

DEVELOP COMMERCE OF SOUTHERN CITIES

Wilmington Has Membership in New Maritime Corporation.

Local Man Officer of Company Formed to Develop the Ports of Wilmington and Four Other South Atlantic Cities.

Plans to develop the commerce of Wilmington, Charleston, Savannah, Brunswick and Jacksonville, through the organization of the South Atlantic Maritime Corporation, were announced yesterday following the final meeting at Savannah of business men from the five south Atlantic cities interested.

Through the organization, headed by Matthew Hale, vice-president of the Liberty Shipbuilding company, of this city, it is planned that the five cities shall work together through the corporation to obtain a broad and scientific development of their harbor and port facilities; to acquire and operate ships under government control and ownership during the war, and arrange to continue to operate them after peace terms are signed, and to develop import and export trade with the east and west coasts of South and Central America and the West Indies. Sufficient funds to enable the corporation to begin its work have been pledged, it is announced.

Mr. Hale is president of the company. J. C. Nash, vice-president of the Columbia Naval Stores company, is president of the Liberty Shipbuilding company, and J. Lippitt, of the firm of Alexander Sprunt and Son, of this city, is secretary. Judge George T. Carr, of Savannah, general counsel for the company, is now taking out incorporation papers. The corporation is organized in the company and representing the interests of the different port cities are H. C. McQueen, J. Allan Taylor, C. E. Taylor, C. C. Chadbourn, Thomas H. Wright, John R. Brown, William G. Herbert, J. Ferguson, Hugh MacRae, G. Herbert Smith and D. H. Lippitt, Wilmington; R. G. Rhet, R. L. Montague, B. F. McLaughlin, O. B. Jenkins, J. R. Hannahan, J. W. Whitsett, Charleston; George F. E. Decker, Brunswick; Wm. F. Coache, H. E. Adair, James Bentley, John H. Fabey, F. C. Groover, John S. Bond, Jacksonville; and Col. Thomas Hampton of Washington, D. C.

The business men of these five ports believe that real commercial progress on large lines can not be gained without unselfish unity of effort or by bickering amongst themselves, or by trying to get selfish advantages by the disparagement of each other. They believe that real progress can be made by building up trade through these south Atlantic ports and that the government will doubtless welcome clean-cut plans submitted by a sound independent organization representing the co-operative efforts of the five south Atlantic ports, to solve such important and tremendous problems as now confront our nation.

It has been known, from a confidential source, that real progress through such a movement was on foot, but that the announcement was made until yesterday when it was announced simultaneously in all the five different south Atlantic port cities and carried in Associated Press dispatches. Mr. Lippitt, secretary of the company, made the announcement in Wilmington.

In speaking of the new company this night Mr. Lippitt stated that he expects to see a real advance in the port cities for all the cities through its activities. It has not been announced where the main office will be maintained, but Mr. Lippitt stated that there will probably be a board of directors in each city and that the business of the company will be transacted at meetings to be held in the different cities represented. The purpose of the company, as stated by Mr. Lippitt, is contained in the three following brief paragraphs:

- (1) To secure broad and scientific development of the harbors and port facilities, acting upon expert engineering surveys and advice.
(2) To acquire and operate ships under government control and ownership during the war, looking toward the continuation of operation of ships after war ends, and
(3) To develop important export trade from and to the east and west coasts of South America and West Indies, and as a necessary adjunct, the directing of tonnage through these five ports to and from the interior parts of the United States by having commercial agents throughout the United States, South America and West Indies.

HOLD FOOD CONFERENCE

Officials Met With County Administrator McCormick Yesterday

Solicitor E. F. Foley and Lawrence E. R. Smith, of the enforcement division of the United States food administration, and Mr. Gilley, of the United States shipping board, met in conference yesterday morning at 10 o'clock with Food Administrator J. G. McCormick and certain merchants of the county to hear complaints of alleged violation of food regulations and to discuss phases of the food problem of particular interest to the merchants. Nothing was given out concerning action taken against the alleged violators.

