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ALL CONTESTANTS ARE BUSY PILING UP VOTES

The Rush of Votes Brought in This Morning Almost Swamped Manager's Office

ALL WORKING HARD

Race is Gaining Steadily in Interest and Excitement. Those Who Desire to Do so May Still Enter Their Names and Win One of the Many Prizes.

Interest in the Daily News' big subscription contest is increasing daily. Most of the contestants are now busily engaged in piling up votes.

The contest department will furnish candidates with every possible assistance and candidates who are in doubt as to any details are urged to communicate with the contest manager.

The districts in the city are making a good showing and the contestants include some of the most popular young ladies in the city. All have many friends and these friends are doing everything they can to help them win the free vacation trips and other valuable prizes.

Country contestants are equally hard at work. They will also be awarded free trips. Competition in the country promises to be especially keen. Everyone is excited over the race and all of the contestants are eager to secure the "jump" on the others.

It is not too late to enter the contest and those who desire to participate in the fun and excitement, but have refrained from sending in their nominations, can be as confident of winning as those who have secured a little start on them.

LOCAL BOY IS WITH SOLDIERS

A. A. Nichols of This City Is One of the U. S. Soldiers Who Are at Present in Mexico.

Among the soldiers, who are hunting for Villa in Mexico is a native of this city, Arthur Nichols, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nichols. Mr. Nichols is a corporal in troop 1, 11th cavalry.

When U. S. troops were ordered to the border, his company left Fort Oglethorpe in Georgia, where they had been stationed, for Columbus, N. M. They joined the other troops there and are at present on the other side of the Rio Grande.

AURORA BANK SHOWS INCREASE

Gained Over \$18,000 From March 1915 to March 1916 According to Statement.

(Special to the Daily News) Aurora, March 23.—The deposits of the Bank of Aurora at March 1 of this year, show a marked increase over the amount at the same time a year ago. The following figures were given out this morning:

March, 1916 \$30,701.89
March, 1915 23,351.99
Increase 7,349.90

Subscribe to the Daily News.

TO-NIGHT
Kalem presents
An Enemy of Mankind
in 2 parts
"It Happened in Snakeville"
Ebeny comedy
"Auntie's Portrait"
Vitagraph
Hearst Religious News
Prizes \$5.00

NEW STEMMERY TO LOCATE HERE THIS SEASON

WASHINGTON BEATS OUT NEW BERN AND WILLAMSTON IN SECURING NEW PLANT.

TO PICK OUT SITE

Representatives of E. B. Ficklin Tobacco Company To Be in the City on Monday and Will Settle Upon Location for Plant.

An important addition is to be made to the local tobacco market this year. A large stemmery is to be built in the city and representatives of the company that is to undertake the project will be here Monday to pick out a site.

When V. B. Shelburne of this city learned a short time ago that the E. B. Ficklin tobacco company, one of the largest independent dealers in the United States, were considering operating a stemmery in this section of the State, he began an investigation and had considerable communication with representatives of the company. New Bern and Williamston also learned of the deal and made desperate attempts to secure the stemmery. Mr. Shelburne visited Greenville Tuesday, however, and managed to beat the other cities. He stated this morning that if the stemmery were erected in Washington, it would be leased by the Ficklin people for about ten or fifteen years.

Messrs. Ferguson and Webb will be here on Monday to look over the ground and find the most suitable location for the plant. This will make two stemmeries for Washington and, it is expected, will cause the sale of considerable more tobacco on the local market during the coming season. It is stated that the storage rate and the excellent transportation facilities of Washington had considerable to do with gaining the stemmery for this city.

AUGUSTA, GA. IS IN RUINS

(By United Press) Augusta, Ga., March 23.—Prostrated by the most disastrous conflagration in its history, Augusta is today taking inventory of the fire which broke out yesterday and which ruined many of the business houses and a large number of the finer residential sections. The entire city has the appearance of a smoking ruin. One or more lives have been lost. The damage is estimated at \$6,000,000. Thousands are homeless. Fire companies from Atlanta, Macon and Savannah are still working. The hospitals of the city are crowded with the injured. Merchandise, piled high in the streets, is being protected by the State militia from looting.

GOOD COMEDY PROGRAM.

