

President Harding Guest of Birmingham

Welcomed at Station by Great Crowds of Hospitable People

Birmingham, Oct. 26.—Great throngs greeted President Harding's party at the station. The party traveled a flower strew path through children to the hotel. President Harding headed a civic parade before speaking at Woodrow Wilson park at noon. The luncheon was followed by the inauguration of Dr. Guy E. Snavely as president of the Birmingham Southern College, which conferred the doctor of laws degree on President Harding. Later the president was to take part in laying the cornerstone of the new Masonic temple. The party will attend the Birmingham semi-centennial pageant early in the evening.

Miners' Union Furnished Arms

Washington, Oct. 26.—The officials of miners union in West Virginia are charged by A. E. Hester, a former union organizer, with having helped arm the Logan county marchers. He also told the senate committee that he knew of a standing order with the Williamson Hardware company for the delivery of thirty-five rifles weekly.

Child is Killed By Automobile

Spartanburg, Oct. 25.—Vivian Ross, the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Ross, was run over on the Glendale road near the Country Club by an automobile and almost instantly killed. The girl had been attending the cooperative school and was returning home. A truck is used to transport the children to and from their homes. The child got out of the truck and went around the end of it to go into her home. As she crossed the truck, a car driven by Buford Phillips, of 255 Brantley street, accompanied by Hermit Lindsay, 287 College street, passed on the wrong side of the truck, it is said, and ran over the child, crushing her breast, breaking her ribs and collar bone. The young man stopped and took the child and her mother to the new general hospital, but she was dead before reaching the hospital. Both young men have been placed under arrest. The inquest will be held tomorrow morning. Mr. Ross, father of the girl works in the postoffice here.

Veterans Elect Officers

Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 26.—Gen. Julian S. Carr of Durham, N. C., was elected commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans to succeed K. M. Van Zandt of Texas. Richmond, Va., was chosen as the next reunion city at the closing session here tonight of the veterans' convention.

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Commander Van Zandt delivered a brief valedictory to the veterans.

Richmond won the next reunion city over Savannah, Nashville and Spartanburg, Oka.

The reunion went on record with a declaration that "these reunions would be continued from year to year so long as there are army as four veterans left alive and able to travel to the reunion city and so long as the people of southern cities see fit to invite them to come."

The convention voted to accept invitation to send representatives to the memorial exercises next year at Point Pleasant, Ohio, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of General Grant.

Resolutions adopted included one requesting national publishers of school books to use more articles written by Southern authors and another calling on the state of Tennessee to observe the day of Sam Davis' execution as "Sam Davis Memorial day."

Mrs. Arthur McDougal Wilson of Atlanta was re-elected president of the Southern Confederate Memorial association here today.

Other officers elected were: President: Miss Sue Walker, Fayetteville, Ark.; second vice president, Miss Daisy L. M. Hodgson, New Orleans; recording secretary, Mrs. Bryan W. Collier, College Park, Ga.; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Bennett Merry, treasurer; Miss Mary Hall Augusta, Ga., honorary historian general for life; Miss Mildred Rutherford, Athens, Ga., active historian; Miss Belle Allen, Ross, Ga., auditor.

The association went on record endorsing the plan outlined by a Virginia organization for the establishment of a national park on the battlefield of Manassas such as those at Gettysburg and Chickamauga.

Judge Edgar Scurry of Wichita Falls, Tex., was unanimously elected commander-in-chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans at the final session of the organization here today. Judge Scurry succeeds Nathan B. Forrest of Atlanta, secretary of Lanier university.

Dr. W. C. Calloway of Wilmington, N. C., was named commander of the Army of Northern Virginia, after Gen. J. F. Tatum had declined to stand for reelection.

Other officers elected were D. S. Etheridge of Chattanooga, commander of the Department of the Army of Tennessee; J. S. Davenport of Oklahoma, commander of the Trans-Mississippi department; Arthur H. Jennings of Lynchburg, Va., historian.

Confederate Memorial Service

Feature of Re-union Today Was Oration by Rev. B. A. Owen

Chattanooga, Oct. 26.—The Confederate reunion was marked by a memorial service, conducted by United Confederate Veterans, the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, and Sons of Confederate Veterans. Rev. B. A. Owen, of Eagle Pass, Texas, delivered the oration. The services were preceded by a business session.

