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DEMAND LUMP SUM FOR EVERY FORMER U. S. SERVICE MAN

Head of War Organization Asks Payment $500 for Former Fighters

OPPOSES PROPOSAL OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Witness Tells Ways and Means Committee Service Men Need Aid in Securing Civilian Positions—Says Government Should Help.

Washington, March 5.—Payment of a lump sum of $500 to each person who served in the military or naval forces of the United States was urged before the House Ways and Means committee today by Marvin Hughes, national president of the private soldiers and sailors legion.

He opposed proposals of representatives of other soldier organizations for adjusted compensation ranging from $30 to $50 for every month of service and said the services of from million young Americans in the war could not be paid by "the shopping method of adjusted compensation still pending before Congress."

The $500 grant, he told the committee, "would not be too much to ask as much a day as money could be obtained from the government and encouraging men and women, as it came to the position from which they were called without handicap or contract, without money and without price, to serve in time of need."

The witness declared that the proposed payment would not be a charge on foreign loans, asserted that the government was "good for the money" and could give decisional credit to former service men.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ORGANIZATIONS AIRED

Washington, March 5.—Differences between organizations of ex-service men were aired again today before the house ways and means committee which is considering soldier relief legislation. Marvin G. Sperry, president of the private soldiers and sailors legion, who appeared to press a cash payment of $500 to all former service men and women, charged that J. H. Belgrade, a member of the legislative committee of the rank and file veterans association, was a salaried agent and paid tool of Samuel Gompers, and had tried to bring into the private soldiers and sailors legion the communist party of New York.

Letters from the soldiers, sailors and marines protective association in New York City asking the investigation of all soldier bodies were read, declaring that the offices of this organization were raided and much literature thrown into the river.

GIVES OUT VIEW IN RALEIGH CASE

Motion to Squash Profiteering Case is Denied by Judge Connor

Raleigh, March 5.—In an opinion handed down today Federal Judge Henry G. Connor denied the motion to squash the case of N. A. Myatt, retail grocer of Raleigh, who was indicted at the recent term of Federal court on the charge of profiteering in sugar, stating that the defendant should plead the bill to the end and that a trial of the issue be held before a court composed of a judge and jury.

The decision of Judge Connor in the Myatt case will be of importance in regard to the cases of four other Raleigh merchants indicted on the same charge and continued until the May term of Federal court.

LOCAL QUINT OFF FOR WILMINGTON

R. M. H. S. Tossers Break into Hard Fought Frays in Seaport City

Although the game between the Rocky Mount Y. M. C. A. and Smithfield quints was called off last night on account of the sickness of one of the Smithfield players, Coach Miller put the local high school squad through a stiff practice workout prior to their departure today for a game with the Wilmington Y. M. C. A. tonight and the initial fray of the championship elimination series with the fast traveling Wilmington high school quint Saturday night.

The R. M. H. S. tossers showed up unusually well last night and the hopes of the local supporters are running high for a victory over the Seaport City aggregation. Those who left for Wilmington today were Coach Miller, athletic director John M. Shields, and, as members of the squad, Captain Hunt, Whitley, Calhoun, Johnston, Pearsall and Gardner.

The game with the Wilmington "Y" tonight is expected to furnish excellent preparation for the championship game tomorrow night. In the fray with the Y. M. C. A. tossers, the local basketeers will get use to the foreign court and surroundings, besides get the benefit of playing before a Wilmington audience and some excellent practice work.

STORMS RAPIDLY SWEEP EASTWARD

Blizzard is Expected to Reach Atlantic Coast States Tonight

SNOW IS PREDICTED

Weather Bureau Forecasts Say Rain Will Turn to Snow and Decided Drop in Temperature Will Take Place Tonight.

Washington, March 5.—The March blizzard which overwhelmed the middle west yesterday with snow and low temperatures will reach the Atlantic coast tonight, the weather bureau predicted today. The force of the blizzard had been dissipated in part, and although the mercury falling sharply in western seaboard today will turn to snow, the fall will be light but will be followed by colder weather.

