MEASURE WOULD MAKE U.S. THIRD SEA POWER

City Commission Likely to Be Asked by Week-End to Call Election.

NEW REGISTRATION WILL BE ORDERED

Bonds Would, if Issued, Not Be Disposed of in Single Batch.

The board of city commissioners ill probably be asked to call an ection on the proposed bond is-sue of one million dollars during the latter part of this week, it was learned last night, when unofficial reports were to the effect that more than the required number of voters have signed the petitions calling for an election.

Those interested in the bond is-sue for parks and public improvements have been busy during the past two days, high school boys and girls have been active, and the petitions have been placed in the hands of voters throughout the city in an attempt to have the passed at once in order that the views of the qualified voters may ascertained through the ballot

While it is believed that severa hundred more than the required number of signatures have been signed to the petitions, it is pointed out that a number may not be rally qualified to sign the peti-

It is asserted that a new regis-tration will be ordered and only those who register will be allowed to vote on the bond issue for the contemplated improvements. A majority of voters in the new regintration will be necessary to asthe bonds and it is hoped to have enough sign the petitions to carry the election, so a million dollars will be provided for the purchase

number of cities, in fact, the gen-eral run spend at least one per cent of the total valuation for the cent of the total valuation for the purchase price of parks. With Asheville having a valuation of around \$58,000,000, it is stated, his would mean \$580,000 for the brichase price of parks alone, University of the proposed productions of the proposed to the provisions of the proposed to t bond issue, it is planned to spend 1500,000 for the purchase of parks and their improvement. This, it is declared will give Asheville parks worth about one per cent of the valuation and will place the city on a par with others, especially

However, although the calling of the election is believed assured, the petitions will be in circulation during the first few days of the week in an attempt to have as many names as possible, when they are presented to the board of city

those catering to tourists.

commissioners.

A number of citizens have been calling for a budget of the prorived from the sale of the bonds and it is expected an outline will worked out on a definite scale and announced at once.

A tentative outline for the ex-

penditure of the funds, subject to pproval by the city commission-s, the city planner and city lanning commission, and then placed before the voters, in a manner to be decided previous to the drafting of the ordinance follows: Purchase price and improvement of parks, \$500,000! erection of a community building and convention hall \$250,000; building of an approach to the section west of the French Broad river, \$200,000 and building of an athletic field and equipping of playgrounds, \$50,000. It is declared, however, the vote authorizing the bond issue would mean that a million dollar bond issue has been approved, but it may be several years before the full amount would be issued, as pro-ceeds would be spent under the direction and by the city planning

the periods they deemed advisable. BLOODWORTH JURY IS

fficials and city commiss

IRVING, Ga., April 8.—The jury the case of Jim Jerry Bloodorth, on trial in Wilkinson county orth, on trial in Wikinson county iperior court charged with the daying of G. W. Butler, was discharged late this afternoon, a mistrial being declared. The jury was out 24 hours. Testimony showed that Butler accidentally fired on Bloodworth and morning in Co. Bloodworth one morning in Oc-tober and in the afternoon pro-ceeded to Bloodworth's home to apologize. The latter stated on the witness stand that he thought the call was not to be a friendly one.

TWO MEN IN RUINS OF PALLEN ELK BUILDING

wracked by fire lonight. Seven-teen injured firemen were taken from the building to the hospit-als. The men under the wreck-age are pinned by rafters and ef-forts are being made to rescue them. It is not known whether they are dead. Both are firemen. Herly estimates of property insa-

SOME JOB

(By BILLY BORNE)



Will Open on Church Street About July 1 With Attractive Home. Organization and charter of the National Bank of Commerce was approved by the comptroller of courrency Friday, according to increasing population of the city. The ministers of Asheville have called off the mass meeting scheduling in the number of voters with the advent of world advent of which had been and what had bee

will be provided for the purchase of park lands, erection of a community building, improvement of parks building, of an approach to West Asheville and purchase and improving of an athletic field and school playgrounds.

The bonds would not be sold at one time, it is declared, but those interested plan for the bond issue it cover the park needs and community buildings for years to come and expenditure of the funds under the direction of the city planning commission with the city commissioners would probably extend over a period of five or six years.

