

Four Days More In Which to Vote For Or Against Bonds

Battle of Ballots Has Been an Interesting One--People from all Sections Voting in The News' Contest.

Interest in The Question Sweeps Everything Before It--Men Voting With Each Other in An Expression of Opinion.

For more days and the people of Charlotte will have, in a measure, expressed their approbation or disapproval of the scheme as advanced by the board of aldermen to issue bonds in the sum of \$1,000,000 for civic improvements.

In the new vote campaign inaugurated by The News a decided interest has been shown from the first, and the arguments the number of ballots cast.

Aldermen purpose to spend \$550,000 for water extension; \$250,000 for sewers; \$200,000 for street improvement; and \$150,000 for betterment of the schools.

In a word this is the condition as submitted. The streets are to be improved where the sewers are to be placed has never quite been made clear. In fact around the expenditure of the money there swings a tale, one that has brought forth a great volume of discussion pro and con.

Believing there should be a free and unqualified expression of opinion regarding the issue--one that is paramount in Greater Charlotte today--The News first chartered the printing of a coupon each day. Upon this coupon vote for or against the proposition of the main question be practiced. It is a vote in which all are most vitally interested and one that can only be answered in the affirmative or negative by the qualified voters of the city.

The ballot boxes will close Friday night the 10th. The result of the straw vote will be announced Saturday, the 11th.

Mr. Wilson will select another judge and the two will choose the third one. The job of assessing and counting the ballots will be a big one for the people in every part of the city have taken a marked interest since the feature was inaugurated by The News and the coupons have poured into the ballot boxes.

Perhaps the box located in the office of The News has led all others; it may be that the attaches of The News only think this because of not having watched the other boxes as closely.

There is perhaps no way to determine who will cast the last ballot. Col. Ketchum was the first to clip the coupon and vote. He decided against the issue as it is proposed by the board of aldermen. By reason of the fact that a watcher can not be stationed at every box Friday it will likely be impossible to know just who casts the last ballot in the contest.

A prominent gentleman who has taken a great interest in the city has taken an interest in the issue of bonds that he favored the issuance of bonds for water, an equalization of taxation, and the appointment of a commission with the mayor at its head to spend the money. "Just the general idea of issuing bonds in the sum of \$1,000,000 and not saying how they are to be spent, or giving the public any correct idea of how the indebtedness of the city is to be met in the future is not satisfying to me," exclaimed this gentleman, "nor do I believe it is altogether favorable to scores of others."

But in the meanwhile, Mister Good Citizen, how do you stand on the proposition? Do your views coincide with the views of the members of the board of aldermen, or have you formed another belief? The News wants you to answer.

"FATHER I AM SAFE" WRITES MISS ARNOLD

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 6.--A postal card signed "Dorothy" and bearing the message "Father I am safe," has been received by Francis R. Arnold, father of Dorothy Arnold, who has been missing since December 12. Mr. Arnold declared today. The handwriting resembles closely that of the missing heiress, but Mr. Arnold is not sure that it is hers. He fears some one is trying to play a joke on him.

There was no address on the postal card that would furnish a clue as to Dorothy's whereabouts nor was there any date. The card bears a New York city postmark.

Farmer of Greer A Suicide

By Associated Press. Spartanburg, S. C., Feb. 6.--Before other members of the family awoke this morning, T. Boyd Pearson, a prosperous farmer of Greer shot himself in the right temple and died instantly. He had suffered with rheumatism for several years and despondency over ill health is thought to have caused the deed.

Two Charlotte Concerns Chartered

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 6.--The Bank of Jamesville, Martin county is chartered with \$50,000 capital, by J. L. Davenport and others.

Farmers Brotherhood, No. 1 (Inc.) of Charlotte, with a capital of \$25,000 for dealing in real estate, merchandise and lending money, by T. K. Harrison, J. W. Phillips and others, are the incorporators.

The Gibson Wooley Co., of Charlotte, with a capital of \$100,000 is chartered by Jas. Wooley and others for mercantile businesses and W. P. Long, Jr., Co., of Rockingham, Richmond county, with a capital of \$20,000.

DUNCAN MCKINLEY GETS POSITION.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 6.--Representative Duncan E. McKinley, of California, who failed of reelection, was nominated today by President Taft to be surveyor of customs for the district of San Francisco.

The president also sent to the senate, among others, the following nomination: Thomas F. McGourin, United States marshal for the northern district of Florida.

SHEEHAN TO STAY IN FIGHT TO THE LAST

By Associated Press. Albany, N. Y., Feb. 6.--William F. Sheehan's letter to Dr. Matthew D. Moran of Buffalo, expressing his determination not to give up the fight for election to the United States senate was the chief topic of discussion among the legislators who returned to Albany today to resume the balloting in the hope of breaking the deadlock.

