

# STATE EVENTS TOLD IN BRIEF

THE HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK  
BRIEFLY TOLD FOR OUR  
BUSY READERS.

## ENGINE SMASH UP KILLS TWO

Third Dangerously Hurt As Car Turns  
Over After Running Into a Flock  
of Parked Autos.

Jackson.—Wrecking of a fire truck here caused the death of two firemen and serious injury of another. The men killed were Capt. Cameron P. Phillips and Louis M. Gatlin. The injured man is T. J. Smith, and he is dangerously hurt.

The wreck occurred at Capitol and Adams street while the truck was hurrying to answer an alarm. Gatlin, the driver, lost control of his car on crossing the Illinois Central railroad tracks. About two blocks further up he swerved into bunch of parked automobiles, wrecking three of them. The truck turned completely over on the men.

The truck was a high-powered automobile engine of the most modern make. It was badly torn up and will be out of business for some time.

Smith is at the Jackson sanitarium. The accident occurred in front of Gatlin's home, his wife witnessing his death.

### Biloxi School Grows.

Biloxi.—Rev. J. M. Morris, secretary of the Methodist conference of Mississippi, and Rev. H. W. Van Hook, president of the Seashore Campgrounds school of Biloxi, have made encouraging reports relative to the financial end of the improvements to be made to the school shortly.

### Much Building Rushed.

Jonestown.—A. Solomon is putting up a brick store in the last space made vacant by the fire. Besides the store, which is being built there are three residences nearing completion and the handsome new consolidated school building will soon be ready for school.

### Highway Work Pushed.

Laurel.—Work on the construction of the Jackson highway is progressing rapidly, and it is expected that teams will begin hauling gravel for the road bed before the first of September. Several bridges are under construction, and the road has been graded for a considerable distance.

### Heavy Melons Raised.

Blue Mountain.—The largest water-melons seen in Blue Mountain this season have just been brought in from the farm of Squire A. S. Johnston, supervisor of the district of Tippah. One of these melons weighed 57 pounds, while another was only a trifle below this weight.

### Sells First Bale.

Houston.—J. H. Couch, of the McCondy community, sold the first bale of the cotton of the season to A. D. Harrington, representative of the Dorcht cotton company of Memphis, for 28c.

### Early Service To Save Fuel.

Blue Mountain.—For the remainder of the vacation period here, Dr. E. B. Hatcher, pastor of Lowrey Memorial Baptist church, will hold his evening services on Sunday afternoons, preaching at 5 o'clock in place of at night, thus saving fuel.

### Lumber Business Good.

Pheba.—The lumber industry in this section of the country is showing signs of increased production and sales. All the mills in this section are running full time and are finding a ready market for the output as soon as it is ready for market.

### Pheba Has Heavy Rain.

Pheba.—The recent heavy rain left the roads and bridges in an almost impassable condition. Many bridges were washed completely away and carried many yards down the swollen streams. The streets of this town and the main highways leading out of town show the effects of this unusual downpour of rain.

### U. D. C. Chapter Formed.

Brookhaven.—Mrs. Mamie D. Goodwin of Gulfport, state president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and Mrs. D. B. Holmes of Hattiesburg, held a meeting at the city hall for the purpose of reorganizing the Brookhaven Chapter of the U. D. C.

### Boll Weevils Numerous.

Blue Mountain.—The cotton fields of Benton county are badly infested with weevils, according to B. E. Grant, county farm agent, who has been making a tour of some of the sections of the county.

### Legion To Install Officers.

Laurel.—The Laurel "40 and 8," a branch of the American Legion, will install the officers of the Grand Venture of Mississippi, when the American Legion has its convention at Mericomb City September 11 and 12.

## NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITAL

By F. R. Birdsall

There perhaps never was such an array of speakers on the stump for senatorial candidates. Among the Stephens speakers are B. G. Humphreys, J. L. Smith, J. R. Tally, James D. Thomas, W. W. Venable, and others are to get in the campaign later, it is said. Among the Vardaman campaign speakers are Ney Williams, A. A. Cohn, S. W. Mullens, Nate Williamson, T. G. Bilbo, Ross Collins, W. D. Houston, L. M. Burch, J. D. Carr, Jim Boggan, B. King, N. C. Hathorn, Ed Franklin, D. C. Holmes, J. H. Currie, H. H. Rogers, Oscar Stewart, J. P. Cohn, J. C. Walker, W. J. Pack, C. D. Reed, J. P. Gulon, T. Brady, F. E. Turner, T. K. Boggan, Clayton Potter, Sam S. Witherspoon, F. W. Elmer, L. C. Franklin, Walter Siller, Jr., W. J. Voller and Pat Henry of Warren.