The pictures at the New Theatre last night were as good as have ever been shown, consisting of a variety of comedies and dramas. The program for tonight consists of five good reels, among them being a Kalem drama in two parts, entitled, "An Enemy of Mankind." "It Happened in Snakeville" is a Vitagraph comedy with a laugh all the way through. Hearst also presents a good one reel picture, "Auntie's Portrait." Hearst-Relig News completes a bill that will please everyone.

90-MILE GALE VISITED CITY: DOES DAMAGE

FIERCE WIND AND RAIN STORM OCCURRED HERE LAST NIGHT AT ABOUT 8 O'CLOCK.

SOON BLEW OVER

Storm Was of But Short Duration. Did Considerable Damage at F. H. Von Eberstein's Farm at Chocowinity. Loss Estimated at \$500.

One of the worst wind and rain storms that has visited this section of the State recently, occurred last night shortly before eight o'clock. The storm was of brief duration but of intense violence. It is estimated that the wind reached a velocity of 90 miles an hour.

No serious damage is reported in the city. Small boats along the river-front were knocked about considerably against the docks and one or two broke loose from their moorings. The trash cans on the streets were found a considerable distance from their original location. The one in front of the postoffice was caught up by the wind and rolled along Market street with the speed of an automobile. Many branches were broken off trees, shutters were blown off their hinges and the streets this morning were littered with boxes, paper and various other articles. A lady's hat was also found on Second street today.

Telephone Wires Down. The Daily News endeavored to get into communication this morning with Kinston, Aurora and New Bern, but was unable to do so; the telephone wires being out of order.

Damage at Chocowinity. F. H. Von Eberstein this morning reported that a miniature cyclone struck his place last night. It unroofed his barn and one of the stables, blew down his water tank, upset a large chicken coop, rooted up trees and did damage on his place to the extent of about \$500.

Storm Also Hit Belhaven. Belhaven also felt the storm last night. No actual damage is reported, however.

CHAS. L. MORTON EXPLAINS SENDING IN OF "RIOT CALL"

Says that Alarm System is for Use of Fire Department. Citizens Need Not Bother Heads About Alarms That Are Turned In

Washington, N. C., March 23. Editor Daily News,

Dear sir: It is not with the spirit of antagonism nor with censure for yourself nor the good gentleman who expressed himself in your columns in reference to the sounding of false alarms, but it is in justice to His Honor the Mayor, and the Chief of the Fire Department, that I request you to give this space in your next issue.

First I want to admit that every citizen is entitled to his opinion in reference to city affairs, when he has made himself conversant with same. As to the criticism of the Mayor and Chief of the Fire Department, I wish to assure you that it was only after my insistence that they agreed to allow the "riot alarm" to be sent in, and if anyone is to be held to account for it, I do not hesitate to assume the responsibility.

I wish to make this explanation why these things have been done. Personally I have been a member of Volunteer hose company for twenty years, beginning my present service when the little pump engine, bought from Mr. Hoyt, was in its glory, having the reputation of always getting on first stream at a fire, which honor we still claim for our company, and feel I do know what is required for efficient work of the department. It is absolutely necessary for the Chief of the Fire Department to occasionally send in false alarms to keep the companies up to standard. That is his only method for immediate summons to duty, being the same to the department as the bugle is to the army. I can not see as long as the alarm is sent in, why anyone is to be held to account for it, or why anyone is to be held to account for it, or why anyone is to be held to account for it.

As to the "Riot Call" with the Naval Militia it is the same with them, as the fire alarm is to the fire department. When they hear 9-9 they are the ones directly interested. If any shooting is done they are the ones to do it, or receive it. They not only answer your call regardless of weather conditions, but gladly subject themselves to the risk of death, for the benefit of yourselves and property. Our system is this: 9-9 is sent in, every member of the 6th division is required to run to the place it within the discussion of their chief, why the citizen who answers it at his convenience and simply attends as a matter of curiosity should object. He is in no way compelled to pay the least attention to the alarm if he does not so desire, nor, as you will agree, is it done in a city. As to the 10-10, which is the average citizen at a fire, well, there are some level heads among them, the majority, placed for the first time in place of responsibility, lose their heads and do so much damage that we would prefer they refrain from thrusting their aid upon us. I have actually seen them throw bowls and pitchers from a second story window and gently carry a feather bed down a flight of stairs and out the front door. The Board of City Aldermen had to take action to prevent transfers from blocking streets and passed a law making it a fine of \$5.00 for a citizen to ride on fire truck. With the fire company, we simply request, as we are to do the work, that you leave the system to us. When we find mistakes we will gladly correct them. Don't pay any attention to the alarms unless you prefer to do so, and if we fail to get results then KICK.