Mr. Richey is an assistant to Administrator Hoover, and expects to go to Wilmington within a short time to assist in working out the food problems of that county. He, with Solicitor Foley and Mr. Gilley, are touring the principal towns and seaports along the South Atlantic and Gulf coast with the view of working out a plan whereby the ships of the United States Emergency Fleet corporation may be furnished sufficient quantities of supplies at reasonable prices.

After concluding their business here, the party, accompanied by Mr. McCormick, spent the afternoon visiting the shipyards. They left for Columbia this morning, going from there to Charleston and to other southern ports, continuing as far as Houston and Galveston, Texas.

PULLMAN SERVICE

Commencing November 16th, all requests for Pullman sleeping or parlor space from Wilmington should be made to C. M. Acker, Ticket Agent, phone 1102-W.

WARREN'S MILK STATION MAY CONTINUE BUSINESS

May Continue to Sell Milk Under Certain Regulations Laid Down by Dr. Low, Health Officer.

Acting in accordance with recommendations of the grand jury in their report to Judge Stacy presiding at the November term of New Hanover superior court, W. A. McGirt, chairman, appointed a committee consisting of Dr. Charles E. Low, county health officer, Dr. R. B. Slocum and Dr. James C. Wessell, members of the board of health, to investigate sanitary conditions existing in and around the Warren milk station at No. 20 North Second street. The investigation was made, a report of which was given to the board at a special meeting held at noon yesterday.

According to terms made in the report of this committee Mr. Warren may continue to operate his milk station. However, there are certain regulations which have been supplied him by Dr. Low and which must be carried out, all of which Mr. Warren promised to comply with. The report of the grand jury severely arraigned Mr. Warren's milk station and demanded that it be closed unless sanitary conditions were greatly improved. The requirements made of him by Dr. Low have not been made public, but it is understood that they call for decided improvements, although Dr. Low stated to the board yesterday morning that conditions existing at the station were as good as as bad as one would have assumed from the report of the grand jury.

Another matter of importance taken up yesterday was that of supplying food to the establishment and maintenance of a clinic for the treatment of persons affected with venereal diseases. Roger Moore, chairman of the city committee of the local Red Cross, outlined a plan submitted by the state board of health whereby a clinic may be established and treatments given at a cost to the city and county of \$1,500. A motion was entertained and carried endorsing the plan and recommending that the appropriations be made by the county commissioners and city council.

ATKINSON LADY PASSES

Popular Young Woman Victim of Influenza in Asheville.

Miss Katie Hawes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hawes, of Atkinson, died in a hospital in Asheville yesterday, according to a telegram from her father, Dr. J. G. Murphy, received yesterday afternoon. Miss Hawes, who spent some time receiving treatment in a local hospital during the summer months had gone to Asheville to report on the influenza epidemic which later developed into pneumonia. The body, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hawes, and E. A. Hawes, Jr., will pass through Wilmington tomorrow morning en route to Atkinson where it is expected a funeral will be held in the afternoon. Miss Hawes had many friends in Wilmington who will be shocked and saddened by the news of her death. She is a very kind and having taught in one of the local schools for a year or so, and having frequently visited relatives and friends in the city.

ADVENT CONFERENCE MEETS

Convened Yesterday Morning at Fourth Street Advent Church.

The Eastern North Carolina Christian Advent conference convened yesterday morning at the Christian Advent church on Fourth street. The first session of the conference opened at 10 o'clock, with a large number of delegates present. Before the conference adjourned at noon, approximately 60 delegates from the various Advent churches in the eastern district had arrived.

The conference continues in session until Saturday night. Special business and routine matters will be taken up during the morning and afternoon sessions, and the evening hour will be devoted to sermons by certain of the ministers in attendance. The service last night was conducted by Rev. J. B. Williams, of Wilmington, N. C. There are 40 Advent churches holding membership in this conference, and the majority of them are represented at this session.

BASKETBALL GAMES AT 'Y'

Double-Header Will Be Staged Tonight. No Admission Charged.

