

BRITISH OIL MEN MAY BUY TANKERS FROM FULLER CO.

Have Been In Conference With Officials of Carolina Ship Yard for Two Days.

Representatives of the Eagle Oil company, one of the largest British corporations engaging in this kind of business, spent Sunday and yesterday in the city in conference with the officials of the George A. Fuller, Carolina shipyard, with regard to the purchase of the tankers to be built at the local yard.

Although the agents of the prospective purchasers of the ships were shown the detail plans of the 3,600-ton tankers and were also shown the two vessels now under way on the launch ways, it is understood that no decision has yet been reached and it is not thought that there will be any until after a full report is made at the oil company's headquarters by the representatives.

Announcement was made some time ago that the four ships to be built by the Fuller company on their own account would be converted into oil tankers by being enabled to do this without much change in the general plans of the vessels and at little additional cost. It was stated in the announcement that tank ships were much more in demand than ordinary freighters and this was the reason for the decision.

At present there are two of the four tank ships under construction at the Carolina yard. One vessel is fifteen per cent complete and the other eight per cent. The Syros, the last freighter to be built by the Fuller company on the shipping board account, is to be launched very shortly and the keels of the remaining two tankers will then be immediately laid.

MASTER BUILDERS FORM ASSOCIATION AND ADOPT SCALE

Wage Agreements Now in Effect With Different Unions Approved—Officials Named.

Going on record as adopting the present scale of wages and all agreements now in effect by the different unions was one of the first actions taken by the Master Building Trades association of Wilmington, formed last night at the chamber of commerce at a meeting of general and sub-contractors, representing all trades and including officials of builders' supply firms.

In a statement given out last night by a press committee of the new organization, it was stated that the association has been formed for the mutual benefit of the public and the contractor. Officers of the association are Harry W. Nutt, chairman of the board of directors; U. A. Underwood, vice-chairman and W. G. Hatch, secretary and treasurer.

Meetings have been held by those interested in the formation of such an association for a period of several weeks, but organization was only perfected last night. It is understood that a number of matters are to be taken up by the association within the near future.

The statement as given The Star last night by the association press committee is as follows:

"There was last night at the chamber of commerce rooms an association to be known as the Master Building Trades Association of Wilmington, North Carolina. The association is made up of general and sub-contractors, representing all trades, including builders' supply firms. The association has been formed for the mutual benefit of the public and contractors and goes on record as adopting the present scale of wages and all agreements now in effect by the different unions." (Signed)

HANOVER IRON WORKS, CAROLINA CUT STONE CO., W. R. DOSHER, LIBERTY ENGINEERING CO., RHODES & UNDERWOOD, Press Committee.

WALLACE MAN ROBBED OF WATCH AND MONEY

Wilmington Police Asked to Aid in Apprehending Thief.

Word was received at Wilmington police headquarters that at an early hour yesterday morning that someone entered the house of W. J. Boney, of Wallace, and stole one gold watch with the initials "W. J. B." engraved on the case, a fifty-dollar bill, \$5 in currency and small change, one automobile key and one post office key.

The police in this city will do what they can to aid Mr. Boney in apprehending the thief and regaining the stolen property. Mr. Boney is a brother of L. N. Boney of this city.

JUDGE HARRISS STARTS ON CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

Sends Woman to Farm and Orders Conditions Improved.

Judge George Harris, of the recorder's court, has started a moral house-cleaning in Wilmington.

The first step in the campaign was taken yesterday when he sent Mabel Pugh, white, arraigned on a charge of vagrancy, to the county farm. At the same time he ordered the proprietor of a front street rooming house where the girl lived, to "clean up" his place by 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The recorder was advised last night that his instructions had been carried out.

Vice conditions in the city, Judge Harris said last night, must be improved or there will be others following the Pugh girl to the county farm. All women living away from their families, and alone, must satisfy the recorder that they are carrying an honest living.

QUIET ZONE ORDERED Judge George Harris requested that the police place a "drive slow" sign on Second street between Grace and Walnut streets. There is a sick person in the block, and quiet is desired. Noisy engines and racing machines are very disturbing to the sick person and an attempt will be made to keep the block as quiet as possible.

Federal Grand Jury May Investigate Liquor Removal From U. S. Customs

A federal grand jury may investigate the recent removal of 300 cases of whisky from the custom house here, it is learned on unofficial but reliable authority.

Department of justice agents, it is understood, are not entirely satisfied with the explanations offered at the time to the effect that the whisky was taken from the building by federal agents and dumped into Alligator creek in Brunswick county.

