

MUCH GOOD ROADS WORK IS ALREADY BEING CARRIED ON

Construction Projects Now Under Way Approximates Over \$9,000,000

BRYAN IS WEEK-END VISITOR IN RALEIGH

Commoner Makes Brief Sojourn Without Creating Any Stir—Federal Taxes in State to Fall Below Last Year's Mark

Raleigh, April 18.—Roadwork is being carried on in North Carolina by the State Highway Commission's latest statement approximates nine and three-quarter millions. These figures represent the money value of the state and federal projects to build good roads while the mileage is 260 of gravel and 107 of hard surfaced highways. Two bridges are also being constructed at an approximate cost of \$2,500,000 which are included in the grand total of nine and three-quarter millions. A summary of the work under way and mapped out by the highway commission as of April 1, 1921 indicates just what progress will be made under the Doughton-Governor-Bryan good roads bill, after the money is available.

Six hundred and sixty-seven miles of hard surfaced and gravel roadwork and two bridge projects actually under construction at an approximate cost of \$9,757,317.24, include four projects, two bridges and two gravel roads totaling 26 miles, which will cost \$988,725.34; one completed 26 projects, fourteen hard surfaced, 21 gravelled and one bridge which cost \$2,500,000. As in the schedule of work under construction gravel highways under distance the hard surface by almost four to one of the projects completed, there being 171 miles of gravel to 47 of hard surfaced.

All of the roadwork undertaken completed and contracted for in the state by the commission has been done with federal aid. While in the large majority of instances private concerns did the work, commissioners are listed as having been their own contractors in some counties. The counties of Craven, Cumberland, Wayne, Guilford, Hoke, Johnston, Columbus, Gaston, Duplin and Bladen being starting projects where certain small projects were undertaken and completed by the commission. William Jennings Bryan returned as the best candidate for the presidency of the nation and was twice defeated for that post, spent a part of the week end at the capital with out causing a sensation.

The commoner does not appear to have left all of his big heart in the San Francisco grave, but has returned with a new vigor. He was in Raleigh, North Carolina, on Saturday, April 17, and on Sunday, April 18. He was in Raleigh, North Carolina, on Saturday, April 17, and on Sunday, April 18. He was in Raleigh, North Carolina, on Saturday, April 17, and on Sunday, April 18.

Comparative figures are not yet available but clerks in collector chief William Bailey's office are confident federal taxes from North Carolina will not come out where the grand total of 1919-1920. The clerks ought to know because they handle the bulk of the money and the reports. It does not appear that Taylor will win the palm, she may win, the gold mine and the mine instead. Corporations are sending in returns that fall far short of last year's figures, while in many instances the individual returns show an increase.

It will not surprise the collector's office if the grand total of federal taxes from North Carolina this year falls short of the 1919-1920 mark of \$162,000,000 by five millions. It may be more or even less. One hundred million they think would not be a bad guess at this time. The capital city's commission to nominate one may be commissioner of public safety and one commissioner of public works and a city judge is being held today with the greatest number of applicants in a quarter of a century registered for the race. All of the "tin" officers have opposition and a hard fight is being made by all contestants.

COTTON MARKET

New York, April 18.—Cotton futures opened steady. May 12.20; July 12.81; October 13.55; December 13.72; Jan. 13.85. The cotton market was comparatively narrow and irregular during today's early trading. Liverpool was better than due but no change was reported in the British real time strike, and the market here opened 5 points lower to 3 points higher. There was some Wall street and local buying encouraged by the stronger foreign exchange rates and the stronger turn of the stock market, but Liverpool and the south sold off and after selling at 12.85 July eased off to 12.69, or about 11 to 12 points net lower.

ANNOUNCE INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF CRUDE OIL

Pittsburg, Pa., April 18.—An increase in the price of crude oil was announced here today by the principle purchasing agencies. The increase arranged from 10 to 25 cents a barrel.

SHAVER IS REPORTED TO BE OUT OF DANGER NOW

High Point, N. C., April 18.—Henry Shaver, bystander who was struck by a stray bullet fired by Dr. J. W. Hancock when the latter shot and killed Chief of Police J. E. Taylor on the streets of Thomasville Saturday afternoon, was reported to be in a favorable condition for recovery at noon today. Shaver was brought to a local hospital immediately after the shooting. His condition at the time was thought to be critical but unless complications set in he will recover, said attending physicians.

PRESBYTERY IS TO CONVENE THIS WEEK

Local Church Will Be Represented at Session to Be Held in Greenville

Interest of local Presbyterians will be focused for the next few days upon Greenville, where the session of the Alabama presbytery will convene tomorrow. Rev. William Dinger, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will be in Greenville, while Mr. S. K. Pinn, pastor of the First church, will be in Greenville. The session will be held in Greenville. The session will be held in Greenville.

