

DAILY NEWS CONTEST NOW IN FULL SWING

Contestants Started Work This Morning With a Rush. Are Piling Up Votes

OTHERS ENTER

Not Too Late for New Entries to be Made in Big Subscription Contest. Many Valuable Prizes to be Given Away Free.

They're Off! Today is the official opening day of the big tour party and prize contest being conducted by the Daily News. A complete list of the ladies nominated is printed on another page. No candidate has more than a few votes at this time, but it is safe to say that the various contestants and their friends will soon be voting strong, and the competition for first place in each district will be spirited. Standings will be changed daily and the numerous friends of each contestant will follow their progress eagerly.

In a race of this kind friends are an important factor. At times they seem to display even more interest than the candidate herself. Today one caller at the office brought in four coupons and paid his subscription for one year in advance to the credit of one of the candidates. His request was, "I am going to do a heap more for that young lady, but keep this still until I see what she is doing on her own hook." There have been dozens of calls over the telephone by friends of contestants, and many have visited the office in person in the interests of their favorite. One man in Washington whose time is very much occupied said he was going to bring his coupon to the office every day, remarking, "Her daddy is one of my best friends and she is a splendid girl. I want to see her win."

Sometimes it's a question as to who receives the most pleasure, friends who cast the votes, or the contestant to whom the compliment is paid.

Have You Been Nominated?

Your friends are eager to see you take hold in earnest and be their standard bearer. You are their choice, they wish to see you gain the honor and profit that goes with victory. They will be proud of you—or disappointed in your lack of interest. It's simply up to you. They are watching the vote column for your response.

A Big Start.

In this paper will be found a large coupon that is worth twenty-five thousand votes if it is accompanied by a subscription to the Daily News of at least nine months in length. Clip it and send to the Contest Manager with the subscription and you will have made a nice start.

The object of this coupon is to enable the early entrants to obtain a big start on their first subscription. Two other of the coupon will be withdrawn at an early date. Only one of the large coupons referred to will be credited to any one contestant. The subscription turned in with it will also earn votes at the rate shown by the vote table, as will all subscriptions.

Points to Remember.

You may take subscriptions and votes in any and all districts, and have your friends work for you if you wish.

Renewals and back collections on subscriptions have the same vote value as new subscriptions.

Three prizes must go to your district, namely, one big tour, one diamond lavalliere and one gold watch. You compete against only your own district members for those prizes. The only prize for which the competition is general is the tour for two ladies. The double trip goes to the contestant securing the most votes of all contestants.

Vote Table.

9 Months...	\$ 2.25...	8,000 Votes
1 Year....	\$ 3.00...	12,000 Votes
2 Years....	\$ 6.00...	28,000 Votes
3 Years....	\$ 9.00...	45,000 Votes
4 Years....	\$12.00...	60,000 Votes
5 Years....	\$15.00...	80,000 Votes

A meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy was held Saturday with Mrs. James Hodges. An interesting meeting was enjoyed, a large number of the older members being present. Mrs. Hodges served delicious refreshments towards the close of the session.

CONTRIBUTIONS ARE COMING IN

Local Citizens Are Responding to Appeal for Assistance of the Belgians.

Frederick C. Wolcott spent three weeks in Belgium and northern France for the Rockefeller Foundation, investigating the work of the Relief Commission, of which Herbert C. Hoover is the head. Mr. Wolcott reports he is greatly impressed by the efficiency of the relief work, and he recommends that money intended for Belgium or France be entrusted to the Commission. He said to the Associated Press: "If any who cavil at the sending of relief supplies into Belgium could only visit Belgium and see personally the plight of the suffering people, they would come back as eager for the continuance of the work as I am."

Of the 7,000,000 inhabitants in Belgium, Mr. Wolcott said, 3,000,000 were virtually destitute and drawing daily one meal, consisting of the equivalent of three slices of bread and a pint of soup. He added: "I have seen thousands of people lined up in snow or rain, soaked and chilly, waiting for bread and soup. I have returned to the distributing stations at the end of the day and have found men, women and children sometimes still standing in line, but later compelled to go back to their pitiful homes, cold, wet and miserable. It was not until eighteen weary hours afterward that they got the meal they missed."

That is the need to which the people of Washington are asked to contribute through the fund now being raised.

