

## CRISIS PASSED SAYS PHYSICIAN

Washington, Sept. 11.—Continued improvement, with only a slight possibility that will be necessary to operate was the word that came today from the sick bed of Mrs. Harding.

The crisis in Mrs. Harding's condition seems to have been passed," official bulletin issued by attending physicians at 9:35 said. It added that a surgical procedure was deemed unnecessary for the present.

Washington, Sept. 11.—Mrs. Harding was said to be "getting along very nicely" by Dr. Carl Sawyer, son of Brigadier Sawyer, at 10:05 o'clock tonight. "Her improvement is continuing," he said to newspaper men as he entered an automobile for a ride with Mrs. Sawyer and Chairman Lasker of the Shipping Board.

It was learned that President Harding retired at 9:30 o'clock tonight. Tension at the White House over the illness of Mrs. Harding was relieved somewhat by encouraging reports from her bedside. It was made plain, however, that the crisis had not been passed, and that the patient's condition was still critical.

Previous to issuance of the morning bulletin visitors who called at the White House reported that Mrs. Harding had rested well during the night and that her condition was believed to have improved. Later in the day unofficial advices from the bedside were to the effect that she continued to gain ground. The steady improvement, friends of the president said, had greatly encouraged him.

Discussing the case with newspaper men late in the afternoon Dr. Sawyer declared that the increased elimination of wastes through the kidneys, noted in the morning bulletin, had given the attending physicians a sense of relief they had not felt heretofore.

Dr. Charles Mayo, Rochester Minn., specialist, who was called into consultation particularly on the surgical phases of the case made no comment to newspaper men aside from the statement that he hoped to be able to start for home "any time now." He indicated, however, that he would remain at the White House tomorrow, and longer if it was deemed advisable.

Dr. John Finney of Baltimore, who had participated in the consultation, was not at the White House today. It was regarded as a favorable sign by those watching the case that he did not consider it necessary to be at Mrs. Harding's bedside.

During a brief talk with newspaper men Dr. George T. Harding, Jr., a brother of the president, declared Mrs. Harding not only was able to take nourishment, but for the first time since her illness reached the critical state, she had asked for it—an encouraging sign, he said, adding that the patient was cheerful and her voice was considerably stronger.

The president, according to his brother, is taking his wife's illness as well as could be expected. Despite the strain he had been under since Friday, he was said by Dr. Harding to be in excellent physical condition. The president, his brother added, was noticeably relieved by the change in Mrs. Harding's condition last night and today.

## Surrenders in Columbus Killing

Columbus, Ga., Sept. 11.—With J. J. Gilbert, foreman of the Muscogee County grand jury, slated to confer with Solicitor General C. Frank McLaughlin, interest Monday in the shooting of J. O. Clements, bailiff, by Chief of County Police Mitch Huling, centers in the outcome of the conference.

Developments in the case included the surrender of County Officer J. E. Owens, who, witnesses said, was talking with Clements when the shooting started, when he learned of a warrant for his arrest in connection with the killing; and an announcement by Attorneys Terrell and Foley that they had been employed to assist in the prosecution.

Solicitor General McLaughlin admits that Clements made a dying statement, but refuses to state whether it was in writing.

M. D. Hadley has been named Chief of County Officers in the place of Chief Huling, it was announced.

The warrant for Officer Owens was sworn out before Recorder Flournoy by B. L. Jones, brother-in-law of the slain bailiff. Accessory before the fact is charged to Owens in the warrant.

Jones, just after the issuance of the warrant, stated to a newspaper man that "Owens engaged Clements in conversation to give Mitch and his son an opportunity to get up on him without his knowledge."

## ORDER IN EFFECT FOR SHORT TIME

Chicago, Sept. 11 (By the Associated Press).—The temporary restraining order granted the government September 1 against the striking railroad shop crafts and their leaders tonight was continued in effect for not to exceed ten days. The original order would have expired at midnight.

Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson ordered the continuance of the government's motion at the close of the first day's hearing on the petition of Attorney General Daugherty for a permanent injunction to replace it. The continuance, the court stipulated, will terminate on the decision in the injunction hearing.

