

Vote For Good Roads at the Election Tomorrow

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JUDGE BROWN GIVES VIEWS ON BOND ISSUE

SAYS IT IS A GREAT MISTAKE TO TAKE UP THE MEASURE AT PRESENT TIME

DO MUCH HARM

Letter Written to the Daily News Contains Views of Judge on Issue That Is to Be Decided by Voters of the Township Tomorrow.

Washington, N. C., Dec. 31.

Mr. Editor: Since my return home after the adjournment of the Supreme Court I have been asked my opinion as to the wisdom of this city voting to issue fifty thousand dollars in Washington township bonds for the improvement of the township roads.

In view of the apparent fact that a very large majority of the country people are against the proposition I think it is a great mistake for the business men and citizens of the city to attempt to force it on the country. As a rule the roads in this township are very much better than in the other adjoining townships.

Besides the city has far greater need for money to improve its streets. A walk around the principal back streets and some cross streets will disclose that they are in much worse condition than the country roads.

It will do the business men of this city more harm to force this bond issue and its extra tax upon the country people than it will do the city good. I have voted for the various bond issues of this city. I cannot vote for or against this as I did not get home in time to register. If I was registered I would vote against it.

GEO. H. BROWN.

ARE PLEASED WITH THEIR NEW PASTOR

Large Congregations Were Present at Christian Church Yesterday to Hear Mr. McEntyre.

Rev. Mr. McEntyre, of Chattanooga, Tenn., who has been called to preach at the Christian church during January, conducted services in the city for the first time yesterday and made a most favorable impression upon his congregations.

A large number were present yesterday morning to hear the new pastor and at the night services. It was necessary to refuse admission to the late-comers, every pew and chair in the church being filled. Mrs. McEntyre, who accompanied her husband here, is a lady of exceptional ability and will greatly add to the efficiency of the choir. It is believed that Mr. McEntyre will be retained permanently. He is a genial man of pleasing appearance and he and Mrs. McEntyre have already made many friends since their arrival in Washington.

J. RUFUS WALLINGFORD HERE AGAIN TONIGHT

The New Theatre opens tonight with a fine reel program, in which they will offer their patrons the second series of the J. Rufus Wallingford adventures. This picture made a great hit last Monday night when the first series was shown. There will also be three reels of Associated films which will please any patron of this house.

FLOOD CAUSES MUCH DAMAGE

Many Persons Are Homeless and Much Property Demanded Due to Floods in Ohio.

(By Wireless) Columbus, O., Jan. 3.—Several hundred persons are homeless and considerable property damage was done by floods throughout Ohio today. No loss of life was reported, but the situation in several places, particularly in the northern part of the state, was regarded as serious tonight.

DAILY NEWS GETS PRESS REPORTS OVER WIRELESS

Is First Paper in State to Obtain Its News Direct from the Wireless.

It is believed that the Daily News established a precedent today among the papers of the State when it received a number of news dispatches via wireless. It will be seen that several articles bear the heading, "By Wireless," and for fear that some of our readers may doubt the source of the news, we deem it best to make an explanation.

This is the permission of Captain Caswell, the special commander of the Coast Guard cutter, Pamlico, and the assistance of George A. Ott, wireless operator on board the vessel; the Daily News reporter this morning was given a copy of the regular press sheet which the cutter receives daily. It is through this channel that the officers and men are kept in daily touch with affairs of the world.

As far as is known, the Daily News is the first paper to receive its press reports direct from the wireless.

NATIONAL WATERWAY COMMISSION IS URGED

Prear Says There Has Been Scandalous Waste by Fork River Methods.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Representative Prear, of Wisconsin, has prepared and will introduce on next Tuesday a bill providing for a national waterway commission. He contends that the present system promotes scandalous pork barrel methods and has been responsible for a waste of two-thirds of the \$850,000,000 already spent on our waterways.

Concerning the proposed bill its author says that the present system of inspection and approval by subordinate army engineers has been thoroughly discredited. Of the \$50,000,000 on the average and annually appropriated, two-thirds is for rivers which in the aggregate carry a fraction of the waterway commerce handled at any one of several lake or sea ports. He says the entire system should be thoroughly overhauled and a scientific comprehensive plan adopted in that important waterway projects may be completed to the exclusion of some of wasteful projects, which now monopolize every river and harbor bill. In order to place such appropriations in a budget with other legitimate government expenditures the bill proposed the control and presentation of waterway appropriations shall be placed in the hands of the appropriations committee.

To overcome present evil he proposes a commission similar to the Interstate Commerce commission, that shall have control over all waterway improvements and shall present its recommendations to Congress at the beginning of every session. His bill provides for a commission of five members, not more than three to be of the same political party, with terms of extending seven years. It is authorized to employ civil engineers and other help and upon request the secretary of war is permitted to detail army engineers to aid the commission whenever special detail does not interfere with regular military duties.

