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Partly cloudy, probably showers tonight and Wednesday, no change in temperature.

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Efforts Change Shipping Policy Have Not Abated

American Steamship Owners Association And United States Ship Operators Appeal To Shipping Board For Continuation Of Present Method

Washington, August 27—Efforts to change President Harding's shipping policy have not abated. The American Steamship Owners Association and the United States Ship Operators' Association tomorrow will appeal to the shipping board for a continuation with some modification of the present method of operating government ships through managing agents.

The new suggestion involves a much more efficient system of operating ships through agents but does not guarantee the government against losses while insuring more or less the profits of the operators.

There is little likelihood of the acceptance of the plan as the shipping board unanimously decided in the presence of Mr. Harding last June to do away with the managing agent method and substitute a system of subsidiary companies. The latter scheme is being held in abeyance out of courtesy to President Coolidge who has expressed a desire to inform himself about it. The board's plan is substantially as follows:

Instead of operating 350 ships as at present under the Emergency Fleet Corporation, there would be organized instead from twelve to eighteen corporations which would be owned in entirety by the United States government. No shipping company in private hands operates more than fifty ships and the purpose of division into subsidiary units is to enable the government to build up several units of operation. Several of the established lines would be grouped in each company. The experts estimate that each subsidiary company with its own organization would be able to economize for the government and avoid the duplication and endless accounting which the organization encounters in auditing the various lines operated by the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

At present every line, as for example the United States lines, is operated by a managing agent who collects a commission on gross revenue irrespective of whether any profit is made for the government. The good will of the line belongs to a private individual. When the time comes to end government operation, the government would have only its ships. The board's plan now is to build the subsidiary corporations exactly as they would have to be organized if private capital were to enter the shipping business and buy the ships from the government. But the government would finance the enterprise and would get all the profits if there are any. The object of the plan is to cut down losses and make the subsidiary companies attractive to prospective private purchasers. In other words if there is any good will in the established shipping lines, the government feels that asset is derived from government investment and should bring a return in cash just as much as the actual property. That would be the case if any British steamship line or any other were purchased by capitalists. For without the ships furnished by the government and a favorable commission contract, there would have been no good will built up.

The most intense pressure is being exerted to prevent the shipping board from putting into operation the plan it has already decided upon. The President is believed to have recognized this and to have come to the conclusion that when the board's plan goes into operation it shall have the wholehearted support of the administration. An opinion has been asked from the attorney general as to the legality of the plan. The general counsel of the shipping board and prominent lawyers who have been consulted say there is no doubt of the legality. In fact it is said the new scheme is far more in line with the merchant marine act of 1920 than the managing agent system. If the board's plan is overthrown, it may be as a result of legal obstacles put in its path but the general belief is that if President Coolidge wants the plan used he will not be influenced by the criticism of illegality in the face of approval by the array of counsel who have passed on it.

It seems certain that when Congress reconvenes there will be an inquiry into the whole matter and should it appear that private interests have been able to damage the morale of the government's shipping enterprise there will be even further restrictions imposed which will insure Government independence of private operation so long as the ships are owned by the government.

HADN'T LISTED TAXES FOR LAST THREE YEARS

J. O. Scott, white, in recorder's court Tuesday morning for failure to list his taxes, was let off under suspended sentence on payment of costs and of his taxes for the last three years. Mr. Scott, it appeared, hadn't listed his taxes for the entire three year period.

COOLIDGE SENDS MESSAGE TO PRESS

New Orleans, Aug. 28—Undivided allegiance to the constitution and unhesitating obedience to legislative action were urged upon the press of the Nation today by President Coolidge in a letter to A. G. Newmeyer, president of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association.

DEAD MAN'S LIFE WAS COMPLICATED

John Sutphen, Whose Murderer Is Being Sought Worked For Small Salary But Knew Many Women

New York, August 28—Another chapter in Broadway's night life slowly is being revealed to the police in their search for the murderer of John Sutphen, who was found dead with a warm pipe in his mouth day before yesterday.

