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Probably rain tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature.

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## FAIR STOCKHOLDERS PLEASSED WITH 1920 FAIR

**At Annual Meeting Last Night It Was Unanimously Decided to Continue the Fair If Location Can Be Secured—Officers Chosen.**

Unanimously deciding that the Big Gaston County Fair must be continued, if it is possible to secure grounds by lease or purchase at a reasonable figure, delighted with the showing made by the 1920 fair, both in exhibits and financially, and electing officers for the ensuing year, the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Gaston County Fair Association was held at the offices of the Chamber of Commerce Monday afternoon with 2,545 shares of the 4,700 shares of stock represented. John Frank Jackson presided over the meeting.

Following a preliminary meeting of the retiring board of directors, which transacted routine business, the stockholders met and received the reports of the secretary and treasurer. A vote of thanks was extended to those who were helpful in making the 1920 fair the best yet held.

Col. T. L. Craig was re-elected president, W. T. Rankin, re-elected vice-president, and John L. Beal, R. Grady Rankin, A. G. Myers, John Frank Jackson, V. E. Long, C. M. Crowder, were re-elected directors. New directors named are B. H. Parker, Fred L. Smyre, S. N. Boyce, C. D. Gray and J. H. Matthews.

The new board met immediately after the adjournment of the stockholders meeting and re-elected Fred M. Allen secretary-treasurer. A committee composed of the president, vice-president and secretary was authorized to consider the grounds proposition. Recommendations of the secretary for improvement of the premium list for 1921 were approved.

## TWO WAKE FARMERS SHOOT WIVES TO DEATH

**Dastardly Crimes Committed by Charles Davis, Who Was Drunk, and S. P. Shadrick, a Raving Maniac.**

**GREENSBORO NEWS.**  
RALEIGH, Nov. 29.—Charles Davis is lying in Wake county jail paralyzed drunk and S. P. Shadrick is gibbering accounts of his domestic madness while neighbors are searching for any reason that led Davis, a farmer, and Shadrick, a tenant in northern Wake, to shoot to death their wives this morning.

Davis fired five pistol shots at his wife and three bullets went through her head. She was still living late this evening. Shadrick blew half the head of his wife off and it fell in a stove, he says. Others declare it was wrapped in paper and placed there. Davis has lain on the jail floor without twitching a muscle for 16 hours. Shadrick declares he "shot his wife when he found a man with her."

Shadrick is a discharged inmate of the state hospital and, of course, there is nothing against his dead wife. He has gone crazy again. He is far above the average of the tenantry in education and talks at times luminously. Mrs. Shadrick's people live in Mullins, S. C., he says. He has a son 16 living at home and a daughter three years old. The infant is named Nell Cropsey, after the Elizabeth City girl whose drowning sent Jim Wilcox to prison for 30 years.

The two farmers killed their wives early this morning. Nobody seems to have any light to throw on Davis, who has monkey rum enough in him to make drunk every prisoner who breathes the maddening fumes. The coroner went out 15 miles to the homicide and held an inquest over Mrs. Shadrick. The sheriff says it was necessary to batter in the door to enter the house. Shadrick, he says, was sitting in the kitchen with the children and watching the body.

Davis and his wife never had any trouble of which the neighbors knew. Shadrick was several months in the state hospital. He was not "right" this morning, he says. But he thought he was well when he left the hospital. He believed in his wife until he found her worse, and he tells his lunatic story only to destroy it with another hallucination.

The shooting of Davis tomorrow may give some light on the affair, which has aroused the county beyond measure.

## MRS. DAVIS DEAD.

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 30.—Mrs. Charles E. Davis, who was shot through the head early yesterday morning by her husband, prominent and wealthy Wake county farmer, died at 7 o'clock this morning. Davis, who was placed in jail yesterday in an unconscious condition as the result of drinking liquor, the examining physician said, was able to be up this morning but has made no statement regarding the shooting. The coroner will hold an inquest today.

## FORMER GERMAN EMPRESS IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 29.—Former Empress Augusta Victoria, of Germany, who has suffered two heart attacks in the last few days, is in a critical condition, according to the latest bulletin issued at Doorn Castle.

## LONDON IS HEAVILY GUARDED AGAINST SINN FEIN ATTACKS

**All Public Buildings and Houses of Parliament Are Under Watchful Eyes of Uniformed Men.**

(By The Associated Press.)

