

COUNCIL OF STATE GRANTS AUTHORITY

THE LIMIT ON ROAD WORK IS NOW SQUARELY UP TO THE VARIOUS COUNTIES.

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Raleigh. Governor Morrison and the council of state gave authority by resolution to the state highway commission to spend all of the state's ten million dollars for roads allotted for this year, and as much more as the counties, interested in road building and anxious for the work to proceed as expeditiously as possible, will advance for the use of the commission.

This means in prospect for expenditure on road building in North Carolina during the next 12 months fifteen million dollars, and possibly more. Commissioner Frank Page's immediate program is to increase his own staff and let contracts as expeditiously as good business will permit. All the money the state wants is available at six per cent, the governor again declared, and his statement had the support of a number of leading bankers here for a conference. "The state can borrow \$25,000,000 today if it wants it," Lieutenant Governor W. B. Cooper said, "and can get it at a rate of six per cent."

Postmasters Appointed. Washington, (Special).—Cora A. Humphrey, has been appointed postmaster of Ashland, Ashe county, to succeed Nettie B. Lewis, resigned. Bernice F. Jordan has been appointed at Dardens, Sarah C. Beam and Hattie L. Midgett at Manns Harbor. Civil service examinations for postmasters are to be held soon at Bliscoe, Gibson, Vass and Waxhaw. Dates will be announced at the respective post offices. Senator Simmons had a conference with members of the interstate commerce commission on the North Carolina freight rate case, and was told that a decision is expected within 10 days.

Commission Meets Delegations. Delegations from sixteen counties, most of them from the east, and aggregating a personnel of upwards of 200 citizens, came to Raleigh to see the state highway commission about roads. Most of them were on missions that could have been handled by the district commissioner but apparently they prefer coming to Raleigh and talking things over with all ten members of the commission. Routing of roads, precedence of one project over another, offers of county assistance for immediate beginning of road work furnished the bulk of material for such discussion as was had over roads.

Banks to Collect \$10,000,000. North Carolina banks will collect the first \$10,000,000 to be used on roads and schools, according to advance reports of the state council meeting, the banks having convinced the state officials that short term notes at six per cent are advantageous. President W. B. Drake, Jr., and vice president Thomas E. Cooper, of the Merchants National Bank of Raleigh, are the promoters of this plan and their bank will take two millions.

To Build at Samarcan Manor. The board of directors of Samarcan Manor, the state's school for delinquent girls, accepted plans that call for the immediate expenditure of \$165,000 appropriated by the last general assembly for permanent improvements at the home.

Southern Experiment Station. Washington, (Special).—"We are going to establish an experiment station in western North Carolina, with headquarters at Asheville," said W. R. Greeley, chief forester. That will be our experimenting center for the entire South."

Returns From Washington. Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts has returned from Washington, where he held a conference with the war and navy officials about the naval use of a part of the Camp Glenn grounds. The permanent camp is being rearranged for the annual encampment of the guard in July, and some of the radio stations equipment there is handicapping some of the work. It is desired to make some changes in the location of some of this equipment. The camp is being put into permanent shape.

Willing to Pay for Service. Stacks of letters from would-be subscribers to the telephone service coming to the office of the corporation commission ask that the commission grant an increase in telephone rates and then force the Southern Bell Telephone company to furnish service in keeping with the rates charged. There is constant demand that the Southern Bell be ordered to improve its service, but the suggestion of some part of the public that the rates be increased is a new angle of the controversy.

Blair is Not Superstitious. Washington, (Special).—It is now Commissioner of Internal Revenue David H. Blair. Shortly after 4:30 p. m., he took the oath of office and at once entered upon his duties, signing mail and taking hold of pending matters. There had been some talk that Mr. Blair did not desire to be sworn in on a Friday, held by some as a hoodoo day. Others had said that there was nothing in this, that Dave Blair was born on a Friday, and Friday the 13th at that. So I asked Mr. Blair what about it, and while he agreed that he was born on a Friday, the 13th, he declared that he did not regard that as an unlucky day, either to be born or to take office.

