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SHERIFF CONFUSED

WHEN INTERVIEWED

NEW BERN, Aug. 9.—Developments Onslow county, following the ex-tement resulting from the assault up-Cy Jones, mail carrier, were report-I teday as follows: 1. Additional confirmation of the kill-

Regarding the death of Blackledge, here now remains not a vestige of subt but that he was killed by the sub of 50 or 75 persons who went to is home Sunday night. This fact was orne out by several other citizens of wansboro who were here today.

An official of Craven county has relived direct word from an Onslow county officer that Blackledge was.

To the outside world, however, the Onslow county officials are merely stating that they "don't know what happened to Blackledge." They admit that a crowd of men went to the negro's house, that they took him sway and that several shots were heard, but insist that there is no evidence that the negro was killed. Which is probably true.

This morning, word was received from Swansboro over long-distance alephone that a large portion of the tegro population of that section had neved away to other parts, intending a stay away until the present axcitement had calmed down to some extent. Mething of an anteward nature occurred last night. There were no reards placed about the village and verything was quiet. This quiet continued to prevail today and the routine life of the village went along an issual.

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a few hours.

Newspapermen on the state papers called up Sheriff Gurganus of Onslow last night. The following article on the conversation appeared in the News and Observer this morning:

Sheriff Gurganus seemed just a little mixed when questioned today over long distance telephone by The News and Observer concerning the reported high feeling between the negroes in this section of Onslow and concerning the reported lynching of Bayner Biackledge by a mob of white men Bunday night.

The sheriff insisted at the beginning of the interview that everything was quiet, that there hadn't been any trouble at all.

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However, when questioned further he admitted that there had been a little-trouble Sunday night though it was nothing perious and no harm was done by anybody. It seems, according to the sheriff, that Sunday night a group of men got Blackledge in their midst purely for the purpose of obtaining information from him about the assault. In the midst of this enforced interview, Blackledge broke and the assault. In the midst of this enforced interview, Blackledge broke and
ran and he was fired on while running, but, as the sheriff repeatedly
said he was not fired on until he ran.
According to Sheriff Gurganus the
wife and family of the man left here
for parts unknown and he believes
that they are going to some point
where they will meet the escaped
Blackledge.

mckledge.

"Was Blackledge the inetigator of he assault," the sheriff was asked,

"Yes," he answered readily.

"Well, why wasn't he arrested with

the others?"

The sheriff seemed to wait just a fraction of a second before answering this, then he said, "We didn't suspect him then."

had run."

The shewiff admitted that the town was guarded by white men Sunday night, but he pressed strongly the point that while they watched all was quiet and nothing happened.

"If everything is quiet in your town, Mr. Sheriff, why do you go to the trouble of moving your men from Syansboro to Wilmington?"

The sheriff said he wanted to be on the safe side and everything was quiet, and to remember that they didn't shoot until "after he run."

KINSTON, Aug. 9.—Benjamin Henderson, a prominent James County farmer, died recently. Burial took place at Trenton. Mr. Henderson was well-known and extensively related in this section of the State.

BLECT TURNER

ASHEVILLE, Aug. 9.—A. T. Turner, of Louisville, Rentucky, was elected president of the Southern Lawn Tennian Association at the meeting held this afternoon at Bilimore. Porest Country Club and Legisville was thosen for the 1923 tourseement.



SOUTHERN FAST MAILIS HEED UP BY WOODPECKER

GREENVILLE, S. C., Aug 9.—The Southern Sallway's fast mail train No. 137 was held up near Senece, S. C., a few days ago by a wood-B. C., a few days age by a woodpecker, according to a story brought
here teday. The bird drilled a hole
through the signal box, severed the
wires, and caused the mapphore to
fall into the "stop" gradien. Obedient to the danger signal, the engineer of No. 137 immediately
brough the heavy limited train to
a stop. He was never able to discover the trouble, and communicated with the dispatcher, who had
Signal Maintainer L. B. Brown,
make an investigation. Upon hearing the signal stand, Mr. Brown
heard the woodpecker drilling away.
He succeeded in capturing the
bird.

handful of votes in the City Council had to be pelled twice before the aldermen could decide between Mr. Gray and three others. He is generally known in the section and popular with cotton growers. The position is of considerable importance. Kinston's cotton business is one of the town's chief assets.

