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Rain Tonight And Tomorrow Colder

KNOX HAS MADE REPLY TO ENGLAND AS TO CANAL

Thinks Disputed Points Can be Diplomatically Settled, but if Not Can Be Referred to a Commission.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Secretary Knox's reply to the British protest against the Panama canal tolls assured the British government that domestic coastwise trade will not be permitted to extend operation into foreign competitive fields and that increased tolls will not be laid on foreign shipping to balance the remission to American ships. If Great Britain is not satisfied on these points America proposes a special commission of adjustment.

The communication is devoted to the purpose of reducing to the smallest point and number the issues upon which the governments failed to agree as to those—only two—it is contended that they are entirely susceptible of adjustment by diplomatic means, and without recourse to arbitration. If this course should not prove acceptable to the British government, it is suggested that the whole controversy be referred to a special commission of inquiry.

HOW ABOUT A BOND ISSUE TO SECURE BETTER ROADS

Notices have been sent out requesting a meeting of our citizens to be held on Monday, Jan. 27th at 11 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of discussing the road situation in the county with a view of ascertaining whether or not Beaufort County can have good roads. This meeting was called at the instance of Congressman Jno. H. Small and several others who are specially interested in the work, and there will be present at the meeting Mr. R. E. Toms, the Highway Engineer of the United States Bureau of Public Roads, who will talk on the subject of good roads.

While it has been impossible to send notices to all people interested in the road movement, notices have been sent to a large number of our citizens requesting their presence and requesting them to urge the attendance of others who are especially interested in good roads.

The object of the meeting is to have our citizens enter into a full and frank discussion as to the road situation in the county with a view of taking some definite and determined action towards having good roads in the county.

While it will be left to the meeting to determine what shall be done, it is understood that the consensus of opinion, so far exercised, is that the county should be regarded as a unit in road work and that proper legislation should be secured to enable the question of issuing bonds for building roads to be submitted to the voters.

It is a well-known fact that by taking the proper course we can have in our county a good system of roads by having a bond issue, which will call for the payment of but very little more taxes than are now paid. In Richland, Washington, Long Acre, and Chocowinity Townships, there is already a special tax of 10c. for roads, while in Pantego and Bath Townships, the antiquated system of labor for working the roads obtains.

The taxable property of the entire county is approximately nine million dollars, and a bond issue sufficient to build a good system of roads throughout the county would not require more than fifteen or twenty cents of road tax. The largest property holders of the county and heaviest tax payers are wise to the fact that good roads will add to the value of their lands many times the cost of special tax necessary to obtain them, and as a unit are endeavoring to get interest awakened in this movement.

If the people generally can understand how little good roads would cost them, and the wonderful benefit that it would be to them, there is no doubt that great interest would be manifested in the good road movement, which is now taking by storm the entire country.

While the Legislature is in session such legislation as is required to meet the situation will have to be enacted, and it is the object of this meeting to agree upon some form of bill to be submitted to the Legislature and a full and frank discussion of all of our citizens will be desired upon this measure.

DR. A. K. TAYLOR PROMOTED AGAIN

The friends of Dr. A. K. Taylor in this section will be glad to hear that he has been promoted from Lieutenant Surgeon of the Second Detachment to Captain Surgeon. Dr. Taylor has been advanced several times recently. He was the only surgeon in North Carolina to be detailed by the national government for service on the Mexican frontier during the recent disturbance.

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETING.

The pastor of the First Methodist church, Rev. R. H. Broom, will hold prayer meeting this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the residence of Mr. A. S. Emery, on East Water street.

ONE CASE BEFORE RECORDER.

Ben G. Jones was found guilty this morning of being drunk and disorderly on the Washington and Vademere train, and fined ten dollars and cost. Once before this man was charged with the same offense, being the first white man tried by Recorder W. D. Windley.

SCARED HIM TO DEATH WITH WHITE CAP NOTE

New York, Jan. 23.—A White Cap letter, discovered yesterday in "The Hermitage," an old, ramshackle dwelling in Patchogue, L. I., probably caused the unexpected and unexplained death a year ago of Gilson Ruland, a lovable old recluse who lived in the place.

The gentle old fellow, who had been one of the characters of the village for a score of years, declined in health in amazing rapidity in a week, without any apparent reason, and was found lifeless from some ailment that doctor could not discern.

Ruland was a civil war veteran and in comfortable circumstances. He kept to himself most of the year, living on his pension, but at Christmas, because he bore a marked resemblance to the "accepted" likeness of Santa Claus, he would always appear about the village clad in the saint's costume.

He had fat cheeks, laughing blue eyes and a long white beard. Children would follow him about the streets, and he would give them toys, candy and coppers.

He was erratic, undoubtedly. He had a hobby for collecting doorknobs and would show his rare visitors several bushels of them. An old ship's bell was mounted in his garage and he would ring it at sunrise and sunset.

He died soon after Christmas of 1911. Yesterday, representatives of the estate searched his place. They found \$181 hidden in an old crock, and in a crevice of the house a threatening letter, decorated with skull and crossbones, and signed "White Caps."

