

# WILLIE BRANTLEY IS ON TRIAL HERE NOW ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Young White Man is Charged With Rape and Lillian Henry is the Prosecuting Witness.

## SPECIAL VENIRE CALLED TO DUTY

Forty-Four Men Called Before Jury Was Chosen—Prosecuting Witness First to Take Stand.

The only capital case scheduled for trial at the present term of Cabarrus County Superior Court began Friday afternoon when Willie Brantley went on trial to face a charge of rape, conviction for which carries the death penalty in North Carolina.

The prosecuting witness in the case is Mrs. Lillian Henry, 18-year-old wife, who stated in open court that she had been married but that she does not know now where her husband is.

Maness & Sherrin and John M. Oglesby represent the defendant and Solicitor Long is being assisted in the prosecution by Hartwell and Hartwell.

The case was originally called for Friday morning, but in its effort to dispose of all fall cases and other minor cases, court did not take up the case until late Friday afternoon. The case was called about 3:15 o'clock and an hour and forty-five minutes was spent in selecting a jury. Mrs. Henry was the only witness heard at the Friday afternoon session, and court recessed immediately after her direct examination.

Forty-four men were examined before the jury was selected. Included in this list were 14 regular jurors, who were drawn first, and 30 men from a special venire of 50 men.

It is interesting to note that of the men excused most of them were freed from duty on the jury either because they were opposed to capital punishment or because they were not land owners.

It is also interesting to note that only a few of the prospective jurors had ever heard anything of the case. Several stated that they had already formed an opinion, but most of them had heard nothing of the case. Many others knew nothing of the case, they stated, until the jury summons was given to them and they reached the city this morning. No real sentiment has developed in the case, it was apparent from the answers given by the men under examination.

L. L. Mauldin, of Concord, was the first juror accepted. He was a member of the regular jury at the present term of court and five other of his companions on this jury were selected for duty in this special venire.

Other jurors selected were: R. S. White, No. 2 township; M. W. Lyles, Concord; Raymond Greene, No. 10 township; A. M. Hurlocker, Concord; P. L. Cook, No. 4 township; D. W. Page, No. 8 township; James Sutton, No. 2 township; Lem Ferguson, No. 10 township; C. D. Sossaman, No. 10 township; and C. P. Lippard, Concord.

Among those rejected were: W. D. Goodnight, opposed to capital punishment; Guy Bever, refused by defense; Andy J. Linker, opposed to capital punishment; J. L. Harvel, opposed to capital punishment; Barney Chandler, opposed to capital punishment; L. A. Ridenhour, refused by defense; G. F. Kindley, refused by defense; G. M. Owens, had expressed opinion defendant not guilty; R. M. Cook, believed he could not give impartial trial; W. A. Alexander, not free holder; L. W. Russell, refused by State; Homer L. Troutman, refused by defense; T. C. Tucker, not free holder; L. A. Cochran, refused by defense; B. H. Post, refused by defense; W. M. Morgan, refused by State; C. C. Leffer, opposed to capital punishment; A. A. Moore, refused by defense; W. J. Willett, refused by defense; Slim Heglar, not free holder; M. L. Marsh, expressed opinion defendant not guilty; R. W. Stogner, not free holder; J. G. Fry, not free holder; J. M. Roberts, expressed opinion defendant not guilty; Martin A. White, refused by defense; J. C. Sechler, not free holder; N. E. Threedy, opposed to capital punishment; Fred Carroll, not free holder; J. C. Wadsworth, Jr., expressed opinion defendant not guilty; J. Francis Bost, excused because of ear trouble; L. L. Hargett, had made up his mind on case; Fred L. Howell, had made up his mind on case.

About twelve witnesses were sworn in by the State, but judging from the testimony of the prosecuting witness they will have little to testify, as there were no eye witnesses to the alleged crime and most of the State's witnesses apparently will not intimate how many witnesses it would introduce. Neither did counsel for the defense intimate what the nature of its testimony would be.

The father and mother of the defendant, and with him in court and several relatives of Mrs. Henry were in court but they had seats separated from hers.

Mrs. Henry testified on direct examination which was conducted by Mr. Hartwell, that the alleged crime was committed on Thanksgiving night in a piece of woods on the old stage road leading from Concord to Charlotte. She was assaulted, raped, and testified, in both instances against her will and in spite of her pleas and tears. Mrs. Henry also testified that when she threatened to leave the car Brantley declared he would kill her, and she further testified that Brantley told her he would kill her if she told anyone what happened in the

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# ANOTHER CONFLICT SEEMS CERTAIN IN LOWER HOUSE NOW

Next Fight in the House to Be Made Over the Amendment of the Rules, the Leaders Predict.