Snow is for south as northern Atlantic coast shortly low temperatures never the entire south was forecasted. Low temperature was expected for Georgia and Eastern Florida was forecasted for Florida.

GOVERNOR TO NAME LIST OF DELEGATES

Entirely New List Appointments to be Made for Cotton Meeting

Raleigh, March 5.—About one hundred and fifty people from North Carolina and adjoining states interested in attendance the first national convention of the American Cotton Association which is to have been held in Montgomery, Alabama, next week, but on the postponement of that meeting until the middle of April, Governor T. W. Bickett last night named delegates for this convention, rending and the appointments last week before health authorities of Montgomery refused to permit it in spite to the invitation extended the delegates assembled.

New appointments will be made and for convention to be held next week at Montgomery, Governor Bickett in immediate future. President J. S. Wannamaker, of Montgomery, in charge of arrangements, wired Governor Bickett yesterday that the city of Montgomery is anxious about getting a convention on the matter, but was unable to do so. It is expected that the city of Montgomery will be represented by a large number of people in the convention which has been called to discuss the fight against the boll weevil and the cotton situation which has been called there for the first time.

Atlanta, Ga., March 5.—Georgia and other southern states are expected to be represented in the national convention of cotton growers which convenes here today, it was stated at headquarters of the Georgia State Chamber of Commerce here today. Governor Hardwick will be the principal speaker at the opening session of the convention, it was stated.

Although the new state department has not been established, it is understood that the governors of the cotton states have made arrangements for delegations of the large crowd which is expected to attend the meeting.

The interest North Carolina manifests in the convention is being very encouraging. It is the first time in the history of cotton conventions when the resolutions of the state have been sufficiently interested to send a hundred men or so away from home for a cotton meeting. The state is thoroughly awakened as to the importance of organization.

IN POLICE COURT

The following cases composed the docket which faced Recorder Battle for disposal at the regular session of court this morning:

Frank Smith was charged with shooting a pistol in the city and with carrying a concealed weapon. He was taxed $20 in answer to the first charge, but was found not guilty on the second count.

Lloyd Christmas was taxed $5 for failing to stop the car which he was driving on entering Church street at Hammond street.

J. D. Wilkins was subjected to a fine of $10 for speeding.

In answer to a charge of driving a car with only one light, Perry Pitt was fined $5 by the court.

N. C. RATES HIGH IN LIVESTOCK VALUE

Report Department of Agriture Shows State is Climbing

Raleigh, March 4.—North Carolina ranks twenty-third among the states in the value of livestock, according to the crop report of the United States department of agriculture for February, 1920. In 1919 the state was in twenty-sixth place.

According to the report North Carolina had 183,000 horses valued at $27,000,000 in 1920; 296,000 mules valued at $44,840,000; 328,000 milk cows valued at $25,584,000; 394,000 other cattle valued at $13,908,000; sheep, 141,000 valued at $1,368,000; swine, 1,592,000 valued at $31,840,000.

The report shows an acreage of 245,000 in cowpeas for grain and a production of 2,284,000 bushels; soybeans for grain, acreage, 82,000, production 1,148,000 bushels; cow peas for silage, acreage, 233,000; soy beans for hay, 82,000 acres. The acreage for soy beans is the largest among the states.

DUTCH NATION HAS AGAIN REFUSED TO GIVE UP EX-KAISER

Promises Take All Efforts Minimize Liberty of Former Emperor

MESSAGE DELIVERED TO PREMIER TODAY

Dutch Officials Assure Allies that Precautions Will Be Taken "On the Spot"—Strict Censorship Will be Exercised.

The Hague, March 5.—The Dutch government today for the second time refused to surrender the former German emperor to the allies for trial.

In a note addressed to David Lloyd George, the British premier, however, the government promised to take all possible measures to minimize the liberty of Wilhelm and prevent him from endangering the world peace. The second message from the Dutch government was delivered in London this morning and states that the precaution will be taken "on the spot."

While Doorn is not mentioned in the text of the note, it is understood that in conversations with the allied diplomats here the Dutch authorities have assured them that close guardianship and the restriction will be placed on Wilhelm when he occupies his present or that place.