Armament Conference May be Postponed

Washington, Oct. 25.—The postponement of the opening meeting of the armament conference until November 12th is intimated as probable by high officials because of conflict with the program for Armistice day for the unknown soldiers' burial.

Pupils to Compete in Safety Campaign

Washington, D. C., Oct. 25.—Seeking to reduce the number of automobile accidents, which take an annual toll of thousands of children's lives, the Highway and Highway Transport Education Committee is announcing a national safety campaign among grammar school pupils and grammar school teachers.

The campaign takes the form of two national essay contests. One is among pupils of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades and the other is among grammar school teachers, who are being invited to prepare lessons teaching children safe behavior on the highways.

"How I Can Make the Highways More Safe" is the subject on which children are asked to prepare essays.

Four hundred fifty state prizes are being offered through the committee by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce in the hope that pupils will be stimulated to participate. The prizes have an aggregate value of \$5,000 and are distributed among the states on a basis of elementary school enrollment. Teachers are offered three national prizes, the first of which is \$500 in cash and a trip to Washington. The second and third prizes are \$300 and \$200 respectively.

An enthusiastic response from every section of the country has greeted the announcement. State, city and county superintendents of schools are lending the weight of their influence to the campaign and bringing the contests to the attention of pupils and teachers under their jurisdiction.

Mothers' club, civic organizations, chambers of commerce, safety councils and other organizations that are interested in the welfare of the children of the country are assisting the committee in the national campaign which will culminate in the observance of "National Safety Week" December 4 to 10.

The contests close Saturday, December 10, when all essays and lessons are to be in the hands of the principals of schools. After December 10 the best essays and the best lessons from each committee will be chosen by competent committees and then forwarded to the state committee to be designated by the state superintendent of schools, or other influential persons. After the best essays and the best lessons have been chosen for various states and territorial possessions, the state prizes in the pupils contest will be awarded and the manuscripts receiving state honors will then be forwarded to the committee in Washington.

Arrangements are being made for distinguished educators to read the state essays and the state lessons and to choose therefrom the ones entitled to the national honors.

Dr. John J. Tigert, United States Commissioner of Education, who is chairman of the Highway and Highway Transport Education Committee, has written the state and city superintendents requesting assistance. In his letter, Dr. Tigert said: "In order to reduce the appalling number of accidents on our streets and highways, I wish to call your attention to the safety educational program of the Highway and Highway Transport Education Committee. If not inconsistent with your policies, I trust we may have your hearty cooperation."

The committee, which has offices in the Willard Building, is answering several of the inquiries daily from principals, teachers and pupils, who have signified their intention of participating in the campaign.

Leads, S. D., Oct. 27.—Bloodhounds have been brought here in an effort to trace the man, whose call on Father Beknap early yesterday, was followed by the shooting of the priest.

Newport News, Oct. 27.—The battleship West Virginia will be launched November 19th. Miss Alice Mann, daughter of Isaac T. Mann, of Bramwell, will be the sponsor.

Newport News, Oct. 26.—All except two of the crew of thirty-six of the fishing smack which foundered off Bug Light have been accounted for.

New York, Oct. 26.—Belief that the loot in the Monday night mail truck robbery would exceed one million dollars is indicated by postal authorities.

The only collar that calls the free America is the one the laundry has tried to convert into a saw.

First News From Tampa

Atlantic Coast Line Conductor Says Tidal Wave Hit the City

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 26.—W. A. Kelsey, conductor of the first Atlantic Coast Line train arriving from Tampa, said he was in Port Tampa yesterday when the full effect of the storm began to be felt. He described the rise in the tide as a tidal wave of two to ten feet, the water quickly covering most of Port Tampa City, many houses being unroofed and destroyed by the wind. Railroad and phosphate terminals, and elevators were heavily damaged. Tampa is without electric power.

Cotton Ginners' Report

More Than Four-Fifths of Crop is Already in Sight

Washington, Oct. 25.—Cotton of this year's growth gained prior to October 18 amounted to 5,477,397 bales, exclusive of linters, compared with 5,754,582 bales last year and 4,929,104 bales in 1920 to that date, the census bureau announced today.

