

UNION MEN TO STAND PAT AS TO THEIR PAY AT PRESENT, THEY SAY

Have No Intention Compromising With Contractors as to Coming Wage Cut

Although it has been rumored that the members of the Wilmington Building Trades council have asked for a compromise in the 20 per cent cut in wages the contractors of the city announced some time ago to become effective on February 23, the union men closely identified with the trades council stoutly denied this yesterday and declared that no action had been taken by the union men who will be effected other than to decide that they would hold the contractors and builders of the city to the contracts that are now in existence.

R. P. Vogh, business agent for the Wilmington Building Trades council, asked yesterday what the union men who will be effected by the 20 per cent cut intended to do should their wages be reduced on the last day of this month as the contractors and sub-contractors of the city have announced they would, would give no information other than to say that the situation would take care of itself when the 23rd rolled around.

Since the local contractors met several weeks ago and announced the cut as becoming effective February 23, they have simply marked time. They have had one or two conferences but have not answered any queries asked of them by the members of the trades council nor given any additional statements which would throw any light on the situation. One well known builder of the city stated a few days ago that contractors were simply "standing pat" on their first announcement and intended to continue in that position.

Following the several meetings that the various local unions of the building trades held after the contractors had announced the cut in the wage scales, public announcement was made that the union men intended to stick to the salaries now being paid. Each one of the effected unions took this stand and since then none have given any claim that it is their purpose to stand by the present scales and that they have no idea of asking for a compromise.

MANY MATTERS COME BEFORE LEGION POST

Care for Ailing Ex-Service Men and Proper Observance of Memorial Day Up

A report by a committee looking into conditions prevailing at Sanitarium, where many service men suffering from tuberculosis are undergoing treatment, and many other matters pertaining to the post, came before the regular monthly meeting of the Wilmington post of the American Legion last night. The session was held in the Legion's hall located just to the rear of the postoffice.

A report on conditions obtaining where the service men were taking treatment, a straightforward and unbiased one, by Dr. C. E. Bolles, chairman of the Legion's committee. Cyrus Hogue reported that one ex-service man undergoing treatment there, a wife and two children, is not expected to recover and steps were taken to be of some assistance to the family of the man in question.

It was unanimously decided to request New Hanover county's representatives in the general assembly to work for appropriations for hospitals where men who served the colors during the World War are being treated and the post also went on record as being unanimously in favor of larger appropriations for sick and wounded ex-service men.

Americanization work, as suggested by the work of the Colonial Dames, is to be taken up by the Legion, local post members decided. It will consist of getting in touch with prospective American citizens of foreign birth and furnishing them with information that will tend to make them intelligent citizens. The Americanization committee consists of Cyrus Hogue, Fred Little and Rev. R. E. Gribben.

A standing committee known as the memorial body of the post was named. Its duties to consist of dealing with the return of the bodies of the slain from the front and to point out in this section. R. C. Cantwell, Jr., was chosen chairman of this committee, its other members being Mr. Humphries and Mr. Lynch.

The Legion went on record as favoring a full and complete observance of National Memorial day on May 30, and deplored the lack of proper ceremonies of that occasion in the past. A special committee was named to work for a better and more general observance of next May 30.

Mr. McCorrell, Mr. Ellis and Mr. Graham were appointed as a committee to look after the sick of the Legion, while Freeman Yopp, Jr., was named sergeant-at-arms.

WIDOW IDENTIFIES THE BODY OF MISSING NEGRO

The widow of Luther Ward, negro, missing since January 16, yesterday afternoon identified the body found at Keg Island, Wednesday, by a negro fisherman as that of the missing negro. Positive identification was established by the woman and some friends as a result of the shoes, shirt, tie and watch worn by the negro when he disappeared. A trifle more than \$3 in currency was found in the pockets and this, together with the watch and chain, is now held by the coroner of Brunswick county.