CROWDS VISIT THE FASHIHON OPENING

Formal Opening Girdwood's Proved Great Success Last Night

With a formal fashion show last night a week ago, Girdwood's Rocky Mount's new ladies store, was opened to the public. The occasion proved most successful in every way and attracted crowds not only from this city but from many surrounding cities and towns.

The store was packed during the two hours which the store remained open, a special orchestra playing during the evening, the crowd in front of the store stopping to listen to accommodate the crowds, the show was repeated this afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock and again tonight at eight, when it is expected that equally large crowds will be in attendance.

The interior of the new store, beautiful in its depth with its ivory and rose Brussels, was artistically decorated for the occasion, a profusion of flowers and especially arranged lights greatly adding to the scope of beauty. An aisle was arranged down the center of the store, and down this aisle came the models, brought from New York especially for the occasion, preceded by a [illegible] which will be in the new shop will carry in stock. Special orchestra music was given during the evening, and will be repeated at the two promenades which are yet to be held.

No Further Message On Portuguese Revolt

London, March 5.—No messages were received from Portugal by the Portuguese legation here concerning revolt. At the legation the belief was expressed that general strike in progress in Portugal resulted from the suppression of the gambling resorts. Nothing more serious than the strike is anticipated, it is said.

The famous Palace has given a hospital to a French town. If the man can't keep 'em full he will give 'em away.

INTEREST GROWS IN ART CONTEST

School Children at Work on Original Designs for Thrift Posters

Growing interest on the part of Rocky Mount school children in the thrift poster contest recently announced by the war loan organization for this district indicates that at least one of the prizes offered in this state may be captured by local pupils. In many schools, boys and girls are already at work on original designs for thrift posters.

All posters must be in the hands of the teachers by March 31, when the contest closes. Printed rules have been sent to the schools here, and additional copies may be obtained by writing to the educational division of the war loan organization, at Richmond, Va.

Every child attending a preparatory graded or high school is eligible to enter the contest, the rules state, but students in colleges, business, normal and industrial schools are not eligible. Boys and girls in both public and private schools are entering the contest.

Six prizes are offered in this state exclusively, and, in addition, the children here have a chance to win one of the district grand prizes, which are ten dollars each.

WOULD REPAY U. S. WITH TERRITORY

England to Discuss Means of Lessening the Balance of Trade

A STRONG OPPOSITION

Premier Lloyd George Expected Bring Matter Before Parliament at Early Session—Officials Withhold Comment.

London, March 5.—It is expected that the proposal to cancel the British war loans to the United States as a means of lessening balance of trade will be discussed in the house of commons by Premier Lloyd George probably next week.

Despite the premier's statement, members of the government displayed unwillingness to express their views for publication. Opinions obtained privately, however, indicated that the proposal, if it were formally presented would not be considered.

CITY ALDERMEN IN REGULAR MEETING

Special Session Called Next Thursday to Consider Finance Questions

Matters of importance were looking for disposal at the regular session of the board of aldermen last night, but the result was that the meeting consumed over three hours, talk and go was the order of the day, action was secondary, the only action of importance being the adoption of a resolution calling an election to vote on the proposed issue of bonds for gas improvements.

The complaint by Mr. Mitchell that he had been overcharged for gas to the amount of approximately $6 by the gas department caused considerable discussion among the members of the board, arguments being advanced for an investigation and counter opinion being expressed that the amount did not warrant an investigation. The controversy was finally ended when a motion of Alderman Joyner, the matter was referred to the gas committee with instruction that Superintendent Jordan, of the gas department, look into the matter and attempt to satisfy Mr. Mitchell.

Several petitions and requests were next considered. The request for the extension of the power line to the Wellford store section was referred to the light committee to investigate and make a report. J. G. Elliott was granted permission to erect a frame for the women of the Carolina Trucking company and J. T. Jones to erect another. Both were referred to the fire committee with power to act. The petition from Mr. O. A. Stokes that he be allowed to erect a barber pole in front of the Red Cross shop was referred to the street committee. The requests for water mains on Atlantic avenue, lights on West Thomas street, and a water hydrant near the Cotton Belt Manufacturing Company's manufacturing plant were deferred for action until a later date when the finances of the city are in better condition.