## DEMOCRATS MAKE POSITION KNOWN

The Insurgents Have Not Announced Policy.—Democrats Take Fight to the House Floor.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 12.—The Interior Department appropriation bill remained before the House today but the interest of the members centered chiefly in committee activities and the prospective fight on Monday over the amendment of the rules.

The decision of the rules committee yesterday not to recommend a number of changes proposed by the republican insurgents and democrats brought an announcement from Representative Garrett, the minority leader, that the democratic members would take their fight to the floor, and leaders of insurgent bloc immediately called a conference for today to determine their course of action.

The rules committee amendment to the rule for discharging committees from consideration of legislation is expected to draw most of the fire. The committee voted to recommend an amendment which would require 150 signatures on a petition for discharge of a committee after Representative Nelson, of Wisconsin, the republican insurgent member, had advocated a minimum of 100 signatures. The three democratic members voted with Mr. Nelson against adoption of the higher figure.

The House and Senate agricultural committees today continued their study of emergency legislation intended to benefit the producers, the former dealing chiefly with the Norris-Sinclair bill providing for creation of a \$300,000,000 marketing corporation and the latter resuming its consideration of the Bureau measure to establish a \$50,000,000 fund to finance wheat farmers in acquiring livestock and otherwise diversifying their interests.

The House Ways and Means committee has progressed in its consideration of the Mellon tax bill to a stage where it is ready to begin hearings Monday, and the House immigration committee has decided to include in its draft of a new restrictive bill provisions limiting the admission of immigrants to 2 per cent. of the number of nationals of each country in the United States in 1890, and admit wives, husbands and children under eighteen years of age, and certain other relatives of foreign born citizens without restriction.

## Challenges Mellon to Debate

Washington, Jan. 12.—Secretary Mellon was challenged today by Senator Couzens, republican of Michigan, to a joint debate on the question of the necessity of reducing income surtaxes from 50 per cent. to 25 per cent., and stopping the issuance of tax-exempt securities as a means of diverting capital to productive enterprises. Meantime the House Ways and Means committee pressed forward to complete consideration of the administrative features of the Mellon tax bill so as to open public hearings on tax reduction provisions next Monday. Republican leaders of the House in dealing with the tax subject gave further thought today to the extent to which the Mellon bill must be modified in order to command a majority vote in the House. A conference on this subject was held yesterday, but apparently the leaders got nowhere.

## Nicholson Is Re-elected

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 12.—Thomas Nicholson, of New York, was re-elected president of the Anti-Saloon League of America today, at a meeting of the executive committee. Wayne B. Wheeler, of Washington, again was chosen general counsel. Other officers also were re-elected.

## Eighty Persons Killed

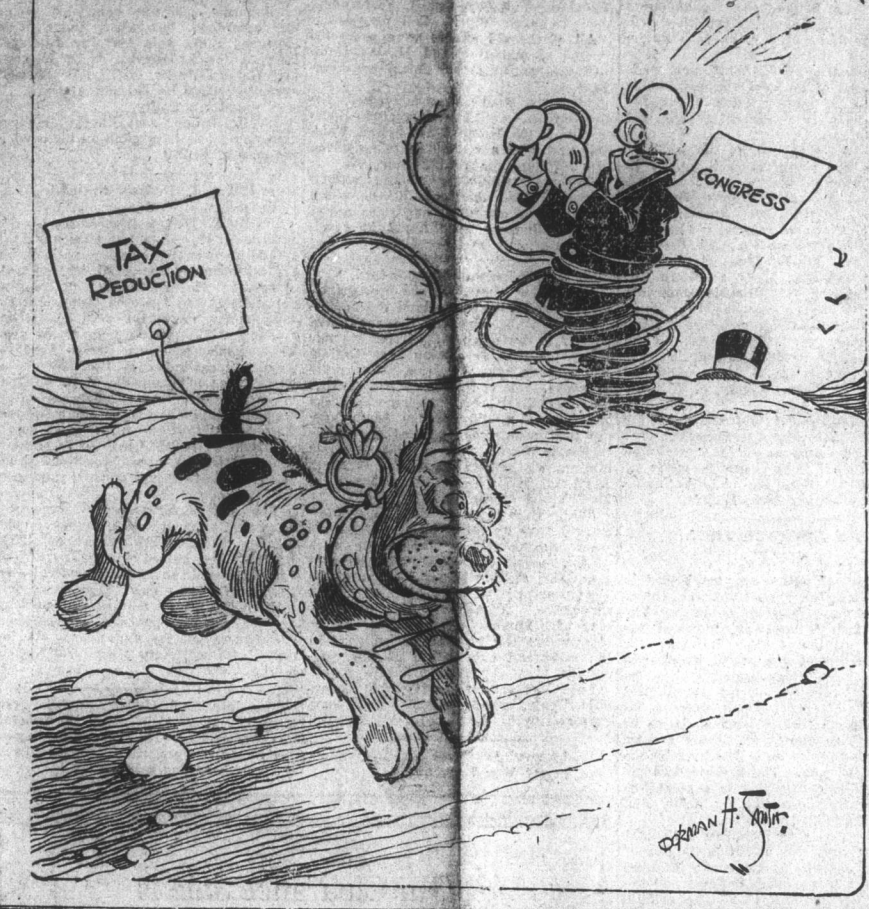
(By the Associated Press.) Manila, P. I., Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Eighty members of the Colorum, a religious society, were killed at Bucas Island last week, in a clash in which a number of constabulary soldiers were slain, official advices from Surigao disclosed today.

