

MARK HOPKINS HEIRS CLAIM BIG FORTUNE OF \$300,000,000

One Hundred and Twenty-Five North Carolinians Claim Share of Immense Wealth of Pioneer.

NEW DISTRIBUTION ASKED BY ESTATE

Pioneer Hopkins Went From Randolph County to California During the Gold Rush of 1849.

BY HENRY LESSESS
International News Service Staff Correspondent.

Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 6.—Out of West has come the hope of a fortune—something like \$300,000,000 representing the present valuation of the estate of Mark Hopkins, the pioneer who trekked from Randolph county, North Carolina, to California during the gold rush of 49.

More than 125 North Carolina claimants have announced that they will start proceedings in the United States District Court here soon in an attempt to establish their right to the Hopkins fortune.

The impending action of the North Carolina claimants is the outgrowth of a trip by a High Point, North Carolina, man, Norman Lee Freeman, to the Pacific Coast two years ago.

Freeman, who represented 127 claimants, including himself, looked over the California estate and returned Judge J. H. Longden, of Sacramento, Cal., as attorney for the heirs.

File New Petition.
Judge Longden filed a petition asking to have the original distribution of 1883 set aside and a new distribution made, on the ground of fraud. This was based on the contention of Moses Hopkins, a brother of Mark, that there was no other living relative.

The case and his wife, Dr. H. E. Longden, have been in North Carolina for several weeks investigating the list of North Carolina claimants, the bulk of whom are in Randolph county. Large numbers also reside in Guilford, Stokes, Forsyth and Yadon counties.

Probably a year of the claimants are scattered through Virginia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Texas, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Washington and California. It was said.

North Carolina attorneys for the claimants in this State and Victor S. Bryant, of Durham, assistant to Judge Longden, have been conferring here for several weeks, and will continue until they come to the point of taking definite court action, it was said.

Court action here is expected to include the filing of a petition in United States District Court for permission for a hearing in which the claimants would attempt to establish their right to a part of the estate. It was said.

Left in Gold Rush.
Mark and Moses Hopkins, aged about 95 and 30, are said to have left their home in Randolph county in 1849 for California in the gold rush.

Mark Hopkins died in 1873 and the estate was settled in 1883, the bulk of it going to his common-law wife, Moses, it is said, received only one-fourth. He died without leaving any blood descendants, it was claimed.

After Mark Hopkins' death his widow married Edward P. Serles, and a few years after that she died, leaving the bulk of the holdings to her husband and his family.

Included in the vast estate, which is valued at \$300,000,000 are \$135,000,000 in stocks and bonds largely of the Southern Pacific Railroad; \$20,000,000 in San Francisco property; \$12,000,000 in property in Sacramento, and 75,000 acres of land in California, it is said. There are also large holdings in other states, it is declared.

PURPORTED 'LOST WILL' HAS BEEN FOUND
San Francisco Examiner Says It Was Found in a Deserted House Near Hillsboro.

San Francisco, Aug. 6.—(AP)—The Examiner says the purported "lost will" of the late Mark Hopkins, multimillionaire railroad builder and California pioneer, was brought to this city Wednesday night and today will become the foundation of a legal attack upon the Hopkins fortune now estimated as in excess of \$300,000,000.

Allegedly the will was found recently in a deserted house near Hillsborough, N. C. It is to be filed for probate in Superior Court here. It upheld as the genuine will of the famous member of the "Big Four" who built the Central Pacific Railway, it will divert the Hopkins fortune to 137 heirs, and sweep all recognized beneficiaries of the Hopkins family.

The central figure in the litigation is T. H. McDaniel, a San Jose litigation contractor. McDaniel claims to be the grandson of Martin Hopkins, mentioned in the alleged document as one of Mark's brothers.

Hopkins died October 20, 1873. No will was found and his estate now approximated at about \$300,000,000 was distributed among various relatives. The only surviving child of Mark was the late Mrs. M. P. Hopkins, who died in 1895. She left the bulk of her estate to her husband, who was the father of the late Mrs. M. P. Hopkins.

