

CLYDE LINE CURTAILS SERVICE TO SOUTHERN PORTS; CITY AFFECTED

Instead of Weekly Service, Clyde Line Ships to Come Once in Two Weeks

Due entirely to the general falling off of freight shipments to and from all parts of the country, which has materially affected practically every steamship and railroad line in the United States during the past few months, officials of the Clyde Line Steamship company have found it necessary to temporarily curtail their service between New York, Wilmington and Brunswick, Ga. It was announced yesterday by M. M. Riley, local manager of the line, that the freight steamer El Rio has been taken off this run and during the next 30 days will be operated by the Clyde line between New York and the West Indies. This will leave only one steamer, the Lake Fillmore, on the New York-Wilmington-Brunswick line and this vessel will make this port every two weeks instead of the weekly service now being furnished.

TERMINAL CONGESTION HERE IS MORE SERIOUS Steamer Has Difficulty in Discharging Cargo

Further evidence of the congested condition of terminals and warehouses at this port manifested itself yesterday when the American steamer Lewis K. Thurlow, that arrived in port a few days ago from the west coast of South America, with several thousand tons of nitrate of soda, had to be moved from the wharves of the Wilmington Compress and Warehouse company to the Clyde Line terminals to complete the discharge of her cargo. It was announced some time ago in the columns of The Star that there was very little storage space left in the waterfront warehouses, all because of the slack movement to the interior of the state of the tremendous amount of fertilizer material that has been shipped here for distribution. The terminals of the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line have been filled to their capacity for some time. There was a little space left at the big warehouse of the Wilmington Compress and this concern agreed to accept the cargo of the Lewis K. Thurlow. By cramming the cargo of the Thurlow in every conceivable place all accept about 100 tons of nitrate of soda was unloaded from the steamer into the Wilmington Compress terminals. There was no place the remaining amount could be placed there so David H. Scott, manager of the terminals began to look around for storage for the remaining tonnage in order that the steamer might not have to be diverted away from this port. After putting the proposition before M. M. Riley, local manager of the Clyde Line Steamship company, an agreement was entered into whereby part of the vessel's cargo might be stored at the Clyde Line terminals.

RESERVE NAVAL FORCE MEN TO MEET TONIGHT Those Interested Will Meet at Legion Hut

Young men of the city who have during the past ten days manifested interest in the proposed organization of a unit of the United States Naval Reserve will meet at the hut of the American Legion this evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of discussing the proposition and taking further steps in the matter provided the proper spirit is shown at the gathering. William M. Shaw, of this city, who has been very active regarding the organization of a unit of the reserve force here, said yesterday that during the past few days he has been flooded with inquiries as to the proposed organization and he is expecting a large number of young men to be present tonight. Among those who have shown interest in the naval unit are practically every young man of the city who is at the present time a member of the naval reserve force. If a sufficient number show a willingness to enter the organization at the meeting, the admiral commanding the naval district in which the port of Wilmington is located, will be asked to send an officer here to go further into the details of the organization. He, no doubt, will tell the young men what it will be necessary for them to do to have the navy department to allocate a naval vessel to them for their cruising ship and armory, which the department has showed a willingness to do.

FORMER WILMINGTON MAN DEAD; HURT IN ACCIDENT

The remains of R. T. Watkins, aged thirty, who died at Kansas City Thursday as a result of injuries received in a railroad accident, will arrive in the city this morning at 8:45 o'clock. The deceased, formerly resident of Wilmington, was formerly employed here by the Coast Line, but about two years ago went to Savannah, Ga., and thence to Kansas City, where he worked on the Union Pacific lines. Details of the accident which resulted in death are lacking, relatives said yesterday. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Watkins, survive, also do three sisters and a brother. Funeral services will probably be held this afternoon, conducted by the pastor of the Bladen Street Methodist church.