MANY INJURED IN BIG FIRE

Bellevue Apartments in Philadelphia Completely Destroyed by Fire Early Today.

(By Wireless) Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—A woman and two children are missing and two other persons are expected to die before morning following a fire which destroyed the Bellevue Apartments here early today, and resulted in injuring twenty persons.

Do the People Want Better Roads? "I am in favor of good roads, but—"

And then he proceeds to make some kind of an objection to anything that is proposed. Do you think such a man is really in favor of better roads? We do not. This county is going to stand absolutely still until it begins some systematic road improvement plan. May it will not stand still, it will go backward.—Monroe Journal.

SEVEN STARVING AND ONE DEAD AT LIGHTHOUSE

SUPPLY SHIP DID NOT VISIT TRIANGLE LIGHTHOUSE FOR OVER FOUR MONTHS.

RESCUED BY SHIP

Steamship Picked Up Survivors After They Had Been Without Food, Except for a Few Fish for Over Fifteen Days.

(By Wireless) New York, Jan. 3.—Two men, two women and three children, all starving, who had been without food for more than fifteen days, except for a few fish, and the body of a woman, a victim of starvation, were found at Triangle Lighthouse, near the Tucatun coast, in the Gulf of Mexico, on December 23rd, by officers of the steamship Mexico, which arrived here today from Mexican ports. The occupants of the lighthouse, according to the ship's officers, had not been visited by a supply ship for more than four months.

RESCUED SLOOP

Cutter Pamlico Arrived in Port Last Night, With Wrecked Sloop in Tow.

The coast guard cutter Pamlico arrived in port last night for a brief stay in Washington. She will sail this evening after replenishing her stores.

When seen this morning and queried regarding any incidents that might have happened on the last cruise of the vessel, Captain Cantwell replied that the Pamlico had towed the sloop Spindrift into this harbor and that the vessel had been repaired on the marine railways for repairs.

The Spindrift was found by the Pamlico ashore near Middleton, in Hyde county, and was half full of water when the cutter sighted her. She had been caught in the recent storm and sprung a leak off Gulls shoals. When the craft was in danger of sinking, her master, Captain Peterson, ran her on the beach. The crew of the Pamlico assisted in pumping the sloop dry and by keeping the pumps working, succeeded in keeping her afloat while she was being towed by the Pamlico to Washington.

Captain Cantwell also mentioned the fact that one of the dogs, kept on board the cutter, had disappeared during last night and asked that an item be inserted in the paper urging whomever finds the animal to return it to the cutter at her next visit here. The dog is a red female setter, lame in the hind quarters and had on a yellow leather collar with a number of tin disks on it.

CHOCOLATE SOLDIER

There are few things so enjoyable as hearty laughter—few things so much desired as an opportunity to laugh. A splendid opportunity for over two hours of continuous laughter will be given when "The Chocolate Soldier," accompanied by an army of comic opera soldiers and soldieresses will intrude at the New Theatre on Thursday, Jan. 13, 1916. While this army is composed of Bulgarian and one lone Serbian, the only defensive "preparedness" necessary will be some protection against exhaustive laughter. With the comedy involved in a wholesome, consistent story, the delight of hearing some of the most exquisite music ever written into a light opera, Oscar Straus has written the music and the twenty or more musical numbers include the famous "My Hero," "Sympathy," "The Letter Song," "There Never Was Such a Lover," "The Tale of a Coat," "The Chocolate Soldier," etc. The famous Whitney Opera Company presenting this piece for the sixth season, retains its high standard of excellence with a superb cast, a great singer, a superb special orchestra and a sumptuous costuming of the company.

STATE NATIONAL GUARD WILL MEET THIS WEEK

Association, It Is Said, Is Opposed to the Creation of a Continental Army.

A good delegation of officers of this city will attend the National Guard Association of the State which will meet in Greensboro Wednesday and Thursday.

There will probably be about 150 officers at the meeting.

The association will take up the matter proposed legislation by the federal government. The guard in this State, it is said, is opposed to the creation of a continental army. Its position is for the government to furnish additional money and facilities for increasing and making stronger the National Guard branch of the service.

If funds were available, it is said, the Guard in North Carolina could be materially increased as there are on file applications for the formation of 27 companies in the State and if these were mustered in the State could throw an entire brigade in the field for active service if necessary.

IS CHARGED WITH STEALING \$40,000 OF DUPONT PLANT

P. M. Scott, Alias V. W. Pugh, Is Held at Rocky Mount, Will Fight Extradition.

(By Eastern Press)

Rocky Mount, Jan. 3.—Alleging that he is a party to and sharing the loot of the treasury of the Dupont Powder plant at Hopewell, of which his part is said to have been \$40,000; a party of five yesterday captured P. M. Scott, alias V. W. Pugh at Croatan in Craven county and halted here last night. Scott has been lodged in the local police station and Pugh has engaged Congressman E. W. Pugh as his counsel to fight extradition.