ANOTHER STORM FORMING NEAR BERMUDA TODAY

Washington, Aug. 6.—(AP)—A tropical storm of marked intensity is moving northward from Bermuda and the weather bureau has warned shipping on the north Atlantic coast to expect heavy gales tomorrow and Sunday.

ALDERMEN LEAVE TAX RATE SAME AT MONTHLY MEETING

Adopt Budget and Tax Rate For 1926 and 1927, Letter Remaining at \$1.35—Other Business.

The adopting of the budget and the setting of the tax rate for 1926 and 1927 were the principal things accomplished by the members of the City of Concord Board of Aldermen at their regular monthly meeting in the court room of the City Hall last night. Although a few technical minor changes were made in the tax rate, it remained at \$1.02 per hundred.

The members of the board voted to donate \$50.00 to the colored firemen of the city that they might attend the state colored firemen tournament to be held at Farmville in the near future.

A petition was presented from the mechanics of the Forest Hill and the Gibson Mill actions requesting the city not to discontinue the policy of maintaining a night policeman in their respective districts. The board voted to leave this matter to the discretion of Mayor Barrier and Chief Talbot.

Because the former housing place for the Cannon Mill Fire Department truck was sold some time ago, the members of the board voted that the city purchase an old store-room in Ward 4, on Powder Street, for that purpose. The consideration will be about \$100.00.

In concluding its meeting, the board condemned the right of way for sewers in Wards 4 and 1.

ARMYMAN KILLED, ANOTHER HURT TRYING TO SAVE HIM

First Lieutenant C. E. Partridge Fatally Hurt and Cadet Harold C. Wilson Badly Hurt.

Manassas, Ill., Aug. 6.—(AP)—One flyer was killed at Camp Upton here today and another who flew to his assistance crashed down beside him, receiving injuries expected to prove fatal.

First Lieutenant C. E. Partridge, who was flying at a height of 10,000 feet when his plane went into a tail spin and fell.

Flying Cadet Harold C. Wilson, of Hillsboro Field, Michigan, flew his plane to Partridge's assistance, and went into a side slip at the same place, and altitude, and crashed less than 150 yards away.

Wilson was taken from the wreckage unconscious. Partridge was dead when extricated.

Lieutenant J. R. Wolf, Chicago, Wilson's passenger, was injured seriously.

Both Partridge and Wolf were reserve officers here for their two weeks summer training.

With Star Advertiser.
The New York Cafe will open Monday, August 9th, under new management. See ad.

See Hoover's new ad today.

Studebaker and Dodge sales and services at Auto Supply and Repair Co.

You can get free from your grocer one package of shredded wheat biscuits and one stopping bag, with every two-box purchase of shredded wheat biscuits. See ad. in this paper.

Specials in silk undies, cosmetics and hosiery at Fisher's.

Master creation in perfume at Gibson Drug Store.

Summer clothing for men and young men at Elmer's.

The New York Cafe will open Monday, August 9th, under new management. On opening day coffee, or iced cream will be free with meals.

Men's socks 5 cents a pair or 50 cents a dozen at Park-Bell Co's. Other big bargains. See ad.

Miss Lantz to Lancaster House Party.

Miss Nancy Lantz will leave tomorrow for Lancaster, S. C., where she will attend a house party to be given by Miss Elizabeth Laney, room mate of Miss Lantz at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., last year. The house party will last about a week.

Missing Aviators Found.
Beunos Aires, Aug. 6.—(AP)—La Nación's Rio Grand de Sul correspondent reports that Bernardo Dugan and his fellow aviators, missing since Monday, arrived there unexpectedly at noon today.

25, 1874, Hopkins wrote a will in San Francisco and mailed it to North Carolina to a "Mrs. Moore" said to be a former sweetheart. Because she was not named as one of the beneficiaries Mrs. Moore was said to have never revealed the will and its existence was not disclosed until found in her former home by her grandson, David H. Moore. The document was literally written on a single piece of paper.