ODANIA OLD BARBLISHILL

Allegheny Democrats, Following Feline, Found To Be Suffering Long Line of Precedents, Name Doughton

WINSTON SALEM, August 9.—
Rufus A. Doughton, of Allegheny, leader of the Democratic party in the North Carolina General Assembly for many years, has been nominated to succeed himself by the Democrats of his county.

The nomination was made by unantomous vote in the Alleghany county consevention at Sparts Monday of this week, in spite of the fact that Governor Doughton asked his friends not to vote for him again.

When his nomination was announced.

Mr. Doughton did not say that he would not accept. His friends in Alleghany are confident that he will, although he has

not yet announced his decision.

It has been reported over the state that the Democrats would be called upon to find a new leader in the next Legislature, because Governor Doughton would not permit his renomination. The news of the convention's action Monday is the biggest political news of the hour in North Carolina. For it means, in all probability, that R. A. Doughton will again be found in his old seat in the House when the General Assembly of 1923 convenes.

fraction of a second before answering this, then he said, "We didn't suspect him then."

"Then what were they doing with him if he was not at that time suspected?"

The sheriff hasn't explained this yet. But he took time to reiterate. "They didn't shoot till after the man had run."

The sheriff admitted that the town was guarded by white men Sunday night, but he pressed strongly the point that while they watched all was quiet and nothing happened.

"If everything is quiet in your town, Mr. Sheriff, why do you go to the trouble of moving your men from Syansboro to Wilmington?"

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"If eight fine house, and he accordingly kept his seat.

His friends now insist that the presentative of the Seventher the District. He was appointed to that position by Governor Morrison during the last regular session of the General Assembly. When the special session was held later in the year there was some question as to whether Mr. Doughton could legally serve the State Highway Commission, being the representative of the Seventher the District. He was appointed to that position by Governor Morrison during the last regular session of the General Assembly. When the special session was held later in the year there was some question as to whether Mr. Doughton could legally serve the State Highway Commission, being the representative of the Seventher the District. He was appointed to that position by Governor Morrison during the last regular session of the General Assembly. When the special session was held later in the year there was some question as to whether Mr. Doughton could legally serve the State Highway Commission, being the representative of the Seventher the District. He was appointed to that position by Governor Morrison during the last regular session of the General Assembly. The Attorney General ruled that he could. There was a general demand on the part of the public that Mr. Doughton could legally serve the State Highway Commission, being the representative of the District. He was appoint of 1923 convenes.

ly kept his seat.

His friends now insist that the precedent set then will stand, and there is nothing to prevent Mr. Doughton serving again in the Legislature and at the same time holding his position on the State Highway Commission.

However, if Mr. Doughton should decline to accept that plan, they will insist that he resign from the State Highway Commission during the time the Legislature is in session, with the understanding that the Governor will reappoint him when the Legislative session ends. They are determined that sion ends. They are determined that some plan shall be devised by which Mr. Doughton can continue to serve on the Highway Commission for this District and at the same time represent Alleghany in the General Assembly of

The news of the Alleghany Demo-(Continued on Page Two)

LEADERS WILL CONFER WITH OPERATORS PRESENT

CLEVELAND, Aug. 9.—For a second time the joint interstate conference of coal miners and operators delayed action today to permit the hold out Illinois operators to decide whether they would participate in negotiations that may end the zoft coal strike.

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Adjournment was taken until tomorrow though virtual decision had been made by union leaders to negotiate a conference with the operators already envolled in the conference who control only part of the coal production of the central competitive field.

As a forerunner to the conference session tomorrow afternoon, the union's policy committee will meet in the morning to pass finally on the question of a prospective settlement which would affect most Ohlo mines as also scattered ones in Western Pennsylvania, Indiana and Illinois.

The committee also expects to consider

MARION, Ill., Aug. 9.—(By the Associated Press)—Hopeful that the conference of operators and miners at Cleveland would quickly effect a settlement of the coal strike a number of coal operators in southern Illinois today began setting their collieries in order to begin resumption of coal production.

