Concord on train No. 11 from Winston-Salem, and the other came from Charlotte on train No. 36. Mr. Page and his engineer also came on train No. 36 from Charlotte.

Immediately after reaching the city the party left in autos to make an inspection of the Kannapolis road. The trip here was made necessary by changes in the original plans of the Highway Commission relative to the construction of the road over the tracks of the Southern.

The commission first planned to build an underpass, it is understood, but later decided to construct an overhead bridge. This action brought protests from a number of people of the county, including the county commissioners, who passed a resolution asking the commission to adopt its original plans and construct the underpass.

It is generally understood here that the request for the overhead bridge was made by railroad officials, and the visit of the officials here today is construed as a step in their plans to convince the commission that a bridge and not an underpass should be built.

Mayor Womble stated to a representative of The Tribune that he would seek an interview with the Southern officials and ask them to pave the company's road at the passenger station, and also the truck road in the rear of the freight depot, where freight cars are unloaded. Mr. Womble went to the station as soon as he learned the party was here, but the officials had already left when he arrived.

The city has been negotiating with the Southern for some time relative to a paved road at the two stations, and Mayor Womble was determined to take this opportunity to present the matter to the officials in person. The road at the passenger station has been in bad condition for years, and Mayor Womble expressed pleasure that the officials should visit Concord after a time when they can see for themselves just how rough and wet the road becomes after each rain.

The Southern officials will leave on No. 46 for Washington. They plan to make other stops in the State, and will probably attach their cars to train No. 82 or train No. 83 tonight.

To Discuss Narcotic Drug Acts. New York, April 14.—All arrangements have been completed for the twelfth annual convention of the American Drug Manufacturers' Association to be held in this city during the coming week, with headquarters at the Hotel Biltmore. One of the chief subjects of discussion at the convention will be narcotic drug legislation. The model State narcotic act which has been worked out by a conference of physicians and pharmacists, representing the American Medical Association and various retail, wholesale and manufacturing pharmaceutical associations will furnish the basis for the discussion of the question.

A DEED OR RENT RECEIPTS?

Which would you rather have after a few years—A Deed to Your Own Home, or a Bunch of Rent Receipts?

Every man owes it to his wife, his children, and to himself to provide a permanent home for those dependent upon him.

Home ownership reveals in a man or woman the qualities of Thrift, Self-Respect and good citizenship.

It is easy to come into possession of a home. All that is necessary is to put aside each day a small amount of one's earnings in the Cabarrus Building Loan and Savings Association. Start today by taking some money to Series No. 51 now open. All stock is paid in cash. Loans can be made on short notice—that means at once. Begin Now.

Cabarrus County Building Loan and Savings Association

OFFICE IN CONCORD NATIONAL BANK.

NEW CONSUMPTION OF COTTON RECORD MADE LAST MONTH

During March 623,105 Bales of Lint Were Used, With South Using More Than Half That Number.

392,027 BALES USED IN SOUTH

This Was 40,787 More Bales Than Were Used in May, 1917, the Former Record Month.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, April 14.—New records in cotton manufactures were established during March when more cotton was consumed than in any month in the history of the industry. Total consumption was 623,105 bales of lint, or more than 100,000 bales larger than consumption in March a year ago, the Census Bureau reported today.

The new record of consumption exceeds the previous record made in May, 1917, by almost 8,000 bales. Consumption in cotton growing states also was a record, 392,027 bales having been used, compared with the previous record of 351,240 bales in May, 1917.

BEK REPRESENTATIVES HOLD A CONFERENCE

Store Managers Meet in Charlotte to Talk Over Business Conditions in Three States.

The quarterly meeting of the managers of the Bek stores, more than 20 in number, the managers coming here from North and South Carolina and Virginia, was held yesterday afternoon at the Charlotte store. W. H. Bek, B. F. Matthews and H. A. McLaurin acting in the capacity of hosts.

