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W. C. KROUT SENTENCED TO SERVE TEN YEARS IN THE STATE PRISON

Check Flasher Found Guilty and Given the Limit of the Law, Ten Years at Hard Labor— Gives Notice of Appeal and Is Placed Under Bond of \$10,000—Jury Was Out Only 45 Minutes.

Unless the Supreme Court of North Carolina should reverse the decision of the Gaston Superior Court, as rendered Saturday night by Judge T. B. Finley, W. C. Krou, on trial here Friday and Saturday on the charge of uttering forged checks, will serve a sentence of ten years in the State prison at hard labor. The case went to the jury at 6:20 Saturday evening at the conclusion of more than six hours argument by attorneys for the State and for the defendant. The verdict of the jury, after being out about 45 minutes, was "Guilty." Judge Finley was notified of the verdict and returned to the court room. Attorney Carpenter for the defendant, made a most impassioned plea to the judge for a light sentence, reading to the court numerous affidavits as to the character of the witnesses which had not been presented as evidence in the case. Before passing sentence Judge Finley spoke of the seriousness of the offense with which the defendant had been charged and of which a jury had found him guilty after a fair and impartial trial. He stated that the circumstances did not justify him in taking any other course than pronouncing the heaviest sentence allowable under the statute. The judgment of the court therefore was that defendant be confined in the State prison for a term of ten years at hard labor. Defendant's attorney gave notice of appeal and the court announced an appeal bond of \$50 and an appearance bond of \$10,000. It is presumed that Krou, being unable to put up so large a bond, will be compelled to remain in the Gaston county jail until his case is heard on appeal by the Supreme Court, which will probably be at the April term. His attorneys announce that the fight for his acquittal is just begun. In the review of his case by the Supreme court it is to be presumed that documentary evidence which was offered by defendant's attorneys and was kept from the jury by objection of State's counsel, will be at least read and reviewed by the court, which has final jurisdiction as to the rulings of Judge Finley in sustaining objections to the introduction of such evidence.

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One Thousand-Bushel Shipment Of Webber Long Staple Cotton Seed For Farmers of The County

Will Be Distributed From Plant of Southern Cotton Oil Company This Week— Those Who Ordered Seed Are Urged to Come and Get Them as Early as Possible.

The shipment of one thousand bushels of Webber long staple cotton seed, strain No. 49, the best that has been developed from the Coker pedigree seed farm at Hartsville, S. C., ordered some time ago by the Gaston County Webber Long Staple Cotton Club, has arrived in Gastonia, and is ready for distribution among the farmers of Gaston county who ordered seed. The car of seed has been placed at the plant of the Southern Cotton Oil Company on East Main avenue, and those who have ordered seed may obtain them from Mr. J. Play Boss, manager. The price is as was stipulated when the campaign began last fall, two dollars per bushel plus the freight charges. Signed orders for some 550 or 600 bushels of seed were obtained before the shipment was authorized. All these orders will be filled first of course. If there are any seed left they will be distributed among those who desire some, but who failed to give in their order. It is urged by Mr. Boss that all those who have seed ordered get them as quickly as possible in order that demurrage charges may be kept as low as possible. The arrival of this shipment of 1,000 bushels of seed marks the culmination of a campaign prosecuted by The Daily Gazette (Continued on page 5.)

CAMPAIGN FOR NEAR EAST RELIEF FUNDS

Gaston County's Quota Is Over \$7,000—Rev. G. R. Gillespie to Address Workers.

