

WITH WILMINGTON SHIPBUILDERS

Doings of the Men Who Are Building Spans in Pershing's Bridge of Ships.

Elwood G. Glass, superintendent of construction at the Carolina plant, has been promoted to be construction engineer. He has moved from the little superintendent's office down about the middle of the plant, up to the second floor of the administration building. From that vantage point he can see everything that goes on. He has a desk and a stenographer and Marvin Davis, the dean of office boys, to wait upon him. His office is a big one with three doors leading out of it. It is littered with tables that are littered with blue prints and such things that are very simple to him but to the layman are like so much Dutch.



ELWOOD GLASS.

People down at the plant are unanimous in the prediction that one day Mr. Glass will lead the clan of construction engineers in America. Any way he has made a wonderful start. He is with all of his achievements, one of the most human of the entire bunch at the plant. He has been too busy, and will be too busy, to stop and think about what he has done, and to give himself credit for it. There is none of the affectation about him that unfortunately comes to many who achieve while young. One gathers that he is personally speaking about the same glass that he was nine years ago when he was a time checker in New York. He is married and has two children, Ethel and Elwood, Jr. He lives in Sunset Park and has bought himself a Hudson since he came down here.

A. W. Gordon, assistant and office manager for Mr. Towle, left yesterday for his home in Omaha, Nebraska. Not for keeps though. He is a manufacturer of tin cans, and the government needs a lot of them to ship stuff to France in. Tin cans are a rather prosaic item in the industrial life of America, but there are a lot of them used, and Mr. Gordon makes more of them than anybody else in his part of the country. Some time since he was in Washington when there was a minor scandal going about the unsatisfactory state of the tin can used to ship butter to France. All the butter leaked out. Gordon found out what was the matter and they wanted him to take a place in the commissary department as major of tin cans, or something like that. He didn't want to be a major, desiring to come down here and help get the shipyard started. The government would not forget about his tin can manufactory, and lately they wanted a lot of them, and it is probable that Mr. Gordon will make them. He will be back shortly. His ant is big enough to run itself, with an occasional look in from the big chief. Moreover, Mr. Gordon makes candy as well as tin cans.

"I guess we didn't figure our levels out here quite low enough," remarked Mr. Dilks yesterday afternoon in discussing the possibility of Captain Kidd's gold being reached down there. The custom of the well known pirate king was to dig about 15 feet deep. The accompanying slave would fill up the hole to about three feet of the top of the ground and then the general pirate would put the negro in the hole and finish filling it up himself. They are going but about 10 feet deep. If—which is a big word, even if there are but two letters in it—deeper down. The levels go no lower and it will not be turned up by the steam shovels.

The ground down there seems to be a net work of forgotten grave yards. Yet another sleeper was unearthed yesterday, and his skull adorns a live oak stump, with the bones of other sections of his anatomy piled up at the base of the stump. The skull is turning white in the blistering July sun, and the work goes on uninterrupted except for the cessation of the labors of a colored citizen who was a member of the crew that disinterred him. The negro has lost all interest in digging in the ground, even though the next shovelful may bring to light uncounted golden treasures.

The first aid station maintained for demonstration to any who may possibly be dazed or otherwise injured, is a sort of oasis in the wide, sun-baked desert of activity. The president genius is C. F. Vaughn, the head of the welfare department. He has very much mangled fingers to minister to, and a world of leisure to spend upon the hot and thirsty wayfarer.

He keeps a box of cigars handy that he says some fellow brought from New York, some ice water, and an inexhaustible supply of stories to tell. It is almost, if not quite, the pleasantest place in the plant, even though there are all the implements of first aid at hand to patch up the possible casualties. Vaughn tells a story in the manner of the renowned Ralph Bingham, known and beloved all over the country as one of America's typical humorists. He is much like him, for there is too much of his own genial personality in the telling to be like anybody else.

His headquarters are located in the very midst of the plant, and all roads lead by it some time during the day. Mr. Vaughn is always there with a welcome to any chance caller. The roads were not built by his place, they just grew there like pasture paths. No one ever knows why a path through a pasture is laid out like it is, it just happens so. Everybody just happens by his place, drawn by the force of personal magnetism of the keeper of the "house beside the road."

"It looks like folks down here can't get used to us Yankoes," said Mr. Dilks yesterday. "Your cooks, for instance. We have had two so far at our house and one of them left, the other I chased off. She didn't like to work for us. She was used to working for a 'gentleman' that didn't have his breakfast until nine o'clock. I have mine at 7 o'clock and don't get home to dinner until 7 o'clock in the evening."

