

GOWAN MAKES REPLY TO MILLSAPS STATEMENT

County Agent Says There Was Nothing About His Resigning July 1.

WAS FAVORED BY MANY

Claims That Millsaps Did Make Actual Contract With Him for Year.

County Agent C. Lee Gowan in answer to the interview from District Agent E. S. Millsaps printed in The Daily Gazette, June 9, makes the following statements with respect to Mr. Millsaps' communications:

"In the communication of E. S. Millsaps printed in The Gazette of June 9th, he failed to make clear the fact that upon receipt of his letter of May 12th from which he quotes the following: 'sometime ago I wrote you making the suggestion that it would be advisable for you to be looking around for another position by July 1st,' that I wrote him that I had not received any such letter and that he sent me a copy of the letter of February 18th, a copy of which appeared in The Gazette of June 9th, which does not contain that statement or any other statement even suggesting July 1st. Therefore, he must have misquoted himself. He does state in that letter that he had advised that the matter be dropped and that the director had agreed with him. He also states that I had been vindicated before the people, but the same time advises that I should resign of my own volition, but does not say when.

"This letter reminds me of the Irishman who had been chased up a cherry tree by a bull-dog and the owner of the dog came out and said, 'Come down he won't bite, don't you see he is wagging his tail,' and the Irishman said, 'Yes, and he was barking all at the same time and I didn't know which end to believe.'

"He admits that he had his mind made up before coming to Gastonia on February 6th that I should go on July 1st, that quite a number of my friends were enthusiastic over my staying while there were only a few who opposed it, but his memory seems to be but as to the agreement he made. He does not remember that I even went so far as to ask him in the presence of the commissioners if he meant the calendar year 1922.

"In his letter of May 19th he admits that he did not mention July 1st in his letter of February 18th, but says that was the date in mind. He must think I am some genius to read his mind more than 25 miles away.

"He says that this action has been prompted by complaints but he does not mention the host of requests and pleadings from farmers and some of the best people in the county that there be no interference with the work here, neither does he mention the fact that his own annual report shows that I was one of the leaders in general work last year and that Gaston county was awarded the prize for doing the best club work in the state, also that a Gaston county club member is the 1921 State Champion Livestock Club Member.

"After all the discussion, what are the facts? According to his own story, there was never any fair and impartial investigation to find out the truth. In both instances where he claims to have visited this county to investigate, it is shown that his mind was already made up before coming here. In no instance is there shown any inclination to consider efficiency, the will of the people concerned, or the welfare of the farmers in Gaston county.

"But in spite of the pleadings of our very best citizens, disregarding his own sacred obligation, in the middle of the season, when it will be more disastrous than at any other time, with an antiseptic in hand he lets fall the cruel stroke which would blight the fond hopes of more than three hundred of Gaston county's brightest country boys and girls, who have said by their conduct, 'give us a chance,' and we will make of ourselves leaders and useful citizens. Not only that but it would greatly impede, if he did not completely paralyze, many of the other agricultural projects in the county for this year.

"It is an established fact that he did make a contract with me for the year and that the farmers have launched a great agricultural program, placing their confidence in this agreement. The question at issue is whether the agreement will stand."

DIVISION IN PERSONNEL OF R. R. LABOR BOARD (CHICAGO, June 13. — (By The Associated Press.) — The division in the personnel of the railroad labor board, which resulted in vigorous dissenting opinions on the wage reductions totalling \$110,000,000, effective July 1, already announced, will make its appearance again when another \$40,000,000 or so is lopped off the pay checks of 350,000 more railway men this week.

The majority decision of the board was completed yesterday, but a minority opinion will delay announcement of the new order for several days, it was learned today. Under the board's rules, any dissenting members is allowed three days to draw up his decision. The new decision will affect all remaining classes of railway employees, except telegraphers for whom the board will make a separate decision later, and the train service men, whose wages were not before the board for adjustment.