Mr. Sheehan declares the vital question is not "shall Sheehan be elected?" but "shall this state continue a firm believer in representative government?" Representative government, he says, must fall when the minority and not the majority rule.

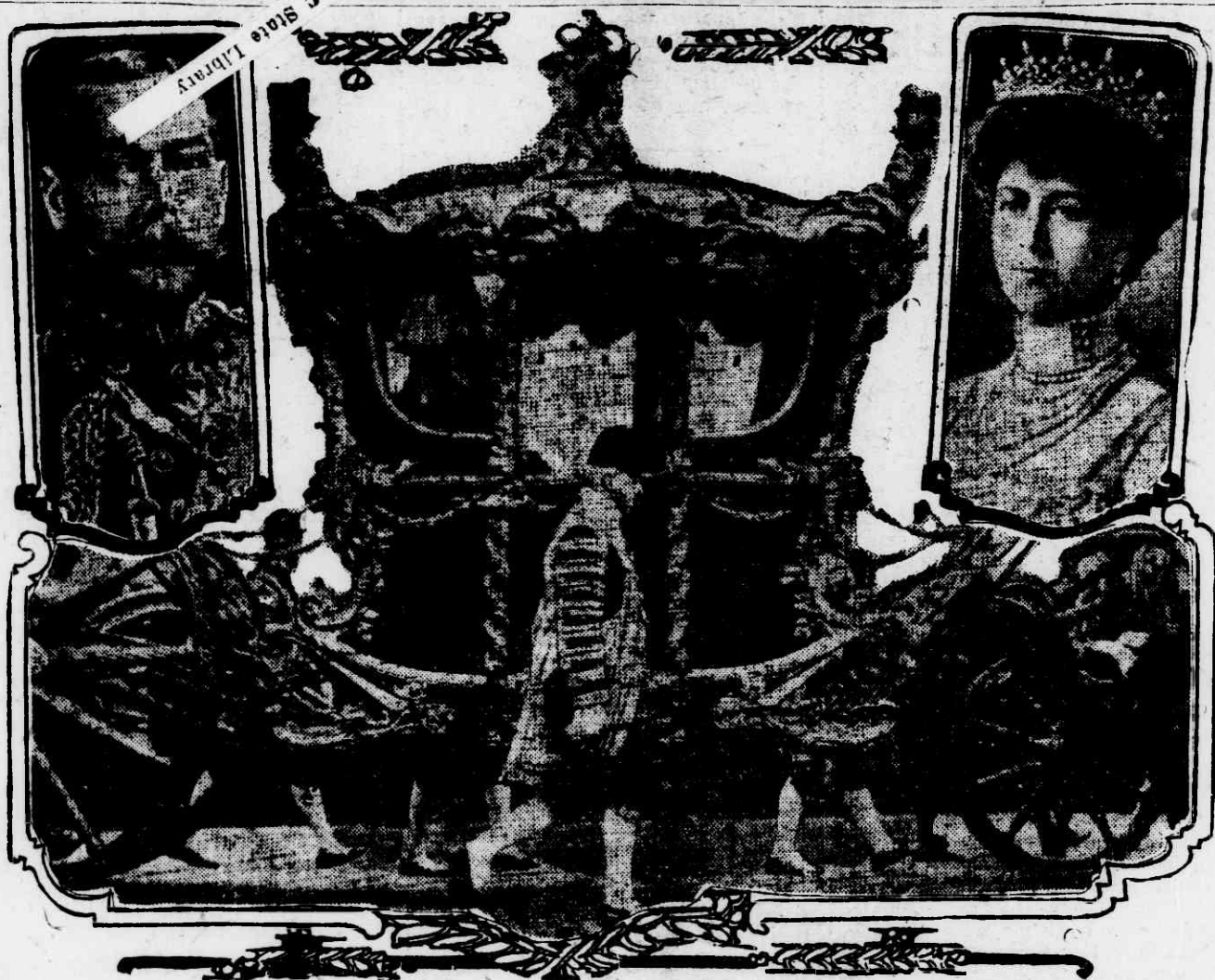
Senator Roosevelt, spokesman for the insurgents, says Mr. Sheehan's letter will not change the situation in the least and that no break in the ranks of the insurgents is expected. Charles F. Murphy's expressed determination is to fight it out for the majority "if it takes all summer," does not seem to indicate an early break in the deadlock.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 6.--The deadlock over the election of a United States senator continues today. There was no change in the relative strength of any of the candidates, the 17th joint ballot resulting as follows: Senator Newcomb, of New York, a republican, introduced a resolution today requesting the judiciary committee of both houses to frame a bill providing for the selection of a United States senatorial candidate at the next general election.