"There is another thing that is worrying us a little. It is this profiteering. This morning there was a delegation of our men in my office to see me about their landlady charging them a dollar a week more for board because they work at the shipyard. They don't like it at all, and we may lose them. There are sporadic instances of this sort of thing breaking out here, not so important in themselves, but of grave concern when it is looked at from the standpoint of the effect on the men. They talk about it among themselves and it spreads discontent among them."

The shipyard men have come to Wilmington at considerable personal sacrifice, and great inconvenience. They are doing their part in the building of the bridge of ships, but there is a shortsighted and unpatriotic set that look at the presence of the shipyards here as merely a chance to grab something. Generally, the spirit is to help with every possible co-operation. The newcomers feel that, and are grateful for it. Then there is another minority class that displays nothing but a desire to grab while the grabbing is good, to lay the axe to the goose even before she is ready to lay the golden eggs. "People like that just as well march up and down the street waving a German flag," declared the head of the corporation.

A few more days will see the completion of the concrete highway to the gates of the plant. Yesterday work was begun on the plant itself, and two gangs are now bending their endeavors to meet. The county force is now working about 300 feet from the gate on the outside, and the state convicts working with the corporation machinery working from the timekeepers office outward. When complete the road will be one of the most magnificent highways in the state. It is 18 feet wide, of solid concrete inches thick and will be surfaced with tarvia. The south boulevard in Sunset Park will also be rebuilt with concrete, giving an uninterrupted roadway from the center of town to the heart of the plant.

THEATRICAL
Leo Adde and his Olympia Maids have already put up a new record for hot weather business at the Royal this week. It takes a mighty good show to get big crowds during the month of July and it has never before been done in Wilmington.

With the putting on of his third bill for today and tomorrow, with new specialties by the Merkel Sisters, the Lary Harmonists, the Nutty Three and the Singing Cartoonist, Royal patrons will have indeed a rare treat, as Mr. Adde announces that he has saved his very best and biggest bill for this week-end.

Bijou
Eddie Polo is the latest chapter of "The Bull's Eye," the stellar attraction at the Bijou today, does some of the most hair-raising stunts that have ever been registered on any screen anywhere. Polo was signed for the movies because he could pull stunts that no other living mortal could pull. He has co-starred in two digerent serials, but never before has he had an opportunity to be starred in his own name. With fascinating Vivian Reed, he is setting a new high water mark with "The Bull's Eye."

Little Mary McAllister comes again today, with the next to the final one of her big two reel heart throbbing dramas, thrilling and tear bringing story in which the diminutive star does some of her best work.

Grand
Viola Dana, star of "Blue Jeans," in her latest astro feature, "Breakfast Ahead," is the attraction at the Grand today.

Charming Viola Dana again in a role that has been especially written to suit her winsome personality—although Miss Dana is a star of brilliant and versatile attainments who asks no odds of any one. "Breakfast Ahead" is a story of the sea and seafaring people. Elmer Old, "Captain" Scudd, Eric Pixley, his first mate, Mike Burley, the ruffian, willing to steer "The Wasp" upon the rocks in order to collect the insurance money, and the little waif, Ruth, who grows up with the sound of the salt sea pounding in her ears, becomes very real to the spectator.

Grand Next Week.
In "A Modern Musketeer," to be shown at the Grand Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, Douglas Fairbanks holds up the mirror of the past, and compares the chivalry of olden times to the present day. The photoplay released by Artcraft, and is in line with

Fairbank's recent productions with scenes of ultra-sensationalism and humor.
Fairbanks interprets the role of Ned the spirit of D'Artagan through prenatal influence, his mother having been an ardent reader of Dumas. The self-reliance of the modern woman as compared with her sister in past generations is strikingly shown, for in many cases the chivalry of the modern D'Artagan is mistaken, and his gallant attempts to assist ladies in distress lead to rebukes from the independent maidens who are on the alert to squelch flirtations pests.

W. A. McMILLAN DEAD
Native of Fayetteville Dies in Jacksonville, Florida.
(Special Star Correspondence.)
Fayetteville, July 18.—W. A. McMillan, president of the Southern Metal Manufacturing company, of Jacksonville, Fla., and native of Fayetteville, died at his home in the Florida city Tuesday night, according to a telegram received by Mr. McMillan's family here. He had been in ill health for some time and his aunt, Miss Sarah McMillan, of this city, was called to Jacksonville a few days ago. A. B. McMillan, of this city, a cousin, left for Jacksonville on receipt of the intelligence of Mr. McMillan's death. The funeral will be held in Jacksonville.