Round bales included numbered 99,871, compared with 140,099 last year; American-Egyptian included numbered 7,498 bales, compared with 14,812 last year, and sea island included numbered 1,204 bales compared with 334 last year.

The ginning report included a paragraph stating: "The department of agriculture on October 3, 1921, estimated that the condition of the cotton crop on September 25 was 42.2 per cent of a normal, the lowest condition ever reported, which forecasts a total production of about 6,537,000 bales of 500 pounds gross. Reports indicate that a large proportion of the crop has been ginned."

The heaviest ginning on record, prior to this year, was that of 1916 when 7,303,183 bales, or 64.3 per cent of the crop, were ginned prior to October 18. The next largest ginning to that date was in 1918 when 6,811,351 bales, or 57.2 per cent of the crop were ginned.

Ginnings by states follow: Alabama, 426,152; Arizona, 3,567; Arkansas, 449,484; California, 4,012; Florida, 3,127; Georgia, 637,129; Louisiana, 195,115; Mississippi, 512,007; Missouri, 40,333; North Carolina, 444,964; Oklahoma, 347,146; South Carolina, 494,261; Tennessee, 138,660; Texas, 1,740,766; Virginia, 7,505; all other states, 3,079.

Concerning the cotton situation, Secretary Wallace of the department of agriculture, said today: "The cotton ginned to October 18, as shown by the census report, namely, 5,447,397 bales, running weight, is 83.8 per cent of the October 3 forecast of total production by the department of agriculture, which was 6,537,000 bales of 500 pounds weight.

"So far as our records go, the highest percentage of cotton ginned to October 18 was 46.3 per cent in the year 1916, when the crop was a small one. The smallest percentage ginned up to October 18 was 37.7 per cent in 1903.

"Our people in the department who are qualified to judge of such matters, say that there can be no reasonable doubt that this year's cotton crop is more largely ginned to date than ever before."

In the first place, the crop is a very small one and under such conditions the percentage ginned to date would naturally be large. In the second place, the season has been unusually forward and reports from practically all sections of the cotton belt indicate that picking has been practically completed. In Texas both picking and ginning is much further advanced than usual and about completed except in the northwest corner of the state. In North Carolina rapid progress in picking has been made. In Alabama picking is finished in most southern and central sections and is elsewhere well advanced, with ginning progressing rapidly. In Mississippi picking and ginning has made rapid progress. In Arkansas the cotton is all picked in some localities and three-fourths picked in other localities. In Oklahoma picking is reported as having progressed rapidly."

Washington, Oct. 25.—Senator Harris (Democrat) of Georgia issued a statement today commending Secretary Wallace and the director of the census for their services in connection with the cotton ginning report.

"Those officials," the senator said, "have saved the farmer and other people of the south millions of dollars by the report today. Ordinarily the ginning report at this date shows that about half the cotton crop in the south has been ginned. Those of us in touch with conditions know that at least four-fifths of it has been ginned at this time. If the ginning's report had been sent out without a statement from the department of agriculture, the bears, would have depressed the price of cotton several cents a pound and that would have cost the people in my section many millions of dollars."

Less Lumber Cut Last Year

Reduction in 1920 Was 2.2 Percent of Previous Year's Record

Washington, Oct. 24.—The lumber cut of the United States in 1920 was 33,798,800,000 feet, which is 2.2 per cent less than in 1919, and 27 per cent less than the peak in 1907.

The average price of lumber at the mill increased to \$38.42 per thousand, which is a raise of 150 per cent since 1910. The aggregate value of the cut is \$1,299,300,000. These are the highest annual valuations ever recorded, but do not indicate present conditions. They merely reflect the extremely high peak in the post-war lumber prices which was passed in the first quarter of 1920.

These are the principal statistics obtained by the forest service, United States department of agriculture, in its 1920 canvass of American sawmills. They are based upon reports from 15,978 active mills out of 23,243 estimated to have been in operation. Several thousand mills cutting less than 50,000 feet were not tabulated, though allowance was made for their cut. Comparisons with 1919 are published by permission of the bureau of the census, United States department of commerce.

The tables show that the states which increased their cut are all in the Pacific Coast group and the Rocky Mountains. Washington is first, as usual. Oregon attains second place for the first time, displacing Louisiana from a position held for 15 years, while California takes rank among the first five, displacing another southern yellow pine state.

