

GEORGIA BANKER MURDER VICTIM

**CHARLES E. REAGIN'S BODY
THROWN IN RIVER AFTER
FOUL DEED—BROUGHT UP ON
TROY LINE BY BOY FISHER-
MAN.**

Conyers, Ga., Oct. 8.—Testimony indicating that the death late Thursday of Mr. Charles Reagin, a prominent farmer and president of the Bank of Rockdale, was the result of a carefully laid plot was given the coroner's jury here Friday afternoon, and proved the sensation of the hearing up to the time this was written.

After an exhaustive investigation extending all through Friday, the coroner's jury adjourned here late in the evening without forming a verdict other than the statement that Mr. Reagin's death was "brutal murder."

The jury will meet again Monday morning, at 10 o'clock, to further investigate the death of Mr. Reagin. The five negroes arrested during the day were committed to the jail, where they will remain at least until Monday, when a full verdict is expected.

Mertie Webb, a negro woman residing on the plantation adjoining that of Mr. Reagin, testified she saw two white men walking toward the bridge over Yellow river shortly before Mr. Reagin passed her house alone in his automobile, and that she saw two negro men follow his automobile to the bridge closely.

"The negro men I saw were John and Will Merrett," she testified. She said she did not know who the two white men were.

The woman, whose house is located only a short distance from the bridge, was emphatic in her statement that no scuffle took place on the bridge.

While the coroner's jury was continuing its investigation Newton county officials arrived in Conyers with Casper Gerry, a negro whom they arrested early today on a blanket charge of suspicion. Deputy Sheriff Hayes, of Newton county, and State Senator R. C. Campbell, brought Gentry here and delivered him into the custody of Sheriff Cowan. They said he aroused suspicion of Newton county citizens on the road leading to the Reagin plantation Thursday night. The negro was placed in jail and is to be given a grilling before the coroner's jury.

At 3 o'clock the coroner's jury had definitely established the following facts in connection with Mr. Reagin's death:

That he left Conyer's shortly before 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon alone in his automobile for the announced purpose of making a tour of his plantation;

That a negro named Josh Pressley was in the automobile with him when he reached his lower plantation one hour later;

That he spent thirty minutes on the lower farm and then proceeded alone toward the upper plantation one half mile distant.

GINNING FIGURES

**Cotton Harvested To Date Ahead Of
Last Year.**

The Bureau of Census has announced the ginning figures for South Carolina to September 25. The total bales ginned was 215,266 against 171,451 in 1920. In Abbeville county 5,190 bales were ginned to September 25, compared with 1,864 last year, nearly three times more than last year.

In Anderson County the figures are 20,518 against 2,894 last year, an increase of about 700 per cent. In McCormick county, 1,464 were ginned this year and 857 last.

LAURENS TEAM DEFEATED BY ABBEVILLE HIGHS

**Fast Work of Locals Makes Points
That Meant Victory—Score
Sixteen to Twelve.**

Billy Long's superior headwork so disconcerted the strong Laurens High school team Friday afternoon at Laurens that Abbeville nosed out a victory which was doubtful until the last second of play was up. The score was 16 to 12.

Still stinging from their defeat of 13 to 0 by the Abbeville boys last season, the Laurens bunch had made up their minds to win the game Friday or die in the attempt. From appearances it seemed Friday that the whole effort of the Laurens squad was centered on beating Abbeville and if it had depended on Abbeville's line to hold them the score would have been reversed and piled up by several touchdowns, for Laurens ploughed through Abbeville's line for more than a dozen first downs. Laurens' line is one of the best high school lines seen. Abbeville was unable to penetrate the home team's line for any considerable gains.

The first touchdown for Abbeville was made in the first four minutes of play by a completed forward pass, followed by an end run by Brother Gambrell, who won the five dollars which a rooter had offered for the first touchdown made by an Abbeville boy. Galloway missed goal. The score remained 6-0 in favor of Abbeville until the second quarter when Brown, the star fullback of the Laurens team, ploughed through the Abbeville line at its weak point for a touchdown. Laurens also missed goal. Score at end of first half of the game stood 6 to 6.

Billy Long's opportunity to sew things up and annihilate the morale of the idalites finally came in the middle of the third quarter, when he used his head successfully, trying for a field goal, which resulted in a beauty. Score 9 to 6 in favor of Abbeville.

