

OPPOSITION EXPRESSED TO CONTRACT ROAD WORK

Proposition Made at the Meeting Yesterday Afternoon by Mr. Porter of Pitt County.

ADVISORY BOARD EXPRESS THEMSELVES UNANIMOUSLY AGAINST THIS PROCEDURE

A meeting for the purpose of discussing the road work, was held yesterday afternoon in the office of E. A. Daniel. Those present were W. E. Swindell, chairman of the county board of commissioners, E. A. Daniel, C. G. Morris and W. G. Stanell, of the road commission, and C. T. Hardison, O. B. Rawls, W. O. Ellis and W. H. Ellison of the advisory committee. Mr. Porter, contractor for the roads in Pitt county, was also present.

Mr. Porter submitted a proposition before the meeting, in which he agreed to take charge of the road equipment and management of the work, the road commission to pay the foreman on the job and also pay him—Porter—ten per cent on all expenditures. As about \$30,000, in round numbers, would be left of the bond issue, Mr. Porter's charge for the work would amount to about \$3,000. He also stated that he would do whatever engineering was necessary, excepting in those cases where a change in the road was necessary and where there might be litigation. In these cases, the road commissioners would be obliged to pay the cost of an engineer.

After hearing the proposition, the

advisory board went into executive session to discuss the matter. W. O. Ellis was made spokesman for the board and after the conclusion of the session, he reported back to the meeting that the advisory board expressed themselves unanimously as being against giving Mr. Porter the contract, as they did not feel that he was the man they were looking for. They voiced themselves as being of the opinion that there are men in this county fully as well qualified—when the work is laid out by an engineer—as is Mr. Porter. It was suggested that O. B. Rawls could handle the work in a satisfactory manner and at much less expense.

Mr. Swindell then addressed the meeting and suggested that in the event that Mr. Rawls should prove not to be qualified to do the work, another mistake would have been made. Mr. Ellis replied by asking if the commissioners had any assurance that the same mistake would not be made in employing Mr. Porter.

The members of the advisory board are opposed to taking the supervision of the work from under the State Highway Commission, when the change would mean an increased cost with inferior supervision.

Statement Of The Cost Of War To Date

An interesting statement of the cost of the war, was contained in a recent issue of Leslie's. It is as follows:

Cost in Dollars.

Great Britain	\$7,670,000,000
France	6,643,000,000
Russia	4,118,000,000
Italy	2,464,000,000
Germany	\$9,075,000,000
Austria	3,000,000,000
Turkey	2,000,000,000
Bulgaria	150,000,000
Territory Conquered.	

Teutons hold in	Sq. Ml.
Belgium	11,000
France	9,000
Russia	30,000
Balkans	25,000
Teutons Gain	125,000
Allies hold in	Sq. Ml.
Europe	700
Asia	52,000
The Pacific	96,000
Africa	600,000
Allies Gain	748,700
Lives Lost	5,500,000
Men Wounded	11,000,000

\$10,000, AT 2 TO 1 PUT ON HUGHES' ELECTION

New York, Sept. 19.—The largest wager recorded in the financial district on the forthcoming Presidential election was made Saturday when a Curb broker, noting for a supporter of Hughes, placed \$10,000 against \$5,000 that the former Justice would be elected.

There is practically no Wilson money in sight. Supporters of the President are asking 2 to 1.

BAKER SAYS

There is not a living soul, white or colored, young or old, in Beaufort, Pitt and Martin counties, but what should be photographed in 1916. Do this for your family's sake. Do this for the sake of having some record of yourself in 1916. Do it today. You will never regret it.

BAKER'S STUDIO.

(By United Press)

Washington, Sept. 19.—Twenty-seven tractors, similar to those converted into "land dreadnaughts" by the British, will soon be a part of the U. S. army's war paraphernalia. The same Peoria, Ill., firm, which supplied the British foundations for the armored fighting machines, has contracted to build huge tractors for this government, to be delivered in ninety days.

LIVEN UP CAMPAIGN RATE, 1915

DEMOCRATS TO START THINGS HUMMING FROM THE SUMMER WHITE HOUSE.