Senator Simmons received advices from the bureau of navigation, navy department, that by August 1 it is expected a complete list of the names of North Carolina who served during the world war will be furnished to the adjutant general of the state. The war department recently stated that compilation of their list of all men who served in the world war would be furnished to the adjutant general of each state about July 1. The United States marine corps will furnish its list about the same time.

Meeting of Colonial Dames. Washington, (Special).—North Carolina women attending the meeting of the Colonial Dames are: Mrs. Alfred M. Waddell, Mrs. William Harris, Mrs. William Lattimore, Mrs. W. B. Thorpe and Mrs. W. Ashley Curtis of Wilmington; Mrs. S. Westry Battle, Asheville; Mrs. T. J. Hyman, New Bern; Mrs. Gilmer Brenizer, Washington; Mrs. E. C. Gregory, Salisbury; Mrs. W. R. Cox.

A North Carolina flag, the gift of Miss Jessica Randolph Smith of Henderson, was presented to the national association. Miss Julia Robertson of Charlotte, presented a portrait of Gen. Joseph Graham.

Dr. Poteat Appointed Trustee. Governor Morrison announced the appointment of Dr. W. L. Poteat, president of Wake Forest college, as a member of the board of trustees of the negro agricultural and technical school at Greensboro. Miss Helen Coyle, representing The Farmer's Wife, farm journal of international circulation, is here to find out what makes the North Carolina state board of health famous.

Examination for West Point. Washington, (Special).—Three candidates in North Carolina for West Point have been designated by the war department and are to submit an educational certificate with a view to admission July 1, without mental examination. They are: Sixth district, Roger J. Bradley, of Lillington; tenth district, Gerald Rankin Fish, of Clyde, and William M. Perkins, first alternate, of Brevard.

Peace Delegation Has Sailed. New York.—Another American peace delegation—this time composed entirely of women—is en route to another peace congress in Vienna. A delegation of forty American women delegates to the convention of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, headed by Jane Addams, Chicago, sailed for Europe.

Cable Censorship to Continue. Paris.—All cable messages sent from Paris to the United States, including both newspaper dispatches and ordinary business cables, are still subject to a form of government censorship.

Hen Lays Ostrich Egg. San Jose, Cal.—Mrs. S. A. Hooe believes that one of her Buff Orpington hens has a streak of ostrich blood in her veins. The hen has laid an egg measuring six inches in circumference and seven inches in length.

Chinese Educators in England. London.—Commissioners appointed by the Chinese government to study the United States and European educational systems have arrived in London. They have already made an extensive tour of the United States.

Claims Age as 121. Fulton, Mo.—John Johnson, negro, who claims he is 121 years old, is blind. Johnson was born in 1789 and it is claimed that he has papers to bear out his birth record.

Bank Failures in Five Months. Only nine banks in North Carolina have found themselves in such condition that the bank examiners found it necessary to close their doors and ask that receivers be appointed during the past five months, according to the information at the office of the corporation commission.

A Gruesome Electrocution. Screaming in mad hysteria, dragging back on the strong hands of two guards that urged him toward the death chamber, Will Frazier, New Bern negro, sentenced to die for murder, laid life for life at state prison. Apparently consciousness snapped under the strain, the negro for a full minute was very evidently unconscious before the current hit him.

Not in all the grim history of the death chamber at the state prison have prison attendants been called upon to witness so harrowing a spectacle.

To Be Overflow Summer School. Dr. W. A. Withers, director of the State College Summer school, which opens June 14 and continues through July 27, announces that the room reservations at the close of business were more than 350 in excess of the same period last year. Every dormitory room in the college will be filled and from 200 to 300 teachers will be forced to find accommodations in the city.

One of the new dormitories, now under construction, will be completed by the opening of the summer session.

