### President Issues Several Railroads Will Make Commander at Coblenz Three Killed and Thirty Revolutionists Capture Pres. Harding Names portance in Government Service

Washington, March 11 .- President Harding nominated former Repre- bring about reductions in the wages len, commander of the American ocsentative Esch of Wisconsin and of skilled employees will probably be cupation troops, will follow the same Mark W. Potter of New York as in- taken by many railroads throughout policy regarding the collection of custerstate commerce commissioners the country after adjustments have toms along the Rhine as on other was killed and eighteen injured at and William H. Joyce of Los Angeles been made in the pay of unskilled problems connected with the occu-Marvin of Masachusetts and William Railway executives said foday. There Rhineland commission his orders to

## SAYS INTERNAL

#### If View of Solicitor General Frierson is Upheld Millions in Taxes Will Be Annulled

Washington, March 11 .- Solicitor General Frierson conceded before the supreme court that the internal revenue erred in assessing as profit the invostment of March 1st. 1913 and reduction. the value at a subsequent date of the lif the view is uphold millions Great Britain Aids of dollars in taxes will be annulled.

#### **COUNTIES WORK** ON NEW HIGHWAYS

#### Agreements Reached With State Commission

reference to the disposition of the 80 per cent. motor vehicle license and

two mill special tax funds. Fairfield county, whereby the 1910 fund from the 80 per cent. li-

on a 50-50 basis.

Representative Edgar A. Brown.

to the Orangeburg county line.

county line, an agreement having ordinating and aggressively selling been reached to this effect.

The highway department has all foreign countries. agreed to use the 80 per cent. fund and the two mill tax to reimburse the county of Hampton for work on the road from Varnville to Yemas-

#### Y. M. C. A. Convention

Columbia, March 11 .- The second ina will be held in Columbia next Thursday, March 17. A strong group of speakers has been secured for the convention. The afternoon session will be held in the First Baptist church and the evening session will LOWER FREIGHT

The speakers for the convention includes William Knowles Cooper, general secretary of the Washington. D. C., association, who has only recently returned from a trip through the Panama Canal Zone where he addressed large groups of men; Prof. E. C. Lindeman, professor of rural sociology in the State Normal College, Greensboro, N. C.; Prof. Henry B. Wright, of Yale; B. G. Alexander, international regional secretary for the south; E. A. Turner, international foreign work secretary; Gordan A. Johnstone, general manager of the

Winnsboro cotton mill. president of the state association and ly covered by insurance. Splendid T. B. Lanham, of Columbia, secretary. Work by the fire department confined they seem to think The state committee is ocmposed of the flames to the saw mill and saved right to allow their chickens to play John B. Adger, Belton; C. H. Bald- the dry kilns, planing mill and a the dickens in a neighbor's garden. win, Columbia; T. S. Bryan, Colum- large stock of lumber. About 100 Why is this? Is it due to carelessbia; T. Hal Dick, Columbia; B. E. men are temporarily thrown out of Geer, Greenville; Allen J. Graham, employment, many of whom have tiny yellow streak showing? Greenville; L. L. Hardin, Columbia; been connected with the plant since ever the reason, it should be climi-J. Wilbur Hicks, Florence; S. C. its crection 13 years ago. Plans for Hodges, Greenwood; L. P. Hollis, rebuilding are already under way, Greenville; D. B. Johnson, Aiken; S. T. Lanham. Spartanburg; Thomas M. Mills, Clemson College; W. H. Mixson, of diamonds. Charleston; Henry E. Raines, Charleston; H. E. Ravenel, Spartanburg; Julien C. Rogers, Columbia; W. M. has gone to the New Light section of for February showed a gain in

Wilbur, Charlestop.