The badly decomposed body was buried Wednesday afternoon by Brunswick county authorities, after the coroner had viewed the remains. Interment was made just above the high tide line on the Brunswick county side of Cape Fear river yesterday afternoon. Lieutenant Lane, of the local police department, with the consent of the Brunswick county coroner, had the grave reopened so that the widow and friends might view the remains. Positive identification followed.

Shortly after Ward disappeared, a reward was offered for him, it being thought by several of his lodge brothers that he had met with foul play. There was evidence of a scar on his head when the coroner's inquest was held, but it was decided that the cut was sustained when the negro fell overboard from the fisherman's boat. Insurance was taken in various fraternal organizations by the negro to the extent of \$1,500, police authorities have been informed.

\$26,000 Mark Is Passed By Workers In Walker Memorial Hospital Drive

Team of Mrs. J. C. Stewart Maintains Lead in Soliciting \$100,000 Fund Needed to Prolong Efficiency of James Walker Memorial Hospital, Having a Two-Day Total of \$1,969 to Its Credit—Renewed Interest Shown

THE CAMPAIGN TO DATE	
Division No. 1.....	\$3,496.00
Division No. 2.....	1,258.00
Division No. 3.....	5,407.00
Division No. 4.....	5,073.00
Special Committee.....	11,485.00
Total at 1 p. m. yesterday.....	\$26,722.50

With the special committee, or "flying squadron," not being ready to make a further report at the hour, the workers in the \$100,000 drive for the James Walker Memorial hospital yesterday afternoon at the 1 o'clock luncheon showed subscriptions for the day of \$7,150.00, which added to the amount previously reported made a grand total for a day and a half of campaigning of \$28,722.50. To the minus side, too, were failures of two teams to make reports. Yet, notwithstanding this, it can be seen that over a quarter of the amount desired has been subscribed and the teams are buckling on their armor with grim determination to hurry the work and bring the goal, because it is realized that the needs of the community demand that the goal be reached.

The luncheon yesterday was another enthusiastic event, with several surprises and a display of much confidence on the part of the workers that success is sure to come. Following the reports, which showed that Mrs. J. C. Stewart's team, of Mrs. Grainger's division, had captured the honors for the day as well as the honors for the campaign, and that Capt. George Honnet's team had taken from Capt. Walter W. Storm's team the silver basket on the men's side of the issue. D. C. Love, president of the board of managers of the James Walker hospital, delivered a brief, but stirring address and presided over the meeting in the absence of Rev. Frank Dean, chairman of the executive committee, who was out of the city.

Gave Her Mite
Mr. Love then called upon Mrs. J. V. Grainger to tell, as a matter of interest and stimulation, of an incident in the day's campaigning. Mrs. Grainger told of having visited the James Walker Memorial hospital at the request of the registered and special nurses there, not nurses attending the training school at the hospital. Mrs. Grainger presented the fund with a large contribution. Then an elderly lady, not a nurse, but who works at the hospital, sought her and asked to be allowed to make a contribution. She declared that she had witnessed the great work being done at the institution and she begged the privilege of adding her mite to the fund, giving a subscription of \$5. Others asked the privilege and soon \$215 had been added to the fund. This represented, Mrs. Grainger declared, a

CITY SENDS DELEGATE TO KINSTON MEETING

Representatives of several cities in eastern North Carolina met at Kinston last night for the purpose of organizing the Eastern North Carolina League of Professional Baseball Clubs.

The ways and means committee of the temporary organization backing professional baseball in the city, at a meeting yesterday morning at the chamber of commerce, asked to have a representative at the Kinston meeting so that the plans for forming the league might not be held up. Over \$5,000 worth of stock in the local club has been disposed of when the committee met, and reports were not complete at that time. That Wilmington will be in the league, in the event it is formed, is the firm belief of many local citizens, since it is agreed that the balance of the stock will be snapped up if baseball is in sight.

