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## YACHT SINKS IN SOUND; CREW RESCUED ENGINEER DIES OF HEART FAILURE IN SWAMPS COLONEL RODMAN REPLIES TO EDITORIAL IN THE DAILY NEWS MONDAY

### IGNORANCE OF EDITOR RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VIEWS AGAINST COLONEL

SAYS THAT IS MOST CHARITABLE CONSTRUCTION THAT ONE CAN PLACE ON MONDAY'S EDITORIAL.

#### GIVES MORE FACTS

Upholds the Article Which Was Published in This Paper Saturday, "If They Be Wrong, Prove it and Don't Muddy the Water," Says Colonel Rodman.

Washington, N. C., Dec. 7, 1915.  
Editor Daily News,  
City.

Dear Mr. Editor:

The most charitable construction that one can place upon your editorial of Monday, is that:

(1) You are not familiar with any of the provisions of the law of 1911.

(2) You are entirely ignorant of the law of 1913.

(3) The owner of the Daily News (Mr. Mayo) has not called your attention to the letter written to him by myself on February 4, 1915, while he was representing this county in the General Assembly.

(4) You failed to read carefully my article, to which you attempt to make reply. I would not charge you with attempting to distort it.

You charge me with the following:

That I am mixed up on my facts as to the revenues;

That I have some ulterior motive in opposing the bond issue, and you either display a lamentable lack of information or else seek to create a false impression when you ask "Why didn't Colonel Rodman express his views at the very beginning of the movement?"

In answer to your first charge—I ask you and the people who read my former article to say who is wrong. I say that the figures I gave are absolutely correct. The road taxes for Washington Township, including the city of Washington for 1915 are \$5861.41.

Of this amount the city pays \$2982.80.

Isn't that what I said? Heretofore, that sum has been supposed to be divided equally between Long Acre, Chocowinity and Washington. Isn't that a contribution?

If the proposed bond issue carries the city of Washington taxes will be exactly doubled.

Twice \$2982.80 makes the sum of \$5965.60 which the city of Washington will contribute exclusively to the roads of Washington township each year.

Isn't that exactly what I said?

Again, I said that this sum (\$5965.60) would pay the interest on an issue of one hundred thousand dollars worth of bonds and that this amount divided among the three townships (thirty-three thousand, three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents to each township) would be sufficient to improve all the main thoroughfares or roads in each township. I said further that the taxes which it is proposed to collect from the city of Washington alone would pay the interest on these bonds and would provide a sinking fund for their retirement at maturity.

Go read my article again, Mr. Editor, and see if that isn't what I said.

I will leave it to the people and I challenge you to dispute the figures.

If they be wrong prove it. Do not try to muddy the water.

In answer to your second charge—wherein you ask the question as to "Why I didn't express my views at the beginning of the movement," and wherein you suggest that I have some ulterior motive. In opposing this bond issue, by asking the question as to "What was my true object in opposing the issue at this late hour?"

For your information, let me say, your brief sojourn in this city is, perhaps, sufficient excuse for your ignorance on this subject.

As far back as the fall of 1910 I took and successfully maintained the same position that I now hold.

I drew the act of 1911, and the act of 1913.

These acts incorporate in themselves every principle for which I am now contending and every principle for which you say you are contending save only—the idra or principle, if you call it that, of allotting to Washington township exclusively all the taxes collected from the city of Washington.

To this idea, I have always objected. It was unanimously decided that I was correct in 1911. I have not changed. Some others have. Why?

There was no ulterior motive then. Is there one in asking for the change?

Early in January 1915, after the "meeting," so called, to which you refer, I saw, with others, the "hand-writing on the wall."

At the request of citizens of both Long Acre and Chocowinity townships, I wrote a letter to our Representative, (the owner of the Daily News). It was written and mailed on the 4th day of February 1915 and was duly received by Mr. Mayo.

This letter correctly states my position, then and now, and in the beginning. I enclose a copy of it herein and I respectfully ask you to publish it as a refutation of your implied accusation that I have recently assumed my present position for reasons other than those stated.

Mr. Mayo never honored me with a reply to this letter.

I have been told by Mr. Von Eberstein of Chocowinity, who was familiar with this letter before it was mailed, that he subsequently saw Mr. Mayo in Raleigh. I ask him to state in these columns what was said.

With reference to your charge that there was a meeting of the citizens of Washington, Long Acre and Chocowinity Townships and that they unanimously asked that the townships be divided—I ask you, isn't it a fact that there were not more than 20 people all told present and that subsequently and as soon as the people from Chocowinity and Long Acre who were present had been advised of the purpose of the meeting that they unanimously repudiated it and so advised Mr. Mayo. Will you deny that?

If you do—produce one man from Long Acre or Chocowinity.