In 1920 the Pacific and Rocky Mountain groups of states, combined, produced 35.6 per cent of the cut. The eight states of the southern pine group produced 24 per cent, while all of the rest of the United States produced 34.4 per cent.

The combined production of Douglas fir and western yellow pine, which in 1919 was less than 60 per cent of the amount of southern yellow pine cut, in 1920 became 83 per cent. This relative increase in the western species arises in part from the decrease in southern pine production, which amounted to 15 per cent. The conditions reported by southern operators, arising directly or indirectly from the world war, were so adverse that the southern pine may be expected to recover part of the lost ground during the next few years. But the indications of the statistics are that the supremacy in lumber production held by the southern pine states has passed the zenith and is moving to the west.

Union Leaders Expect Legal Battle

Effort Made to Retain Walter D. Hines as Legal Adviser

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 25.—That the "Big Five" railroad transportation organization chiefs are expecting a legal battle when they appear before the United States railroad labor board tomorrow in Chicago, was indicated today when they sought to retain Walter D. Hines, former director general of railroads, to handle legal phases which might develop. Mr. Hines informed the brotherhood executives that he "was not in a position" to represent them and returned to New York tonight.

Mr. Hines declined to make any general comment on the situation, or to discuss any specific points.

Unless the railroad board has changed its attitude concerning the necessity of general chairmen of the five labor organizations appearing at the Chicago meeting, it is anticipated that one of the first legal squabbles to be decided will be on the action of Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in notifying his general chairmen they need not answer the labor board's citation. Mr. Stone announced tonight that only himself and six grand officers, in whom the authority of the organization is vested, will attend the conference.

Referring to conflicting reports in telegrams exchanged between Chairman R. M. Barton of the railroad labor board and President Stone, regarding the necessity of general chairmen of the brotherhoods being required to attend the hearings, Mr. Stone said tonight: "My chairmen are scattered all over the country from Maine to California, and it would be impossible for me to get them to Chicago in time for the opening of the hearings."

Other brotherhood chiefs would not indicate whether their general chairmen would be present excepting W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, who has ordered the approximately 200 general chairmen and grand officers of his organization to be present.

In a statement issued today W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, said: "The men are determined to peacefully give the service of the railroads until a satisfactory adjustment has been reached."

The five chiefs held two conferences today and discussed final plans for their appearance before board and left late tonight for Chicago.

Brewers Can Begin Brewing

Permits to Make Medicinal Beer Will be Issued Promptly

Washington, Oct. 25.—The issuance of permits to brewers for the manufacture of medicinal beer, under the new treasury regulation, will proceed promptly, said Interior Revenue Commissioner Blair today.

Mail Clerk Murdered

Bandit Robbed Ferry Post Office at San Francisco

San Francisco, Oct. 25.—Frank Adams, a mail clerk, was shot and killed by a masked bandit in the ferry postoffice, who escaped with a sack of registered mail.

Increase in Wages

York, Oct. 24.—Cannon Mills, employing approximately 400 operatives, announced a 10 per cent increase in wages, effective this morning. Aragon and Aradee Mills in Rock Hill, York county, have increased wages 15 per cent, while Blue Buckle Mills, at Rock Hill, have announced a 20 per cent increase.

Lots of men have a thirst for knowledge of where to stop a thirst.

Hurricane Sweeps Across Florida

Tampa Inundated by High Tides—No Estimate of Damage

Jacksonville, Oct. 26.—The gulf hurricane having crossed the peninsula last night the cities in its path are seeking to determine the damage they sustained. Wire communication in the south is down except on the east coast. Parts of Tampa are reported inundated by high tides.

Storm at Tampa

Jacksonville, Oct. 25.—The business section of Tampa is practically flooded under three feet of water as a result of the Gulf storm, according to advices reaching here over crippled transmission lines. No loss of life has been reported but industry is at a standstill. The entire west coast of the Florida peninsula is feeling the effects of the storm and is virtually isolated insofar as communication is concerned.

Tampa is without lights, telegraph, telephone or street car service, according to advices received here by way of Plant City, about 30 miles northeast of Tampa.