As a result of the continuance the injunction hearing will be halted tomorrow morning while attorneys for B. M. Jewell, president, and John Scott, secretary-treasurer of the federated shop crafts, argue for a modification of its penalties. Donald H. Richberg, representing the strikers' leaders, served notice on counsel for the government that he would move some modifications when court convenes tomorrow.

Jewell and Scott were the only two of the more than 240 strike leaders and 300,000 strikers affected by the restraining order represented in court by counsel today.

They lost the first battle when the court denied their motion that the government's petition be dismissed. "I am not prepared at this time to decide that the bill fails to set up any grounds for relief," Judge Wilkerson said, and ordered Blackburn Eastertine, assistant to the solicitor general, to proceed with the presentation of the government's case.

In the argument over the continuance of the restraining order, however, the court pointed out the differences between the charges of an unlawful combination and "lawful combination to do unlawful acts" and indicated that if the defense can show only the latter, is charged in the bill some modifications of the present order might be made.

The government today read into the record a list of nearly 25 murders growing out of the rail strike, and literally hundreds of acts of sabotage, assault, dynamiting, whippings, destruction of property, burning of bridges, rioting, destruction of property and interference with trains in interstate traffic.

The defense protested that the list compiled by the department of justice and sworn to by C. J. McGuire, attorney for the department, was improper as evidence, but it was admitted for the time being, on the understanding that the government would produce further facts in its support.

## Two Dead, Another Dying In Orr Mill Tragedy

Anderson, S. C., Sept. 12.—Mrs. Alice McAllister and her daughter, Mrs. Walter Allen, are dead, and Walter Allen is dying as a result of an early morning tragedy at Orr Mill, near here. Reports to officers state that Allen came to the McAllister home, where his wife has been staying, and began a shooting.

## Derailment Caused by Malicious Tampering With Track

Washington, Sept. 12.—The derailment of an express train on the Michigan Central railroad near Gary, Ind., August 20th, with the death of two railroad employes and injury to two passengers, was caused by "malicious tampering with track," according to a report issued today by the Bureau of Safety of Interstate Commerce Commission.

## Europe Buys Less, But Sells More

Washington, D. C., Sept. 11.—European countries are buying less goods in the United States, but are selling more to American buyers than they did last year, the Commerce Department announced Monday. Imports from Europe increased \$84,000,000 in the seven months period ending August 1, total imports amounting to \$516,000,000. American exports to Europe during the same period were \$1,115,000,000, a decrease of \$321,000,000 under last year.

## Hard Coal Contract Formally Signed

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 11.—The contract that sent 155,000 mine workers back to work at their old wages, after being idle more than five months, was formally signed today by representatives of the miners and the operators.

Miss Frol Jackson is spending this week in Asheville, N. C., with friends and relatives.

W. H. Jeter and L. F. Thomas of Carlisle were visitors in the city yesterday.

## TWO PRISONERS TRY TO ESCAPE

Penitentiary authorities nipped another attempted escape in the bud yesterday at 12:30 o'clock when they discovered two prisoners ready to leave through a window in the chair factory. The bars had been sawed and in another minute the two men would have been gone, Sept. C. C. Roberts, head of the guard, said yesterday afternoon.

The men were C. D. Cooper, sent up from Marlboro county for life on a charge of murder, and Wade H. Ballew, sent up from Pickens county on a manslaughter charge. Both Cooper and Ballew have been in other attempted escapes and were in stripes yesterday for one of these offenses. They were both in the recent riot at the prison.

Yesterday at the noon hour the men "checked" out of the chair factory and one was found missing at the time. A few minutes later Captain Rogers was "tipped off" that the two were hiding out and he stationed a guard on the outside near the canal bank to watch developments. Other guards went into the chair factory and found the bars of the window completely sawed out and ready for an escape. The men could have climbed to the second story and then jumped ten feet to the ground, making good their escape, Captain Roberts said. They were in the act of leaving when they were caught. The two had hid out in a toilet and when the guards left rushed to work on the bars which hack saws, Captain Roberts said. He had not located the saws late in the afternoon, but expects to find them before his investigation ends.