I have been invited to be present at a meeting of the Washington Township Good Roads Association tomorrow (Wednesday) night and have accepted with pleasure. I will be glad to have you print what I have to say and I think they will cover your other propositions as laid down on Monday.

In conclusion, permit me to say, that I am glad my article has caused discussion. It was intended for that purpose. I do not think any reasonable man objects to my stating my views on a public question, in a respectable manner, especially when I have entertained those views for five years or more and have not hesitated to express them whenever the opportunity offered. No one is asked to do by me other than his own judgment dictates.

Very respectfully,  
**WILEY C. RODMAN.**

**ERROR IN INITIALS.**  
In yesterday's Daily News an article was published, which was signed "L. L. Hodges." This was a typographical error and escaped correction. The article was written by J. J. Hodges, and should have been signed that way.

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#### GETTING THE WAR MOVIES



This is a French official cinematograph operator at work in the front-line trenches. In making moving pictures of the fighting the operator has to take as many chances as the soldier.

### MATTAMUSKEET ENGINEER DIES IN SWAMPS

WALTER K. CLARK, IN CHARGE OF OPERATIONS AT PUMPING PLANT, MEETS SUDDEN DEATH.

#### BODY IS HERE

Will Be Sent From Here to His Former Home in Chicago. Was on Hunting Trip. Death Occurred Monday Night. Body Found Yesterday.

Walter K. Clark, engineer in charge of the pumping plant at Lake Mattamuskeet, died of heart failure in the swamps of Hyde county Monday night. His body was brought to this city this morning in the launch, Rosetta, R. E. L. Daniels, captain. It will be shipped from here to Chicago, Mr. Clark's home.

In company with a party of friends Mr. Clark started out on a hunting trip Monday in the Rosetta. They landed at East Point Bluff. The other men in the party began building a goose blind while Mr. Clark started out on a hunt for ducks and geese. Until four o'clock Monday evening, Mr. Clark was constantly in sight of the other hunters. When dark came, and he failed to arrive, guns were fired and a search made, but no trace of the missing man could be found. Finally, at about nine o'clock, the searchers gave up their hunt and returned to Swan Quarter.

Yesterday morning, reinforced by a number of other men, the launch returned to the point where Clark had been lost. At four o'clock yesterday afternoon, Dave Patrick came across the body, lying among the reeds. One hand was on the gun stock, the other on the harrel, and the weapon was cocked. The entire position of the body indicated that death had come just about as Mr. Clark was getting ready to shoot. It is supposed that over-exertion, in making his way through the reeds, brought on his death.

Mr. Clark was 52 years of age. He married Miss Maude Sigmon, a prominent young lady of Hickory, a little over a year ago. A three-months old baby, a sister and his wife survive him. His wife arrived here today and will accompany the body to Chicago. The deceased has been a resident of North Carolina for about eight years. He was a mechanical engineer and associated in business with Thomas B. Whitford of Charlotte. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Carolina Consistory, a Shriner and a member of Oasis Temple in this State.

### SEPTEMBER MORN GOOD BURLESQUE

A crowded house witnessed the performance of "September Morn" at the New theatre last night. The opinions expressed regarding the play were as varied as the characters of the persons who saw it.

A whole, it was no play for a minister's daughter. The title "burlesque" would be a good deal more appropriate than "musical comedy," as the play is exactly of that type which may be seen at Miner's, Murray Hill or Columbia burlesque houses in New York City.

The best part about the play was the dancing, which was extremely well done. The singing of the quartette was another highly enjoyable feature. The comedy was light and there was considerable suggestiveness brought in. The girls had good figures and the play was so staged that they had frequent opportunity of making liberal display of their proportions.

### SCHOONER HIGH AND DRY ON SHOAL

"May and Anna Beswick" Goes Ashore While Coming to New Bern.

(By Eastern Press)  
New Bern, Dec. 8.—Lying high and dry on a shoal thirty-five miles below New Bern is the schooner "May and Anna Beswick." Captain J. W. Knowles, in command, while standing by her waiting to give aid as soon as the wind shifts and the tide comes in, is the U. S. Coast Guard cutter, Pamlico. The schooner went ashore last Friday as she was on route from Norfolk to New Bern to take on a cargo of lumber. The cutter was informed of her plight and went to her assistance and for seventy-two hours the men worked valiantly in an attempt to pull her into deep water. However, all attempts proved of no avail and the work was, for the time being, abandoned. This afternoon the cutter, which had come into port to take on coal and supplies, returned to give the distressed vessel aid and will stand

#### TO MARY



In almost every walk of life, from those high up in the councils of the government to the very lowest laborer who earns his living by the sweat of the brow, the stories by Edgar Allan Poe have thrilled the hearts of countless readers. Great as this American author has become since his death, his remains lie in an obscure little cemetery on Fayette street in the city of Baltimore, Md.