Preparations were being made by virtually all operators in southern Illinois and several hundred company men have begin work clearing the entries of the mines, inspecting the air courses, and attempting to detect gas pockets.

Operators Will Not Go.
CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—W. K. Kavanaugh,
president of the Coal Operators Association of the Fifth and Ninth districts,

ciation of the Fifth and Ninth districts, announced after a two day conference of Illinois operators today they will not go to Cleveland to confer with John L. Lewis, leader of the striking miners. The meeting of the Illinois operators will be resumed tomorrow.

"We sent Mr. Lewis a telegram," Mr. Kavanaugh said, "asking him whether he would agree to the principle of arbitration as laid down by President Harding. We received a reply in which he said he was not in favor of arbitration. We therefore decided that we should not go to Cleveland.

From Rabies, Goes Wild: Treat Children

ROCKY MOUNT, Aug. 9 .- After hav-

whether the cat which bit the four withdrawn. children had bitten any cats or dogs The railr

Rail Strike Will Cause

HEADS OF UNIONS

mosther was seen late this afternoon in the announcement that a formal conference had been called between the gin, soliet and Restern officials and leaders of the "Big Four." Although the strikers and relicoal executives withheld information they admitted a meeting had been called.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Heads of striking railroad unions marked time here today while awaiting the arrivat of executives of other transportation-labor organizations whe have been invited to the general conference Friday to consider the shopmen's reply to President Harding, in the stent of the failures of his effort, might seek a legislative remedy for the country's admittedly serious industrial allments. Republican leaders at the Capitol, however, held the view that the President had no definite legislative program in mind when he suggested to them the desirability of maintaining full membership attendance when the House re-assembles.

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Congressional leaders, meantime, were considering the possibility that President Harding, in the event of the failures of his effort, might seek a legislative remedy for the country's admittedly serious industrial aliments. Republican leaders at the Capitol, however, held the view that the President had no definite legislative program in mind when he suggested to them the desirability of maintaining full membership attendance when the House re-assembles Tuesday.

ROCKY MOUNT, Aug. 9.—After having been bitten by a cat, which a test made at the state laboratory in Baleigh showed to be trafeted with hyrogh phobits four small children of this city received their first ricentainent for rubies from Br. H. Lee Large at the city health department's office this morning.

A abording to the report obtained from longed to St. B. urbe cat, which, because the state laboratory youngsten.

A threat no thought was given to the affair, but later parents of the children has been in the sait health authorities that the cat was a first in the sealth office by Mr. Roberts' child and another youngsten.

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Plays Both Ends STATE

Lamb Titters While "Brokers" Wrangle Over Details Justice Britt Gives C. G. Best Judgment for \$50 Against C. Henry Edwards

In a case in which the main issue was clearly drawn between the veracity of Council G. Best, the plaintiff, and Attorney C. Henry Edwards, the defendant, Justice of the Peace Britt yesterday afterneon rendered a judgment against the lawyer fellowing the introduction of evidence to show that Edwards had played both ends against the middle in negotiating a loan of \$6,000 for a client. Edwards appealed to the superior court. Best and Edwards both, according to the testimony and to paper writings in Misunderstanding," said Edwards.

when he suggested to them the desirability of maintaining full membership attendance when the House re-assembles. Tuesday.

Their inquiries along this line, the leaders said today, have satisfied them that Congress would be called upon if the situation warrants such action in the view of the executive, to enact remedial legislation.

WASHINGTON, Agu. 9—The rail atrike situation appeared destined to mark time until next Friday, although executives of the striking shop craft unions were in Washington today to consider President Earding's second proposal for a voluntary termination or the walkout.

Shop craft federation leaders here have stated that the reply to the President's communication proposing immediate resumption of work and reference of the seniority issue to the Railroad on the law and then forked it over. Best was bligged in the seniority issue to the Railroad on the seniority issue to the seniority issue to the seniority issue to

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Rejection of the administration pick but the workers is generally accepted as certain. Forecasts as to the course of the managements are not so definite, but it was apparently in anticipation of a second failure to bring the two sides to an agreement that would restore full transportation facilities that was pleased and patient.