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RECEPTION AT THE LIBRARY TUESDAY

Woman's Club and Chamber of Commerce to Be Hosts at Formal Opening

The library recently placed in the center of the city, building will be formally opened to the public tomorrow afternoon between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock when the citizens of the city are invited to inspect the new quarters and the collection of books in the library. The opening will be held in the afternoon between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock. The opening will be held in the afternoon between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock.

STEEL CORPORATION HEAD TO BE SHIPPING BOARD CHAIRMAN

Washington, April 18.—James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel Corporation, is expected by high administration officials to be named as chairman of the new shipping board, whose nominations will be sent to the senate late this week by President Harding.

Poppy to Be Memorial Day Flower of American Legion

New York, April 18.—The American Legion has adopted the poppy as its Memorial Day flower. On May 30 thousands of tiny red silk flowers will be distributed throughout America by the Legion and other patriotic organizations. The poppies—exact replicas of those which "blow off Flanders field"—were made by war orphans of the American and French children's League. They were brought to America by Mme. Anna E. Guerin who founded the league for the purpose of perpetuating the friendship between the nations which had its inception on the battle-field. The poppy is the league's national emblem and the children are the self-sustained wardens of graves of the American soldier dead in France.

KAHN RESOLUTION PASSED BY HOUSE

Proposes Investigation Into Escape of Draft Evader to Germany

WITHOUT OPPOSITION

Resolution Is Passed Upon After Being Reported Out By Committee—Passage Preceded Only by Brief Debate

Washington, April 18.—The Kahn resolution for investigation of the escape to Germany of Grover Cleveland Ferguson, Philadelphia, draft evader, was reported out today by the House committee on the subject. The resolution was passed without opposition. The resolution was passed without opposition.

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American Foreign Trade Shows Decided Decrease

Washington, April 18.—American foreign trade last month was nearly three times as much as in the same month last year, but made a decided decrease by the department of commerce today. Exports for the month were \$2,100,000,000, compared with \$700,000,000 in March, 1920, while imports were \$1,800,000,000, compared with \$500,000,000 in March, 1920.

Eight Cases Disposed of in Municipal Court

Considering the fact that today is Monday and that the docket was supposed to contain a heavy accumulation of week-end cases, the regular session of municipal court, Recorder Langford presiding, was not up to the usual Monday morning standard at 10 o'clock. Eight cases were disposed of for disposal before His Honor. The docket was as follows: Louise Smith and Pearl Fixster, ordered, got into the tools of the law when they tried to search a purse from a pedestrian on the downtown street Saturday afternoon. They were arraigned on felony charges and after probable cause had been found were held for next superior court for the former under \$150 and the latter under \$50 bond.

Public Utilities Head Dies on Train Today

Charlotte, April 18.—Zebulon Vance Taylor, president and general manager of the Southern Public Utilities Co., died suddenly at 10:30 o'clock this morning near Frederickburg, Va., enroute to New York with James B. Duke, president of the American Tobacco Co., and the Southern Power Co., in Mr. Duke's private car, according to information received here.

MARCH ACTIVE MONTH FOR PROHIBITION AGENTS

Richmond, April 18.—March was one of the most active months experienced recently by Federal prohibition agents under the supervision of Revenue Agent S. E. Brame in the southern territory which comprises the states of Virginia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky, according to figures just compiled by Mr. Brame.

JAPAN OBSTINATE IN OPPOSING U. S. ON YAP MANDATES

Declares America Must Prove Wilson Reservations Were Adopted

SUCH ACTION TERMED BREACH OF BAD FAITH

State Department Makes Public Note Received from Japanese Government in February—Hughes Reply Takes Exception

Washington, April 18.—To maintain its position with regard to the Pacific Island of Yap, the American government would have to prove not merely the fact that President Wilson made reservations concerning it but also that the Japanese government had accepted those reservations. The Japanese government says in a note today dated Feb. 25, 1921, that it had accepted the reservations made by the state department along with the other correspondence between the two governments regarding Yap.

MRS. PADDISON DIES AT BURGAW HOME

Mother of E. S. Paddison Succumbs to Stroke of Paralysis

The many friends of Mr. E. S. Paddison will regret to learn that his mother, Mrs. E. S. Paddison, died at her home in Burgaw Saturday night after having suffered a stroke of paralysis the week before. This was the third stroke that Mrs. Paddison had suffered. Her death occurred at 10 o'clock Saturday night. Mrs. Paddison had been in poor health for some time. Her death occurred at 10 o'clock Saturday night.

Three Negroes Held For Edgecombe Court

Howard Pittman, Jason Battle and Lawrence Dierkes, the three negroes who were arrested in a whiskey raid by local police officers three miles from this city in Edgecombe county Friday night, were arraigned before Magistrate B. Cooper Saturday afternoon in charges of violating the prohibition laws.