Virginia Pearson, an actress of prominence, has taken upon herself the organization of a campaign to raise a fund of \$10,000 with which to erect a fitting memorial over the almost neglected grave of the great author.

Miss Pearson finds time from the arduous duties of her profession to study the lives and habits of the various animals of the zoo, and very often she can be found, as the camera man found her here, with the elephants in Central Park, N. Y., on the most intimate terms with the four-footed inmates.

### NEW YORK YACHT SINKS IN PAMLICO SOUND; CREW SAVED BY NEAR-BY SHIPS

VOTERS ARE URGED TO REGISTER EARLY

Will Not be Permitted to Vote at Coming Election Unless They Have Registered Anew.

The importance of registering early for the coming bond issue election, cannot be urged too forcibly upon the minds of the voters of Washington township. Advocates of the issue, no matter whether their names are on the old books or not, cannot cast their ballot at the election unless they have registered anew. With Christmas coming on, and the usual holiday rush, it will be far more convenient to register now than later. The books are open.

### PLANNING TO BUY BALL PARK

Will Be Located on Charlotte Street Proposition Being Worked as A Stock Company.

A movement is under way for the purchase of a ball park in Washington. The following account of the proposition was received this morning:

We, the undersigned, a committee on organizing a baseball association wish to announce that we have secured an option on four acres of land on Charlotte street which is as close as we can ever hope to get a ball ground to town, or in town. It will be convenient and accessible, for we have been assured that Fifth street will be extended and if it be it will intersect Charlotte street right at these grounds. The lot is one whole block, and may be used by the boys for a play ground, and we surely need a place for such.

Owing to the purpose for which we are buying this block the men who own it made us a mighty reasonable figure on it, and to prove the worth of it all of the men have taken stock in the association. It is to be a stock company of the young men, young ladies and all who want to see good baseball in Washington from now on. The investment is not speculative although we are buying property that will increase in value all the time, and we will have three years to pay for it.

P. P. MAXWELL,  
S. R. CLEARY,  
C. B. BELL.

### "YOU TOOK THE FARMERS; NOW TAKE THEIR WIVES"

Editor Daily News,  
Dear Sir:  
A number of the farmers of this section enjoyed the auto trip Friday afternoon. They all reported a fine time on their return and everyone heartily enjoyed the day's outing. I don't think that the city people have yet done their full duty, however. They have given the men a free auto ride and now I think they should give the old farm woman a trip too. While she cannot vote she can do her share of the talking, and we know that a woman can say more in one minute than a man can in ten. If she could have the pleasure of seeing the difference in good roads and bad ones, she could sit right down in ten minutes she could easily talk "hubby" right into the notion of voting for better roads.

YACHT MONARCH CAUGHT FIRE 30 MILES FROM BELHAVEN AND WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED.

#### VALUED AT \$15,000

Fire Caused by Explosion in Engine Room. Vessel Sank Immediately After Crew Were Rescued. Owners Were in Belhaven. Bound for Hatteras.

(Special to the Daily News)  
Belhaven, Dec. 8.—Word was received here today of the destruction by fire of the yacht, Monarch, bound from New York to this city. The vessel sank Saturday. Captain John L. Webb, Engineer Robert Smith and the crew of the ill-fated vessel were taken off by the tug Gallatier and the schooner Neza Paul and brought to Belhaven yesterday. The Monarch sank immediately after the crew were taken off. The vessel was valued at \$15,000. She sank off "The Light" in Pamlico sound about 50 miles from this city.

The fire was caused by an explosion in the engine room. The tug and chooner saw the yacht's plight, happening to be only a few miles distant.

The Monarch was to have put in at Belhaven and taken on board Charles D. Richard and Howard L. Wadley of Elizabeth City, who arrived here by rail Sunday. The two men were going on a hunting trip to Hatteras. When they learned of the destruction of their yacht, they immediately chartered the Neza Paul and left for Hatteras on their trip.

### TO GIVE DANCE AT ELKS HALL

Takes Place Tonight. Is Under Auspices of Graduating Class of High School.

The members of the graduating class of the Washington High School will give a dance at the Elks' hall tonight. Music will be furnished by Forbes orchestra and it is expected that a large number will be present. Refreshments will be on sale and will be included in the general admission price of twenty-five cents.

### BASKET PARTY FRIDAY.

There will be a basket party at Highland school house Friday night. Funds realized will be used for the benefit of the basket ball team. The public is cordially invited to be present. A good time is assured to all who attend.

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"NEAL OF THE NAVY"  
—and—  
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50—People—50

MAIN ST.

#### CORRESPONDENT.

#### TODAY'S COTTON QUOTATIONS

LINT—11 7-8 cents.  
SEED COTTON—\$4.75.  
COTTON SEED—\$46.00.

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