The Seventeenth Ballot. Albany, N. Y., Feb. 6.--Seventeenth ballot for United States senator: Democrats: Sheehan 66; Shepard 9; Kernan 9; Glynn 3; Littleton 3; O'Brien 2; Parker 1; Taylor 1; Sulzer 1. Republican: Depew 59. Total vote 154. Necessary for choice 78.

Condition of Senator Terrell. By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 6.--Considerable improvement was shown today in the condition of Senator Joseph M. Terrell, of Georgia, who was taken critically ill Sunday with an attack of acute indigestion. The senator's physician said this afternoon he thought Mr. Terrell was out of danger.

FEES IN SCHENCK ALIMONY PETITION. By Associated Press. Wheeling, W. V., Feb. 6.--The petition of Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenck for alimony and counsel fees against her husband, whom she was accused of poisoning, will not be presented to court until late in the week on account of the death at Wellsburg, W. Va., yesterday, of Mrs. J. M. Hervey, mother of Circuit Judge H. C. Hervey.



ENGLAND'S RULERS STATE COACH OF GOLD. England's rulers and the great state coach of gold and glass in which they will journey to the Parliament Buildings to formally open that body.

King And Queen Open Parliament-- A Brilliant Event

By Associated Press. London, Feb. 6.--King George and Queen Mary, for the first time in their reign, proceeded in state this afternoon from Buckingham Palace to Westminster, where his majesty read the speech formally opening parliament. During the ceremony the queen was seated at the side of the king.

Though the way was dark and chilly, an immense throng was gathered in St. James park and in Whitehall, where the gorgeous procession passed. Other thousands surrounded the parliamentary buildings.

Their majesties rode in the gilded state coach drawn by eight cream-colored horses caparisoned in gold and purple. The king wore a field marshal's uniform.

As the royal party passed the cheering was unusually hearty, as it was the first opportunity that the populace had had to express its gratification over the vindication of King George in the recent libel suit against Edward Mylius.

An escort of life guards preceded the state coach and yeomen of the guard followed. Five state carriages, each drawn by six horses, were occupied by officials of the court and gentlemen and ladies in waiting. Regiments of the guards lined the route and as the procession moved on the artillery regiments fired the royal salute. The crown and sword of state were borne from St. James palace to parliament in the royal carriage under escort of the guards.

Officers of state and officials of parliament received the rulers at the royal entrance beneath the Victoria tower. The house of lords was packed when the imperial procession entered from the robing room at 2:30 o'clock. A number of perches had seats on the floor with the peers. The bishops and ambassadors with their wives occupied seats at the left of the throne.

In the absence of American Ambassador Reid, who is having a holiday at home, the United States was represented by William Phillips, secretary of the embassy. Mrs. Phillips was with her husband. The colonies for the first time were represented by the colonial agents general. Lord Strathcona, high commissioner for Canada, was present in this capacity and with him were the representatives from Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Other diplomats, including officers of the American embassy, occupied places in the royal gallery.

Speaker Lowther and as many members of the house of commons as could, crowded the floor and stood in the aisles. The officials of state in regalia, including Earl Carrington, Lord Great Chamberlain, escorted their majesties into the chamber and were grouped around the throne during the ceremony. The Earl of Beauchamp, first commissioner of works and public buildings, bore the sword of state before the king.

The king's speech from the throne was brief and colorless. It opened with a filial reference to the death of King Edward. The only reference to foreign affairs were a mention of the fact that negotiations had been opened with Japan for a new commercial treaty and an allusion to the friction in Persia over the disturbance of British trade routes. A casual expression of interest in the approaching imperial conference was made.

Only two proposed legislative measures were mentioned specifically. "Proposals," said the king, "will be submitted without delay for setting the relations between the two houses of parliament with the object of securing an effective working constitution." Legislation also would be had, his majesty said, to provide insurance against sickness and unemployment.

CORN TO BE ADMITTED FREE OF DUTY

By Associated Press. Tampico, Mex., Feb. 6.--The federal government has promulgated a decree admitting corn free of duty until March 31st next.

Tobacco Men Confer. By Associated Press. Lexington, Ky., Feb. 6.--Success or failure of the campaign for the abandonment of the 1911 burley crop will be decided here today at a meeting of the executive committee of the Burley Tobacco Union, composed of growers in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia. At this meeting reports will be made from the four states as to the sentiment of members of the union on the "cut out" movement and the officers of the Burley Tobacco Society will give an answer to the proposition that that organization join in the effort not to have a burley crop grown this year.

