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ASHEVILLE, N. C., WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 18, 1909.

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MAJOR BREESE CROSS-EXAMINED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY HOLTON

Court Allows the Major to Testify as to Intent, and He Says No Act Was Done to Defraud.

LETTERS OF DEFENDANT TO U. S. COMPTROLLER

Correspondence Read to Show Comptroller Know All About Condition of the First National.

The defense gained a point this morning just before Major W. E. Brees had completed his direct examination, when, following a conference of District Attorney Holton, Judge Moore and Judge Newman, the court ruled that Judge Moore might ask Major Brees, who was on the stand in his own behalf, in the trial of Brees, Penland and Dickerson charged with conspiracy to defraud the First National Bank of Asheville and embezzle its monies, certain questions as to the intent of witness in making certain transactions regarding the business of the bank.

FIRED BY SUTTON WAS FATAL SHOT

Finding of the Naval Court of Inquiry Which Re-investigated the Affair.

SUICIDE OR ACCIDENT; NO ONE ELSE TO BLAME

Court is Unable to Determine Whether Sutton Intended to Kill Himself.

Washington, Aug. 18.—The naval court of inquiry into the death of Lieutenant James N. Sutton, United States marine corps, has found that the officer came to his death either by accidental shooting or by suicide, but just which it was not able to determine. The court of inquiry decides that no possible charge of criminality lies against any of the participants in the fray except Lieutenant Sutton himself, and that Lieutenant Sutton was directly and solely responsible for his own death, which was self-inflicted, either intentionally or in an effort to shoot one of the persons restraining him, and that his death was not caused by any other injury whatever.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast until 8 p. m. Thursday for Asheville and vicinity: Fair weather tonight and Thursday.

BIDS ARE OPENED FOR BIG VESSELS

The Wyoming and Arkansas, "Dreadnought" Type, Authorized by Congress.

WILLIAM CRAMP & SONS SUBMITTED LOWEST FIGURES

One Bid at \$4,450,000 and Another \$4,475,000—Others' Proposals.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Two more American Dreadnoughts, the Wyoming and Arkansas, authorized by congress, took first shape at this navy department today, when bids for their construction were opened in the presence of numerous representatives of shipbuilding firms, anxious to obtain the contracts.

GENERAL VICTORY FOR PROHIBITION

Dispensary Was in a Few South Carolina Counties, Only—The Vote Was Light.

Charleston, Aug. 18.—Unofficial returns from the elections held in 21 of the so-called "wet" counties of South Carolina for the purpose of allowing the voters of each county to choose between prohibition and the county dispensary system indicate that the prohibitionists have won victories in 15 of these counties. Complete returns from some precincts not reported may change the result in two or three counties, but the probabilities are that prohibition has carried in Abbeville, Bamberg, Barnwell, Berkeley, Calhoun, Colleton, Darchester, Fairfield, Hampton, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Orangeburg, Sumter and Williamsburg counties. The dispensary has won in Aiken, Charleston and Richland counties and is leading in Florence, Georgetown and Beaufort counties.

DID NOT DROWN HERSELF AS SHE SAID SHE WOULD

Miss Della Dunn Evidently Thought Better of It—Found in Norfolk.

Norfolk, Aug. 18.—The police have located in Norfolk Miss Della Dunn, a 19 year old girl of Clinton Forge, Va., who came here in May from her home which had been obtained for her at Virginia Beach.

WIN A \$65 PRIZE

This splendid prize will be given to the person who nominates the winner of the Bullock Touring Car. The Gazette-News determined to overlook no one in this big promotion, has decided to give a valuable prize to the person who nominates the successful candidate. Clip out the blank published in this issue, fill in properly and send to the Contest Department. You may nominate yourself. If you win the first grand prize, you will also be awarded the \$25 Columbia. But you need not necessarily be a contestant to win this prize. If you are fortunate enough to have sent in the name of the winner of the Bullock Touring Car, the talking machine will be given you at the close of the contest. Make as many nominations as you like.

ARKANSAS RIVER RAGING TORRENT

Cloudbursts Last Night—River, Higher Than Ever Before, is Still Rising.

MANY TOURISTS DETAINED AT POINTS IN COLORADO

Tracks of Denver & Rio Grande Washed Out at Numerous Places.

Pueblo, Col., Aug. 18.—Cloudbursts last night at Howard and in Otopias made raging torrents of the tributaries of the Arkansas river, causing the worst flood in years. Along main stream, at Canon City, Ark., the river was five feet higher than ever before in its history at midnight and still rising. This flood is due here some time today and preparations were made to avert great possible damage.

MINIATURE RIOT AT M'KEE'S ROCKS

One Man Shot in the Leg, Several Others Slightly Injured by Stones Thrown.

Pittsburg, Aug. 18.—One man was shot in the right leg and several others were slightly injured by stones during a small riot today in the vicinity of the Pressed Steel Car company's works at McKee's Rocks, where a strike has been in progress for six weeks.

VESSEL BOMBARDS MOORISH POSITION

Eight Thousand Men Are Sent Down Coast to Turn the Enemy's Position.

Madrid, Aug. 18.—According to advices received here from Melilla, Morocco, the Spanish cruiser Princessa de Asturias has begun the effective bombardment of Natlor Point, on the coast where the Moors are concentrating. General Marina, commander of the Spanish forces, has sent 8000 men and sea down the coast to disembark and turn the position of Moors on Guruga mountain.

