

Co-operative Market Opens Here Today

MANY FIREMEN CAUGHT IN FALLING WALLS DANCE HALL FIRE

LEGAL BATTLE ALL THAT MARKS FIRST DAY GARRETT TRIAL

One Side Introduces and Reads 52 Affidavits and Other Replies With 77 More

CROWDS NOT LARGE AND NO INTEREST

CUMBERLAND COURT HOUSE, Va., Aug. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Developments were few today in the Garret-Pierce murder case, though it marked the opening of the trial of county clerk R. O. Garret, who with his younger brother, Larkin C. Garret, is charged with shooting Rev. E. S. Pierce.

ACCIDENT KILLS FOUR

Nice, France, Aug. 20.—The Rev. Hiram Grant Person and Mrs. Person of Lewton, Mass., Charles H. Gray, two women who have not been identified and an automobile bus driver were killed today when the bus went over the parapet of the road leading from Nice to Evian and plunged 200 feet into the river Var.

Gov. McLeod Takes Up The Barrett Case

Columbia, Aug. 20.—Contending that criminal proceedings instituted by J. C. Lybrand, of Wagner, S. C., against four members of the bankrupt cotton firm of Barrett and Company of Augusta, Ga., were primarily designed to force payment of a disputed account attorneys for the defendant urged Governor McLeod not to issue requisition papers upon Governor Walker of Georgia after hearing both sides of the case, presented at a hearing which was requested by the Barretts stated that he would announce his decision later.

CHARTER GRANTED

RALEIGH, Aug. 20.—Charters have been granted the following incorporations by Secretary of State W. N. Everett. Sons and Daughters of Zion Burial Society, Plymouth, Washington county, an organization of negroes authorized "to bury dead, to contribute to the needs of indigent members and to do general charitable work among families of members of the society." To become a member application must be filed accompanied by a fee of 25 cents and certificate of good character signed by two members of the society and passed by a majority vote, according to the charter. The charter members are John Blount, A. D. Moore, George Spellman, Fred White, J. H. Blount, W. M. Barber, J. H. McMain, James H. Heyman, A. D. Foy, H. R. Reeves, Horace Chesnut, W. J. Mitchell. Colonial Motor Company, incorporated at Charlotte. Authorized capital \$100,000, \$200 of which has been paid in by W. M. Wilkes, I. H. Wilkes and C. W. Kelly, all of Charlotte. The corporation is authorized to engage in the automobile business.

RECOGNITION PAPERS LAID ON THE DESK SECRETARY HUGHES

New Structure of Amity and Friendship Laid Between U. S. and Sister Republic

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—A plan designed as the ground work of a new structure of friendship and amity between the United States and Mexico was laid formally before the American government upon the return to Washington of the two commissioners appointed by President Harding to negotiate a rapprochement to the government of Gen. Obregon. Details of the plan as worked out by C. B. Warren and John Barton Payne with their Mexican colleagues on the international commission will not be revealed at the present nor will officials make any prediction as to the future course of the Washington administration until there has been careful study of the entire question. Nevertheless the steps already taken have aroused in official circles an apparent feeling of confidence that the long breach may be closed at last.

U. B. Blalock Speaks In Chatham County

RALEIGH, Aug. 21.—"Cooperative Marketing is a new thing," said U. B. Blalock, General Manager of the North Carolina Cotton "Co-ops" in an address to Chatham County farmers at their fourth annual picnic at Pittsboro. "You must not judge a new thing by its initial year's result and yet the first year of the co-operative marketing of cotton has demonstrated the wisdom of the movement and its possibilities."

After briefly sketching the history of the North Carolina Association, and reviewing its beginning, Mr. Blalock said that while a final settlement of the years business had not been made, it was a safe bet to state that members of the association would receive an average of at least \$15 a bale more than the average price received by non-members who sold their cotton on the open market by the old process. In some counties, said the speaker, the members actually received as much as \$20 a bale more than the average paid for cotton by the old dumping process.