FIVE BANDITS KILLED AND THREE WOUNDED

NOGALES, ARIZ., June 13. — Five bandits were killed and three wounded in an attempt to hold up a train of the Southern Pacific de Mexico near Rosales, Mexico, late Saturday, according to a conductor who arrived today.

The men were members of a band of 25 Mexican bandits who attacked the train carrying a shipment of 29 bars of bullion valued at \$29,000. The other bandits fled without loot.

The five were killed and three others wounded by General Rodriguez, military governor of Nyalet, his aide and chauffeur, who were passengers on the train.

DR. MILLER TO TELL OF THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Orthopaedic Hospital Surgeon to Tell of the Work Going On at Institution for Crippled Children.

Thursday night's program for the Southern Textile Social Workers' Conference in session here this week will be featured by an address by Dr. Oscar L. Miller, surgeon in charge of the North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital. Dr. Miller will have as his subject, "Reconstruction Work for Crippled Children." The address will be illustrated by lantern slides and movie films. This will be a fine opportunity for the people of Gastonia and vicinity to see and hear some of the results of the labor, money, and interest they have put into this institution for the past few years. The address will describe some of the work being done at the hospital for crippled children of sound mind.

It is somewhat appropriate to show this under the auspices of the conference now in session in Gastonia. Many of the children who are patients at the institution are directed there by community and welfare workers throughout the South.

CONFLICTING OPINIONS AS TO THE PRISON

Some Say Prisoners Desired to Be Incarcerated, Others That Inmates Were Forced to See Struggles of Dying.

(By The Associated Press.)

MILLEDGEVILLE, GA., June 13. — With charges of neglect of the sick and inhuman treatment of other prisoners at the Georgia prison farm on record, the special investigating committee appointed by Governor Hardwick today opened the second day of its probe into conditions at the state's principal penal institution.

Testifying at the first day's hearing here J. Christie and Henry Bern, both of Atlanta, and W. B. Norton, of Macon, former prisoners at the farm and other witnesses described many instances of alleged brutality by officials of the institution.

One witness appeared in defense of conditions at the farm. M. B. Medlin, of Macon, said he came voluntarily to the hearing to brand as false charges against the prison commission and the penitentiary. The farm, he said, was a place of so many attractions that county convict camp prisoners desired to be incarcerated there.

Bert Donaldson, who said he investigated conditions at the penitentiary at the request of the Atlanta church and association, told the committee much improvement had been shown there recently. Three weeks ago, he testified, he found beds in the prison tubercular hospital "arranged in a wide open space, where it was impossible for inmates to keep from witnessing the death struggles of others."

CHARGED WITH SHOOTING UP HOME OF MINISTER

(By The Associated Press.)

RICHMOND, VA., June 13. — Advice from Louisiana, Va., are that Herbert Buckley and C. E. Via, whites, and William Hughes and Jim Vest, negroes, will be given a preliminary hearing today on charges of attempted murder in connection with the shooting up of the residence of the Rev. J. R. Glenn, a minister of Pentecost, Va.

Buckley, according to the authorities, had been given a beating by a band of masked men who Thursday night took him to a secluded spot and tarred and feathered him. The next night two men appeared at Rev. Glenn's house and asked of the way to a mine in that section. From his doorway, according to the authorities Mr. Glenn, who was in his night clothes, conversed with the men and while he was doing so shots from ambush began to rain through the door and windows. Mr. Glenn quickly disappeared from the doorway and he and his family escaped injury, although many volleys were fired. No arrests have been made for the alleged attack on Buckley.

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; probably showers to night in northwest.

SECRETARY OF WAR WEEKS MEETS ARGUMENT THAT BIG ARMY IS NOT NEEDED

Says United States Needs Army Just as Any Large City Needs Police.

TO WEST POINT CADETS

Declares That Civilization Would Be Self-Destroyed In Short Time.