1.000 7.00

## HARDING MAKES GENERAL WAGE AMERICANS ACT DEADLY TORNADO BOLSHEVIKS OUT GEORGE HARVEY **NOMINATIONS REDUCTION PLAN**

## of Skilled Workers Soon

Chicago, March 11 .- The step to on federal farm board, Thomas O. workers, officials of the Association of pation, making the decision of the derricks were blown down. Two 8. Culberson of Kansas as tariff com- is little comment from the labor side the army, according to information missioners, Ernest Lester Jones of where it is said the matter has come from Coblenz. Virginia as director of geodetic sur- before the railroad labor board and vey and as medical director, Edward the unions. The chief concern was to R. Stitt surgeon general of the see that the roads acted in accordance with the transportation act.

Chicago, March 11 .- The Chicago Great Western announced it would REVENUE WRONG propose a twenty per cent reduction of wages from the president down, except the train service men, telegraphers and unskilled men.

#### MAY CUT WAGES OF UNSKILLED EMPLOYEES

Chicago, March 11 .- The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad held a conference with representatives of its ten thousand unskilled employes difference between the market value with a view to bringing about a wage

## **Cotton Growers**

#### To Relieve Empire From Dependence Upon United States

Louisville, Ky., March 9.—Organzation of a British Empire cotton growing and marketing concern Columbia, March 11 .- State high- financed and officially aided by the way authorities have entered into British government, is indicated it an authorized article in the British government board of trade journal for February, received here today by R. L. McKellar, foreign freight traffic An agreement has been reached manager of the Southern Railway, with headquarters in Louisville.

Far-reaching arrangements, it was file sales, the 1920 two mill tax and indicated, are nearing completion for 6 1931 fund fro mthe 80 per cent, the establishment of a huge permastie, making a total of about \$23 .- nent organization with the ultimate 00, will be used as 50 per cent. of object of relieving the British cot cost in constructing the road ton industry of dependence upon the from Winnsboro to Simpson. This United States for the greater part of project is a federal aid road and will its supply of raw cotton.

The official account of these devel-The agreement on the part of Fair- opments indicates that a government held was signed by M. C. Bolar se appropriation of 5,000 British pounds pervisor; G. W. Ladd, county com- annually for five years has been made sioner, and D. D. Kennedy, coun- for preparatory work and ultimately a large sum approaching 50,000 An agreement has been reached pounds will be made available. with the Barnwell county officials Meanwhile it is contemplated, accordwhereby the 80 per cent. fund and ing to the article, to provide what the two mil ltax fund, amounting to will in effect be a government subsidy about \$15,000, will be expended on to cotton growers. All these objects, the road from the Alken county line it is recited, will be attained by the to Kline, by way of Williston and imperial government and the British Barnwell. This is also a federal aid cotton industry working through an project and the agreement was reach- organization known as the British ed with the highway officials through | Empire Cotton Growing corporation. . Commenting upon the potential of county attorney, and member of the feet of the Pritish plans, Mr. McKellar, who has been active in the de-Another agreement of interest is velopment of fereign trade, asserted the one with Calhoun county, through in a statement today that they would the supervisor, W. J. Wise, whereby operate as a British cotton growing the 80 per cent. fund of 1920 and and selling trust. He stressed the the two mill tax, amounting to around importance in this connection of \$12,000, will be expended on the road American cotton growers and cotton running from the Lexington county mill men giving their full support to line, through St. Matthews and on the American export financing and trading organizations now being de-In Clarendon county the 80 per veloped uder the provisions of the cet, fund of 1920 and the two mill Edge law and the Webb-Pomerene tax will be spent on the road run- act; of increasing American cotton ning from Manning to the Sumter mill capacity and expanding, co-

#### ALABAMA NIGHT RIDERS

American cotton factory products in

Stevenson, Ala., March 11 .- Twenty-nine lashes is the penalty prescribed by the laws of the tenants' union for violation of the oath of the organization, said C. W. Austin, chief annual convention of the Young Men's of the Alabama law enforcement deristian Association of South Car- partment, who is investigating night riding charges. Mr. Austin said 2 men had been arrested for night riding and further raids will be made

