

CLUB OFFER BONANZA TO CANDIDATES

ARE ENABLED TO FILE UP LARGE NUMBER OF VOTES WITH LITTLE EFFORT.

SOON BE OVER

Offer Will Be Withdrawn Within a Few Days. Up to Contestants to Get Busy and Take Advantage of It Early.

After today one week will remain of the big clubbing offer, and the very best efforts of each contestant is needed during that time.

Do not wait until the end of the contest to collect your best support. Plan wisely. Secure the assistance of your best friends while it is worth the greatest number of votes. Pay particular attention to subscriptions of several years in length. Some of your best friends will probably give you five years. Don't fail to turn them in on this offer when they will not the greatest number of votes.

About the Clubs. While one of the clubs will give you a fine big vote, do not stop with one club. Nor with two clubs. Get just as many as you can. Just think, three clubs will net you almost a half million votes. Six clubs about a cool million. Make the most of the big offer. It presents the real opportunity of the contest.

WILL GO BEFORE COMMISSIONERS

Large Delegation to Appear Before Board in Interest of the Red Hill Road.

It is expected that a large delegation of citizens from all parts of the county will attend the meeting of the board of county commissioners Monday in the interest of the Red Hill road project.

Many persons from the country have already been heard from, some by letter, and others personally. They have promised to be here on Monday. All of them expressed themselves as favoring the building of the road.

A request is made that as many business and professional men of Washington, as can possibly do so, be present at the meeting.

The delegation will meet at the Chamber of Commerce at 11 o'clock Monday morning and proceed in a body to the court house to appear before the commissioners.

No letters have been sent to the people in the city, asking them to attend the meeting, but it is hoped that a large number will be present.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Chas. M. McEntyre, Minister. Bible School 10 a. m., W. O. Ellis Supt. Services 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Morning subject: "A Double Blessing." Evening subject: "The Riot at Ephesus and Why." Christian Endeavor at 8.45 p. m. Special music morning and evening. Solo evening service, "The Holy City." The public is cordially invited to all services.

AT A GLANCE YOU CAN

See that our way of presenting clothes is the right way. If you value service investigate. Drop in when passing, phone us or send a card. We want you to compare our workmanship with others.

WRIGHT'S STEAM PRESSING WORKS

NEGRO ASSAULTS YOUNG GIRL; FIGHTS POSSE: IS NOW IN JAIL

(By Eastern Press) Kinston, April 1.—Yesterday afternoon, between two and three o'clock Will Black, colored, age 26, criminally assaulted Mattie Tyson, the 6-year-old daughter of a prominent farmer, who resides a few miles from Snow Hill.

A smaller sister of the girl ran into the house and screamed for her mother. Mrs. Tyson rushed out to the scene. Black turned his attention to the woman and slapped her into unconsciousness. He then completed his crime on the young girl.

His victim is in a terrible condition. A posse trailed Black to a thick thicket. A duel followed. The negro had two guns and a revolver. J. O. Sugg, former register of deeds, was shot, but not seriously wounded. Another member of the posse was also wounded. Black was hit, but not wounded fatally.

He was finally captured and rushed by officials to the Snow Hill jail. A mob gathered and, fearing a lynching, the sheriff had the negro taken to the Goldsboro jail, where he is now confined.

HOLLAND MAY BE NEXT IN THE WAR

Dutch Government is Taking Steps which May Result in Declaring War Against Germany

(By United Press) London, Apr 1.—Both houses of the Dutch parliament were summoned by telegraph today to attend a special session Monday at which the Tubantia sinking will be considered. The Dutch government has commandeered all railways and material, according to the Central News Copenhagen correspondent.

The queen has cancelled all military furloughs. The situation grows more serious, following a meeting today of high army and naval officials. Because all cables between London and Holland have been disabled by a severe storm, it is impossible to obtain further details.

LOCAL DEBATERS WON LAST NIGHT

W. H. S. Teams Carried Off Honors Both Here and at Elizabeth City.

The Washington high school debating teams won in both of their debates yesterday.

Jatha Woolard and Jessie Hardyson debated the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved that the United States should greatly increase its navy." Their opponents were from the New Bern High School. The debate took place at the auditorium last night and was well attended. Woolard's argument was especially good. The vote in favor of Washington was 2 to 1.