RALEIGH, Jan. 23.—Rev. George R. Gillespie, chairman for Gaston county of the Near East Relief, will speak at the state conference of that organization here Wednesday, according to an announcement today by Col. Geo. H. Bellamy, state chairman. Mr. Gillespie is one of the most frequent organizers and campaigners in the state organization and will be asked to speak for the benefit of other chairmen who have had less campaign experience. Reports from Gaston county indicate that the Near East Relief campaign is progressing nicely. Gaston county and Gastonia city are jointly raising \$7,980, to feed, clothe and educate 133 orphans of Armenian martyrs this year. Rev. J. H. Henderley, D. D., of the First Presbyterian church, Gastonia, is city chairman. Mass meetings are being arranged at Belmont, Gastonia, Bessemer City, Mt. Holly, McAdenville, Lowell, Cherryville, Dallas, High Shoals and Stanley. A two-reel educational film, "Alice in Hungerland," depicting actual scenes in the stricken Bible lands, will be shown at the Ideal Theatre, Gastonia, January 31, Gastonia Theatre, February 1, at Mt. Holly, February 2, and at Belmont, February 3. This is the first picture to be taken in the Near East since the war in Europe began. North Carolina is missing \$200,000 this year, which supports 3,331 of these helpless tots in their orphanages at Trezimon. Many of these children were made fatherless during the great war when 300,000 Armenian troops were killed in the defense of the vast Baku oil fields. Experts agree that Germany's failure to get this oil shortened the war by many months. The foreign minister, however, more there are many of North Carolina's boys back home today who would not be sleeping beneath a wooden cross in France. North Carolina cannot see children of these heroes starve or freeze to death. Others of these children were made orphans when their mothers and fathers were murdered through Turkish depredations because they refused to renounce Christ and become Mohammedans.

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HIGH SCHOOL MEN TO MEET AT BELMONT

Second Meeting of Superintendents and Principals to Be Held at Home of Supt. F. P. Hall in Belmont, January 27.

The second banquet of the Superintendent's and Principals' Association will meet at the home of County Superintendent F. P. Hall in Belmont Friday evening, January 27 at 6 o'clock. The members of the association, some 25 or 30, will be entertained at dinner by Supt. and Mrs. F. P. Hall, after which the program for the evening will be carried out. Supt. W. P. Grier, of the Gastonia city schools, is toastmaster for the occasion. The program prepared by the executive committee for this meeting is as follows: The Junior High School. Discussion led by Prof. Ray Armstrong. County Literary Contests. Discussion led by Supt. E. A. Thompson. How to Secure the Best Attendance in a Shifting Mill Population. Discussion led by Supt. A. C. Wardick. Report on Athletics. Supt. A. S. Ballard. Address. Prof. A. T. Allen.

SIBERIAN QUESTION IS BEFORE CONFERENCE TODAY

Far Eastern Negotiations Are Advanced Well Toward Conclusion.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—With the Far Eastern committee facing the final day of the arms conference agenda today—the problems of Siberia—this week's sessions promised to advance the Far Eastern negotiations well toward conclusion, although several of the proposed Chinese questions still remained to be finally disposed of. The attitude of the Japanese Government as to withdrawal of troops from Siberia was regarded by the Japanese today as having been definitely determined in a statement Saturday of Foreign Minister Fuchida, before the Diet, that such action could be taken only when a stable government had been established there. The foreign minister, whose speech was made public by the Japanese embassy here, said his country had "no territorial ambition" in Siberia but that her own safety compelled the retention of troops in the maritime provinces for the present. With no indication that this stand will be disputed by any of the other powers here, it was expected by most of the delegates that the Siberian situation would not lead to a long discussion. Meanwhile, the Chinese and Japanese delegates resumed their Shantung discussions today with prospects that it would require only two or three more meetings to reduce the points of difference to a stage where a compromise on the Tsing Tao railroad issue would bring the whole controversy to an end. Although the Pacific fortifications section of the naval treaty still remained unsettled today, it was predicted by all the delegations that a final agreement could be worked out without serious trouble. It appeared to be the prevailing opinion that the treaty would be presented in final form at a plenary session this week.

SKULL FRACTURED IN PLAYFUL COLLEGE PRANK

FRUITA, N. Y., Jan. 23.—His skull fractured when he was playfully tipped out of bed by a fraternity brother at Hamilton College, William Duncan Sanders, died tonight in a Utica hospital. The young man felt no ill effects at first from falling on his head, but later became unconscious. 500-Mile Auto Race. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—Plans have been announced here for a 500-mile automobile race on next November 11, Armistice Day, at the Greater San Francisco speedway at San Carlos, California. A purse of \$50,000 and lap prizes of at least \$25,000 will be offered.