The question of paving Sunset avenue out to the point at which the new Rocky Mount Nashville highway will begin was taken up. When a representative of R. G. Lassiter and Co. stated that the work would cost $8,000 the city fathers ducked in their heads and decided to let the issue rest indefinitely, as another instance where lack of funds proved the handicap. A petition of a section from several business houses on Western avenue that the present parking law be changed so that cars might park on the south side of that street, the owner pro tem appointed a committee consisting of Aldermen Gay, Doulan and Capelle to investigate the matter and make recommendations at the next session of the board.

Alderman Capelle commented on the bad condition of the railroad crossings on Main street and the mayor was instructed to go in communication with the A. C. L. officials and request them to comply with the city ordinance by putting the crossings in condition.

The light committee reported that the work at the power plant had been almost completed and that the citizens of the city would have no more light less Sundays unless the unforeseen happened. The chairman of the police committee reported that the motorcycle which the department purchased some time ago for $768 had at once resulted in more than $700 being collected from speeders in the shape of fines. According to Alderman Doulan of the gas committee the city gas plant is expected to reach its limit of 1700 meters by May 1, and the city is already contemplating improvements in order that the plant may not be overloaded and the patrons be given the best possible service.

Alderman Tillery acted as mayor pro tem and presided in the absence of Mayor Thorne, who left for Florida last night. Those present at the meeting were Aldermen Gay, Battle, Doulan, Parrish, James, Goff and Capelle.

CHURCH WILL WORK TO GET REFORM IN MOVING PICTURES

Presbyterian Board States Intention to Put on Special Campaign

PORTSMOUTH PASTOR IS PLACED IN CHARGE

Welfare Commission will Issue "White List" of Approved Pictures—Trace Juvenile Lawlessness to Movie Screen.

New York, March 5.—Reform of moving pictures is planned by the Presbyterian Board of Temperance and Moral Welfare which announced today that a "white list" of approved pictures would be issued from time to time in an effort to educate picture theatre goers as a means to child welfare and child delinquency.

Rev. Walter Henderson, of Portsmouth, Va., has been appointed to take charge of this work. A congress among workers and chaplains of prisons showed most of the juvenile delinquency was due to moving pictures which exploited crime.

EPISCOPAL BISHOP DIES AT HOME IN MARYLAND

Easton, Md., March 5.—Right Rev. William Forbes Adams, bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of East Md. died at his home here today. Bishop Adams was 87 years old.

DAVIS TO DELIVER PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Document Reached American Embassy in London this Morning

London, March 5.—President Wilson's note in reply to the latest communication of the allied premiers on Adriatic question reached the American embassy here today. It will be delivered to Earl Curzon, the foreign secretary, this afternoon.

Ambassador Davis probably will hand the note in person to Lord Curzon. The instructions sent with the note from Washington contained no mention of publication.

SUMMARY OF NOTE TO BE MADE PUBLIC

Washington, March 5.—A summary of President Wilson's note to the premiers on the Adriatic situation is to be made public by the state department probably later today. Officials indicated that the full text would not be given out at this time.

Beaman Boomed For Place On Commerce Commission

Raleigh, March 5.—M. L. Beaman, secretary of the Raleigh chamber of commerce, who has been "boomed" for the position of chairman of the North Carolina corporation commission in the event of Commissioner A. J. Maxwell's appointment as the interstate commerce commission, has received the indorsement of the bar of Clinton, his home town in Sampson county.

Endorsements from the North Carolina cotton association, Elizabeth City chamber of commerce, the Wayne county bar association and L. S. Tomlinson, of Wilson, have also been received by Mr. Beaman. So far, however, there are which were little since the president has not yet named Commissioner Maxwell for the Washington position.

At the present rate 200 years will be needed to finish mapping the world, but this may be reduced to 20 years if the airplane is brought into this service.