The whisky in question was taken from the custom house three nights after it had been confiscated on board ship. According to reports of the affair current at the time several looks

were forced in order to gain entrance to the contraband. This was explained by prohibition agents as due to the fact that the key to the vault where the whisky was stored had been misplaced. Considerable comment was also started by the lateness of the hour at which the stuff was removed and the fact that a door was left open on the departure of the officers.

Wilmington police took a hand in the matter so far as to ascertain the owner of the car in which the liquor was carted away. The car, however, proved to be that of the prohibition agent in charge of the affair.

G. O. P. CIRCULATES NEW RESOLUTIONS

Corrupt Practices and Loose Methods in Primaries Are Condemned.

F. T. Tucker, secretary of the Harding-Parker Republican club, is circulating a reprint of a section of the resolutions dealing with local primaries and elections, accompanied by explanatory resolutions drawn up.

The late resolutions are: "Whereas, This club at its meeting of July 26th adopted resolutions condemning the admittedly loose methods and corrupt practices permitted in the primaries and elections held in this county, which tend to undermine the political integrity of the electorate, and

"Whereas, We believe that such methods and practices are repugnant to the sense of right of nine-tenths of the people of this community, without regard to political affiliations, and that an expression by some concert of action of their disapproval and resentment will tend to correct the evil, and

"Whereas, Such an expression and action could find no better medium than that of certain local clubs and societies which represent the best thought and standards of our civic life; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, First, That the secretary of this club be requested to transmit these resolutions and a copy of those of July 26th, adopted by the club, so far as they relate to local primaries and elections, to the chamber of commerce, the Rotary club, the Kiwanis club, the ministerial association, the democratic executive committee of this county, the city council and the county commissioners, and the county board of elections, also to the editors of The Star, Dispatch, Record and Neighborhood News.

"Second, That the said several organizations are invited to co-operate to suppress the evils mentioned, and, if meeting their approval, to appoint each a member to serve on a joint committee of public concern which shall take under advisement and initiate proper methods to abate the scandal of these primary and election frauds; and, if deemed by such committee advisable, to institute necessary investigations and prosecutions to establish the responsibility for such conditions as alleged.

"Third, That, in making this suggestion we disclaim any political preference other than disclosed. Politically, the republican party has little hope of carrying New Hanover county, whether the elections are honestly conducted or not, but we believe a service can be rendered by us in co-operation with other associations which are dedicated to the public welfare in the interest of political morality.

"Fourth, We are actuated by the sole purpose to inaugurate a movement which by moral force will correct the wrongs mentioned. Similar conditions may exist everywhere, as evil exists everywhere, but elsewhere as recently in Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania, countering forces are brought forth to abate the conditions; but here there has been none and public morality has been outraged.

"Fifth, We, therefore, invite the said several organizations to endorse, and co-operate in the ends proposed that by mutual effort we may eradicate these political evils and protect the sacredness of the ballot which protection is fundamentally essential to preserve the blessings of civil liberty under our form of government.

"Sixth, The president is requested to nominate some one as representative of this club to serve with representatives of the other organizations, if favorable replies are received, and this club will contribute its part of the expense the joint committee may incur."

GEORGE ALLAN PROMOTED BY LLOYD'S, OF LONDON

Transferred to American Headquarters at New York.

George Allan, who for the past ten months has been Lloyd's marine insurance surveyor at the George A. Fuller, Carolina shipyard, has received a very creditable promotion from his employers and leaves tomorrow for New York where he is to be given a position in the company's headquarters in this country, 17 Battery Place.

Since being stationed at the Carolina yard Mr. Allan has been Lloyd's representative at the Charleston and Savannah shipyards. Prior to coming to Wilmington Mr. Allan was stationed at the shipyard of the Foundation company, in Savannah, for eighteen months. He is a native of Glasgow, Scotland.

William Hamilton, who has been Lloyd's agent at the Foundation company's Savannah yard for some time, is to relieve Mr. Allan at the Carolina yard.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following real estate transfers were filed at the office of the register of deeds yesterday for record:

R. L. Fox and wife to B. J. Mintz for the sum of \$250 and other valuable considerations, lot beginning at a point in the western line of Clay street 278 feet northward from the center line of Market street road leading from Wilmington to Scotts Hill from Wilmington.

Frank Joseph Niel and wife to J. A. Holdford for the sum of \$200 and other valuable considerations, lot beginning at a point in eastern line of Sixth street.

L. L. Hanby and wife to J. S. Divine, Jr., for sum of \$10 and other valuable considerations, lot beginning at a point at the intersection of the northern line of Ninth avenue and western line of Poplar street.

FIELD FOR NURSES STEADILY WIDENING

Miss Toomer, Recruiting Agent for Walker Hospital School, Declares Calls Pouring In

The field for nurses is ever broadening, declared Miss Lois Toomer, recruiting agent for the James Walker Memorial hospital, yesterday in discussing her work. A call has come from South America, she declared, for 500 graduate nurses to conduct training classes there.