PUT GINGER INTO WORK

Big Artillery is to be Unlimbered. Leaders Admit That the Campaign Has Been Lagging for the Last Week or So.

(By United Press) Washington, Sept. 19.—There is to be more political noise from Shadow Lawn from now on. President Wilson, Chairman Vance McCormick and other political leaders have decided that the political horses are to be spurred on all the way down the remainder of the stretch.

Several "Jersey days" and "Open House days" will take place at Shadow Lawn. Occasional salutes will be made into surrounding States. Some heavy artillery is to be unlimbered.

Democratic leaders admit that the campaign has been necessarily lagging for the last week or so, but from the time that the President gets back to the Summer White House, things will be set to humming.

Leaving Columbia, S. C., President Wilson was accorded a remarkable tribute. Several thousand persons stood silently, the men with their hats off, as the train pulled out. There were no signs of cheering. Upon entering his car, Mr. Wilson remarked, "That was splendid."

HUGHES STARTS OFF AGAIN

Opens His Second Western Tour at Peoria, Ill. Eight-Hour Law An Issue.

(By United Press) Peoria, Ill., Sept. 19.—Nominees Hughes chose Peoria as the place from which to hurl forth today's first speech on the second presidential campaign tour. The G. O. P. candidate is plainly pleased at resuming the campaign. He intends to make the eight-hour law his leading issue and also has new data on the Mexican situation.

MARKED INTEREST IN THE BOAT LINE

Residents of this city are taking a marked interest in the proposed boat line which the M. H. Tracy Company of New York, are planning to operate between Washington and the North and are anxiously awaiting some announcement in regard to the date on which this is to be put into operation.

The M. H. Tracy Company has emphatically stated that this line would be in operation within a few months but, so far, no arrangements have been made toward this end further than contemplated plans to erect two steel freight steamers in North Carolina, one to be built in New Bern and the other at Elizabeth City. Indications now are that the line will not be in operation before spring.

COOKIES, CRULLERS AND JAMS AS VOTE GREETERS

Riverhead, L. I., Sept. 19.—"If it takes ten yards of scrunched eggs to make an overcoat for an elephant, one ingenious man once said to another, 'how far would you have to drop a cranberry to break a shingle?'" But the question here today is, "If it takes a quart of strawberry jam to make one suffragist in Binghamton, how many old Dutch crullers does it take to make a suffragist in Riverhead?" The answer will be given tonight by the suffragists making crullers to make male voters for women at the county fair here and their sisters slathering strawberry jam and jelly around to do the same thing up in Binghamton.

LOW DEATH RATE, 1915

ONLY 13.5 PERSONS OUT OF EVERY 1,000 DIED IN THIS COUNTRY LAST YEAR.

LOWEST IN HISTORY

Increase in Medical Knowledge, Sanitation, and Awakening of the People Are Given as Causes for the Decrease in Death Rate.

(By United Press) London, Sept. 19.—Only 13.5 persons out of every thousand in the United States died during 1915, according to a report just issued by the Census Bureau. This is the lowest mortality rate ever recorded in the country.

"The widespread awakening of the people of the country, together with the progress of medicine and sanitation, resulted in the saving of 170,000 lives during the year just past, over that of 1915, a decade ago," stated the report. The decrease during this period was 16.7 per cent.

"ARE YOU HAPPY" IS THEME OF SERMON BY DR. ANDERSON

Large Congregation Present at Last Night's Services at the Baptist Church.

A good-sized congregation was present at the Baptist church last night and listened to another excellent sermon by Dr. W. M. Anderson on the theme: "Are You Happy."

Dr. Anderson, through a number of apt illustrations, proved that the world's man could never hope to be truly happy. He told of men who had all the money that they could use, and who had palatial homes, yachts, automobiles and other luxuries, but who were not happy. He told of men who had "gone to the pace," and who had lived in the midst of all kind of gaieties, but they were not happy. And he told of the society woman, who lived in a constant whirl of entertainments, parties and other social functions, but true happiness was far from them. Only through godliness, through a true Christian spirit of helpfulness and a love of God and man, said Dr. Anderson, could anyone hope to be really happy.