Previously reported	\$21.00
Cash	5.00
Haughton Randolph	1.00
J. B. Sparrow	1.00
Mrs. Charlotte E. Grimes	5.00
Blount Kodman	1.00
Pauline Berry	.50
Miss Eleanor Berry	.50

TRADE WEEK BIG SUCCESS

Many Fares Refunded to Out of Town Customers. New Business Opened Up to Merchants.

Fare-Refunding Week ended with a grand rush Saturday. The event has proven to be an undisputed success. Many fares were refunded to out-of-town shoppers and there is no question but that much new business has been opened up to Washington merchants and will continue in the future.

A number of those who came into the Daily News office to get their fares refunded stated that they would not have made the trip to Washington, but for the "fare-refund" proposition. All of them seemed to be highly pleased with the project and several expressed the hope that it would be repeated during the spring trading season.

TO THE TAXPAYERS OF BEAUFORT COUNTY:

All parties owning real estate in said county and which taxes have not been paid, will be advertised on the 27th day of March and sold on the first Monday in May for the non-payment of said taxes. I shall advertise all parties on tax-books, and do not propose to show partiality. Those who have not paid and do not wish to be advertised, better visit or write the Sheriff or his deputies and pay said taxes and avoid cost and embarrassment.

Respectfully,
W. B. WHITLEY, Sheriff.

BIG PARADE TO BE FEATURE OF COMMENCEMENT

COUNTY SCHOOLS TO ASSEMBLE AT CORNER OF SECOND AND MARKET STREETS.

START AT 10.30

Parade Will Be Taken Part in By Thousands of School Children. Afternoon's Program to be Carried Out at Central Warehouse.

With county commencement only ten days away, plans for the big event are rapidly being formed and preliminary work is progressing rapidly. The occasion promises to bring the largest gathering of visitors to Washington that has ever been in the city at one time.

The residents of the rural districts are expected to arrive here in the early morning. The big parade will be the first feature of the day's program. All of the schools will assemble at the corner of Second and Market streets. The order of march will be as follows: Board of Education, Washington Graded schools, Washington township, Long Acre township, Bath township, Chocowinity township, Richland township, Belhaven graded schools, Pantego township. The Aurora band, it is understood, will also take part in the parade.

The parade will start at 10:30 o'clock. It will end at about twelve and will break up at the Central warehouse, where luncheon will be served and the afternoon's program carried out.

NEW BUILDING TO COST \$8,000

Methodist Church is Planning to Erect Handsome Building for Use of Sunday School.

A Sunday School building, to cost in the neighborhood of \$8,000 is being planned by the Methodist church. The building will be three stories high and will contain about fourteen rooms. A kitchen will be located in the basement. Separate class rooms will be constructed for the use of each class.

Funds for the building are being raised now and over \$3,000 has already been subscribed. It is planned to have the building ready for occupancy by early fall.

BARACA-PHILATHEA MEET AT GOLDSBORO

State Convention of Classes to be Held in Goldsboro April 27 to 30.

What promises to be one of the greatest conventions ever held by the North Carolina Baraca and Philathea organizations will meet in Goldsboro, April 27-30. Usually strong speakers and leaders have been secured to take part on the program. All Baraca and Philathea classes are entitled to send as many delegates as they wish, and pastors and superintendents and all others interested in more efficient Sunday Schools are extended a most cordial invitation to attend.

SAVED CHILD AT RISK OF HIS LIFE

(By Eastern Press)
Kinston, March 20.—At the risk of his own life, Henry Watson last night rescued his 13-year-old child from his burning home. Mr. and Mrs. Watson were awakened by the crackling of flames and found the entire house on fire. They rushed outside and Mr. Watson suddenly remembered their child. He ran back into the blazing building, found the little one and brought it out to safety a few minutes before the roof of the building fell in.

Taggart Gets Appointment.
Indianapolis, Ind., March 20.—Governor Ralston today appointed Thomas Taggart Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Shively.

LATE BULLETINS

GERMANS ARE REPULSED.

Paris, March 20.—The repulse of the German infantry attack at Pepper Heights positions, north of Verdun, was officially reported today. A bombardment preceded the attack, but showed a lack of the spirit noticed recently in German attacks. The attack was repelled by French guns.

DEVOTE ALL TIME TO PREPAREDNESS.