Sheriff Jackson Is Against Fee System for His Office

New Hanover Sheriff Is Unalterably Opposed to Bill Because of Its Many Dangerous Possibilities - Has Wired His Stand On Bill to New Hanover's Representatives in Legislature

Opposing the fee system, in that he believes its operation in the sheriff's office is loaded with many dangerous possibilities, Sheriff George C. Jackson has wired and written State Senator E. O. Burgwin and Representative Emmett Bellamy, declaring that he is against the proposed measure, that would put his office and his deputies on a fee basis. It is understood that the bill that has been proposed for passage in the present session of the general assembly, would, in operation, contain certain elements of tempting features that might cause some deputies to be over zealous in applying the law; or that they might, in some instances, effect arrests in order to promote financial gain. The opposition of Sheriff Jackson to the measure that would place the sheriff's office and his deputies on a fee basis, while intimated for the last several days, was now definitely established until yesterday afternoon, when it became known that Sheriff Jackson had dispatched telegrams and letters to Senator Burgwin and Representative Bellamy, protesting against the operation of the sheriff's office and his deputies in the measure. The sheriff also wired and wrote the senator and representative last week, and informed them of the fact that he was opposed to the proposed fee bill. Sheriff Jackson has several times in the past expressed himself as being satisfied to continue the operation of his office on a salary basis, providing some arrangement could be made

whereby the heavy expenses of the office could be defrayed, and he only countenanced the fee bill because, at the time, it appeared as though the extraordinary expenses attached to the office could not be paid from fees derived from this source. However, it is reported that this feature was not adequately provided for in the bill now pending before the general assembly, and the sheriff now opposes the measure in its entirety. Sheriff Jackson has let it be known to his friends that he does not question the integrity of any of his deputies, as now constituted, but he expresses the fear that the day might come under the operation of the fee system in the office of the sheriff of New Hanover county, that some unprincipled officer might go forth and indiscriminately arrest persons for imaginary crimes in order that they might collect fees. Such a system, the sheriff contends, might make the innocents fearful of the law and the guilty should be meted out to the guillotine. It will be recalled that a number of citizens have expressed their opposition to the fee measure, contending along the same lines expressed in the opposition of Sheriff Jackson. Senator Burgwin recently conferred here with leading citizens, with reference to the fee bill, but he returned to Raleigh on his return to Raleigh and there he would have an open mind on the question until he had had this conference.

COMPLETE PLANS FOR HOSPITAL FUND DRIVE

Ministerial Association Heartily Indorses \$100,000 Campaign for Memorial Hospital

Final preparations are on for the \$100,000 campaign to be made in behalf of the James Walker Memorial hospital. Yesterday there were several committee meetings, at which there was much enthusiasm, as well as confidence that the drive will be a success. Thursday night there will be a special confab of the members of the executive committee and all team captains for the purpose of lining up for the inauguration of the drive. This meeting will be held at the Young Men's Christian association and will be participated in by the heads of the men's and women's divisions and the captains of all teams. Wednesday came a hearty indorsement of the drive from the Ministerial association, which pledged strong cooperation. Daniel H. Penton, of the board of trustees, appeared before the association and explained the particulars of the campaign. He found it unnecessary to acquaint the ministers with the great work done by the James Walker Memorial hospital and of its need, because the ministers are in daily touch with the institution and appreciate what it means to the community. After Mr. Penton had explained the necessity for the campaign at this time, the ministers heartily and unanimously approved the campaign and offered to co-operate in any way possible. Headquarters of the campaign received many enthusiastic messages yesterday and many messages, too, of commendation over the fact that the nurses' home is to be memorial to the late Dr. Alexander D. McClure, for years pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. The nurses' home is to be memorial to the minister not only because of his life in general, but because of the particular interest he took in the James Walker Memorial hospital. For this reason many believe that the nurses' home as a memorial to Dr. McClure is especially appropriate.

SOLDIER-ACTOR GREET'S FRIENDS

George Ray, a well known theatrical man from New York, who is in the city here, is greeting some of his Wilmington friends, whose association he enjoyed while a member of the 54th artillery at Pyrmide, France. In conversation with some of his friends on the streets yesterday hearkened back to the happy days in this "slate city," and recalled happy visits to the city of Angiers, nearby. It was reported on the streets yesterday that George Ray was contemplating joining the cast in Coburn's minstrels, which played in the city last night.