Doubt as to the authenticity of the will already has been expressed. Boutwell Denton, an authority on California's law, said that Hopkins was bookkeeper for the "Big Four" and was a well educated man.

Also Denton said the Hopkins family, of which there was a member, has one of the best known and best established families of all New England families. The family is said to have been in North Carolina, and the late Mrs. M. P. Hopkins, of Hillsboro, was said to be a descendant of the late Mrs. M. P. Hopkins.

GOVERNOR PEAY IS GAINING VOTES AS RETURNS COME IN

The Returns This Morning Showed He Had 1,218 More Votes Than Hill McAllister.

THIRD CANDIDATE BADLY DEFEATED

Judge at Scopes Trial is Trailing Opponent by a Small Margin at Present Time.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 6.—(AP)—Unofficial returns today gave Governor Austin Peay, candidate for the democratic nomination for the third term, a lead of 1,218 votes over Hill McAllister, his closest opponent, in returns from 1,839 precincts of 2,105 in the state. Peay's total was 75,047, and McAllister's was 73,829.

Dr. John R. Neal, the third candidate, was far behind with less than 1,000 total votes.

Fine J. Garrett, minority leader in the lower house, was renominated over W. W. Craig in the ninth district by a majority of between 1,000 and 1,200, according to practically complete unofficial returns.

In the first district B. Carroll Reece, present representative, had a majority of 5,000 over his opponent, Joel N. Pierce, and O. B. Lovett, both of Greenville.

Returns from the eighteenth judicial district, where Judge John T. Hamilton presiding judge in the Scopes case at Dayton was opposed by Leslie Darz, showed Darz to be leading by a small majority.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 6.—(AP)—Governor Austin Peay, candidate for renomination, was leading his nearest opponent, Hill McAllister, by 8,862 votes when returns had been tabulated today from 1,740 precincts out of 2,105 in Tennessee's democratic primary which was held yesterday.

These figures gave Peay 82,448; McAllister 75,580.

Dr. John R. Neal had a total of 1,070 votes on the face of available returns. He was running for the gubernatorial nomination.

Representative F. J. Caroff, minority leader in the house, had piled up today a lead of more than 1,000 votes over W. W. Craig, his opponent for the democratic congressional nomination. On the face of returns from 213 of 216 precincts Garrett had a total of 11,770 votes and Craig 10,573 votes.

Representative Carroll Reece, candidate for the republican congressional nomination in the first district, the only other contested congressional primary race, likewise seemed assured of nomination. Incomplete unofficial returns indicated he had carried ten of the twelve counties in the district. Joel M. Pierce, his nearest opponent, in the three-cornered fight, was leading in the other two counties.

ORR MAY ENTER RACE FOR CHARLOTTE POST

Friends Urgo Ex-Police Chief to Run For Safety Commissioner—Other News.

Charlotte, Aug. 5.—Rumblings of the city political pot in preparation for the campaign next spring were heard here today when it became known that a definite movement is underway to have Walter E. Orr, former police chief, enter the race for commissioner of public safety. The city election will be held next May.

Sheriff W. O. Cochran, defeated in the primary for the renomination, and recently suggested as a possible candidate for city commissioner of public safety, today spiked that report with the statement that "I have no idea of running." W. R. Robertson, incumbent, has issued no statement on his plans.

