

TELEPHONE PROPOSITION IS REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE BY BOARD

Mayor and Aldermen Hear Mr. Crews and Defer Definite Action

QUESTION OF NEW EXCHANGE IN ABEYANCE

Curfew Law Goes by Board—Charlotte Street Order Resurfaced

The proposition of the Asheville Telephone company to spend \$125,000 in an underground system and new building at the present time instead of waiting three years from October, as the company is entitled to do, was the principal business before the aldermen last night.

The proposition was referred to a special committee to be named by Mayor Barnard, after a complete explanation by Assistant General Manager Crews, of the Bell company, and by Frank Carter, of the local company, and a brief discussion by three aldermen.

Mr. Crews, addressing the board, said:

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen of the Board:

Since the occasion of my last appearance before your honorable body when I appeared in response to a resolution which had been passed requiring the telephone company to show cause why its service should not be improved, I have made a very careful study of the situation and have submitted my views and recommendations to the president and stock holders of the Asheville Telephone & Telegraph company. In my report I stated that the determination of the company's plan in Asheville had been greater than we had anticipated would happen, and that in order to furnish the class of service contemplated by our franchise, we must do one of two things: Either expend some ten or twelve thousand dollars in betterments on the existing plant or expend not less than one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars in the erection and installation of an entirely new telephone system. By adopting the first alternative we could comply fully with the letter and spirit of our franchise obligations for the remaining portion of the five-year period during which it was contemplated that the present plant should be maintained, but the expenditure during the remainder of the said period of ten or twelve thousand dollars in betterments. By adopting the second alternative, the company would be required to expend not less than one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars in the installation now of the new system contemplated by the company's franchise to be installed at the expiration of said five-year period. Manifestly the cheaper and more economical plan for the company to adopt would be the maintenance of the present plant for the remainder of the five-year period on an expenditure, as stated, of some ten or twelve thousand dollars. For should the new system be installed at once, the interest on the investment would amount to \$7,500 per annum, besides depreciation charges on the new plant \$18,000 during the remainder of the said period. Hence as a proposition of mere dollars and cents the maintenance of the present plant would be more profitable to the telephone company.

Other Considerations.

There are other considerations, however, which appeal strongly to the company. We sincerely desire to establish and maintain the most cordial relations with the Asheville people, both those who use the telephone and the public generally. We desire to do that, and I for one think that the company can afford to make some sacrifice if need be in order to accomplish this result. This has been the weightier consideration in the approval by the company of my recommendation that we immediately set about the erection of a new building and the installation of a new system and prosecute the work with all practical expedition. The company is willing to do this provided your board will consent that the existing rate agreement shall be held not to apply to persons becoming subscribers after the new plant is installed. Persons

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TWO MILL HANDS MAKE COWARDLY ATTACK ON THEIR FOREMAN AT SALISBURY

Salisbury, N. C. Aug. 25.—Mr. Walter Crump, a foreman in the Kesler cotton mill at this place, was badly cut early this morning by Tom Caruthers, an operative in the mill. Caruthers, it is stated, had quit work yesterday and demanded pay for his work at once, but this being against the rule of the mill, was refused. Jim Caruthers, a brother appeared at this time and the latter, it is claimed, held foreman Crump while Tom Caruthers inflicted a dozen or more wounds in the body of the victim.

EQUITABLE NOW MAKES ANSWER

Big Life Assurance Society Joins State In Fighting for an Investment

ADMISSIONS OFFICIAL SHORTENINGS MADE

Middle of "Depew Improvement Company" Is Also Admitted

New York, Aug. 25.—The Equitable Life Assurance society today joined with the state of New York in asking for a full investigation in court of its directors and officers and their alleged wrong doings in managing the monies of the society. The document which this determination was the answer of the forty-nine Equitable directors to charges made against them in connection with a suit brought against the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the state. This answer was filed by Attorney General Julius M. Mayer.

Admission is made that some of the officers of the Equitable have been guilty of improper and illegal acts. In all eleven charges are answered by the director. Among these charges they admit the \$250,000 loan to the Depew Improvement company. They admit the \$885,000 loan of the Mercantile Trust company, but waive responsibility in this loan so far as the board of directors is concerned, and indicate Messrs. Alexander, Jordan and Deming as the persons having the most knowledge of these transactions.