The Bek store representatives who were here for the conference to discuss business conditions in the sections where the Bek stores are located, were presided over in their meeting by W. H. Bek, of the Charlotte office. The Bek store representatives who were present were: Dr. J. M. Bek, Monroe; Dr. W. L. Stapp, Monroe; W. A. S. W. Harry, Salisbury; J. C. Daughtrick, Rocky Mount; J. E. Boykin, Durham; W. O. Johnston, Lincoln; S. W. McKnight, Greer; S. C. F. Leggett, Danville; V. J. R. Schrumm, Cranston; S. T. Howell, Albemarle; W. A. Leggett, Burlington; A. F. Stevens, Winston-Salem; V. G. Leonard, Reidsville; G. C. Stowe, Laurinburg; J. B. Walker, Greenwood; J. C. Williams, Wilmington; T. B. Brown, Greensboro; W. E. and P. M. Gallant, Anderson; S. C. K. G. Hudson, Raleigh; Griser Robinson, Statesville; J. M. Ramsey, York; S. C. J. H. Matthews and J. C. Cunningham, Gastonia; J. G. Parks, Concord; H. A. Alford, Kannapolis; K. W. Broome, Hickory; S. V. Brumley, Newton; H. C. Bek, Waxhaw; J. W. and J. F. Stephenson, Rockingham; Cyrus White, Spartanburg; S. C. H. M. Williams, Sanford.

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AUSTIN STATE HELD BY FREE STATE TROOPS

Former Republican Minister of Home Affairs Captured in Mountains. Dublin, April 14 (By the Associated Press).—Irish Free State Troops this morning captured Austin Stack, former republican minister of home affairs, according to the Exchange Telegraph. The ex-minister was hiding in a ditch in the mountains near Kionuel in the district where Liam Lynch was captured recently, the advices stated.

Official Announcement. Dublin, April 14 (By the Associated Press).—Austin Stack, former republican cabinet member, has been captured at Clonmel, by Free State forces. It was officially stated this afternoon.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Decline of 8 Points to Advance of 1 Point. (By the Associated Press.) New York, April 14.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of 8 points to an advance of 1 point, and sold about 19 to 25 points net lower during the early trading, with July declining to 28.20 and October to 25.36. Cotton futures opened steady. May 28.10; July 28.42; Oct. 25.50; Dec. 25.00; Jan. 24.60.

To Conduct 'Courtesy Week.' Chicago, Ill., April 14.—In nearly one thousand towns and cities of the United States and Canada, where Kiwanis clubs are established, a "Courtesy Week" is to be observed during the seven days beginning tomorrow. An educational campaign for the promotion of greater courtesy will be conducted by the organization in unity with the church press, and numerous educational, industrial, and civic bodies.

Five Persons Go Down With Ship. Lews, Del., April 14.—Five persons lost their lives on the Delaware Capes early today when the barge Stroudburn is tow from Norfolk for New England, founded during a gale. The dead include Frank West, captain of the barge, and his wife. One member of the crew named Beach, from Grantsville, N. C., was rescued.

Christian Endeavors to Start Convention Today

Opening Session of Annual Convention of Southern District of State Will Be Held This Afternoon.—Sessions to Be Held in First Presbyterian Church.

The opening session of the annual Southern District Christian Endeavor Convention of South Carolina will be held in the First Presbyterian Church here this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. All sessions of the convention will be held in this church, the closing meeting to be held tomorrow evening.

Twelve counties in this section of the State are members of the Southern District and more than one hundred delegates are expected to attend the sessions of the convention. Quite a large number of delegates and all officers are here for the opening session this afternoon, and many others are expected to attend the session tomorrow. The delegates are being quartered in the homes of the city.

All of the sessions of the convention will be open to the general public, and church workers of the city are given a special invitation to be present.

This afternoon from 5:30 to 6:30 o'clock supper will be served to the delegates and several representatives of the Endeavor Societies in the city at the Y. M. C. A.

Music will play an important part during the sessions of the convention. Between the various addresses musical numbers will be rendered, in addition to several special numbers which have regular places on the program.