The Southern railroad runs through this territory and about twenty years ago it put on something new—an agricultural and industrial agent. In order to make business for the road he knew that he must make the agriculture along the road permanent. His name was Carleton Ball and he started the ball of prosperity rolling by interesting the folks in poultry and cattle.

## SAT'S BEAR SAYS

Fair tonight and probably Sunday colder in west portion Sunday.

# MY, OH MY! ISN'T HE THE PLAYFUL RASCAL?



## FIGURE FORD STOCK AT NEARLY A BILLION

And Experts Figure It Will Be Worth \$1,200,000,000 in Another Year.

New York, Jan. 12.—Experts in Wall Street who for years have wondered what the total stock of the Ford Motor Company was worth yesterday hazarded the estimate of \$840,000,000 and said they believed it would total \$1,200,000,000 in another year.

The computations were based on the public valuation of the Ford Motor Company at \$100,000,000 per share and the one in this country, the former earning \$68 a car and the latter \$67, and the market valuation of the Canadian stock, which is \$425 a share.

Comparing the value of the Canadian stock, the profit per car there and the valuation of the company with the profit per car here plus the United States production, the experts believed they had figured the first definite financial information the financial district ever has had about the Detroit plant.

## Leading Holsteins Average 1,109 Pounds of Butter in Year

Chicago, Jan. 12.—The total yearly production of the leading Holstein cow in each of 47 states is 41,899 pounds of butter, equivalent to 52,111 pounds of butter, according to the advanced register-records of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, recently announced. This production is sufficient to supply each family with one pound of butter in cities the size of Rochester, New York and Portland, Oregon.

The average production of each cow is 1,109 pounds of butter in one year, which is more than the yearly butter yield of five average dairy cows in the United States, the records show. However, it is explained, the production is but 13 times that of the average of the 204 pure bred Holstein cows which have completed yearly records under supervision of the State agricultural colleges and admitted to the advanced register of the national breed association.

## With Our Advertisers

Williammatic and J. & P. Coats spoil cotton on sale today and Monday at Robinson's for only 48 cents a dozen.

The Clearance Sale at the Parker Shoe Store still goes merrily on.

One-fourth off on all suits and overcoats at Browns-Cannon Co.

New Victor records now on sale at the Bell & Harris Music Department.

The Clearance Sale of all merchandise is now going on at Fisher's. Now is the time to buy, too.

The big January Reduction Sale at the Parks-Bell Co.'s will go on all next week and until January 28. All goods are marked in plain figures. The reductions range from 10 to 50 per cent.

## Day-Light Saving May Be Adopted by Greensboro Club

Greensboro, Jan. 12.—It is likely that daylight saving will be invoked to swell the coffers of the Greensboro club of the Piedmont Baseball league, Pierce Tucker, president of the club, going before the Merchants association and asking if the directors want baseball. The directors voted to get behind support.

The way daylight saving will help will be that if it is put into practice the stores can be closed at what will be 5 o'clock by regular time and the employees get a chance to get to the games, something they can not do if they wait until 6 o'clock.

Sunday Will Address Students at Davidson.