A short while after Pink Bradley, who was put in for Foster Barnwell in the first quarter, completed a beautiful forward pass and scored the second touchdown for Abbeville.

Galloway connected this time and easily kicked goal. Score Abbeville 16 Laurens 6.

Laurens braced up after this and M. Glenn finally smashed through right end for a second touchdown for Laurens. They missed goal again. Score Abbeville 16 Laurens 12.

Neither team was able to score after this although Laurens outplayed Abbeville and it was probably due to Billy Long's punting that kept Abbeville's goal out of danger in the last quarter.

Never before in high school history has there been such a following of fans to a football game out of Abbeville. Fifty or more people from Abbeville escorted the team to Laurens and their superb support and cheering did lots toward bringing home the victory.

FOOTBALL HERE FRIDAY

Anderson high school football team will come to Abbeville Friday seeking revenge for the drubbing Abbeville high gave them last fall when the locals beat hem 31 to 6. All of the high school teams have improved this fall and Anderson is said to have shown more than the usual amount of improvement. Abbeville has also improved as everybody here knows and we predict another scalp added to our collection on Friday afternoon. The team appreciates the wholehearted support the local fans are giving them and a real game of football is promised with the Anderson bunch. The admission remains the same: 50 cents and 25 cents. The parent-teacher association is going to have refreshments to sell on the grounds during the game.

Dr. T. L. Davis of Augusta was an Abbeville visitor yesterday.

MAY GET TOGETHER ON NEW TAX BILL

**WESTERN AND SOUTHERN SEN-
ATORS CONFER ON POSSIBLE
SUPPORT FOR CERTAIN FAV-
ORABLE AMENDMENTS LIKE-
LY TO BE PRESSED.**

Washington, Oct. 9.—A movement looking to bi-partisan support for the amendments to the tax revision bill agreed upon by Republican leaders, was put under way today in the Senate. Senator Lenroot, of Wisconsin, a leader among the Senators from Western States, who insisted on the compromise program, held several conferences with Senator Simmons of North Carolina, the Democratic leader in the tax fight, but apparently a final agreement was not reached.

A plan discussed was that of having the revised amendments reported out by unanimous vote of the Senate finance committee, Republicans and Democrats and supported on the floor by leaders on both sides. The Democrats are represented as looking with favor on most of the amendments but they are not satisfied with regard to the proposed taxes on corporations, insisting that a revenue in excess of that proposed be obtained from that source.

Republican leaders were understood to have agreed today on a plan under which corporations having incomes in excess of \$25,000 would not receive the benefit of the \$2,000 exemption now allowed all corporations. It is estimated that this would yield an additional \$30,000,000 in revenue. The Democrats have proposed repeal of the exemption in the case of all corporations.

Senators from Eastern States laid plans today for their fight against the program as outlined by the leaders. They expected to force votes on the floor on the original proposal for a 32 per cent maximum income surtax rate for the existing maximum estate tax rate and for repeal of the capital stock tax on corporations.

Leaders expressed little concern over this opposition and were of the opinion that the amended bill could be passed by week after next. The revision a agreed upon in midweek were discussed today by majority members on the finance committee, but decisions on them were deferred until Monday. The income surtax proposal was taken up in some detail and there were reports that some dissenting opinions had been expressed in the committee.

CHLD BREAKS LEG

**Grace Smith Hurt Saturday After-
noon While Skating.**

While skating Saturday afternoon in front of her parents' home on North Main street, Grace Smith, the 12 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Smith, Jr., fell and broke one of the bones in her leg, just above the ankle. She was taken to the hospital where Dr. R. E. Abell, surgeon of Chester, set the bones. The child was resting easily this morning as possible under the circumstances.

SUNDAY VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Perrin of Greenville and Mr. Henry McCaw of New Orleans were here Sunday spending the day with Mr. and Mrs. T. G. White. Mr. McCaw remained over and will visit for a day or two.

FAKE ROBBERY STORY

Philadelphia, Oct. 8.—Andrew B. Detwiler, an assistant disbursing officer for the United States shipping board, who claims to have been held up and robbed of \$10,000 by bandits last Tuesday, confessed tonight that he and his assistant had stolen the money themselves and patched up the robbery story to cover their deed, according to the police.

