

## RAILROAD HEADS AND SHOP LEADERS LINE UP FOR A FIGHT TO THE FINISH

### Winston-Salem Has Half-Million Dollar Fire; Nissen Block Is Burned

#### Half-Million Dollar Fire Started By Eighteen-Year Old Boy Who Is Caught

William Chatham Blew Up Smoak Harness Company's Store With Gasoline Because Of Grievance Against Smoak—Had Narrow Escape From Death But Is Immediately Captured.

WINSTON-SALEM, Aug. 26.—The entire Nissen building located on North Main street and occupied by the W. W. Smoak Harness Company and The Crawford Mill Supply Company, was totally destroyed, while the Liberty cafe, the Newark Shoe Store, C. D. Kenney Company and general store of Teichman Brothers fronting on Liberty street, were badly damaged by fire and water, the fire starting at 2:45 this morning and the total loss estimated at \$500,000.

The portion of the Nissen building occupied by the Smoak Harness Company, was blown up with gasoline, it is alleged, by William E. Chatham, 18 year old boy, who was captured by officers as he was leaving the building a few seconds after the explosion which shook the entire downtown district of the city. While handcuffs were being placed on Chatham

#### BLACKWELL GETS SIX MONTHS, TAKES APPEAL; ROADS FOR BOOTLEGGERS

Judge Webb Sends Number Of Liquor Traffickers To The Roads.

MANY ARE CONVICTED.

Solicitor Woltz Has Prosecuted For The State In Diligent Manner.

The August term of Gaston County Superior court adjourned at noon Saturday. During the morning session a number of cases were disposed of, including a number of liquor cases in which the defendants were sent to the roads, despite the pleadings of their attorneys before Judge Webb.

The afternoon session of Superior Court Friday was devoted entirely to the hearing of witnesses for the defense in the Blackwell case and the argument of counsel, which came to a close at 9:45. Judge Webb then announced a recess till Saturday morning at nine o'clock when the jury was charged.

After being out forty minutes the jury returned a verdict of guilty. Judgment of the court was that the defendant should be confined to the common jail of Gaston county for a period of six months and assigned to work on the public roads. Motion for new trial was overruled. Exception taken. Attorneys for defendant gave notice of appeal to the Supreme Court. Appeal bond was fixed at \$50 and appearance bond at \$500, to be justified and approved by the clerk of the court. Bond was signed for the defendant by Wiley S. Hanna. The former bond for appearance at the current term had been \$500, of which \$200 was a cash bond.

The next most important case was that of Scott Woods, charged with transporting liquor. His attorney, E. R. Warren, put up a strong plea for his client, but the judge had heard that Scott had declared "he could stand any number of months on the roads."

Carl Beam, of Cherryville, and Jim Morris, of Gastonia, each drew four months on the roads, for selling liquor. Messrs. Carpenter and Warren pleaded with the judge to let these men off on the strength that this was their first offense and that he ought to be light for the sake of their families. "Let them go back to their mothers and to their wives and children," said the lawyers in substance, "and they will never be caught again."

"I know all that, too, gentlemen," said Judge Webb, "but they ought to have thought about all these things before they got into this trouble. They knew it was against the laws of state and nation to sell whiskey, make whiskey and haul whiskey."

Neither of the attorneys had any other argument than that they were sorry, they knew that "his honor wanted to save rather than to destroy, they knew that his policy had been rather lenient, that he would keep a man from the chain gang if he could, that if he would let these men off, they would be saved to society rather than destroyed. They knew his honor was too big hearted a man to carelessly destroy a human character and reputation like that."

To all of which the judge answered as above.

"Mr. Sheriff, what's the reputation of this man?" inquired the judge in another liquor case, L. D. Costner. "He has the reputation of selling liquor. That's what they say about him up above Dallas," returned Mr. Carrol.

"That don't make him bad," interrupted Mr. Carpenter. "They talk that don't say they are all bad."

Mr. Carpenter then got into an argument with the judge about the right or wrong of turning off prisoners or sending them to the gang.

"That's the religion I practice," started Mr. Carpenter. "I say, that's the brand of religion I—" the judge kept on talking, "I may be wrong, I don't know, but I say, that's the brand I profess," continued the ubiquitous lawyer; "it may not get me across the pearly gates, but that's the brand—"

"Mr. Clerk, make this entry," interrupted the judge and down went a road sentence.