TO ELECT SUCCESSOR TO POPE EARLY IN FEBRUARY

ROME, Jan. 23.—The meeting of the Sacred College in conclave to elect a successor to the late Pope Benedict will open February 1 or 2, it was stated today. WOMEN OF QUEBEC ARE AGAIN DISAPPOINTED (By The Associated Press.) QUEBEC, Jan. 23.—Women of this province who demanded the right to vote on terms of equality with men have been disappointed. The Government has just announced that no suffrage bill will be introduced at the present session of the legislature. In Quebec the woman voter occupies an unusual position. By the Federal franchise law of Canada, she may cast a vote in Dominion elections, but there is no provision for voting in provincial elections. In the recent Canadian general election a heavy woman's vote was recorded in many Quebec districts, particularly in the cities. It is intimated, however, that a referendum may be presented to the people at the provincial general election, to be held next summer, in order to obtain the views of the people on the question.

BODY OF POPE BENEDICT LIES IN STATE IN CHAPEL OF HISTORIC ST. PETER'S

Thousands Pass Reverently Before Bier of Noted Church Dignitary Who Died Early Sunday Morning— Body Is Attired in White With Red and Gold Furnishings.

ROME, Jan. 23.—In the Basilica of St. Peter's historic church of his faith, the body of Pope Benedict XV lay in state today while vast throngs passed reverently before the catafalque. Early in the day all that was mortal of the late Pontiff, whose death in the early hours of Sunday plunged the church throughout the world into deep mourning was taken to the Sistine chapel from the throne room of the Vatican where it had been placed on Saturday shortly after his death. Then at 9:45 o'clock it was solemnly carried to St. Peter's, attended by a solemn procession of Cardinals, priests, members of the diplomatic corps and dignitaries of the Vatican, and placed on the catafalque, surrounded by votive candles. Word was given that the public of Rome would be admitted to St. Peter's up to 11 o'clock, and immense crowds immediately began entering the vast edifice and filing by the body. The body is robed in white, with stole and chalice of red, embroidered with gold. The head, wearing the pontifical mitre, rests upon cushions of red and gold velvet. The hands, wearing the pontifical gloves of purple silk and holding the rosary, are clasped over the breast. The body, as it was brought into St. Peter's was borne upon a red velvet bier by ushers, clad in medieval costumes of scarlet. The procession was headed by the gentlemen of the Vatican, the pontifical police with their elaborate uniforms of blue and white, walking with drawn swords. Following them were the Palatine guards, in dark blue uniforms and plumes of black feathers standing erect.

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TENNESSEE RIVER IS RISING AT CHATTAHOOGA

CHATTAHOOGA, TENN., Jan. 23.—The Tennessee River reached a stage of 34.6 feet at 8 o'clock this morning and is rising at the rate of 1.25 feet an hour. The forecast calls for a rise to 35 feet by tonight and the crest of 37 feet Tuesday night. Much lowland is already inundated and many families already have been driven from their homes and several streets are already submerged and some sections are threatened so the only escape is by boat. The Rossville highway is under water and the street car line has been put out of commission. This is the only line so far affected but others are threatened by night. GEORGIA SOLICITOR GETS THREATENING MESSAGE WATKINSVILLE, GA., Jan. 23.—"You'll be dead before Monday night" was a message Fred Gilgen, county solicitor for Oconee county, said he received yesterday on the eve of the convening of the grand jury to probe the lynching of three negroes in this county several weeks ago. The sheriff of this county and one of his deputies, who have been engaged in working up the cases against persons charged with the lynching, have also received threatening messages, they said.

POPE'S DEATH CERTIFICATE.

ROME, Jan. 23.—The certificate of Pope Benedict's death was registered at the city's bureau of deaths today. It reads: "The undersigned physician hereby states that at 6 o'clock, a. m., January 22, His Holiness Pope Benedict XV, Giacomo Della Chiesa, expired following an attack of broncho-pneumonia brought on by influenza. (Signed) Dr. Raffaele Battistini."