It is therefore hoped that this meeting will be largely attended and that enthusiastic support will be given to the effort which is made to secure good roads in our county.

HOME BLD'G AND LOAN OPPOSES BILL

The regular annual meeting of the Home Building and Loan Association of this city was held in the Banking House of the Savings and Trust Company of this city and was well attended, a large majority of stock being represented either in person or by proxy.

After the adjournment of the stockholders, the newly elected directors unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved 1st, That whereas a bill has been introduced in the General Assembly of North Carolina, permitting Building and Loan Associations to borrow money without limit, and whereas the limit as the law now stands is 25 per cent. of the amount paid in, which we deem sufficient. That we the directors of the Home Building and Loan Association, of Washington, N. C., believe that the passage of said bill would jeopardize the interests of the stockholders, in allowing associations to incur liabilities that it might be difficult or impossible for them to discharge in times of financial stringency.

"Resolved 2nd, That the Secretary of this association be directed to communicate with our representative and senator, inclosing this resolution and requesting them to oppose the passage of such a bill."

The secretary of the company, Mr. John B. Sparrow, made a detailed report to the stockholders for the year ending December 31st, 1912, which showed the business of the company to be rapidly increasing and the stockholders were highly pleased with the fine showing made. The company now has 1,557 shares in force, \$43,000 loaned out on approved first mortgage and 196 shareholders. 576 shares were subscribed during the past year and the company begin its new year with every prospect for a still more successful business than ever before. This company is doing a fine work in this city, building many fine homes and helping lots of people of moderate means to build homes and pay for them at about the same cost of their regular house rent. The following directors were unanimously elected by the stockholders for the ensuing year: W. E. Swindell, F. J. Berry, E. K. Willis, F. C. Kugler, B. G. Moss, E. R. Mixon, F. M. Bryan, J. G. Bragan, Jr. and Jno. B. Sparrow. Immediately after the adjournment of the stockholders, the newly elected directors met and elected the following officers: W. E. Swindell, president; F. J. Berry, first vice-president; E. K. Willis, second vice-president; E. L. Stewart, attorney, and Jno. B. Sparrow, secretary and treasurer.

NEGRO ESCAPES FROM THE LOCK UP.

John Whitby, a negro, broke out of the local lock-up yesterday afternoon between four and four-forty-five o'clock, and has not yet been apprehended.

On January 11 the warehouse of Mr. C. G. Morris, who conducts a brokerage business, was broken into and much of the stock stolen. The officers at once suspected Whitby, but it was not until yesterday that he was arrested. After locking him up, his house was searched, disclosing two barrels of flour, two tubs of lard, four shoulders of pork and one-half a keg of plate meat. Returning from this search the officers found a crowd around the town hall, and the negro gone for parts unknown.

The cells have a small iron-barred window, but in order to let in more light and air, there is an opening high up near the ceiling, which is barred only by wooden strips. It was a simple matter for the negro to climb up and tear out an opening large enough for a man of some agility to crawl through and drop to the ground in safety.

Whitby is an old offender, the last time he was in court being about a month ago, when he was charged with stealing a pistol from Julie Reddick.

PROGRAM OF NATIONAL CORN SHOW IN COLUMBIA.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 24.—The complete program for the two weeks of the Fifth National Corn Exposition, which opens here the twenty-seventh of this month, was announced by the exposition management. The program includes a number of feature days, on each of which an attractive series of addresses by distinguished men, and significant events will take place, directed to the special agricultural problems under consideration on those days.

Following is a summary of the two-weeks' program: Monday, Opening Day; Tuesday, South Carolina Day; Wednesday, Live-Stock Day; Thursday, National Farmers' Union Day; Friday, National Education Day; Saturday, Boys' Day, closing exercises of exposition school for prize winners; Monday, Winthrop College Day; Tuesday, Corn Day; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Rural Life Conference; Saturday, Closing Day, exhibits will remain intact until midnight.

A number of speakers of nationwide reputation have accepted invitations to deliver addresses. Mr. Richard Johnson was a visitor in the city from Beaver Dam yesterday.

STILL DEBATING OVER JUSTICE RESOLUTION

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—The house of representatives debated and voted for more than two hours on the Justice resolution, substitutes and amendments, and adjourned this afternoon until tomorrow at 10:30 without finally saying by the recorded vote what it intended to do about the whole matter. The result yesterday was some sharp remarks on the part of Mr. Williams, of Buncombe, Mr. Doughton, of Alleghany, Mr. Speaker Connor and others, the burden of which was that the original author of the resolution was not so much intent on getting the views of distinguished gentlemen on the problems of government as he was in gaining some ulterior motive in the wording and advocating of his resolution in the house. And they killed the resolution by a vote of 60 to 55.

What added spice to the whole discussion was the amendment of Mr. Reavis, of Yadkin, to the Justice resolution inserting the name of Colonel Roosevelt for that of Senator La Follette, he declaring that Col. Roosevelt was the choice of the Republicans, and if the invitation was not for partisan purposes then he saw no objection to his proposal. But there was objection of a decided sort, and the amendment was voted down.

