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RUMANIA ON VERGE OF WAR FOR ENTENTE

CLAIMED THAT MINISTERS ARE TAKING DELIBERATE STEPS FOR AN EARLY DECLARATION.

MEN UNDER ARMS

More Than Half a Million Men Are Ready to Take to the Field. All Are Provided With the Most Modern of Equipment.

Milan, Feb. 14.—A dispatch from Bucharest to the Swiss newspaper Neue Zürcher Zeitung declares that Rumania appears definitely on the side of the allies. The Rumanian question has been seriously discussed between the Kaiser and Czar Ferdinand, and big events are preparatory.

The Rumanian Government is no longer offering opposition to the interventionist agitation, but rather favors it. The condition of Rumania, says a correspondent, resembles that of Italy in 1915 shortly before her declaration of war. The spring of 1916 in Rumania will be a repetition of the spring of 1915 in Italy.

The military preparations which are openly in progress leave no doubt as to their ultimate object. The ministers of war and finance are taking deliberate steps which tend to a declaration of war.

Preparations are far in excess of those needed for an armed neutrality. The government has at its disposal under arms more than half a million men with modern equipment.

APPROPRIATION FOR WATERWAY

Tar and Pamlico Rivers Will Get \$6,500,000. Inland Waterway Project to get a Million.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The committee on rivers and harbors of the house have tentatively drafted the river and harbor bill, and there has been secured unofficially certain items of appropriation which are included in the bill. The bill will not be reported for several days, and there is a possibility that these items may be changed, but it is not probable.

North Carolina projects are as follows:
Inland waterway from Norfolk, Va., to Beaufort inlet, continuing improvement, \$1,000,000.
Shallow Bag Bay, for maintenance, \$2,000.

- Beaufort inlet, for maintenance, \$10,000.
- Harbor at Morehead City, for maintenance, \$2,400.
- Mecherlin river, for maintenance, \$2,500.
- Fishing Creek, for maintenance, \$1,000.
- Pamlico and Tar rivers, for maintenance, \$4,500.
- Bay river, for maintenance, \$1,000.
- Trent river, for maintenance, \$2,000.
- Swift creek, for maintenance, \$1,000.
- Waterway Cape sound and Beaufort harbor, for maintenance, \$2,000.
- New river and waterways to Beaufort, for maintenance, \$6,000.
- Northeast and Black rivers and Cape Fear river, above Wilmington, for maintenance, \$5,500.
- Cape Fear river, above Wilmington, for continuing improvements on locks and dams, \$22,000.
- Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington, continuing improvements, and for maintenance, \$125,000.
- Cape Lookout Harbor of Refuge, \$600,000.

This appropriation is to be made in the steady bill appropriation bill under authorization appropriate made.

MISS LUCILLE PUGH WEARS PANTALETTES

The following article, sent out from New York City, will be of interest to many local residents who knew Miss Lucille Pugh when she lived in Washington:
"Young men don't go wrong because girls wear low-necked gowns, alhucette skirts, or flimsy waists, Miss Lucille Pugh, lawyer and feminist leader, who herself wears pantalettes, said today, taking issue with dress reformers, including a Virginia legislator.
"Miss Pugh expressed disgust with the legislator's assertion

that men should be protected from women's fashions—low cut waists and short skirts in particular.
"If men's morals are so weak that they can be impaired by women's dress, she said, 'then I'm in favor of women's entire independence in choosing what they shall wear. They ought to go to it and make a good job of it.
"I believe it's all right for women to wear what they please, Miss Pugh went on, 'and they have no one to please but themselves."

FIFTY DEGREES DROP IN 6 HRS

Record Breaking Descent Made by Mercury. Snow, Rain and Hail Mixed in for Good Measure.

"This is the climate!"
With a drop in temperature of fifty degrees in a little more than six hours' time, Washington residents yesterday enjoyed all of the experiences in travelling from Florida to Alaska without boarding a train.
Yesterday at noon overcoats on the streets were as scarce as hen's teeth. Everyone was talking of how delightfully warm it was. It was, too.

At about four o'clock, due to shadow of the sun's reflection upon Mars, which caused a slowing up of Jupiter's revolution, it gradually began to grow colder. It was 72 degrees yesterday at noon. Shortly after three o'clock the mercury started on its record-breaking slide. After a while it got going so fast that it couldn't stop and at ten o'clock last night, those who had the hardihood to go out and take a sliant at the thermometer, found that it registered 23 degrees.

In between times, we had a little snow, then a little rain and finally some hail for good measure. This morning it was still snowing and showed very little signs of letting up.

HATTERAS MAY GET A BIG NAVY YARD

Rear Admiral Benson Advice Location of Supply Station at That Point.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The United States should have at least one Navy yard suitable and adequately equipped at Hatteras to which all the largest in the navy could go. Rear Admiral Benson, Chief of Operation of the Naval Department said before the House Harbor Committee today. He added in response to questions that he believed commercial investment in a section should be taken into consideration with the establishment of navy yards.