TEN VICTIMS OF HEAT DIE IN KANSAS CITY

The Torrid Spell in That Part of the Country, However, at Last is Broken.

Kansas City, Aug. 18.—After ten deaths in Kansas City from heat in the past 12 hours, the torrid spell in this part of the southwest was broken this morning and a cool east breeze was blowing.

JOHN C. LATHAM, BANKER AND MILLIONAIRE, IS DEAD

Member of Latham, Alexander & Co. Gave \$20,000 for a Confederate Monument in Kentucky.

CONVICTS WANTED BY RAILROAD CO.

Governor Kitchin Hears About the Proposed Stateville Air Line.

WILL BE SHORTEST LINK FROM LAKES TO SEABOARD

The Governor Promises to Let Company Have Convicts as Soon as Possible.

The White Furniture company of Mebane, W. E. White, president, increases capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000, charter amendment to this effect being just filed with the secretary of state.

Commissions were issued today by Governor Kitchin to Dr. J. A. Holmen, Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt and T. L. Chisholm, the latter of Sanford, as delegates from North Carolina to the third national conservation congress to be held at Seattle August 26 to 28.

RAILROAD TALK; MACADAM TALK

Significant Statements Made by Speakers at the Rally in North Buncombe.

COL. LUSK FOR MERCHANTS, JUDGE T. A. JONES FOR COUNTY

Suggestion of Transferring Appalachian to East Tennessee Railroad Bonds.

They are having a great time at Democrat in north Buncombe today. There are people there from all sections of the county and also from Yancey and Madison. They are there for the purpose of discussing the proposed railroad through that section from Weaverville to connect with the C. C. & O., and telephone messages from Democrat this afternoon are to the effect that the people present are so interested that there remains little doubt that the road will be pushed on to completion. It is stated that it will cost \$700,000 to build the road from Weaverville to Hunt Dale, Yancey county, where a junction will be had with the C. C. & O., and that New York capitalists stand ready to advance \$300,000 of this money.

GREEK FLAG LOWERED AT CANE, IN CRETE

No Resistance by the Cretans, No Disorder: All Done as Per the Program.

Canea, Island of Crete, Aug. 18.—The Greek flag, raised three weeks ago by the people of Crete in defiance of the sovereignty of Turkey and as an evidence of their desire for union with the kingdom of Greece, was lowered at sunrise this morning by a party of international blue jackets.

RENEWAL BONUS PERIOD ENDS SATURDAY, AND NEW BUSINESS BONUS NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT

It is Time to Wake up, Stir Around Get Busy, Hustle, Expedite, Shove and Step Lively.

DREAMING AND PLANNING TIME IS IN THE PAST

Another Bonus Offer.

All candidates bringing or sending to the Gazette-News office five yearly RENEWAL subscriptions to The Gazette-News (\$25) to be delivered by carrier, or six yearly RENEWAL subscriptions to The Gazette-News to be delivered by mail between Monday, August 9, and midnight Saturday, August 21, will be awarded a voting certificate for 30,000 votes in addition to the regular scale. One two-year renewal will be counted as two yearly renewals. This is positively the largest offer that will be made on renewal subscriptions during the entire contest, and each candidate may secure as many of these as possible. In order to be absolutely fair and impartial, this offer will include all yearly RENEWAL business heretofore sent in.

TWO PERIODS OF OPPORTUNITY RAPIDLY DRAWING TO A CLOSE

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BONUS OFFER ON NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS

Every candidate bringing or sending to the Gazette-News office five yearly subscriptions to The Gazette-News, \$25, to be delivered by carrier, or six yearly subscriptions to The Gazette-News, \$24, to be delivered by mail, between Wednesday, August 11 and midnight Wednesday, August 25, will be awarded a voting certificate for 40,000 votes additional to the regular scale. One two-year subscription will be counted as two yearly subscriptions, and each candidate may secure as many of these clubs as possible.

TIME FOR WAKING

If any candidate in the Gazette-News great popularity voting contest has failed to grasp thoroughly the magnitude and importance of this race, it is now fully time for him or her to awake. The time for the idle wishing, and dreaming and planning has passed. Only one week more to roll up many extra votes which you will find will be necessary to have in order to win one of the thirty-eight prizes that have been hung up to test the staying qualities of the large list of contestants. Incidentally Saturday night ends the opportunity to secure the 30,000 extra votes on every club of old subscribers and next Wednesday night will end the opportunity to earn the extra voting certificates of 40,000 for each club of new subscribers and those who avail themselves of these opportunities will have ample cause for self congratulation. These bonus votes are going to cut quite an important figure in winning these prizes. They constitute a reserve force for candidates and are the votes that cause the greatest surprise because they are the only ones that don't show up in the paper.

AFTER BONUS VOTES

However, preaching along that line is not exactly necessary, for the reason that the winner candidates have not been letting the grass grow under their feet in the matter of storing away bonus votes. Despite the fact that the contest has but a short time to run, several entrants who have been practically standing still have now taken up the work with a vigor that bodes a remarkable business hot campaign. In many cases business has interrupted with work, but now those who were so handicapped are putting forth their most vigorous endeavor to remedy the loss sustained in the past few weeks.

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