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ASHBURNER TELLS CITIZENS HERE OF MANAGERSHIP PLAN

Norfolk City Manager Addresses Representative Citizens at Meeting

DECLARES THAT PLAN MAY BE WORKED HERE

Speaker Cites Accomplishments That Have Taken Place in Norfolk Since Manager-Ship Plan Went Into Effect

Benefits and advantages of the city manager form of government especially as evolved at Norfolk, were pointed out by Charles E. Ashburner, city manager of Norfolk, who addressed a large gathering of representative citizens of the Rock Mountain building last night.

Mr. Ashburner, who is the city manager of Norfolk, was invited to Norfolk by the Chamber of Commerce for the regular quarterly meeting of the commercial organization, but the organization's business was dropped with and the evening devoted to a manager-ship meeting.

Mr. Ashburner, after having been introduced by Mayor T. T. Thorne, and extending thanks to the citizens here that had been accorded him during the afternoon, traced the origin of the city manager form of government, stating that the first city adopted it 13 years ago and that at that time the plan was published in newspaper form. In 1917, he stated, another town adopted the plan, and in the year 1914 nineteen towns had the city manager form, while at present 11,000 towns have adopted such forms of government. And the significant thing, Mr. Ashburner pointed out, is that none of them has gone by the board.

Some things, he said, had happened in the plan of the city manager, but he began his address by asking them why they were opposed to it. He then stated the idea that the city manager plan should be called a reform. Reform is not needed by Norfolk, he stated, there is no need of anything which will show results in a city. After stating that the adoption of the city manager form was necessary for the maintenance of the city, he pointed out that the city manager plan is outlined in the city manager's report, and to whom he was responsible, in the hands of the department which is directly responsible to the manager, and the various heads of the departments, who worked under their departmental heads. A city manager, Mr. Ashburner stated, would probably have a division of the heads of the departments, and the manager should be made a personal friend of the citizens, that men should not be put in office merely because they were good fellows, but that the most important duty of the city manager is to see that the duties of handling the city are done. These men should be the best business men in the community.

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Shops Safety Committee in Meeting Yesterday

The Rocky Mountain shops safety committee, held its regular monthly meeting at the city manager's office yesterday afternoon. The committee is made up of representatives from the various shops in the city, and its purpose is to see that the shops are safe and that the workers are protected.

The committee discussed the various safety problems of the shops, and the city manager, Mr. Ashburner, stated that he would see that the shops were safe and that the workers were protected.

LOOKING FOR ROBBERS OF SMALL POSTOFFICES

Hambley, Va., April 29.—A search being made today by city and county authorities for thieves who have been robbing small postoffices within the county. Sledgehammers were used by thieves in a vain effort to batter off the combination of the safe in the postoffice at Wolf. The postoffice at Hambley, N. C., near here, was robbed last night of a small sum of money. It is estimated that \$10,000 have been robbed by the postoffice.

OLDEST N. AND W. WORKER BISHES AT HOME IN ROANOKE

Roanoke, Va., April 29.—Mildred P. Bragg, 62, for 25 years traveling passenger agent of the Norfolk and Western railway and one of the oldest employees in term of years in the company's employment, died yesterday afternoon in this city. He had been in the employ of the railroad for about 40 years.

Harding Returns From Reviewing the Fleet

Washington, April 29.—President Harding returned to the White house from the Atlantic fleet review in Hampton Roads at 9 o'clock this morning. The presidential yacht Mayflower, on which the President and his party were, left the dock here at 7 o'clock, and Mr. Harding stepped into and breakfasted before heading for going to the executive offices.

Ruling On Invalidity of Taxing Feature of the Finance Act May Cause Extra Session of Assembly

Ruling by Attorney General Has Set Raleigh Agog About Possibilities

GOVERNOR COMMENTS

Declares Rumor That He Is Afraid to Call Special Session Pure Bosh—Ruling Has Raised Perplexing Question for Towns

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Mr. Manning's ruling, which was issued yesterday, states that the power conferred by the act is not a power of taxation, but a power of assessment. This ruling has raised a perplexing question for the towns of the State, as they are now faced with the problem of how to raise their revenues.