Cooper was given lift for the murder of Nick Dulica, a Birmingham transfer driver, whom he hired to bring him from Birmingham to Benningville. He was arrested in Asheville during the roundup of a number of automobile thieves.

Ballew, it was said at the penitentiary, is one of the men who killed the chief of police of Easley. He is considered a "bad egg" as is Cooper.

## Union Route 2

This writer spent the week-end with Misses Cassie and Doris Hawkins and had the pleasure of attending a party at their home in honor of Miss Estelle Weber, who left Sunday for Atlanta. Delicious cake and ice cream were served as refreshments by Misses Cassie Hawkins, Irene Barfield, Juna Young and Otto Cates. Then games were played until a late hour.

J. F. Willard gave plenty of music to amuse the crowd. Everybody left telling the young ladies that they had enjoyed the party to the fullest extent.

## U. H. S. Football Schedule

The following is the schedule of the Union high school football team all games being secured except Greer, which is pending:  
Sept. 29—Cowpens at Union.  
Oct. 6—Newberry at Newberry.  
Oct. 13—Spartanburg Hi at Union.  
Oct. 20 or 21—Hastoc at Spartanburg.  
Oct. 27—Thornwell Orphanage at Union.  
Nov. 3—Hoes Path at Union.  
Nov. 10—Gaffney at Union.  
Nov. 17—Greer at Union (pending).  
Thanksgiving, Nov. 30—Spartan Academy at Union. A. A. A.

## Farmers Favor Cotton Pooling

Darlington, Sept. 11.—The cotton growers of Darlington county are so well pleased with the Cooperative Marketing association that a great number of the members are turning in their old cotton to the association to sell for them. The farmers say they believe that the association can sell the stable to a better advantage than the growers. New cotton is coming in every day now and is being sent to Columbia to be pooled. Great satisfaction is expressed because of the liberal advances which are being made, the cash advance on new long staple being \$90 and on old staple \$75. New long staple which is being sold on the streets is bringing from 80 to 83 cents a pound.

The cotton crop is very short in Darlington county this year, being seriously damaged by both wet weather and the bill weevil. Most of the estimates place the 1922 yield at 9,000 to 10,000 bales, which is less than 25 per cent of a normal crop. One farmer said this morning that he had picked over 12 acres and had gotten one-half of a bale. He thought he would get a similar quantity at the next picking.

## Notice

The following meetings will be held in Union county this week for the purpose of giving the farmers an opportunity of hearing Dr. Winters of Clemson College speak on soil improvement. Any farmer who is interested in making his soil more productive should make use of this opportunity. The price of the various crop seed used for soil improvement will be given at these meetings.  
Thursday—West Springs school at 8 p. m.  
Friday—Santuck at 10 a. m.  
Friday—Jonesville (at Calvert's Store) at 3:30 p. m.  
Friday—Sedalia school house at 8 p. m.

## Mrs. John M. West's Home Burned Last Night

The home of Mrs. John M. West of West Springs was burned last night about 12:30. This was a total loss as neither house nor furniture was insured.

Miss Louise Glover of Orangeburg is visiting her aunt, Mrs. George Keller.

## GRAHAM KIDNAPED; GIRLS AGAIN

Macon, Ga., Sept. 11.—Two hours after H. C. Graham was given his freedom at the Bibb county jail this afternoon, the two young women, whom he had been accused of kidnaping, Mrs. J. C. Starr and Miss Valeria Lamar, boarded a limited train for New York City, where they are to begin a study of dramatic art.

Mrs. Jack Lamar, grandmother of the young woman, learned this report tonight. The young woman declared, when found in Jacksonville, Fla., on Sunday night, that they had run away from home because they had been denied their right to enter a school for dramatic art, their one ambition in life, she stated.

On board the train, Starr stated that a reconciliation had been obtained between her and sister and her grandmother and that H. C. Graham, in jail here, was charged with kidnaping, was innocent.

"Mr. Graham is innocent of the charges against him," Mrs. Starr said. "And we did not leave the city with him, but I cannot tell you with whom I did leave."