The campaign committee of both Vardaman and Stephens are said to be working like beavers and perfecting organizations in the cities and country in order to get out every possible vote on primary election day.

There is agitation reported throughout the state of the selection of two eminent Mississippians by the next Legislature as the choice of this state in the Hall of Fame at Washington. Every state in the Union is entitled to two sons or daughters under the dome of the capitol of the nation, in bronze or marble, a fitting compliment to their achievements in civil, political or religious life. Mississippi has never availed herself of this distinction, though there has been much discussion of the matter in and out of the Legislature for many years. The names most mentioned are those of Davis, Lamar and George.

Under chapter 225 of the laws of 1922 all counties, towns and municipalities are required to publish in the county paper a budget of income and proposed outgo of their finances. It is stated that boards of supervisors and mayors and aldermen of the towns and municipalities are preparing to comply with this law. A failure to do so subjects supervisors, mayors and aldermen as well as their bondsmen to suit on every item voted out of the treasury in the absence of such publication.

It is growing more manifest daily from what people who come and go to the capitol say that there will be a large number of women candidates for county and legislative office next year, when nominations are to be had in a state primary from constable to governor. In a number of towns in Mississippi already there are women candidates for mayor and other positions, and it is reported that the women are beginning to take more interest in politics, especially as the number of women candidates increase.

The United Daughters of the W. D. Holder Chapter of the Confederacy in a meeting at Jackson unanimously agreed to disapprove the actions of any chapter or individual using the name of the Daughters of the Confederacy to further the efforts of any political aspirant. It was pointed out that such abuse of the organization was foreign to its purpose, and they severely criticized any effort of any individual "to trawl through the political mire the banner which bears the glorious insignia which would cause the illustrious Confederate chieftain who bore it aloft to turn in his grave," meaning, of course, Jefferson Davis.

Visitors to the capital from all parts of the state report that there appears to be renewed activity by the friends and supporters of both Stephens and Vardaman in the runoff primary to take place Sept. 5. Vardaman lead Stephens according to the returns to the secretary of state by 9,622 votes. His vote appears to be some 30,000 more than he received in 1918.

State Superintendent of Education Bond reports gratifying success at all the educational meetings and rallies for whatever purpose held throughout the state. Superintendent Bond strongly suggests that teachers and other school people subscribe for and read their county papers.

The entire congregation of a negro church at Senatobia has been arrested in an effort to learn the identity of parties who murdered Andrew Johnson, church treasurer, whose body was found near his home. Three hundred dollars of church funds turned over to the treasurer yesterday had been deposited in the bank.

Poisoning boll weevils from airplane is being tried out at Greenville on the lands of the Delta & Pine Land company.

Large quantities of fire wood are being cut and sold at Blue Mountain to meet the fuel shortage due to the shopmen's strike and the falling off in the production of coal occasioned by the strike of the miners. The decision to burn wood for coal this winter is serving the double purpose of keeping more money in the community.

In the second primary election held at Durant to select a mayor and two aldermen, F. D. Guess defeated his opponent, receiving 185 votes against 179 for D. V. Pound.

## BRIEF NEWS NOTES

WHAT HAS OCCURRED DURING  
WEEK THROUGHOUT COUN-  
TRY AND ABROAD

### EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE

Gathered From All Parts Of The  
Globe And Told In Short  
Paragraphs

#### Foreign—

The Chilean Steamship, Itata, 2,200 tons, sank off the Chilean coast near Coquimbo. All the passengers, numbering 150, and the crew of 72 were lost. First reports reaching Santiago Chile, were to the effect that the vessel was sinking rapidly, although no details were given.

The menace of war in the old world has suddenly appeared in two places. The Kemalists have launched a big offensive against the Greeks in Asia Minor, in which ten divisions are participating. An equally menacing situation has developed with the mobilization on the Austrian frontier of Jugoslav forces, which are reported to be preparing to march into Austrian territory.

The "drys" seem to have lost the day in the Swedish prohibition plebiscite, according to the latest returns available.

An American woman named Katharine Gray, 37, has been arrested in Munich, charged with swindling operations by the police of Brussels.