Two flashily dressed women, the presence of cyanide in Sutphen's stomach, a third woman known as Mrs. Sutphen, who lived in his apartment and the real Mrs. Sutphen in New Jersey, were the tangibles the police had to work on. Sutphen, although working on a comparatively small salary as private secretary to George Helm, paid \$12,000 yearly for his apartment.

Special Fares to Charlotte Event

Made in Carolinas Exposition Opens in That City on September 24

Charlotte, August 28.—Special excursion fares on every railroad entering Charlotte or serving railroads connecting with roads that enter this city, on account of the Made-in-Carolinas exposition September 24 to October 6, are announced in local and joint passenger tariff No. 8254, issued by W. H. Howard, in Atlanta. The excursion fares to Charlotte on account of the exposition next month are effective over a wide range of territory served by a great many trunk lines and subsidiary railway lines.

Tickets at excursion rates to this city will be sold for use from original starting point only, on September 22 to October 6, 1923, inclusive. The tickets will be void after October 7, prior to midnight of which date return trip must be completed. Stop-overs will not be allowed on tickets sold under this tariff, except where stop-overs are authorized in accordance with the regulations contained in the tariffs of the carriers over whose lines the tickets read, as lawfully on file with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

One and one-half of the lowest one-way fare, as published in the passenger tariffs of the various roads, will apply for tickets via any regularly published ticketing route, adding sufficient, when necessary, to make excursion fare end in a full cent.

Children of five and under 12 years of age will be charged one-half the fares authorized under the excursion tariffs. Children under five, accompanied by parents, will be carried free. Tickets under this tariff must be purchased before boarding trains.

The railroads named in the excursion tariff announcement are: Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railway; Atlanta and West Point; Atlantic Coast Line; Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio; Central of Georgia; Charleston and Western Carolina; Columbia, Newberry and Laurens; Georgia railroad; Georgia Southwestern and Gulf; Louisville and Nashville; Macon, Dublin and Savannah; Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis; Norfolk Southern; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac; Seaboard Air Line; Southern; Blue Ridge Railway Company; Georgia Southern and Florida; South Georgia; Wrightsville and Tennessee.

IRON FENCE FOR TOMB OF SOLDIER

Washington, August 28—The tomb of the "Unknown Soldier" will be surrounded by an iron fence to prevent its defacement. It was announced here yesterday.

CURRITUCK ADOPTS PROGRESSIVE PLAN

Highly Trained Supervisor Has Been Employed To Put School Program Into Effect—Schools Open Sept. 10

Moyock, August 28.—The Currituck County Board of Education at its last meeting finally adopted a plan for the reorganization of its schools as recommended by the United States Bureau of Education.

Miss Maud C. Newberry, a native of Maryland, specialist in rural education in the United States Bureau of Education, has been employed by the Board of Education to assist in putting the Federal bureau's plan into operation.

The Currituck County schools will open on September 10. A teachers meeting will be held in the courthouse at Currituck on September 6, and 7. Terms at Poplar Branch and Moyock will be 9 months in length. All other schools will have eight months term.

The adoption of the Federal bureau plan calls eventually for a nine months term for all the children of Currituck County.

The bureau plans, among other things, calls for the establishment of two superior junior-senior high schools in the county, one at Poplar Branch, the other at Moyock; and the transportation of all children above the sixth grade to these two high school centers; for the employment of teachers superior in training to those employed in the past; for the introduction of courses in home economics, agriculture and commercial subjects in the two high schools; and for the use of standard subject matter and intelligence tests in the promotion of children.

As a result of the progressive steps taken by the Currituck County Board of Education a larger number of college and normal school graduates will be employed than ever before; home economics, agricultural and commercial courses will be introduced in Moyock and Poplar Branch high schools; the one teacher schools at Tulls and Barco will be abandoned and the children transported to Currituck; the one teacher schools at Gregory and Corner Gum and the two-teacher school at Indiantown abandoned and transportation furnished to Shawboro.

Five International and two Ford trucks have been purchased. These with the trucks already owned by the Board of Education will be routed as follows:

Indiantown via Sligo to Moyock—International.
Gregory, via Sligo to Moyock—International.
Maple via Sligo to Moyock—International.

