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BIG INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION PLANNED FOR DUNN

Will Eclipse All Former Efforts Of This Kind, Promoters Say

WAR VETERANS ARE TO TAKE LARGE PART

Fair Association, Chamber Of Commerce, Woman's Club American Legion And Other Agencies Of Town To Combine In Work For Occasion—Fire Works At Night.

Dunn's Independence Day celebration this year will eclipse all former effort along this line. If the plans of the Harnett County Fair Association, the Chamber of Commerce, the Woman's Club, the American Legion, the choral societies and other agencies of Dunn are carried out on Monday, July 4.

A tentative program arranged this week by Ellis Goldstein and T. Riddle includes a reunion of World War, Spanish War and War Between the States Veterans; patriotic speeches by popular orators, parades of soldiers, civilians, industrial workers and floats; band concerts, athletic events, baseball games, horse racing, motor cycle racing, stunting contests and other events for the day, and a glorious fire works display at night. Supplementing the fire works at night will be a concert by the choral societies of Dunn and at least one band.

Big Prizes Offered Several hundred dollars will be offered as prizes, purses and premiums. The winning base ball team, for instance, will be given \$50. Large purses will be given winning horse owners and motor cycle riders, and big premiums are being offered for those who bring farm products and other exhibits.

Other details are to be worked out and will be placed on the program which soon will be ready for distribution.

Arrangements are being made for the printing of a large number of display posters, window lithographs, automobile signs and other advertising matter and for the staging of the big fire works show. A few weeks the whole community will be pleased to come and help Dunn celebrate.

Staged at Fair Grounds

The Harnett County Fair Grounds will be the scene of the celebration. The stage in front of the grandstand will be reconstructed for the use of the singers and will be equipped with spot lights to show the night stage attractions. An admission fee of fifty cents for grown people and twenty-five cents for children will probably be charged to help pay the expense of the spectacle, although the event is not being promoted to make money.

In view of the fact that this is to be a reunion of former service men it is expected that the war and navy departments of the nation will cooperate to the extent that several aeroplanes, a detachment of soldiers and sailors and a military band will be sent here for the day. There has been no definite promise made but the committee in charge is hopeful that the departments will aid to this extent.

Surrounding towns, schools and committees will be invited to cooperate with Dunn in this celebration. Committees will soon be sent to the towns in Sampson, Johnston, Harnett and Cumberland and to invite them to take part in the celebration and to stage any exhibit in keeping with the spirit of the occasion they may care to make.

Stars And Bars Wave Again In The South

Fast Thinning Ranks of Lee's Veterans March in Annual Review In Southern States

Atlanta, Ga., April 6.—The stars and bars of the Confederacy waved again today over the fast thinning ranks of Lee's veterans as they marched in annual review and over thousands of graves in Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi, where April 26 is observed as Memorial Day.

American legion posts and Spanish war veterans turned out to do honor to the soldiers of the Confederacy and were joined by thousands of cadets and school children united sons of confederate veterans, daughters of the confederacy and various memorial organizations. The exercises generally consisted of parades through downtown streets and decoration of graves after patriotic addresses at the cemeteries. Rain marred the program in Mississippi, but in few instances prevented some form of memorial exercises. The day was a legal holiday in the four states. Other southern states pay tribute to their veterans later in the spring.

FRANCE HOLDS OFFER TO BE ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE

Paris, April 27.—Jean Jules Jusserand, French ambassador to the United States, has been informed by the French government that the German reparations proposals, as transmitted to the Washington government, are absolutely unacceptable. The French point of view is that these proposals, instead of making any advance toward a satisfactory settlement of the reparations question, are rather a step backward.

LUCKNOW PARK MAINTENANCE GOES TO JURY IN HARNETT

Reclaiming Order Continued By Lyon Without Delving Further Into Controversy

Title to Lucknow Square being contested, Judge Lyon, sitting in Johnston Superior Court at Smithfield, declined to delve further into the respective cases of the Town of Dunn and the Atlantic Coast Line Railway company, claimants, and committed the matter to the September term of Harnett Superior Court for the trial of civil cases.