RAILROADS PLAN TO REDUCE RATES

**TRANSPORTATION LEADERS
CONFER WITH PRESIDENT
HARDING AND SENATOR
CUMMINS WITH VIEW TO AID-
ING BUSINESS.**

Washington, Oct. 8.—Development which were declared to presage early reduction in railroad freight rates and a clearing of the railroad situation generally came here today from several quarters.

A group of prominent railroad executives conferred today with President Harding and Senator Cummins; Republican, Iowa, chairman of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee and discussed steps toward freight rates reduction preliminary to the executives meeting at Chicago, October 14.

Rate reductions also was the principal topic on the program at a meeting tonight of Democratic and Republican Senators, comprising the unofficial agricultural "bloc." Senators attending the meeting said there was a wide and vigorous demand for rate cuts as imperative to the agricultural interests.

Senator Cummins after his conference with the railway executives, said he believed they would adopt at their Chicago meeting, his suggestions for an immediate reduction of freight rates. No definite or formal assurances to this effect were given.

The carriers then, Senator Cummins said, probably would ask the railroad labor board to reduce wages or appeal to Congress for legislation to meet the situation caused by the voluntary rate reductions.

The railway executives in the conferences included T. DeWitt Cuyler, representing a railway security holders' organization, Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania system; President Smith, of the New York Central; President Holden, of Burlington; Julius Cruttschnitt, chairman of the Southern-Pacific.

"The railway executives," said Senator Cummins, after the conference, "feel that the only substantial way to reduce rates is to reduce wages. They also feel that the wage fixing functions of the railroad labor board should be transferred to the Interstate Commerce Commission, which has the rate making of return, powers."

DEAD IN YARD

**Will Turner Killed in Spartanburg
By H. J. Stagg.**

Spartanburg, Oct. 8.—Will P. Turner, constable for Magistrate Brissie, was found dead in his car in the yard of the home of H. J. Stagg, of the Howard Gap road, just north of the city, early this morning and this afternoon the coroner's jury found that Turner came to his death at the hands of H. J. Stagg. According to the testimony before the coroner, Turner went to Stagg's home shortly before midnight and demanded that Stagg come out. Stagg refused, it is alleged and Turner began cursing and fired into the home, whereupon Stagg returned the fire and Turner received four wounds. He is said to have climbed back in the car and died there. His body was discovered an hour or so later. Neither Stagg or any member of his family came out of the house after the firing, claiming they were afraid Turner was still waiting for them.

Stagg was granted bail this afternoon in the sum of \$5,000.

TONSILS GONE

Miss Gertrude Penney and Miss Mildred Watson of the Sharon section were operated on at the hospital yesterday for tonsils.

C. E. YODER DIES SUDDENLY THIS MORNING

**Native of Van Wyck Section of Lan-
caster County—Funeral at
Methodist Church.**

Following an attack of heart disease, to which he was known to be subject, C. E. Yoder, telegraph operator in Abbeville for the Seaboard Air Line Railway, died in his office at the shops at 10:30 o'clock this morning. He was 38 years old. Three weeks ago Sunday he was married in Augusta to Miss Helen Edwards of Abbeville, the marriage coming as a surprise to their friends.

At his work this morning Mr. Yoder had spoken of not feeling well. He asked an associate in the office, Carlyle Bates, Mr. Yoder's nephew, to call a man to relieve him from duty. A few minutes later the heart attack came upon him and while Mr. J. A. Hill, who happened to be in the office, and Mr. Bates sought to follow the directions Mr. Yoder gave to relieve the attack, Mr. Yoder died. He was conscious for several minutes after the attack, talking to Mr. Hill and Mr. Bates.

Mr. Yoder was a native of the Van Wyck section of Lancaster county where he has a large family connection. He has lived in Abbeville about six years, all the time being connected with the Seaboard railway. For a long time he had rooms at the Edward's home on South Main street. Following Mrs. Edwards' death several weeks ago Mr. Yoder and Miss Helen Edwards were married September 18, the two continuing to live at Mrs. Yoder's old home place.