The following program will be carried out:

- Theme: The Strength of Youth. Text: I Cor. 10:13. Saturday Afternoon. 4:00—Devotional Service—Rev. J. C. Hovan. 4:15—Report of Secretary. 4:20—Report of President. 4:30—Appointment of Committees. 4:40—Conference Hour: M. S. P.; Charts; Officers; Committees. 5:25—Message from State Union. 5:35—Announcements. 5:45—Miscellaneous. Saturday Evening. 7:30—Devotional Service—Rev. J. C. Hovan. 7:45—Reports of Committees. 8:00—Preparation for Progress. 8:15—Latest Word from Headquarters. 8:30—Address—Rev. J. C. Garth, of Charlotte, N. C. 8:55—A Time to Get Acquainted. 9:20—Prayer for Tomorrow and the Missions. Sunday Morning. 9:45—Visit one of the local Sabbath schools. 11:00—Sermon to Young People—Rev. M. F. Daniels, Supt. Home Missions, Mecklenburg Presbytery. Sunday Afternoon. 3:00—Devotional Services—Rev. J. C. Hovan. 3:15—Four Square Objectives—Steward Laurinburg; J. B. Walker, Greenwood; J. C. Williams, Wilmington; T. B. Brown, Greensboro; W. E. and P. M. Gallant, Anderson; S. C. K. G. Hudson, Raleigh; Griser Robinson, Statesville; J. M. Ramsey, York; S. C. J. H. Matthews and J. C. Cunningham, Gastonia; J. G. Parks, Concord; H. A. Alford, Kannapolis; K. W. Broome, Hickory; S. V. Brumley, Newton; H. C. Bek, Waxhaw; J. W. and J. F. Stephenson, Rockingham; Cyrus White, Spartanburg; S. C. H. M. Williams, Sanford.

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VETERANS PLEASED WITH LAST REUNION

Many Declare the Reunion and Especially Parade, One of Greatest in the History of the Organization.

(By the Associated Press.)

New Orleans, April 14.—Trains departing throughout last night and early today, many of them running in several sections, were emptying New Orleans of the great throngs of grey-clad veterans and visitors who attended the 33rd annual reunion here of the United Confederate Veterans, which came to a close here yesterday, with the veterans parade. Many of the old soldiers declared the reunion and especially the parade one of the greatest in the history of its organization.

Tired and weary, many of the veterans departed for their homes immediately after the parade to await the next meeting of comrades at Memphis next year.

Many interesting songs and sayings were to be heard yesterday as the parade passed along its route.

An automobile with North Carolina flags sang a song, the chorus of which ran something like this: "I'm a Tar Heel bred, 'I'm a Tar Heel bred, 'And when I die 'I'll be a Tar Heel dead."

PLAN TO DISPOSE OF GOVERNMENT VESSELS

President Harding Has Conference With Shipping Board Officials.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, April 14.—A decision was reached by President Harding and members of the shipping board at a two-hour conference here today to proceed at once to the consolidation of the board's foreign trade lines and then offer three lines and ships for sale under the authorization of the merchant marine act of 1920, consolidated in the omnibus statute of consolidated services.

The program decided on further provides that if the government finds itself unable to sell the ships and lines without "justifiable sacrifice" the policy then will be to proceed to direct government operation.

The whole policy as set forth in a white house statement after the conference was declared to be based upon the basic principle that the administration was determined that the United States should have a merchant marine. It was added that in furtherance of that purpose, the support of the shipping interests, the shipping public and the American people is counted upon.

The discussions today which resulted from the failure of Congress to pass the administration shipping bill were said to have tipped both the President and majority of shipping membership were strongly opposed to government operation, and it was explained such a course would be entered upon only as a last resort.

TWO YEARS FOR WHIPPING CHILD

Charlotte Truck Driver Sentenced for Unmercifully Beating Daughter.

Charlotte, April 13.—Two years of hard labor on the county roads was the sentence imposed on Roy Humphrey, aged 32, truck driver on conviction in recorder's court here today of having unmercifully beaten his eight-year-old daughter, Elizabeth.

The child's body was said to have been a mass of welts and bruises, and Mayor Walker decided that feeling was so strong against Humphrey, that on yesterday he had a special guard placed around him which was on duty in court today. There was no disorder, however, save for a burst of applause, which was quickly silenced.