Tulls to Moyock—Ford.
Moyock township (Backwoods) to Moyock—Ford.
Corner Gum to Moyock—Ford.
Tulls to Currituck—Ford.
Barco to Currituck—Ford.
Coblock via Gaulbush Ridge to Poplar Branch—International.
Harbinger to Poplar Branch—International.
Powells Point to Poplar Branch—Reo.
Grandy to Poplar Branch—Ford.
Teacherages equipped with every modern convenience are nearing completion at Knotts Island, Poplar Branch, Currituck and Moyock. These buildings will be an aid in attracting and retaining in the county skilled teachers.

THREE WITNESSES TELL OF SHOOTING

(By The Associated Press.)
Cumberland Courthouse, Va., August 28.—Three additional witnesses had told their stories of the shooting of Rev. Edward Pierce today when the trial of Robert Garrett was halted for dinner.

All of them were witnesses at the trial of Larkin Garrett and testified to seeing the revolver in the hands of the minister during the fight in front of the Baptist parsonage but none saw him fire. John Godsey testified that Robert fired the first shot, while J. M. Shepherd said he was sure that Larkin did.

Governors Pledge Aid In Event of Coal Strike

(By The Associated Press.)
New York, August 28.—Governors and governors' representatives of anthracite consuming states conferring here today adopted a resolution pledging the fullest co-operation with the Federal fuel administration in the event of the threatened suspension of anthracite mining on September the first.

RESOLUTION URGES ARMING TO LIMIT

Norfolk, August 28—Condemnation as "un-American" of the Ku Klux Klan and any other organization whose members appear in the presence of the American flag with faces masked was proposed in a resolution today to the annual encampment of Veterans of Foreign Wars. That the United States should arm right up to the limit of the provisions of the treaty for limitation of armaments was the declaration of another resolution presented.

AIRMEN MAKING GREAT SUCCESS

(By The Associated Press.)
San Diego, Cal., Aug. 28—In a plane that takes on fuel and food in midair with the same ease that an express train's locomotive scoops water en route, Captain Lowell Smith and Lt. John Richter, circling a course above Santiago today, passed the 24 hours mark in their air marathon. Early today they had broken two speed records, those for 2,500 and 3,000 kilometers.

HANDCUFFED MEN ESCAPE FROM TRAIN

Salisbury, Aug. 28—Volley and Lawrence Weaver escaped from a moving train while handcuffed together last night and have not been captured. They were being taken to the penitentiary by the sheriff of Macon county. They jumped through the lavatory window.

DECLARES GASOLINE SITUATION SERIOUS

Titusville, Pa. Aug. 28—A. C. Bedford, chairman of the Standard Oil board, said here yesterday that the present gasoline situation affects the consumers as well as the producers and presents a serious problem.

MANNING CLOSES OIL CONFERENCE

Raleigh, August 28—Attorney General Manning closed his conference with oil dealers here yesterday, and will make an announcement of the action he expects to take in a few days.

FARMERS TO HEAR CONGRESSMAN WARD

Edenton, August 28—A regular gala day, feasting, entertainment and a get together event will be staged on Wednesday, August 29, when the farmers of Washington County will be hosts to the farmers of adjoining counties, with a barbecue at Rea's Beach, a speech by the Congressman of this District, Honorable H. S. Ward, and another by Homer Mask, field director of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Association, and probably others. The farmers will gather at Rea's Beach about ten o'clock, and the speaking will start about eleven o'clock. Farmers going from here can take the Edenton-Mackeys Ferry at eight o'clock, reaching Mackeys shortly after nine and be conveyed to the picnic grounds, which is but three miles away.

SNOW STORM DELUXE IS SHOWN IN 'MAIN STREET'

A snow storm de luxe in balmy California, on a day when Old Sol was doing his best to boom the ice cream industry.

It sounds incredible, but it actually took place recently in Hollywood, thanks to the wonders of science and the ingenuity of the group of men responsible for the screen adaptation of "Main Street," from the best seller novel of Sinclair Lewis.