Yesterday's afternoon services were attended by about forty persons. These services are especially interesting and a cordial invitation is extended to all denominations to be present. The singing, under the direction of Burt Haynes, is an enjoyable feature of all the services.

Tonight, Dr. Anderson will preach on the subject, "Are You Ill?"

There is no question but that the evangelist has made a most favorable impression upon those who have heard him and it is believed that the revival will be highly successful from every point of view.

LIBRARY ASSN. MEETS

Committees Appointed to Help Push the Organization into a Larger Growth.

At a meeting of the Public Library Association, which was held last night at the library, the following committees were appointed by President J. B. Sparrow:

1. Dr. H. W. Carter to close the contract with Mr. Seguin for the most reasonable allowance that the latter has made for the rent.

2. A Finance committee, consisting of J. G. Bragaw, Jr., Dr. H. W. Carter, C. A. Flynn and C. G. Morris, who will in the near future make a canvas for subscribing members.

3. A Committee, consisting of Mrs. F. H. Rollins, Mrs. S. R. Fowle, Mrs. H. W. Carter, Mrs. J. H. Hodges and Mrs. A. G. Hathaway, who will arrange for a public reception on the occasion of the opening of the newly acquired quarters.

HUGE "LAND DREADNAUTS" MAY CHANGE PLAN OF WARFARE

New Machines, Introduced by the British Are Playing Havoc With the Germans.

SERBS, EAGER FOR REVENGE, ARE DRIVING BULGARS VIOLENTLY

(By United Press) London, Sept. 19.—Great battles between fleets of "land dreadnaughts," may result through the introduction of the new armored car "tanks" on the Somme front by the British.

A Somme correspondent, in writing of these new monsters, says: "In one short hour, these tanks do more military service and kill more men than all the Zeppelins have ever killed." Possibly, before the war is over, there will be land battles between whole fleets of these terrestrial monsters, each of which is bigger and more horrible than the last.

Only one of the "tanks" has been destroyed on the Somme. It was learned today. In the center of the Bouleaux wood, where the fiercest fighting is taking place, one of the new monsters lies, with its nose buried in the earth, between the opposing lines. It forms a barricade between the British and the Germans. How it was destroyed is not revealed in dispatches.

A steady downpour of rain has halted the British operations along the Somme. No important gains have been made. The British entered the trenches at Richebourg and Labou in three places, taking a number of prisoners.

Allies in Serbia. The allies have crossed the Serbian frontier in two places and are advancing toward the Bulgarian base at Monastir. The Serbs are fighting on native soil for the first time since their retreat through Albania last winter. They have taken a series of heights from the Bulgarians at Kam-

126 ALLIED SHIPS SUNK BY TEUTONS IN AUGUST

Berlin, Sept. 19.—Official announcement was made today that during August 126 hostile ships, of 170,679 gross tonnage, were destroyed by German or Austrian submarines or by mines.

Thirty-five neutral merchant ships carrying contraband of war to enemy countries were also destroyed.

Between September 3 and 11 German submarines destroyed in the English Channel or the Atlantic Ocean twenty-six hostile merchant ships of 26,220 gross tonnage.

WHEREABOUTS OF MERCHANT SUBMARINES

The Bremen was reported to have sailed about July 10, and again from Bremen on August 14. Arriving steamer from England insist that the Bremen was captured in the English Channel. Other vessels reported her sunk.

The Deutschland arrived in Baltimore July 10 and departed August 1. She made a safe return to Bremen, arriving August 23, and would have had time to make a return trip if she started back immediately. Recently newspaper dispatches made reference to a third merchant U-boat, the Amerika. She was reported to have left Germany about three weeks ago.

BE SURE AND SEE US FOR WEDDING PRESENTS. STEWART'S.

TODAY'S PROGRAM AT New Theatre

"His Picture in the Papers" 5-reel Keystone all star comedy Show starts at 7:45 p. m.

ADMISSION 5c and 10c



FRIDAY NIGHT
"MUTT
AND
JEFF"
Seats on sale Wednesday morning at Worthy & Etheridge's