Mrs. Starr was asked to tell something of the circumstances surrounding her disappearance, but she replied, after looking at her uncle, Warren Roberts, "I am afraid that would be going too much into detail."

"That is all she has to say," interrupted Mr. Roberts, and taking Mrs. Starr by the arm, he said, "You can go up stairs now, thank all."

It was stated by Mr. Roberts that the charges against Graham would be dismissed at once.

Accompanied by Sheriff James R. Hicks, Warren Roberts and Robert Hodges, Mrs. Starr and Miss Lamar left Savannah, to which city they had been brought from Jacksonville, Fla., last night at 9 o'clock, and arrived in Macon this morning at 1:30. They were immediately taken home, leaving the station through the back door.

## Eighteen Negroes Drown in River

Homerville, Ga., Sept. 11.—Eighteen negroes who were on their way from this town to a baseball game at Axson, Ga., in Atkinson county, about 20 miles away, lost their lives today when an automobile truck in which they were crashed through the bridge over the Satilla river.

The driver of the truck was hurled backward with such force as to break his neck. Those in the truck were packed in so closely that they had no chance of escape.

Fourteen bodies had been recovered tonight. Only meager details of the accident have been obtained here, the scene of the accident being nearly 20 miles away. C. A. Campbell, owner of the two and-half ton truck, which he permitted the negroes to use for their outing, said that there were 22 negroes on board when it left here at 10 o'clock this morning. Reports from the scene of the accident indicate that only four escaped death.

The bridge over the Satilla river at the scene of the accident is a wooden structure and not strong enough to hold the overloaded truck.

Jim Gaskins, the driver of the truck, was hurled against a beam of the bridge, breaking his neck.

## Mexicans Release Baptist Property

Washington, Sept. 11.—The municipality of Satillo, Mexico, has restored to the foreign mission board of the Southern Baptist convention virtually all of the property seized by the city government from the mission board in 1917, Acting Secretary Phillips of the state department, reported today in a letter to Senator Harris, of Georgia.

Secretary Phillips stated that the Mexicans still were holding a vacant plaza in front of the main property which had been used by the mission board for school purposes but gave no further information regarding the return of the property. The school and land was taken by the municipal authorities for hospital purposes, they claimed, during the revolutionary activities in that part of Coahuilla in 1917, alleging that contractual obligations entered into by the board had not been carried out.

The mission board, it was said, at Senator Harris' office today, maintained that it had acquired absolute title to the property and Senator Harris was asked sometime ago to take up with the state department restoration of the property. News of its return reached the state department from the American consul at Satillo last night.

Mrs. Ben Barron will give the second talk on the Sewanee Training School Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Parish House. Any one interested in Sunday school training is cordially invited.

## REPUBLICANS WIN BY SMALL VOTE

Baltimore, Sept. 12.—Senator France, Republican, and William C. Bruce, Democrat, won the senatorial nominations in yesterday's primary according to incomplete returns in hand today.

Portland, Maine, Sept. 11.—Senator Frederick Hale (Republican) and Gov. Percival P. Baxter (Republican) were elected in Maine today by majorities falling decidedly below those given Republican candidates in 1920. The Democratic vote in three quarters of the state was nearly 5,000 ahead of that of two years ago, while the Republican vote fell off by 22,000 from that of the presidential year.

Returns from 484 election precincts representing 426 cities and towns gave for senator: Hale (Republican) 66,260, Curtis (Democrat) 47,627.

For governor: Baxter (Republican) 68,173, Pattangall (Democrat) 49,268.

Partial returns indicated the reelection of the four Republican congressmen from Maine.

Portland, Maine, Sept. 11.—The city of Saco, which returned a Republican majority of 780 for governor two years ago gave Baxter (Republican) a margin of only one vote over Pattangall (Democrat) today.

Returns from 141 election precincts give the senator: Hale (Republican) 14,742, Curtis (Democrat) 10,084.

Baltimore, Sept. 12.—United States Senator Joseph I. France was nominated by the Republicans in yesterday's primary. Returns early today showed he had carried ten of the 27 voting units in the state including Baltimore city and had an apparently a safe margin in several others which would give him considerably more than the necessary 67 convention delegates.