EXPERT RIFLEMEN SHOOT FOR TROPHY

Annual Champion Event at Seagirt, N. J., Calls Out the Best in the Country

Seagirt, N. J., Aug. 25.—The most expert of the riflemen of the United States and Hawaii proceeded today with the firing in the national individual match under most discouraging weather conditions. At dawn it was gray and threatening, but when the firing began at 8 o'clock the sun had succeeded in breaking through the clouds. Two hours later, however, a steady rain set in and the executive officer ordered a recess until 1 o'clock, when notwithstanding a northeast storm, the riflemen went back to the targets and continued firing until all of the 657 competitors in the national individual match had completed the work in the first four stages of the event—200, 300, 500, and 600 yards.

GARDNER WINS HIS FIGHT WITH RYAN

San Francisco, Aug. 25.—Jimmy Gardner, of Lowell, won the fight with "Buddy" Ryan, of Coloma in the fifteenth round of a twenty-five round bout. The men weighed in at 142 pounds. William Roche was referee.

RUSSIANS ARE ON "QUI VIVE" FOR DEFRAUDING

St. Petersburg Is Anxiously Awaiting Developments In Peace Negotiations

INDEMNITY STILL THE BONE OF CONTENTION

Believed In Some Quarters That There Will be No Session Today

St. Petersburg, Aug. 25.—A. m.—Everybody in St. Petersburg is awaiting the developments of today in the peace moves and hoping that a compromise is being effected, the most likely basis of which would be no indemnity, but a payment for Sakhalin to be left for future adjustment. In fact it was asserted yesterday in an exceptionally well informed quarter that this was the only possible basis for a compromise.

The belief is expressed in some quarters that here will be no session at Portsmouth today and the Associated Press is informed on excellent authority that a further adjournment could be taken as a most hopeful sign, as it would prove that serious efforts looking to a compromise were continuing.

Up to 8 o'clock last evening Ambassador Meyer had received no message from Washington. The idea that President Roosevelt might again communicate with the emperor through the American ambassador finds credence in certain official quarters. The exchange of telegrams between Portsmouth and the foreign office continues, but the nature of those despatches is a most carefully guarded secret. It can be asserted, however, on the best authority that any suggestion to Russia from any source whatever that she assent to the payment of indemnity would be most unwelcome, though a sincere desire for peace leaves her open for suggestion of a compromise on other grounds.

LOTTERY MEN ARE CAUGHT IN TOILS

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 25.—A. B. Conley, D. B. Candler and William Woods, were arrested today by United States authorities, charged with giving information by the use of the United States mails as to where tickets, advertisements and lists of a lottery company might be obtained.

Conley and Candler were released on \$1,500 bail, but Woods failed to make bond.

HOLMES IS HELD FOR DEFRAUDING

Official Accused of Having Part in the Cotton Leak Is Indicted

"CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD GOVERNMENT"

Holmes, Peckham and Haas Will Cool Their Heels In Jail Together

Washington, Aug. 25.—Edwin S. Holmes, of Washington, D. C., until recently the associate statistician of the department of agriculture, but who was dismissed as an outcome of the investigation into the leakage in the cotton crop reports, has been indicted by the grand jury on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the government.

This announcement was made tonight by United States District Attorney Morgan H. Beach just after he had returned from New York City, where he had been instrumental in causing the arrest of Frederick A. Peckham, the New York broker, at Saratoga, and of Moses Haas, of New York. There are two indictments covering the charges against the three men.

HAAS SURRENDERS.

New York, Aug. 25.—Moses Haas, indicted in connection with the cotton leak scandal, surrendered himself to a deputy United States marshal today when officially informed of the warrant issued against him a few days ago. This warrant was issued by the Federal grand jury simultaneously with one for Frederick Peckham, who was arrested at Saratoga.

Bail was fixed for Haas at \$10,000, which was furnished.

GEORGIA CITIZENS ARE AFTER NEGRO

Thomasville, Ga., Aug. 25.—Sheriff Hight, Charles Outze and a number of citizens left at 6 o'clock this morning for Live Oak, Fla., so identify a negro held by Sheriff Hickerson there, and supposed to be Emanuel Harder, the negro charged with criminal assault upon Mrs. Outze. They telegraphed this evening that the suspect was not the right man.

