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UNITED STATES IS IN NO DANGER OF AN INVASION

BOTH MILES AND BLUE AUTHORITY FOR STATEMENT

GIVE BALD FACTS

Their Assertions Come as a Sudden Blow to Congress

Washington, Feb. 9.—This country is in no danger of being invaded by a hostile nation. Our coast defenses are equal to any in the world. The Dardanelles not excepted. Landing of an invading army of 500,000 men in this country would be an impossibility and the United States will never stand for conscription.

This statement, made before the house military affairs committee today by Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, knocked the props from under the certainty of those who have contended that the United States has no army and navy and that the Kaiser or any other hostile enemy could march across our country with little or no opposition.

Admiral Blue, speaking for the navy, followed General Miles. Admiral Blue said:

"The American navy could reach the Pacific coast before a foreign enemy."

The statements of these two warriors are just the opposite to what is claimed by Secretaries Daniels and Garrison. But every one knows that neither Daniels nor Garrison has any actual knowledge of conditions in either branch of the service. They are depending upon what some officers has told them or what they have seen in the newspapers. Both Admiral Blue and General Miles are soldiers. They have seen service in the ranks and their testimony today had more weight with the committee than all the documents and oral statements filed by the war and navy departments.

Admiral Blue said the Panama canal would enable the fleet to reach the Pacific before any fleet could cross the ocean. He urged purchase of many anti-aircraft guns, and opposed Speaker Clark's suggestion of one year enlistments.

General Miles declared conscription would not work in the United States.

"If 500,000 men were landed on either of our coasts, and we were not able to raise enough men to drive them out, I would want to move to another country," he said. Coast fortifications of the United States, General Miles said, were equal to those of any place in the world, not excepting the fortifications of the Dardanelles. Heavy guns on battleships had failed entirely to show their effectiveness during the European war against fortifications.

TOWNSHIP BONDS BRING PRICE OF \$51,000

WERE SOLD YESTERDAY TO OTIS & CO., OF CLEVELAND

EXPENSES PAID

Price Includes All the Expense of Having the Bonds Prepared

Washington township's \$50,000 road bonds were sold yesterday for \$51,000 with accrued interest from February 1 and all expenses connected with the preparation of the bonds, paid. This is reported to be the highest premium ever brought by township bonds under the present act in the State of North Carolina.

The bonds were purchased by Otis & Co. of Cleveland, whose bid was several hundred dollars higher than the closest competitor. A telegram was sent to the firm Monday afternoon by the commissioners, notifying them of the fact that their bid was the highest. Ratification of acceptance was received yesterday.

Considerable elation is felt over the sale of the bonds and the excellent price obtained for them. It is understood that a township in Pitt county recently sold its bonds below par.

TO GIVE BENEFIT FOR CIVIC CLUB

Excellent Program to be Rendered at New Theatre Tomorrow Night By Local Talent

A benefit performance for the Washington Civic Club will be given at the New Theatre tomorrow night, in addition to some extra good pictures, the following program will be rendered by home talent:

Solo, Mrs. C. M. Cartier.
Solo, Mrs. C. M. Campbell.
Duet, Misses Helen and Francis Dailley.
Duet, Misses Mary Thomas Stewart and Eva Hackney.
Recitation, Mrs. Harold Washburne.
Dance, Misses Mary Baughan and Ida Tucker.
Dance, Miss Lizzie Hill and Harold Washburne.

CONDITION OF MR. McLEAN IS SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

Lumberton, Feb. 9.—The physicians attending A. W. McLean, situated at 9:30 last night that his condition was slightly improved over yesterday. He still remains delirious, otherwise condition is very good.

Last night at 7:40 Martha Blackwood, an old negro woman, of high character, while engaged in removing clothes from a line in the yard at her home near the union station, was shot by some unknown person, the ball from a pistol entering her back and passing through one lung. Attending physician says her condition is critical.

ALLEGED GYPSY STOLE \$3,000

Smith Windley Left for Chicago to Bring Back Woman Who is Accused of Theft

Armed with extradition papers, which he secured in Raleigh from Governor Craig, Sheriff Windley left yesterday for Chicago to bring back to this State a Gypsy woman who, it is alleged, took over \$3,000 from her father-in-law, Elv Miguel, who is at present staying in this city. Sheriff Windley received notice of the fact that the woman was being held in a hotel town beyond Chicago. Miguel's attorneys at once took steps to secure the necessary papers.

RUSSIANS AGAIN ON THE AGGRESSIVE IN GALICIA

Berlin, Feb. 9.—The Russians are again on the aggressive in Galicia, according to today's statement by the Austro-Hungarian army headquarters, transmitted here. In one attack on an Austro-Hungarian advance infantry position southeast of Tarnopol, the Russian headquarters succeeded in securing a small area of ground and capturing a detachment of 700 men, including 100 machine guns. The Russians were only slightly wounded.