"THE BROKEN COIN" AT NEW THEATRE TONIGHT

The New Theatre will offer their patrons tonight a seven reel program, headed by that great serial, "The Broken Coin," with Francis Ford and Grace Cunard in the leading roles. Tomorrow with a special matinee at 4 p. m. and night shows at 7:30 and 9 p. m. this house will offer that great and splendid Vitagraph feature photoplay "The Juggernaut." Every one should see this great picture, for it has the most realistic railroad wrecks in it that has ever been conducted into any moving picture this has ever been made, and the acting in the play will be taken by an all star cast headed by those well known stars Anita Stewart and Earle Williams who are well known here as Vitagraph movie stars.

GENTLEMANLY ROBBER.

Cheyenne, Feb. 14.—Ponson are pursuing a gentlemanly robber who boarded a eastbound Union Pacific train at Green River, Wyoming, last night and robbed the men in the smoker and two Pullmans before he was frightened, jumped the train and escaped. He did not make the scene, setting foot on the ground. He was a small man.

169 BARACAS WERE PRESENT AT CLASS YESTERDAY A.M.

Broke Another Record in Attendance. 22 New Members, 200 on Roll at Present Time.

The Methodist Baraca Bible class had a record attendance yesterday, 159 being present. Before service opened the class assembled in front of the church where their picture was taken by Mr. Baker, the photographer. This picture is to be used in the new Baraca Bulletin which the class expects to issue shortly. It will also be sho in the Methodist Senior Quarterly. There were twenty-two new members added to the roll yesterday making a total active membership of 205. At the rate the class is progressing it bids fair to be the largest Men's Bible Class in North Carolina in the near future.

CANNOT SERVE ON COMMISSION

Mr. Hodges Again Emphatically States That He Will Be Unable to Serve.

In an interview with a Daily News reporter Saturday afternoon R. E. Hodges again reiterated his intention of refusing a place on the bond issue commission.
"I most positively decline a place on the board," stated Mr. Hodges. "I cannot serve and do justice to my own interests. If the commission desire to do their work properly they will have to devote considerable time to it. This I cannot do without losing considerable money, for there are matters which I have to look after daily, and which require most of my time. There is no salary attached to the position, but even if they offered a salary of \$2,000 a year to the members of the commission, I would still feel compelled to refuse the honor."

BUILD SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM

Presbyterian Congregation Decides to Erect Structure Which Will Cost \$12,000 in All.

A congregational meeting was held in the Presbyterian church yesterday after the morning services and plans were discussed for the erection of a new Sunday School room.
It is the intention of the church to erect a separate building on the church property. It is estimated that the structure and furniture will cost in the neighborhood of \$12,000. Architect's plans were submitted at yesterday's meeting and were accepted. Two committees were appointed: one to make arrangements for the moving of the bodies in the church graveyard or else secure permission to build over them, and the other to attend to the financial arrangements.

A CORRECTION.

In giving the new rates of the Washington Light and Water Co. last week, it was mentioned in this paper that "a minimum rate of fifty cents for each meter connected for lighting purposes will be charged." This was an error. It should have read "a minimum rate of one dollar."

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ROAD WORK IS USELESS WITHOUT FOUNDATION

In a letter to Captain Dave Hill of this city, James Wrenn of New Bern, who is acquainted with road work as it is done in various parts of the State, makes the assertion that sand clay roads will not hold in Eastern North Carolina without a permanent foundation.
Mr. Wrenn is considered an authority on road questions and his views on the subject will be received with interest on the part of local residents. As it is, many of them have already expressed the same opinion as he does; that no sand clay road will stand up in the winter time without an especially good foundation.

His letter concludes with the statement that if anyone here is interested and desires to be acquainted with the solution to the many problems that come up in connection with road building, he will be glad to answer them if he can possibly do so.

SAM SMALL QUOTES TO HOLD MISSION "A CONGRESSMEN" ON STATES RIGHTS

Elizabeth City Pastor to Conduct Mission at St. Thomas' Church Next Week.

Rev. Charles A. Ashby, rector of Christ Church, Elizabeth City, will begin a mission at St. Thomas' Episcopal church at Bath next Monday night and will continue preaching nightly during that week. The public is cordially invited to attend. Mr. Ashby is a most forcible speaker and his congregations are assured of some especially interesting sermons.

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The question of states rights and its relations to the national prohibition measure amending the constitution, Rev. Sam Small assailed yesterday at Raleigh with a mixture of scathing ridicule and hard logic. He quoted the statement of a representative of North Carolina in Congress, whose name he did not use, as saying that he was in favor of doing everything possible to protect and make secure the prohibition of the State which has already passed it. But as a principal he opposed interference by one State with the affairs of the other State.
That is when the speaker announced his hostility to some of the representatives in Congress, whose records he will review on the Southern tour. Then he traced back a little of the history of the past two years, bringing up the attitude of those same congressmen seeking for national aid, and protection when the boll weevil got busy, and when cholera asserted its influence in the hogs of Iowa and Nebraska.
"Then, what did we do?" he asked. "We dropped our States right talk and yelled for Congress. And our State congressmen swung their Jim swingers and their arms toward the high heaven and demanded relief."