A subscription list is being circulated here to increase to \$100 reward offered by the state, county and family.

ROOSEVELT IS STILL WORKING

Chief Executive Seeks to Put Salt on Peace Dove's Tail

IS PULLING WIRES BETWEEN TWO EMPERORS

While the Outlook Is Dark for Peace Its Friends do Not Yet Despair

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 25.—The peace conference seems headed straight for the rocks. Despite the fact that every question of principle involved in the quarrel between the two countries has been settled in favor of the victor and that in reality only "words and money" still separate them, the negotiations seem on the verge of a final rupture. The air was filled tonight with gloomy foreboding as superficially everything indicated that tomorrow's session of the conference will prove a sense adieu, although hope exists in some quarters.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Two emperors, the one at St. Petersburg and the other at Tokyo, are the determinant factors in the pending peace negotiations. Although the negotiations temporarily are suspended at Portsmouth they are proceeding actively through President Roosevelt at Sagamore Hill. He is in practically constant communication with the S. Petersburg and Tokyo governments. By both of the warring nations his good offices have been sought and his efforts to bring their potententials into accord and thus prevent a failure of the peace conference are unrelenting.

Won't Talk.

Early in the day the president had an extended conference with Baron Kaneko, the recognized confidential agent of the Japanese government in this country. Neither the president nor Baron Kaneko would discuss the nature of the interview. While the baron's expressed views of the peace negotiations were not optimistic, he left a distinct impression that the last word by no means had been spoken, and hope of a successful issue of the conference still was strong. He protested that Japan had no wish to do anything to humiliate Russia, but expressed the belief that the Japanese terms were quite reasonable and that no further concessions would be made.

After the departure of Baron Kaneko President Roosevelt was engaged with Acting Secretary Barnes for two hours in the consideration of dispatches received, and in the preparation of those to be sent.

WARM WEATHER IN NEW ORLEANS CAUSES SLIGHT INCREASE IN FEVER CASES

Number of Deaths From the Dreaded Scourge Shows a Total of 232

BUNCOMBE HAS MINES OF VALUE

Stores of Chrome, Iron and Nickel are Soon to be Opened Up

OPERATIONS TO BEGIN ON A LARGE SCALE

Industry on Foot Which Will Make Our State and County Famous

The most important development of the resources of Buncombe county is now beginning and is taking actual shape in the expenditure of many thousands of dollars.

Mines of iron and nickel of great value are to be opened and a smelter for rendering nickel is to be built in North Buncombe.

Lands and mineral rights in the Ivy section have been purchased for \$4,500, still more to be acquired and an immediate outlay of \$25,000 will be made for the plant necessary to open the mines and put them in operation.

It is actual fact with which these statements deal, matters which will at an early date be in actual physical evidence.

The mineral purchases are made by the United States Chrome and Nickel company, a New York corporation, and with this company is associated the powerful Wilson Aluminum company. The exact cause of the connection of the Wilson company is not ascertainable, but it is indicated that the development of aluminum deposits will be a feature of this mining operations.

Holds Deals.

In addition to options not yet converted into deeds the United States Chrome and Nickel company holds actual deeds to about one thousand acres of lands alone, the purchase price of which is \$46,000, and already preliminary operations in prospecting have opened a great bulk of chrome and nickel.

It is stated authoritatively that the purchase of mining machinery is now being made and that active operations will be pushed.

The company will develop only the chrome, iron and nickel. Chrome is the basis of all paints and is used for other purposes. Nickel is exceedingly valuable and is scarce, the great bulk of the supply coming from French New Caledonia, thirteen thousand miles from New York, and the fact that large and rich deposits of nickel are absolutely assured to exist in this county insures a development whose importance to this state needs no comment.

There are other persons now at work securing options on lands which carry veins of iron, hematite and magnetic iron, and as they represent capitalists, it will be but a short time before the plans in reference to this commercial iron will be known. It can be said that the opening of these hematite and magnetic iron veins only await the building of a railway to north Buncombe.

