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## HARDING PRAISES CONFEDERATE DEAD

### UNSCHEDULED ADDRESS TO HEROES IN GRAY—VIEWS SOUTHERNERS AS MEN WHO FOUGHT BRAVELY IN NECESSARY WAR.

Washington, June 4.—The president of the United States, himself the son of a Union veteran, joined with gray clad, gray haired veterans of the Confederacy who stood with bowed heads at the graves of their comrades in the "Lost Cause" today in Arlington cemetery to pay their annual tribute of love and remembrance to those who had gone on the last long march.

Standing beneath the drooping folds of the Stars and Bars, President Harding uttered a prayer of gratitude for a reunited nation whose foundations, he said, had been cemented by the blood of Confederate and Federal alike.

Mr. Harding spoke extemporaneously and his appearance on the rostrum of the open air amphitheater was a surprise to the crowd.

To the sons and daughters of veterans, Mr. Harding added a word of tribute.

"Speaking as the son of one who fought in the Union cause," he said, "I want to say that I have only gratitude, commendation and the sincerest tribute a man can utter for their sons and daughters who have lived in the great aftermath and ably assisted in turning discord into concord and reclaiming for posterity all those things so essential to the welfare of this republic. There comes to my mind such names as dear old Joe Wheeler whom I saw go to the front to defend his country, and Fitzhugh Lee, who headed the first troops that entered Habana in the Spanish-American war. And in that conflict let me say that we of America were brought into complete accord."

President Harding did not hesitate to laud the courage of the men who fought for the Confederacy, declaring, although he cautioned, that while he did not mean to say that the Confederacy was right, "I am glad to say to you that I believe you thought it was right."

Applause that was little less than an ovation greeted the president at the conclusion of his address.

The address of Judge Edgar Scurry of Wichita Falls, Texas, commander-in-chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, held a renewal of the pledge of fealty to the Union of the veterans and the Sons of the Confederacy. Addressing the president, he declared:

"I bring you a message from the Sons of the Confederacy to you as the son of a brave Union soldier, that the time has passed for bitterness. The time has come when every American's great deeds should become the heritage of other Americans, no matter in what cause they performed."

### AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

James Hester, four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hester, of the Bellevue section, was run over on the square Saturday afternoon by a Ford car, but was not seriously hurt. The accident, which was unavoidable was very much regretted by the young man driving the Ford.

### RANDOLPH-MACON GIRLS

Miss Florence Neuffer came home Friday from Randolph-Macon College, ahead of time to attend the commencement exercises of the Abbeville High School. Miss Elizabeth Gambrell arrived Saturday and Miss Helen Milford has gone to Washington to spend a week with her uncle, Andrew Bonner White.

## MUSCLE SHOALS TO BRING FIGHT

### PLAN OF DETROIT MANUFACTURER APPROVED WITH EXCEPTION OF STEAM PLANT AT GORGAS—VICTORY IN PART

Washington, June 4.—Henry Ford's proposal to develop the government's vast power projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., was given conditional approval by the house military committee today and reported to the house with a recommendation that it be accepted in the form agreed to in committee. The action was taken by a vote of 12 to 9 in executive session and was interpreted by committee men generally as being in effect but the preliminary skirmish to what promises to become a bitterly contested battle between the proponents of the Ford offer in the house.

In arriving at its final decision, the committee decided to eliminate from the properties covered in the Ford offer the steam plant at Gorgas, Ala., and agreed with W. B. Mayo and J. W. Worthington, representatives of the Detroit manufacturer, upon new language regulating the manufacture of fertilizers. In all other respects, the Ford offer was fully approved.

Mr. Mayo declared, when advised of the committee action, that despite elimination of the Gorgas plant he regarded the results announced as a decisive victory for Mr. Ford and ever before now would be made to that a more determined effort than obtain the properties. To agree upon every detail involved in the negotiations, except one, was a distinct achievement, Mr. Mayo added, particularly since the discussions had been extended over so long a period of time.

Two other developments in congress affecting Muscle Shoals occurred while the committee was in session. The house instructed its conferees on the army appropriation bill to report back to it what decision they reached with the senate on the amendment providing \$7,500,000 for continuation of work on the Wilson dam so that a separate vote might be had.

In the senate agriculture committee Oscar Merrill, officer of the federal power commission, testified that the Muscle Shoals project should be completed and put in operation by private enterprise. If the government decided to operate the properties, Mr. Merrill said, he believed the bill by Senator Norris of Nebraska, chairman of the committee, probably offered the best method of dealing with the projects.

The house committee also decided to meet again Monday for the purpose of preparing a report reciting its opinion of the Ford and other proposals which will be submitted to the house membership when the Ford offer is presented, probably early next week. In all probability the committee will write two reports, one by the majority members and the other by those who advocate the acceptance of Mr. Ford's tender with the Gorgas plant included.

### TO GO TO CLINTON.

At a meeting of the young peoples' society of the Abbeville Presbyterian church held last week, Misses Virginia Wilson and Jeannie White were named as delegates to the Young Peoples' Conference of the Synod of South Carolina which is to be held in the Presbyterian College at Clinton the week of June 9th.

