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## CAMP BRAGG WILL NOT BE ABANDONED

### Secretary of War Weeks has Cancelled Order—More Troops be Sent There

Secretary of War, John W. Weeks yesterday rescinded the War Department order for the abandonment of Camp Bragg at Fayetteville, and the cantonment is returned to the active list, according to information received here last night by Colonel E. P. King, Jr., who is representing the government in the conclusion of the condemnation proceedings to secure possession of lands taken over for the use of the camp.

Cancellation of the order to abandon the camp has been regarded as a certainty since last Sunday when Secretary Weeks personally inspected the camp. He declined then to make definite announcement until he had conferred with General Pershing, his chief of staff, Brigadier General A. J. Bowley, commanding officer at the camp was called to Washington Tuesday and was informed yesterday that the camp would be retained.

Orders to abandon the camp were issued from the War Department in July, and since then Fayetteville citizens, co-operating with General Bowley have waged a persistent campaign to have the order rescinded. Denied flatly at their first effort, Republican National Committeeman, John Motley Morehead, was asked to throw his weight into the fight, and upon his request, Secretary Weeks agreed to hold up the order until he had opportunity to personally inspect the camp.

With that assurance, Fayetteville has been confident that the camp would be retained. But one defect was found by Mr. Weeks when he inspected the place Sunday that being the lack of adequate transportation facilities between Fayetteville and the camp nine miles away. Tuesday morning the citizens of Fayetteville pledged the extension of the trolley line to the camp boundary, and with that assurance Mr. Weeks had no further hesitancy in withdrawing the order to abandon.

Not only will the present garrison at Camp Bragg be retained, but units that have already been transferred to Camp Knox, Ky., will be returned, and a part of the garrison now at Camp Jackson, S. C., now ordered abandoned, will be transferred to Camp Bragg. The field officers' school recently moved to Camp Knox, with Major Gruber in command, has been ordered back to Bragg. General Bowley will remain in command of the camp. At present there are 2,000 men stationed there, and this number will be increased.

Secretary Weeks had no hesitancy in declaring to the Fayetteville people with whom he talked Sunday that Camp Bragg was the best maintained army camp that he had seen, and that its situation for artillery work was ideal. Its remoteness from Fayetteville, and the lack of transportation alone caused him to hesitate in then declaring for its retention.

General Bowley has been the chief figure in the fight to retain the camp, working with the active co-operation of the Fayetteville citizens and North Carolinians generally. Fayetteville has acted upon every suggestion offered by the commanding general, even seeming not to know that the Secretary of War was in the Cape Fear metropolis on Sunday, and in providing everything that has been asked for in the way of additional facilities.

Secretary Weeks was delighted with the administration of the camp by General Bowley, and particularly with his economy of operation, and his determination to clear the camp area of bootleggers and keep it clear. His examination of the camp was minute in detail, and included personal interviews with members of the enlisted personnel. It was from a sergeant that he learned of the difficulty often encountered by the men in getting to Fayetteville in their leisure time.

Fayetteville and Camp Bragg have won out over the seventh abandonment, and to the Scotch in that country, the number is significant. They remember the tradition of Robert Bruce who watched the spider climb to the roof of a cave, six times only to fall back again when it reached

## OPEN EXPOSITION WITH THRONGS AT CHARLOTTE

### Morrison and Pratt Make Speeches Praising Industrial Growth of Two States.

Charlotte, Sept. 13.—Opening day of the "Made-in-Carolinas" exposition was featured by addresses by Governor Morrison and Col. Joseph Hyde Pratt and a superb program of music by the \$12,000 New York city concert band and an evening concert by five musical artists of New York.

This exposition represents 60 years of industrial growth in industry in the Carolinas. The city is full of visitors.

The exposition was called to order by the playing of the Star Spangled Banner by the band. The president of the chamber of commerce, Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, welcomed the governor and Colonel Pratt in the names of the "two greatest states in the union" to a Carolina exhibition of 400 exhibitors and 3,000 products. He referred to Colonel Pratt as head of the good roads movement and greatest soldier and one of North Carolina's ablest men. Colonel Pratt said he wanted to see the exposition a permanent thing. His address was full of interesting points. Governor Morrison was given a rousing reception. He was in his best form and Charlotte in her happiest mood at having him here.

After a word of appreciation he said that the exposition was a happy conception.

"We want to do the things the Christian and the patriot want to see done," he spoke of the enlarged program of the great basic industry, agriculture, and rejoiced in the diversified industry of the state and the great future to which this points. "We are getting rich," he said. "There are no two states in the union that have the diversified interests that we Carolinas have. We want to wear things that are made in Carolina, not Massachusetts, Philadelphia or New York. Let us and our sister state, South Carolina, trade with each other for the mutual benefit of both."—Greensboro News.