Governor Harding, who has been asked to call a special session of the General Assembly to consider the matter, has declared the rumor that he is afraid to call a special session pure bosh. He has stated that he will call a special session if necessary, but that he is not afraid to do so.

MUNICIPAL PRIMARY HELD AT ENFIELD

Big Northern Manufacturer Spending Some Time at Country Place

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Goldsboro, April 29.—Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, will open the drive in Wayne for the organization of the tobacco farmers of Wayne county.

LIKELY DELAYS IN THE OCCUPATION OF RUHR DISTRICT

Details of Occupation Plans Will Be Discussed at Allied Meeting Saturday

ALLIED PREMIERS TO DISCUSS SITUATION

Premier Briand After Being Re-inforced by Vote of Confidence From Chamber of Deputies Goes to London for Conference

London, April 29.—French occupation of the Ruhr district of Germany is expected to be delayed for some time, according to reports from Paris. Details of the plan formulated by Marshal Foch and his subordinates will be discussed tomorrow by the supreme allied council, but it appeared probable here today that the march into Germany's richest coal and industrial region, if ordered, would not be initiated until late next week.

Germany's reparations proposal will not be formally discussed at Saturday's meeting of the supreme council, it was indicated here today. Premier Briand continued in his opposition to his own reparations proposal, but he was able to secure a vote of confidence in the chamber of deputies and the senate of France, and an engagement to confer with President and Minister Lloyd George immediately after the arrival of Clemenceau and his cabinet in London. A formal meeting of the allied reparations committee will be held during the day.

HEAVY DOCKET IS HEARD IN COURT

Wide Variety of Cases Face Recorder Lancaster for Disposal This Morning

Recorder Lancaster found a sure enough man sized docket facing him for disposal when he convened the regular session of municipal court this morning. The docket included cases of horse stealing on down to petty spoiling offenses, and when the court concluded its length grand numbers of defendants had been found guilty for trial at Edgecombe and Nash county superior courts.

GERMAN COMMISSIONER REFUSES TO ATTEND

Paris, April 29.—Dr. Van Ortzen, head of the German war reparations commission, refused to attend a meeting of the reparations committee today for determination of the time and method of the German proposals.

REV. GILL STILL AT EDGE MONT CHURCH

Revival Services Continue Through Sunday With Special Sermons

Rev. E. E. Gill, evangelist of the Presbyterian church of Charlotte, is continuing his meeting at the Edgemont church on Wednesday. Last night his subject was "The Church and the World." The service was a great success, and the large congregation was in evidence.

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REDS LEADING IN Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN

Blues Submit Best Report Yesterday and Are Pushing Leaders Hard

Although the Blues led again in yesterday's canvassing according to the reports submitted last night, the Reds are still leading by a narrow margin in the Y. M. C. A. membership campaign which began Tuesday and will continue through next Monday.

The final tally of the campaign was held at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday evening at 8:30. According to the reports turned in at that time by the canvassers of the two teams, the Reds yesterday secured 13 new memberships and the Blues 12. The Blues, however, had a larger number of members on the opening day of the campaign, but the Blues are pushing their leaders hard.

Portuguese Steamer Is Stuck on Rocks

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Rock Island, Ill., April 29.—The Portuguese steamer *Albatross* with 448 passengers went ashore on a Black rock on the west side of Black Island in the Gulf of Mexico today. Capt. Teal of the coast guard station reported that the steamer was leaking slightly but was not in danger. She was bound for New Bedford from Lashara. Unless a shift in the wind came the vessel could be hoisted easily with the aid of tugs. The passengers, all Portuguese immigrants, were to stay aboard for the time being at least.

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VIEWS OF ALLIED POWERS ARE LAID BEFORE PRESIDENT

Reparations Proposals Understood to Have Been Discussed at Meeting

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