"VELLY AMERICAN" IS MRS. SEN MOI LEE

Among those shopping in the city yesterday was Mrs. Sen Moi Lee, sister-in-law of Troy Lee, who with her husband and small baby recently arrived in this city from San Francisco. Accompanied by Troy Lee and her husband, who are proudly carrying baby's daughter, Daisy, Americanized in clothes as well as name, little Mrs. Lee made her way to the second floor of Belk-Williams. A slim figure in her black taffeta blouse, flaring trousers and tiny, tiny shoes, her complete lack of English did not still her ejaculations of delight when one of the interested clerks held against the slender figure of Mrs. Sen Moi a pleated American skirt with pockets. With ecstasy Mrs. Lee surrendered herself to skirts apparently never thinking of the freedom she was relinquishing. There was a touch of pathos and humor, as well in the fact that had she not been so absorbed in outwardly changing nationalities, she might have worn in an advertisement show case a handsome Chinese costume similar to her discarded one, brought to this country for my lady American to wear in her latest moments when she would be free of hampering garments.

JUDGE KERR MISSING; SESSION MAY BE OFF

Sheriff Opens and Closes the February Session - Mixup Over Dates Held Responsible

With no judge present or accounted for, the two week's civil term of Superior court was opened by Sheriff Geo. C. Jackson yesterday morning shortly after 10 o'clock, after Judge John H. Kerr failed to appear. Sheriff Jackson, who by virtue of his office, was vested with the judicial authority of opening and adjourning court, shortly afterwards ordered an adjournment until 2:30 in the afternoon, and when Judge Kerr was still missing and unaccounted for, he again ordered an adjournment until 9:30 o'clock this morning, when, it is understood, he will adjourn the court and the present session, according to the best information obtainable last night, will never materialize. It is reported that Judge Kerr exchanged some courts with Judge E. H. Cramer, and according to the schedule for the courts of this county, Judge Kerr was to conduct the two weeks' term of court in Halifax county. However, it was learned last night that Judge Kerr is conducting a two weeks' term of court in Halifax county, the session at Halifax having started yesterday. Judge E. H. Cramer, in Southport last night, stated over the telephone that he was to have presided at this term here, but that Governor Bickett had authorized him to exchange this and some other terms with Judge John H. Kerr. Judge Cramer said he had no idea how the misunderstanding came about, but said that it would be impossible for him to conduct a two weeks' term in this city, because next Monday he will open a session in Bertie county. An effort was made to communicate with Judge Kerr at Warrenton last night, but advice from that place was to the effect that Judge Kerr was out of the city, conducting court at Halifax. Effort was also made to get in communication with Judge Kerr at the latter place, but up to midnight this was unsuccessful. Hon. John D. Bellamy, dean of the local bar, reported last night that he had not been advised why Judge Kerr failed to appear for the court here, but he said that he felt certain that the late appearance of Judge Kerr yesterday was occasioned through some misunderstanding. Maj. W. N. Harris, clerk of the Superior court, also expressed this view yesterday. The present session of Judge Kerr was conducting court at Halifax.

KU KLUX KLAN AGENTS BUSY IN WILMINGTON

At Least One Citizen Approached Regarding Joining. Emissaries of the supreme wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, the secret organization that is rapidly spreading to many parts of the country, according to reports, are at work in Wilmington. It was learned Monday evening, and at least one citizen has been approached and invited to join the Klan. Whether the number of invited has reached a plural stage is not known, but one resident has hence the knowledge that the Klan is operating in Wilmington. The Klan, according to press matter sent out from the headquarters of Col. Simmons, supreme or imperial wizard, at Atlanta, assert that the organization is a patriotic one and is founded to work for law and order. It has the cross of fire, the white robes and much of the mystery which surrounded the original Ku Klux Klan. It is not believed by the authorities in the many cities in which the current edition of the Klan has been formed that it is to carry out any such tasks as confronted the original order. A few years ago Tex Ritchie, a strong cowboy, attempted to start a Klan in North Carolina but when he made far too glowing claims in his prospectus as to a home for aged members and other features, he was immediately suspended of his activities. That Klan had an insurance feature, the present one does not, it is understood.

St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M.