MRS. STONE DIES AT HOME IN CITY

Funeral Services held From Home of Her Daughter Tomorrow

Mrs. Cornelia A. Stone, after a brief attack of pneumonia, died yesterday afternoon about five o'clock at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. S. H. Dominick, on Hammond street, with whom she had been making her home for some time. Mrs. Stone was well known in this city and her death comes as a source of great sorrow to her many friends throughout this section.

The deceased lady, who was 68 years of age, is survived by five daughters and one son, her husband having preceded her in death six years ago. The surviving son is Mr. E. E. Stone, of this city, while the daughters are Mesdames S. B. Dominick, S. T. Harrison and Miss Lula Stone, of this city, Mrs. P. H. Johnston, of Whitakers, and Mrs. John T. Rose, of Washington, D. C.

According to announcement this morning, funeral services will be conducted from the home tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. H. N. McDiarmid, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, after which interment will take place in the family burying ground about three miles out in the county from this city.

JAPANESE TROOPS TO LEAVE SIBERIA

Will Follow American Policy in Abandoning the Expedition

SOVIET OFFERS PEACE

Russian Defacto Government Extends Peace Offer to Japan—Would Recognize Special Rights in Siberian Territory.

Honolulu, March 5.—The Japanese government has decided to abandon the Siberian expedition in line with the American policy, according to a cable message from Tokio received by Shinsoku, a Japanese language newspaper here.

The first detachment of Japanese troops will leave Vladivostock March 20, simultaneously with the departure of the last Czecho-Slovak troops, the message says. The Soviet government's peace offer to Japan, according to the dispatch, asks recognition of the Lenine defacto government and resumption of full diplomatic relations, promises to cease terrorism simultaneously with amicable acquiescence with the offer and to recognize Japan's special right in Siberia.

TOBACCO FAMINE THREATENS FRANCE

Unless Growers Plant More Smokers Will Find Supply Cut Short

Paris, March 5.—Tobacco production in France must be increased generally and greatly throughout the Republic or French smokers must depend on America, Algeria and Morocco for their supply. Furthermore, smokers must be prepared to pay more for tobacco unless it is grown here in quantities as great as before the war. This is the opinion of Deputy Delport, president of the National Federation of Tobacco Planters. As French tobacco interests suffered heavily during the war, he believes that special inducement must now be held out to them if the planters resume production of tobacco on a scale equal to that of 1914.

Many tobacco plantations in France were devastated during the war and many planters suffered in the trenches and on the battlefields. Present conditions obtaining in foreign exchange make it impossible for France to buy foreign tobacco. Therefore, M. Delport holds that tangible encouragement necessarily must be given to home growers of tobacco. He said that the scheme to grant over the French tobacco monopoly to Americans was unworthy of consideration from the standpoint of patriotism and loyalty to French interests.

Another principal reason, he said, why France must encourage the growing of tobacco is that the French tobacco planter also is an agriculturist, producing wheat, corn and grapes. Land on which tobacco is grown one year produces the following year wheat thrice superior to that ordinarily grown in this country, because of the rich fertilization of the soil from the tobacco cultivation.

STOCK MARKET

New York, March 5.—Additions to yesterday's gains were quite general at the opening of today's stock market, although the rise was again mainly confined to oils, motors, shippings and high priced specialties. The movement was attended by another advance in foreign exchange, preliminary quotations for demand bills on London ranging from $3.60 to $3.63 against yesterday's maximum of $3.58. Advances of 1 to 3 points marked the early dealings in Mexican and Pan-American Petroleum, Texas Co., general motors, Marine preferred and Canadian Pacific. Profit taking reduced many of these gains within the first half hour.

Services Tonight—There will be services at eight o'clock tonight at the Catholic church. The public is cordially invited to attend the service.

MISSION CLASS TO DEBATE BIG ISSUE

Ladies of Different Churches to Argue Immigration Question

The Mission Class of the Church of the Good Shepherd has arranged for an interchurch debate on the immigration question next Monday afternoon. The occasion of the debate is the third meeting of the class in the series entitled "Our Neighbors from Across the Sea."

The subject of the debate is: Resolved, the immigrants to America during the years 1820-1880 have been of greater benefit to our country than the immigrants of 1880-1914. On the affirmative side of the question will be Mrs. George L. Parker, from the Baptist church, and Mrs. Jacob Battle, from the Episcopal church, while Mrs. T. H. McPherson, from the Presbyterian church, and Mrs. J. R. Bennett, from the Methodist church, will uphold the negative side of the question.