## RATES PROMISED

Chicago, March 11 .- The Chicago and Alton railroad will proceed soon to reduce the pay of employees. President Bierd said the reduction will be made to bring about ultimate decreases in freight and passenger

#### Fire Destroys Mill

Cheraw, March 10 .- The saw mill of the Meiklejohn Lumber company was destroyed by fire last night, en-Dr. D. B. Johnson, of Rock Hill, is tailing a loss of over \$40,000, partial-

New York, March 11. Two ban-Lyles, Spartanburg; R. I. Manning, dits today entered the jewelry store Columbia; C. A. McFadden, Manning; of Abraham Harris, tied him and shot chickens cannot continue scratching declared that although the nation had pencer of patronage, the idea being

Sherard, Whitmire, H. T. Shockley. Wake county to investigate the desputiding over January of 32 per cession by fire of a church, two showing the first definit A. T. Smythe, Charleston and W. B. schoolhouses, and two residences fol- provement in lowing moonshine raids,

# WITH ALLIES

#### Will Be Guided by Rhineland Commission

Mayence, March 11.-General Al-

## RAILROADS MUST

#### General Move Started to Reduce Wages

Rock Island and Pacific and the Chicago and Northwestern.

The reads will first hold meetings with their employees in an effort to findings similar to those gleaned reach some agreement regarding arbitration in wage. If the roads an dworkers were unable to reach teristily reduced, it is believed the agreements the disputes, it was antorneed, would be allowed to go beore the United States railroad 'abor

"Wages must come down," said G. Wells, vice president of the Santa Fe system. "Everybody knows that. We will in a few days start in a general readjustment, ask representatives of maintenance of way and shop workers especially the unskilled workers, to come to Chicago and agree to a more seemly wage scale."

The Chicago, Rock Island and Pafic and the Chicago and Northwestern likewise notified its maintenance of way employees to meet here March 18 and 21, respectively, for a discussion of wage readjustments.

New York, March 10,-Representatives of 2,000 unskilled laborers employed by the Long Island railroad today failed to reach an agreement with company officials on their proposal to cut common labor wages from 48 1-2 cents an hour to 40 cents. The matter will be presented to the railroad labor board for review and ecision the company appointed

Boston, March 10,-The New York New Haven and Hartford railroad today announced a conference of additional classes of employees to discuss a downward revision of their rates of pay effective April 16. Employees affected included supervisory forces, maintenance of way, shops, offices, station forces and dining car, and restaurant employees. The date of the conference will be set later.

Philadelphia, March 10 .-- A confernce with representatives of unskilled labor on March 15 to discuss "the necessity for making reductions in the existing rates of pay was called today by F. M. Flack, general manager of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway company.

Twenty-five classifications of unskilled labor are affected by the proposed cut according to circulars outlining its purpose.

Officials of the company would not ay whether any steps are to be takthe remainder of the roads 25,000 cm-

About Chickens Scratching in Gardens Chickens scratching in gardens reality it is an important subject, for the loss of good feeling between of chickens unlawfully invading a garden. We say "unlawfully invading," because this is a no-fence town. and every householder is legally bound to keep his chickens off other people's premises.

It is very provoking, and sometimes quite expensive, to have a neighbor's chickens destroy one's regetable garden, or damage beautiful flower beds after one has spent money and labor and pains on the work. And yet complaints are beneighborly, right-doing town about chickens scratching in gardens. It is heard everywhere, just because people with chickens to go scratch-

New York, March 11. - Pradstreets

# IN LOUISIANA

## **Injured** in Great Storm

Shreveport, La., March 12,-Three ported result of a windstorm in northwere killed at Gale, La.

