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## SUPREME COURT DECIDES MANY CASES

**BASIL MORRISON MUST SERVE SENTENCE—CASE TRIED IN ABBEVILLE LAST SEPTEMBER. HAYS AND WILSON ALSO, ASHLEY GETS NEW TRIAL.**

The Supreme Court has affirmed the judgment of the lower court in the case of The State vs. Morrison. Morrison was tried at the September term of the Court of General Sessions for this County, last year, for the homicide of his brother, Basil Morrison, and was convicted of murder with recommendation to mercy. He was sentenced to life imprisonment. Later he made a motion for a new trial on after discovered evidence, which was argued before Judge Wilson at the March term, the motion being refused. From the judgment and the order refusing the new trial, the appeal was taken with the result stated.

### Other Cases Decided.

Walter Hays and Ed Wilson who were convicted of manslaughter in connection with the killing of Tom Ramey in Anderson county must serve the sentence imposed by the lower court. The two men got fifteen years each. The evidence showed that the two, along with George Wilson and Allen Emerson went to the home of Ramey to make trouble. Wilson and Emerson were convicted only of carrying concealed weapons.

Ernest Ashley, convicted of manslaughter for the killing of Arthur Hughes, a policeman at Honea Path in Anderson county gets a new trial the court reversing the decision which gave him a sentence of nine years. The court upheld exceptions brought by the appellant, including the allegation that the foreman of the jury, A. M. McFall had a telephone conversation regarding the case with Judge Prince when the defendant was not present, it was also alleged that Judge Prince said in the court room, to the foreman while the jury was out, that "It was a disgrace to the county that a verdict could not be reached." The judge was also quoted as saying that too many mistrials were being ordered.

### Morrah Case Affirmed.

Another case in which local people are interested was decided yesterday. That was the case of S. P. Morrah vs. the Dr. John De la Howe Industrial school. Mr. Morrah purchased a tract of land from the De la Howe trustees several years ago. He made a settlement for the balance of the purchase money some two years ago. At that time he contended that he had made an additional payment on the purchase money of \$500 for which credit was refused. He settled with the understanding that if he established his claim it would be refunded. He later produced a receipt for the payment claimed and asked that the money be repaid him.

His demand being refused he brought suit. The Attorney General answered the complaint for the defendant and moved that the State be made a party, which Judge Sease refused. The defendant then demurred to the complaint on the ground that the State should be made a party which was also refused by Judge Sease. The appeal was from the order to this effect. The case is sent back for trial on its merits.

### HARRIS LITHIA SPRINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Starnes went to Ninety Six to spend the fourth of July with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Starnes. The family had a picnic at Harris Lithia Springs on that day. The old hotel is standing just as it was 25 years ago.

### VISITORS FROM TENNESSEE

Miss Mary Carter and Mr. G. E. Freeman of Tennessee are in the city visiting Miss Eva Reames on Magazine street.

## GREAT LOSS TO O'CONNELL STREET

**SIEGE OF STRONGHOLDS OF INSURGENT IRISH FORCES VIRTUALLY ENDS WITH SURRENDER OF SMALL GROUPS**

Dublin, July 6.—The siege of the strongholds of the insurgent Irish forces was virtually ended tonight with the surrender of small groups of the men who had been fighting for the past week behind the barricades, and the capture of one of the principal leaders, Cathal Brugha, former minister of defense. But the success of the national cause has been purchased at the cost of blazing buildings and terrible destruction in O'Connell street, to say nothing of the loss of life and the many seriously wounded.

There is still no information as to the whereabouts of Eamonn De Valera, who has apparently escaped from the Free Staters' net.

In the afternoon, when ten buildings, including three hotels, were aflame the remainder of the irregulars driven into the Granville hotel with fire on all sides, still maintained a desperate resistance with automatic guns and rifles, but it was already seen that they could not long delay the inevitable end. The final attack by the Free State troops commenced at midday after a lull, during which the firing slackened greatly. The regulars then began a desperate plan of bombarding the insurgents, a bomb was hurled into Hamagues hotel and soon felt wisps crept through the shattered windows and suddenly a gust of flame in front was followed by dense volumes of smoke. The flames spread swiftly and the first brigade hurried to the scene. But a fusillade from the irregulars in the Granville hotel compelled them to retreat. The fire attacked the shops adjoining the Hamagues and in less than two hours the offices had collapsed. Three buildings were completely destroyed, the ruin being hastened through the flames reaching stores of bombs and ammunition, causing numerous explosions and throwing up great clouds of smoke.

Still the irregulars fired from the windows of the hotels while the nationals fired from their positions opposite and from armored cars. Machine guns fired into the hotel windows. Within half an hour the front of the building was a flaming furnace. Even while the lower floors of the hotel were burning, the irregulars continued to fire from the upper windows but by 3 o'clock the remnant of the garrison, five men weary eyed and blackened, emerged from the rear of the building under the white flag and surrendered.