## SOUTHERN POWER CO. CAN INCREASE RATES

Permission For Increase Has Been Granted by Corporation Commission of This State.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 12.—The State Corporation Commission today issued an order allowing the Southern Power Co. to increase its rates from the present charge to rates for which it petitioned three years ago, the new rates to become effective February 1st. The order came as the first move in connection with the petition the company made several weeks ago for an increase in rates for electric power furnished to North Carolina mills and power companies.

The rates represent an approximate increase of 10 per cent. on most classes of power furnished.

At the time of the application for an increase made in 1923, J. B. Duke, president of the Power Company, stated that his company would be unable to continue its development of North Carolina's hydro-electric possibilities unless a higher rate was allowed. He added, however, that whether or not the increase was allowed, the activities developed to date would be operated at full blast. The hearing on the petition took place early in December. Only a small number of consumers were represented.

## MUTINOUS CONVICTS CAUSE MUCH DAMAGE

Sixty Prisoners Caused Damage of \$30,000 While They Were in Rebellion.

(By the Associated Press.) Montevallo, Ala., Jan. 12.—Damage amounting to \$30,000 was caused by sixty-six mutinous state convicts who last night surrendered after a day of terror, at the mines of the Thomas Weller Company, at Aldrich, according to estimates today by D. A. Thomas, president of the company.

A rigid inquiry was underway in connection with the outbreak with members of the State board of administration on the ground.

## MISSION SCHOOL HAS BEEN BADLY WRECKED

School Fired on and Damaged by Chinese Soldiers of First Division.

Peking, Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Chinese soldiers of the first division fired on Puyuan Mullens, an American, and Arthur Benson, of the Passionist Mission at Supu and then looted and wrecked the mission school, according to a report from the American consul at Changsha. Neither Mullens nor Benson was injured, although bullets passed through the former's clothing.

## Preparing to Open New Charlotte Hotel

Charlotte, Jan. 10.—A. M. Scales, William Floor, A. G. Wright, Emmett E. Robinson head of the corporation owning the new hotel, Charlotte, the Francis Marion hotel in Charleston, the O. Henry at Greensboro, the New George Washington Hotel in Washington, Pa., are in Charlotte for an inspection of the new hotel here, preparatory to its opening at an early date.

## Grand Jury Continues Inquiry

(By the Associated Press.) Charlotte, Jan. 12.—The grand jury inquiry into dealings in cotton and grain futures in Charlotte was continued today with a number of witnesses due to be heard. The names of six managers of brokerage houses alleged to have dealt in cotton and grain futures yesterday were presented to the jury for indictment.

## Found Dead in Office

San Juan, Porto Rico, Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—J. W. Bonner, treasurer of Porto Rico, was found dead at his desk at 8 a. m. today. He leaves a widow and a son and daughter residing at Ann Harbor, Michigan.

## NEW PASTOR OF ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. L. D. Miller, Pastor of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church at Lenoir, Accepts Call.

(Special to The Tribune.) Lenoir, Jan. 12.—The Rev. L. D. Miller, pastor of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, here, presented his resignation to the congregation Sunday morning, January 6, in order to accept an urgent call to St. John's Lutheran Church, near Concord, N. C. Mr. Miller has been the pastor of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church for five years, and has the respect and affection, not only of the members of his own congregation, but also of the people of the community, and there was keen sorrow at the thought of his leaving. He is now President of the local Ministers' Association, and also, of the Catawba County Lutheran Pastors' Association.

While pastor here, the membership of his congregation has more than doubled, the finances have increased more than 300 per cent., and the church property has been greatly improved, the most recent improvement being the completion of the basement of the church building for Sunday school rooms.

Pastor Miller leaves the congregation here in fine working order. He will enter upon his new work about the first of March.

## CIGAR TOBACCO SHOWED INCREASE DURING YEAR

195,788,000 Pounds Raised During Year.—All States But One Had Increase.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 12.—Production of cigar types of tobacco last year was 195,788,000 pounds, compared with 175,001,000 pounds in 1922 the Department of Agriculture announced today. Production by cigar tobacco increased in all the tobacco states except Ohio.

The crop of all types for snuff and chewing, cigarette and pipe tobacco, totaled 1,298,998,000 pounds in 1923, as compared with 1,071,836,000 pounds in 1922. The burley crop alone jumped 110,000 pounds in 1923. The old belt type of tobacco grown in North Carolina from 275,601,000 pounds in 1922 to 323,600,000 pounds in 1923, and Virginia was 249,500,000 pounds in 1923, as compared with 209,708,000 pounds in 1922, and the new belt crop of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, was 306,847,000 pounds, as compared with 190,060,000 pounds.