J. V. Martin, former chairman nve or six years.

J. V. Martin, former chairman of the park commission, has declared in several addresses that a few steps from Patton avenue, it is expected to be a valuable asset in building up the community. Ronald Greene is now completing plans for the remodeling of the

present building and it is expected that work will start at an early date, it was announced yesterday ordered from the National Bank Fixture company, of Columbus Ga., through Moody and Jeffries and will arrive in time for the opening of the new national bank.

The new financial institution will start with a paid in capital of \$100,000 and a paid in surplus of

Business men of recognized ability are behind the bank and it is expected to prove a success from the start. Application for charter was made several days ago and those interested have been intiring in their efforts to assure an auspicious opening for the bank, devoting their time and money to launch the new enter-prise with every assurance of its fast becoming a recognized factor in the financial circles of the city Active Business Men on

Directors Board. The proposed board of directors are: B, S. Colburn, formerly vice-president of the Peoples State Bank of Detroit, one of the largest banks in the state of Michigan and he was also vice-president of the Union Trust company of that city. Mr Colburn is interested in the development of Biltmore Forest and since coming to Asheville has been an important factor in the general development, of his

adopted city.

Junius G. Adams, member of the firm of Merrimon, Adams and Johnston, widely recognized as one having annual leave to their cred-of the leading attorneys of the it will be given the benefit of it. He also is connected with

director of the American Na-Roy H. McDume, secretary and treasurer of the Northup-McDuffle supplies, which officials said today total an enormous amount in value, will be begun tomorrow by a committee appointed by Mr. Melant of the Kiwanis club he has ident of the Kiwanis club he has identified and the treasury federates and other supplies, which officials said today total an enormous amount in value, will be begun tomorrow by a committee appointed by Mr. Melant of the Kiwanis club he has identified to the committee appointed by Mr. Melant of the Kiwanis club he has identified to the committee appointed by Mr. Melant of th been active in all civic movements for the welfare of Asheville. Curtis Bynum, president of the Carolina Creamery company. He is president of the Rotary club and vice-president of the Asheville He

num as an officer in the two community civic factors has taken an
active intorest in all efforts to upbuild the city and is recognized
as a successful and efficient business leader.
Directors Are Engaged in
Various Interests.
Thomas Wadley Raoul, president of the Patton Avenue corporstion and secretary of the Biltmore Estate company. Mr. Raoul
has taken an active interest in
various development phases of the various development phases of the city, especially the new Biltmore Forest Country club and develop-

precincts make it obligatory that very large numbers vote at the vote because of their inability to get into a booth. One precinct voted over 1,800, while 500 is considered a big vote for one box.

In the event the county board of elections decides a relocating of the precinct polling places is necessary and an increase in the numof precincts is made a new account of the short time between now and the June primaries some action on this matter is expected during this week.

GOVERNMENT BUREAU IS CLOSED TO TAKE STOCK

Quick and Accurate Check Pro-vided for on Bank Note Paper

WASHINGTON, April 8,-Part of the bureau of engraving and printing, which was reorganized last week under an executive or-President Harding removing Jammes L. Wilmeth, its director, and other high officials, was ordered closed tonight by Secretary Mellon for an inventory of the stock valued at many millions of dollars.

Mr. Mellon's order applied only to the divisions of the bureau which handled the paper used in making bank notes, stamps and government securities, it being explained that a quicker and more accurate check of the paper stock could be made by a temporary shut down of all paper work. About 1.500 employes of the bureau force of 6,000 would ordinarily be affected by the order, officials said, but about 600 will be used as counters and all

According to Assistant Secre city. He also is connected with the development of Biltmore For-est and is a member of the board in charge of the bureau, the invenof the Blitmore-Oteen bank,
William M. Redwood, manager
of Glimers, Incorporated. He has
been connected with Asheville business interests for many years and
by a manufacturer for the year.

Check of the bureau's store of onal Bank.

Roy H. McDuffie, secretary and securities, paper, plates and other reasurer of the Northup-McDuffie supplies, which officials said today ue, will be begun tomorrow by a committee appointed by Mr. Mellon representing all the departments, such as the treasury, federal reserve board and post office departments, which have work done at the plant, and a staff of justice repartment agents. Mr. Wadsworth said he expected the count to be committed within a week at the outside.