Heavy rains are reported falling over the entire state. Forty miles inland from Tampa in the section around Lakeland and Plant City the truck crops have suffered serious damage. The highways are virtually impassable because of fallen trees; but so far as known the railroad service has not been seriously inconvenienced. Officials of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad with division headquarters at Lakeland report interruption of service south of Tampa with water three feet over the tracks between Punta Gorda and Boca Grande.

The floods in Tampa are described as extending from the bay shore seawall to the heart of the business section, a distance of about a mile. Fashionable residences along the bay shore drive were reported badly damaged from the high water. A gale of 56 miles an hour was reported in that city.

At Plant City the rainfall for the 48 hours registered 4.26 inches with a wind of 35 miles an hour. Railroad officials reported they were unable to communicate with any intermediate stations between Plant City and Tampa. A number of cattle are reported drowned.

Three Known Deaths at Tampa

Orlando, Oct. 26.—Three known deaths resulted from the storm, says the Tampa Tribune, which is printed today at Plant City. The Tampa Times building was unroofed last night.

Dr. Frazer to Speak

Spartanburg Pastor on Sunday School Program

Spartanburg, Oct. 25.—The Rev. John W. Frazer, D. D., pastor of Central Methodist Church of this city, has accepted an invitation to address the School of Methods to be held at Sumter on October 28, 29, 30, under the auspices of the South Carolina Sunday School Association.

Dr. S. H. Edmunds of the Presbyterian church is dean of the school.

Mrs. S. N. Burtis, chairman of the children's division of the South Carolina Sunday School Association, and Leon C. Palmer, general superintendent, are on the program.

The climax of the three-day school will be on Sunday afternoon, with a mass meeting for men (in cooperation with the Sumter Men's Bible Class Federation) addressed by Governor R. A. Cooper, in the Presbyterian church, a mass meeting for women addressed by Dr. M. A. Honline at Grace Baptist church; a young people's rally addressed by Marshal Woodson at the Episcopal church; and a children's story-hour at the Christian church, in charge of Mrs. S. N. Burtis.

Waiting on Death or Pardon

Orangeburg Negro Scheduled For Electric Chair Friday

Columbia, Oct. 26.—An electrocution is scheduled to take place this week, but whether it takes place or not remains to be seen. The man scheduled to die, as the law provides, having been duly convicted by a jury of his fellows, Abraham Williams, a negro of Orangeburg, who was convicted of assault with intent to ravish on a 15-year-old white girl. It is stated at the state penitentiary that all is in readiness for the execution.

A petition in the negro's behalf was filed some weeks ago with the governor. It asks that the sentence be commuted to life imprisonment. It is signed by the trial judge and nine of the jurors. As yet the governor has taken no action on the petition.

Williams is in the death house, in the cell next door to S. J. Kirby.

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Recall Election in N. Dakota

Independent Voters Opposed to the Governor, Attorney General and Commissioner of Agriculture

Bismarck, N. D., Oct. 25.—One of the most intense campaigns for state offices waged in any state will come to an end in North Dakota, October 23 with the casting and counting of ballots in its now famous recall election. The three men that the Independent Voters Association attempt to recall form the North Dakota Industrial Commission and it is for the handling of state finances as officers in this body, rather than for individual acts as governor, attorney general and commissioner of agriculture and labor, that the recall petition has been set in motion. At the same time the recall ballots are cast, voters of the state will be asked to pass upon six measures it is proposed to write upon the statute books of the state at this time through the approval of the voters and also to decide if they desire to accept or reject three amendments to the state constitution.

The recall petition proper, asks the removal from office of Lynn J. Frazier, governor; William Lemke, attorney general and John N. Hagan, commissioner of agriculture and labor. The candidates to fill these positions, if vacated, are R. A. Nestor of Buxton, for governor; Sveinbjorn Johnson of Grand Forks for attorney general and Joseph A. Kitchin of Sentinel Butte for commissioner of agriculture and labor. Mr. Frazier and Mr. Hagan have held office for six years each while Mr. Lemke took office at the beginning of the present year. Their present terms expire with the end of 1922 and if any are deposited the candidate taking the vacant place will fill out this term.