It is the plan of the tentative organization here to have each club desiring membership in the league post a forfeit of \$1,000 to insure their sticking throughout the season. No "free-cracker" stuff is desired by local fans, meaning that if a gun pops during the summer no fan will take it for granted that the league has blown up. The posting for a forfeit of the size desired will mean that it will be costly to become disgruntled and will, very materially, add to a spirit of stick to the end.

Wilmington will draw and draw well, if given sufficient week-end action. So will almost any other town mentioned for membership in the proposed circuit, which is going to make the task of the schedule drafters more or less a difficult one.

Wilmington is being mentioned to Kinston to ask for a delay of final action for a week, when Wilmington and possibly other cities mentioned for membership in the league will be ready to talk turkey. Circumstances have been against successful promotion of the game in some of the cities to be incorporated in the proposed loop, and for that reason, a request for a week's postponement was on the program of Wilmington's emissary.

Interest is increasing in baseball among the fans of the city and there is very little likelihood that the opportunity for getting in an organized league will be passed up. The belief is firm that many who have so far refused to come through and purchase stock will undergo a change of mind when the league is a certainty, because they will want to have a voice in putting the city on the baseball map.

ONE VERDICT GIVEN
Judgment in favor of J. P. Temple, suing the Atlantic Coast line for alleged failure to deliver shipments of grain, heard yesterday in superior court, was awarded by a jury yesterday in the sum of \$450. It was the first of about 50 cases Mr. Temple has against the Coast Line, the Southern and the United States railroad administration, all based on the same general complaint.

HOLD PRAYER SERVICE
The Woman's Missionary society of the Dock Street Christian church will hold a special prayer service in the church this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

APPROPRIATIONS CUT DECREASES CHANGE TO GET NEW DREDGE HERE

But One of Modern New Craft May Visit Port Occasionally to Assist Cape Fear

When the national rivers and harbors bill was reduced from \$45,000,000 to \$15,000,000 before its passage in congress recently, the hope entertained by Major J. R. D. Matheson, local district army engineer, that an appropriation would be made this year for the construction of a modern sea-going dredge to replace the old Cape Fear, now operating in this district, was cast aside, as the amount allowed by congress was barely enough to maintain the district waterways of the country and provided for practically no new projects and equipment for any one district.

According to the information Major Matheson has received from Washington, before the \$15,000,000 rivers and harbors bill had gone through congress it was arranged so as to provide for the construction of four modern sea-going suction dredges at a cost of not more than \$750,000 each, to perform the work that eight worn-out sea-going dredges are now doing in the districts on the Atlantic coast. The vessels, when completed, will not be permanently assigned to any one district, but will be sent where their services are required.

Major Matheson is sure that the Cape Fear is one of the old wooden dredges referred to in the bill. Efforts have been made by the local district to secure an appropriation of the Cape Fear's limited abilities. Major Matheson says that a dredge costing \$750,000 should be a large craft with every modern appliance aboard for facilitating the work for which the vessels are limited.

The government intends to build. The detailed reports made at 1 o'clock yesterday follow:
Division one, Herbert Blumenthal, leader. Team of Captain George Honnet, \$723; John R. Hanby, \$224; E. H. Munson, \$120; Walter W. Storm, \$550; W. L. Baxter, \$150; total, \$1,677.
Division two, Dr. J. G. Murphy, leader. Team of E. T. Hancock, no report; E. C. Hines, \$10; D. M. Hodges, no report; L. J. Folsom, \$125; W. H. Struthers, Jr., \$215; total, \$400.
Division three, Mrs. S. Solomon, leader. Team of Mrs. J. L. Sprunt, \$380; Mrs. W. A. Whitehead, \$272; Mrs. L. W. Solomon, \$233; Mrs. J. C. Stewart, \$149; Mrs. Henry Taylor, \$482.50; total, \$1,899.50.
Division four, Mrs. J. V. Grainger, leader. Team of Mrs. C. P. Bolles, \$450; Mrs. George Elliott, \$88; Mrs. J. B. Sidbury, \$510; Mrs. J. C. Stewart, \$1,969; Mrs. J. C. Wessell, \$167.50; total, \$3,182.50.