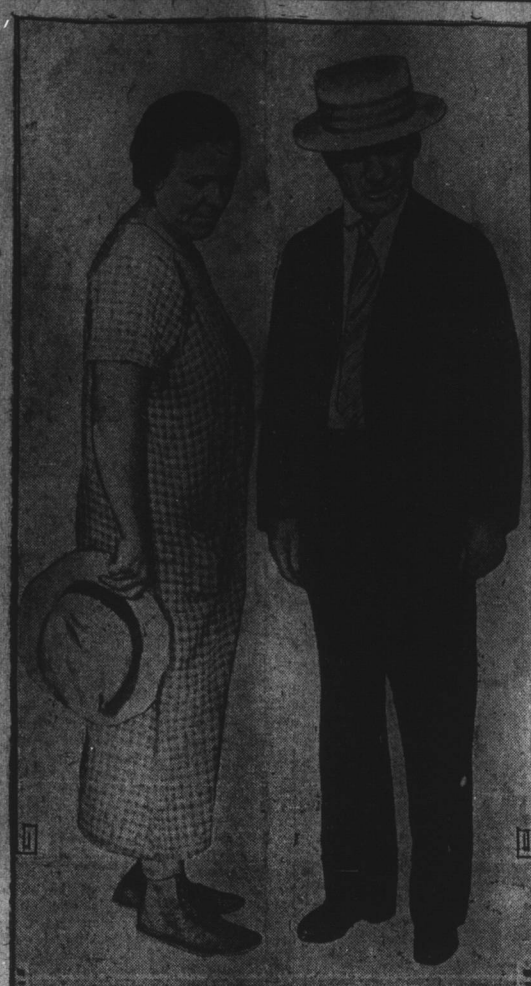
Capt. William E. Ship, United States army cavalry, executive officer of the 43rd, field artillery battalion, reserve corps, has arrived in Charlotte and established headquarters for the battalion from which he will direct recruiting and handle other administrative duties. He came to Charlotte from Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming.

J. E. Segie, of Charlotte, vice president of the Savana Manufacturing company, was named defendant in a \$15,000 libel suit on file today in the office of clerk of Superior court, the action being brought by A. O. Perrell, former employe of Savana mills. The complaint alleges that Mr. Segie "maliciously spoke and published an assertion that Perrell had been stealing electricity from Savana manufacturing company for the past year or eight years and ought to be in the penitentiary." Perrell asks \$10,000 actual and \$5,000 punitive damages.

Many Dying From Cholera.
Shanghai, Aug. 6.—(AP)—It is unofficially estimated that 1,000 Chinese are dying daily from cholera, and the epidemic has spread with great rapidity. The cause is a disease which has been spreading from the East to the West. At Canton the army is suffering from the disease.

An offer of \$200,000—the largest in history—was made by Aga Khan for the cult Salazar. Sir John Russett, owner of the cult, refused the bid. The highest previous offer ever put on the market was \$100,000.

"Pig Woman" Questioned



Alexander Simpson, special prosecutor in the Hall-Mills murder case, was photographed questioning Mrs. Jane Gibson, the "pig woman" following which he announced he would ask for four murder indictments.

COLE MCNIDER SAYS HE WILL BE AT HICKORY

Expects to Attend American Legion Convention August 23rd.

Raleigh, Aug. 6.—"I intend to be at Hickory at the American Legion convention August 23rd unless something trips me up very violently at the time," said Colonel Harold McNider, assistant secretary of war, and former national commander of the American Legion in a letter to Governor A. W. McLean, just made public. The letter is in reply to one from Governor McLean in which the governor urged Colonel McNider to be present at the Hickory convention. Governor McLean had written Dwight W. Davis, secretary of war, asking that he do everything possible to enable Colonel McNider to be present.

In the absence of Secretary Davis, Colonel McNider answered the letter of the governor himself, and his reply follows:

"Your letter has been referred to me and you can be assured that I intend to be in Hickory, unless something trips me up very violently at the time.

"Due to the secretary's absence, I have been unable to give Commander Stevens a definite acceptance, but I feel sure that I can make the affair better than the secretary has some plans which would be disrupted by my absence."

HIGHWAY COMMISSION GETS GAS REFUND FROM STATE

Perfect Records Kept by County Engineer Enabling County to Get Rebate Amounting to \$2,227.

Because of the excellent records kept in the office of the Cabarrus county highway commission, this county has just received a refund from the State of North Carolina for the gas used on construction work for more than two years prior to January 10, 1926. Had the records of the office not been very complete it would have been impossible for the county to collect this rebate amounting to something more than \$2,227.