WEST POINT, N. Y., June 13. — Assertions that the United States does not need an army were met by Secretary Weeks, of the War Department, in an address at the graduating exercises of the United States Military Academy today with the statement that "the civilization of the world rests on no surer foundation than did the civilization of Boston" at the time of the police strike nearly three years ago.

"If it were not for the restraining force of the military establishments of the nations of the world," he declared, "and indescribable state of chaos would result and civilization would be rapidly exterminated through self-destruction."

To say that the United States does not need an army, he added, is just as reasonable as to say that "Boston, Chicago and our other large cities do not need a police force."

The question of the size of the army, he declared, would always be a matter of controversy, especially as after a great war there is "an alarming tendency for the overburdened tax payer to forget the lessons of the past and cancel his insurance, trusting to luck and for at least a few years without the national protection which those more familiar with military matters and requirements deem necessary. But there is no question, he added, or difference of opinion as to its quality.

"If it does not consist of more than a thousand men," he continued, "it should be an army of the best possible thousand men which can be developed. But you cannot have the best army or even a good army, however sound the individual elements which compose it may be, unless it is efficiently commanded."

ROYAL MOUNTED POLICE READY TO STOP INDIANS

(By The Associated Press.)

LEAMINGTON, Ontario, June 13. — A detachment of royal Canadian mounted police was stationed at the national park at Point Pelee, 77 miles from Leamington, today, prepared to halt the march of several hundred Indians who have laid claim to the park and thousands of acres of the best farming land in this part of Canada under a treaty with the British government executed in 1749. The dominion government, refusing to recognize the Indians' claims, instructed the mounted police to prevent any encroachment upon the lands and to arrest the tribesmen as trespassers.

At the head of the Indian "invasion" was Archie Dodge, a member of the Potawatomi tribe and a descendant of Tecumseh, leader of Great Britain's Indian allies in the war of 1812. He is recognized as the head of the tribe, being the great grandson of the last chief.

Dodge, who is 23 years old, declared members of his tribe were the original settlers of the Canadian shore of Lake Erie and occupied the lands from the time of the British grant until about 1836, when they scattered to various parts of Ontario. Several years ago a movement was started to reclaim the land of their forefathers, but they encountered government opposition. Heads of the wandering bands held a pow wow at Alvinson last March, however, and decided on a trek to Point Pelee. Dodge and a small man were the first to arrive yesterday. About 300 others are reported en route.

In addition to the lands, Dodge told police officers in disclosing the plans of the Indians, the government still owes the various tribes \$300,000 in treaty money. Payment of this sum is to be demanded, he said.

So far as the officers could learn the Indians came with no intention of taking the lands by force, and such a course was disclaimed by Dodge, whose band was encamped last night on what is known as alienated land, just outside the park preserves.

SHRINERS START OFF WITH BIG PARADES

(By The Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13. — The annual convention of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, began here today with a parade of all the hundreds of brightly dressed bands and patrols to escort the imperial caravan from the city's largest convention hall to the Imperial Council chamber in Scottish Rite auditorium.

Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi nobles staged a regular pantation scene with cotton field melodies during the first day's festivities.

The imperial potentate's ball tonight will follow a day set aside by the convention for joy, splendor, music and laughter.

Mr. John N. Hanna Dead.

News was received here this afternoon of the death at his home in the New Hope neighborhood today of Mr. John N. Hanna an aged and highly respected citizen of the county. Just when he died is not known. His lifeless body was found by members of the family in the hall where he had evidently fallen struck on by sudden death.

"Financieress"



Miss Gulletta Talamini, only girl graduated by the American Banking Institute this year, sees no reason why a woman can't be a good bank president.

GEORGE BLACKWELL DID NOT APPEAR IN COURT

His Attorney Says That He Is In South Carolina Looking Up Witnesses—Will Come Back Friday for Trial.