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Public buildings in London and in many of the other larger cities of England were closely guarded against apprehended Sinn Fein attacks by heavy detachments of police and detectives last night. In this city the patrol was not limited to the streets, but armed motor boats moved up and down the Thames in front of parliament buildings. With Downing street and its immediate neighborhood shut off from the rest of the city by a high fence, which was constantly under the eyes of uniformed men, and with the parliament buildings sentinelled, government sections of London today assumed the atmosphere of an armed camp.

There is nothing to connect the Sinn Fein with the explosion of a bomb in a warehouse in Old Swan Lane, this city, early this morning, but the people of the city ascribed it to that organization. The bomb which apparently was carried into the warehouse in a traveling bag and left there to explode by means of a time fuse, was heard over a wide area of the city and blew out the windows of buildings nearby. It started a fire, but police and firemen succeeded in extinguishing the flames before they gained headway. The street where the warehouse is situated has been closed by the police. It is a narrow thoroughfare near London Bridge and contains no dwelling houses.

Several men suspected of setting fire to warehouses in Liverpool on Saturday night are, under arrest. It is claimed by the police that American "gunmen" are in that city, and an assertion is made that men wanted in Ireland for shooting policemen and soldiers have crossed the Irish sea to Liverpool. The financial loss occasioned by Saturday night's fires in Liverpool is estimated at a million pounds sterling.

The killing of 15 police recruits at Macroom, Ireland, yesterday, has already been followed by reprisals by the "Black and Tans," and it is reported here there is an exodus of frightened people from towns near where the recruits were attacked. Masked men entered and set fire to the building housing the Dublin firemen's journal last night. Considerable damage was done to the building. Scores of new arrests have been made in various districts of Ireland, among the places raided by military forces being a lunatic asylum near Ennis.

Glasgow and the Clyde shipbuilding district have been placed under close guard and it is declared by the authorities that many Sinn Feiners are known to be in Scotland.

## JUDGE PRITCHARD IN HOSPITAL VERY SICK

**His Friends Are Worried Over His Condition—Confined to Bed for a Week.**

(By The Associated Press.)

ASHEVILLE, Nov. 29.—Friends here are worried about the condition of Judge J. C. Pritchard, presiding officer of the United States circuit court of appeals for the fourth circuit, who was today removed to the Mission Hospital. Judge Pritchard has been ill for some time but had sufficiently recovered to be able to get out until about a week ago when he was again confined to his bed. His condition grew worse and he has now been taken to the hospital, where he will receive treatment. It was stated at the hospital tonight that he is resting easier but it was understood that he is very sick.

## FRANCE AND ENGLAND MAY WASH HANDS OF GREECE

(By The Associated Press.)

ATHENS, Nov. 29.—France and Great Britain may permit the return of former King Constantine to his throne, but fears are expressed that the two nations will wash their hands of the Greeks, either by concluding an arrangement with the Turks separately or using General Baron Wrangel's army, now reorganizing on the island of Lemnos, for a spring campaign against the Turks. Should either of these steps be taken by France or Great Britain there is apprehension they may abandon Greece financially.

George Rhalhis, premier, and Demetrios Gounaris, minister of war, are holding frequent consultation, and it is believed the attitude of Great Britain is being closely examined. Both are very reticent regarding the situation, but M. Rhalhis states he hopes for the return of Constantine.

The Venizelist newspaper Eleutherotips today made an attack upon the cabinet, declaring it had "done away with the legal regency," and asking: "Why not tell the people the greatest danger is to have the British say: 'Settle the dynastic question as you choose; we are no longer interested in Greece.'"

—Her many friends will regret to learn that Mrs. Ned Hayes continues critically ill at the City Hospital.

## THIS WEEK CRITICAL IN LEAGUE ASSEMBLY

**Many Important Questions to Be Disposed of on Floor of Assembly.**

(By The Associated Press.)

GENEVA, Nov. 29.—Many delegates to the meeting of the assembly of the league of nations regard the coming week as the most critical period in the history of the organization. Questions which have been settled in committees by a majority vote, after stubborn contests in some cases, must be decided in the assembly by an unanimous vote. The only exception is in the case of the election of new members and amendments.

If the assembly proves capable of agreeing without a dissenting vote on the difficult problems to be placed before it during the next few days, it will in the estimation of some of the leading members, have passed a most dangerous point.

The council of the league was engaged during its entire session yesterday with the question of mandates, and could not proceed to the election of a successor to Sir Reginald Tower as high commissioner at Danzig.

It seems probable that definite solution of the question relative to the economic blockade will not be reached at this session of the assembly. A resolution passed by the sub-committee on blockades be appointed by the council, and this body shall report to the assembly the measures it would put into effect against an aggressor.