A telegram was received this morning from Elizabeth City, stating that the Washington high school team had also won out against the Elizabeth City high school. Elizabeth McIlhenny and Freda Williams represented the local school. They debated the negative side of the same question.

ZEP. RAIDER IS SHOT DOWN

(By United Press) London, April 1.—One of the five Zeppelins that last night raided the English coast, was shot down and sank in the Thames. The crew surrendered. A single bomb from one Zeppelin killed a man, his wife and child, and wounded seven others. About 90 bombs were dropped altogether.

The raid occurred as the theatres were filling. The airship destroyed the 26th that has been shot down since the war started. Twenty-eight were killed in the raid.

Bombs Dropped on Swiss Village. Bern, Switzerland, April 1.—Two aeroplanes of unknown nationality dropped five large bombs at dawn this morning on the small Swiss village of Porrentruy, near the French frontier. Some damage to property was caused.

WAITING FOR NEWS OF VILLA CAPTURE

San Antonio Officials Expect to Hear At Any Minute of the End of Bandit's Career.

(By United Press) San Antonio, April 1.—Army headquarters are on edge with expectation. General Funston believes that news of another clash with Villa may come at any time. A large number of officers remained close to the telegraph all day, awaiting a possible flash from Cereching and saying that Dadd had effected the actual capture of Villa and the annihilation of the bandits. No message was received up to noon, however.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. Sabbath School at 9:45. Prof. W. J. Privette, Supt. Breaching at 11:00 o'clock by the pastor, Edward B. Jenkins. Morning subject: "The Abundant Life." Evening subject: "What sort of Christians do we want to be." This will be the fourth sermon of the series of Sunday night sermons on "The crises of the Christian life." All are cordially invited to hear these helpful sermons. Ladies Aid Society meets with Mrs. Goodwin on East Seventh street Wednesday night prayer meeting at 8:00 o'clock. Teachers meeting Friday night 7:30.

AURORA LOSES TO VANCEBORO

The Aurora debating team was defeated by the team from the Farm Life school at Vanceboro last night, the debate being held at Aurora. The subject of naval preparedness was the topic of debate, Aurora having the affirmative side and Vanceboro the negative. Aurora was represented by Percy Hooker and Mattie Hooker; Vanceboro by Nancy McLawhorn and Edith Tucker. Mayor W. A. Thompson presided. The judges were E. L. Stewart, W. L. Vaughan and E. A. Daniel, Jr. At the conclusion of the debate, E. L. Stewart, on behalf of the judges, announced that a unanimous declaration had been arrived at in favor of Vanceboro.

PRIZES AWARDED FOR CO. SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT PRIVETTE MADE LIST OF AWARDS PUBLISHED THIS MORNING.

COMPETITION KEEN

Best Flat Prize Awarded to Chocowinity. Pantego, Highland and Bear Creek Got Prizes for Best Exhibits.

COMMENCEMENT FACTS. 7,400 lunches were served at the warehouse. 14,800 sandwiches were distributed. 25,000 apples were given away. 400 pounds of oaks were taken up. 29,600 slices of bread were used. \$308 worth of ham was used. 553 pass gers came up on the N. S. from the Belhaven district. 405 passenger came on the W. & V. Over 5 times as many came to the city in vehicles.

Announcement of the winners of the various prizes offered in the county commencement exercises was made this morning by Superintendent Privette. The list is as follows: Best essay, "Effects of alcohol on the body," for prize offered by local W. C. T. U., awarded to Miss Georgia Madison, of Pantego.

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WILL APPOINT COMMISSION

Board of County Commissioners to Select Bond Issue Committee at Next Meeting.

"The county commissioners will appoint the bond issue commission at the meeting next week."

The above information was given out this morning by W. E. Swindell, chairman of the board. The names of the commission have not yet been made public.

"We are having a difficult time in making the appointment," stated Mr. Swindell. "I have seen at least 25 men myself but none were willing to accept a place on the board. You can say, however, that the board will appoint three men Monday."

"Satan Sanderson" Tonight.

Orrin Johnson will appear tonight at the New Theatre in "Satan Sanderson," a five reel photoplay dramatized from the novel of the same name by Halle Ermine Rives. Mr. Johnson's work on the American stage is too well known to be commented upon here; while the novel of Satan Sanderson has been widely read. This picture is full of love and romance that keeps you interested throughout the picture.