George Blackwell, for whom a rapin has been outstanding a week, for his appearance in municipal court, failed to show up in court this morning. His attorney E. R. Warren gave notice that he would appear Friday morning, saying that he "had gone to South Carolina to get some important witnesses."

Mention was made of this case in a local story in Monday's Gazette, and the statement was made intimating the local police force had been derelict in their duty in not arresting the man and bringing him to trial. It turns out that the prosecuting attorney, George R. Mason, was responsible for the non-appearance of the defendant. In an open court this morning he made this statement:

"I accept the whole responsibility for the non-appearance of this man. I noticed in The Gazette yesterday something about his not coming to court. If there is any excuse or blame attached to any one, I am the one responsible."

To which Judge Jones made reply in substance:

"It is bad business to interfere with the court's orders. I am not ensuring anybody, but the court's orders ought to be carried out. If we treated every defendant this way, the courts would soon lose all their authority and respect. The defendant may be in South Carolina. I accept the word of his attorney with respect to that. But he ought to be here in court. It is cases like these that tend to destroy confidence in the courts."

It was plain from the judge's statement that he was not at all pleased with the failure of the defendant to show up, following his order that he be produced. Curiosity prompted the presence of a big crowd of court onlookers, who were anticipating an interesting session of court.

It was plain from the court's utterances that his orders for copies were final and not to be tampered with.

Chief Aderholdt made it plain that he was acting under the instruction of the solicitor in not serving the rapins.

ADDITIONAL SERVICE AT GASTONIA POSTOFFICE

New Clerk Ges On Duty At Night From 6 P. M. Until 2:30 A. M.—More Service In Dispatch of Mails.

Gastonia postoffice service is soon to be greatly improved, from all promises made by the department. Announcement was made in The Gazette a few days ago by Postmaster E. A. Slate, who recently made a trip to Washington, going with Congressman Bulwinkle for a conference with department officials in the interest of several lines of improved service.

Congressman Bulwinkle today advised the chamber of commerce of receipt of a letter from John B. Rafter, first assistant postmaster general in which it is stated that authority has been given the postmaster to appoint an additional clerk, effective June 1st. It is stated that the department does not feel that all night service is warranted here but that as instructions have been given to assign the new clerk to duty from 6 p. m. to 2:30 a. m. two clerks will be on duty to effect dispatch and distribution of principal mails arriving and departing during the night.

EXPORTS DECREASE.

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, June 13. — American export trade suffered another decline during May, dropping from the total of \$318,000,000 reported for April to \$305,000,000. Imports, however, increased in May to \$254,000,000, as compared with \$217,000,000 for April.

Daring Aviator Sets A New Record In Parachute Drop From Plane, Descending 24,206 Feet

Captain A. W. Stevens, Aerial Photographer, Loses Oxygen Tank Four Miles In the Air—Is Swent 25 Miles From Course By 120 Mile an Hour Gale—Is Nearly Suffocated But Quickly Recovers After Dropping Lower.

PREACHES SERMON FULL OF GOSPEL POWER

Rev. C. T. Squires at Armstrong Memorial Church Draws Big Crowds—His Line-up for Baseball Team.

A splendid congregation greeted Rev. C. T. Squires at the Charles B. Armstrong Memorial church Monday night and were repaid with a Gospel sermon of earnestness and power. Using the second chapter of the Acts, Mr. Squires in a thorough and convincing manner, enumerated the seven steps by which the apostle Simon Peter rose to a life filled with the message of grace and salvation. This rise said the evangelist, was accomplished by Jesus' intercession, true repentance, companionship with the Lord's disciples, a burning desire to get close to his Lord, his pride humbled, prayerfulness and being filled with the Holy Spirit. Instead of the Simon Peter self-confident, we have the apostle Simon Peter, from being prayerless we have him continuing instant in prayer, from zeal misdirected he is guided by the Holy Spirit, from following afar off, he is at the feet of Jesus, from "warming himself at the enemy's fire" he is with the Lord's disciples, from shameful equivocation we find him courageously confessing his Lord before hostile mobs and the murder of Stephen. These are the steps, said Mr. Squires, necessary to bring us all, sinners and professing Christians, into closer communion with God and to make us four-square Christians.