#### ACREAGE REDUC-TION FORECAST

### CUT EXPENSES Rock Hill Sends Out Questionnaire as to Cotton

Rock Hill, March 11.-That the Chicago, March 10.-Wage reduc- Carolina this year will be materially acreage planted in cotton in South tions proposals affecting thousands reduced is shown in the summary of of men were officially announced to- a curvey just completed by the Peoday by practically every Western ples National bank. The survey was Fe, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, curate statement of conditions in stood that similar surveys are in states and the indications point to from the South Carolina survey.

yield per acre will be less than formerly. Concrete reasons for this farmers are not going to be able to finance the planting of as large an acreage as last year, and in the furing to be unable to purchase proper fertilizers to insure the usual yield. The facts that this will be the case in South Carolina are indisputable, and it is believed that the same conditions obtain in most of the cotton

The survey of the Peoples National bank was made by means of a questionnaire to every bank in the state. Nearly all the banks filled in the replies to the questions asked. The summary of the replies, made public today, shows that the farmers of the per cent, of the 1920 cotton crop. of which nearly 30 per cent, grades under middling. The acreage reduction in the state is estimated in the replies at 27.8 per cent, and reduction in the use of cenmercial fertilizers cotton in South Carolina during 1921 will be far less than in 1920," stated an official of the bank in commenting on the summary from the sur-

Continuing, the summary shows a ing stated emphatically that they would require an acreage reduction before granting loans, while a great many more who do not require it, cotton under present conditions."

Right in line with the bank survey may seem a triffing subject on cern a few days ago. His statement was to the effect that not the state. every farmer would be able to secure been denied fertilizers on a time! freshly plowed and fresh planted use of fertilizers would be materialper cent. less than obtaining last that Mr. Cochrane will accept the date, say local dealers, and it is believed the same is true of nearly someone else be selected. every locality,

#### RAILROAD AD-VANCES WAGES

stored. The statement said a slighty improved condition of business per

#### PRESIDENT AP-PEALS FOR CHINA

already given fiberally to the relief to recognize a Republican party committee the fund is still inade- the state that will be wholly of Raleigh, March 12.—The sheriff announced today that building returns tress is tragic, the president says. . ly believed by persons for quate. The picture of China's dis- white race. However, it is

# OF PETROGRAD

### Minisk But Are Later Driven Out

Warsaw, March 12,-Petrograd is are dead, thirty injured, and the in the lands of the revolutionists and Harvey, of New York, the editor of property damage estimated at from the Belsheviki have been ousted, a Harvey's Weekly, it is understood has a half million to a million is the re- wireless message received here says. been definitely selected by President western Louisiana late yesterday. One to the weakness of the sending sta- John Bar on Payne, it is understood, tion, but it is believed to have been has submitted his resignation as di-

A Vilna dispatch says the anti-Polshevists fought their way to Minsk, but were driven out after controlling the city for five hours. While there the revolutionists killed many communists and when the soiets re-entered they executed over two hundred.

#### LAURENS DENTIST COMMITS SUICIDE

Laurens, March 11.-Dr. George C. Albright, prominent dentist and beloved citizen of Laurens, was found dead in the dressing room at his railway with headquarters in Chi- a most comprehensive one and was office this afternoon shortly before 3 made with the idea of getting an ac- o'clock. He had locked himself in the room and when an entrance to the Chicago and Great Western, Chicago, every part of the state. It is under- apartment was forced he had apparprogress in other cotton growing self administered portion of a liquid poison is the stated cause of death. deed as his continued ill health, which less. Dr. Albright came to his office belief is found in the fact that the at the usual hour this morning and he is known to have had one patient. He appeared low spirited, it is stated, and had very little to say to those ther fact that a large number are go- who conversed with him. As he did Dr. A bright's sons and Chude Eabh, Dr. Timmerman visited the office. within and soon an entrance was made by the party. A small quantity of poisonous drug was on the

ton and was 51 years old. He gradnated in dentistry at Vanderbilt uniin Laurens for the practice of his of the leading dental surgeons in this part of the state. He is survived by his widow, who before Hale Shands of Clinton, also survives not been announced tonisht. Having recently emerged from shadow of similar sorrow, today's tragedy brings the city under a fresh pall of gloom.