A gentleman who is thoroughly acquainted with the situation in the Ivy section said yesterday: "The chrome and nickel belt runs from near Democritus into Tennessee. The hematite and magnetic iron, that used in the making of manufactured iron, runs parallel, being uncovered from the neighborhood of Blackwell Springs through Ivy, over Anderson Gap and into the Cape River section. Lands carrying nickel were bought some time ago by capitalists. Of course they said nothing about the purchase, because they wanted other lands, but things have reached such a stage that secrecy now is useless. Twenty-five men are at work near J. H. Carter's place opening the veins and at Morgan Hill school house the nickel ore which has been thrown out of pits is a green blur visible for a mile distant."

Will Help Asheville.

"What will be the effect on Asheville? Is it necessary to ask that? It simply means that in a few years one will not be able to recognize the city."

The United States Chrome and Nickel company has among its stockholders Harlan Page, a Philadelphia capitalist; Major Dunlap, J. H. Dunlap and Dr. S. Westray Battle. The Messrs. Carter, Page, Dunlap and Battle are Ashevilleans.

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YESTERDAY'S RECORD.

New Orleans, Aug. 25.—Report to 4 p. m.:

- New cases, 81.
- Total to date, 1,665.
- Deaths, 4; total 232.
- New fuel, 16; total 376.
- Remaining under treatment, 287.

New Orleans, Aug. 25.—The figures show an increase in the number of new cases over yesterday's report, and if there is any particular cause to assign for it it is the excessively warm weather of the past few days, which has been most favorable for the development of the infection. The increase is a slight, however, that it does not in any way affect the hopeful feeling of those engaged in the campaign, which is progressing with every degree of harmony and promise of success.

New Orleans has received one case of fever which appears to have come from Memphis. The case was a woman who came here August 18, and was taken ill two days later. The case was manifestly not contracted here, owing to the early development of the disease after arrival.

The list today shows seven new foot up town and three more in Algiers. Of the deaths one was a sailor at the marine hospital, another was a very old man at an emergency hospital and one a child in the Peters avenue neighborhood. The others were Italians. Following is a summary of the reports from the country:

No definite news came from Levellio, Amelia or St. John. Patterson reports nine new cases. Hanson City has five new cases. Morgan City reports one case, traced to the Amelia zone of infection. Lake Providence has two new cases and one death. Mississippi City reports one new case. Gulfport, Miss., three miles west of Mississippi City, and where Dr. Wadlin makes his headquarters in conducting the campaign in Mississippi, reports three cases in the northern section of the city in a boarding house. The origin of these cases is unknown, but it is believed they came from Mississippi.

Memphis Denies It.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 25.—The Memphis board of health issued a statement tonight denying emphatically the presence of yellow fever in this city. The statement was occasioned by a report from New Orleans stating that the United States officials there had information which led them to believe that yellow fever existed in Memphis.

LEAGUE QUIETS DOWN.

Tulosa, O., Aug. 25.—The League of American Municipalities concluded its convention today by selecting Chicago as the next meeting place. The following officers were elected:

President—R. G. Rhett, of Charleston, S. C.