Mr. Blalock called the attention of the farmers to the fact that the good results of this was felt by non-members as well as members. For this reason every cotton farmer should unite with his neighbor in the associational work. Orderly marketing offers a solution for many worries of the cotton farmers daily life. If this plan is made a success and there is every reason to expect it to be even greater success, then it will eliminate the credit system which is one of the chief burdens of the farmer. It gives the farmer cash in hand throughout the year and enables him to purchase necessities without having to give a mortgage. For the next season, said Mr. Blalock, the association is prepared to handle the crop to better advantage. More and better warehousing facilities, a larger corps of classifiers, and additional selling force, together with the experience of a year, will enable the associational management to overcome many of the worrisome things of the past season and give to the membership, the cotton buyers and exporters more efficient service. Mr. Blalock referred to endorsements received from leading business men, bankers, cotton buyers and manufacturers who realize the value of the association to them and to the farmers of the state.

Looking forward, the speaker said that if the association continued to grow as it had grown during its first year that it would mean that at the end of the five year period the association would control the sale of 80 per cent of the state and this would mean that the market would be so stabilized that North Carolina farmers would be receiving at least \$14,000,000 a year more for their cotton than if it were sold by the old method of dumping it on a market within a period of sixty days.

COTTON MARKET New York, August 20.—Spot cotton closed quiet Middling 25.10. Cotton futures closed steady: October 24.30; December 24.15; January 23.17; March 23.84; May 23.65.

CO-OP FARMERS LOOK OVER MARKET PRICES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

They Feel Jubilant Over Showing Made in South and Predict Good Year

SAYS CROPS FINE AND PRICES GOOD

Before the tobacco markets of Eastern North Carolina open, three of us North Carolina coops, decided to see how our brother coops of the South Carolina Belt were faring in their second year's marketing. The coops, like the auction people in the South Carolina Belt, may have made a slow start, but one thing is certain if the present satisfaction and prices of the coops continue they will finish strong and win the race to get a majority of the biggest crop of tobacco that the South Carolina Belt has ever seen. That is what three of us Eastern North Carolina coops, who left Zebulon last Tuesday and visited Lumberton, Fairmont, Whiteville and Chadbourne markets for two days have to predict.

We had hardly reached Lumberton on the hottest day of the summer when the bell in the big court-house began ringing and Robeson County coops, from all corners of the town began filing into the courtroom. T. C. Watkins, the manager of the association warehouses in all 7 states, met with the tobacco farmers for a strictly business meeting. There was no pleasant talk and no politing or hand-clapping, but Dictator Watkins had hardly risen before he hit straight from the shoulder. Last year it would have been a knock-out blow. He said that no association could succeed and be half auction and half coop, and that he called upon all loyal members to deliver ever pound of tobacco from their land to their own association and promised to place a fine of five cents a pound on every member whose tenants carried their share of tobacco to the auction floors. Member after member jumped up and backed out warehouse manager, and when we reached the association warehouse in Lumberton and Fairmont we saw they meant business. There was no doubt about it! Non-member tenants were delivering tobacco to the association and new members signing up on every market. We saw three sign up while we were on the floor at Whiteville and heard that eleven had signed in one day at Taber.

The coops were busy receiving tobacco to look out after contracts, but it looked like the outsiders were coming in everywhere. That seems no wonder when the advances on many grades are half as high again as last year and from 50 per cent to 60 per cent of the prices on the auction floors. At Chadbourne we saw a pile of tobacco on the co-operative floor bring \$32.50 per hundred first advance. The highest pile that we could find at the auction markets of four towns sold for \$44.

We saw good ripe cutters, for which only \$115 a hundred were offered on the open floors, while we saw many piles at the cooperative houses bring better than \$20 per hundred first advance. Pinhookers and speculators on most of the markets which we visited were buying good tobacco cheap and paying what seemed high for common grades. Very little tobacco was marked up for the companies and numbers of independent floors expressed disgust with what they called a "pinhooker" market. The coop growers are marketing their tobacco without hurry. They are being advised by the association warehouses to make certain to harvest their crop, and that there will be plenty of time in which to market it. They do not seem to fear a drop in the association's prices.