## GIVE UP ALL HOPE OF SAVING CREW OF SUB

This Announcement Has Been Made by the British Admiralty.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Jan. 12.—The admiralty today abandoned all hope of saving the lives of the 43 men who went down with the submarine L-24 when it was rammed by the dreadnought Resolution off Portland Bill on Thursday. As soon as the weather moderates the naval officers will take further steps to verify the position of the wreck and ascertain the cause of the disaster.

## May Send Through Trains By Way of Mooresville

Mooresville, Jan. 11.—A rumor is being heard here that the Southern railway is making preparations to send through trains Nos. 31 and 32, running from Washington to Augusta by way of Mooresville, detouring from the main line at Greensboro by way of Winston-Salem. Heavy rails have been laid on the line and when the bridges over Muddy creek and the Yadkin river are reconstructed, the road will be ready for the heavy engines.

## Frish to Get \$15,000

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 12.—Frank Frish, New York Giant baseball player, has been signed for next season at \$15,000 a year, the highest salary ever paid a member of that team.

# PACHUCA IS AGAIN IN HANDS OF THE OBREGON SOLDIERS

Capital of Hidalgo Taken by Federal Troops After the Fighting of Several Days, Starting Wednesday.

## FEDERAL GENERAL KILLED IN FIGHT

General Victor Fonter Killed in Battle.—Loyalists Report Oaxaca Has Been Taken by Mountaineers.

Mexico City, Jan. 11.—(By Radio via Ft. Worth Star Telegram.) (By the Associated Press.)—Pachuca, the capital of Hidalgo, is again in the hands of Obregon troops. Meager reports telling of the fighting there the last few days and of the capture of the city by the rebels were followed today by War Department bulletins telling of the recapture of the city by the Federals.

The fighting started on Wednesday when the rebels attacked. They occupied the city after they had dislodged 70 Federal soldiers by dynamiting a building. Yesterday Federal reinforcements arrived and attacked the rebels taking the city, according to the bulletin. The bulletin said the battle lasted all day and the rebels lost 116 killed and wounded. The Federal general, Victor Fonter, was killed in the battle, the bulletin said.

Today's bulletin explained that the Department in giving out information yesterday that the city had fallen into the hands of the rebels, had accepted reports from that city, telegraphic communication having been cut by the rebels.

The bulletin said that Oaxaca, which was held by the rebels, had been captured by a loyal band of mountaineers under Senor Isaac Ibarra, acting on orders from the central government.

Romulo Figueroa, the rebel chieftain, who has been roaming at will in the southern part of Morelos, advanced to within sight of Cuernavaca, the capital, today, but quickly retreated when he found that the Federals under General Pedro Gabay were enveloping him, according to reports.

The rebels in Vera Cruz are retreating before the advancing Obregon troops, it is reported here.

## THE COTTON MARKET

Yesterday's Decline Followed by Considerable Covering at Opening Today.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 12.—Yesterday's sharp decline was followed by considerable covering at the opening of the cotton market today. First prices were steady at an advance of 7 to 25 points in consequence, with March selling up to 34.10 and May to 34.20. There was further liquidation but it was smaller in volume and the early buying was promoted by rallies from an early decline in Liverpool and reports that preparations are being made to ship about 50,000 bales out of the local stock. After the first flurry of covering was over, however, the demand tapered off, and prices reacted with March selling down to 33.84 and May to 33.95.

Cotton futures opened steady, Jan. 33.92; March 34.10; May 34.20; July 33.82; Oct. 27.97.

## BANDITRY GIVEN MORE ATTENTION AT PRESENT

Cleanup Squad in Philadelphia Keeps Up Drive Against Lawlessness.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Jan. 12.—With nearly 1,000 of the city's 1,200 saloons closed, every known disorderly house and gambling establishment put out of business, and bootleggers driven to cover as a result of the intensive police campaign for the elimination of vice and crime, Brig. Gen. Smedley D. Butler, director of public safety, today turned his attention to banditry and other forms of lawlessness. General Butler said he was satisfied that at least 80 per cent. of the places where vice flourished before the drive had been wiped out. He said that although attention was to be turned to the bandits, vice raids would be continued.

## Gunboat Ordered to Surigao

(By the Associated Press.) Manila, P. I., Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—The gunboat Sacramento has been ordered to the province of Surigao where a number of members of the constabulary have been killed recently by religious fanatics. Sacramento will leave tomorrow.