It is stated that Pugh was employed in the auditing department of the Dupont plant until several weeks ago. Since then he has been on a hunting trip through Eastern Carolina. He denies having misappropriated any funds and states that the charge against him is the work of others higher up than he in the powder plant, who are using him as a means for deflecting suspicion from themselves.

Pugh, when seen this morning by a local newspaperman, was especially bitter in his charges against the detective, headed by Joe M. Dalton, who captured him. He charges that they made him drunk and drugged him in the attempt to carry him back into Virginia without his consent. He is a well-dressed young man, claims to be a graduate of Washington & Lee and is of pleasing appearance.

The Dupont plant claims to have lost between one hundred and one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

PRESIDENT IS TOLD OF PERSIA

Dispatches Acquaint Him With Details of Tragedy. Will Leave Soon for Washington.

(By Wireless)

Hot Springs, Jan. 3.—Dispatches received by President Wilson from the state department today are understood to have included a report of the torpedoing of the British liner Persia, on which an American consul is believed to have been lost. No comment on the news was given out. The president and his wife are preparing to return to Washington.

MARKET RE-OPENS

Central Warehouse Is Again Selling Tobacco After Being Closed for the Holidays.

The Central warehouse re-opened today after the holidays and will continue sales as long as the farmers of the county have any tobacco to bring in. Practically all of the buyers, who were here at the beginning of the season have returned and the farmers may be assured of as good prices as they received before the holidays.

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FORD DECLARES THAT HIS VIEWS HAVE CHANGED

PEOPLE IN THE TRENCHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CAUSE OF WAR IN EUROPE.

TALKS WITH BRYAN

Conference Is Held in New York. Bryan Came to New York Upon Special Request of Ford. Details of Meeting Are Withheld.

(By Wireless)

New York, Jan. 3.—William Jennings Bryan conferred for more than an hour here last night with Henry Ford, who returned on the steamer Bergenfjord from his peace mission to Europe. Mr. Bryan declined to reveal the nature of the discussion, but said he had come to New York from Washington on receipt of telegraphic dispatches from Mr. Ford.

Ford's Views Changed.

Mr. Ford declared his views regarding the cause of the war have undergone a change. When he left, he said he was of the opinion that bankers, manufacturers of munitions and manufacturers of armaments were responsible, but he returns with the belief that it is the people themselves, those now being slaughtered, who are responsible. The men doing the fighting have been too content to let those that rule them do their thinking and they have not taken advantage of their divine rights to say for themselves what they shall do and think, the pacifist stated.

JUSTICE LAMAR DIED LAST NIGHT

Passed Away at His Home in Washington, D. C., After an Illness of Several Months.

(By Wireless)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—Joseph Rucker Lamar, associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, died at his home here last night after an illness of several months. He was 58 years old and had been on the supreme bench for over five years.

ANOTHER POEM RECEIVED.

R. A. Jordan Joins Ranks of Poets Over Good Roads Movement in the Township.

Another poem on the good roads movement, in which Caesar and Marshall Leggett play the leading parts, was received this morning from R. A. Jordan and reads as follows:

Not what Caesar did in Rome,
But what Marshall does at home
Is what the people want to know
Just now.
He roams and ponders both day and night;
And he has wandered far from the right
To stir up a mighty useless row.

He has sat and peeped into the sparkling ashes,
Until his eyes have leaped clear through his glasses,
When nothing is seen and nothing is said,
We can then be sure that old Marshall is dead.

MRS. C. J. STRICKLAND, OF WILSON, DIES VERY SUDDEN

Wilson, Jan. 3.—Mrs. C. J. Strickland, of this city, died at her home on Lee street Saturday afternoon, following a severe attack of pneumonia. The end came suddenly, her family and friends hoping that she would survive until a few hours before her death. She was a devoted member of the First Baptist church and identified with its every feature. The funeral service was held at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon, and the service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. T. W. Chambliss. Interment was at Maplewood cemetery. The members of the board of deacons acted as honorary pallbearers.

NEED EVERY VOTE TO CARRY BOND ISSUE TOMORROW

Result Will Be Extremely Close. Voters Are Urged to Get to Polls Early.

If those who favor issuing of bonds for good roads see the election carried tomorrow, it will be necessary for every voter to cast his vote.

An estimate of the vote in the township indicates that the election will be extremely close even if all those who are in favor of the bonds turn out and vote. Therefore it will be absolutely essential for every man to go to the polls and cast his ballot. If a few of those who favor issuing the bonds do not vote, it will mean that the election will not go through.

Every man who fails to vote, votes against the bond issue.