"The people of the United States have spoken on the prohibition question," continued Judge Webb. "It is not for you and me to argue that law. It is a law, and it is my duty to enforce the law as I see it. They went into this liquor business with their eyes wide open. They knew they were violating the law. They should have shown some of that prudence and foresight with which they are now so fully endowed."

E. E. Stroup, Cherryville farmer, convicted of having liquor for sale, got off through the statement of Dr. Self that he was ruptured and had a double hernia and that a chain gang sentence cooler tonight.

#### Collins' Fiancee



Mrs. Kitty Kiernan, who was to have been married to Michael Collins, slain Irish leader.

#### MILL OWNERS DO NOT FEAR STRIKE DANGER FROM T. F. MAHON

President Of Textile Union Threatens To Call Strike Of Textile Workers Next Spring, But Mill Owners Do Not Fear It.

CHARLOTTE, Aug. 25.—The strike bludgeon held over the heads of Southern textile mill owners by President T. F. Mahon, of the United Textile Workers of America is dread no more than a baby's rattle.

A least that is the sentiment expressed by many owners of mills here and elsewhere in this section with headquarters in Charlotte. They were frank to admit in interviews Thursday afternoon that they do not fear the threatened action of the president of the textile union.

According to word from the North, Mr. Mahon is threatening to call a strike in Southern cotton mills next Spring in order to force the hand of mill owners for the establishment of the 48 hour week. He is now laying his plan and has already made public announcement of his intentions.

Textile unionism, say mill owners here, is the next thing to a word in a dead language. Textile operatives here and in near-by textile centers have become "disgruntled" with the union as the result of the three months' idleness last Summer when the strike availed them nothing, mill owners assert.

Many of the operatives, it was explained have not gotten straightened out from that strike and are still paying off merchants' debts incurred during that period of idleness when all was going out and nothing coming in.

The textile organization is a mere skeleton of its former self and plays no part in many of the larger mills of this section, declare the owners.

Hence it is the belief of the owners that a strike called by Mr. Mahon will not be heeded unless present conditions materially change. Unless the operatives can be offered something more attractive than the strike of 1921, another call for a walkout will be passed up, assert owners.

The present working schedule is 55 hours a week in the majority of North and South Carolina mills and, according to owners' statements, this is a satisfactory arrangement. Workers are apparently satisfied with the schedule according to mill officials.

The railway strike, with its resultant non-shipment of coal, is causing more trouble and worry to mill heads than the threatened strike call of the union official. If the shipments of fuel are not forthcoming, mills will be forced to close down and that is an added factor against the chance of a Summer strike, it being the contention of mill owners that operatives will not care to quit work.

The question now confronting owners is the care of operatives and getting enough coal to keep them warm during the Winter months. Owners are determined to see that sufficient coal is gotten and workers will be given every possible attention and coal furnished in every instance, it was said.

#### URGENT THAT GERMANY BE GIVEN HEARING

(By The Associated Press.)

PARIS, Aug. 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—British reparations officials urged that Germany be given another hearing by the full membership of the reparations commission before final determination of the reparations question is made, it was learned in an authoritative quarter here today.

#### THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Sunday, somewhat cooler tonight.

#### UNION CHIEFS CLAIM THEY ARE PREPARED FOR LONG HARD FIGHT; HAVE FUNDS AND DETERMINATION

#### BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS BREAK CAMP AFTER THREE-DAY STAY

New Hope Led In Total Registration—Total Of 118 Boys and Girls Entered—Shannon and Wright Prove To Be Good Swimmers—Successful Encampment Closes.

With a total enrollment of 118 registered during the three days' encampment, the Gaston county boys and girls club camp came to a close Friday afternoon after a most successful three-day outing at Garrison's Park, a short distance west of the city.

The exercises of the closing day were featured by the presence of a large number of the parents of the boys and girls, who came to picnic, a swimming contest among the boys and girls, for prizes offered by Secretary Allen, instructor in swimming, and speeches from representatives of three Gastonia civic organizations. A group picture of the club encampment was taken before camp was broken.

New Hope club led with 15 members in attendance, Fairview was second with 14, Landers Chapel and Kettle Shoals tied for third place with 13 each. Bessemer City club had 12 members. Mt. Olivet had 11. There were 14 clubs represented. Every township in the county was represented.