ROAD MEETING IN GREENSBORO TODAY

Several Thousand Delegates From All States Expected to Be Present

Greensboro, April 18.—Registration of delegates to the ninth annual convention of the United States Good Roads Association and the fifth National Highway Association, convening here for a five days session today with the arrival of five hundred good roads enthusiasts from practically every state of the union. The first session will be held tonight when Governor Cameron Morrison will extend the welcome of the state to the visitors and Judge E. P. Toney, of Arkansas, will deliver the response. Between 2,500 and 3,000 delegates are expected to arrive today and tonight. A number of entertainment features have been planned, including an old fashioned barbecue to be given at the Guilford Battleground on Thursday evening.

STOCK MARKET

New York, April 18.—On the stock exchange the week opened with irregular prices changing, although gains predominated. Oil led the former issues, notably California and Mexican petroleum and General Asphalt. Coca Cola, Famous Players, Baldwin Locomotive, American Smelting and Columbia Gas also were variable higher. Rails were disposed to ease moderately with equipments, Pullman falling 1 1/4 points to par the lowest of the year.

DRASTIC ACTION AGAINST GERMANY IS UNLIKELY

London, April 18.—Reports of drastic action contemplated by the allies against Germany to be taken May 1st were characterized in British official circles today as highly speculative. These reports, it was pointed out, were based on the assumption that Germany neither intends to pay adequate reparations or to offer a new or acceptable solution for the reparations problem, and British officials are declining as yet to concur in any such assumption.

SPECIAL SERVICE AT LOCAL CHURCH

Rev. Cannon Preaches to Former Students of Methodist Institutions

Last night was educational night at the First Methodist church. Rev. James Cannon, III, preaching a special sermon to former students of Methodist schools and colleges. The special service was held in conjunction with the educational campaign which the southern Methodist church will soon inaugurate. After the service the alumni and alumnæ of the various institutions held an informal gathering for the purpose of organizing and becoming acquainted. Steps were taken at this gathering for a banquet which will be given only next month. This matter was left to the hands of a special committee. The date and various details will be worked out by the committee and announced later.

LOCAL MASONS GO TO ENFIELD TODAY

Upwards of Two Score Leave in Cars to Attend Scottish Rite Reunion

Upwards of two score local Scottish Rite Masons and candidates left the city in automobiles shortly after noon today to attend the Scottish Rite reunion for the Valley of Enfield which will be held at Enfield this afternoon and tonight. At the afternoon session, which will start at one o'clock and continue until 6:30, the fourth to the fourteenth degrees inclusive will be put on. Of these degrees the fifth will be conducted by a team composed of the following: South Masons, P. R. Tucker, P. J. Thomas, F. R. Jones and C. R. Shuler. At 8:30 the session will adjourn for a banquet which will be served by the local Masons. At eight o'clock the meeting will resume and degrees from the fifteenth to the eighteenth will be given. Rocky Mount Masons who will put on this degree are P. R. Tucker, P. J. Thomas, W. C. Mangum, H. S. Corey, H. E. Foster and D. E. Oake. Following closely upon the reunion at Enfield today, the reunion for the Valley of New Bern will take place in the seven county city April 19 to 21 when degrees from the fourth to the thirtieth second will be put on. Many local Masons, who have taken up to the eighteenth degree at Enfield are expected to go to New Bern to take the higher degrees. It being expected that at least 35 or 40 will make the trip from this city. Local Masons will have charge of the sixth, seventh and eighth degrees at the New Bern reunion, P. R. Tucker being in charge of the sixth, H. S. Corey seventh and M. R. Robbins eighth.

Present Cold Snap Is Slated to Continue

Washington, April 18.—The cold snap moving across from the plain states and extended today to the Atlantic seaboard from Maine to Florida, but the weather bureau forecast showed rising temperature tomorrow and Wednesday in the Mississippi river. Freezing temperatures were reported this morning as far south as Asheville, N. C., with slight frost to the Alabama coast, central Louisiana and Central Texas. Higher temperatures were predicted for tonight along the middle Atlantic coast and southern and central Florida. The bureau said, light frost was probable as far south as the interior of central Florida.

Nine Persons Injured in Wreck Near China Grove

Charlotte, April 18.—Nine persons were slightly injured at China Grove near here this morning when Southern Railway passenger train No. 31 and 37 were sideswiped by a hanging load on a northbound freight train. Four of the injured were brought to local hospitals.

SUPREME COURT REAFFIRMS RECENT TAX DECISIONS

Washington, April 18.—The supreme court reaffirmed today its recent decision that depreciation of taxable assets is taxable as income in the case brought by Herbert Darlington, against internal revenue officials of the Chicago district.