Wilmington basketball fans will be treated to two good games beginning at 8:15 tonight at the 'Y'. All four teams are in excellent condition and some sport is assured all who desire to come. There will be no charge for admission and every one is invited.

In the first game Captain Davis' team will meet Captain Montgomery's quintet, and a lively contest is expected. Both teams are fast and the score will very likely be close.

The second game will be staged between Captain Gordon's team and Captain Register's team. Neither of these teams have lost a game this season, and both will go into the game with the determination to win. The game will decide which team will have the honor of taking a berth at the top of the league. J. B. Huntington will officiate as referee.

DIED IN FRANCE

Young Lady Well Known Here is An Influenza Victim.

A letter was received by relatives here yesterday from A. C. Worth, of Cresskill, N. J., which conveyed the sad news of the death of his daughter, Miss Margaret Wright Worth, which occurred in France Oct. 23. Mr. Worth was just in receipt of a cablegram announcing the sad news.

Miss Worth, who was a Red Cross nurse, had been on active duty in France for some months. She was in duty in an influenza hospital when she was stricken with the disease herself and death followed in a very short time.

Miss Worth had quite a number of relatives in Wilmington, whom she had visited, and was well-known to many Wilmingtonians who will be grieved to learn of her death.

MEETING AT HALLSBORO

Citizens From This City Invited to Address Patriotic Rally.

Completing arrangements for a patriotic meeting and public speaking to be held in Hallsboro, November 23, J. A. Crosby, of that town, was in Wilmington yesterday. Mr. Crosby announced that the meeting will commence at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and urged that a large delegation from Wilmington attend.

The program includes addresses by several Wilmingtonians. Among those invited to speak are E. Strange, names of this city; J. A. Brown, Chadbourn; Mr. Schulken and Mr. Tucker, of Whiteville, and B. Solomon and J. H. Hansley. Mr. Crosby believes the meeting will give a big boost to the war savings stamp campaign, and urges a large attendance.

LIBERTY YARD WILL NOT BUILD TANKERS

Confines Its Work to Construction of Cargo Carriers.

Instructions Received From Philadelphia to Hold up Work on 7,500-Ton Tanker—No Let-Up in Yard's Activities.

The Liberty shipyard's program for ship construction has been curtailed, eliminating plans for building six 7,500-ton tankers and confining work entirely to the construction of two 3,500-ton cargo carriers, according to announcement made yesterday by General Manager Louis R. Ferguson in an address to the concrete shipbuilders at luncheon in the yard restaurant. The change, it is declared, in no way affects the permanency of the yard here.

Original government contracts held by the Liberty yard called for the construction of eight concrete ships, six 7,500-ton oil tankers and two 3,500-ton cargo carriers. This schedule of production, as Mr. Ferguson stated, was based entirely on requirements for a successful prosecution of the war and now that peace has come there is no longer a demand for the tankers. The concrete yard, instead, will devote its time entirely to the construction of merchant vessels.

This curtailment of its program does not mean that the Liberty yard will let up its present pace in shipbuilding. The concrete shipbuilders have under construction a vessel of the 3,500-ton type and were making preparations to build a 7,500-ton tanker. The shoring and much of the staging and other work on this latter vessel was being built in the carpenter shop when instructions were received from the Emergency Fleet corporation office in Philadelphia to stop work on the tanker and build in its place a 3,500-ton merchant vessel. Some of the shoring erected on the way for the tanker will have to be torn down and replaced by shoring suitable for the smaller type of vessel. The work will be carried on with the same speed as heretofore, however, and the full working force of shipbuilders will be retained.

In addressing the shipbuilders at noon yesterday Mr. Ferguson stated that the yard would not hold up its work in any way, and the only change made would be the construction of merchant vessels instead of tankers. In illustrating the proposition the shipyards of the country are up against, he cited as an example the careful driver who slows up his machine when he comes to a rocky place in the road in order to save his machine and make it last longer and serve him better later. This, he said, is the case with the shipyards. During the period of reconstruction following the war, there is naturally a certain amount of uncertainty concerning the needs of the shipbuilding world. There must be certain readjustments in accordance with the new requirements of the times. After the shipyards have passed the period of uncertainty during reconstruction days, they will undoubtedly forge ahead on a steady course of shipbuilding for many years in order to construct a large American merchant marine.