Stated communication this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of sharp, for entering all business propositions to be presented. All members of the lodge are invited to attend. Master Masons will be present. By order of the Master, A. S. HOLDEN, Secy.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING IS FORMALLY DEDICATED ON MONDAY

Impressive Services Mark Dedication of Kenan Memorial At Church of Covenant

Simple and impressive ceremonies marked the laying of the cornerstone of the new Sunday school building of the Church of the Covenant, Fifteenth and Market streets, yesterday afternoon. What is destined to be a splendid addition to the beautiful church was formally dedicated by the pastor, Rev. J. O. Mann, who, for the congregation, asserted the purpose of the new building was to "write the living word of God on the living hearts of man." The Sunday school building, when completed, will cost approximately \$200,000, and it is a gift to the church from Mrs. Jessie Kenan Wise, of Wilmington, as a lasting memorial to her parents, the late Col. and Mrs. William Kenan. The addition is of the same style of architecture, Gothic, and of the same materials as the church, the exterior being of Plymouth seam-face granite shipped from the quarries at Waynesville. Scripture readings by the pastor, Rev. J. O. Mann, opened the simple services. Three different passages, all strikingly appropriate, were read following which prayer was said by Rev. P. W. DuBois, assistant pastor of the Church of the Covenant. The 46th Psalm was read by the gathering, composed of earnest workers of the church and other Presbyterians of the city, following which came the dedicatory address by Rev. Mr. Mann. "The purpose of the cornerstone, said Rev. Mr. Mann, was to preserve the charter which he perfected and its members. Plans and specifications, statistics as to costs and newspaper articles relating to various phases of the work of the church and congregation were read in the church and went into the cavity in the cornerstone of the building given by a "good woman as evidencing her recognition of the Almighty God." The spirit of generosity shown by Mrs. Wise in giving the building that will work untiringly for the full rounded development of the young was stressed by the pastor. "In the cornerstone there is a Bible and we today make solemn covenant and we will build and work on that alone," said the pastor in concluding his address, following which the cornerstone was laid by Duncan Campbell, mason, the same man who put in place the cornerstone of the handsome church. A prayer by the pastor, an especially fervent one, concluded the services of dedication.

ANSWER ON BASEBALL WILL BE GIVEN FRIDAY

Second Mass Meeting Is Called By the Chairman of Steering Committee

Wilmington is going to give an answer to baseball promoters, seeking to establish an Eastern Carolina league of professional baseball clubs, Friday evening. At that time a definite decision either to have the biggest city in the east get in or stay out will be reached, and at this time prospects look exceedingly bright for Wilmington to have a club in the race. A mass meeting was called last evening by W. A. French, Jr., chairman of the steering committee, the gathering to be held at the chamber of commerce rooms Friday evening at 8:15 o'clock. At this time every person in Wilmington interested in the re-entry of the city into professional baseball is urged to be present, in person if possible, by a plenipotentiary if unable to attend. At the mass meeting stock subscriptions received to date will be reported and a permanent organization will be perfected. In regard to the matter of financing the local club, it was recalled yesterday, that some few of the cities embraced in the Piedmont league last season resorted to something akin to novel plans to raise their finances. It was stock selling and was not closely related to the oil game, in that no great profits were promised—in fact shareholders were given to understand that they could purchase enough to paper a lot of walls and be in no danger of passing up dividends. The plan was worked was for a central committee, including the leading enthusiasts, to draft a list of names of likely prospects and then decide, among themselves, just how many shares so-and-so could be induced to purchase. Each share was valued at \$10. In this way the average fan bought his one or two shares while the public spirited business or professional man, with considerably more cash, bought from ten to twenty shares and did his part in a material way. The identical plan is to be followed out again in those same Piedmont league cities to raise funds for the coming season, and that the same shareholders will subscribe to the new issue goes without saying. It is generally agreed here in Wilmington that the city should have professional baseball. Civic pride demands the membership of the city in a league if one is formed in the eastern part of the state. The size of Wilmington would demand membership in the Piedmont or South Atlantic circuits, but for geographical location. There are many public spirited men in the city who would put up the money needed for players, uniforms and grounds, but with a lot of the "bugs" interested, attendance would always be better. The average fan wants to do a little "managing" from the stands or bleachers and as he financially "interested" as much as ten bucks worth, then he is elected.