The total for the day was \$7,150, added to the contributions of Wednesday, \$19,572.50, made a grand total thus far of \$26,722.50.

MCQUEEN IS OFFICIAL OF INSURANCE CONCERN

Local Banker Director and Vice President Security Company

H. C. McQueen, president of the Merchants National bank, of this city, attended the annual meeting of the Security Life and Trust company at Greensboro, Wednesday, and was chosen a vice-president as well as a member of the board of directors. The insurance company was organized April 1, 1920, and during the first nine months of its career secured insurance in force to the extent of \$2,115,240. Premiums received amounted to \$77,725, the report of President George A. Grimsley disclosed.

The first nine months in the history of the company resulted in operations in North Carolina only. This year it is planned to open South Carolina and Georgia. The company has a very unusual record in that it was organized and set on its feet in 30 days. Directors elected by the stockholders were G. A. Grimsley, A. J. Klutz, C. C. Taylor, J. E. Matheson, J. B. Harrison, E. P. Wharton, W. S. Jones, W. T. Grimsley, C. C. Hudson and John L. Wimshis, of Greensboro; H. C. McQueen, of Wilmington; W. C. Taylor, of High Point and Thomas Maslin and R. M. Hanes, of Winston-Salem.

Officers and George A. Grimsley, president; C. C. Taylor, first vice-president and general manager; W. T. Grimsley, second vice-president; Dr. E. R. Michaux and Dr. W. F. Cole, medical directors; R. J. H. Hobbs, legal counsel; E. P. Wharton and H. C. McQueen, vice-presidents; Thomas Maslin, E. P. Wharton, C. C. Hudson, J. A. Matheson, George A. Grimsley and C. C. Taylor, members of the executive committee. A dividend on the capital stock was declared by the directors and a scale of dividends to policy holders was also fixed.

MANY NORMAL GRADUATES WILL VISIT LEGISLATURE

Local Alumnae to Work for More Money for Higher Education

A meeting of the New Hanover county alumnae of North Carolina College for Women will be held in the office of Miss Jeffress, county home demonstration agent, in the post office house, Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, according to information from a number of the organization. The purpose of the meeting is to plan a big delegation to go to Raleigh next Wednesday when the bill for helping the institutions of higher education in the state comes before the general assembly.

Alumnae of the famous Greensboro institution are very anxious to see the college get a substantial donation from the state so that it may enlarge its sphere of usefulness, and for that reason, with a big delegation to impress the solons. Also, it is desired that every former student of the old Normal college attend the meeting Saturday afternoon.

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ANTI-TUBERCULAR LAW PROPOSED FOR COUNTY

Would Force Treatment on Those Who Fail to Have Selves Given Attention

Of particular interest to the people of New Hanover county is the proposed bill giving the courts full and complete control over persons afflicted with tuberculosis and which the county health authorities brought before the city council Wednesday morning. The council, before taking action, requested that the measure be explained to the New Hanover County Medical association for approval or disapproval before final action was taken.

The proposed measure, purely a local one, provides for the enforced treatment of persons afflicted with the dread white plague, if it is proved, in court, that they have made no effort to have their ailment cured. The minimum length of time for treatment to be ordered by the court is 60 days. The maximum is until discharged by competent authority of the institution in which the patient is treated.