The success of the camp was due to the untiring efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Altman, Miss Nell Pickens, Misses Esther Davenport, Lela Durham, Pearl Stowe and Elizabeth Stroup, who helped in the camp instruction. County Agent J. W. Hendricks, of Catawba, was also of invaluable assistance. Secretary Fred M. Allen, of the Gaston Fair, taught the boys and girls swimming. Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Shetley, of the community, rendered valuable aid in taking care of the boys and girls. A victrola loaned by the Winget Jewelry Co. added much to the pleasure of the camp. Camp was broken about 3:30 after a series of stunts and games by the boys and girls. Picnic dinner at noon was followed by short speeches from Dr. D. A. Garrison, J. H. Kennedy and E. B. Denny, representing, respectively, the Kiwanis Rotary and Civitan clubs.

The swimming feature of the camp, one of the real pleasures for a large number, came to a close with the swimming hour just before the big picnic dinner. The water stunts were wound up with some races, under the direction of Executive Secretary Fred M. Allen, of (Continued on page 3.)

#### MOBILE AND OHIO TRAIN WRECKED; DISORDERS ALSO IN OTHER PLACES

Ninth Week Of Rail Strike Begins With Numerous Violent Acts.

A. C. L. BRIDGE BOMBED

Several Walkouts Reported Where Guards Were On Duty.

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—The ninth week of the railroad strike began today with peace negotiations collapsed, President Harding considering steps to place certain roads and anthracite coal mines under Federal control; train wrecks and further trouble with train crews, notably on the Chicago and Alton.

Walkouts on the C. & A. followed explosions at Roodhouse, Ills., operating crews at Roodhouse and Slater, Mo., refusing to turn a wheel.

The new walkout at Slater was made in protest against the pressure of guards who had been on duty since disorders earlier in the strike. Passenger trains on the Kansas City division were delayed at Bloomington through Springfield and St. Louis.

Mobile & Ohio Railroad officials were investigating last night's wreck of a passenger train at Whistler Ala., in which several persons were injured. The engine and seven coaches left the rails when the train hit a half open switch. Officials following an investigation, declared the switch was thrown half way and locked in a deliberate attempt to wreck the train.

The Whistler wreck was the second of the day on the Mobile & Ohio, the first occurring near Meridan. Four members of the train crew were injured. The cause of the wreck remained undetermined.

The fifth dynamiting of two days on the Atlantic Coast Line Railway occurred at Flawler Creek, near Jacksonville, Fla., where an attempt was made to blow up a bridge. The explosion occurred just after a passenger train bound for Tampa crossed the trestle. The damage was said to have been slight. Two other trains passed over the bridge shortly after the explosion.

#### STORM BREWING NEAR ISLAND OF JAMAICA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Reports received today by the weather bureau indicate that a storm was gathering over the Caribbean sea some distance southwest of Jamaica. The bureau said its intensity and future course had not been determined and added later that advices would be issued.

#### 35 KU KLUXERS HAVE BEEN ACQUITTED

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 26.—Thirty-five alleged members of the Ku Klux Klan were free today, a jury which tried them on felony charges growing out of the Inglewood raid of April 22, last, having acquitted them last night after a little more than three hours of actual deliberation.

They were accused of having raided the home and bonded winery of F. H. and Mattie Ellum, at Inglewood, a suburb, seized the men as alleged bootleggers and turned them loose after officials had refused to lock them up.

In the raid, M. B. Mosher, Inglewood constable, was killed, and his son, Walter E. Mosher, a deputy constable, and Leonard Rugg, a deputy sheriff, were wounded.

According to evidence brought out at the Mosher inquest and at the trial, the raid was planned at a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan in Inglewood.

#### STOCK AND BOND PRICES ARE ON UPWARD TREND

For First Time In Two Months This Week Had Million-Share Days—Coal Shortage Hits Factories Hard.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—The upward movement in stock and bond prices was continued this week, despite some early irregularity resulting from the failure of the anthracite coal and rail strike conferences to effect a settlement. Resumption of fairly extensive public buying caused more extensive dealings, million share days coming back into the market for the first time in two months.

The outstanding development in the industrial situation was the announcement of a twenty per cent wage advance, effective September 1st, by the United States Steel Corporation and independent plants. Threatened shortage of day labor when the expected industrial revival gets under way next month is believed by the financial community to have prompted the advance at this time. It was followed a few days later by higher prices for steel and iron products, with more expected, which found reflection in the higher prices of steel shares, U. S. Steel rising to the highest point in more than two years.