#### decided majority of the banks reply- J. W. Tolbert Selected to Deal Out Federal Offices

Columbia, March 12 .- Jos. W. Tolduction. Practically no bank in the "regular" Republican party in South state intends to lend any money for Carolina, will be the dispenser of the the cash purchase of fertilizers, the Republican patronage, according to replies show, while few of the lien information brought from Washingmerchants of the state are prepared ton by several prominent South Carto extend credit to the farmers this olinians, one of whom is a wellyear without the help of the banks, known lawyer, close friend of Mr. "Within the last day or two," said Tolbert, who attended the inaugura! one of the bank officials in discuss- ceremonles and had first-hand coning the survey, "reports have been ferences with Republican leaders in coming to us that many farms are the capital. According to this atbeing abandoned because the tenants torney and others familiar with the en regarding the wage schedules of are unable to make financial ar- situation and in connection with rangements to plant another crop of Washington and also with Mr. Toler has his "slate" prepared and, if of a well known fertilizer con- will recommend persons already pick-

For the position of collector of inbeing sold on time. He said he it is stated, his brother, "Red" R. Tolknew of farmers who paid cash for bert, of Abbeville county. This is one fellow-being, might grow out of the their fertilizers last year, who have of the important plums in the state. basis. His opinion was that the or western district of South Carolina. ly curtailed this year, despite the Cochrane, of Anderson, former Unitfact that the price was from 25 to 35 ed States attorney, and it is stated Wray....

or the crops will be attempted with ern district no selection has been Weinberg . . . . . G the use of little or no fertilizers, he made. It is stated that the Repubdeclared. His statements are borne lican machine is having difficulty in patrick for T. Weeks, T. V out by the course adopted locally, finding a man to take this position. It | Kilpatrick, Kilpatrick for G. as little fertilizer has been sold to was offered, it is said, to former Governor Blease, but he has asked that made no substitutions,

has been selected as marshall of the

## New Editor As Ambassador to London

Washington, March 12.-George The message was disconnected owing Harding ambassador to London. rector general of the railroad administration.

#### POISON SENT TO BIGHAM

Wife Taken Into ustody at Floren

Florence, March 11 .- Mrs. May. Bigham was arrested here tonight charged with attempting to convey to her husband, E. D. Bigham, a small bottle containing sufficient chloroform, according to physicians, at the Atlantic Coast Line passenger Deputy Sheriff Burch did not read the warrant to her by request until they had reached the jail, Mrs. Bigham being accompanied by her daughters, Misses Louise and Evelyn. The bottle of chloroform did not reach Bigham, it being intercepted by Jailor J. E. Cook, working through one of the trusted prisoners to whom Mrs. Bigham delivered it to be conveyed by him to her husband.

In the past several weeks Jailor Cook has in the same manner intercepted several notes written by Bigham to his wife.

Edmund Figham is in jail here awaiting trial on the charge of the murder of his mother, Mrs. M. M. Bigham; his sister, Mrs. Margie A. Black; his brother, L. S. Bigham, and John and Leo McCracken, two adopted children of Mrs. Black at the plantation home near Pamplico on January 15. It was at first thought that L. S. Bigham had perpetrated the crime and then killed himself. but after investigation Coroner Smith ordered the arrest of the living brother, charging him with the crime. Before her marriage to Bigham, Mrs. Pigham was Miss May James of

## Over Sumter High

#### Goal at Last Whistle Decides Contest

Chareston, March 12 .- In one of the best games seen on the local floor in some time Charleston high school last night defeated Sumter high school on the university court with the margin of a well directed goal, opportunely placed by Teddy Weeks in the last five seconds of the contest, the final score being 24 to 22.

The game was fast and interesting a high pitch till the final whistle first half ended with Sumter leading count being 13 to 10. Sumter's 1 merals, however, failed to bring good fortune attributed to them staging a rare comeback the tal were turned into a victory for

Teddy Weeks was probably the for Charleston, and, though he closely watched, furnished the est number of scores. For Su Wray and J. Wright played the

This contest eliminates