## GOVERNORS FROM MANY STATES MEET TODAY

**Gov. Bickett Displaced on Program For Response to Address of Welcome.**

(By The Associated Press.)

HARRISBURG, PA., Nov. 30.—Governors and governors-elect from many states arrived here today for the annual governors' conference, which opens tomorrow. Fifty-four state executives and governors-elect accepted invitations to the meeting and all of them were expected to attend one or more of the sessions, which will continue through Friday.

Pennsylvania state officials will act as an official reception committee and Governor and Mrs. William C. Sprout will keep open house tonight at the executive mansion.

Several changes in the program have been announced. Governor Thomas E. Campbell, of Arizona, will respond to the addresses of welcome by Governor Sprout and Lieutenant Governor Beidleman, of this state, instead of Governor Thomas W. Bickett, of North Carolina. Governor Henry J. Allen, of Kansas, speaks Wednesday on industrial justice and on Thursday Governor Sprout will speak on state income.

The housing situation in various states is expected to be among the important topics discussed at the conference.

## AUTO BANDITS ROB MAN IN BROAD DAYLIGHT

Chief Orr of the local police department received a phone message yesterday from the desk sergeant of the Charlotte police department to the effect that a man had been held up and robbed some time in the forenoon near the Paw Creek bridge, Mecklenburg county, by auto bandits who made their escape. Chief Orr and his men were asked to be on the lookout for the auto, the license tag of which was described as being inverted. Efforts of the local police department, however, to get a line on the bandits proved fruitless as did also the efforts of the Charlotte officers.

This morning's Charlotte Observer contains no reference to the reported hold-up but the Charlotte correspondent of The Greensboro News says: "E. O. Sing, of Paw Creek township, coming to the city Monday, was held up by three white men who covered him with pistols and robbed him of \$100. The men fled."

## M. E. CHURCH EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION IN SESSION

(By The Associated Press.)

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 30.—The educational commission of the Methodist Church, South, met here today with members of the College of Bishops and leaders of educational and mission work to map out a plan of co-operation to promote the campaign for religious education to be undertaken by the church.

Representatives of the Sunday school, Epworth League, the board of missions and woman's missionary council in addition to members of the College of Bishops and educational secretaries representing all of the church conferences attended the meeting which will be in session two days.

—Mr. Alex Sherman has gone to Columbia, S. C., on business. He will probably return tomorrow.

## GASTON MILL MEN NOT HOSTILE TO POWER COMPANY'S RATE REQUEST

**Textile Officials Meet With Representatives of Southern Power Company—Favor Fair Return Upon Investment For Company.**

At a conference here Monday of the cotton mill officials of Gaston county held for the purpose of conferring with representatives of the Southern Power Company concerning the proposed increases in power rates, the sentiment of the body was that it should not assume a hostile attitude toward the company with respect to its recent request for an increase in rates. On the other hand the textile men went on record unambiguously as being in favor of an adequate and just return for the Southern Power Co.

The meeting which was held in the directors' room of the First National Bank was largely attended by the mill men of the county. Practically all the mills in the county were represented.

Messrs. Lee, Burkholder and Marshall, of the Southern Power Company offices in Charlotte were present by invitation of the local officials.

## WILL HEAR APPLICATIONS FOR BAIL DEC. 7

**Attorneys For Mrs. Elmer, Her Son and Sister Claim That State Has Not Produced Evidence of Guilt.**

(By The Associated Press.)

MACON, GA., Nov. 30.—Hearing on applications for bail for Mrs. F. E. Elmer, of Jacksonville, Fla., her son, Ernest Hopson, and her sister, Mrs. Ione Henry, charged with the murder in connection with the death here June 1 of Fred D. Shepard, former husband of Mrs. Elmer, and wealthy Houston county peach grower, has been set for December 7 by Judge Matthews, of Bibb county superior court. Application for bail for Mrs. Annie E. Cutts, wife of an attorney of Fitzgerald, arrested late yesterday on a warrant charging murder, had not been filed early today.

Attorneys for Mrs. Elmer, her son and sister, applied yesterday to Judge Matthews for bail, the petitions charging that the state had not produced evidence of guilt. An immediate hearing was requested but this the justice refused.

The authorities early today had made no statement as to the alleged connections of Mrs. Elmer with the case. She formerly resided in Abbeville, the home of Mrs. Elmer before she married Shepard, and the two women were said to have been intimate friends. Shepard and his wife were visiting at the home of Mrs. Henry, in Perry, when he became violently ill three days before his death, which the coroner's jury said resulted from poison.

## WOULD CONTROL SPEED OF FIRE-FIGHTING APPARATUS

Special to The Daily Gazette.