FLOODS AND FIRES DEVASTATE PUEBLO

A SIX FOOT WALL OF WATER WAS FIRST OF SEVERAL TO STRIKE DOOMED CITY

TREMENDOUS LOSS IN LIVES

Loss of Property Through Flood and Flame in Stricken City Estimated at \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

Pueblo, Colo.—An 18-hour reign of terror in Pueblo is gradually coming to an end. National guardsmen, state rangers and hundreds of civilian population who escaped are now restoring order. Nightfall finds the city at the mercy of the elements, with bodies floating here and there on the ebbing waters.

The city is without gas, electric lights or drinking water. The eastern section of the city is isolated. The business district is blackened and charred with filthy water flowing in and out of the ruins. People are marooned in every section of the city where they escaped death by climbing to the roofs of tall buildings. Refugees are now housed in schools, the courthouse and in churches. Hundreds of persons, ignoring the warnings of rising waters, were trapped in the downtown sections and drowned like rats when the flood of the Arkansas and Fountain rivers broke over the city.

Here are some of the outstanding features of the Pueblo flood: Death toll, 500 minimum, 2,000 maximum. Estimates vary. Martial law proclaimed with rangers and national guardsmen in control. Two-thirds of city under water, whole business section destroyed by fire. Property damage estimated \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

Find Skeleton of Mastodon. Arlington, Ore.—The complete skeleton of a mastodon with tusks nine feet long and twelve inches in diameter, has been discovered in the Butcher Knife Canyon, four miles east of here. All the bones have not yet been unearthed, but it is believed to be a complete specimen. Arlington citizens plan to have the find exhumed and brought here to be mounted and placed on exhibition for automobile tourists.

Telephone Company Wins Suit. Raleigh, N. C.—The Corporation Commission handed down its opinion in the petition of the Southern Bell Telephone company case increasing the rate for residence phones 25 cents for each phone and allowing a 10 per cent increase for business phones provided that the increase of the business phones shall not be less than 25 cents and not more than 50 cents.

Must Return Black's Car. Miami, Fla.—Return to Harry St. Francis Black, New York millionaire, of his private Pullman car, seized in Miami last March, when over 400 quarts of intoxicating liquor were found aboard it by federal and state officers. Sentence was ordered by the trial court.

Entente of Ex-Russian States. Helsinki, Finland.—Poland will shortly invite representatives of Finland, Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania to a conference in Warsaw to discuss an entente of all states formerly belonging to the Russian empire.

Police Were Ambushed. Cork, Ireland.—District inspector Stevenson, a police sergeant and four constables were killed and four officers were seriously wounded when a police patrol was ambushed, by 100 armed men at Carrowkennedy.

Tide of Failures Recedes. New York.—The tide of business failures continues to recede slowly, according to reports received by Bradstreet for May. These showed 1,383 failures for the month, a decrease of 7.4 per cent.

Lewis H. Machen Resigns. Richmond, Va.—Lewis H. Machen sent his resignation as federal prohibition director for Virginia to David H. Blair, commissioner of Internal Revenue, to become effective on or before June 7.

Reserve Banks to Lower Rates. Washington.—A movement for a general lowering of bank rates will be initiated by the federal reserve banks during the summer months, it was officially announced.

He Believes in Married Life. Ridgefield, Wash.—"Wedding bells" ring as merrily for the old as for the young, says Pastor Andrew Jackson Stover, of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, who, at the age of eighty-five, contemplates his second adventure in matrimony.



CHARLES E. MITCHELL. Charles E. Mitchell has been elected president of the National City Bank of New York to succeed James A. Stillman, resigned. Mr. Mitchell has been at the head of the National City Company, a concern closely connected with the bank.

LABOR CAUSES 25 PER CENT

Hoover Appointed This Committee at Time he was at Head of American Engineering Council.

St. Louis, Mo.—Responsibility for more than 50 per cent of the waste in industrial processes, which is causing enormous annual losses to the nation, can be placed at the door of the management and less than 25 per cent at the door of labor, declared a report of the American Engineering Council's committee on elimination of waste in industry, made public at a meeting of the council's executive board. The committee was appointed by Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, when he was head of the council.