In the three cornered Democratic contest William C. Bruce appeared assured of the nomination although the preferential voting delayed the counting of the ballots and caused confusion in some districts. Representative T. Alan Goldsborough (Democrat), the only member of the present congressional delegation whose renomination was contested won a decisive victory.

## Smith Seeks Ideas

Washington, Sept. 11.—Expressions from cotton growers and others interested in the cotton industry in plans for fighting the cotton boll weevil by abandoning cotton acreage in prescribed areas were asked tonight by Senator Smith (Democrat) of South Carolina, followed his receipt from Dr. E. D. Ball, chief of the scientific work of the department of agriculture, of a memorandum on the subject.

Declaring that it would not be feasible to stop all cotton production for a time to drive out the weevil, Dr. Ball's report stated that success might be achieved through abandoning production in certain districts throughout the cotton belt. This is the plan favored by Senator Smith and he proposes to bring the question before the senate.

Legislation to ratify agreements between the cotton growing states for limiting a certain amount of cotton acreage in each state was suggested by Dr. Ball.

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## LAURENS FARMER KILLED BY SON

Laurens, Sept. 11.—A fatal family quarrel occurred five miles southwest of Cross Hill, Laurens county, this afternoon when John Boyd, aged 28, was probably mortally wounded by his father, William B. Boyd, and in turn the son killed his father, shooting him three times with a pistol. John Boyd, the son, was shot in the abdomen with a heavy charge of shot, according to the Laurens officers who returned from the scene of the tragedy tonight at 7 o'clock.

John Boyd is not expected to live through the night, according to attending physicians. The shooting took place in the public road in front of the Boyd home. Officers say John Boyd was still conscious when they left the scene at 6 o'clock and that the young man said his father shot first and was attempting to reload his gun when he opened fire on the father.

The officers say that one of the Boyd boys said the father was punishing some of the smaller children when John interfered. The elder Boyd then turned his wrath on the son, got his gun and invited John into the yard or road for a settlement. Within a few minutes the shooting occurred, it is alleged.

The coroner is holding the inquest for William Boyd tonight. He was about 50 years old and had a wife and 12 children. John, who is probably fatally shot, is the eldest child. Boyd was a farmer and lived on Cane creek.

## Grand Master of Masons to Visit Union

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, J. Campbell Bissell, of the M. W. Grand Lodge Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina will visit Union October 5th and attend a special communication of Union Lodge No. 75, A. F. M.

The Grand Master is Recorder of Omar Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America. He is also a 33rd degree Mason and the first to visit Union Lodge.

Among the other visitors on this occasion will be Past Grand Masters Samuel T. Lanham, Geo. T. Bryan, and Wm. W. Wanamaker. Jesse Sharpe, Grand Treasurer C. C. Fishburne and C. B. Martin, District Deputy Grand Masters and Joseph Lind, say, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templars of South Carolina.

All the Masonic lodges within the adjoining counties have been invited to attend this special educational communication which will be the first of its kind held in Union county. This communication will mark an epoch in the history of Freemasonry in this section of the Piedmont.

Hundreds of Masons are expected to attend this meeting which will be held in the county court house at 8 o'clock p. m. According to the Masonic map there are more Masons in this section of the Piedmont than any other part of the state.

Every Master Mason is fraternally invited and most earnestly requested to attend and hear the best talent in the state address them on the objects, teachings, purposes and principles of Freemasonry.

## Arms Broken, Drives Engine Thirty Miles

Macon, Ga., Sept. 11.—With both arms fractured, J. G. Dunbar, passenger engineer on the Athens division of the Central of Georgia Railroad, drove his locomotive from Aqua to Athens, 30 miles, it became known here when he returned to Macon.

Mr. Dunbar related that about 39 miles from Athens his engine struck a cow, killing it. He stopped the train and with other members of the train crew was attempting to remove the carcass from the tracks, when he slipped and fell through a trestle to the ground five feet below. He landed on his hands, injuring both arms.