Dr. Volmer, superintendent of the Evangelical hospital at Rio de Janeiro has made an appeal for a unit to establish a training school in his hospital. The attendants' course being short only nine months of training would be better suited to their need.

Another request for nurses has come from Bogota, South America. Even against the wishes of their parents, South American women are willing to take up the training of the American Toomer intends to travel over eastern North and South Carolina and interview many young women in person with whom she has been corresponding.

"I know of no other profession open to young women which affords so many opportunities for advancement, and such a high status," declared Miss Toomer. Miss Toomer has communicated with many young women on the subject of entering the nursing profession. A number have signed up, though the class for next year is not yet complete.

Most of Miss Toomer's work thus far has been confined to correspondence and the visiting of prospects in this immediate locality. Before long Miss Toomer expects to travel over eastern North and South Carolina and interview many young women in person with whom she has been corresponding.

Miss Toomer is encouraged with results so far and feels confident that the class of nurses for the coming season at the James Walker Memorial hospital will be made up without difficulty.

CIVIL SERVICE TEST HERE SEPTEMBER 11TH

Vacancy in Castle Hayne Post-office to Be Filled.

The United States civil service commission has announced an examination to be held at Wilmington on September 11, as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth-class postmaster at Castle Hayne and other vacancies as they may occur at that office, unless it shall be decided in the interests of the service to fill any vacancy by re-appointment.

The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$376 for the last fiscal year.

Applicants must have reached their twenty-first birthday on the date of the examination, with the exception that in a state where women are declared by statute to be full age for all purposes at eighteen years, women eighteen years of age on the date of the examination will be admitted.

Applicants must reside within the territory supplied by the postoffice for which the examination is announced.

The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements.

Application blanks, Form 1753, and full information concerning the requirements of the examination can be secured from the postmaster at the place of vacancy or from the United States civil service commission, Washington, D. C.

Applications should be properly executed and filed with the postmaster at Washington, D. C., at the earliest practical date.

STEAMER C. J. SAWYER IS DUE HERE FRIDAY

Explosion Delays Completion of Concrete Craft at New Bern.

Latest information received at Fort Caswell with regard to the new concrete river steamer C. J. Sawyer, which has been assigned by the army quartermaster corps to the Cape Fear river arm, shows that the steamer will arrive at New Bern on Friday, August 20th.

It is understood that when the Sawyer was just about ready to take the water at New Bern where she was constructed, an explosion occurred in the gasoline tanks that caused some little delay. It is said that several men were more or less burned by the accident.

WILKINS FELLED BY BLOW WITH SANDBAG

Stunned by Wallop, Unable to Recognize Assailant

Joe Wilkins declared to the police last night that an unknown party hit him over the head with a sandbag and that he was walking along Dawson street between Fourth and Fifth streets.

Wilkins said that he was stunned from the blow and unable to recognize his assailant. No attempt to take money or valuables from Wilkins was made.

Regular communication of Wilmington Lodge, 319 A. F. & A. M., for the purpose of transacting all business that may be presented; Tuesday night, August 17, 1920, 8 o'clock P. M.

All brothers are urged to be present. Visiting brothers are asked to meet with us. By order of the W. M., H. W. HEWLETT, Sec.

Cam Morrison Will Be Here September 8th

Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, next governor of North Carolina, will pass through the city on September 8th, en-route to Brunswick county where he will deliver an address, according to a letter recently received from the democratic candidate for governor by John D. Bellamy, Esq., of this city.

Mr. Morrison has consented to speak in this part of the state upon the earnest solicitation of Marshal George Bellamy, affectionately known as "The Duke of Brunswick," whose home is in the county across the Cape Fear.

Just where the speaking will take place has not been learned as yet but it is thought that it will take place either at Southport or Bolivia.

BARBERS MUST OBSERVE SUNDAY

Recorder Reiterates Warning That All Tonsorial Parlors Close Midnight Saturday.

When asked last night if any complaints with regards to barber shops keeping open Sunday had been lodged with him following his announcement in open court last Thursday that he would fine all shop keepers to the extent of the law if brought before him by the police, Recorder Harris stated that he had heard from no one but that his word still held good. It is understood that many barber shops in the city were open past midnight Saturday and also for a number of hours on Sunday morning.

It was when John Sykes, a white barber, was arraigned before the recorder Thursday morning of last week charged with having his place open after midnight Saturday that Recorder Harris made the announcement that it was clearly a violation of the law for the tonsorial parlors to be operated on Sunday and that if the police would make the arrest he would give them drastic sentences.