## LITTLE IMPROVEMENT SHOWN IN COTTON CROP

### Need of Rainfall in North and South Carolina Urgent; Texas Crop Hurt by Heavy Rainfall.

Washington, Sept. 14.—"Cotton showed little or no improvement during the week, and continued mostly in very poor condition," according to the weekly review of crop conditions contained in the National Weather and Crop Bulletin issued today.

Unseasonable weather continued in the cotton belt, rainfall being unprecedentedly heavy in some central and southwestern counties of Texas, where great damage was done. Plants were somewhat revived by rainfall, however, in other sections of the state the report said.

In eastern localities the hot and dry weather continued to halt the crop's growth, plants in South Carolina losing vigor and shedding badly. There also was complaint of some shedding in North Carolina.

Cotton was reported "very poor" in Georgia and "apparently beyond possible improvement." Progress was generally poor in other sections of the belt, according to the review.

Bolls were said to be opening fast generally with picking and ginning progressing rapidly in most central and eastern districts, but harvesting was considerably interrupted in many western portions by rain.

## Big Stock Of The West.

Mr. W. T. Lane received a letter a few days ago from his wife who is visiting in California telling him about going to the state fair of that state. She saw at the fair an eleven months old hog which weighed 785 pounds. Many of the hogs she saw there she says looked almost as large as cows. She saw also some fine steers which are so large when they walked away from her looked like a group of elephants. She is out west visiting her son, Mr. Ralph Lane who holds an important position with the United States government.

The seventh attempt was successful. It inspired the leader of the Highlanders to victory.—News and Observer.

## "FATTY" ARBUCKLE HELD RESPONSIBLE

### Coroner's Jury at San Francisco Returns Verdict Of Manslaughter

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 14.—The coroner's jury returned a verdict today holding that Miss Virginia Rappe motion picture actress, came to her death through peritonitis, caused by the rupture of an internal organ. Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle was held responsible by the jury for Miss Rappe's injury and the district attorney was directed to conduct a full investigation of the matter.

The verdict charged Arbuckle with manslaughter and directed that all official sources concerned conduct a full and exhaustive investigation.

The jury held that Miss Rappe came to her death through the application of force, "which we believe from the evidence was applied by Roscoe Arbuckle and we hereby charge him with manslaughter."

"We recommend that the district attorney, chief of police, grand jury and prohibition enforcement officers take steps to prevent a further occurrence of such events so that San Francisco will not be made the rendezvous of the debauchee and the gangster."

The verdict in assigning the cause of Miss Rappe's death said:

"We, the coroner's jury, find that the said Virginia Rappe, age 25, single, residence Los Angeles, came to her death on September 9, at the Wakefield Sanitarium from a ruptured bladder, contributing cause, peritonitis.

"And we further find that said Virginia Rappe came to her death from peritonitis caused by a rupture of the urinary bladder, caused by the application of some force, which, from the evidence submitted, was applied by one Roscoe Arbuckle.

"We, therefore, charge the said Arbuckle with the crime of manslaughter."

Ben Boas, one of the nine jurors, returned a minority verdict in which he said that Miss Rappe's fatal injuries were caused by the application of some force, "but I am unable to say who applied it."

Two charges of murder, one preferred by the police and the other by Mrs. Bambina Maude Delmott, friend of Miss Rappe, and two charges of manslaughter, one returned by the grand jury and the other by the coroner's jury, rest against Arbuckle.

The coroner's jury was out for more than three hours after an examination of witnesses, which started last Monday.

Arbuckle, although apparently deeply moved, accepted the verdict with composure.

The verdict was the outstanding event of the Arbuckle case today. Other developments were:

The starting of an investigation into charges that liquor was brought to and served at the Labor Day party in Arbuckle's hotel room, where Miss Rappe was alleged to have suffered the attack which ended in her death.

The finding of Betty Campbell, show girl and one of those attending the party, after she was reported to have disappeared, and her interrogation by the district attorney.

The statement of Captain of Detectives Matheson, that one of the girl witnesses who had attended the party had been asked to accept a bribe to withhold her testimony.

District Attorney Matthew A. Brady said he had not decided what course to pursue in regard to the murder complaint, in view of the manslaughter charges, but would settle the matter before Friday, when Arbuckle appears in police court to plead to the murder charge. The grand jury indictment for manslaughter is to be returned in the Superior court tomorrow.—News and Observer.

## Forced To Go Get \$300 For Robbers.

Petersburg, Va., Sept. 14.—James Kuntz, employe in the steward's department at a local hotel today told police officials of Petersburg of having been a victim of a "badger" game yesterday, being forced to drive his automobile, at the point of two pistols, to a local bank, where he wrote a check for \$300 and paid to two strangers.