From January 10, 1923, on, the county will be able to get refunds on the gas used both in construction and maintenance, in accordance with the list of several rulings made by the attorney general.

SENT BIKERS SHOCK KING GEORGE

London, Aug. 4.—King George has been horrified at the girls' dresses at the Cowes regatta, according to a story current here today. Long sleeves and longer skirts have blossomed suddenly among all women, even the young girls of the exclusive circle at Cowes.

The Cowes regatta is the smartest sailing event in the world. Cowes is crowded with fashionable. The King endured the spectacle of no air dresses the first day of the regatta. Yesterday, it was reported, an edict went forth.

Today every woman in the court circle, or appearing to it, appeared in long dresses. Queen Mary appeared today in a cream-colored motor car and a long, black, and white coat.

GERTRUDE EDERIE IS TRYING CHANNEL AGAIN

Had Crossed More Than Half the Channel at 1 O'clock This Afternoon.

Cape Gris Nez, France, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Gertrude Ederie, the American swimmer, started at 7:00 o'clock this morning in an attempt to swim the English Channel.

Weather conditions when she took her plunge were fine.

At 10 o'clock the American girl was four miles north by west of Cape Gris Nez, and still making good progress, although the wind at that hour had freshened and was creating slight sea waves. Her position was regarded as favorable.

At 1 p. m. Miss Ederie had covered more than 12 miles and still was swimming strongly. Weather and sea conditions were still unchanged.

Conditions Unfavorable at Dover.
Dover, England, Aug. 6.—(AP)—With Gertrude Ederie about half way across the channel after six hours in the water, conditions on this side were unfavorable. A strong south-west wind blowing against the ebb tide, was kicking up a bad sea.

Still Making Progress.
Dover, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Gertrude Ederie, a plucky American girl swimmer, was about seven miles off this port at 4:45 this afternoon on her attempt to conquer the English Channel. She was about two miles northwest of the East Goodwin lightship.

She had been in the water nine and one-half hours, having begun her attempt at Cape Gris Nez, the French side, at 7:00 a. m.

The wind which had been kicking up a bad sea here, had moderated slightly, but a heavy rain was falling and the condition of the sea was far from favorable.

HOUDINI MAKES TEST IN SEALED COFFIN

Stays Under Water an Hour to Prove Carbon Dioxide Would Not Cause Death.

New York, Aug. 5.—Fear and not poisoning by carbon dioxide causes the death of miners and others trapped in airtight compartments, in the opinion of Harry Houdini, who had himself sunk in a sealed coffin in a hotel swimming pool for an hour and a half today to prove his contention.

Dr. W. J. McConnell, of Philadelphia, a physiologist of the United States department of mines, who examined the stage magician and opponent of spiritualism before and after the experiment, reported that physical reactions from the test were not marked. Houdini said he felt only a slight dizziness when he was released from the coffin.

"The important thing is to believe that you are safe. Don't breathe deeply and don't make any unnecessary movements," Houdini said.

During his stay under water in the coffin, Houdini kept in communication with watchers over a telephone connection by which he indicated every few minutes that he was all right. It was computed that there were 34,308 cubic inches of air in the coffin. The oxygen in that air, according to physicians, should have been all used up in three or four minutes. But Houdini breathed "close" air filled with carbon dioxide for 80 minutes. He emerged smiling.

"S. & H." Green Trading Stamps.

The following business houses of Concord will issue the nationally popular "S. & H." Trading Stamps commencing Saturday, August 7th: E. G. Crady, J. & H. Cash Grocery, W. J. Hethcox and Long's Filling Station. You will receive one stamp on every 10 cent purchase. You will get a stamp book free in which to save your stamps till you are ready to redeem them in premiums. See half page ad. in this paper for full particulars.

Earthquake Shock in California.

Santa Barbara, Calif., Aug. 6.—(AP)—A sharp earthquake shock was felt here at 9:41 this morning. No damage was done.

Ventura, Calif., Aug. 6.—(AP)—A sharp earthquake lasting nearly a half minute occurred at 9:43 this morning. No damage was reported.