RALEIGH, Nov. 30.—Realizing that excessive speed in responding to fire alarms by motor fire apparatus is both tempting and dangerous, Insurance Commissioner Young has proposed to Captain J. H. Wood, of Asheville, president of the North Carolina Firemen's Association, that he take the matter up with the chiefs of all fire departments for the purpose of concrete action.

While assenting that fire departments should not be held to the same traffic restrictions as the public, Commissioner Young suggests to President Wood that the chiefs should lay out the routes for their apparatus to various parts of the towns and cities, choosing the nearest and least used way and see that excessive speed is not used, only such speed as gives the driver complete control of his machine. Otherwise, he says, chances of accidents and failure to reach the fire are greatly increased with the result of injury to persons and property on the street, apparatus, driver and firemen, or of not getting to the fire at all. He thinks it better to get to the fire a minute or so later than to run the risk of not getting there at all, with a damaged machine and injured firemen as penalty.

## JAPAN WILL NOT ASK FOR RACIAL EQUALITY.

(By The Associated Press.)

GENEVA, Nov. 30.—The Japanese delegation will not make any proposal for racial equality at this session of the assembly of the league of nations, it was announced by Viscount Ishii at this morning's session of the assembly.

"Japan will patiently bide her time," said Viscount Ishii, "until an opportune moment shall present itself."

The Japanese delegation, he added, also had decided to withdraw its protest against annual meetings of the assembly, although it requires five months time for a delegation from Japan to make the long journey and return. He recommended that meetings once in two years with special meetings in emergencies, but said he would not press the point.

## DANIELS FILES STATEMENT IN CABLE CONTROVERSY

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—It always has been the policy of the American government "to prevent the laying of any cable on the shores of the United States which connected with a foreign country in which the cable company had a monopoly of cable connections," Secretary Daniels says in a statement filed today in the District of Columbia supreme court.

The statement is a supplemental answer to the suit of the Western Union Telegraph Company, which seeks to enjoin the naval secretary from interfering with the laying of certain short cables over Biscayne bay, near Miami, Fla.

Mr. Daniels says that the proposed cable from Miami to Barbadoes is to be laid for the purpose of connecting with the system of the Western Union Telegraph Company, a British corporation which has a monopoly for inter-port cables in Brazil, to the exclusion of American companies.

"For this reason," the secretary continued, "the president last July directed the secretary of state to secure the cooperation of the war, navy and justice departments to prevent the landing of the Miami-Barbadoes cable, and these instructions were communicated to the navy department with a request for assistance. The line on the causeway over Biscayne Bay from Miami to Miami Beach, is a part of the cable system, the cable station being in Miami city. This line includes the short cable running under two drawbridges, covering navigable water.

"The telegraph company denies that the president has the right, in the absence of statutory authority, to either permit or forbid the landing of a cable on our shores, which connect with foreign territory, but the right has been exercised ever since the first cable was laid in the '60s, and permits have always been asked, as was done in this case."

## BISHOP HORNER VISITS ST. MARK'S CHURCH

On Sunday, Nov. 28, the Rt. Rev. Junius B. Horner, Bishop of Asheville, visited St. Mark's church, preaching at both morning and evening services, and in the afternoon preached at St. Andrew's church, Bessemer City. The Rev. J. W. C. Johnson, rector of St. Mark's church, presented seven persons for confirmation at the evening service.

In the morning the bishop preached from the text, Phil. 3:20, his subject being "Christian Citizenship." His message was a strong appeal for Christian fellowship, the secret of life being found in the double fellowship, fellowship with God and fellowship with man. He spoke of the spirit of that notable gathering of bishops of the Anglican communion from all over the world at the Lambeth Conference in London during the past summer, which he attended. The keynote of that great meeting was this one word, "fellowship"—that word fellowship which unites not only those of like thought but all the human brotherhood, in the true spirit of sympathetic helpfulness and love. This idea is prevalent and potent throughout the world today.

He made the personal appeal to every Christian to help carry the message to a world perplexed and suffering under its burden of sin, because it has lost the clue of this secret of God's purpose.

At the evening service his text was Rom. 8:14, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God." He spoke in more detail of the Lambeth Conference, and of the wonderful spirit that pervaded its deliberations, the spirit of God that wiped out all individual and personal differences in a unified effort to help forward the universal message of Jesus Christ in all the world. But only through the united and true fellowship of the church can the church win the world to fellowship with Christ. A yearning for a reunited Christendom has taken hold of the hearts of men, and has been intensified by the comradeship of suffering through four terrible years of war. The church must take into account all forms of human fellowship that unite men of different classes and traditions, and must direct men's vision to that true fellowship with God and man. Through us God is working out his purpose. If in simplicity we give ourselves to Him, He will work with us beyond our understanding, and we shall have contributed to the fellowship of man because we have been working in fellowship with God."