Car loadings of revenue freight continued to increase, coal loadings making a particularly impressive showing. Several industries, however, continue to feel the effects of the coal shortage. The automobile industry has been particularly hard hit. One of the Ford plants has lost 5,000 men, but an interesting feature in this connection was the announcement that arrangements had been made to burn fuel oil in some of the Ford factories.

Some increases were noted in commodity prices during the week, but further reductions took place in the sugar and rubber industries. Increased purchases were noted on the part of retailers, who are reported to have bought the largest amount of merchandise from wholesalers and manufacturers than in any other week since April, 1920.

#### WESTERN UNION LINE FROM MIAMI TO BARBADOS OPENS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—The Miami-Barbados cable of the Western Union Telegraph Company was opened for business today after its use as a direct line of communication between North and South America had been blocked for more than eight months by a controversy between the company and the United States Government.

President Harding yesterday signed a license authorizing the company to land and operate the cable at Miami Beach, Fla., after official notification had been received that the Argentine government had accepted renunciation by the Western Telegraph Company, a British concern, of monopolizing rights in that country. The American company's cable connects at Barbados with one owned by the British concern.

#### COTTON MARKET

Receipts ..... 10 bales  
Price ..... 22 cents

#### CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—Cotton futures closed steady. Spots quiet, unchanged. October 21.93; December 22.04; January 21.90; March 21.96; May 21.91; Spots 22.25.

#### TEXAS DEMOCRATS IN RUN-OFF PRIMARY TODAY

Interest Centers In Senatorial Contest Between Mayfield and Ferguson—Latter Is Candidate Of The "Wets."

(By The Associated Press.)

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—Texas Democrats went to the polls today to nominate in the final or run off primary, candidates for the United States Senate for Congress in two districts, and for three State offices. Nomination heretofore has been tantamount to election. Greatest interest is attached to the Senatorial contest between Earle B. Mayfield, a State railroad commissioner, and James E. Ferguson, former governor. Each expressed confidence in statements last night.

Issues in the Senatorial race have been sharply drawn. Mr. Ferguson concentrated on charges that Mr. Mayfield was the candidate of the Ku Klux Klan and charged Mayfield with being a member. Mr. Mayfield ignored the Klan charges.

Mr. Mayfield repeatedly attacked Mr. Ferguson as an advocate of light wines and beer, which charges were not denied.

Mayfield referred numerous times to the impeachment of Mr. Ferguson when the latter was Governor, and Mr. Ferguson has often made pleas for vindication. He declared his ousting from the governorship was by his political enemies and he had done no wrong.

Mr. Ferguson was impeached on charges of having received profits personally from state funds and interference with the board of regents of the State University.

Both professed friendship for organized labor.

#### SWEDISH EXPORTS EQUAL AND EXCEL PRE-WAR FIGURES

(By The Associated Press.)

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 8.—That Sweden has definitely surmounted the post-war crisis, and is one of the first nations in Europe to show a natural and consistent recovery, appears from the monthly report on the foreign trade of this country during June, which has just been issued.

The export of timber and sawn wood a staple commodity, has grown so rapidly that the volume is now 97 per cent of the pre-war figures. At the end of June the timber sales were close to 800,000 standards, which is considerably more than half of the normal yearly output. The export of matches is 95 per cent of the pre-war normal, and it is encouraging that the export of iron ore has even surpassed pre-war figures by three per cent. As regards wood pulp and paper, which America buys from Sweden in large quantities, the figures for the month exceed the 1913 figures for the corresponding month by 18 to 72 percent. Incidentally it is reported that one reason why the quotations on sulphite pulp are high is the increased demand from the United States for the manufacture of artificial silk. News print, which is shipped in great volume to America, shows an export figure 72 percent above that of 1913.

In the line of manufactured industrial products the quantity of electrical machines and apparatus, ball bearings, and telephones is nearly three times that of June, 1918. Cream separators and motors have risen to 59 per cent of the pre-war figure.

#### NEXT WEEK'S WEATHER

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Weather outlook for the week beginning Monday: South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Generally fair and moderate temperature, but with a probability of rains by the middle of the week. There are indications this morning of a disturbance over the Caribbean Sea, southwest of Jamaica; it probably will move northwest.