Shaking is due largely to business, lack of exercise and overeating, according to a prominent physician.

THE FAR EASTERN FLOOD SITUATION IS NOW IMPROVED

Latest Reports From Akita Say the Flood There Has Subsided to a Marked Degree.

KOREAN FLOODS ALSO SUBSIDING

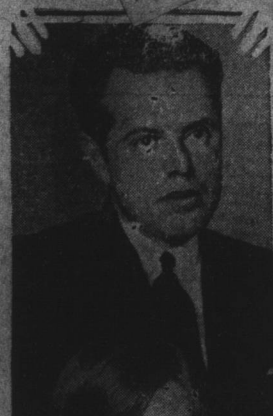
In Various Places Many Are Homeless as Result of the High Water During the Week.

Tokio, Aug. 6.—(AP)—The Far Eastern flood situation is improving. The latest reports from Akita says the food in the prefecture of that name is subsiding. The casualties were relative few. The rice crop is placed at 2,000,000 yen.

The Korean floods also have subsided, but have left many homeless. Number of dead is placed at 50 to 75. The damage there will reach several million yen. The floods were in Kogedo province.

Floods in vicinity of Hankow, China, on the Yangtsi River have taken 3,000 or more lives, and driven a quarter of million farmers from that section. Latest report from there was yesterday, when conditions were reported very bad.

Short S. State Library



Morris Roderick Volk, New York broker, and Florida Lianne, Follies girl, were married after a month's acquaintance.

THE SUMMER SCHOOL FOR CHURCH WORKERS

School Hears Reports of Heads of Synodical Organizations—Other Matters.

The Lutheran Summer School for Church workers continues to enjoy a host of good things at the hands of those who have the school in charge. Historic points of interest around Mt. Pleasant are being visited daily. The school will enjoy an outing on Saturday afternoon at Ritchie's Lake 15 miles distant. On Sunday many of the pastors will be preaching in nearby churches, while the students will enjoy renewing old acquaintances in these churches.

The State Sunday School association of Lutherans will meet Friday afternoon on the grounds of the Collegiate Institute. Some 200 Sunday school teachers are members of this organization, the purpose of which is to better organize and promote Lutheran Sunday Schools. The meeting will be called to order by the President, Prof. Marion, of Lenoir-Rhyne College, and the schools enrolled in this report concerning the work of the past year.

The school heard with much interest the reports of heads of synodical organizations. Mr. G. M. Wise, president of the Luther League and a ministerial student told of the work and hopes of the league. He reminded his hearers that every one of the 40 students in the Seminary was a product of the league and that additional students must come from this organization. The annual meeting of the league will be held at China Grove, August 31-September 1-2.

Mrs. Julia Hall, of Cherryville, children superintendent, told of the work of the children, North Carolina leads all the synods in this department, in contributions and organization.

Dr. J. L. Morgan, president of the Synod, expressed pride in the Summer school, first for the excellent talent which the school brings to the State as instructors and second for the talent which is being trained for the work of the Church in speaking of the needs of the church he enumerated three needs.

We need definite objectives. Know what we want to do and do it. We need expansion of the church in rural sections and cities. We need more men for the ministry. We still have more men than ever but there are a dozen pastorate vacant.

The Rev. C. A. Linn of Cherryville is causing quite a bit of discussion on the campus through his lectures on the first chapters of Genesis. The lecture today was on the creation of man, the lecture being well throughout and ably presented. Under this heading he first spoke of the image of God in whose image man was created. The image of God in man in spiritual and physical. This spiritual image is in all men, also in those who have received life of God, dead in those who in word and deed disown God. In speaking of the physical man, he neither decried nor ascribed from any other creature but is the creation of God. The process by which God created man is not revealed to us, but it neither detracts nor adds to the glory of his name to see that God is able to create man through a long process as well as to create him in an instant. The Biblical idealist and the Biblical liberal can't agree, or rather don't.

On Friday night a number of lectures will be given on the subject of Sunday School work, these being made by a number of laymen of the church.