The temporary restraining order issued several weeks ago by Judge Lyon, which enjoined the Town of Dunn from interfering with the railway company's claim to the square, was not challenged by the town, and the order was granted. The town, however, claims that the property was dedicated to the public for use as a community square at the time the first lots were sold under the auspices of the railway company's officials.

Several efforts have been made in the last ten years to have the square converted into a public park, but it was not until early in this year that any real progress was made. The matter was first brought to the attention of the Chamber of Commerce by the Woman's Club. The Chamber could not very well take any part in the matter for the reason that some of its leading members were opposed to the removal of the cotton yard from the square. Later the Board of Town Commissioners granted the women permission to take charge of the property.

Came Back With Order Before the court could get to work with their contemplated improvements, Court Line officials appealed to the Board for a stay of execution. They said they wanted time in which to obtain and prepare another side for the cotton yard. This stay was granted. Before its expiration the officials of the road came back with a restraining order which enjoined the town from interfering with the railway company's claim.

Harnett County Jury will do with property valued at about \$150,000 and very vigorously claimed by the Town of Dunn.

ANOTHER MEETING ON WAGE MATTER

Final Break Between Ship-Owners and Marine Workers Narrowly Averted

Washington, April 27.—A final break between the shipowners and marine workers was narrowly averted at the conference called here today by Chairman Hanson of the Shipping Board, in an effort to prevent a threatened strike on May 1, when existing wage agreements expire. A last moment appeal by Andrew Furuseth, president of the International Seamen's Union, resulted in a postponement.

Admiral Benson told the conference Friday. The delay was sought in order that proposals of Chairman Benson for a 15 per cent wage reduction and changes in working conditions affect might be laid before the unions, but admittedly the outlook for an agreement Friday was not bright.

Admiral Benson told the conference he would not recede from the outline of reductions he had presented as necessary to the merchant marine.

Reject Wage Reduction W. S. Brown for the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association flatly rejected the proposed wage reduction.

W. A. Thompson, representing the American Steamship Owners' Association, said that unless the unions were prepared to negotiate a new wage scale further conferences would be useless and that his organization was now prepared to act.

When Admiral Benson's declaration that he would not trade on his wage appeals had brought matters to a climax, the president of the International Seamen's Union made a plan for delay and further consideration in behalf of the American merchant marine and won the consent of the conference to another session.

One More Proposition In his appeal, Mr. Furuseth warned ship-owners that he had one more proposition to offer, should a break come which he hoped he would not be called upon to present. If that could not be avoided, he added, without revealing what he had in mind, "let the chips fall where they may."

Replying to Chairman Benson's proposals for a readjustment of wages and working conditions, Mr. Brown read a resolution adopted by the engineers' wage committee, which declared that the proposed wage scale and reclassification of ships was not acceptable, although changes in working conditions were. Later he said the engineers would not recede from the stand they had taken and would not accept a wage reduction.

General Roundup Of Players Has Started

State Officials With Federal Aid Will Place Under Bond Men Involved in the 1918 Scandal

Chicago, April 26.—A general roundup of men indicted in connection with the 1919 world series baseball scandal has been started by state officials, and federal aid will be sought in apprehending several persons who have not yet given bond, it was announced today at the state's attorney office after receipt of reports that some of the alleged conspirators had fled to foreign countries.

Geo. E. Gorman, assistant state's attorney, tonight said he had information that Abe Attell, former world's champion featherweight, and Joseph J. (Sport) Sullivan, known in the past as a gambler, had fled to Canada. Others in the case were reported to state officials to have made plans to go to Mexico or to be there now, Mr. Gorman said.

Mr. Gorman said that since there were no treaties with Canada under which a man could be extradited for a misdemeanor, federal officials would be asked to request the Canadian government to request Attell and Sullivan as undesirable if they are found in that country. President H. Johnson, of the American League, is en route to Washington to make this request, he said.