The piano playing of Miss Mary McLean and direction of singing by Mr. Chas. W. Mainwaring were features of the service. Mr. Squires will preach again tonight at 8 o'clock and Mr. Bonnie Norris and others will constitute an orchestra to render delightful music.

Mr. Squires is an ardent baseball fan and says his pick for a championship team, for the past twenty years, of national players would be: Pitchers, Mathewson, Johnson, Bram, Walsh, Alexander, Plank; catchers, Kling, Sebak, Schlang; infield, Sieler, Hornsby, Wagner, Baker, Collins and Turner; outfield, Cobb, Speaker, Heilmann and Jackson. Mr. Squires enjoyed a workout with the home boys Monday afternoon.

WIDOW DEAD AND HER \$100,000 MISSING, TOO

Died Mysteriously at Hot Springs June 6—Some Think She Did Not Die a Natural Death.

CHICAGO, June 13. — Appointment of an administrator of the estate of Ora Belle Downs Rigley was planned today by relatives of the Assumption, Illinois, widow in their investigation of circumstances surrounding her death at Hot Springs, Ark., June 6, and search for her alleged missing \$100,000 fortune. Asserting belief that Mrs. Rigley did not die a natural death, and that the fortune she is believed to have possessed has disappeared, attorneys for the relatives indicated they would ask for an official investigation.

Names of several Chicagoans have been brought into the investigation, which has extended to Florida, Texas, Arkansas, and other points in the South where Mrs. Rigley travelled shortly before her death.

Mrs. Alice Horn, a companion who was with Mrs. Rigley when she died, said Mrs. Rigley died virtually penniless.

Mrs. Horn said Mrs. Rigley had become estranged from her relatives, and although she expressed a desire to be buried at Assumption, she did not want the coffin opened to permit relatives to see her body. A few pieces of jewelry and other mementos of small value, Mrs. Horn said, were left in her care to dispose of.

At her hotel Mrs. Horn exhibited a number of letters, including some from physicians and an optician, which she said she had.

"PROHIBITION AGENTS ARE ALSO 'WET' AND DRY PHILADELPHIA, June 13.—Prohibition agents divided in 13 classes, 'wet' and 'dry' in a class in 'Volsteadism' being conducted in the office of John W. Davis, director of prohibition in Pennsylvania.

Director Davis' school is for the purpose of instructing his agents in the rudiments of obtaining evidence against the violators of the prohibition law. Explaining the two groups of agents, Director Davis said: "We have agents of our force who never drink. Again we have others who do drink. The latter are essential to the department to obtain evidence. Agents who never drank are not compelled to drink while in the service. And there is where the wet agent comes into his own. By sending out teams of 'wet' and 'dry' enforcers, the agent who drinks can buy the liquor and the dry man can witness the sale, thereby furnishing the corroborative evidence required by the government to constitute an illegal sale of liquor."

THE SOUTHERN TEXTILE SOCIAL WORKERS ARE IN SESSION HERE THIS WEEK

Addresses of Welcome and Get-Acquainted Meetings for Tonight.

WELL-KNOWN SPEAKERS

One Hundred and Fifty or More Delegates to Attend Conference.

Community workers from the numerous textile manufacturing centers of Dixie are pouring into Gastonia today to attend the annual session of the Southern Textile Social Workers Conference, which convenes tonight at 8 o'clock. The opening session, which may be termed as a get-acquainted meeting, will be held in the new auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce. Up to noon a hundred of the delegates had already registered at headquarters, the Armington Hotel. Others are expected on the afternoon trains. It is believed that 150 or more delegates will be present at the opening conference tonight. The program calls for addresses from well-known men, who are connected with textile manufacturing plants throughout the South.