DENY STATE RIGHTS FOR NEW RAILROAD IN THE MOUNTAINS

I. C. C. Rejects Proposal for the Railroad From Doughton, N. C., to Tennessee State Line.

NEW BID WILL BE GIVEN ATTENTION

No Prejudice in Matter But Commission Doubts if \$10,000,000 Would Build the Road.

Washington, Aug. 6.—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission rejected a proposal by the state of North Carolina to build a state-owned railway between a point in western North Carolina and point in western Tennessee.

The road which would have been built by the Appalachian & Western North Carolina Railway Co. would have been organized for the purpose, was proposed for one of three routes suggested by the applicants. It would have been built with the proceeds of the sale of \$10,000,000 worth of state bonds.

In rejecting the proposal without prejudice to its later submission in revised form, the Commission doubted that \$10,000,000 was sufficient to construct, equip and operate the road. In addition, the Commission suggested that the company select a single route rather than a number of alternative routes before the Commission could pass upon the question of the road's necessity and public conveniences.

The Commission's decision said the evidence as to the cost of construction of the line and the probable savings is inconclusive and unsatisfactory. There is a possibility that the line may be able to support itself a time at least, but the estimates and earnings have without doubt been much exaggerated.

One of the proposed routes would extend from Doughton, N. C., to Mountain City, Tenn. Distance was placed at 80 miles, and the construction cost estimated at \$9,470,000. The second route would extend from North Wilkesboro to Mountain City, Tenn., 98 miles long at the proposed cost of \$7,380,000.

The third route would use the North Wilkesboro & Mountain City terminals that would be more than 100 miles long and the construction cost estimated at \$8,845,000. As an auxiliary project the company could build a 23 mile line from North Wilkesboro to Taylorville in Alexander county to connect with a branch of the Southern Railway.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Firm at Advance of 14 to 17 Points With Some Months 14 to 25 Points Higher.

New York, Aug. 6.—(AP)—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of 14 to 17 points with a few months 15 to 25 points higher during the early trading on active covering. This appeared to be inspired by reports of a tropical storm southwest of Bermuda, moving in a northwesterly direction. The report was considered responsible for sharp rally from early declines in Liverpool, but after the initial demand here had been supplied the market eased off from 5 to 6 points from the best under realizing by recent buyers, and scattered selling on Liverpool led to a seriously threatened drop. October contracts sold up to 17.63 early and January to 17.45, with prices later reacting to 17.47 and 17.45, respectively. Five months of the private end-July crop reports were published, condition figures ranging from 68.3 to 70.5 per cent, and crop indications from 14,733,000 up to 15,755,000 bales.

Cotton futures opened steady. Oct. 17.43; Dec. 17.37; Jan. 17.42; March 17.37; May 17.74.

Forest Experts Meet

Asheville, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Forestry experts from all parts of western America gathered in Asheville today at the opening session of a two days meeting of the Appalachian Forest Research Council. Discussion of plans for securing fire weather forecasting facilities in the southern Appalachians, a general extension of activities of the Appalachian Forest Experiment Station and the threatening out of various forestry problems took up most of the first session of the meeting.

Davis' Lead Cut to 534

Topkan, Kans., Aug. 6.—(AP)—Former Governor Jonathan M. Davis' lead over Donald Blair, of Anthony, in the democratic race for the gubernatorial nomination in Tuesday's primary had been cut to 534 votes when unofficial returns from all but 148 of the state's precincts had been tabulated at noon today. Of the missing precincts 135 are in western Kansas where the vote is always slow to count in. Official canvass of the vote has gone today.

Mrs. M. T. Black Observes 79th Birthday Anniversary

Norwood, August 6.—Invitations were received here Friday of last week to the birthday dinner to be given on Sunday in honor of Mrs. M. T. Black's 79th birthday. Mrs. Black has been an invalid for more than 45 years. Relatives of the family far and near and her friends and neighbors were present.

THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow. Slightly cooler and fresher on Saturday. Light breeze.