Many deputies in the Mexican congress hope that at the coming session of congress a dry law modeled after the Volstead law in the United States will be enacted into law for Mexico.

The reparations commission met again in Paris in an effort to reach a unanimous agreement regarding the German request for a moratorium on her indemnity payments. At the end of several hours of discussion, the British and French viewpoints were widely at variance, with the Italians and Belgians merely trying to find some one of a number of proposals suggested which would meet the ideas of France and Great Britain.

With the gulf between France and Great Britain as wide as ever, the reparations commission is working desperately to find a compromise plan which will give Germany the economic relief she seeks and, at the same time, prevent a split in the entente. France wants Germany to pay in cold cash, and England favors a moratorium for Germany.

Statements made by proponents of the Hawaiian labor relief bill now before congress, at a hearing in Washington before the senate immigration committee, that Japanese are attempting to obtain economic and political control of these islands, "are grossly exaggerated if not wholly unfounded," according to an official statement issued by the Japanese Society of Hawaii.

Attention is called by the press of Tokyo, Japan, to the remarkable increase of dishonored bills in Japan. The total amount of the bills dishonored by the end of June aggregated 330,000 yen.

#### Washington—

More than fifty army officers on active duty at colleges, universities and high schools throughout the country will be relieved soon of their assignments and "from further active duty" in the army.

The American Legion, through its commander, Ham'd MacNider looks "with confidence" to President Harding not to veto the bonus, now that "the senate has fulfilled splendidly their pledge to the returned service men and women."

Additional allotments from funds appropriated by congress for river and harbor improvement work during the fiscal year 1923, announced by Brigadier General Taylor, assistant chief of army engineers, included \$35,000 for Winyah bay, South Carolina.

Loadings of coal total 21,866 cars on August 25, which was the largest number loaded in any one day since the strike of coal miners began on April first.

Tobacco users paid almost nine per cent of the \$3,197,000,000 in internal revenue received by the government in the fiscal year of 1923. Income and profit taxes accounted for 65 per cent of the total.

Immediate consideration of the Pomerene corrupt practices bill, limiting congressional campaign expenditures in the general elections, was blocked by the objection of Senator Shields of Tennessee.

The Virginian Railway company has been granted authority by the interstate commerce commission to increase its dividend rate on \$27,955,000 of its outstanding preferred stock from 5 to 6 per cent.

The birth rate is declining and the death rate increasing, according to statistics made public by the census bureau, covering the first quarter of the year.

An offer to transfer to the United States government all her alleged rights to property which were declared to embrace "practically the whole of Texas," as well as extensive tracts in Mexico, Lower California and along the Pacific coast "from California to Oregon," was made by Mary L. Webb, in a memorial sent to Vice President Coolidge for submittal to the senate.

All pending amendments to the soldiers' bonus bill were disposed of by the senate, but whether a final vote would be reached depended upon the number and length of speeches.

The big question in the minds of the friends of the bonus was whether the senate provision of paying it out of the interest of the foreign debt would put it beyond the risk of presidential veto. Most of them appeared more hopeful but foes of the measure seemed undisturbed.

The death of Lieutenant Commander Frederick J. Haake, of the Coast guard, commander of the Pamlico base at Newbern, N. C., was reported to the treasury.

Railroads west of the Mississippi river were authorized by the interstate commerce commission to give preference and priority to the movement of foodstuffs, live stock, perishable products and fuel whenever their operating conditions become such as to cause freight congestion or block.

Secretary Hoover sees no very great possibilities in the suggestion of James M. Cox, former democratic candidate for president, that the commerce secretary represent the United States on the reparations commission.

#### Domestic—

C. C. Hudson, Jr., 19, Jacksonville, Fla., is facing trial on a forgery charge.

Aerial attack against the cotton boll weevil was recently made at Scotts, Miss., in a test undertaken by the government supervision to demonstrate the practicability of the airplane as a poison distributor to rid infested fields of the pest.

The Canadian dollar touched par in New York City the other day for the first time since August, 1915.

Governor Hardwick, of Georgia, who has been considering the appeal of Frank B. DuPre, under sentence of death, whether or not to commute his sentence to life imprisonment, after a thorough investigation, has declined to commute the sentence.

Twenty per cent increase in the pay of more than 4,000 employees was announced by Sloss Sheffield Steel and Iron company of Birmingham, Ala.

