

## GENIUS OF WASHINGTON EXTOLLED BY HARDING AT PRINCETON N. J. TODAY

President Honors First Chief Executive In Patriotic Address.

### MONUMENT IS DEDICATED

Heroes Of the Revolution Are Praised For Their Great Heroism.

PRINCETON, N. J., June 9. — The brilliancy of General Washington's genius in action and the devotion of his followers of the Continental Army under great privation were extolled by President today in an address at the dedication of the battle monument at Princeton. The memorial was fitting to the heroes and heroism of that day he declared, adding that "we bring and lay at its foot the laurel wreaths which gratitude and patriotic sentiment will always dedicate to those who have borne the heat and burden of the conflict."

The President spoke in part as follows: (Continued on third page).

## CHARLOTTE FOLKS TO VISIT ON GOOD WILL TOUR

Two Hundred Charlotte Men To Visit Gastonia Next Wednesday—Will Be Last Stop On Day's Journey.

Charlotte citizens, at least 150 and maybe 200, are coming to Gastonia next Wednesday evening, and members of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce are to have full opportunity to mix with the live wire of the Mecklenburg capital. It isn't a business boasting proposition but a get-acquainted tour.

G. O. Keuster, one of the best friends Gastonia has ever had on the other side of the Catawba, Col. A. W. Burch, Capt. N. L. Shaw, T. T. Allison, secretary of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and J. M. Matthews came over Thursday as an advance guard, leaving gone over the entire route of the day's tour, and made local arrangements.

## AMERICAN LEGION TRACK AND FIELD MEET

PHILADELPHIA, June 9. — Athletes of the army, navy and marine corps held the center of the stage today in the first half of the American Legion track and field meet. The program included a full list of events for the service men—100, 220 and 440 yard dashes; 120 "dash" relay, one mile run, medley relay race and the usual field events.

## COTTON MARKET

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET (By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, June 9. — Cotton futures closed very steady, 50 points up. July 22.03; October 22.06; December 21.72; March 21.60; May 21.40; Spots 22.55.

## TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Receipts 30 Bales Price 20 1/2 Cents (strict to good middling)

## After Fixing Road Sentences In Liquor Cases Court Reverses Judgment And Imposes Fines

Liquor Traffickers In Court Given Option Of Road Sentences Or Heavy Fine—Those Who Are Able Choose The Fine And Go Their Way Rejoicing In The Ease With Which The Law May Be Juggled.

Following the passing of a number of road sentences on liquor traffickers in this week's term of Superior Court, Judge Finley, at the earnest importuning of several citizens of the city, reversed his judgment and imposed fines, according to the court records in the office of the clerk. Some of the defendants got off by paying the fines, and others were unable to pay their fine and will have to serve out the road sentence. Among the cases involved were Ernest Long, at first sentenced to nine months on the road, sentence later changed to a fine of \$700 and costs; Chas. Montgomery, five months on the roads, changed to \$600 fine and costs; Roy Berry, six months on the roads, changed to \$600 and costs; D. T. Lilley, six months on the roads, changed to \$600 and costs, and Will White, 60 days on the roads or to pay a fine of \$400.

It was in the imposition of the sentence on the last named defendant that the whole thing started. The White negro had pleaded guilty to dealing in liquor. He is an employee of the C. & N.-W. Railway. Through his attorney, E. R. Warren, strong pressure was brought to bear upon Judge Finley to impose a fine rather than a road sentence. Outside influences were brought in and several of the more prominent citizens were carried before the judge to bear testimony as to the negro's previous good character. White citizens had gone his surety bond. In response to the strenuous efforts of the negro's attorney and the representations of several citizens, Judge Finley imposed the optional sentence of a \$400 fine or 60 days on the roads. Being a railroad negro, and having other powerful influences behind him, the negro chose the fine.

## MASKED KU KLUX KIDNAP SOUTH CAROLINA COUPLE

ANDERSON, S. C., June 9. — A party of masked men numbering more than a half dozen and declared to have been dressed in the regalia of the Ku Klux Klan, last night at a late hour kidnaped Robert W. Sullivan, secretary of Orr cotton mills, this city, and secretary and treasurer of the South Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' Association, and Miss Ruby Floyd, near the home of the latter, taking the young couple some distance from the city, where it is alleged by Sullivan and Miss Floyd that they were given a "lecture" and Sullivan was warned by members of the party of masked men not to be seen again in company with Miss Floyd.

from her daughter as to where they were to be taken, one of the men stated that they were "going to teach them a lesson," according to Mrs. Floyd.

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF WOMEN AT BELMONT

The annual meeting of the Shelby District Woman's Missionary Conference was opened at the Belmont Central church Thursday evening. In her opening talk Mrs. B. T. Morris, of Gastonia, told of the unusual privilege this meeting had in having present two of the Western Carolina Conference officers, Mrs. H. A. Dunham and Mrs. W. R. Harris, both of Asheville.

## FINALS AT THE UNIVERSITY TO BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY

The following letter is from President Chase of the University: To the Alumni of the University of North Carolina. Dear Friends: With commencement less than two weeks away, I know that your thoughts are turning to Chapel Hill; to a Chapel Hill that has undergone such material changes in the last twelve months that they must be seen to be fully realized; but also to a Chapel Hill that is eternally the same, whatever its changes, because it cherishes the ideals that you have helped to make.

## Lenine Ill



Persistent reports of the illness of Nikolai Lenine have been verified by authoritative dispatches saying the Soviet premier has suffered a stroke of apoplexy.