There is little doubt, Mr. Ferguson, stated, about the permanency of the Liberty yard, and the majority of them in (Continued on Page Six).

CAPTAIN GAUSE WRITES PARENTS OF SIDBURY

Praises Young Wilmington Man Who Gave His Life October 17—'True American Soldier.'

Confirming the death of Private Theodore Sidbury, of which The Star carried an account several days ago, a letter was received yesterday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Sidbury, 101 South Second street, from Capt. Thomas J. Gause, commanding officer of Company C, of which young Sidbury was a member.

According to the letter, Private Sidbury was killed in action October 17. His parents have received no official notification from the war department, but a letter received Wednesday of last week from a relative also serving with the American forces in France told of the young man's death. He was just 20 years old when he enlisted at the beginning of the war. He was 21 the day he embarked for France. Surviving him are his father and mother, and several brothers and sisters.

It is with regret that I have to notify you of the death of your son, Theodore Sidbury, of this company. The government, I have no doubt, has already notified you, but I felt it my duty as his commander, to try and express my deepest sympathy for you in the loss of your son, who gave all he had to his country, and died a true American soldier, which he certainly was. You son was killed by all who knew him. He was killed in battle on October 17. He had no personal effects, as his pack, among several others, which were put in a pile, was struck by a shell and all contents were destroyed. I am sending 25 francs which one of the boys had borrowed from him. You can get the bank to chance it into American money for you. Again assuring you of my regret and deepest sympathy, I beg to remain, Respectfully, THOMAS J. GAUSE, Capt. Co. C. 115 M. G.

DIES IN ROCKY MOUNT

Miss Rachael Levy Victim of Pneumonia Wednesday Afternoon.

Friends in Wilmington of Mrs. C. W. Woodward, Carolina Heights, will sympathize with her in the death of her sister, Miss Rachael Levy, who died at her home in Rocky Mount Wednesday afternoon about 5 o'clock following an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Woodward left here Wednesday night to be with her sister but death occurred before she reached her bedside. Mr. Woodward left yesterday to join his wife, and the funeral will be held here on Friday.

Miss Levy had visited her sister here on a number of occasions and had friends here who will regret to learn of her untimely death. In addition to her sister, Miss Levy is survived by her parents and one brother.

ROTARY MEETING TUESDAY

Members and Guests Expected to Be Accompanied by Their Wives.

It is customary for the Rotarians to hold one meeting each year at which the wives of members and friends are invited to be present. This annual meeting will be held Tuesday of next week and the menu for the lunch will include roasted oysters and Brunswick stew. It is planned to make this a big event, and one that will be pleasantly remembered.

Every member is urged to be accompanied by his wife Tuesday, that is, if he is so fortunate. Otherwise he is expected to persuade some young lady to attend. The invited guests are also expected to be accompanied by their wives.

ADOPT ORDINANCE BARRING CARNIVALS

Board of Health Finally Settles Controversy.

Action Was Taken Purely From a Health Standpoint—Health Officials Expect Injunction Proceedings.

The board of health at a special meeting at noon yesterday prohibited carnivals from showing in Wilmington basing its action on a public health standpoint, and acting at the request of representatives of various civic and commercial organizations of the city. The action of the board was asked specifically to prevent an exhibition by the Sibley shows, which had an engagement here next week.

Action was taken following rather lengthy discussions, principally by J. Allan Taylor in opposition to carnivals, and L. Clayton Grant in the interest of the carnival people and those of the labor unions, under the auspices of which the attraction was to have visited the city. There were others present but Mr. Taylor was the first to speak against the carnival and his talk so well covered the ground others refrained from drawing out the meeting by lengthy talks.

Before a vote was taken on the resolution barring the attractions from the city, the medical members of the board were called on to express themselves as to the advisability of the shows coming. Dr. L. W. county health officer, flatly and unreservedly went on record as opposing carnivals at this time. His stand was taken in view of the recurrence of the epidemic in many communities of the state, including Raleigh and Greensboro.