Detectives will be sent tomorrow to San Jose, Cal., to bring back Chase, arrested there yesterday. Eddie Cicotte, once the American League's leading pitcher, sent word from his Detroit home late today that he would come to Chicago within a few days to give bond. Similar news was received from Louis Levi and Ben Levi, alleged gamblers.

Charles Ribicoff, George Weaver, Fred McMullin, Joe Jackson, Oscar Feisch and Claude Williams, White Sox players and Carl Zork and Ben Franklin, of St. Louis, have given bond, Mr. Gorman said.

Local attorneys for Rachel Brown, Sullivan and Attell, said that if these men had fled from this country, "it was news to them." Chick Gandar, another player, is reported in Texas, and has sent word that he will come to Chicago to give bond.

REFUSED D. S. C. MEDAL FROM GENERAL PERSHING

Scotland Neck, April 27.—Associated Press Dispatches today carried a story of the escape of Lieutenant Marian Cooper, of the Polish Kosciuszko air squadron, from Russians by whom he was shot down some months ago, and his safe return to the Polish forces.

Lieutenant Cooper was in fact shot down by the Russians in the service of the A. E. F., being a close friend of many from this section and a special friend of Lieutenant Norfolk Smith, who was in a base hospital at the same time. Lieutenant Smith states that the aviator was offered the distinguished service medal by General Pershing for bravery under fire but would not accept, due to the fact that this observer, who was with him on this special occasion, was not also offered the medal. Lieutenant Cooper joined the Polish forces after procuring his honorable discharge some days after the armistice was signed and until shot down some months ago has been seeing active service with the Poles.

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I wondered why a difference should be in evidence. I had occasion to go to see a man at an expensive hotel. He told me that his room cost him five dollars a day and I wondered how that would strike a farmer. It was a little coffin of a room, with half as big as the one I have at my own home, and with one window where mine has three, with no ventilation, with a brick wall ten feet away from the one thing that can be seen from the window, and no birds chattering in the trees outside of the window, and no sunlight accessible at anytime of the day, and no trees to be seen and no dog barking on the porch, and not a thing that goes for comfort. But the charge was five dollars a day.

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CITIZEN'S TICKET IN FIELD TO FIGHT RECENT NOMINEES

Wade And Democrat Choices In First And Second Wards Are Endorsed

DISSATISFIED WITH OLD BOARD MEMBERS

Julius M. Lee, Independent and Neil S. Green, Republican, To Oppose William H. Newberry And Ellis Goldstein In the Third And Fourth Wards.

With a citizens' ticket in the field to contest for municipal offices next Tuesday, and P. A. Lee determined to oppose Loftin A. Taylor in a second primary probably to be held next Monday to determine who shall be the Democratic nominee for commissioner from the second ward, it appears that there is still plenty of kick in local politics and that the fight is yet far from finished.

Neil S. Green, automobile dealer, and Julius M. Lee, grocer, are new candidates on the citizens' ticket for the offices of commissioner from the third and fourth wards respectively. They would oppose William H. Newberry and Ellis Goldstein, present board members who are well known in the Democratic primary of last Monday.

J. Lloyd Wade, for mayor, R. M. Warren, for commissioner from the first ward, both of whom are Democrats, and Messrs. Lee and Taylor, are endorsed by the citizens' committee.

Mr. Green is a Republican and represents the highest type of those of Dunn's citizens who subscribe to Republican theories. Mr. Lee is an Independent. They are, however, that the question of their national political affiliation does not enter in the present fight. They were chosen by the citizens committee in order that politics might not enter into the local election, it is said.

Dissatisfaction with the old board of commissioners, who are now in office, is the main reason for the new ticket, it is said. The new ticket, it is said, is a direct result of the dissatisfaction with the old board.

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New Paper Started In Wilmington For South

Methodist Minister Will Edit Periodical For Southern Methodist Clubs

Wilmington, April 27.—"The Methodist Clubman" is the name of a very handsome new magazine which has just been issued from the press and will be published monthly in this city as the official magazine of the Methodist Men's Clubs of the Southern Methodist Church, the Rev. Geo. Stanley Fraser being the editor.