On the other hand, the auctioneers are pushing the farmers to deliver fast, and there is the same old nervous haste and fear of falling prices among the unorganized growers, who are rushing their crop in hopes of catching the high dollar while it lasts and before their neighbors gets it. No one in the South Carolina border counties, either in or out of the association, could deny that co-

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NEGOTIATIONS ON WAR DEBT NOT TO BE HASTY MELLON

Secretary of Treasury in First Statement is Pessimistic Over Outlook in Europe

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The American government will probably take no immediate effort to hasten negotiations with its foreign war time creditors as the result of information brought back to the treasury today by Secretary Mellon.

"Determination upon such a policy was practically assured when it became known that Mr. Mellon who had just returned from a two-months' vacation in Europe, would remain in the cabinet. He conferred with President Coolidge today, the announcement coming late. Mr. Mellon who is chairman of the American debt commission was declared to be pessimistic regarding completion in the near future of additional funding settlements. He was represented as believing after his study of conditions abroad that the present was not a good time to attempt inquiries as to what the foreign governments contemplated in the way of repaying foreign loans.

MAJOR W W PIERCE DIES IN HOSPITAL

Well-Known Officer of 30th Division Claimed by Wounds of The War

Goldsboro is saddened at the death of Maj. Wentworth W. Pierce, of this city, which occurred at the federal hospital in Millidgeville, Ga. Saturday night, where he had recently been a patient, suffering from the effect of gassing and shell shock sustained by him while in the world war service overseas.

Maj. Pierce was a West Point student when the Spanish American war broke out, and from that school he went into active service, doing duty in the Philippines. At the close of that war he resigned from the army and was made a paymaster in the U. S. Navy, which position he subsequently resigned to take up the practice of law, permanently locating in his city, to be near his home, being a native of Warsaw, Duplin county, where his mother still resides.

When the United States went into the world war Maj. Pierce promptly entered his services and was authorized to organize a machine gun company, which he did, going first to Mexico and then overseas, where he commanded the 113th machine gun battalion of the 30th Division, and was in continuous service, notably at Ypres, Lys, and in the storming of the "Hindenburg Line" and afterwards going with the army of occupation in Germany. On his return home with his command, and after being mustered out, he resumed the practice of his profession here; but it was discovered that the gassing and shell shock he had undergone in Flanders.

Maj. Pierce is survived by his devoted wife, who was Miss Nell Smith, of Washington, D. C., where she has been spending the time of Maj. Pierce's hospital ordeal with her mother, Mrs. E. Rust Smith, and by three children, Wentworth W. Jr., Elizabeth and Eleanor; by his mother, and three brothers, one of whom, Captain Dudley Pierce, is in the regular army and accompanied his brother, to the federal hospital, and is now with the remains conveying them to Washington where the funeral will be held on Wednesday, and where the interment will be made with military honors in Arlington Cemetery.

Bandits Hold Up Express Train

Battlesville, Okla., Aug. 20.—Missouri, Kansas and Texas passenger train No. 23 was held up by bandits one mile south of Okessa, Okla., at midnight. The train crew engaged the bandits in a gun fight and it was reported that some had been wounded. An ambulance was ordered to meet the train at Nelogany. All losses made by the early Christian bankers were stamped with a cross.

COOPS DRAW FIRST BLOOD IN PITT CO BEFORE COURTS

Special Verdict of Jurymen Drawn Following Favorable Ruling of Judge Horton

CASE THE FIRST OF OVER A HUNDRED

RALEIGH, Aug. 20.—(Special to News.)—The entire jury list in the trial of G. H. Pittman for recovery of his contract from the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association was discharged today in Greenville when Judge J. Lloyd Horton, of the Superior Court, found it improperly drawn under the statutes.

Attorneys for the association challenged the jury selection on the ground that S. M. Criss, county commissioner and business partner of Pittman in his official capacity had a part in drawing the jury list. Judge Horton denied motions for change of venue and for a continuance of the case after Judge Bragaw, of Washington had read the names of a hundred residents of Pitt county who had made affidavits stating in their opinion that the defendant, the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association could not get a fair trial in Greenville and pointed out that material witnesses, including Dr. B. W. Kizzore, Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer and J. B. Swain of the Field Service Department of the Marketing Association were out of the state. Colonel W. T. Joyner of Raleigh, Laurence Levy, of San Francisco and Judge Bragaw, of Washington, representing the Tobacco Growers' Association and Albin Dunn and Judge Whedbee spoke today in behalf of the plaintiff.