BUDDHISM GROWS FAST IN AMERICA.

"One of the most startling facts confirmed by investigation is that Buddhism in Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles is aggressively propagating itself from these centers" says the report of the Home Missions Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ. "Buddhist temples have been erected in which cultured priests administer the rites and ceremonies of their religion and are reaching large numbers of Americans, especially women."

CASTRO GROWS ANGRY WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS

New York, Jan. 24.—General Cipriano Castro, enraged at the refusal of the special board of inquiry at Ellis Island to permit him to enter the country, ordered the three members of the board from his rooms yesterday. When they demurred, he called his valet and tried to throw them out. They withdrew.

"I will not talk to you! away!" he shouted, when the officials sought to question him further concerning the killing of General Parades in Venezuela. The board, its two interpreters and its stenographer, all talking at once, tried to calm the Venezuelan, but without avail. He summoned his valet and reached for his gold-headed cane. When the officials withdrew Castro banged the door shut and locked it.

The appeal from the board's decision against Castro is now pending in Washington.

TO GIVE FAMOUS CANTATA GOOD FRIDAY EVENING

The first practice will be held this evening at eight o'clock for the cantata to be rendered Good Friday evening by the choir of St. Peter's Episcopal church. This the famous cantata, "The Crucifixion," and will be exceedingly effective when sung by this excellent choir after weeks of preparation.

WILSON OFFERED HOME IN CAROLINA MOUNTAINS

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 24.—National Committeeman Josephus Daniels, of North Carolina, came to Trenton with a delegation to offer the President a summer home at Asheville. The delegation was armed with pictures of all the desirable sites in Asheville, giving him the option of choosing a house already built, site anywhere he desires, or handsome lot upon which North Carolinians propose the erection of any kind of residence he desires.

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OPPOSE LOW TARIFF ON COTTON GOODS

Washington, Jan. 24.—The tariff on cotton manufacturers may be cut to a minimum ad valorem as low as five per cent. The minimum under the Underwood bill, that was passed by the Democrats in the house in 1911 and 1912, and that so far stands as the tentative basis of the Democratic cotton revision program, is 15 per cent.

This was the development today after the ways and means committee had heard witnesses representing both the Southern and Northern cotton industry. The committee room was crowded all day with manufacturers, importers and others interested in the revision plan, under which the Democratic leaders contend the burden resting upon people because of the cost of cotton clothing, will be reduced by more than \$80,000,000.

The American Association of Cotton Manufacturers, dominated by the southern mill owners, went on record for a compromise reduction. In a schedule, presented by its former president, Lewis W. Parker, of Greenville, S. C., who was accompanied by a committee of the association, rates were proposed that dropped the minimum ad valorem to 10 per cent.

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been expressed by members of the congressional inauguration committee as to whether a reception in the rotunda of the Capitol could be arranged, as the governor recommended.

"I shall be perfectly content with any arrangement the committee may make," said Mr. Wilson.

"Suppose they are unable to arrange a reception either?" he was asked.

"I shall be perfectly content." The governor was urged again today to visit the Panama Canal before it is filled with water, and indicated that he would try to go. Representative Covington, of Maryland, called to point out the desirability of a trip to the canal before next September.

"It all depends on how long the extraordinary session of Congress lasts," said the governor.

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Whether you favor the proposition or not, those interested desire to know how you stand. Exactly the steps which ought to be taken can be determined only by gauging the sentiment of the people. If Washington decides to go in for this, there are important details to be considered.

BOSTON SOCIETY GIRL INDICTED FOR FORGERY

Boston, Jan. 24.—Said to be wanted in Philadelphia and in New York for passing cleverly forged checks, a pretty young woman of twenty years is under arrest here charged with several worthless check transactions. In a search of her apartments at 36 Falmouth street, in the Back Bay, an outfit that might well belong to "Jim the Penman" was discovered and confiscated by the detectives.

Gowned like a daughter of the exclusive Back Bay society set, with which she mingled as the daughter of a New York family, the girl, under the name of Abbie L. Moulton, won the confidence of a number of business men in a very few days and passed several checks for varying amounts up to \$200.

It is claimed that she has been making repeated trips to Philadelphia, New York, and other cities within a day's journey, passing checks on the claim that she had exhausted her funds on the trip, and would then return to her apartments.

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While in prison, before the hearing, Weiss had denied the charges against him and had predicted he would soon be free. But when he saw the three together with five of his children, and then saw one helping another to take care of the baby, he attempted no defense and pleaded guilty. He was held in \$5,000 bail for trial.

By the time his case comes up in a higher court he will be able to show that he has at least two other wives living," said Assistant District Attorney Louis Bleier, who prosecuted him. "But that will not be necessary because of his plea."

MICE

Cambridge, Jan. 24.—Hagtime and grand opera by mice soloists and chorists is the last word in Harvard's world of psychology.

The songsters are in the care of Charles Coburn, Harvard's psychological expert. There are five of these lifted mice. They are females and they come from New York. Whether they are the prima donna type, or whether they are merely of the Broadway chorus girl type, remains to be seen.

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