# BAILEY DEFINITELY IS TO ENTER RACE FOR GOVERNOR

Raleigh Attorney Notifies Chairman of State Democratic Executive Committee of His Decision.

## FULL PLATFORM TO BE ANNOUNCED

Platform to Be Made Public on January 17th.—Has Given Much Thought to the Question.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Joshua W. Bailey, Raleigh Attorney, today definitely announced his decision to be a candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination at the primary in June this year, stating in a letter to State Chairman John G. Dawson, of the Democratic Executive Committee, that he would make the platform on which he will stand in his race public on Wednesday, January 17th.

Mr. Bailey's letter to the state chairman was in answer to one addressed to him by Mr. Dawson in which he stated that "the date when any of the prospective candidates may announce is something addressing itself to the discretion of the candidate himself, and no one will be in the slightest criticized by me for his decision with respect to this matter." Mr. Bailey in his reply asserted that he had reached his decision to announce at the present time "after mature consideration."

## BIG HARVEST BRINGS DOWN PRICES ON TURKISH TOBACCO

The Big Crop Proving a Serious Drawback to the Prosperity of That Region.

Athens, Jan. 12.—The bumper tobacco crop, common to all tobacco-growing states in the Near East, is proving a serious drawback to the prosperity of this region.

The indications are that the world market for the type of tobacco produced in the Near East, formerly designated as "Turkish," is glutted with the product, and its absorbing capacity is today greatly limited, unless producers in Turkey, Greece, Macedonia and Bulgaria are willing to accept much lower prices than they now demand.

Turkey and Bulgaria have each from this year's crop alone about 90,000,000 pounds of leaf, and Greece has about 120,000,000 pounds, chiefly raised in her Macedonian possessions.

All this tobacco is for the manufacture of cigarettes alone. In the United States, for the purpose of manufacture, it is blended, chiefly with Virginia. It might possibly be used for filler in the production of cigars, but that is still a question.

The impracticability of manufacturing cigars out of "Turkish" tobacco was amply proved in Bulgaria a few years ago, when an effort to build up a cigar-making industry of native tobacco proved a flat failure. "Turkish" tobacco does not possess a sufficiently large and tough leaf for the wrapper of a cigar. That is why the demand of America and western Europe for Near East tobacco is limited.

Tobacco in the Near East bears about the same relation to its prosperity that cotton bears to the prosperity of the southern states of the United States. Tobacco is produced even more cheaply in the Balkans than cotton is grown in the South.

But it will not sell this year at anything like the figures for which the producers of the Near East are holding out. The failure to sell the crop at the beginning of winter already is exerting an unfavorable influence on Balkan finances.

## Fiume Annexed to Italy

(By the Associated Press.) Rome, Jan. 12.—Today's newspapers publish telegrams from Belgrade which assert that the Fiume question has been settled by the annexation of Fiume to Italy, and Porto Baros delta to Jugoslavia, with both ports having a common administration.

## Plot to Assassinate President Tomayo

(By the Associated Press.) Guayaquil, Ecuador, Jan. 12.—Advices from Quito say that the police of the capital have discovered a plot to assassinate president of republic, Dr. Tomayo and other political leaders. Thirty-eight arrests, it is said, have been made.

# Concord Merchants to Close Stores at 8:00 P. M. Every Saturday

We the undersigned members of the Merchants Association, agree to close our doors promptly at 8 o'clock every Saturday night, beginning Saturday, January 19th, 1924:

Parks-Bell Co.	Yorke & Wadsworth Hardware Co.
Edwards Department Store	McLellan Stores Co.
Ivey Shoe Co.	Ritchie-Caldwell Co.
S. S. Brown Shoe Store	Ritchie Hardware Co.
J. E. Love	M. R. Pounds
Starnes-Shoe Store	Starnes-Miller-Parker Co.
Richmond-Flower Co.	Citizens Bank and Trust Co.
W. A. Overcash	Cabarrus Savings Bank
Hoover's Inc.	Cash Feed Store
Musette, Inc.	Lippard & Barner
Specialty Hat Shop	Cabarrus Cash Grocery
W. C. Correll Jewelry Co.	Cline & Moore
City Grocery	Orchard Produce Co.
The Propest Co.	Piggy Wiggly
Sanitary Grocery Co.	J. W. Cline
H. B. Troutman	Kidd-Frix Co.