The science was represented by 10 huge wind machines. The entire set of "Main Street" was covered with white sand, tons of salt and a composition which made it glisten like the real thing. During the Winter Carnival scene, in which over a thousand extras participated, there was erected a huge ski slide which was covered with ice by freezing the same (as in the ice plant), and at the bottom of the ski slide was a large pond frozen over. On this, professional skaters gave exhibitions. There were also three professional ski jumpers who performed in this picture, a Warren Brothers classic of the screen. The ski jumpers was by three Canadians who have performed all over the world.

COSGRAVE ELECTED FROM KILKENNY

(By The Associated Press.)
Dublin, August 28—President William Cosgrave has been elected on the first preference vote from Kilkenny.

MRS. WILSON VISITS IN MASSACHUSETTS

Mattapoisett, Mass. Aug. 28—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson arrived here yesterday for her first visit away from former President Wilson with one exception since the beginning of his long illness.

GUY BATES POST THURSDAY

The Guy Bates Post production, which by an error was advertised for Monday will be shown at the Alkrama Theatre on Thursday. Manager Burgess was greatly disappointed to observe the error on Monday as he has always endeavored only to advertise exactly what is being shown each day. Anyway this production is on for Thursday and is already here and will certainly be shown.

Weevil Doing Deadly Work In Lower Part Of County

Abundant Evidence Of Ravages Of Pest And Forty Salem Farmers Witness First Demonstration In Pasquotank Of Method Of Combatting Weevil With Poison

BELGIAN STANDS RIGHT BY FRANCE

Reply To Latest British Reparations Note Maintains That Legality Of Occupation Of Ruhr Is Established

(By The Associated Press.)
Paris, August 28—The Belgian government in its reply to the latest British reparations note, stands with France on the principal points of contention, maintaining that the legality of the Ruhr occupation has been established by previous action of the Allies, including Great Britain, and that evacuation of the Ruhr valley is impossible upon simple promises from Germany.

The reply dwells particularly on the justice of Belgium's claim to property in the reparations payment. It points out that thus far Belgium has received only two million gold marks more than Great Britain. Foreign Minister Jasper asserts, "The whole problem of reparations are definitely bound together" and he proposes a new method in procedure in negotiations, suggesting conservation among the Allies "without reverting to the old system of conferences."

Drainage Now Chief Interest Of Bray

But City Manager Still Finding Time For Other Important Matters

Drainage, drainage and drainage will be the three chief matters to which City Manager Bray will devote the greater part of his attention from now until the end of winter, he told an Advance reporter Tuesday.

Just now the intake of the storm sewer at the corner of Dyer and Church streets is the matter receiving immediate attention. It is a well known fact that this corner is one of the most readily flooded of any of the paved streets of the city and Mr. Bray says that the reason is that the storm sewer intake has been too small to take care of the flow of water. This intake is being enlarged and the City Manager believes that this step will remedy the situation at this particular corner.

What is being done at the corner of Dyer and Church is to be done at every street corner in the city at which water has been disposed to stand after a rain; that is in some way or other adequate means to take the water off will be sought, according to Mr. Bray.

While the City Manager is devoting his attention to street drainage problems, owners of vacant lots are keeping the weeds cut down on their property to an extent that has never been observed in Elizabeth City before. A few property owners, however, have not heeded the notice to cut down the weeds on their property and warrants were being drawn for the bringing of these offenders into court. "I can't get anybody to cut the weeds on my lot," said a busy property owner calling Mr. Bray on the telephone. "Can't the city cut these weeds and let me pay for it?" "Sorry," said the City Manager, "but you'll have to pay your fine in court first. If I put my force to cutting weeds on all the lots where the property owners want them I will not be able to do any other work for the rest of the summer."

City Manager Bray is planning to recommend to the City Council at its September meeting the creation of a city planning commission as authorized by the 1923 session of the General Assembly. Mr. Bray has delayed action in this matter until he had time to examine the act and to acquaint members of the Council with the importance of its provisions.

GENERAL TELINI IS ASSASSINATED

London, August 28—General Telini, president of the commission for the delimitation of the Greco-Albanian frontier, Surgeon Major Soort, the general's chauffeur, and his aidecamp, have been assassinated, says an Athens dispatch to the Central News. Word of the assassinations came from Janina, Albania, the message adds.