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GERMAN SHIPS SEIZED BY US IN AMERICAN PORTS ARE OURS OF RIGHT.

EQUANIMITY IS UNDISTURBED

Title to the Ships was Obtained by President Wilson After Passage of Special Act of Congress.

Washington.—America considers absolutely valid her title to the German ships seized in American ports about the time of the outbreak of war with Germany.

Dispatches from abroad, stating that the reparation commission would examine whether the ships should be turned over to that commission as a portion of German assets, failed to disturb the equanimity of official opinion on the subject. No claim has as yet been made for the ships, but if it should be presented, the United States government will take the position that title to the ships was obtained by President Wilson after the passage of a special act of congress authorizing him to seize the ships. So far as domestic law is concerned, our government's rights to the ships is unquestioned. As for a German claim for the return of those ships, the American government finds nothing in the Versailles treaty which permits Germany to make such a claim as the Berlin government gave away all her rights to the ships in that treaty.

Secretary Hughes will instruct the American representative on the reparations commission to express the American viewpoint if any claim should be made for the German ships.

Senate Passes Relief Measure. Washington.—Another farmers' relief measure, the bill of Senator Curtis, republican, Kansas, to loan up to \$50,000,000 to federal farm loan banks to distribute among farmers at not more than 5-1-2 per cent interest, was passed by the senate with assurances of early house approval.

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COL. CHARLES R. FORBES. Col. Charles R. Forbes, of Seattle Wash., the new director of the bureau of war risk insurance, who succeeds Col. R. G. Cholmeley-Jones. Colonel Forbes is a native of Massachusetts.

WANTS LOWER FREIGHT RATE

Direct and Bold Course Taken by Mr. Harding Will Brush Aside for all Time a Technical Criticism.

Washington.—President Harding has taken his first important step toward solving the railway problem. He has in effect asked the Interstate Commerce Commission to reduce freight rates. He didn't do so directly—he managed the thing very tactfully and diplomatically. For a President isn't supposed to ask the Interstate Commerce Commission, which is a quasi-judicial body, to render any decisions. Woodrow Wilson had some informal conferences once with members of the Interstate Commerce Commission and was severely criticised for trying to influence the commission to revise rates.

President Harding adopted a much more direct course and even bolder course, which unquestionably will establish a precedent and brush aside for all times the technical criticism that a President can't communicate with the I. C. C. Mr. Harding walked to the Interstate Commerce Commission building and told the members that he recognized that the commission is the rate-making agent of congress and that, inasmuch as he had the official right to communicate to congress any message he pleased, he therefore felt free to communicate directly with the agent of congress.

Suggestion to Japs by Britain. Tokio.—Great Britain, The Nichi Nichi declares has suggested that Japan permit the Anglo-Japanese alliance to continue another year. The two nations are definitely negotiating for a revision of the alliance, the newspaper says.

Refuses to Resign. San Antonio, Tex.—Hugh H. Robertson, United States district attorney for the western district of Texas, announced he had refused a request of Attorney General Daugherty that he resign.

Committee to Report Bill. Washington.—The house judiciary committee agreed to report out the Volstead bill which would prohibit sale of beer on physicians' prescription for use by the sick.

King Boris to Visit us. Sofia, Bulgaria.—Premier Stambull wski, of Bulgaria, declared here King Boris would visit the United States during the coming autumn and that he would accompany Boris.

American Woman Decorated. Madrid.—King Alfonso decorated Mrs. Joseph E. Willard, wife of the American ambassador, with the Order of Noble Dames of Maria Luisa at a dinner at the American embassy.

Bone is Governor of Alaska. Washington.—Scott C. Bone, a former Seattle publisher and who was publicity manager for the republican national committee in 1920 was nominated by President Harding to be Governor of Alaska.

May Materially Aid Farmers. Washington.—Creation of a \$100,000,000 federal farmers' export financing corporation to buy farm products in the United States and sell them abroad is proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Norris.