GAS IS CHEAPER THAN PLUMBING BILLS

If you will burn the GAS in your Bath Room your fixtures will not freeze.
WASHINGTON LIGHTING COMPANY

M. F. BOND REPLIES TO J. H. McMULLAN, JR.

Edenton Postmaster Claims He Had the Endorsement of Hundreds of Voters

WITHDREW SUPPORT FROM McMULLAN

Mr. Bond Claims That Many of Those Who First Endorsed McMullan Later Changed Their Views and Supported Him

To the Editor:
Replying to the letter of Mr. J. H. McMullan, Jr., in your issue of February 4th, I only care to reply to that part which has reference to me personally. I want to assure the public and patrons of the Edenton postoffice that I did not secure the endorsement of Congressman Small through any "ring" or "wire pullers" as suggested, but by letters from hundreds of my life-long democratic friends, many of whom were signers of Mr. McMullan's petition, but withdrew their support from him for reasons on their own.

On July 17th, 1913, Mr. J. H. McMullan, Jr., in company with another gentleman, approached and urged me to make application for the postoffice and then declared he would support me as I was the one most entitled to the position for party services. Upon his suggestion I immediately wrote to Congressman Small, who advised me on July 19, 1913, of the precedent of the administration, and stated the present postmaster's term would not expire until February 1916, but my letter would be filed for future reference and would advise me. I heard nothing from Mr. Small until in June 1915. I immediately commenced getting local endorsement, and to my astonishment nine out of ten people I approached told me they had signed a petition for J. H. McMullan, Jr., for the position, but would gladly give me a letter, which they did, setting forth they signed with Mr. McMullan, Jr., before they knew I was an applicant for the position. Many other signers of his petition, which he terms "overwhelming endorsement," signed from two to four petitions of like nature for other candidates. Among those writing letters in my behalf after I became an aspirant for the office were doctors, bankers, lawyers, state officers, county officers, ex-county officers, town officers, merchants and farmers. While I owe no explanation to Mr. McMullan I feel that in justice to Mr. Small, after being censured by Mr. McMullan, who seems to feel his birthright has been deprived him, that I had much stronger endorsement than he supposed, or Mr. Small's influence would not have been secured. I prefer leaving the matter of party service to be spoken of by my democratic friends, who were voters when Jack was an infant, rather than blowing my own horn in public print. I do not care for newspaper controversy nor do I expect to reply further to any article he may write.

Mr. McMullan's statement in reference to Dr. Percleton was like many others he made, without foundation, but it's a habit of his, that when he is politically disappointed he has to "write some one up" as he did Judge Bond in the recent campaign.

The motives he assigns to Congressman Small are so absurd that I have no doubt he will reply as Judge Bond did.

Watch J. H. McMullan, Jr., and see if he hasn't a motive for his article, for he may be trying to lay a foundation to boom another candidate for Congress.

Yours to serve,
M. F. BOND.

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OTHER CHURCHES RAISING FUNDS FOR PASTORS

Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist Churches Are Also Working on National Campaign.

"I was very much interested in the article regarding the Episcopal plan for raising a fund to provide for their aged ministers, which appeared in the Daily News, and also your editorial on the proposition," remarked Rev. H. B. Searight this morning.
"The Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist churches have been working on this same plan for some time. The Methodist church is making an effort to raise a \$15,000,000 endowment fund and have already secured about \$7,000,000. The Presbyterian church is after a \$10,000,000 fund and have secured about \$4,000,000. The Baptist church also want \$10,000,000, I think. They are busily engaged in their campaign. One day last week they raised \$500,000 in Cleveland.

"I had to see that the Episcopalians have also joined the work. The other churches have had small funds available for their ministers in the past, but for the most part they were a mere pittance. We are after a 'competence' now."

RED MEN WILL HOLD BANQUET

Big Event Will Be Staged by Local Order Tonight. Many Expected to Attend.

The committee in charge have completed all arrangements for the Great Feast to be held at the Wigwam of Tau Tribe of Red Men tonight. This will be one of the biggest gatherings of the local tribe that has been held in many a moon, and the Red Man who fails to be present is going to miss the time of his sweet young life. Some of our Great Chiefs are going to make "long talks" that will make you sit up and take notice. There is going to be a wonderful lot of enthusiasm. All members are urged to get out their war clubs and put a keen edge on their scalping knives. The tribe meets at the 8th run, setting of the sun.

Frank L. Wrenn of Greenville, N. C. in the city today on a brief business visit.

MUSICAL RECITAL BEEN POSTPONED

Owing to Cold Weather, Concert Will Be Given at Auditorium on Wednesday Night.

Owing to the bad weather and cold wave the musical recital, which was to have been given by the pupils of Miss Glasgow at the high school auditorium tonight, has been postponed. It was decided this morning that the concert will be held Wednesday night of this week instead.

NEW THEATRE

TO-NIGHT
4th episode of
"The Broken Coin"
"THE SCULPTORS' MODEL"
2 reels
"NEARLY A BRIDE"
1 reel comedy
2-OTHER REELS
Tomorrow
"The Juggernaut"
FRIENTALS