## 40,000 SHOPMEN NOW VOTING STRIKE BALLOT; RETURNABLE JUNE 25

Such Action Would Reduce Probability Of Strike Materially.

## 81,000 MEN ARE INVOLVED

Clerks, Firemen, Signal Men and Many Others Also Are Affected.

CINCINNATI, O., June 9. — The executive committee of the six railway shop crafts unions in each of the country's three divisions will convene in Chicago on June 24, preparatory to canvassing the shopmen's strike vote, which is returnable June 25, it was announced by B. M. Jewell, head of the federated shop crafts, here today.

## FOUND WITH HEAD CRUSHED AND THROAT CUT

JACKSON, Miss., June 9. — The body of Miss Alice Mallott, 49, assistant matron of the Crittenden home for girls, here, was found with the head crushed and throat slashed, near the home this morning. An axe and razor had been used by her assailant and indications are that a long struggle took place. No clue to the slayer has been uncovered, but bloodhounds are being used in pursuit.

## District Agent E. S. Millsaps Gives History Of Gowan Case From Its Beginning To Date

According To His Letter, County Agent Had Been Asked To Resign Last December, But Final Decision Was Withheld—History Of Correspondence and Numerous Conferences.

District Agent E. S. Millsaps has been drawn into the Gowan controversy and in a lengthy statement in today's Gazette goes into the history of the case in detail. He claims that his integrity has been assailed and explains what is purported to be a verbal agreement between himself and certain citizens on February 6, as the continuation of the work of the county agent in Gaston county.

Mr. Millsaps communication reads as follows: Statesville, N. C., June 8, 1922. Editor Gazette: My attention has been called to an article in your issue of June 7. I have never made a public statement in my own defense, but in this case, since my integrity has been assailed, I feel that in justice to myself and the Extension Division I should do so.

At our Extension Staff conference in Raleigh in December Director B. W. Kilgore asked me to go to Gastonia and ask Mr. C. Lee Gowan, County Agent, to resign. I stated to the Director that the mission was an embarrassing one. He then remarked that if I did not care to do it he would handle it himself. I told him I had never shirked a duty.

On January 30th, 1922, I wrote Mr. R. E. Eaker, Cruse, N. C., asking him to meet me at Gastonia on the first Monday in February, stating that I wanted to ascertain just what the situation is there in regard to Mr. Gowan and his work. In another paragraph of the letter I said: "Some time ago at the instance of the Director I requested him to resign as soon as he could find suitable work. Then we have suggested to him that July 1st would be an appropriate time as that is the beginning of our fiscal year."

On the same date, January 30th, I wrote Mr. Thomas Sparrow as follows: "It is my purpose to go to Gastonia next Monday, February 6th, and ascertain if I can just what the situation is there with reference to Mr. Gowan and his work. As you know, we have asked Mr. Gowan to resign, and to be fair with him we are allowing him to continue his work until July 1st. There are few vacancies in County Agent work now, and school work such as he might be prepared to do, would not be open until about the beginning of the school year. It is never fair to advise a man in a summary way unless he is flagrantly immoral or positively inefficient."

Physicians reported that Mrs. Humphries would need no more assistance from "Red" and that she soon would be on her way to recovery.

## TELEGRAPHERS MAY NOT BE INCLUDED IN ORDER FOR BIG CUT IN WAGES

Will Be Canvassed Six Days Earlier Than Had Been Anticipated.

### "YES" VOTE MEANS STRIKE

Six Railway Shop Craft Unions Will Assemble In Chicago.

CHICAGO, June 9. — Railway telegraphers probably will not be included in the third wage reduction order of the Railroad Labor Board, according to rumors today of the contemplated new slash from railroad pay rolls.

The telegraphers number approximately 8,000. So many local conditions on various lines have to be considered that deliberation of an order affecting the telegraphers would necessarily consume weeks, it was said.

New wage cuts to follow the \$119,000,000 already lopped off the pay checks of 500,000 maintenance of way employes and 400,000 shop men will affect 350,000 railroad clerks, signal men, stationary firemen, clerks, and marine department employes, according to reports.

Chief among the groups are 220,000 men and 80,000 freight handlers and clerks, 22,000 men in the signal departments.

## ROTARIANS HAVE AN OLD-FASHIONED SPELLING BEE

Discus Proposition Of Baseball Park and Grandstand In the Fair Grounds—Charlotte Delegation Is Heard.

Discussion of the proposed baseball field and grandstand in the grounds of the County Fair Association, reception of a new member, Luther Oley, of Robinson Shoe Company, entertainment of the Charlotte advance party on their spelling bee tour and an old-fashioned spelling bee with the piece de resistance, were among the high points of interest in the Thursday Rotary luncheon held at 6:30 o'clock last night.

## "RED" ROBERTS GIVES 3 PINTS OWN BLOOD TO SAVE LIFE OF HIS SISTER

(By The Associated Press.) LOUISVILLE, KY., June 9. — "Red" Roberts, captain of the Centre-College football team and all-American star in 1921, gave the third pint of his blood yesterday, in the third transfusion operation in two weeks in an effort to restore health to his sister, Mrs. Kenneth Humphries.

Physicians reported that Mrs. Humphries would need no more assistance from "Red" and that she soon would be on her way to recovery.

## THE WEATHER

North Carolina, partly cloudy tonight; Saturday local thunderstorms.