Arrested by Inspectors. By Associated Press. Mobile, Ala., Feb. 6.--H. E. Seyfried was arrested here last night by postoffice inspectors for appropriating stamps from the postoffice at Delchamps, Ala., near here, of which he was the postmaster, and was released on \$500 bond today. Seyfried admits being short on the stamps but pretends that they were burned in a fire which destroyed part of the postoffice building.

MRS. HAYES IS SILENT AS TO HER MOTIVE. By Associated Press. Charleston, S. C., Feb. 6.--Telephone messages from Mount Tabor, N. C., today, say that Mrs. N. M. Hayes, who, on Saturday night shot and killed R. M. Floyd, a medical student, has offered no further explanation of the nature of the insult alleged to have been offered by her victim and which she claimed caused the tragedy. Mrs. Hayes is in custody and the coroner will hold the inquest tomorrow. Nine bullets were fired from an automatic revolver, it is said, four entering into Floyd's body and a fifth his head. Floyd was staying with Hayes, having left the latter at his barber shop a few minutes before the shooting. There was no eye witness and the woman is silent. Friends here of Floyd, who was in the senior class of the Medical College of South Carolina, believe there was some misunderstanding and that it will be brought out at the inquest.

Still Searching For Missing Man. By Associated Press. Philadelphia, Feb. 6.--The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Richard L. Ashhurst, postmaster of Philadelphia, in Atlantic City a week ago remains unsolved. A heavy east wind made the surf rough today and prevented those prosecuting the search for the missing man from dragging about the piling of the pier where he has been last.

Condition of Archbishop Ryan. By Associated Press. Philadelphia, Feb. 6.--Archbishop Ryan entered upon the second week of his serious illness today with his general condition unchanged. He is a little stronger after a good night and took solid food.

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ONE REPORTED KILLED IN WRECK OF OKLAHOMA TRAIN. By Associated Press. Tulsa, Okla., Feb. 6.--A passenger train on the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad was wrecked early today seven miles south of this city. One person is reported killed and others injured.

For Once Federals Repulse The Rebels Who Wait for Help

INSURRECTORS WERE OUT GENERALLED IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO ENTER JUAREZ AND RETREATED TO RECRUIT AND SECURE MORE AMMUNITION FOR BATTLE.

SNOW AND SLEET REPORTED IN MANY SECTIONS

Snow is falling this forenoon in practically every state between Chicago and New York and above the Ohio river. In many sections of the storm territory the snowfall is severe and threatens serious interruption of rail traffic. Local traffic conditions in cities about Chicago were in bad shape this forenoon. In Detroit and nearby centres street car traffic was partially tied up, interurban car lines were abandoning efforts to operate trains, while the "L" in Chicago was all but out of commission.

The weather at most points is freezing. Great distress will be caused in crowded centres, it is feared. Railroads between New York and Chicago are preparing for a hard fight against the blizzard.

Pittsburg, Feb. 6.--A heavy snow and wind storm struck here early today. Within a comparatively short time the snow fall registered five inches. The wind blew between 35 and 40 miles an hour, while the mercury dropped to 26 degrees.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 6.--Northern Indiana is experiencing the worst snow storm of the winter. Interurban traffic is greatly impeded and the street car lines at Fort Wayne and South Bend are completely tied. At the latter place eight inches of snow has fallen.

Blizzard in Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, Feb. 6.--The blizzard made its appearance in Pennsylvania last night and today, the storm reaching to the eastern border of the state before 10 o'clock. Snow is falling and the indications are that it will be heavy. Transportation lines had been warned and are prepared to meet conditions should the storm become more active.

Snow and Sleet Hamper Traffic. Chicago, Feb. 6.--Snow and sleet, which accompanied last night's storm continue today to hamper traffic. Fully two thirds of the elevated train service in the city could not be operated and there was hardly less serious interference with the steam railroads. In the case of the latter, however, the results were chiefly in the curtailment and delay of business rather than of total stoppage.

Four Europeans Decapitated. Paris, Feb. 6.--A dispatch received here today from Melilla states that four Europeans traveling from Oran, Algeria, to Melilla were decapitated by Rif tribesmen on January 29. A fifth member of the party escaped.

Condition of Bishop Whitaker. Philadelphia, Feb. 6.--Bishop Ozil W. Whitaker, of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Pennsylvania who is ill with the grip, had a fairly comfortable night and this morning is resting easy. Unless pneumonia develops, it is thought the prelate, who is 80 years of age, will recover.

Is This McCutcheon? Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 6.--The Des Moines police are holding a man who gives his name as Claude Welle, on suspicion that he is John McCutcheon, accused murderer, who broke jail at Atlanta, Ga., January 6th.

\$1,000,000 Bond Ballot Aldermen favor the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000. Upon the proposition as it is submitted, answer YES or NO by signing your name and giving your address upon the lines on the coupon. YES NO Address