According to the city ordinance covering this specific matter, the fine shall be not less than one dollar and not more than fifty dollars. In the Sykes case Recorder Harris pronounced the defendant not guilty as it was shown that although his place was occupied by himself and others after midnight, all of his customers had been waiting before that hour.

It is understood that the barbers generally do not care to keep their places open on Sunday or after midnight Saturday as "they are as anxious for a rest as any other class of workmen."

BANK ABOARD SHIP

London Institution Opens Branches on Cunarders

What is supposed to be an innovation in banking was announced when it was said that the London Joint City and Midland bank, the largest private bank in the world, had opened branch offices on the three big Cunard liners, Aquatania, Mauretania and Imperator.

The banking service which these new branches will give is expected to save time and trouble for American travelers going abroad. According to the announcement of the London Joint City and Midland bank's agents, financial matters which formerly needed attention before sailing can now be attended to on the voyage.

FUNERAL OF MRS. COOMBS

The body of Mrs. L. E. Coombs, drowned on the Beach Sunday, were taken to Charlotte yesterday where the interment will take place. The body was accompanied by A. Collins, a Charlotte man and an acquaintance of the late Mrs. Coombs.

Mrs. Coombs was originally from Columbus, Ga. but has made her home in Charlotte for a good many years. Her ten year old daughter and three year old son went to Charlotte yesterday. It is believed they will go to Georgia soon to make their home with two aged uncles there.

Some day there will be a lot of silos on North Carolina farms—then the state won't import as much meat.

SOUTHPORT WINS FIRST ROUND IN COURTHOUSE FIGHT

House Committee, by Vote of 11 to 9, Returns Unfavorable Report Regarding Removal

Brunswick's courthouse controversy has been settled for the time being. The house committee considering the Hewitt bill providing for the removal of the courthouse from Southport to Bolivia, yesterday afternoon by a vote of 11 to 9 submitted an unfavorable report, according to advices from Raleigh.

Minority members will not offer a report on the floor of the house. Judge Ricaud presented the case for those favoring removal while C. Ed. Taylor and J. J. Bryan made talks for Southport, the Southport people presented a petition to the committee assigned by 850 people, and stated that 145 others had wired asking that their names be placed on the petition after it had been brought to Raleigh.

The petition set out that the county had come through two elections this year on this question, and in neither of the elections did Bolivia get one third of the qualified voters of the county, the petitioners asked the legislature to kill the bill and stop the agitation in Brunswick county.

The advocates of removal told the committee that Southport was in one edge of the county, inaccessible to the majority of the people. The courthouse is in very bad condition they said and some money will have to be spent on it soon. Southport does not have the facilities for taking care of court visitors, they charged. In view of the necessity for a new courthouse sometime soon, or very great repairs, it was believed to be the sentiment of the people to move from Southport, as the election indicated. There were more voters against Southport than against either of the other two towns, and a majority of the qualified voters of the county were cast for either Supply or Bolivia. The division, however, was fatal to the hopes of those who would pull away from Southport.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Any reader can get the answer to any question by writing The Morning Star Information Bureau, Frederick J. Harkin, director, Washington, D. C. This offer applies strictly to information. The bureau cannot give advice on legal, medical and financial matters. It does not attempt to settle domestic troubles, nor to undertake exhaustive research on any subject. Write your question plainly and briefly. Give name and address. Enclose a two-cent stamp for return postage. All replies are sent direct to the inquirer.)

Q. How much will the increase in freight rates add to the price of a pound of meat? C. W.

A. Basing computations on a thousand-mile haul of feed to stock, stock to stockyard, and stockyard to consumer, the freight increase will add less than one cent to the cost of a pound of meat.

Q. What is the present population of Hawaii? M. C.

A. The census bureau says that the population of the island of Hawaii is 755,912, an increase of 64,003, and that the city of Honolulu has a population of 85,271, an increase of 11,114.

Q. Where does the Jefferson highway start and end? J. H. E.

A. This highway is 1,600 miles long and extends from Winnipeg, Canada, through St. Paul, Des Moines, Kansas City, and Joplin to New Orleans.

Q. How many times has Samuel Gompers been elected president of the American Federation of Labor, and how many years has he held that office? T. E. U.

A. Samuel Gompers has held his office 29 years, and has been elected 29 times. In 1894 was the only time in 46 years he was not elected to office—John McBride being elected that year.

Q. Are blackberries classed as annuals or perennials? D. F.

A. Blackberry bushes are perennial plants, since it is not necessary to plant them each year.

Q. How can I secure a gloss on whitewash? E. R. W.

A. A pound of cheap bar soap dissolved in a gallon of boiling water and added to about five gallons of thick whitewash will impart a gloss like that of oil paint.

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