While the battle for these individual places is bitter, so bitter it has passed the stage of argument, an intensive fight of the campaign has been waged over the initiated measures and the constitutional amendments. The initiated measures, if passed, will end what is known in the nomenclature of this state as the "Non-Partisan League Program." The principal item of the initiated measures is the dissolution of the Bank of North Dakota, the taking over of its farm loan business by a Rural Credits Association based in part upon the similar organization now functioning in South Dakota, to change certain financial conditions within the state and to provide, by means of two election laws, for separate ballots for candidates for county, state and federal office.

The three constitutional amendments provide for a constitutional debt limit and the creating of a sinking fund for the payment of bonds, and a real estate basis for said bonds, for increase in the pay of the members of the state legislature and of the combination of the office of judge and county clerk in counties of less than 8,000 population.

While the North Dakota law provides that every voter shall receive a publicity pamphlet, setting forth in full the measures it is proposed to initiate, the same pamphlet presenting the arguments of each side at so much per page, the rival factions have not been content with this method of reaching the voters alone, and candidates and state officials have been in the field in regular old fashioned political meetings for more than a month. Before the votes are counted, many men from out of state will take part in the contest.

The Non-Partisan Leaguers have arranged for help from Gutzon Borglum and C. C. Daniels of New York city, the latter a brother of Josephus Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy; Senator E. F. Ladd of North Dakota; Glen Plumb and William H. Harvey. Mr. Harvey spent almost a month in the state, making addresses upon financial subjects.

The Independent Voters' Association have announced dates for Governor J. A. O. Preus of Minnesota and will have the assistance of former Senator A. J. Gronna, Thomas Hall, present secretary of State, Congressman George M. Young and O. B. Burness and a number of former state officials.

Former Emperor Attempts Suicide

Charles Tried to Shoot Himself When Arrested by Government Troops

Budapest, Oct. 25.—Former Emperor Charles, whose attempt to regain the Magyar throne collapsed yesterday, attempted to shoot himself after his arrest near Komorn, but former Emperor Zita prevented him. The two are held in the Esterhazy castle at Tata Tovaros. Thomas Hopler, the British high commissioner in Hungary, is hurrying there with representatives of other nations to insure the prisoners' safety.

The advisability of internment Charles in the Abbey of Thany until the allies determine his fate is being discussed by the government.

Charles of Austria in Prison Again

Budapest, Oct. 24.—Ex-Emperor Charles and Ex-Empress Zita were captured today near Komorn and are now confined in the castle at Tata Tovaros guarded by two companies of government troops.

Col. Oesenburg's troops covering the retreat of the former rulers, were forced to surrender, and are prisoners.

The monarchist troops, who were attempting to open the way for the entry of ex-King Charles to the Hungarian capital, were defeated this morning in hand-to-hand fighting, in which grenades were used, near Tata Tovaros, about thirty-five miles from Budapest. They lost 200 killed and about 1,000 wounded.

The former king sent another plenipotentiary to Admiral Horthy, the regent today, and discussions lasting several hours were carried on, but with little hope of agreement as both parties were obstinate and bloodshed has aggravated the situation.

The Karlist Premier Rakovsky has issued a proclamation to the nation to rally to the king's banner and fight against "the ungrateful rebel, Horthy."

Unconditional Surrender

Vienna, Oct. 24.—The Hungarian government demands the unconditional surrender of Charles, a court-martial of his military advisors, prosecution of his political advisors and the disarming of his troops, who will be granted amnesty, according to dispatches reaching here. The government also is resolved upon the abdication and internment of Charles pending arrangements by the powers for his deportation.

School Statistics.

Columbia, Oct. 25.—Statistics for the scholastic year 1920-21 are now being compiled in the office of State Superintendent of Education. These figures afford a reliable index to school problems and school progress.

The emphasis that has been placed on high schools and rural graded schools during recent years is beginning to result in better graduation and promotion of pupils. A study of these two groups of schools during 1919-20 and 1920-21 will help to indicate the needs and tendencies of the public schools of your county.

Note carefully the thin upper grades. Observe also the heavy elimination during the fifth grade.

J. E. SWEARINGEN, State Superintendent of Education.

Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving

Gov. Cooper Issues Armistice Day Proclamation

Columbia, Oct. 26.—A call upon the people of the state to unite in prayer to God on November 11, "Armistice Day," in thanksgiving for the victory of right in the world war, and in prayer for permanent peace among the nations, is made by Governor Cooper in a proclamation issued today. The governor calls on the ministers of the state to open the churches and schools to pause for a period from work and to assemble in places of worship and unite in services of prayer and thanksgiving "in commemoration of this momentous day in the history of the world."