TWO ARE INJURED WHEN CLEANING PLANT EXPLODES

High Point, April 18.—John Sartain and Joseph Crowder, employees of a local laundry, were seriously injured this morning when a dry cleaning machine which they were operating exploded here today. The entire front of the laundry was torn away by the explosion. ALEXANDER COUNTY MAN KILLED BY LIGHTNING Hickory, N. C., April 18.—Charlie White, aged 23 and unmarried, was instantly killed Saturday afternoon by a stroke of lightning at his home in Alexander county, 14 miles from this city, according to a message received here today. His mother and sister on the porch with him at the time were slightly injured.

WAGE HEARINGS TO OPEN IMMEDIATELY

Labor Board Reject Unions' Request for Postponement of Hearing

TO HAVE TIME LIMITS

Unions Had Requested Postponement Until New Members of Board Might Be Sworn In—Five Days to Be Allowed Hearing

Chicago, April 18.—The railroad labor board today decided to proceed immediately with the consolidated hearing into requests of 37 railroads for wage reductions, denying the unions a plea for a postponement until the appointment of three new members named by President Harding is confirmed by the senate. The board ruled it was within the law in proceeding with a majority of its members present. The board extended the time limit for evidence to five hours hearing for each side. The carriers will open and at the end of their testimony a week recess will be taken to let the unions prepare their testimony. The employees then will have five days in which to present their side.

POLITICAL SKIES ARE CLEARED OF REPORTS

Announcement Remove Haze That Has Hovered Over Situation Past Ten Days—Active Candidates Start on Home Stretch

Definite assurance that he is not a candidate for mayor in the primary to be held April 29 is given this morning by Mayor T. T. Thorne in the first formal statement that he has made since the local political waters became exceedingly muddy ten days ago when rumors were rife that Mayor Thorne would not be a candidate for re-election. In his withdrawal announcement today Mayor Thorne points out that he has been head of the city's government for practically three terms and that he is not in the race for a fourth period. He likewise expresses thanks for the cooperation which has been shown him by the various city officials and voices appreciation for the many profers of support if he would allow his name to be considered in the present battle of ballots. This announcement means that the hazy political sky which has been overhanging the city has once more been cleared and attention focused upon the five active candidates, M. V. Barnhill, Paul R. Capelle, C. L. Gay, Chas. L. Statton and J. W. Keel. With only two weeks intervening before the date of the primary, these aspirants are busily engaged in lining up their forces, and after having been given their second wind by Mayor Thorne's announcement are now redoubling their activities as they speed in upon the home stretch. The uncertainty as to whether or not Mr. Thorne would be in the race has done much to arouse and stimulate interest in the election. Mayor Thorne first gave notice that he would make the race, but upon the entry of first Mr. Barnhill and then Mr. Capelle it was widely circulated over the city that he would withdraw. Before these rumors could be substantiated one way or the other, Mr. Thorne was called from the city on business, and during his absence the rumors rolled in, building and thither like a gas attack on No. 10 Man's Land. Every voter had his own opinion as to whether the present mayor would make the race again, and from the number of reports that were circulated, it was evident that all these opinions were let drift before the public. As a natural result, the political horizon became darkened, and it was not until Mayor Thorne's definite announcement this morning that the clouds were dispelled and the five remaining candidates left mobilizing their forces under clear skies once more. Mr. Thorne's announcement, which assumes the appearance of a neutral document and leans neither to the one side or the other, is as follows: "I want to make it clear that I am not a candidate for the office of mayor in the primary to be held April 29. "I have held the office for two consecutive terms and nearly one full term before that time. I have given to the office the very best service of which I was capable, and in discharging the duties which are numerous and exacting I have been called upon to make many sacrifices that at times I could ill afford to make. I am grateful for the support given me all along by the police and every one connected with the administration of the city government. I am deeply appreciative of the many offers of support that have been offered me in the coming primary, if I would allow my name to be considered in it. I want to thank all these good and zealous friends."

Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Turner Dies

Joseph, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Turner, died at the home of his parents on Sunset avenue yesterday afternoon after a short illness. The little fellow was seven months and sixteen days old. The funeral will be held at the home this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. James Cannon, III, after which burial will take place at Pine View cemetery.

VATICAN DENIES THAT IT WILL ACT AS INTERMEDIARY

Rome, April 18.—A formal denial was issued by the Vatican today of the reports that it would act as intermediary between Germany and the United States for presentation of German propositions with regard to reparations.

PICTORIAL NEWS SERVICE IN LOCAL STORE'S WINDOW

Through the courtesy of the Caledonia Nat. Syrup and Baking Company daily pictorial news service, furnished by Underwood and Underwood, has been placed in the window of the Standard Drug Company. The service, which gives a pictorial review of the world's foremost events, is changed daily and offers most interesting and instructive views about as soon as the telegraphic reports of the various happenings have been received.