The May edition, which is now being mailed to a large number of prominent ministers and laymen throughout the South and Middle West, presents a striking appearance. Practically from the outset the new periodical for laymen will have a circulation of from 8,000 to 10,000 copies, covering a territory of 24 states.

The magazine is designed not only for men of the church, but carries a message of interest to men in all departments of life. It is also the official magazine of the Methodist Men's Club, an organization that has grown rapidly during the past four years to more than two hundred clubs, and a membership in every state in the South. The plan of the publishers is to make it a representative magazine for laymen of the church generally.

The editor, the Rev. George Stanley Fraser, is well known throughout Southern Methodism as a pulpit orator and as a graceful and forceful writer. In addition to two widely read books, "The Facia of Faith" and "Christianity and the Man of Today," frequent contributions from his pen have appeared in the church papers and in the secular press.

In association with the editor will be Lamont Smith, advertising manager, and Silas Sheets, circulation manager. The offices of the "Methodist Clubman" have been established in the Murehson building, this city.

COTTON CONFERENCE CALLED TO CONSIDER PINK BOLLWORM

The United States Department of Agriculture has issued a call for a conference of persons and interests related to the cotton industry, to be held in Washington May 15. The purpose of the conference is to consider how best to protect the cotton industry against the pink bollworm, the most dangerous of cotton pests.

This pest entered the United States from Mexico in the fall of 1917, appearing first in Texas. Prompt measures were taken to beat it back, and about \$2,000,000 have already been expended by the Federal Government.

With the complete occupation of Mexico by the United States, the pest is now a menace to the cotton industry in Texas. Unfortunately, the State of Texas has failed to provide for such adequate quarantine and control work as is regarded absolutely necessary by the scientists of the Department of Agriculture, and because of this lack of full cooperation there is now great danger that the pest will be disseminated throughout Texas, which means in course of time throughout the cotton belt.

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CARPENTIER WILL BE SEEN IN FILM AT WHITE WAY

Amazing Gifts of Striking World Figures Immortalized in Striking Society Drama, "The Wonder Man."

The elite of Washington society forms the background for "The Wonder Man," the Robertson-Cole super-special picture, starring Georges Carpentier, idol of France and European heavyweight champion, which will come to the White Way Theatre Wednesday.

This unusual drama of American society, directed by John G. Adolfi, for Robertson-Cole, promises a revelation in motion pictures of the versatility of Carpentier, according to eminent critics who attended a recent preview, will prove a great surprise to lovers of the cinema art.

Based on an intriguing story of love and mystery, in which Carpentier is given opportunity to display his capacity as a boxer, a sportsman and as a gentleman of the first order, "The Wonder Man," should prove to be one of the most commendable productions that the White Way theatre has ever presented.

Included in the picture is a boxing bout, with man of national and international prominence forming the audience. At the time the boxing scene was taken more than 2,000 persons packed the studio. This realistic scene, said to be the most perfect of its kind ever filmed in the history of the screen, shows Carpentier in the ring for the first time on this side of the Atlantic. He fights four fast rounds with a worthy opponent.

Among other commendable reports on "The Wonder Man," received from critics who witnessed the preview, is the sensation created by the superb acting of Carpentier. His ability as an actor of the first magnitude promises to be a revelation to the lovers of the cinema art.

KINSTON POLICE TRYING

POLITENESS ON AUTOISTS

Kinston, April 27.—"How d'ye get that way?" has been replaced the official vocabulary of the Kinston Police with "Thank you; come again." J. Frank Bursell, the chief, is responsible for the language on traffic signs placed at the municipal limits today. The signs inform the incoming autoist that the speed limit is 15 miles and unnecessary noises and bright lights are banned. Going out the autoist is warned to slow down.