The little girl was said to have been whipped by her father, who has married a second time, after she had spent the night at the home of an aunt. After whipping her he was said to have chained her to a bedpost before he returned to work.

Two physicians testified they counted from 50 to 100 marks from lashes on the child's back and that a number of the blows had cut through the skin. Apparently heavy switches had been used. Humphrey sat most of the time with his head in his hands apparently in tears at times, and it was testified that the only explanation he offered was that "I lost my head," and "there are two sides to everything."

Counsel for the defendant gave notice of appeal and his bond of \$1,000 was continued.

Ask For Data About Sugar.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, April 14.—All members of the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange today received a form letter from the United States Attorney's office asking for an submission of a record of all their customers, and their firms' transactions in raw and refined sugar from January 1st to April 1st.

Eighty-four per cent. of the motor vehicles in the world are owned in the United States.

GEORGIA PAPER POINTS TO NORTH CAROLINA

As the State Which Sets Example for Others in the South.

Atlanta, Ga., April 14 (By the Associated Press).—In urging the adoption of a new tax system and in promoting a progressive program, Georgia newspapers continue to refer to North Carolina, as the state which has set an example for others in the south, the latest reference being an editorial in The Atlanta Constitution.

"North Carolina is pointed to all over America as not only the south's most progressive state, but as one of the most progressive states in the union," the newspapers state. "Agriculture is prosperous. In every village and hamlet, the smoke rises from one or more factories. Why? Because North Carolina's public conscience was aroused when the state was in the grip of retarding individualism, and in that arising a new order of things was put into effect. Industry was encouraged and not hampered. The people were helped and not oppressed. The county seats were linked by highways. The revenue system was stabilized, and taxes were made investments and not burdens."

"North Carolina contributes more each year to the maintenance of her penitentiary and eleemosynary institutions than Georgia does in five."

"There is no extravagance, no reckless spending of money, no needless disbursements."

"The whole thing is made an investment into better and more thorough training of the men and women for business and agriculture and industry for forces of construction as against untrained forces of destruction—and the state funds, along with its \$100,000,000 system of highways, investments hat are paying dividends in a state progress that is sweeping the name of the Old North State around the world."

"What is Georgia doing?" the newspaper asks after referring to other states. "The story has often been told. The university, the oldest in the country, gets \$85,000 a year with nothing for improvements; the Tech gets \$110,000 a year, with an expansion program that cannot be used for lack of funds; the State Normal, the schools for delinquents, the sanatoriums, all are being starved at the same ratio."

"Georgia must have more state revenues—that is unmistakable. How? Look into what other state with less population, as in North Carolina, or with relatively the same, as in Michigan, and see what they are doing. Open the book of facts and study. Virginia has solved the problem, and with a property tax rate of one-half of Georgia's, has a state income of nearly double. An equitable distribution of taxes is what creates greater revenue, not a system of tax increases that opens the flood gates for munificence and looting."

"The responsibility is up to the people of Georgia and to their representatives in the assembly. The call is a call for unity and duty—a call for construction and statesmanship. It will admit of no jealousies. It will brook no defiance by petty politicians."

"There is an awakening in Georgia!"

"The Constitution points to the progress Georgia has made, but asserts that 'there are stumbling blocks in the path that must be moved.'"

"As a basic principle of economics," it continues, "capital seeks investment after and not anticipating or during a period of reformation in a state's tax system."

"Hence the importance, and its importance cannot be minimized nor neglected, for Georgia to adopt a fair and dependable tax system at the coming legislature as a part of this great co-ordinated program sweeping over Georgia in the interest of better farming, more industry, a smoke stack in every town and village; and a community democracy that shall tear down the lines between city and city, and town and town, and between the urban and the rural, linking Georgians of all lines and trades and professions, from the lights of Tybee to the peaks of Rabun, into one homogeneous force for progress."

FOUR HUNDRED MISSING AS RESULT OF TIDY WAVE

Storm on East Coast of Korea Causes Loss of Many Lives.