Wm M. Jenks, 45, of Lottie, Baldwin county, Alabama, was arrested at the bedside of his wife, Lemma Jenks, at a Mobile hospital, and charged with inflicting what physicians say is a fatal wound.

Directors of the Coca-Cola company yesterday declared regular quarterly dividend of \$10 a share on the capital stock, payable October 1, to stock of record September 14.

Advancing the date of the national "Forget-Me-Not" day from Armistice day to Saturday, November 4, National Commander C. Hamilton Cook, of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, made public recently.

The spectacle of a race across the country between an army dirigible and a reconstructed De Haviland airplane will be witness on September 5 and 6, according to dispatches from San Diego, Calif.

Michigan police are stationed at the state reformatory at Iona, Mich., as the result of an outbreak among the inmates.

Seventy-five men, comprising the entire night force of the Argonaut mine, Jackson, Amador county, California, are entombed in the mine as the result of a fire which recently broke out in the mine.

Two of the thirty-five men jailed in the wholesale round-up of alleged confidence men at Denver, Colo., have been identified by investigators from the district attorney's office. They are Eddie Schultz of Knoxville, Tenn., and C. V. Wilson of Toledo, Ohio.

One man was killed outright and 34 persons injured, some believed seriously, when an auto truck carrying a strawride party was ditched over a steep embankment near Baltimore, Maryland.

Nine men are in custody and four of them have been implicated in an alleged plot declared to have been inspired by radicals in connection with a wreck of a Michigan Central express train at Gary, Ind., several days ago. Further arrests are expected.

A tornado which whirled through Henry county, Kentucky, did property damage estimated at \$600,000, not including the destruction of the tobacco crop valued at \$500,000.

A daring plot to escape from the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kans., by dynamiting gates and shooting down the guards was frustrated by the confession of a trusty.

County police questioned Mrs. George Cline in an effort to obtain more information concerning the killing of John Bergen, a motion picture actor, by George Cline, the woman's husband, just as a duel was to have taken place in their home at Edgewater, N. J.

Twenty-three additional warrants calling for a total of forty arrests, including five women, were issued in connection with the Communist convention by federal officers at Bridgman, Mich.

Dr. E. J. Maguire, weighing 170, recently proved at Warren, Ohio, that a man can maintain normal on fifty cents of food a day.

A big crowd marched through the city of Chicago the other day demanding a referendum on the manufacture of light wines and beer.

Lila and Madeline Wells, 6 and 8, set out to meet their father, on his way home from a quarry. Half a mile away they saw their father, who saw them. He saw a fast approaching train and ran to save them. He lost the race, and all three were killed.

## Cow and Calf Go on Wild Spree Together

Danville, Va.—How a cow and a calf which had drunk a mixture of water and moonshine liquor invaded the dining-room of Herbert Dillard, son of Judge Peter Dillard of Rocky Mount. is contained in advices reaching here from that point.

Law enforcement officers poured out into the street gutter 500 gallons of liquor seized in a raid. Liquor and water together ran down the street past a lawn where the cow and calf were grazing. Both animals drank and, according to onlookers, quickly showed the effects by unusual antics, especially the calf, which became playful.

The cow charged a tree with lowered horns, then, followed by the calf, entered the porch of the Dillard home, plunging through a screen door into the dining-room. Seeing itself reflected in a mirror the cow charged it, destroying a piece of furniture which contained crockery, nearly all of which was broken.

The cow and calf were driven out of the room and were later seen lying down under the shade of some trees not far away.

## FAINTS AT MEETING "DEAD" HUSBAND

Dramatic Scene When Woman,  
Remarried, Meets Man Sup-  
posed Killed in War.

Stanton, Mass.—Mrs. Mary Etta Cleary Leonard-Chartier, thirty-six and pretty, supposed war widow, bride of two months, was strolling along the street on the arm of Victor F. Chartier of Jewett, Conn., her new husband, when she suddenly stood rigid in her tracks. Then with a glad cry of "my husband," she broke from Chartier's arm, rushed up on Edgar Nelson Leonard, discharged soldier, showered him with kisses, then fell in a faint at his feet.

This dramatic denouement of a wartime marital mixup will have its sequel here when Mrs. Leonard-Chartier will appear in First District court on the arm of husband No. 1 to answer to a charge of bigamy brought by husband No. 2.