FOWLE, BERRY AND HODGES ON BOND ISSUE COMMISSION

APPOINTMENT MADE BY COMMISSIONERS YESTERDAY. GOOD SELECTION Residents of Both City and Country Appear Pleased With Choice

At the session of the county commissioners yesterday afternoon, John B. Fowle, F. J. Berry and R. B. Hodges were appointed members of the Washington Township Bond Issue Commission to superintend the construction of roads in the township and supervise the expenditure of funds. The commission will serve without compensation. When the action of the board became known throughout the city today, the public as a whole appeared to be highly pleased with their selection and many expressions of satisfaction were heard. It appeared to be the sentiment of practically everyone that the commissioners would have found it an exceedingly difficult task to appoint a commission who could fill their position more capably than Messrs. Fowle, Berry and Hodges. Some of the expressions voiced this morning were as follows:

Geo. T. Leach. "The commissioners made a fine selection. I am confident that every member of the commission will do his utmost to see that the good roads work in Washington township is carried out so as to give the best results."

E. L. Stewart. "Very good, indeed. I'm confident that everyone else will think the same."

A. M. Dumay. "Both city and country are represented on the commission by men who are known to be absolutely honest and trustworthy. The selection was an excellent one."

O. B. Wynne. "I think everyone in the country should be pleased with the commission named. They are all well-known men and I am sure that they will serve to the satisfaction of all concerned."

William Ellison. "A better commission could not be appointed. The people ought to be extremely well satisfied."

B. F. Bowers. "I can't think of anyone who will have any complaint to make over that selection."

Judge Stephen C. Sprague. "I do not believe that too much can be said in commending the county commissioners for the excellent judgment they displayed in selecting Mr. Fowle, Mr. Berry and Mr. Hodges to serve on the road commission. They are all three ideal men for the position."

CHANGE MADE IN POWER RATE

Light and Water Commission Authorizes Big Cut in Charges for Electricity.

At the meeting of the Washington Light and Water Commission, which was held last night, steps were taken to reduce the charges for light and power in Washington and putting this city on the same basis with Wilson, which is generally conceded to be the cheapest city for electric power in the State.

A minimum rate of fifty cents for each meter connected for lighting purposes will be charged and the meter will be ten cents per k. w. with the following discounts if paid by the 10th of the month:
From \$ 2 to \$10—10 per cent.
From \$10 to \$20—15 per cent.
From \$20 to \$30—20 per cent.
Larger amounts will receive proportionately larger discounts.

A minimum rate of \$1.00 maintenance and investment charge for heating and cooking rates will be charged for each building connected and the meter rate will be three cents per k. w. with no discount. But 10 per cent will be added if not paid by the 15th of the month.

Rates for power meter were also ordered to be reduced and will be five cents per k. w. with the following discount if paid by the 10th of the month:
\$ 5 to \$10—10 per cent.
\$10 to \$15—15 per cent.
\$15 to \$20—20 per cent.
\$20 to \$30—25 per cent.
\$30 to \$50—30 per cent.

Larger amounts will receive proportionately larger discounts. If any bill is unpaid on the morning of the 15th, the connection will be discontinued and no discount allowed. An extra fee of \$1.00 will be collected for cut off and on.

NAME COMMITTEE AT NEXT MEETING

Advisory Committee to County Commissioners Will Be Appointed at March Meeting.
The county commissioners decided yesterday that the non-partisan advisory committee to act in conjunction with the board relative to the expenditure of the \$50,000 bond issue, would not be appointed until the March meeting of the commissioners. It is expected that by that time, the members of the board will have decided on the best men to appoint on this committee.

WHO'LL BE THE RIDER WHEN THEY'RE SADDLED?



—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

COUNTY COMMENCEMENT TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH

WAS HOSTESS YESTERDAY TO THE SILVER CHAIN

Mrs. Fenner T. Phillips was hostess to the "Silver Chain" of the Christian church yesterday afternoon from 5 to 8 at her residence on West Second street. A number of ladies were present and all had a most enjoyable time doing fancy work and chatting. Delicous refreshments were served during the afternoon.

MATTER BROUGHT UP AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LOWER INSURANCE

Question of Having Rate of Insurance Reduced Also Brought Up

The question of reducing the key rate of insurance in Washington and making this a "second class" city, was one of the principal topics brought up at the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last night.

Upon the suggestion of F. J. Berry, Captain Leach appointed a committee of three—Dumay, Berry and Bowers—to join with a committee from the Board of Aldermen and appear before the underwriters at Atlanta in the effort of getting the local rate reduced. The committee will make the trip after the new fire alarm system is installed and other improvements made.