GERMAN CHEMISTS TRYING TO TAKE POISON OUT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Prohibition authorities are on the trail of two German chemists, alleged to be working with a bootlegger organization in New York, in an effort to nullify the poisonous character of denatured alcohol, according to a statement issued today by Ben Atkins, of the industrial alcohol division of the prohibition bureau. The bootleggers, he said, had been engaged in the wholesale treatment of denatured alcohol and the German chemists had been brought to this country to aid them. NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Ralph A. Day, prohibition director for New York, today announced that he was aware bootleggers in this city were experimenting with denatured alcohol in an effort to extract the poisons which cause death to drinkers. He denied, however, knowledge that Guyman chemists had been imported by the bootleggers.

FARMER MUST HAVE WORKING CAPITAL ON SAME BASIS GRANTED OTHER INDUSTRIES

SOUTHERN COTTON MILL MEN WATCH WAGE CUT

Cut of 20 Per Cent in New England Leaves South's Workers Better Paid— Lower Living Cost Here.

CHARLOTTE, Jan. 21.—Southern cotton mill men are watching with interest the wage and labor situation in New England, where announcement has been made during the past few days of a cut of 20 per cent in the wage scale in a number of textile plants and where other manufacturers declare that there must be a further readjustment of wages. It is not expected, however, that any difficulties in New England would affect the industry in this section. Wages in the textile industry in the south are still approximately 100 per cent higher than they were before the war, it is said, but the industry seems to be pretty well adjusted to this basis and there is no indication from the local manufacturers that there will be any further readjustment so long as manufacturing and market conditions continue as favorable as they are at the present time. That, although wages in southern cotton mills were increased during the flush period to a greater extent than in the industry in New England, the liquidation of wages here was brought about within a much shorter period. The result is that, while there was some disturbance in some mill communities when wages were reduced, a stable situation has existed since and the textile workers in this region are probably in better position today than the workers in those or almost any other industry in other sections at the present time. There is practically no unemployment. Both the cotton manufacturer and the textile worker of this section have an advantage over his fellow manufacturer or fellow worker of the north," today declared a local mill man who is regarded as one of the best informed manufacturers in the country. "The manufacturer has advantages in the matter of climate, power and raw products. The worker has advantages in climate, rents and living costs and living conditions generally. As a moral rule the workers in New England mills live in homes which are owned and rented by people who look to the labor revenue. The southern cotton mill worker as a general rule is provided with a neat cottage and garden space at a rental which does not more than take care of the upkeep and depreciation on the property, to say nothing of giving any return on investment. In most instances light and water are furnished free or included in the normal rent which most mills secure through purchasing coal or wood in large quantities and letting their employees have it at cost. It has been estimated that the winter fuel bill of the average New England textile family is \$86. In the south the average is about \$18. All in all, the southern textile worker has a decided advantage over his northern brother. Another feature of the situation which does not escape the notice of intelligent and ambitious textile workers is the fact that most mills secure their fuel for advancement at a price to be found in the industry in the north than in the south in New England. The reason for this is that while the industry is practically at a standstill in New England, it is developing rapidly in the south and promises to continue this development for many years, thus creating a constantly increasing number of responsible positions for practical men who apply themselves and prepare themselves for larger responsibilities. In this connection it is but just to state that there is a wide gulf separating the workers in the industry in the north and those in the south. In the north most of the workers are foreigners who have not yet absorbed ideals of Americanism. In the south practically all of the workers are native born Americans, intelligent, independent and ambitious. I believe that the progress of the industry in the south during the next few years is going to depend very largely upon the intelligence, the initiative and the industry of the workers themselves."

WOMAN AVIATOR PLUNGED 2,000 FEET TO DEATH

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 23.—Elsa Anderson, the only Swedish woman to hold an aviator's certificate, was killed at Askskogen yesterday. Four thousand spectators were watching her make a flight, and were horrified when Miss Anderson, in attempting a parachute descent from the machine, fell like a plum to the earth. The parachute failed to open and she plunged 2,000 feet to death.