### COTTON MARKET

Cotton brought	23 1-2 cents on the local market today.	Futures closed:	
July	22.65	October	22.69
December	22.46	January	22.16
March	22.05	Futures closed yesterday	
July	22.34	October	22.33
December	22.10	January	21.81
March	21.70		

### SPANISH-AMERICAN VETERANS TO MEET

The veterans of the Spanish American war will hold a meeting in the Council Chamber at six o'clock Tuesday afternoon to organize a camp and to make arrangements to apply for a state charter. All veterans of the county are requested to be present.

## CONTINUE PEACE TALK IN STRIKE

**MARKED TREND TOWARD PEACE DURING PAST 24 HOURS. JEWELL ISSUES LETTER IN REPLY TO ONE FROM HOOPER OF LABOR BOARD.**

Chicago, July 6.—Emerging from the holiday week-end, the strike situation took more definite shape today as both strikers and the roads settled down to attempt an accurate survey.

There were apparently no additions to the strikers' ranks today, while several roads reported considerable gains and many roads have made formal announcement that the strikers must return to work by next Monday, July 10, or forfeit all rights. Their places, railroad officials said, were gradually being filled by new men.

Railroad officials here predicted that by Saturday when the strike will have been a week old they will have an accurate line on the situation and begin a definite program of retrenchment. Their attitude today seemed to leave little hope of a settlement with the strikers.

A statement issued by Mr. Jewell referred to a letter sent to him yesterday by Ben W. Hooper, chairman of the railroad labor board, in which Chairman Hooper said the board "has been protecting the interests of the striking shopmen."

Mr. Jewell's statement in part follows:

"Though the letter itself has not reached me, I can, on the basis of press reports, say that the mere declaration that the organization of employees who have declined or may decline, as is their legal right, to accept the dictates of the labor board are not to be 'outlawed,' does not remove or annul the official action of the board. The language of the resolution clearly provides that the shopcraft organizations are to be supplanted by organizations of what may be termed 'whitewashed strike breakers.'"

## COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CELEBRATES SECOND BIRTHDAY

Abbeville County celebrated the second birthday of the Memorial Hospital yesterday afternoon after the ball game beginning with a grand parade on the public square.

The parade was led by Hatch's Concert Band and the formation was as follows:

Birthday Cake float drawn by five little girls dressed as cupids: Christine Stephens, Floris Vandiver, Elizabeth DuPre, Carolyn Hughes, and Elizabeth Woodhurst, and driven by little Tina May Andrews dressed as a fairy.

The second feature of the parade was Dr. J. E. Pressly as a two year old baby and representing the Hospital. If Dr. Pressly fairly represented the condition of the Hospital it seems to be well nourished, the Doctor having very much in evidence a bottle filled with pure unadulterated milk. Dr. C. C. Gambrell had the task of pushing the Hospital Baby in an invalid's chair. Dr. Pressly also had along as mascot Lad Perrin's favorite dog "Daisy."

Next came the little girls pushing doll carriages. Then about twenty bicycle riders and at least twenty tri-cycle riders, followed by Sol Rosenberg as ambulance driver. The ambulance was drawn by Billy the Goat. And last but not least came Allen Hall dressed as a clown and driving a wagon advertising the Hospital.

The parade was unusually attractive, each one taking part deserving a gold medal for the way in which the part was carried out.

The little girls pushing doll carriages were all so sweet and pretty,

## HARDING PRAISES AMERICAN LEGION

**DEDICATED TO PRESERVATION OF CONSTITUTION.—PRESIDENT DELIVERS BRIEF ADDRESS TO SEVERAL THOUS. AND WORLD WAR VETERANS**

Marion, Ohio, July 6.—So long as the American Legion is consecrated to the preservation of the constitution and of law and order, the American republic is everlastingly secure, President Harding asserted in a brief address today to several thousand World war veterans who held a reunion here.

Reminding them that they were now charged with a greater responsibility than they were on the battle fields of France, Mr. Harding declared the destiny of the United States was in the hands of former service men.

"I have no hesitancy in saying," he added, "that it is in good hands."

The president urged the men in his audience, all of whom earlier in the afternoon had participated in a historical parade which he reviewed to serve their country as civilians with war time consecration and devotion.

The president started off his last day among the home folks with a morning round of golf on the new links here with O. S. Rapp, a close Marion friend; General Pershing and Charles G. Dawes, former budget bureau director. After luncheon at the home of C. B. Kling, Mrs. Harding's brother, the president went to a reviewing stand to witness the parade which depicted various stages of Marion's history.

The president entered into the spirit of the pageant with the enthusiasm of a school boy. He grinned broadly when a float passed on which a colonial mother was rocking a cradle placarded with a sign:

"No flapper rocked in this."

Former service men from all parts of Ohio had flocked in to Marion to participate in the parade and to hold a reunion later at the fair grounds.

## PROGRAM FIXED BY REPUBLICANS

**LEADERS WILL CONSULT WITH PRESIDENT HARDING WHEN HE RETURNS FROM MARION. MORE CLEARLY DEFINED AT LODGE DINNER**

Washington, July 6.—The legislative program of the present session of congress was said today by Republican senators to be somewhat more clearly defined as a result of the dinner conference last night at the home of Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the party leader.