For the information of the public, the purely local measure is printed in full:
"Whereas Tuberculosis is a dangerous infectious disease which is transmitted from person to person and which, if not cured, is a menace to others, he shall lodge a complaint against such person with the recorder and on such complaint the said person shall be brought before a recorder. The recorder, after due notice and a hearing, if satisfied that the complaint is well founded and that the person is a source of danger to others, may commit him to a county hospital for tuberculosis or to any other hospital or institution established for the care of persons suffering from tuberculosis or maintaining a room, ward, or wards for such persons. Such person shall be deemed committed until discharged in the manner authorized in this section. In making such commitment, the recorder shall make such order for payment for the care and maintenance of such person as he may deem proper. The chief medical officer of the hospital or other institution to which any such person has been committed, upon signing and placing upon the permanent records of such hospital or institution a statement to the effect that such person has obeyed the rules and regulations of such hospital or institution for a period of not less than sixty days, and that in his judgment such person may be discharged without danger to the health or life of others or for any other reason stated in full which he may deem adequate and sufficient, may discharge the person so committed. He shall report such discharge, together with the full statement of the reasons thereof at once to the health officer and at the next meeting of the board of managers or other controlling authorities of such hospital or institution. Every person committed under the provision of this section shall observe all rules and regulations of such hospital or institution. Any patient so committed who neglects or refuses to obey the rules or regulations of the institution, may, by the action of the chief medical officer of the institution be placed apart from other patients and restrained from leaving the institution. Any such patient who willfully violates the rules and regulations of the institution, or who repeatedly conducts himself in a disorderly manner, may be taken before the recorder by the order of the chief medical officer of the institution. The chief medical officer may enter a complaint against such person, for disorderly conduct and the recorder, after a hearing and upon due evidence of such disorderly conduct, may commit such person for a period not to exceed six months to any institution to which persons convicted of disorderly conduct or vagrancy may be committed, and such institution shall keep such person separate and apart from the other inmates, provided that nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any person committed to an institution under its provisions from appealing to any court having jurisdiction, for a review of the evidence upon which the commitment was made."

"That in New Hanover county whenever a complaint shall be made by a physician to the county health officer that any person is afflicted with tuberculosis and is unable or unwilling to conduct himself and live in such a manner as not to expose members of his family or household or other persons with whom he may be associated to danger of infection, the health officer shall forthwith investigate the circumstances alleged. If the health officer shall find that any such person is a menace to others, he shall lodge a complaint against such person with the recorder and on such complaint the said person shall be brought before a recorder. The recorder, after due notice and a hearing, if satisfied that the complaint is well founded and that the person is a source of danger to others, may commit him to a county hospital for tuberculosis or to any other hospital or institution established for the care of persons suffering from tuberculosis or maintaining a room, ward, or wards for such persons. Such person shall be deemed committed until discharged in the manner authorized in this section. In making such commitment, the recorder shall make such order for payment for the care and maintenance of such person as he may deem proper. The chief medical officer of the hospital or other institution to which any such person has been committed, upon signing and placing upon the permanent records of such hospital or institution a statement to the effect that such person has obeyed the rules and regulations of such hospital or institution for a period of not less than sixty days, and that in his judgment such person may be discharged without danger to the health or life of others or for any other reason stated in full which he may deem adequate and sufficient, may discharge the person so committed. He shall report such discharge, together with the full statement of the reasons thereof at once to the health officer and at the next meeting of the board of managers or other controlling authorities of such hospital or institution. Every person committed under the provision of this section shall observe all rules and regulations of such hospital or institution. Any patient so committed who neglects or refuses to obey the rules or regulations of the institution, may, by the action of the chief medical officer of the institution be placed apart from other patients and restrained from leaving the institution. Any such patient who willfully violates the rules and regulations of the institution, or who repeatedly conducts himself in a disorderly manner, may be taken before the recorder by the order of the chief medical officer of the institution. The chief medical officer may enter a complaint against such person, for disorderly conduct and the recorder, after a hearing and upon due evidence of such disorderly conduct, may commit such person for a period not to exceed six months to any institution to which persons convicted of disorderly conduct or vagrancy may be committed, and such institution shall keep such person separate and apart from the other inmates, provided that nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any person committed to an institution under its provisions from appealing to any court having jurisdiction, for a review of the evidence upon which the commitment was made."

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