SAYS BREATHITT COUNTY IS MOST LOYAL IN AMERICA

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—Breathitt county, the scene of many Kentucky feud killings, is the most loyal place in America, Dr. William J. Hutchins, president of Berea College, Berlin, Ky., told the members of the Sunday Evening Club here last night. "When the war came," Dr. Hutchins said, "every man and boy in the county volunteered for service; there was no draft law down there."

Must Have a Generous Supply of Capital In a Business More Vital Than Any Other, in Which Nearly Half the Nation's Wealth Is Invested— It Is a Wonder, Says President Harding, That Agriculture Has Prospered So Well— The Farmer Buys in the Dearest Market and Sells in the Cheapest.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALENDAR
Monday
5:00 p. m. Rehearsal Community Play.
7:30 p. m. Community Service Orchestra.
Tuesday
3:30 p. m. Girl Scouts.
5:00 p. m. Rehearsal Community Service Play.
7:30 p. m. Chamber of Commerce Glee Club.
Wednesday
7:30 p. m. Rehearsal Community Service Play.
Thursday
12 M. Gastonia Housing Corporation.
5:00 p. m. Rehearsal Community Service Play.
7:30 p. m. Pythian Band.
Friday
3:30 p. m. U. D. C.
5:00 p. m. Rehearsal Community Service Play.
7:30 p. m. Chamber of Commerce Glee Club.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURE OPENS

Delegates to the Number of 325 Assemble in Washington to Discuss Problems of Farmer.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Delegates from all sections of the country, representing agriculture and industries dependent on agriculture were assembled here today for the opening session of the national conference called to consider the present situation confronting the farmer and to lay down a permanent agricultural policy. Problems of financing, production, distribution and marketing constituted the broad division of the program to be considered during the first five days of the conference allotted to study of emergency relief measures. About 325 delegates had accepted invitations to sit in the conference, 26 of these being women. Today's program called for an opening address by President Harding after the calling of the conference to order by Secretary Wallace. Then followed an address by the Secretary outlining the purposes of the conference and one by Chairman Anderson of the Joint Congressional Commission of Agricultural Inquiry, devoted to discussion of agricultural prices and the general situation. Five farmers from the leading agricultural regions of the United States were on the afternoon program to give the delegates a picture of the present agricultural situation and to suggest remedies. Especially loud applause greeted the President's declaration for more adequate credit facilities and appliances, brooked forth after he made a digression to assert that the present condition in agriculture "is truly a national interest and not entitled to be regarded as primarily the concern of either a class, or a section, or a bloc." The President was followed by Secretary Wallace, who declared the conference had been called to consider the present agricultural depression and remedies for it and also the laying down of a permanent policy for the rebuilding of a sustaining agriculture. Mr. Wallace told the delegates that constructive efforts might properly be made in three fields, which he outlined as follows: "First—what may be done properly through legislative action. "Second—what may be done through administrative and educational effort, national and state, by the various agencies charged with the duty of fostering agriculture. "Third—what may and should be done by the farmers themselves individually and through their organizations. "It is not my purpose," the Secretary continued, "to suggest what you shall do here. Realizing, however, that you have come at our invitation and that your time is precious, we have made plans to help you use this time to the best possible advantage. "The agriculture secretary went on to say that he had "assumed to set up committees to deal with the various questions which automatically present themselves in any gathering called to consider agricultural problems. "The agriculture of the nation," Mr. Wallace declared, "is in a bad state and our entire business and industrial life is suffering in consequence. High production costs followed by ruinously low prices have greatly reduced the farmer's net income, and his purchasing power has been still further reduced by the disproportionately high cost of everything he needs to buy. "The co-operative loaning associations of Europe have been effective incentives to united action by farmers," he continued, "and have led directly into co-operation in both production and marketing, which has contributed greatly to the stabilization and prosperity of agriculture. 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