MISSISSIPPI GOES TO THE POLLS TODAY

Jackson, Miss. August 28—Mississippi is going to the polls today to decide between Harry L. Whitfield and Theodore G. Kilgo for governor.

Forty-odd farmers of lower Pasquotank witnessed the first demonstration in this County of the dusting method of combatting the boll weevil with calcium arsenate on the farm of Theodore Fletcher 11 miles from the city and about two miles from the Weeksville postoffice Monday afternoon.

This is the section of Pasquotank in which the boll weevil is most prevalent and of a multitude of bugs and beetles brought to County Farm Agent Grover Falls by those who attended the demonstration were two genuine boll weevils alive in bottles. Everybody present took a look at the specimens and noted the insect's long snout. Most of those present had never seen a boll weevil before, but they are now certain that if they find one in their own cotton they'll be able to recognize it.

Though live weevils are scarce, in this particular section of Pasquotank evidences of weevil damages are abundant. It is an easy matter to pick up in quite a number of fields a punctured square and to find within the curved white grub which is the weevil in its pupa stage. In some fields many young bolls, even, are found punctured. A few farmers declare that they can rake up the punctured squares in their cotton furrows in double handfuls and estimate the damage to this year's crop at 33 1-3 per cent. County Agent Falls, however, is of the opinion that these estimates of this year's damage are too high.

In the case of Theodore Fletcher, on whose farm Monday's demonstration was made, the boll-weevil infestation of the cotton had not reached a stage to justify dusting; but the cotton leaf worm, generally called the army worm, was making such heavy inroads on Mr. Fletcher's cotton that poison was necessary and so, calcium arsenate, which gets both the weevil and the worm, was resorted to. Part of Mr. Fletcher's cotton had been practically denuded of foliage by the ravages of the worm.

The powder was dusted on Mr. Fletcher's cotton by a man on horseback armed with a powder gun with a flexible muzzle. To those watching the demonstration horse and rider presented an incongruous and uncommon appearance.

"But this operation will be a common sight next year all over Pasquotank County," said County Agent Falls.

"It ain't going to be common on my farm," said one who watched the experiment. "I'm done planting cotton."

Pasquotank's cotton acreage this year is probably the largest in its history and the same thing may be said of Currituck and Camden. If the cotton crop in prospect in these counties a few weeks ago had fully materialized, it is very questionable whether it would have been possible to harvest it.

Even now County Agent Falls does not look for damage to the cotton crop in this County from the boll weevil to exceed five per cent. But anthracnose and the cotton leaf worm will cut down the yield more than the boll weevil this year.

NEGRO GETS FREEDOM IN ORDER SECURE BOND

Wilmington, August 28—Federal Judge H. G. Connor, in a communication received by the United States Marshal here, has ordered that Geo. Cooper, negro, held in jail in default of \$200 bond, be allowed to go to his home to secure the amount, which he declares he has, in order to gain his freedom until his case comes up for trial during the regular fall term of Federal Court. Cooper, it is ordered, however, shall be accompanied by a deputy. The negro was bound over on a charge of violating the prohibition laws.

CROPS AND STOCK ARE FINE IN CAMDEN

Greater interest in the Albemarle District Fair than ever before in Camden County is the verdict of W. W. Garrett, himself a native Camdentonian, who has just completed a tour of the entire county all the way from Old Trap to the Dismal Swamp. "I measured ears of corn fifteen inches long and I saw some extraordinarily fine stock," says Mr. Garrett, and I look for the best county exhibit and the best individual exhibits from Camden ever seen at the District Fair."

J. N. Pugh of Old Trap was here on business Tuesday.

COTTON MARKET

New York August 28—Spot cotton closed steady today. Middling 22.45—35 points decline. Futures closed at the following levels. October, 24.19; December 24.10; January, 23.80; March, 23.84; May, 23.85. New York, Aug. 28.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 24.60-53, Dec. 24.43-41, Jan. 24.05-04, March 24.14-12, May 24.07-08.