Mrs. Leonard-Chartier, delightfully happy at being reunited with the husband she supposed resting beneath a



Showered Him With Kisses.

white cross in the American cemetery at Rouagne, France, readily admits that she has two husbands, but hopes the court can find some way out of her difficulty.

Since the moment she came upon her first husband, with whom she lived happily for 12 years before she tearfully saw him off for France, she has refused to see Victor Chartier and has taken up her residence in the home of Leonard's mother. Chartier says his supposed wife told him frankly that she loved Leonard best and would live with him. He visited the District court clerk and swore to a warrant, which was served on Mrs. Leonard-Chartier.

## FOUND LOST RING IN ASHES

Old Prospector Used Knowledge He Gained While Seeking Gold in South Dakota.

Wenatchee, Wash.—For fifteen years Jack Dow panned gold in South Dakota. He prospered. Last February Mrs. Dow lost her \$500 diamond ring and all search for it was of no avail. Then Jack decided the ring had been lost while Mrs. Jack was emptying the ashes. He got his old-panning outfit and sifted the ashes as he would for gold. Sure enough, the ring was there.



## "SNAKES' PLAYTIME

"Of course there are only the two poisonous snakes—the Rattlesnake and the Copperhead—and we do wish," the Ring-Necked Snake said, "people wouldn't think all snakes are poisonous."

"We aren't poisonous. They say that nine hundred and ninety out of every thousand snakes are not poisonous. Let people look up pictures of the Rattlesnake and the Copperhead and beware of them and then they shall also feel very kindly about the rest of us."

"That's the right idea," said the other Ring-Necked Snakes.

"Well," said the first Ring-Necked Snake, "we are so named because we have yellowish rings about our necks."

"Some creatures wear rings on their fingers. We wear them about our necks which is more beautiful, we think!"

"Our bodies are small and narrow and graceful. We are wearers of pretty bluish, grayish suits and we wear handsome gay orange stomachers—or perhaps I should say our stomachs are of orange color."

"We like the nighttime for a nice frolic. We're shy little creatures and we've no more desire to see people than perhaps they have to see us."

"I should think," said another Ring-Necked Snake, "they would like to see us for we're really very pretty."

"I should think so too," said the first Ring-Necked Snake, "but we won't mind it if they don't think that way about us."

"Some of our relatives wear wider rings than others," said the second Ring-Necked Snake.

"Well, that is the way people do, too," said the first Ring-Necked Snake. "Some wear larger jewels than others. We always find such comfortable homes back of stones or old logs, and some of our relatives like to have homes a little way under the ground. We enjoy the best of food, such as insects and earthworms and other such snake delicacies. And our little ones are so anxious to see the world that they hatch out almost before we lay the eggs!"

"Oh," said the other Ring-Necked Snakes, "we must have a good playtime now, and this evening is the tin for it."

"Yes," said the first Ring-Necked Snake, "for the autumn is hurrying along and the warm weather will soon be gone."

"Then," said the second Ring-Necked Snake, "we must go to sleep for the winter."

"You don't have to go to sleep for the winter if you don't want to," said the first Ring-Necked Snake.

"Hiss, hiss, s-q-u-i-l-r-m, wiggle," said the second Ring-Necked Snake. "That is a good joke. Of course I want to go to sleep for the winter, and you know I want to go to sleep for the winter."

"But you spoke as though you were forced to go to sleep for the winter."

"Oh, no," said the second Ring-Necked Snake. "I merely meant that we should frolic and play while the weather is warm and while still we feel like playing, for soon we will feel too sleepy to play."

"I love the winter for sleeping. I would not stay awake for anything. It would be too hard to keep warm and to get food. In the zoo the snakes stay awake because they're kept warm and are fed, but not for me."

"Not for any of us," said the rest of the Ring-Necked Snakes. "Not for any of us," they all said together, hissing and wriggling and looking very pleased as they thought that they could go to sleep whenever they wanted to do so."

"So now we must frolic," said the first Ring-Necked Snake.

"Now we must frolic," said the second Ring-Necked Snake.

"Now we must frolic," said all the other Ring-Necked Snakes.

"And now we will do so," the first Ring-Necked Snake added.

And the others all played on that late summer evening and had a happy snake playtime.

Atlas Was a Holedup.  
"Now, Edward," said the teacher, "can you tell me who Atlas was?"  
"Yes, ma'am," answered Edward; "he was a footpad."

"A what?" queried the teacher.  
"A footpad," repeated Edward. "He held up the earth."