The passage of the tariff bill and possibly of the soldiers' bonus measure would constitute the major part of the program before adjournment in the opinion of the Republican leaders with the Capper-Tincher grain future trading bill, the Librarian loan measure and the rivers and harbors development bill on their tentative calendar for passage at the present session. Rising opposition because of its subsidy features and the prohibition element injected through an amendment prohibiting sale of liquor on American ships left considerable doubt as to the possibility of the bill's disposal before adjournment, Republicans said.

The soldiers' bonus bill, however, was said to be the real thorn on the legislative vine. This, it was said, was discussed at some length at the Lodge dinner, but without definite conclusions other than for consultation by senate leaders with President Harding when he returns from Marion.

The conference report on the bill to create 23 additional federal judges also is to be pressed, but with uncertainty as to its fate during this session. The Dyer anti-lynching bill and the Muscle Shoals matter seemed doomed to go over to the next session, leaders said.

### NO MAIL INTERFERENCE

**Government Will Tolerate No Delay of This Matter.**

Washington, July 6.—Under no circumstances will the government tolerate any hindrance to the movement of the United States mail, it was said here today after receipt of reports that striking railway workers had interfered with mail transportation in different parts of the country.

There is a disposition on the part of the administration, it was understood, to deal with strikers or any others who may interfere with the proper dispatch of the mails in the most vigorous manner.

### REDUCTION ON CLOTHS

**Approved by Committee Rewriting Tariff.**

Washington, July 6.—Continuing its work of rewriting the tariff bill, the Senate finance committee majority has approved reductions in the duties originally proposed on cotton cloths and some cotton goods, including hose and half hose and underwear and other wearing apparel. Some attention also has been given to the woolen schedule, but it is understood that the committee will make few if any changes in the rates in that schedule.

Under the changes in the cotton schedule, duties on cotton cloth would not exceed 45 per cent ad valorem as compared with original duties in some cases of 60 per cent and more. In the place of rates on hose and half hose ranging from 15 per cent and prevalorem and 70 cents per dozen pairs to 80 per cent ad valorem the majority has fixed a straight duty of 10 cents per pound and 60 cents ad valorem.

Hon. Joel Bailey of the Index-Journal was in the city taking in the ball game between Abbeville and Greenwood yesterday.

## CASE OF TOLBERT GETS ATTENTION

**SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE TO HAVE INQUIRY—ANNOUNCEMENT MADE THAT JUNIOR S. C. SENATOR WILL OPPOSE CONFIRMATION.**

Washington, July 6.—The consideration of the nomination of Joseph W. Tolbert to be marshal of the Western district of South Carolina by a subcommittee of the judiciary committee of the senate, of which Senator Samuel M. Shortridge of California is chairman, is scheduled for an unnamed day next week.

Without specifying, Senator Shortridge stated today that certain protests against confirmation of Tolbert had been received by the subcommittee. He also stated that when the matter is under consideration, Senator N. B. Dial of South Carolina would be received for the purpose of making a statement. Senator Dial, as previously reported, will protest against the confirmation of Tolbert.

The senator returned today from South Carolina. He did not make public the ground on which he would base his protest, but it is understood that he will review the history of Republicanism in his state since the inception of the administration of President Harding. It is expected that he will declare that, in his opinion, Tolbert, in consideration of his record, is not an ideal man to be made an important court official in South Carolina.

Senator Dial said today: "It is unpleasant to proceed against any one appointed to office. But certain duties confront a senator when his people send him to Washington, and such duties must be regarded, whether they are pleasant or not. I feel that we should be very careful in suffering the confirmation of men appointed to hold office in our state. It is my duty to oppose the confirmation of any appointee I do not regard as satisfactory and it will not suffice, I hold it, that I simply register my protest by a negative vote."

The case is one of the really interesting which pend in Washington. Tolbert is the oldest member of the national Republican committee and is chairman of the state committee. He is spokesman for the Republican party in South Carolina and as such his appointment by the president was natural. His rejection by a Republican senate, after he had recommended appointees for practically all other offices would be to a certain extent at least, sensational.

The intention of Senator E. D. Smith regarding the Tolbert case is unknown. The senator is absent at present.

### TAFT LEAVES LONDON

**Leading Lawyers Tender Him Imposing Testimonial.**

London, July 6.—England's Bench and Bar said farewell to Chief Justice Taft tonight. The leading members of the Middle Temple, Britain's foremost training center of lawyers tendered him an imposing testimonial in the ancient hall where Shakespeare acted before Queen Elizabeth and where three signers of the Declaration of Independence took legal degrees. At the conclusion of the dinner the entire assemblage arose and gave Mr. Taft three cheers, sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and wished him Godspeed.

### GO TO FAYETTEVILLE

Messrs. J. C. Thomson, T. G. White, J. M. Nickles and Joel S. Morse presented a call from the Presbyterian church of Abbeville to Rev. John A. McMurray of Fayetteville, N. C. Tuesday. The call was personally presented to Dr. McMurray by this committee for his consideration. He will visit the church and preach on the 16th of July.

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