Suspend Lumber Rates

Washington, Oct. 24.—Increases in freight rates on lumber over the Atlantic Coast Line from producing points in the Carolinas to Newport News, Va., were suspended today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The road proposed to increase the rates by 10 per cent on October 25 and the commission held the schedule back until February 22 pending an investigation as to their reasonableness.

Wife Killer on Trial

Richmond, Oct. 25.—Dr. Wilmoth Amos Handley went to trial today in the Henrico county circuit court charged with the murder of his wife, whose body was found in the James river December 30th, 1918.

Killed by Motorcycle.

Anderson, Oct. 24.—J. L. Ellis, local bicycle dealer, was killed Saturday afternoon near Orr mill, when the motorcycle on which he was riding struck the rear of a Ford car driven by Ben Black, a negro, throwing Ellis to the ground beneath the motorcycle, and inflicting internal injuries from which he died in a few minutes.

Railroad Appeals to Governor Cooper

President of Seaboard Asks For Protection of Life and Property

Columbia, Oct. 25.—Calling on Governor Cooper and the law enforcement machinery of the state to protect not only life and property, but also "train crews" and those willing to enlist in the service from every manner of unlawful interference in the discharge of their duties, in case of a general railroad strike, S. Davis Warfield, president of the Seaboard Air Line Railway has addressed a letter to Governor Cooper in the interest of his road. Copies of the letter have been sent to commercial organizations and leading citizens in many parts of the state, with a view to soliciting general cooperation in the effort to maintain railroad service.

Mr. Warfield tells the governor that his road will endeavor to operate trains, as far as possible, even if the strike takes place.

"I respectfully request that as the chief executive of South Carolina, you will put in motion every process within your jurisdiction," writes President Warfield, "to make it plain that the efforts of the railroads to operate their trains with safety and with orderly efficiency within and through the commonwealth you represent will be sustained."

The Seaboard's chief expresses the necessity for public protection if trains are to operate during a strike. "We cannot furnish transportation so indispensable to industry at this time; nor can we expect our loyal employees to continue the public service in which they have enlisted, nor can others be asked to enlist who might be willing to stand by in this emergency, unless we are to assume that your excellency and the public authorities in the state will not only take the steps necessary to sustain order and protect life and property, but also that you and the public will uphold our efforts." Thus writes Mr. Warfield to Gov. Cooper.

In speaking of the letter today Governor Cooper stated that he had already expressed himself on this subject; that he proposed to do all he could to see that trains are run, in case of a general walk-out.

Hagood News and Views

Ginnery and Forty Bales of Cotton Burned

Rembert, Oct. 24.—Last Saturday, October 22, the ginnery of Thomas B. Wright, a worthy colored citizen of our community, while in operation, caught on fire from matches, it appeared in the cotton, the fire starting in the double press and not only destroyed two large buildings but besides a lot of machinery and farm implements a lot of seed and forty odd bales of cotton, this year's crop. It would be a heavy blow at any time but just now it is doubly so. I understand there was some insurance on the ginnery. It is hoped this is true.

Mr. Arant, the Methodist preacher here is preaching some earnest, searching sermons.

The fourth quarterly conference of McLeod's and Bethesda churches at McLeod's Saturday a.m., 11 o'clock, Oct. 29 and 30.

There will be a lot supper at Rembert Academy for the benefit of the Methodist parsonage on the night of Tuesday, November 16th. The public is cordially invited.

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Reducing The Purebred Business to a Pork Production Basis.

Clemson College, Oct. 25.—For the past two years the production and distribution of purebred swine in this state has been on an extravagant and wasteful basis thinks Prof. L. V. Starkey, chief of the Animal Husbandry Division. This is because we have bought the hogs from outside the state, we have fed our herds in dry lots, and have purchased the feeds. Now is a splendid time for us to get down to business and produce our purebreds on a pork basis. We must grow our own feeds, we must cull out at least 50 percent of our gilts and 90 percent of our boars and send them to the block. When we get on a pork basis we will not lose money. By close culling we will raise the standard of our purebred stock and thus render a great service to the livestock business.

When strikes comes in the door prosperity flies out the window.