Washington, March 20.—Many bills are doomed to burial in Congress. Preparedness is to be given the entire attention. It is indicated that for weeks and probably months Congress will be exclusively occupied with this legislation.

WILL HELP CARRANZA.

Washington, March 20.—The President will do nothing to embarrass Carranza. He wishes the Mexican chief to be assisted in every possible way. This developed in a conference held today between the president and Solicitor Polk. If Carranza refuses permission to use the railroads, the United States will find other means of transportation. An order has been issued to take Villa at any cost.

TWO STEAMERS SUNK.

London, March 20.—The British steamer, Port Dalhousie, and the Norwegian steamer, Landeli, were sunk today, resulting in the loss of several lives. Several of the crew of the former vessel were rescued. Many are missing. Sixteen survivors of the Landeli have been rescued. The engineer was killed and also a postal employee named Ivanoff.

ATTEMPTED TO ASSASSINATE RUSSIAN.

Rome, March 20.—Bulgarians today attempted to assassinate Premier Radoslavoff, according to Sofia dispatches. They fired twice. One shot struck the coachman. The Premier was riding in the carriage and escaped unhurt.

FIGHT ON THE ARMOR BILL.

Washington, March 20.—Declaring that the administration proposes to use Government power to destroy legitimate industry, Republican leaders in the Senate today launched a bitter assault against the Tillman government armor bill. "It is an unfair confiscatory, wanton and vengeful," were the terms used by Senators Penrose, Oliver, Harding, Curtis and Lippitt. A vote is coming tomorrow. The house agreed to vote on the Kasin \$220,000 army amendment at two o'clock. Lodge said that America gets armor cheaper than other countries.

NO WORD OF VILLA OUTRAGES.

San Antonio, March 20.—Funston has received no word of Villa outrages against American colonists in Mexico it is stated.

STEEL TRUST SUIT MAY 15.

Washington, March 20.—The Supreme Court has denied the Government's application to postpone the hearing of the steel trust suit until fall. It was ordered to be brought up on May 15.

"DRY" LEADERS ARE DEFEATED.

Washington, March 20.—Dry leaders today tried vainly before the Senate Judiciary Committee to force a vote on the national prohibition amendment.

REPENTANCE NECESSARY TO BECOME CHRISTIANS

Strong Sermon, Second Of A Special Series, Delivered Last Night At Baptist Church

Rev. Edward B. Jenkins preached and without hope in the world, have never realized the fact that they are sinners. They may say: "I am a moral, upright man in the community and all that, but they have not realized the fact that they are sinners before God. Ezek. 18:24: 'The father that beareth the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.' Jesus came and died that men might have life and have it everlastingly, but did not come preaching and saying that he wanted to crush men, but that he wanted to save them and give them a better life."

What is needed for repentance is, first of all, CONVICTION: Conviction of the fact that we are without God and without hope in the world, conviction of the fact that we are sinners, conviction of the fact that we are out of God's plan, conviction that we have nothing that is good within ourselves, conviction by the power of the Holy Ghost.

First of all, conviction is brought about by prayer. We may have revivals and meetings, but if there is not prayer for the power of the Holy Spirit to enter the hearts of men and women who are not saved, then we shall fail entirely and completely. And again it is needed to realize the fact that we are lost and the fact that we are unsaved. As I came down the street tonight I saw men standing on the streets talking—seemed to be unconcerned about the service of God. Some of these men I know are unsaved, without light.

RUSSIANS HAVE CONCEALED A NEW OFFENSIVE

NEW MOVEMENTS IN THE EAST DRAW INTEREST AWAY FROM THE VERDUN BATTLE.

DEFEAT AUSTRIANS

Austrian Statement Admits That Defense Line Along the Front Has Been Withdrawn. Violent Bombardment Takes Place.

London, March 20.—Heavy Russian attacks along the Austro-German fronts today drew interest away from the Verdun offensive. An official statement from Vienna admits the compelled retreat of Austrian forces near Vodiclovo Bridge Head. Russians followed the bombardment with violent grenades. The defense line has been withdrawn but other attacks have been repulsed, according to the Austrians.