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EIGHT COUNTIES BUILD OWN ROADS

Will Furnish Money Until State Commission Is Ready To Pay It Back

Eight counties came to the Highway Commission yesterday with proposals to go ahead and build their part of the State Highway system and let the State reimburse them when it was able. The Commission accepted the proposals, and ordered the roads built as soon as the formalities of advertising for contracts can be completed with.

Guilford, Granville, Pasquotank, Beaufort, Duplin, Pamlico, and Columbus counties had delegations here with such proposals, and other counties have delegations in the city waiting their turn with similar proposals. All of the arrangements are made under Section 14 of the Road Law which enables the counties to build the road under the supervision of the Commission, with reimbursement to the counties at such time as the Commission deems proper.

Having the various delegations consumed considerable time, and little accomplished at yesterday's session. One delegation was before the Commission from Caldwell county asking that that county be transferred from the Eighth to the Sixth road district. No definite action was taken, and the matter will go over until a later meeting. This is the first endeavor to shift from one district to another.

Nothing was done yesterday toward the completion of the organization of the working forces of the commission, and the employment of engineers, completion of maintenance plans, etc., will be taken up today or tomorrow, when the last of the delegations have been heard and their petitions acted upon. Several delegations were before the commission in matters of locating roads in their respective communities, but these matters were generally referred to the resident commissioner.

All members of the commission were in attendance yesterday with the exception of Word H. Wood, of the Sixth district, who has given his resignation to Governor Morrison. His successor has not been appointed as yet.

HEALTHY PLACE

"Is Lonsville a healthy place?" "Healthy? Why they'll have to kill the population on Judgment Day." Exchange.

Of the two hundred islands comprising the Fiji Islands, but eighty are inhabited.

FINANCE ACT NOT VALID ACCORDING TO HIGHEST COURT

Supreme Body Rules That Law Is Not Effective Without Roll Call

SPECIAL SESSION MAY HAVE TO BE CALLED

Finances of North Carolina Cities Seriously Crippled By Decision—Taxation And Financing of Municipal Projects Held Up. Secretary of State Asks For Opinion.

The failure of the State senate's journal to show that the Municipal Finance Act was passed on its third reading by an aye and no roll call vote, and the ruling of the Attorney General that the Secretary of State may not correct the Journal to correspond with entries on the original bill may cost the municipalities of the State two millions of dollars and may necessitate an extra session of the General Assembly.

Attorney General Manning yesterday gave his opinion to the Secretary of State who inquired if he had the authority to correct the Journal of the Senate. The Secretary of State, in turn, had asked on request of New York bond attorneys interested in North Carolina municipal bonds.

Entry indicates Roll Call The entry on the original bill indicates that it passed on third reading in accordance with the law, was reconsidered, amended, and was passed on third reading as amended by vote of 42 to 0. The Journal, however, only shows that the bill was passed on its third reading but does not indicate that it passed by roll call. The Attorney General yesterday ruled that this was a defect sufficiently serious to invalidate the act.

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Harding Lauds Work Of American Papers

Letter From President Read At Luncheon of Associated Press At New York

New York, April 26.—Praise of American newspapers by President Harding and an address by John W. Davis, formerly ambassador to Great Britain, featured the annual luncheon of the Associated Press held today in connection with the annual business meeting.

In a letter read at the luncheon, President Harding lauded the course of the press during the war and expressed the hope that his administration would continue to deserve the support accorded it thus far by the newspapers.

Mr. Davis, making his first appearance before the members as general counsel for the Associated Press, had set words for impartial truthful news gathering as he had found it exemplified by the Associated Press, and referring to the importance of foreign news, digressed to give personal opinions on several matters affecting foreign relations of the United States. He urged that a treaty should be ratified by a majority vote of the Senate, instead of two-thirds, and that there be adequate compensation for the diplomatic and consular service.

At the business meeting the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved that the members of the Associated Press, in convention assembled, tender their thanks to the president, board of directors and officers of the Associated Press for their efficient work during the past year, which has made the Associated Press the greatest news-gathering organization in the world and a credit to the United States."

President Harding is the first President who has belonged the Baptist Church.