Clyde Manning Gets Life Term. Covington, Ga.—Clyde Manning, negro farm boss for John S. Williams, was convicted of murder in superior court here and sentenced to life imprisonment—the same sentence passed upon Williams.

SYSTEMATIC AND DRASTIC ACTION

ALL CITIZENS OF PUEBLO TO FIGHT AGAINST POSSIBLE FIRE AND PESTILENCE.

REVISED ESTIMATE OF LOSS

Stretching in an Irregular, Far-flung Oval, Damaged Area Presents an Awful Aspect of Desolation.

Pueblo, Colo.—Systematic and drastic action to ascertain the number of dead and to clean the city of Pueblo, flood-stricken for three days, has begun. Acting under military authority, Lieut. Col. Paul P. Newton ordered every able-bodied man to apply himself to the task of removing debris from the streets, as a measure to prevent danger from fire and pestilence.

The order bars sight-seers from the city and makes work compulsory, either for the stipulated pay or under military guard without pay. Stretching in an irregular, far-flung oval, 30 blocks long and a maximum width of 12 blocks, comprising about 350 blocks, the damaged area, after the curtain of water had been withdrawn, presented an aspect of desolation that forced many observers to revise the early estimate of \$10,000,000 to one nearer \$15,000,000.

Roads Want Deeper Wage Cuts. Chicago.—The American railroads, dissatisfied with the new labor board wage reduction order of June 1, stand squarely on their request for wage cuts which will wipe out the entire \$600,000,000 increase granted last year. J. W. Higgins, speaking for the Western railroads declared before the board.

Exercises Over Southern Dead. Washington.—Memorial exercises for the South's dead who lie in the Confederate section of Arlington cemetery were held, special ceremonies being held at the tomb of the unknown dead and the grave of General Joe Wheeler.

Overtime System is Denounced. Chicago.—Extra pay for overtime and uniform wages for the same classes of railroad employees over the entire country were denounced and their abolition demanded by railroad representatives appearing before the United States Railroad Labor Board.

Delegates to Press Congress. Columbia, Mo.—The first five states to elect delegates to the Press Congress of the World at Honolulu, October 4 to 14 are Iowa, Louisiana, Colorado, Mississippi and Nebraska.

More Troops to Ireland. London.—The immediate sending of additional troops to Ireland for the purpose of maintaining order has been decided on, it was announced in the House of Commons by Augusten Chamberlain, the government leader.

President Stops at Lincoln. Lincoln University, Penn.—President and Mrs. Harding, motoring from Valley Forge, to Washington, stopped at Lincoln University and were greeted by President Randall, of the institution, and 400 negro students.

All Forms of Hazing Abolished. Madison, Wis.—All forms of hazing have been abolished by the student senate of the University of Wisconsin, it was announced, following severe injury of eight freshmen and sophomores in a class fight.

Newsprint Price Reduced. New York.—Reduction in the price of newsprint paper from \$110 a ton to \$95 were announced, by the International Paper company and the Canadian Export Paper company.

Estate Tax is Deductible. Washington.—An estate tax is an "allowable deduction" from the income of an estate in computing net income, the supreme court ruled.

Notified to Vote on Strike. Wilmington, Del.—An immediate vote on a nationwide strike of pullman employes has been called by the national organization of the employes according to notification received here.

\$50,000,000 for Cattle Raisers. Washington.—Legislation authorizing Secretary Mellon to make available to the war finance corporation \$50,000,000 to be loaned cattle raisers was recommended to congress by the federal reserve board.

Finance Corporation Opens Up. Charlotte, N. C.—The Southern States Finance corporation, chartered under the laws of the state of Delaware and with an authorized capitalization of \$2,100,000, has opened for business with Charlotte as headquarters.

Authorist Drowned in Pond. Augusta, Ga.—Albert Roedel, aged 30, auditor of the Southern Cotton Oil company, ran his motor sedan into a deep pond of water in some unexplained manner, and lost his life.