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"What About Thus?"

"What about this?" Best demanded, quoting his information.

"Minunderstanding," said Edwards.

"How come?" asked Best 39

"Easy enough," said Edwards. "You were to get half of what I received every \$100 and I haven't received anything over the \$100 but I have some letters up in the office.

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.:;7 ('|!..!-!)..."*!1 and toh--11 with the letters," sputtered Bent.

Then to a lawyers office and to court and this brings the playlet down to Justice Britt's court room at 4:30 yesterday afternoon. The cant has been described. Mr. Best had concluded his direct examination.

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After some preliminary cross fire, Edwards, attorney for himself, began to ask questions tending to "impeach" the plaintiff which appeared to be impertinent to the controversy.

"Let counsel confine himself to the question of the contract," interposed Hugh Dortch, attorney for Best.

"You've had your inning; this is mine," shot back Edwards.

"Leave Him Bel".

"Let him alone—let him alone!" insisted Best. "Let him alone, Pil take care of him."

Edwards then asked if anything was ever said between the two about Edwards deducting his \$100 "fee" before splitting with Best.

"No and you know there wasn't," returned the witness.

First asking the court to observe the

whether the cat which bit the four children had bitten any cats or dogs which are still at large.

The railroad does a heavy short haul freight business as an outer, belt line of the Chicago switching district and handles the bulk of yard traffic touching the steel mills.

KINSTON, Aug. 9.—Cupid held up a season of the Lenoir county commissioners here when G. F. Tew and Miss with were state troops called out by Governor here when G. F. Tew and Miss making strenuous efforts to seek license and be summarily married. Magistrate George Brown was seast for and the commissioners anspected at Columbus, Ga., for assault indicted at Columbus, Ga., for assault with intent to make large expenditures of flexas and in Northern meditates where state troops called out by Governor warren T. McCray for indicted at Columbus, Ga., for assault with intent to make large expenditures from the alorge of flexas and in Northern meditates making strenuous efforts to obtain favorable action from the alorge of his action in sending belows unto the coal field here was demanded by a mass meeting of striking miners and indicted at Columbus, Ga., for assault with intent to make large expenditures from the committee would have the coal field here was demanded us in making strenuous efforts to official intimated with powerful electric lamps and the commissioners assection of the cities and in Northern meditates was meeting of striking miners and indicted at Columbus, Ga., for assault with intent to make large expenditures from the alorge for the warrier for the work in the coal field here was demanded us in making strenuous efforts to official intimations. A Chamber of Commerce Comment of Governor Warren T. McCray between the coal field here was demanded us in making strenuous efforts to official intimations. A Chamber of Commerce Comment of Governor Warren T. McCray between the coal field here was demanded us in making strenuous efforts to official intimations. A Chamber of Commerce Comment of Governor Warren T. McCray between the coal field h

B. G. Thompson Says All South R. E. Fountain, of Tarboro, Elected Vice President of Eastern Growers

B. E. Pountain, of Tarbore, was elected a vice-president of the district organization of co-operative potato growers federation at the secret session Tuesday night, it was learned yesterday.

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Among other things considered at this meeting wacs the securing of 126,000 crates. One bid of 15 ceats each has been offered by one manufacturing concern and the organization is now awaiting other bids.

Word came from Scotland Neck yes-

word came from Scotland Neck yesterday that they would have a representative at the next meeting to be held next week, but no word as yet has some from Wilmington, Kinston, and the other eastern Carolina cities the organistation expects to take in.

A few farmers are digging their potatees now in the hope of setting \$2 per bushel for them, T. H. Norwood, secretary stated today. His opinion was that even if the farmers get \$2 per bushel on the early market they will lose money by digging their potatees now since the potatoes lack from a third to a half of maturing.

The wet conditions under which crops have grown will be a great factor in favor of the co-operative marketing and the building of drying houses Mr. Norwood said. In a wet season there is the greatest danger in losing potatoes since they are filled with excessive moiature that usually requires artificial heat to remove, particularly if there is no lasting sunshine to turn the trick for the farmer.

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COTTON PROGRESS IN N. C. GOOD, SAYS