The court house was packed with interested farmers today and the youngest judge of the Superior Court of North Carolina kept strict order where the tense interest of opposing factions called for tact and patience. A new jury list was drawn at the close of today's proceedings and court recessed until eight thirty tomorrow morning.

GREENVILLE, Aug. 20.—In the first case in which fraud on the part of the North Carolina Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association is alleged, the association partly won its preliminary skirmish today when Judge J. Lloyd Horton ruled that the jury venire had been irregularly drawn and dismissed the entire panel. A special venire of 100 jurors was drawn late this afternoon and ordered to report for duty at the opening of court tomorrow.

The case which has been brought against the association by G. R. Pittman asked for annulment of contract on the grounds of misrepresentation and deceit. The case is said to be one of a number of filed, or in process of filing, by members against the association. The case will go to trial tomorrow morning. It is said that a jury is to be selected just before court closes today. The defense opened today with a motion for a change of venue on the ground that the growers of Pitt county are prejudiced, against the growers and that sentiment in the court is such that a fair trial could not be obtained. The defense then made the motion that a special venire of jurors from adjoining counties be drawn this motion also being denied by the judge. The defense then made its motion charging irregularities in the drawing of the venire from which the jury for the case was drawn requesting its dismissal after hearing evidence in this connection Judge Horton ruled with the defense.

O'Reese Property In Hands of The Receivers Today

Augusta, Aug. 20.—D. G. Fogarty, local attorney was this afternoon appointing receiver for the property of W. P. O'Reese, Augusta business man who has been missing from the city since Friday and for whom warrants are out charging larceny after trust in connection with an alleged shortage of 414 bales of cotton from the warehouse of the Allied Compress of which he was superintendent. The appointment was made by the local referees, included in the O'Reese holdings is a bathing resort which is declared to have cost between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

Roof And Wall Carries Death To Over Fifty In Huge Conflagration

DEMESQUITA KILLED WHEN PLANE FALLS AND BURNS BODIES

Publisher of The Durham Sun and The Fayetteville Observer Victim Tragic Accident

ONE OF THE LEADING PUBLISHERS OF STATE

FORT BRAGG, Aug. 20.—Alfred B. DeMesquita, president of the Fayetteville Publishing Company, publishers of the Durham Sun and Sergeant E. A. Rees, 24, of the 22 Aerial Squadron were instantly killed at Polk Field here this afternoon when the plane in which they were flying went into a nosed dive and fell from an elevation of 125 feet. The wreck burst into flames and both victims were burned beyond recognition. The plane which was said to have been privately owned, was being utilized for the purpose of giving Mr. DeMesquita lessons in flying. It was not known at the field which of the men was driving the plane when the accident occurred. A board of inquiry has been appointed.

As a mark of respect to the deceased publisher the Durham Sun and the Fayetteville Observer will suspend publication tomorrow. The court house was packed with interested farmers today and the youngest judge of the Superior Court of North Carolina kept strict order where the tense interest of opposing factions called for tact and patience. A new jury list was drawn at the close of today's proceedings and court recessed until eight thirty tomorrow morning.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Alfred DeMesquita one of two men killed today in an accident at Polk Field, Camp Bragg, N. C., was the son of J. B. DeMesquita, treasurer of the American Safety Razor Company, of Brooklyn. He was 25 years old, unmarried and up to a year ago had been in the employ of the N. Y. American. At the offices of the company tonight it was said that Alfred was the elder of two sons. His mother was said to have been ill.

EASTERN CHAMBER TO HOLD MEETING

KINSTON, Aug. 21.—Friday, August 24, at Greenville at 2 o'clock the most important meeting so far of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce will be held, to which many Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs of this section of the state and Chambers of Commerce will send delegates. The officers, executive committee and directors of the Chamber together with all members who desire to be present, will hear explained to them in fuller detail than at any time in the past the program of the Chamber especially regarding the next Eastern Carolina Exposition, at Wilson, this coming April.