The delegates will assemble tonight in the Chamber of Commerce, where addresses of welcome will be delivered. Mr. C. E. Hutchison, of Mount Holly, prominent yarn mill man and president of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association, will welcome the visitors on behalf of the managements of Gaston county mills. The city of Gastonia will extend its welcome through Mr. Joe H. Spark, local mill man. Following these two speeches, Mr. Marshall Dilling, of the Snyre Mill will welcome the delegates on behalf of the mill superintendents. Mr. G. C. Gibson, of Winnsboro, S. C., president of the Southern Textile Social Workers, will respond to the addresses of welcome. The night's program, as stated above, will be largely to help the new comers get acquainted with each other and the local workers. The Lory Band has been engaged to render special music for the occasion. The public is cordially invited to the meeting.

The meetings on Wednesday and Thursday will be held at the high school auditorium, corner of Oakland street and Second avenue. From several viewpoints, the program outlined for the session on Wednesday will be the apex of the three days conference. Many happenings that will be of unusual interest to the delegates as well as the Gastonia public will take place between the opening devotional by Dr. Henderlite to the closing address of the day by Dr. E. C. Lindeman, professor of sociology at the N. C. College for Women. The music at the meeting at the school building Wednesday night will be rendered by musical talent from surrounding mill villages.

A special feature of the musical program is the music that will be rendered by Mr. Woody, a young man of the Lory community. Young Woody is twenty four years of age and is totally blind. His piano music is of the highest classical type and those who have heard him say that they have never before seen the like. He was born in Madison county, this state, and lost his sight when an infant. He was educated in the school for the blind, at Raleigh, when four years of age. During the summer young Woody tunes pianos as a trade and in winter he teaches the boys at his alma mater the same profession. He took up the study of music at the age of eleven and for some time studied at Meredith College, Raleigh.

Accompanying Mr. Woody will be several other musicians. Songs, stringed instruments and piano music will be on the program.

It is to be clearly understood that the public is urged to be present at all meetings and sessions. The doors are open. All interested in the work of the community workers' organization will listen with interest to the speeches and reports at the conference.

The outlined program for tonight and Wednesday:

Tuesday, June 13. 7:00-8:00 p. m. Registration. 8:00 p. m. "Get Acquainted Meeting." Addresses of Welcome: J. H. Separk, C. E. Hutchison, Mr. Holly, Marshall Dilling, Snyre-Mill. Response: Mr. George C. Gibson, Winnsboro, S. C., president, Southern Textile Social Workers Conference.

Wednesday, June 14. 9:00 a. m. Devotional. Dr. J. H. Henderlite, D. D., Gastonia, N. C. 9:30 a. m. Music. Prof. Wade R. Brown, director of music, North Carolina College for Women. 9:45 a. m. "Unity of Effort in Service Work." Mr. Gordon A. Johnston, Winnsboro, S. C., president Southern Textile Association.

10:00 a. m. Group conferences. Leaders: Ministers, J. W. C. Johnson, Gastonia, N. C. Teachers, Miss Katherine Dozier, Gainesville, Ga. Nurses, Miss Margaret Laws, county Red Cross nurse, Gastonia, N. C. General workers, Mr. Marion Heiss, Greensboro, N. C. 3:00 p. m. Music. 3:15 p. m. Dr. E. C. Lindeman, "Some Fundamentals of Community Work in Mill Villages." 4:00 p. m. Open forum. 8:00 p. m. Concert. Musical talent from mill villages. Address: Dr. E. C. Lindeman, professor of sociology, N. C. College for Women, Greensboro, N. C.

COTTON MARKET

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET NEW YORK, June 13. — Cotton futures closed barely steady at 25 points up. January 21.24; March 21.30; July 21.90; October 21.85; December 21.56; May 21.02; Spots 22.40.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Receipts 2 bales Price 20 1/2 Cents (Strict to good middling.)