W. G. Privette, county superintendent of education, appeared before the Chamber with the announcement that preparations were already being made for the annual commencement of county schools. He stated that this event would probably be held on the last day of March, although the details have not yet been worked out. Captain Leach appointed the same committee which helped in the work last year to assist in arranging for the commencement: Geo. T. Leach, E. R. Mixon and William Ellison.

Mr. Privette also stated that while Washington might have thought that there was a large attendance at the commencement last year, that number would probably be doubled this year. His statement brought up considerable discussion as to the best way to provide for this large number, but it was generally agreed that accommodations could be found for all.

A set of resolutions of respect to Miss Helen Kugler and Mrs. Kugler were passed by the Chamber over the death of Mrs. Kugler, the mayor's brother, who passed away yesterday.

PUNERAL OF MRS. WATSON WAS HELD YESTERDAY

Greenville, Feb. 9.—Mrs. S. Jones Watson died at 3 o'clock Monday night at the home of Mr. W. D. Pruitt, in West Greenville. The funeral services were held at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and the interment will be in Cherry Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Watson was born at Lenox Castle, Rockingham county, in 1833, and had for sixty-seven years been a consistent member of the Methodist church. One daughter, Mrs. W. O. Pruitt, with whom she made her home, survives her.

AT THE NEW THEATRE TONIGHT

The New Theatre will have tonight one of the best three reel dramas that they have had for some time. This evening "The Bridge of Rome" by the Gela company, and there will also be two other reels of good and wholesome comedy.

CLAIMS MOST LIBERAL COMPASS GUEST NAME IN NORTH CAROLINA

(By Eastern Press)
New Bern, Feb. 9.—If there was a prize offered to the North Carolinian who could show beyond a question of doubt that he had the longest name of any man in the State, D. E. Henderson, one of New Bern's well known legal lights would doubtless be able to walk away with all laurels, in fact he could probably win without even making an effort and might be able to drop a dozen or two letters and still be in the lead.

When Mr. Henderson was very young, probably a week old, his proud father called in all of his brothers for the purpose of allowing them a glimpse at this infant prodigy. So impressed were each of the father's brothers with the child that each and every one of them wanted the new arrival named after him and him alone. In order not to show partiality, it was decided to name the lad Jackson Ezekiel David James Nathaniel Sylvester Willis Edward Demosthenes Henderson.

While Mr. Henderson does not often have time to use his full name, this in fact is his correct title and it is this that has led his friends to believe that he has the longest name of any man in the State.

POLICE SEIZE 16 GALLONS

"The Baltimore Kid" Nabbed by Local Officials Last Night. Said to be Old Offender.

With something over sixteen gallons of liquor in his possession, Reeves Wright, colored, better known as "The Baltimore Kid," was nabbed by police officials last night as he was trying to bring the stuff into town. Upon being searched, he was also found to have in his possession at 38 revolver and a pocket full of bullets.

The kid had the liquor dropped off at Bunyon and hired Phillip Keys, colored, to drive it in to Washington for him. The officers were on the watch for the couple and when they appeared, arrested the entire outfit. A hearing will probably be held this afternoon.

This is the kid's second offense, he being also charged with having recently shipped a box of liquor into the city labelled "dishes." The police also claim that he has repeatedly violated the law in the past.

23,000,000 IDLE ACRES OF LAND IN THIS STATE

Lawton Blanton, of Cleveland, Discusses the Subject Before North Carolina Club.

Chapel Hill, Feb. 9.—"North Carolina's Twenty-Two Million Idle Acres" was the subject for discussion at the regular meeting of the North Carolina club here Monday night. The discussion was led by Lawton Blanton, of Cleveland county. Mr. Blanton took up his subject under four headings: First, statement of facts and figures in regard to this vast area of waste land; second, why this vast area of waste land; third, the far-reaching consequences of such a condition in this State at large; and fourth, how shall such conditions be improved?

Mr. Blanton's paper was in part based upon the following facts: "Seventy-one per cent of all the land in North Carolina is a wilderness of idle acres. Twenty-two million acres are in broom-sedge, scrub pine, and like growths, and only nine millions are in cultivated and pasture lands. Our waste area is more than double our cultivated area. There is enough idle land in the State for 250,000 new farm families, allowing 75 acres to each family, and reserving 50,000 acres in each county for woodlot uses."

NO GUNS FOR WERRY

Patrol to his servants—Now, carry this picture to the exhibition gallery, but be careful, for the picture is not quite dry yet. Servant—Oh, that's all right. I'll put on an old coat—File guide Blatter.

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From the successful play and novel by Joseph M. Pasterson
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