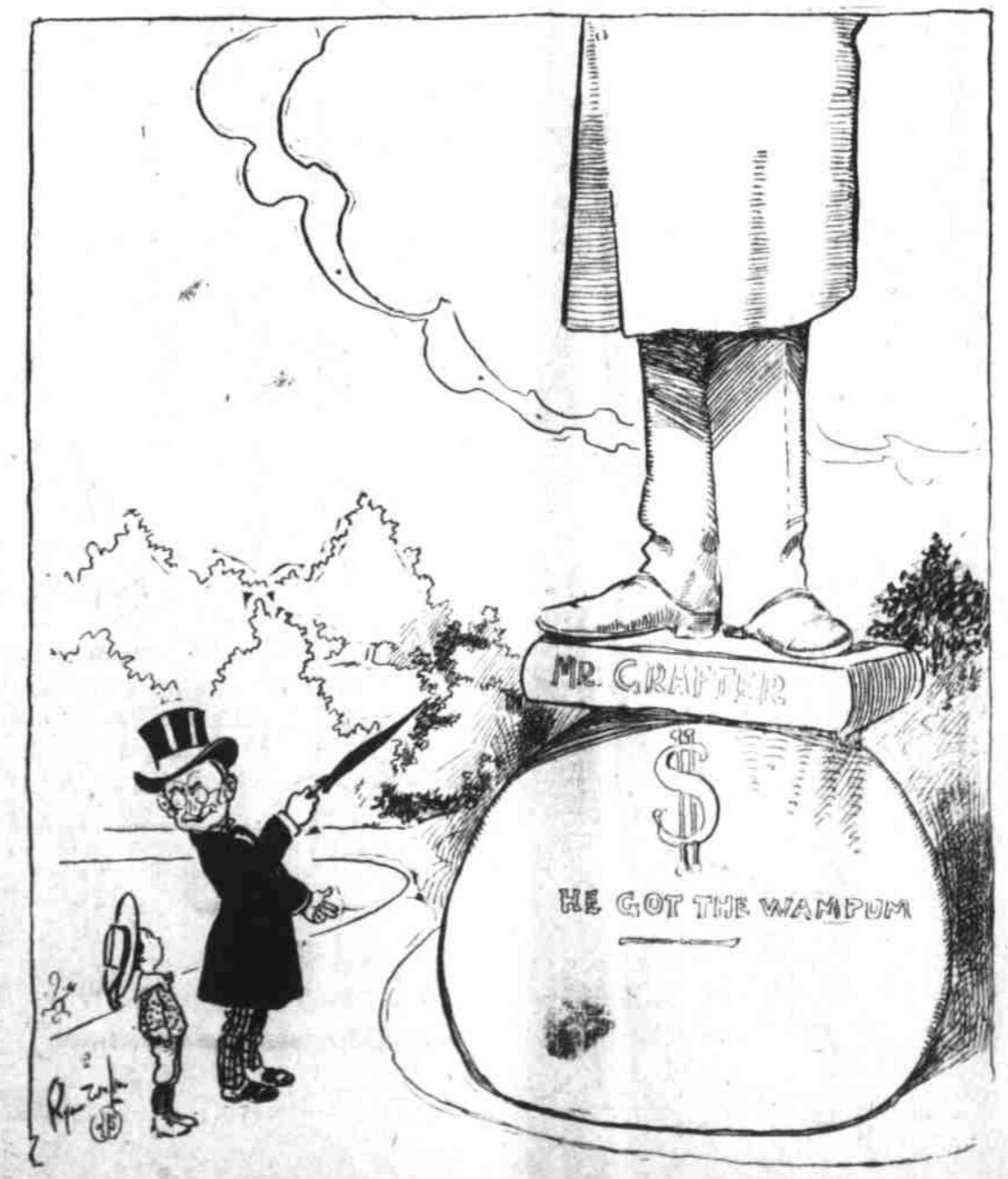
Secretary—John MacVicar, Des Moines.

Treasurer—William D. Morgan, Georgetown, S. C.

Further discussion of municipal ownership, which has so largely occupied the time of the convention, was ended by a motion to discontinue the debate.

ROOSEVELT TAKES A TRIP.

Oyster Bay, New York, Aug. 25.—President Roosevelt went out on the submarine boat Plunger, remaining on board while she made several submergions, one of which lasted fifty minutes. The Plunger's manoeuvres were made at the entrance to Oyster Bay, on Long Island Sound, in about 40 feet of water. When he returned to land President Roosevelt expressed himself as being very much impressed with the Plunger's qualities.



WILL IT COME TO THIS. A GLANCE IN THE FUTURE. Father—Yes, he is one of greatest men. In the foolish simple days, they used to erect monuments to some people they called "patriots"—but that ended years and years ago.

WHITE MAN, IN DESPERATE FIGHT WITH NEGROES, KILLS TWO BROTHERS IN GEORGIA

Valdosta, Ga., Aug. 25.—Lewis and Joe Davis, negro brothers, have been shot and killed at Brices Hill, near Tallahas, in Brooks county. The shooting was done by Isom Kendrick, white, who was shot in the affray, one bullet cutting through his lip and another taking off the end of his thumb. The negroes, who were desperate characters, had been raising a distur-

Kendrick induced them to go away, but they encountered him not long afterwards and opened fire upon him. He fired quickly, his bullet going through Joe Davis' neck, and killing him instantly. Lewis Davis then started to run away, firing as he ran, Kendrick sent a bullet through his head. A coroner jury exonerated Kendrick.