The debate will be held in the chapel of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and a cordial invitation is extended to any who may care to attend.

JOE AND GARDNER CAIN MEET DEATH IN THE CHAIR TODAY

Two Brothers Pay Death Penalty Alleged Murder Riley Easter

NEW RECORD MADE IN A DOUBLE EXECUTION

Surry County Moonshiners Were Baptized this Morning and Declared They were Ready to die--Governor Takes no Action.

Raleigh, March 5—Joe and Gardner Cain, Surry county moonshiners, were electrocuted at the state prison here today for the murder of Riley Easter. This was the first double execution of white men to take place in North Carolina. The brothers were baptized this morning by a Methodist minister and both went to their death declaring they were tried at the January, 1919, term to die, each saying "I am ready to meet my God."

Easter was killed when the Cains and Joe Bowles attacked his home because a son had removed a whisky still that belonged to them and reported to the county authorities. The Cains were tried at the January, 1919 term of Surry county superior court and were convicted of first degree murder and the three were sentenced to die in the electric chair. Governor Bickett recently commuted the sentence of Joe Bowles to 20 years imprisonment, but declined to interfere with the sentences of the Cains.

Late Thursday afternoon Governor Bickett in company with his private secretary, Sanford Martin, visited the doomed men in the death cell at the state prison. Both men talked freely of the part they played in the tragedy over a year ago in which Riley Easter was fatally shot, and on the eve of their execution stoutly maintained their innocence.

The charge on which they were convicted jointly was that of conspiring to kill Easter in [illegible] who did not return a [illegible] been stolen from liquor still which [illegible] afternoon they [illegible] them, and Thursday [illegible] not told the governor that they were guilty of any conspiracy, that they were drinking at the time and in the fusillade of shots fired either by them, Joe Bowles or Walter Cain, son of Joe Cain, old man Easter's life was taken. Joe Cain is of the opinion that a shot from a pistol fired by his son, Walter, was the bullet which struck Riley Easter.

Governor Bickett earlier in the afternoon Thursday had announced that he would not interfere with the judgment of the court. This decision was reached, the governor stated, because he had been unable to discover any additional evidence which would justify commutation. Two weeks ago he passed on the cases of the Cains and Joe Bowles, brother-in-law of the brothers, in which he allowed the court sentence to stand but commuted the death sentence of Bowles to twenty years' imprisonment.

Attorney John Folger of Mount Airy, who made a hard fight for the life of the men, appealed for commutation at the hands of the governor Thursday, arging that their lives be spared because of the ignorance and false doctrines both men had been reared on: that their father was a fanatic who had instilled into their lives the belief that there was no wrong in making whisky and that Sunday schools were the worksof the devil. The governor fully realized their ignorance and appreciated the fact that the men had been taught to be inconsiderate of the laws of the state but he could find no justification for changing the judgment of the court which decreed the death of the Cains.

BANKERS TO NAME PLACE OF MEETING

President Ramsey Calls Session of Executive Committee Monday

The executive committee of the North Carolina Bankers' Association will meet at the Yarborough Hotel, in Raleigh, Monday morning, March 8, at eleven o'clock, according to a call issued by Mr. Joseph B. Ramsey, president of the association and of the First National Bank of this city, through Secretary T. A. Uzzell, president of the Peoples Bank of New Bern, yesterday afternoon.

At this meeting the committee will determine the place and time for holding the next annual convention of the association and as customary will entertain invitations from cities and clearing house associations wishing to secure the state meeting. Several other important matters of business will also come up before the committee meeting for consideration and disposal.

As the bankers' convention is one of the largest and most important meetings held in the state each year, bidding by the various cities to secure the meeting and to entertain the state's financiers is expected to be very lively. As Rocky Mount is in the race to the finish and as Greensboro, Pinehurst and several other cities have already signified their intentions of trying for the convention, the outcome of Monday's meeting will be watched with considerable interest.