The Presbyterian Sunday School yesterday morning also selected two delegates to represent the school. Miss Carolina Chalmers and George Smith were named.

Dr. Joseph Hicks of Calhoun Falls was in the city this morning.

## INCREASES SHOWN IN EMPLOYMENT

### CONFIDENCE RESTORED, SAYS LABOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL—CONDITIONS ARE REPORTED BETTER THAN IN TWELVE MONTHS.

Washington, June 4.—Increase of 3.2 per cent in employment in various industries during the month of May was noted by the employment service of the Labor Department in its monthly report, made public today. The report included statements of agents in sixty-five principal industrial centers, forty-nine recording increases in employment figures in the district covered and only sixteen showing decreases.

"The country as a whole," said Director General Jones, "is rapidly getting back to an employment basis with the exception of the coal and cotton textile industries. The broadening out of industry in most all lines of activity for May clearly emphasizes the fact that business depression is behind us. Confidence is restored. June will accentuate the upward movement. Industry is steadily expanding."

"Building construction widened in May over April. A genuine building boom is on throughout the country. A shortage of carpenters, bricklayers and plasterers exists in many of the 231 principal industrial centers. Wheat cutting has started in Texas and large numbers of men will be absorbed in the harvest fields."

Marked decrease in textiles was reported from North Carolina, but a demand for farm labor. A slight but general advance in all industrial lines was apparent. Building construction was reported heavy in many sections of South Carolina, with the industrial situation advancing toward improvement. There was a healthy demand for farm labor. Conditions in Charleston were said to be better than they have been for twelve months.

Georgia also showed construction increase, with an increase for farm labor. Seasonal shut-downs in the fertilizer industry generally in the South are noted by the report.

Harvest of the potato crop in Florida was absorbing surplus labor and very little agricultural unemployment was reported.

## ABBEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLOSES MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The commencement exercises of the Abbeville High School opened Friday night at 8:30 with a song "Springtime" by the entire graduating class, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Floyd Graves.

The curtain in the opera house rose on a scene of loveliness such as is seldom seen with fourteen sweet girl graduates holding the center of the stage surrounded by the twelve young men of the class of 1922, which was the largest class ever to graduate from this school. The stage setting was tasteful in simple decorations of shasta daisies and sweet peas. A garland of daisies encircled the front of the stage. On the left hand side was a white lattice with the figures "19" woven in of rose colored sweet peas, while on the right was a similar lattice with the figures "22" in red sweet peas.

Miss Ada Faulkner was honor graduate and delivered the valedictory. Miss Maria Neuffer took second honor and was salutatorian. Miss Celia Chalmers was Class Historian.

Gilbert Nabers made a fine class poet and George Smith delivered the appreciation in his usual good style.

Bill Cox had the honor of making the last will and testament for the class, while there is just one Jaek Bradley and he was the class

## FOUR KILLED AT RAILROAD CROSSING

### TWO YOUNG WOMEN AND TWO YOUNG MEN DIE WHEN CAROLINA SPECIAL CRASHES INTO AUTO AT UNION.—TWO OTHERS INJURED.

Union, June 4.—Four people were killed and two others possibly fatally injured Saturday afternoon when the southbound Carolina Special struck an automobile half a mile above the city limits. Two others are possibly fatally injured. Of the dead two are young men and two young women, the ages ranging from 19 to 25 years.

The dead are: James Vaughn, B. J. Vaughn, Miss Laura Austin and Miss Minnie Austin.

John McKeown and Ben Alton Whitlock are in the Union hospital and are thought to be fatally injured.

James Vaughn was killed outright Laura Austin died on the way to the hospital. B. J. Vaughn died immediately after being taken into the hospital, and Minnie Austin lived four hours after being taken to the hospital.

The tragedy was where a community road crossed the railroad. At this point the track extends from 200 to 300 yards in a straight line.

The engine struck the automobile squarely and piled it in a tangled mass by the side of the road. Two of the occupants were pinned to the locomotive by parts of the automobile and were fastened to the pilot when the train was brought to a stop.

One of the patients at the hospital has a fracture of the skull, and the other is suffering from internal injuries. Physicians entertain little hope for the recovery of either one.

Surgeons were rushed to the scene of the tragedy and rendered all possible aid to the injured. A great crowd of people visited the scene immediately after the wreck.

### ON THE "DELAWARE"

Mrs. Frank B. Gary is expected home tomorrow from Annapolis where she went to attend the graduating exercises of her son, Frank B. Gary, Jr. Frank has received his commission and is assigned to the "Delaware."

## HEAVY TRADING IN ALL MARKETS

### STOCK EXCHANGE AND CURB VERY ACTIVE—CALIFORNIA AND TEXAS GROUPS ESPECIALLY REGISTER DECIDED GAINS DURING DAY

New York, June 3.—Trading in the various financial markets today, including the stock exchange, the "curb" and international currencies was attended by unusual activity and many higher prices, especially for speculative issues.