Surviving Mr. Yoder besides his wife are his father, J. M. Yoder of Van Wyck, one sister, Mrs. J. W. Bates of Van Wyck; four brothers, C. R. and K. M. Yoder of Van Wyck, J. H. Yoder of New York and Henry T. Yoder of Muskogee, Okla. Mr. Yoder attended Lenoir College at Lenoir, N. C. He had worked for the Seaboard since he was 16. Had he lived until Thursday he would have been 38 years old.

In consideration of Mr. Yoder's expressed wish, he will be buried at Long Cane cemetery tomorrow afternoon following funeral services at the Methodist church at 3 o'clock. The Masons will have charge of the exercises. Mr. Yoder was also a Shriner.

The news of Mr. Yoder's death was received with general regret this morning, not only because of the personal friendships he had made but also because of the general esteem and regard the people of Abbeville have for Mrs. Yoder. There is city-wide sympathy for her in her bereavement.

POSTMASTER ASKS PATRONS TO PROVIDE MAIL BOXES

**Says Much More Efficient and Satis-
factory Service May Be Given
if Receptacles are Fixed.**

Postmaster Tolbert has received a communication from Postmaster General Hays informing him that a nationwide campaign will be put on at once to have every building properly numbered and equipped with a suitable receptacle or opening in the door to receive mail delivered by carrier. October 19 has been designated as the day when carriers will be required to report every dwelling or place of business on their route not so numbered and provided with a private mail receptacle.

Mr. Tolbert says that when the census has been completed, he will communicate with the persons concerned with a view to having the faults corrected as soon as possible. He says:

"House numbers enable carriers to locate promptly buildings to which mail is addressed and eliminates delays in delivery.

"Mail receptacles insure the prompt and safe delivery of mail in the absence of occupants. Avoid delay of mail through return to office because of absence of occupants or delay in answering carriers' ring.

DEMOCRATS MEET IN NEAR FUTURE

**LEADERS WILL CONFER PROB-
ABLY IN CHICAGO—MEETING
FOR "GENERAL DISCUSSION
OF PARTY WELFARE." WHITE
SAYS.**

Washington, Oct. 8.—A call is to be issued by Chairman George White tomorrow for a meeting of the Democratic National Committee to be held within the next two or three weeks, probably at Chicago. Democratic leaders with whom Mr. White conferred at the Capitol today said it would bring together prominent men and women party spokesmen from all sections of the country.

Chairman White is expected to make a detailed report on the recent presidential campaign and resolutions will probably be adopted in support of the conference, on limitation of armament.

"The meeting is to be called," Mr. White said tonight, "for general discussion of party welfare. It will bring together for the first time many Democratic National Committee women who have never attended a committee meeting."

The meeting will be the first held since the close of the national presidential campaign last November. Several months ago friends of William G. McAdoo urged a meeting, but a call was refused by Chairman White. The question of Mr. White's resignation was widely discussed at that time. That Mr. White would continue as chairman for the present at least, was declared by party leaders here tonight. Mr. White himself was non-committal except to declare that he did not expect any developments at the meeting affecting his personal status. His friends in Ohio have been urging him to become a candidate for Governor for the next election of those here declare this development is probable.

Among business affairs of the party to be discussed at the meeting is the deficit, which Mr. White said, has been reduced since November but still remains a matter for settlement.

Former Governor Cox, it was said, is not expected to attend the meeting, and the question of future candidacies, leaders said, would not be raised formally at least.

BETTER TIMES AHEAD

**More Optimistic Talk From Bank-
ers Who Ought To Know.**

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 7.—Broad in its optimism and saturated with predictions that the golden crest of prosperity is slowly but with certainty approaching the United States in an incoming tide of better times, the 47th annual convention of the American Bankers' association entered upon its final session today. Most important among the reports was that of resolutions committee, embodying suggestions from the executive council as well as from six divisions of the association.

The savings bank division last night adopted resolutions depreciating agitation for an enlarged system of postal savings banks paying an increased rate of interest, and protesting against any legislation to that end, the resolution says:

"It is the sense of this division that it is not a proper function of the government to engage in a competitive system of savings banking, the expense of which is to be defrayed by taxation."

COTTON MARKET

**Spots, 20 cents.
Futures declined from 20 to
40 points today from Saturday's
close. December closed today at
19.42, March 18.86 and May
18.58.**