As matters now stand, it is the same as if \$45 votes were cast AGAINST THE ISSUE. (that being the number registered.) In order to carry the election, it will be necessary for more than one-half of the above number to vote in favor of the bonds.

VOTE EARLY!!!

ENGINES ARE FOUND

Schooner Mary S. Arrived in Port Saturday With Engines of Ill-Fated Yacht, Monarch.

The schooner Mary S., Captain T.H. Williams, arrived in port last night with a valuable cargo, consisting of the two engines belonging to the yacht, Monarch, which was destroyed by fire in Pamlico sound a month ago.

The yacht sunk after the fire and about all that was left were the engines. Captain Williams, being informed that the craft had sunk in low water, sailed to the scene of the accident last week and caught the engines on his anchors. They were hoisted on board the Mary S. and brought into port. Their value is estimated at several thousand dollars. They were in good condition.

MR. RUSS VERY LOW

Is Critically Ill. Condition Today Reported as Being Much Worse.

Report of the condition of Oscar Russ at two o'clock this afternoon was to the effect that he was very low and that grave doubts are entertained as to his recovery. He is extremely weak and is said to be gradually growing weaker. Physicians have not yet given up hope, however, and are doing their utmost to keep the spark of life alive.

LATER BULLETIN.

Information was given out at three o'clock this afternoon that Mr. Russ had died. Arrangements for the funeral services had not been made up to the time of going to press.

KANSAS IS A STATE OUT OF DEBT TODAY

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 3.—Kansas got out of debt today. State Treasurer Earl Akers took up the last outstanding bonds totaling \$159,000.

HUERTA IN SERIOUS CONDITION

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 3.—Gen. Victoriano Huerta, former provisional president of Mexico, who underwent an operation here yesterday, was pronounced in a serious condition last night by his physician, Dr. M. P. Schuster.

TROOPS OF CENTRAL POWERS ORDERED TO INVADE GREECE

Berlin, Jan. 3.—The Morgan Post today publishes a report that orders have been given to the German and Austrian troops in Serbia to advance into Greece and attack the French and British. A Bucharest dispatch to the Morgan Post credits this statement to the Outro of Sofia.

It is said the German minister at Athens told Premier Skoufoudis the best interests of Greece demanded the removal of the French and British inasmuch as in the existing circumstances Greece would be exposed to danger from the troops of the central powers, which have been ordered to pursue the allies on Greek territory.

ROBT. McNEELY WAS LAST SEEN IN THE WATER

NORTH CAROLINIAN ON BOARD THE PERSIA IS CERTAIN TO HAVE LOST LIFE.

LAND SURVIVORS

Over 150 Survivors From Persia Tragedy Landed at Alexandria. Officer on Ship Saw Wake of Submarine and the Torpedo.

(By Wireless)

Washington, Jan. 3.—Advice from the state department today concerning dispatches from American consul Garret, at Alexandria, Egypt, indicate that Robert W. McNeely, American consul at Aden, Arabia, who was on the steamship Persia when she was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean, was lost. He was last seen in the water after the Persia had sunk. Consul Garret reports that Charles H. ... of Boston, another American on the Persia was saved. An ... that Persia saw the wake of the submarine and the wake of the torpedo, which sunk the ship, but the submarine itself was not seen by either passengers or crew.

Survivors Are Landed.

London, Jan. 3.—Official dispatches from Alexandria state that the Persia was torpedoed without warning and sank in five minutes after being struck. Between 150 and 160 survivors have been landed at Alexandria, Egypt. The survivors comprise the chief and second officers, seven engineers, two ... the seaman, sixty-three Laagers and the nine passengers.

BIG CAMPAIGN BEING WAGED

One and Half Million Men Engaged in Warfare in Bessarabia, Russians on the Offensive.

(By Wireless)

London, Jan. 3.—Russia's campaign in Bessarabia continues to be the most important war activity. Along the Roumanian frontier, along a front which extends for three hundred miles, a huge Russian force with a great appearance of confidence is hurling sledge hammer blows at the opposing force, which, according to all accounts, totals at least one and a half million men.

MUST PUT STOP TO U-BOAT WARFARE

Congress to Take Drastic Action to See That Present Activities of Submarine Warfare End.

Washington, Jan. 3.—There is a strong intimation here that drastic action will be taken by Congress when it meets tomorrow to stop for all times the submarine warfare which has resulted in the loss of millions of dollars worth of American property and lives. It is said at least half a dozen congressmen will introduce resolutions in the house asking that an embargo be placed on all arms going to the allies and other European powers now at war. It is also intended to take such action, it is said, as to force both Germany and Austria to stop for once and for all the inhuman submarine warfare.

NEW THEATRE

TO-NIGHT

New Adventure of J. Rufus Wallingford and series 3—Other Reels—3

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