

# Here's Howe



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"The Sage of Potato Hill"

## ASOKA, BARBARIAN — A SUGGESTION — UNWISE NAPOLEON

I have not been able to find an account of a man who was entirely intelligent, or of one who was entirely honest. The best example of an honest and intelligent man was possibly Asoka, a barbarian. It is said of him that though he conquered in battle as easily as did Napoleon, he grew to have a horror of war, and would have no more of it. Asoka had victory to his credit in full measure. No one could say he was a coward, or that he was not the best of commanders. He was rich, and regal in splendor of palaces, robes, jewels, and obedience from his subjects.

So the man chose to thereafter court fame by becoming a just and intelligent ruler, and this course met with so much success that he is at this distant day, best known and respected of the notables of his time.

Any page devoted to a summary of a thousand years of history, gives brief mention of rulers much alike, so many victories, so many defeats, and though it all about the same thievery and oppression. But instead of the usual line given an ancient ruler in the necessary brief summary of history, Asoka gets a star in front of his name, and a footnote recording distinction no other king, president or chief has.

The history of Asoka is shadowy, and I somewhat distrust it, but it at least persists, and is a suggestion a modern ruler might have made real.

Why should not a ruler acquire fame honestly rather than with the rogues that has distinguished his class almost without variance? Napoleon was a rarely intelligent man. In the Russian campaign, which wrecked him, he took a chance that was surely unnecessary. He appreciated he could not successfully invade England because of the channel separating Calais and Dover, but overlooked a more serious handicap—Wintet—in invading Russia.

Why was it impossible for Napoleon to be as wise as the barbarian Asoka, who, after becoming satiated with victory and power, chose to try for still greater glory, as a just and intelligent ruler? St. Helena is a good story, but an unnecessary tragedy: I regret Napoleon's history is not an inspiration to all men that honesty is the best policy. Had Napoleon adopted Asoka's plan as late as Austerlitz, he would have not only his present fame, but a great deal more, and of a better kind.

## GARDNER GIVES TEXTILE VIEWS

North Carolina Chief Executive Gives Out Opinions, Favors 55-Hour Week for Operatives.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 30.—Gov. O. Max Gardner, in a memorandum issued late today declared that though the interview printed in the New York Times this morning, a part of which was carried on the Associated Press wires last night, was "substantially correct" opinions written in the first paragraph were not his.

Governor Gardner said that he was in favor of a 55-hour law, and of discontinuance of night work for women under 18 years of age and that if textile employees paid a full price for rental of mill houses their wages would correspond favorably with wages paid in New England.

"First, I am in favor of the 55-hour law in North Carolina.

"Second, I am in favor of a girl enforcement of this law with strict penalty for its violation.

Third, I favor the discontinuance of night work for women under 18 years of age.

"As to mill tenements, I stated that if textile employees paid a full price as rental for the mill houses, then their wages would correspond favorably with wages paid in New England, where, excepting Massachusetts, the 55 hour law is generally in operation."

## NOTICE OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Please take notice that on Friday, Oct. 4, 1929, the undersigned will apply to the Commercial Bank of Clinton, S. C., for Certificate No. 4291, issued to Sarah Duckett for the amount of \$165.00, dated October 1, 1928, and issued for twelve months.

Also Certificate No. 4516 issued to Sarah Duckett for the amount of \$100.00, dated June 3, 1929, and issued for six months.

The Certificates are in the name of the undersigned.

SARAH DUCKETT.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT

Special Committee Gives Review of County's Business and Makes Several Recommendations.

The final presentment for this year of the grand jury, was presented during the court of general sessions last week. The committee on auditing the affairs of the county, attached the following report to the presentment:

"We, the auditing committee of the grand jury, have had the books and records of the county officials who handle public funds audited by B. C. Wallace & Co., certified public accountants, whose work has been highly satisfactory.

"We would recommend that the matter of tax abatements be handled in accordance with the statutes, and that original papers showing proper authority should be filed in each instance. Both the auditor and the treasurer should have papers until after settlements are made. We would also suggest and recommend that the auditor regularly maintain and keep a complete and accurate record of all supplemental tax returns, and that abstracts be prepared from these original returns.