TO FORM AUXILIARY OF LEGION HERE THURSDAY

Charter Will Be Presented At That Time

The organization of the Woman's auxiliary of the local post of the American Legion will be formally presented at the Legion hut next Thursday evening, February 10, the exercises to start promptly at 8 o'clock. Adjutant Church announced last night. Mothers, wives, daughters, sisters and sweethearts of those who died in service are eligible to membership in the auxiliary and members of the local post of the Legion desire everyone coming to the building the limitations of eligibility to be present and enroll. The auxiliary has important work cut out for it in helping to care for the disabled service men; in fact, the organization of women is already doing invaluable work in that direction and legion members believe the local auxiliary will be one of the largest in the entire section.

THIEF BREAKS ANOTHER GLASS FOR FINKELSTEIN

The plate glass window in the pawn brokerage establishment of Charles Finkelstein, in South Front street, was broken by burglars early yesterday morning, but according to report filed with the police department, nothing was stolen from the window. This is the second time the windows of Finkelstein's have been broken, and about a week ago the burglar made a rather large haul from the window opposite the one shattered last night. Several months ago they also attempted to break one of the windows, but did not succeed in that direction, and the police are working on the case.

CAPTAIN HALL'S TEAM MAPS OUT CAMPAIGN

Y. M. C. A. team 1, division 2, Captain Josephus M. Hall, met at an informal supper at Y. M. C. A. Monday night. Team leaders, W. R. Foy, Van Landingham, W. B. Jones, Chris Gerdes and Brown had very good reports. The attendance of members was good. Captain Hall made a strong, to the point talk, covering the work done in the past by this team, and the opportunities in future endeavors. There was much discussion as to the possibility of capturing first place, after the supper, and all gathered in a close discussion of methods and plans were outlined which members believe will capture for them the coveted prize. The team stands well forward, having outdistanced two teams in the past month and the members are bending every possible effort to hold first place. States for November last were \$41,000, 600 less than estimated.

VOYAGE TO SOUTHPORT RECALLS GREAT STORM

Recollections of the terrific storm that swept the coasts of North Carolina and Virginia 22 years ago were revived to Edmund Alexander yesterday, when he made his first visit to Southport since that memorable storm. Likewise did the visit recall to Mr. Alexander the praying ability of a negro cook in the Ocracoke hotel during the height of the storm. Mr. Alexander returned on the steamer "Wilmington" last evening from Southport, his first trip to that little city by the sea. While there Mr. Alexander renewed his acquaintance with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dozier and Mr. Gaskill and Mr. Burrus whom he had not seen in 22 years. This was at Cape Hatteras during the storm of 1899 which swept the North Carolina and Virginia coast. At Cape Hatteras it will be recalled, the ocean and Pamlico sound met, drowning cattle, hogs and sheep. The weather bureau station in charge of Mr. Dozier registered a wind velocity of 108 when the cups were blown away. The Diamond Shoals lightship was blown ashore and Mr. Alexander joined the Creswell Hill life saving crew in rescuing the men from aboard the ship which was stuck fast just outside the breakwater. Several vessels were blown ashore laden with flour, molasses, meat and other provisions, these supplies later being sold at auction. At the Ocracoke hotel when the water was running on the floor of the dining room and the guests were standing on the tables praying and wringing their hands, a large black negro man, the cook, shouted, "White folks, lets go to the Lord in prayer" everybody knelt and he prayed as he knelt at Ocracoke ever prayed before or since. When the negro had finished the wind had shifted and the waters receded. Mr. Alexander's sister, now living in Wilmington, was a guest at the hotel. The trip to Southport yesterday, described last evening by Mr. Alexander as having been a most pleasant one. About 50 persons were on the steamer, most of them going to attend the annual meeting and declaration of dividends of the Producers' Fish Packing company.

HOLD NEGRO UNDER BOND

Wille Burnett, the negro, burglar shot in the leg by Officer Marcus Gray early Sunday morning as he was leaving the rear window of the Northside pharmacy, was arraigned before Recorder George Harris yesterday morning on the charge of store breaking. The recorder found probable cause against the negro, bound him over to the Superior court and ordered him held in jail in default of \$1,000 bond.

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