Tokio, April 14 (By the Associated Press).—Four hundred persons, including a large number of fishermen, are missing as a result of a tidal wave and storm on the east coast of Korea, according to advices received in Tokio by the Japanese Navy Department.

The total number of lives lost is uncertain, but it is believed to be large.

Weather Forecast for Next Week. Washington, April 14.—The weather outlook for the week beginning Monday is:

South Atlantic States: Generally fair with temperature below normal the first part of the week, and normal thereafter.

Plan for State Port Development One Corporation Shows Interest in

Raleigh, April 14 (By the Associated Press).—At least one large concern and possibly others is interested in the development of North Carolina port facilities through Governor Morrison's measure for the improvement of these terminals. It was learned from authoritative sources at the State capital today.

The corporation mentioned here was said to be interested in the development of facilities at Southport. The special commission appointed to investigate the governor's proposal, held

WOODROW WILSON IS OPPOSED TO PLANS OF ADMINISTRATION

Newspaper Article Says Former President Does Not Approve of Harding's Foreign Relations Plan.

SENDS OPINION TO A. B. ROUSE

Chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee, Who Asked Former President for His Views.

(By the Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, April 14.—Former President Wilson is opposed to President Harding's proposal for "conditional" American adhesion to the permanent court of international justice, established at The Hague under the auspices of the League of Nations, the Philadelphia Public Ledger says today in a copyrighted dispatch from Washington.

The dispatch said Mr. Wilson's first formal expression of international affairs since the administration submitted its plan to the Senate on February 24th, was embodied in a letter to Arthur B. Rouse, of Kentucky, chairman of the Democratic Congressional committee, in reply to an inquiry. The letter follows:

"In reply to your letter of March 23, let me say that I approve not of the 'conditional', but of the unconditional adhesion of the United States to the world court set up under the auspices of the league of nations, though I think it will be more consistent with the fame of the United States for candor and courage to become a member of the league of nations and share with the other members the full responsibility which its covenant involves."

MISS MCCORMICK WEDS SWISS CAVALRY OFFICER

Marriage of American Girl to Max Oser Took Place Last Thursday.

London, April 14 (By the Associated Press).—It was confirmed today at the Registry office of Leitham, an outer suburb of Edinburgh, that Mathilde McCormick, daughter of Harold F. McCormick, of Chicago, was married there to Max Oser, Swiss cavalry officer on Thursday.

Father Confirms Announcement. Chicago, Ill., April 14 (By the Associated Press).—Confirmation of the news of the marriage of Mathilde McCormick and Max Oser, the Swiss soldier, was given today by Harold F. McCormick, the bride's father, and chairman of the executive committee of the International Harvester Co. The announcement merely said the marriage took place in London on Thursday, April 12th.

REVEAL ALLEGED PLOTS TO CAUSE DESTRUCTION

Scotland Yard Officers Get Information in Raid.

London, April 14 (By the Associated Press).—Documents revealing plots involving the destruction of life and property in London are reported to have come into possession of Scotland Yard as a result of just night's raid on the residences or resorts of Irish men and women suspected of being republican supporters.

Among the plans said to have been revealed were plots to attack the London lighting and power sources—the underground power stations—efforts to release Irish prisoners (from London prisons, and projected attempts on the lives of high police officials.

Coco Draws Bills of Information Against Many in Moorehouse. New Orleans, April 13.—Thirty-one bills of information charging more than a dozen citizens of Moorehouse parish with various crimes as a result of the activities of masked bands in the parish last year were drawn today by Attorney General A. V. Coco and delivered to District Attorney David I. Garrett to be filed at Bastrop, according to The New Orleans Times-Picayune.

Persons named in the bills, the newspaper declares, include Captain J. E. Skipwith, exalted cyclone of the Moorehouse parish Ku Klux Klan, his son Oliver, Dr. B. M. McKelvin, E. N. "Newt" Gray and T. Jeff Burnett, former Moorehouse deputy sheriff.

The bills will charge conspiracy to commit murder, kidnapping, assault with deadly weapons on the public highway, assault with intent to commit murder and damaging or destroying telephone lines.