"It appears that a great many school districts accounts are overdrawn, which is undoubtedly a bad practice. We would recommend that this practice be discontinued, and that the proper authorities make some provision to take care of the overdrafts which now exist in the great majority of the school districts. We further recommend, in connection with this office, that the \$600.00 additional travel expense allowed to the superintendent of education by the board of education, be discontinued. We also recommend that the assistant superintendent of education be paid only the \$600 appropriated and not the \$60.00 per month which is being paid.

"We find, from the auditor's report that the condition in the sheriff's office insofar as they relate to delinquent taxes are in exceedingly bad shape. There being approximately \$22,000.00 collection charged as having been collected which have not been remitted to the county treasurer. It appears that the law requires this official to turn in his collections every 30 days, and at June 30th there should have been none or practically no collected funds in his hands. He has made only one settlement of his collections during the last fiscal year. He is further required to wind up his tax collections within six months after they are turned over to him for collection, and at this date there remains \$74,991.80 executions of 1926 and 1927 still unreported on. This is in addition to the 1928 executions, now due, which have been recently turned over for collection. We recommend that this official completely handle these matters in accordance with the statutes, and that this committee be authorized to continue to work with the accountant in clearing up these 1926 and 927 items and in any other matters that might be required.

"In conclusion, we would urgently suggest that the various officials completely inform themselves regarding their respective duties, and then conduct their offices in accordance with the requirements, giving closer attention to their duties, and the result, we think, will bring about more general efficiency.

"L. E. Hatton, Chmn.

"A. M. Owings.

"Jake Raser.

C. B. Johnson.

"Committee."

## Statement From Special Auditing Committee

"The undersigned members of the auditing committee of the grand jury, in order that no false impression may be created in the minds of the public, desire to make the following statement in reference to the sheriff's office, as referred to in the exhibits attached to the final presentment of the grand jury at the September, 1929, term of the Court of General Sessions for Laurens county.

"The statement in the exhibit is as follows:

"We find from the auditor's report that the conditions in the sheriff's office in so far as they relate to delinquent taxes, are in exceedingly bad shape, there being approximately \$22,000.00 collections charged as having been collected, which have not been remitted to the county treasurer."

"On reference to the report of the auditors it will be found that this refers to executions for 1926 and 1927. It further appears on referring to the audit that many of these executions were out of the office in the hands of collectors, and that when these were brought in, and the sheriff checked up as of the end of the audit that the auditor reports as follows:

"The sheriff has explained certain other missing executions on which there have been part payment, by stating that personal property was gone, or that the remainder of the account had been abated. We have been satisfied of the correctness of these statements in a sufficient number of cases to enable us to state that these accounts, with the cash on hand, at September 7th are sufficient to cover the apparent liability in the office in so far as dollars and cents are concerned."

"It should be remembered that the audit was made as of June 30th, 1929. The subsequent explanations contained in the auditor's report as of Sep-

tember 7th, 1929, when apparently it was completed shows that the auditor was satisfied that the sheriff's office was in good condition, so far as dollars and cents were concerned and his criticism was apparently made in reference to the manner in which the records were kept and reports made.

"Since the adjournment of court we have gone to the sheriff's office and have gone over these matters with him, and we are satisfied that the auditor was correct in stating that all dollars and cents are accounted for.

"We are making this statement in justice to the sheriff, and as at first stated to remove any misapprehension in the minds of the public as to any shortage in this office.

"D. R. Simpson, Foreman.  
"L. E. Hatton, Chairman.  
"Auditing Committee of the Grand Jury."

Laurens, S. C.

Sept. 20, 1929.

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## Thomas Given Life In Prison

Anderson, Sept. 28.—J. R. Thomas, convicted of the murder of Maxey Thomas, his 16-year-old son, who was insured for more than \$30,000, was denied a new trial today by Judge John Wilson, and Thomas was sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary, this being an automatic sentence according to the verdict of the jury of guilty of murder with recommendation to mercy.

The hearing took the entire morn-

ing, the court recessing at 3 o'clock, the defense attorneys, Blythe and Bonham of Greenville, argued on 12 counts in which the court erred. These were answered by Solicitor Leon Harris and T. Frank Watkins for the state.

It is said that attorneys for the defense may carry the appeal to the supreme court.

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