DON'T APPROVE OF SAND-CLAY ROADS

An endorsement of the views regarding road building, which were expressed in the Daily News yesterday by Contractor Wrenn, of New Bern, was given today by Captain David Hill.

"I believe that sand-clay roads, without the proper foundation, would result in a complete failure," he said. "And a failure in road building now would mean that the cause of good roads would be set back in Beaufort county for years to come. I agree with Mr. Wrenn in everything he said with regard to this matter."

U.S. TROOPS HOT ON VILLA'S TRAIL

Bandit Chief is But a Step Ahead of the American Troops in His Dash for Safety

Believed That His Wounds Are More Serious Than First Reported. Trainload of Provisions Leaves For U. S. Soldiers.

By E. T. CONKLE, United Press Staff Correspondent.

El Paso, April 1.—Like a wounded animal, slinking to its lair, Villa is believed to be but a step ahead of Dodd's troopers, who are bent on his capture, dead or alive.

Following a thrilling ride and running fight, which was reported yesterday, officers believe that the capture of the bandit is but the matter of a few hours.

Villa's injuries, mentioned yesterday, are more serious than first supposed. The view is held that he may die because of lack of medical attention.

Villa Capture Denied.

El Paso, April 1.—Host of reports that Villa has been captured since Dodd's victory, have been circulated today, presumably by Juarez officials. The Carranza consul, Garcia, has denied the rumors.

The first trainload of provisions left Juarez for Casas Grandes today, consisting of five carloads of oats, one of sugar and five of miscellaneous merchandise. The train is owned and consigned to Mormons at Colonia Duban. The Mormons will sell them to the soldiers.

SUSSEX REPORT NEXT WEEK

SUSSEX Expected That Germany Will Submit Case to the United States Within Short Time.

(By United Press) Berlin, April 1.—The reply of Germany to the request of the United States for information on the Sussex attack will probably be handed to Ambassador Gerard next week. It is possible, however, that submarines, operating in British waters, may not return to their bases with their reports before the end of next week. This, of course, would delay matters.

CHAS. A. SMITH DIED TODAY

(By United Press) Baltimore, April 1.—Charles A. Smith, ex-governor and ex-lieutenant governor of South Carolina, president of four banks and extensively interested otherwise in Southern business circles, died today in John Hopkins hospital. The body leaves this afternoon for his home in Timonville. Congressman Ragsdale, his nephew, will accompany the remains from here.

SUB COMMITTEE FAVORS BRANDEIS

Appointment Will Go to Senate Judiciary Committee on Monday.

(By United Press) Washington April 1.—The Senate sub-committee, which has investigated the fitness of Louis Brandeis for Supreme court justice, today voted three to two to recommend his appointment. Works and Cummins are believed to have cast the "No" votes. The report will go to the Senate Judiciary committee on Monday. The Republicans there are expected to make a strong fight to keep the recommendation delayed or indefinitely postponed.

Dr. Waite Indicted for Murder. New York, April 1.—The grand jury today returned an indictment charging murder in the first degree against Dr. Arthur Warren Waite accusing him of poisoning his father-in-law, John E. Poek, millionaire drug manufacturer of Grand Rapids.

GERMANS SINK HOSPITAL SHIP

Tragedy Occurred in Black Sea. 115 Lives Lost, Including Sisters of Mercy.

(By United Press) Petrograd, April 1.—The Russian hospital ship, Portugal, was submerged by Germans in the Black Sea today with a loss of 115 lives, including Countess Tatistcheff and 14 other Sisters of Mercy. The Portugal sank in a minute's time. 158 were rescued.

VERDUN FIGHT CONTINUES

Germans Begin Bombardment of Verdun. Have Obtained Foothold in Vaux Village.

(By United Press) London, April 1.—German artillery has opened the bombardment on Verdun and the Paris railway from the Anoncourt woods. Paris dispatches today state. This is believed to be the prelude to the German drive southward toward the railway and a general assault against the French northwest of Verdun. Air battles are occurring hourly.

Germans Gain Foothold. Paris, April 1.—In two fierce attacks with large forces, the Germans today gained a foothold in Vaux Village, five miles northwest of Verdun. They were first stopped by a heavy fire. The second attack was rushed forward without regard of appalling losses.

NEW THEATRE TO-NIGHT
"SATAN SANDERSON" a photoplay in 5 parts. A picture everybody will enjoy.
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