Mr. McMillan was the eldest son of the late D. A. McMillan, of Fayetteville, and leaves a wife, formerly Miss Eula May McDonald, of this city, and a sister and brother, Mrs. Charles Elliott, of Fayetteville, and Charles McMillan, of Tampa, Fla. He had also a number of cousins living here and in Savannah, T. H. McMillan, of Savannah, and the late Ronald McMillan, of Fayetteville, being his uncles.

Mr. McMillan was engaged in the manufacture of turpentine distilleries and copper works. He was a successful and enterprising business man, and was greatly esteemed by a large number of friends in North Carolina, Florida and Georgia.

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Statement
CAROLINA FIRE INSURANCE CO.
Wilmington, N. C.
Condition December 31, 1917, as shown by statement filed:
Amount of capital paid up in cash \$ 50,000.00
Amount of ledger assets December 31st of previous year 182,244.66
Income—From policyholders, \$28,610.00; miscellaneous, \$11,194.61. Total 39,804.61
Disbursements—To policyholders, \$5,869.51; miscellaneous, \$21,238.28. Total 27,107.79
ASSETS:
Value of real estate \$ 5,000.00
Mortgage loans on real estate 86,300.00
Value of bonds and stocks 26,500.00
Cash in company's office 4,493.22
Deposited in trust companies and banks not on interest 445.38
Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1917 9,938.31
All other assets, as detailed in statement 294.57
Total admitted assets \$142,881.48
LIABILITIES:
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims \$ 32,675.20
Estimated amount payable for federal, state, county and municipal taxes due or accrued 800.00
All other liabilities as detailed in statement 2.70
Total amount of all liabilities except capital \$ 36,796.90
Capital actually paid up in cash \$50,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities 56,084.58 106,084.58
Total liabilities \$142,881.48
Business in North Carolina During 1917
Fire risks written, \$2,119,905.00; premiums received, \$28,610.00; losses incurred (fire), \$6,869.51; paid, \$5,869.51.
President—H. C. McQueen.
Secretary—M. S. Willard.
Home office—Wilmington, N. C.
Attorney for service—Local.
Manager for North Carolina—Local.
State of North Carolina, Insurance Department, Raleigh, January 23, 1918.
I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Carolina Insurance Company, of Wilmington, N. C., filed with this department, showing the condition of said company on the 31st day of December, 1917.
Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.
JAMES R. YOUNG,
Insurance Commissioner.

Statement
PHOENIX ASSURANCE CO., LTD.
London, England.
Condition December 31, 1917, as shown by statement filed:
Amount of ledger assets December 31, of previous year \$4,596,894.70
Income—From policyholders, \$3,275,827.50; miscellaneous, \$220,323.82. Total 3,496,151.32
Disbursements—To policyholders, \$1,401,194.06; miscellaneous, \$1,766,622.06. Total 3,167,816.12
ASSETS:
Value of bonds and stocks \$3,546,476.00
Cash in company's office 370.69
Deposited in trust companies and banks on interest 4,959.39
Deposited in trust companies and banks on interest 417,685.22
Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1917 879,824.80
Agents' balances, representing business written prior to October 1, 1917 35,102.42
Bills receivable, taken for marine and inland risks 1,549.16
Interest and rents due and accrued 50,424.60
Re-insurance 6,951.97
All other assets, as detailed in statement 44,063.71
Total \$4,933,136.47
Less assets not admitted 53,271.10
Total admitted assets \$4,933,136.47
LIABILITIES:
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims \$ 380,186.63
Unearned premiums 2,652,767.24
Salaries, rents, expenses, bills, accounts, fees, etc., due or accrued 6,227.27
Estimated amount payable for federal, state, county and municipal taxes due or accrued 100,000.00
Contingent commissions, or other charges due or accrued 10,000.00
Total amount of all liabilities except capital \$3,149,181.14
Surplus as regards policyholders \$1,783,955.33
Total liabilities \$4,933,136.47
Business in North Carolina During 1917
769.00
Fire risks written, \$4,752,769.00; premiums received, \$24,445.85; losses incurred (fire), \$11,310.98; paid, 10,576.98.
President—U. S. Manager, P. Bressford.
Home office in United States—New York.
Attorney for service—Jas. R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, State of North Carolina, Insurance Department, Raleigh, Feb. 15, 1918.
I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Phoenix Assurance Company, Ltd., of London, England, filed with this department, showing the condition of said company on the 31st day of December, 1917.
Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.
JAS. R. YOUNG,
Insurance Commissioner.

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