## GOLDEN WEED SELLS HIGH ON THIS MARKET

### Averaging Ten Dollars Per Hundred More Than On Opening Sale

A great wave of satisfaction has swept over this city and surrounding community. This "era of good feeling" is being brought about by the high prices paid here on this market for tobacco. The yellow weed is selling high. The farmers and warehousemen are elated over the progress this market has made since the opening two weeks ago.

Tobacco is selling higher on this market now than on the opening, and a great stream of farmers are driving here to reap some of the good prices offered at this point. The market closed Thursday afternoon averaging \$10.00 higher than on the opening sale and a spirit of happiness is prevailing among the entire folks of the community. Many reports have reached this city in regard to the unsatisfactory sales made on other Eastern markets and that the warehousemen are having to contend with farmers turning the warehouse tag and considering no sale for their product.

So far this market has established a record which is surpassing all other places, is the news which was received here this morning and the warehousemen are striving to hold up their end of the good work and thus enable the farmers to receive the very highest prices offered.

The farmers who are carrying their tobacco to other places are making a big mistake as reports are being received here daily that we are outselling any other market in the east. The warehousemen at this point started out in the early summer to build up their market and they have done their work well as their sales will tell you.

If you have been carrying your tobacco to another market and are not satisfied with results obtained at that place then you will do the wise thing by bringing it here where it is a known fact that you will receive the very highest dollar to be offered. This market has all the representative buyers of all the largest tobacco companies in the world. They will bid on your tobacco if you have it on sale here.

## The Mosquito Campaign.

Several months ago it was decided to wage a mosquito campaign for Smithfield. The work was put in charge of Mr. John G. Hamilton. He hired several hands and began the work of ditching both in town and around the town. The weather has been favorable both for the ditching and for keeping mosquitoes down. Mr. Hamilton did more ditching and better ditching than was ever done here before. He has managed the work well and it has been done in a satisfactory manner in every respect. The work of ditching is about over but Mr. Hamilton is keeping the ditch banks shrubbed and is putting poison into the water to keep down the mosquitoes in their breeding places. He says the people can help him by getting clear of all empty tin cans and by allowing no breeding places around their dwellings.

## Gored To Death By A Bull

Last Sunday afternoon, Sept. 11th, at the home of Mr. J. M. Vinson of Wilson's Mills township a bull which heretofore was considered harmless started to kill a calf which happened to be near him. An old colored man named Ashley Vinson tried to drive the bull away from the calf. The bull turned on him with fury and disemboweled him. He died from the effects Monday morning. Hallock Blaylock next tried to quiet the bull but he made fight again ripping a long gash on one side of the colored man up to the arm pit. Mr. J. M. Vinson by some heavy strokes stopped the bull from fighting. The Blaylock negro is badly hurt but will recover.

A farmer once called his cow zephyr. She seemed such an amiable hephyr; When the farmer drew near, She kicked off his ear, And now the farmer's much dephyr. Piedmont Press.

## DEATH OF MISS MITCHELL SUICIDE, SAYS A JURY.

### Evidence Given At Winston Shows Miss Mitchell Jumped From Hotel.

Winston-Salem, Sept. 12.—The coroner's jury, after thorough investigation today rendered a verdict that Miss Lillian Mitchell, who leaped from the top of the new Robert E. Lee hotel, falling a distance of 100 feet, came to her death by her own action, with suicidal intent. It was also disclosed that the young woman had been despondent for several weeks. Her age was 23 years. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Mitchell, father and step-mother of deceased arrived here this morning from their home at Dillard, Stokes county. The body was prepared for burial and was sent to the home of the parents, where the funeral services will be held tomorrow. Interment will be in the old Mitchell family graveyard near Dillard. It is reported that Miss Mitchell's sweetheart, for whom she grieved has been in a hospital for some time and that little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Following a view of the scene of the tragedy this morning the coroner's jury returned a verdict that the deceased came to her death by her own action with suicidal intent.

Miss Lowe and Mr. Azmon testified as to the circumstances attending their visit to the hotel, practically as above stated. Neither detected anything unusual in the conduct of the young lady en route to the building, or upon their arrival on the roof. Mr. Azmon stated that while they were on the top of the hotel a few drops of rain fell and soon he and Miss Lowe turned to go down. Missing Miss Mitchell they looked in the stairway entrance, thinking that she had stepped in there to get out of the rain, and failing to find her there continued their search of the floor to the ground.