ALLIES BEGIN RETALIATION RAID POLICY

London, March 20.—In retaliation of Sunday's raid of German Zeppelins on the English coast, which killed eleven persons, sixty-five British, French and Belgian planes today attacked the town of Zebruggen, the German submarine and seaplane base, and the Belgian town of Houatade. Fifty aeroplanes carried two hundred pounds of bombs each, rained bombs on the seaplane station and the aerodrome at Houatade. Fifteen armored planes protected the bombing craft. They all returned safely. This inaugurates a policy of immediate retaliation of the German raids. One Belgian officer was wounded.

A fire broke out this morning in the home of Tom O. Farrow. The alarm was sent in from box 33, corner of Fifth street and Blount's road. The auto truck responded and extinguished the blaze. Part of the roof was burned off.

JOHN H. SMALL IS IN THE CITY

Congressman John H. Small is in the city today, having arrived from Washington city yesterday. Mr. Small will leave for Greenville tomorrow, where he will make an address on the proposed national prohibition amendment to the constitution. It is expected that E. C. Dinwiddie of Washington City, will be present and engage in joint debate.

Mr. Small stated this morning that he believed the army bill would pass through Congress in substantially its present form. He advocates the militia-pay plan and believes that this measure will pass. Regarding the navy bill, Mr. Small remarked that he believed both sides would in the end come to a satisfactory agreement. He added that in his opinion, the general opposition to defense measures had decreased.

BIG NEW ENGINES FOR N. S.; START ANOTHER PLANT NEAR NORFOLK

Kinston, March 20.—Two of half a dozen giant "consolidation" locomotives recently ordered by the Norfolk Southern railroad have arrived at New Bern. They were built in Philadelphia, and are of the latest type. They are of considerable more pulling power than any engines in service on the road at present, it is said. The two new machines will be used for drawing rock trains from Neversun quarries to Lookout harbor. The Norfolk Southern Thursday commenced construction of new shops, to cost a quarter of a million dollars, at Carolina Junction, near Norfolk. The shops will take care of a part of the company's increasing rolling stock, likely that on the Norfolk and Raleigh divisions.

U. S. TROOPS ARE CLOSE ON TRAIL OF VILLA'S MEN

REPORTED THAT REBEL CHIEF-TAIN HAS BEEN HEMMED IN GUERRERO MOUNTAINS.

CAPTURE UNLIKELY

Miles of Mountains Deserts Make It Highly Possible That Villa Will Elude Both Carranza Forces and U. S. Troops.

El Paso, Texas, March 20.—Reports were received here today to the effect that Villa and his band have been hemmed in the canyons of the Guerrero mountains. The rebel chieftain is believed to be surrounded by several columns of Carranza troops. American troops are closing in from the north. Miles of mountainous deserts, however, make the escape of Villa likely. U. S. aeroplanes are spying his movements. He is reported as having left a detachment of men at the Hernandez ranch to hold the Americans and permit him to hide in the Sierra Madres.

Fighting between his rear guard and American troops is expected. A second request for permission to use the railroads is reported to have been made by Washington. It is believed that Carranza will grant it.

Expect Long Campaign.
Columbus, N. M., March 20.—Extra El Paso-Perry ambulances are here. Field hospital completion is being rushed. In preparation of the expected bloody fighting between Americans and Villa in the southern mountains, officers expect a long campaign and are preparing for it.

RUSSIAN STEAMER IS TORPEDOED

Petrograd, March 21.—The Russian steamer, Jas elon, was torpedoed in the North Atlantic on the north. Advances received are to the effect that the crew is believed to have been saved.

KILLED HUSBAND WHO THREATENED HER LIFE

Frederick, Md., March 20.—The killing of her husband, Arthur English, New York lawyer, because he threatened her life has made Mrs. English a heroine. She guarded her brother's home. Whether she will attend her husband's funeral is unknown.

HAS WRITTEN TO MRS. GLASS

Mrs. C. M. Little Notified Mother of Stolen Boy of Band of Gypsies

Stolen mother of Jimmy Glass, the four-year-old boy who was stolen from his home about a year ago, has been sent by Mrs. Charles Little of this city. In the letter Mrs. Little enclosed clippings from the Daily News and other papers, telling of the band of gypsies that have been in this section and also stating that a white child was among them. Mrs. Little wrote that she did not desire to see any fairer hopes but that she would not give up. She expressed the hope that a reply is expected within a few days.

TO-NIGHT
THE BROKEN COIN
AND OTHER
GOOD PICTURES
Prices 5c to 10c