In the stock market where the trading, approximated 1,500,000 shares, oils were the conspicuous features, especially the California and Texas groups. California Petroleum, Pacific Oil and Freeport Texas, in which dealings were heaviest, registered net gains of 3 1-4 to 7 3-4 points.

The better known or more seasoned shares among industrials and rails were comparatively backward. United States Steel was the most prominent exception, rising 21-2 points to 103, its top figure since 1920.

Steel made its new maximum soon after Wall street learned that Chairman Gary in his testimony before the Lockwood committee had estimated the corporations surplus at about \$400,000,000.

Dealings in bonds were only moderately large, the net results showing a confusion of gains and losses. Liberty bonds failed to maintain high levels of the midweek when a majority of the entire series rose to par or better.

"On the curb" prices of most of the active issues were lower, leaders of that market, especially those Standard Oil shares which are not listed on the stock exchange easing very generally from maximum prices of the early days of the week.

In the broader and more important field of finance, the outstanding event of the day was the further rise of British exchange to \$4.47 3-4, an overnight gain of two cents and the highest quotation between this center and London in over three years. Students of international conditions ascribe the strength of British exchange almost entirely to the acceptance by Germany of the terms imposed by the reparations commission and the granting to Germany of a provisional moratorium. These developments, it is believed, foreshadow an extensive international loan to the German republic, largely under British auspices, with resultant industrial and commercial benefits to that country.

Another interesting international financial development of day was the sale by a banking syndicate in this market of \$24,000,000 of Bolivan republic 8 per cent bonds. The entire amount was taken almost immediately upon opening of the subscription books.

### COTTON MARKET

Cotton on local market brought	
20 1-2 cents today. Futures closed	
July	20.26
October	20.08
December	20.00
January	19.81
Futures closed Saturday	
July	20.63
October	20.41
December	20.25
January	20.15

### LAND SALE.

A 228 acre tract of land in the case of R. C. Hagan vs. E. L. Boyd was sold by the Master, T. P. Thomson, this morning in front of the Court House. The tract was bought in by R. C. Hagan for the sum of \$1500.

Dr. C. D. Cowan was a Due West visitor in town today.

## ARMY BILL GOES TO CONFERENCE

### INCLUDES PROVISION FOR MUSCLE SHOALS—AMENDMENT PROVIDES SUM OF SEVEN MILLION—FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND

Washington, June 3.—Carrying an appropriation of \$341,750,000, the annual army appropriation bill was passed late today by the senate. It fixes the size of the army for the next year at an average of 12,530 officers and 133,000 men.

Passage of the bill, which was without a record vote, followed quickly after a test vote by which the senate accepted, 41 to 29, its committee's action in increasing the house figure on the size of the army from 115,000 to 133,000 enlisted men. The strength of 12,530 officers compares with 11,000 as voted by the house.

The senate disposed of the bill speedily, the measure being taken up for the first time today and passed within six hours. All committee amendments except those amending the size of the army was acted upon within three hours, constituting what was regarded as almost a record by the senate.

Some opposition was expressed to the 133,000 enlisted strength, but Chairman Wadsworth of the military committee, in charge of the bill, pressed for the committee figure and was sustained, as was the committee on every other amendment to the house bill.

The measure now goes to conference with the house, but it is not expected that the discussions will begin before Tuesday.

Next to the question of the size of the army the proposition causing most discussion was the amendment submitted by the agriculture committee appropriating \$7,500,000 for continuation of work on the Muscle Shoals federal power project, which the senate accepted without a record vote after a parliamentary tangle which lasted for more than an hour.

The Muscle Shoals amendment promised for a time to reopen the whole question of the government's policy with respect to the power project, but Chairman Norris of the agriculture committee declared that no policy had been determined and that to delay work further on dam No. 2 in the Tennessee river would be an "economic crime."

Party lines were broken when the test vote on the army bill was taken. Nine Democrats voted with the Republican majority in upholding the senate committee, while six Republicans were counted in the negative. Democrats voting for the 133,000 army included Ashurst, Gerry, Heflin, Kendrick, Myers, Sheppard, Smith, Underwood and Williams. Republicans who voted against the proposition were Borah, Capper, Ladd, La Follette, Norris and Willis.

### COURT CONVENES

The June term of court convened this morning with Judge Frank B. Gary presiding, Solicitor Blackwell as prosecuting attorney and Ralph Syfan court stenographer.

Robert Chiles, charged with assault and battery, plead guilty and received a sentence of three years. Richard McAllister, charged with murder, was found not guilty.

The case of Gid Massey, charged with murder, was called and had gone to trial with W. P. Greene as attorney for the defendant.

True bills were found in the following cases: Albert Stalnaker, charged with larceny after trust; State vs. C. S. Sprouse, breach of trust; Luther Brown, violation of the National prohibition act; State vs. D. E. Barton, assault and battery; State vs. Will Self, violation of the National prohibition act.