Miss Lowe told the jury of a conversation she had with Miss Mitchell several days ago, in which was indicated that she was despondent over a love affair, during this conversation it was stated that the deceased asked Miss Lowe what she would do if she loved a man and wanted to marry him, but she knew she could not. Miss Lowe said that she told her that she would forget it and look on the bright side, but Miss Mitchell declared in subsidence, that there was no bright side to it, and that with every minute the future would grow darker.

So far as is known there was only one eye witness to the tragedy. Mrs. W. F. Smith, states that she, with friends, was en route to the hotel, passing up Marshall street, when she saw what appeared to be a bundle of clothing fall from the roof of the building. "I screamed," she said "and then I heard a crash."—Greensboro News.

## FIVE GAME SERIES WITH SELMA BEGINS HERE MONDAY

### Five Game Series Arranged With the Fast Selma Team; First Game To Be Played Here.

A series of five games has been arranged between Smithfield and the fast playing Selma team. These two clubs have been playing good ball and the games will be interesting from the start. Both teams will be composed of players from each town that have previously been playing with each respective club.

The schedule of games follows: Monday, Sept. 19, at Smithfield. Tuesday, Sept. 20, at Selma. Thursday, Sept. 22 at Smithfield. Friday, Sept. 23, at Selma.

Fifth game if necessary to decide the winner will be announced later. Games start promptly at 4 o'clock and the general admission will be 35 cents.

## Barbecue Dinner.

On Tuesday, September 13, Mr. J. M. Ingram gave a barbecue dinner to his relatives and friends. Those present to enjoy the pleasant occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Thompson and family; Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Moore and family; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Strickland and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Sasser and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Rose and family and Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Lawhon. All reported a pleasant day and plenty of everything good to eat.

## COMMERCIAL UNIT IS GIVEN APPROVAL

### Representatives of Varied Interests Indorse Eastern Chamber Commerce

GOLDSBORO, Sept. 12.—The secretaries of the various chambers of commerce and the representatives of the varied commercial interests in Eastern Carolina including boards of trade, merchants' associations, bankers, landowners and manufacturers, held an enthusiastic meeting in the rooms of the chamber of commerce today and made tentative plans for the formation of an Eastern Carolina chamber of commerce.

W. C. Denmark, secretary of the local chamber, called the meeting to order and stated the object. Kenneth Royall, president of the Goldsboro chamber, was made temporary chairman, and took occasion to accord the visitors a warm welcome.

Mr. Royall sounded the keynote in his opening address in which he stated that representatives present should have a free and frank discussion of the matter and "if it is shown that we need a central organization to combine our efforts, then let's organize an association that will be a militant factor in the affairs of our state and nation."

W. A. McGirt, manager of the North Carolina Landowners' association, indorsed the movement and said: "Such an organization would fill a long-felt need and would prove a great value to the farmers, merchants and bankers and manufacturers of the coastal region."

E. W. Gaither, of the North Carolina extension experiment service, representing the farming interests appealed to the commercial organization to organize a unit which would insure the success of the co-operative market effort now being advanced by the extension service.

Secretary N. Y. Chambliss of Rocky Mount, W. C. Denmark, of Goldsboro, H. Y. Scott, of Wilson, H. E. Barlow, of New Bern; Mr. Price, representing the Southern railway and Mr. Underwood, of the Norfolk Southern railway, made interesting remarks and indorsed the movement. The speakers referred to the natural advantages of the coastal plain and declared their determination to assist in any manner which would hasten its development.

Reference was made to the ideal climatic conditions, rainfall and soil conditions, which are unequaled by any section of the world.

Resolutions were adopted at the night sessions which set in motion the creation of a real militant organization which will be known as the Eastern Carolina chamber of commerce and which will involve all the commercial and agricultural interests in this section when the organization is completed.

## Short Course in Smithfield.

Miss Maude E. Wallace, Assistant State Home Demonstration Agent and Miss Mamie Sue Jones, District Home Demonstration Agent have been secured by Miss Garrison to give a short course here from September 21st to the 23d, inclusive. They come under the auspices of the Woman's club. The course will consist of demonstrations in dress designs—forms, line, color, pattern, &c., and millinery. There will be two meetings each day, from 10:30 to 12:30 a. m., and from 3:30 to 5:30 p. m. They will be held at the Woman's club building and also in the basement of the Methodist church. Let everyone avail themselves of this opportunity.

## New Firm on Second Street.

The Smithfield Battery Co. has bought out Mr. J. H. Kirkman who has been in the Storage Battery and Service Station business here for several years. The business changed hands some days ago and the old Willard Service Station at the rear of Lyric Theatre has been taken over and moved. They are prepared to give good service. Mr. T. J. Newberry is manager and has had a number of years experience in the battery business. They will continue to take care for storage as Mr. Kirkman did. They have an ad in today's issue. Look for it.