Secretary-Manager, N. G. Bartlett, of Kinston, will be present and will also outline the general work of the Eastern Chamber and try to get the various bodies lined up actively for cooperation this year. The Pitt Chamber of Commerce is cooperating in this meeting. Dr. J. Ellen, Greenville, H. I. Moran, Farmville are directors; P. L. Clodfelter, also of Greenville, is third vice-president, H. L. Smith, secretary of the Pitt County Chamber, is aiding greatly in working up the meeting and getting a large number there this Friday.

George C. Royall, president of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, of Goldsboro, hoped that every county in Eastern Carolina will be represented by members of the Kiwanis, Rotary, Chambers of Commerce and individuals. He expects the meeting to be the most interesting and best for the development of this section ever held and is vitally interested in getting the very best possible attendance.

The common corn marigold is regarded by some superstitious folk as a magic flower, and if picked on the thirteenth day of the month, dried in the sunshine, mixed to a powder and then swallowed in tea, it is said to bring good health and happiness. The marigold daisy shares the same superstition as a lucky-bringer.

RESCUE WORK IS GOING SLOWLY AS HEAT IS INTENSE

Women Go Into Hysteria As Scene Grows More Horrible Each Minute

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—An unknown number of firemen were believed to have been killed early today when the roof of one of the walls of a 5-story building housing the new Flagg dance hall in Brooklyn collapsed during the course of a fire.

Between 25 and fifty firemen and a number of civilians were crushed beneath the tons of brick and masonry. Ambulances were rushed to the scene from Brooklyn and Manhattan, doctors and a corps of nurses assisted in the rescue work. Four alarms of fire brought additional firemen who also assisted.

The firemen had carried lines of hose into the structure and were fighting the fire under the glare of a half dozen searchlights. Warning the entire roof and one of the walls crashed burning all down in the building. A number of spectators close to the walls were believed to have been victims.

Seven firemen were on the roof when the crash came. They were plunged into the flaming building between 25 and 50 firemen, the statistics estimated were included in the group inside the building.

The collapse of the roof carried a huge steel girder into the burning ruins and these are believed to be slipping down many of the victims. Cries and groans of the victims lead the workers on to greater effort. The work of rescue was aided by the possibility by the collapsing of the remaining walls.

The flames broke out afresh as the wall collapsed. After 10 minutes of desperate work rescuers brought out one body that of a fireman and five badly injured fire fighters who were sent to a hospital. The smoldering ruins built a capricious four feet high and covering half a block. Firemen, policemen and volunteer civilians attacked the pile from every side in their effort to get the firemen.

Police lines hastily formed held the crowds in check and prevented many from throwing themselves upon the ruins in which the mangled arms and legs of many dead and injured could be seen in the glare of the flame.

News of the holocaust carried in the wind and scores of wagons and motor cars of all description, some crowded to the scene. Those that entered the building have small chance of rescue as it is the fact that the flames are fierce. The police was like a furnace and it was brought that none could be brought out alive from the center of the ruin.

The roar of the crash heard from blocks around brought many thousands to the tragic scene. The horror of the scene drove women into hysteria and their cries were heard above the groans and screams of those buried in the ruin. At three o'clock eleven bodies had been dug from the ruins although some were apparently dead, as they were rushed to the hospitals in the hope that emergency might save their lives. The building of tragedy is at 124 Grand Street, Brooklyn, an old structure that formerly housed the masonic temple. The building is one of the oldest structures of the Williamsburg district. It borders in the dock tenements whose crowded thousands poured forth to add to the confusion. Two fire department automobiles were crushed in the fall of the roof and wall. The collapse sent bricks hurtling eleven hundred feet. A fireman atop the water tower forty feet from the street was struck and fell on a spectator and both were sent to hospitals in a dying condition. Deputy fire chief O'Hara who was at first reported killed had a narrow escape. He was outside the building directing work when the wall collapsed. He was struck by several bricks but in spite of hurts continued to direct his men.