SLACKENED ATTACK ON WEST FRONT

German Failed to Renew Attack West of the Meuse. French Maintain Positions.

(By United Press) Paris, March 23.—The bombardment, northwest of Verdun slackened today. The Germans failed to renew their attacks west of the Meuse. The French are maintaining their positions at Paucoeur hill.

A violent bombardment is reported east of the Meuse and elsewhere. The French this morning attacked the trenches at Favechaye and took a number of prisoners.

Berlin Claims Gains. Berlin, March 23.—The Germans today captured the ridge southwest of Saucourt, on the west bank of the Meuse. This is considered a strong pivotal position. 440 prisoners were taken.

EXPECT HAY BILL TO PASS TODAY

Is Being Finally Debated. Resolution Introduced to Offer \$50,000 For Villa.

(By United Press) Washington, March 23.—The House today overwhelmingly defeated the proposal to create a Federal volunteer force of 251,000 men. The Hay bill is scheduled to pass this afternoon and is being finally debated.

A resolution was introduced this morning by Representative Scott of Pennsylvania, authorizing the President to pay \$50,000 reward for the delivery of Villa to military authorities.

The Senate frustrated Sherman's attempt to force a consideration of his resolution, calling for 50,000 volunteers for Mexican service.

FRENCH BARK SUNK. Paris, March 23.—The French bark, Dougalville, was sunk today. The crew of 23 men was rescued.

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CHAS. L. MORTON, Commander 1st Bat. N. C. N. M. Member Volunteer Hose Co. 1.

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105-MILES FRONT

Rudians Are Beginning Great Offensive Movement. Have Deated the German Lines in Several Places. Slavs Moving Westward.

(By United Press)

London, March 23.—Half a million Russians, under the command of Kuropatkin, are assaulting Von Hindenburg's line along a 150-mile front. They have deated the German line in six places, according to an official dispatch from Petrograd. The battle is raging at Fort Railes, south of Dvinsk. The Slavs are driving westward toward the Vilga railroad. Whether it is their intention to assist in the starting of a great offensive movement is not known.

Germans Try to Gain Heights. London, 23.—The Germans are desperately striving to capture the heights at Avoncourt and sweep the French position.

Reinforcements for Germans. Petrograd, March 23.—Von Hindenburg has established his headquarters at Villra and is directing the defense along the Dvinsk front. German reinforcements have been pouring in during the last three days.

ARREST MADE IN POISON CASE

Son-in-Law Is Suspected of Having Killed Grand Rapids Millionaire.

(By United Press) New York, Mar. 23.—The district attorney has ordered the arrest of Dr. Arthur Warren-Walke, son-in-law of John E. Peck, the Grand Rapids millionaire, who died on March 12, supposedly of arsenic poisoning. The order is understood to have followed a statement made by a negro and Walke is in his attorney's hands. His house is being guarded in order to prevent his escape, it is believed.

LAST NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

I am now making up the advertised list of delinquent taxpayers which will be given to the newspapers Monday, March 27th in order that they may set up and publish same by 10 o'clock on Monday, March 27th, will be published. Pay now and have your name erased from list and save cost. I cannot show any partiality.

W. B. WINDLEY, Sheriff.

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WASHINGTON MARKET

Corrected by R. H. HUDSON
Successor to H. B. Mayo.

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|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Cotton | 11 3/8c |
| Wool | 30 to 4 1/2c |
| Goat Skins | 15c to 16c |
| Deer Hides | 12 1/2c |
| Deer Hides (flint) | 13c |
| Deer Hides (green) | 18c |
| Deer Hides (stint) | 22c |
| Sheep Skins | 35c to 60c |
| Lamb Skins | 25c to 50c |
| Sherings | 20c |
| Wool (free from lint) | 25c |
| Wool (burry) | 12c to 20c |
| Goat Skins | 15c to 35c |
| Deer Wax | 25c |
| Tallow | 5c |
| Flags, per hundred | \$1.00 |
| Bone, per hundred | 50c |
| Auto Tires (outer casing) lb. | 30c |
| Auto Inner Tubes | 8c |
| Rubber Boots and Shoes | 4c |
| Corn, bushel | 70c |
| Old Hens | 15c |
| Old Roasters | 7c |
| Spring Chickens | 10c |