Monday Bishop Horner, accompanied by the Rev. J. W. C. Johnson, visited St. John's church, High Shoals.

Mrs. J. M. Holland has been quite ill for the past ten days at her home on Lee street. Her hosts of friends will be glad to know that her condition shows improvement and that she is better today than at any time since she became ill. Her brother, Dr. W. C. Boyden, of China Grove, was here to see her yesterday.

## R. W. BOLLING TESTIFIES BEFORE WALSH COMMITTEE

**President's Brother-in-Law Denies That He Has Ever Taken Money For Influencing Disposition Machinery Contracts.**

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—A denial that he had ever taken money for influencing the disposition of contracts or machinery by the United States shipping board, as charged by T. K. Sands, former Washington banker, coupled with a request that all of his business transactions with Sands be investigated—"both for my own and my family's sake"—was made before the Walsh committee here today by R. W. Bolling, President Wilson's brother-in-law, and now treasurer of the shipping board.

Mr. Bolling told of business associations with Sands dating back to 1916 and earlier years, out of which grew several financial transactions. He told the committee that his personal records were all available to its inspection. Sands has testified that he received \$40,000 from the Downey Shipbuilding Corporation for "representing" it before the board, out of which he paid money to Mr. Bolling.

Mr. Bolling said that after banking with the institution which Sands was connected with for several years, he had taken a contract in 1916 to build a house for the banker, and in making a settlement for its cost with Mr. and Mrs. Sands had foregone any profits because of objection by the Sands to a charge for extras.

"I volunteered to cancel my share of this charge, which figure (\$600) represented most of the profit I had expected to make on the entire transaction," Mr. Bolling said in his statement, "because of their unpleasant attitude. Mr. Sands agreed to this settlement, and gave me his note for \$600, which I endorsed and disbursed."

"However, a short while afterward Mr. Sands told me that he did not want me to lose any of my commissions for building the house, and that he had accepted this reduction only because his wife was very much worried that the house should have cost more than they had originally planned, and that he intended paying me the additional \$800 above referred to.

"Early in 1918 Mr. Sands sent a Mr. Craner to see me in regard to some machinery, which was to be used in connection with construction of vessels. Mr. Craner told me that the machinery in question was 'bending rolls,' and was to have been shipped to his company from the factory, but at the last minute some other company succeeded in having the order changed, and that this machinery would be diverted to them, that a great injustice was being done to his, Mr. Craner's company. I knew nothing about the construction division, so in the presence of Mr. Craner I called up Mr. Lester Sisler, who was then secretary of the shipping board, and explained the matter to him. He said he would look into it, and subsequently told me that he found upon inquiry that the rolls had been promised to Mr. Craner's company, and would be shipped to them.

"A short time after this Mr. Sands told me that he had made, or would make, \$1,000 in connection with this transaction—though he now states he has no recollection of the matter—and that he was going to 'take care of me.' I told him I would accept nothing. He then mentioned the \$600 which he still owed me in connection with the changes made in his house, saying that he had not forgotten it, and would pay it. I gave no thought as to what Mr. Sands' relationship was to the principal, but looked upon him as the vice president of a large bank, and a man who was justly indebted to me. I therefore told him that I would be glad to have him pay me what he owed me, but that it could in no way be connected with fees or commissions involving government work—and this he clearly understood. Upon my request he paid me subsequently the \$600, as follows: February 18, 1918, \$300; June 26, 1918, \$200, and August 5, 1918, \$100. I have no knowledge of where this money paid me by Mr. Sands came from.

"Mr. Sands also made me a loan of \$300 on May 21, 1918, for which I gave him my note. This was repaid by me to him July 14, 1919, with interest, at which time Mr. Sands said he was unable to find my note. However, I have my cancelled check bearing his indorsement. This represents every cent Mr. Sands has paid me since December 31, 1917.

"Of the \$40,000 which Mr. Sands was paid for procuring contracts I never heard of until it was mentioned in anonymous letters, coupled with threats that unless something was done to stop the proceedings of the department of justice against Mr. Sands, that my name would be brought into it. Upon the receipt of these letters I personally reported the matter to the department of justice, requesting that an investigation be made of my transactions with Mr. Sands.

"I feel that it is unnecessary for me to say that I never, by word or deed, tried in any way to assist the Providence