Mr. Dunbar, though suffering greatly, drove his train from Aqua, where the accident occurred, to Athens before he received medical attention. In Athens his arms were X-rayed and found to be fractured.

## Four Hurt in Gun Battle; One Jailed

Athens, Ga., Sept. 11.—Hiram McDaniel, Barrow county farmer, is in the Winder jail charged with assault with intent to murder in connection with a gun battle in which four were injured, staged late Saturday night, it was learned here Monday. Roy Perry swore to the warrant on which Johnson is being held.

The battle is said to have been staged in a Winder store owned by F. M. Stewart, and followed the request of Mrs. Stewart that the men disperse. Among those injured were F. M. Stewart, Mrs. Stewart, Bob Jackson and Curtiss McDaniel.

Miss Lily Adams of Bennettsville is visiting Miss Elizabeth Smith for a few days before entering G. W. C.

## NAVY YARD TO REMAIN OPEN

Washington, Sept. 11.—The Charleston navy yard will not be closed and for the present the status quo in regard to employees will be maintained, Secretary Denby announced today.

By direction of the president, the secretary announced, a board of naval officers will be appointed by the latter to investigate all short establishments of the navy with a view to determining which should be closed and which should be retained.

Pending the findings of the board there will be no immediate discontinuance of any of the "present major shore stations," the secretary announced.

Secretary Denby's announcement said: "It was announced at the navy department today that by direction of the president a board of naval officers is to be appointed by the secretary of the navy for the purpose of making an investigation of the navy with a view to determining what change, if any, should be recommended to congress in the interest of efficiency and economy."

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The immediate effect of this Secretary Denby said, would be to keep the Charleston yard open. Acting secretary Roosevelt some weeks ago ordered the yard closed gradually and subsequently extended the date of the closing to November 1.

Secretary Denby said today that he and Acting Secretary Roosevelt were in perfect accord as to a policy concerning the future of the naval shore stations, and it had been determined that the appointment of a naval board to go into the whole question scientifically to determine which should be closed, was the best means of meeting the situation from the viewpoint of economy.

Since Acting Secretary Roosevelt's order went out, Senator Smith (South Carolina) appeared several times at the White House and personally asked the president to keep the yard open. On one occasion the senator said that he had received assurances that the yard would be kept open after which Secretary Roosevelt instead of revoking his original order extended the time of closing to November 1, in order that the dismissal might be gradual. He based this action on the industrial situation which had resulted in serious unemployment in Charleston.

Senator Smith (Democrat) of South Carolina, who led the effort to prevent the closing of the yard, expressed much gratification over Secretary Denby's order. Senator Smith after recent conferences with President Harding and Mr. Roosevelt, had a conference early in the day with Mr. Denby and at that time, it was said, expressed satisfaction with Mr. Denby's course.

## Rome Man Catches Rattlers For Circus

Rome, Ga., Sept. 11.—Want to get into a nice, profitable business? It is catching rattlesnakes alive and selling them to circuses.

It's easy, for Jesse Shaw has just pocketed a good bit of coin for a pair of large rattlers he captured and sold to the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus to be delivered when the circus comes to Rome Tuesday.

Shaw caught the reptiles on Horselee Mountain on the Burnett Ferry road. The largest is seven and a half feet long and has 15 rattlers, while the other is three and a half feet long, with seven rattlers and a button.

## Defers Hearing on Motion for Modification Of Injunction

Chicago, Sept. 12.—Federal Judge Wilkerson today deferred a hearing on the motion of attorneys for rail strike leaders for modification of temporary injunction, pending the completion of the government's effort to show the dominant purpose of the alleged conspiracy is destruction to interstate commerce, citing the supreme court decisions in Coronado coal case, retail lumber dealers case and the Paton court corner prosecution.

The court said the question is a vital one and should be settled before a request for modification is acted on.

## TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

	Open	Close
October	21.50	21.93
December	21.80	21.99
January	21.70	21.86
March	21.74	22.01
May	21.70	21.95
Local market	21.50	
N. Y. Spots	22.00	

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pitts and Misses Emmie and Martha Pitts spent the week-end with their aunt, Mrs. W. W. Summer.