Having been in position to see the suffering incident to the recent epidemic, and having suffered himself to a certain extent, due to overwork in combating the disease, Dr. John C. Wessell said he could do nothing but vote for the adoption of the resolution. Dr. R. B. Slocum failed to see, just because there may be possible menaces existing through the opening of the schools and through the close contact of people in the Coast Line offices, any reasons for allowing an additional menace. The schools and the operation of the railroads, he contended, are essentially where carnival attractions are not.

Mr. Taylor made a strong argument against the carnival, stating that his stand was not for the purpose of opposing organized labor, under the auspices of which the attraction was billed for this city, but on the other hand it was in the interest of the laboring man, the man who is not financially able to obtain the best medical attention and the proper nourishment should he and his family become afflicted with the disease. He expressed the belief that the more intelligent class of organized labor would be as unwilling as himself to do anything that would be adverse to public health if they fully realized that what they were doing would be detrimental to the public welfare, and that his attitude was that of counseling them rather than taking an arbitrary stand. Mr. Taylor went into the discussion of the matter from a health standpoint in detail, and endeavored to make clear to the minds of those present the possible menace of a carnival attraction exhibiting here at the present.

FOURTH LIBERTY BONDS READY FOR DELIVERY. Those who purchased Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds through this bank can have same delivered to them by calling at the bank and signing the usual receipt. THE PEOPLES' SAVINGS BANK Corner Front and Princess Sts.

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so near the date for the arrival of the carnival to make a protest, which placed the board in an embarrassing position in that it went against the grain to be called upon to bar the attraction from the city after all arrangements had been made by both the company and local interests who are promoting it. The action of city council in shifting the responsibility of saying whether or not the attraction should be allowed in the city also came in for a little criticism. Professor Washington Catlett, a member of the board, was frank to say that it looked to him as though the health body was being made "the goat." In his opinion it was a matter of council turning over to the board of health a responsibility that the members of the former body were unwilling to shoulder. Opinion among members of the health department, following the meeting was that "the matter is not through with," and some even went so far as to say they were of the opinion that an injunction would be resorted to. This was also intimated by persons on the street last night. The following is the resolution, or ordinance, that was adopted by the board prohibiting the attraction coming here: Whereas the attention of the joint board of health of Wilmington and New Hanover county has been called to the proposed carnival exhibition which is advertised to exhibit here, and whereas, carnival companies or combination traveling circuses and shows of like character, owing to the (Continued on Page Seven).

Give Useful Gifts. BUY THEM while the assortments are complete and while we can wait on you. Place a "Shop and Ship Early" sticker on them and mail at once. They'll reach the destination on time. Children's Knit Sweaters, Caps and Scarfs. MACKINAWS. Make Ideal Gifts for Men and Boys. Handsome New Furs. Animal Scarfs in Taupe, Black and Red Fox, Poiret, Lynxcat and Wolfhound in a large variety of qualities, new shipment just received. Prices range \$14.95 to \$47.50. Children's Fur Sets. Children's Fur Sets, in black, brown, white and combinations, in sizes for children 3 to 12 years. Priced \$2.95 to \$12.50. Marabou Neck Pieces. New shipment of these popular Marabou Neck Pieces in black or natural, small, medium and large sizes, at \$6.50, \$8.50 up to \$12.75. Kid, Leather and Fabric GLOVES. In All The New Shades For Men, Women and Children. Ladies' Dress Kid Gloves in plain and combination colors, real French quality at \$2.50 and \$3.00. Ladies' Cape Kid Walking Gloves, in gray and tan. \$2.25 and \$2.50. Ladies' Kid Gantlet Gloves for auto driving, in tan only at \$3.50. Men's Dress Kid Gloves, in gray, tan and black. \$2.00 and \$2.50. Men's black Auto Gloves at 75c, 98c. Men's and Women's Silk and fabric Gloves. 69c to \$1.50. Belk - Williams Company