SLANG SYNONYMS FOR

"DRUNK" BARRED IN COURT synonyms for "drunk" will not be tolerated longer in the department of the United States district court over which Judge Benjamin F.

of the United States district court over which Judge Benjamin F. Bledsoe presides.

The judge announced his stand after an attorney had asked a witness if he had not been "pretty well keyed up" and the witness admitted he had been "pretty well organized" and about half soused."

Then the judge intervened.

"All these countless stang expressions will not be tolerated in this court" he maid. "If the man was druck all right."

tempt to learn the sentiment of the people regarding the present dance ordinance. It was announced last night, following a meeting of the special committee yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, at the T. M. C. A.

Y. M. C. A. The committee composed of Washington can agree on no policy Rev. Dr. R. F. Campbell, Rev. Dr. worthy of the name," he continue. K. McLarty, Rev. Dr. R. J. ued. "The republican party. in-ministration's determination not to Rev. D. A. Atkins. Rabbi Harvey party of prosperity has become the E. Wessel and Rev. Wills H. party of adversity." Clark. Rev. Mr. Atkins acted as

Clark as secretary. Believing that the mass meeting to enact a protective tariff because would not be the proper means of it knows the country has had sevlearning the sentiment of the peo-ple and declaring that if the citi-zens of Asheville will operate "They are afraid to repeal it." dances in the proper manner the he declared. "yet they must do so ministers will not oppose abolishing the present and future anti-dance ordinances, the ministers which demand a pound of flesh for dance ordinances, the ministers campaign support." will attempt other means to create sentiment for proper handling of dances, it was stated last night by

a member of the committee.
"Mother's Day" will be observed on May 14, and the entire nation will bow in reverence to the "hand that rooked the cradle and which now rules the world." On Tues-day morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Masonic temple, May 16, under the auspices of the Asheville Ministerial association, the ministers of the city will appeal to the mothers to intervene with their daughters in behalf of the proper lieved the daughters, with the lieved the daughters, with the memories of 'Mother's Day' fresh underwood said in part:

Underwood said in part:

"The reaction against war conpleadings of their mothers and the ditions defeated her party in 1920.

be to a large extent created among ferson to rescue the the young ladies.

The second meeting, that for day. I feel sure that the young men, will be held at a later public opinion is running days and an appeal will be made to them to stop the "jazz" and stand unanimously for the oldfashioned one-step and waltz.

in favor of other dances and their In the meantime the ministers will request the board of city commmissioners not to amend present ordinance which bans the public dance, but allow the din dance, until further action is taken

SEEK ORDER DEFERRING COLLECTION OF TAXES

Railway Council Appear Before Federal Judge In State Case

WILSON, N. C., April 8. sel representing the Southern Railway, Atlantic Coast Line, Norfolk and Southern and the Sea-board Air Line railway, today appeared before Federal Judge Henry C. Connor in district court here and asked that he order a post-ponement of the collection of taxes by the State of North Carolina on their property, based on the valu-ation fixed by the state tax com-mission, pending the outcome of the railroad's appeal to the su-preme court, taken recently when three federal judges, sitting as a court decided in favor of North decided in favor of North

valuation placed on their property by the state tax commission is too high. About \$1,000,000 in taxes is involved, Indications were that the entire day would be taken up with

Sees Little Hope for Stable Prosperity He Tells Democratic Club.

THINKS PRESIDENT IS NOT TO BLAME

Declares Harding Is Liv-ing up to His Promise to American People.

NEW YORK, April 8 .- (By the Associated Press.)—Directly attri-biting our present day "business adversity" to the failure of the United States to join the league of nations, former Governor James M Cox, of Ohio, in an address here tonight, urged a continuation of the campaign to have this couny join the league.

His address was made before the National Democratic club. Asserting that "as one surveys

conditions at Washington, he finds little ground for hope of a stable prosperity." Mr. Cox declared that the "average person of the average community believes there is some-thing radically wrong in Washington and that it consists chiefly of a lack of leadership. There is no Governor Cox told his audience

that 'while there is much regret throughout the country over the aimless way in which things are diffting. !! is not fair to criticize the President of the United States.

"He is simply keeping his contract with the people," Mr. Cox said. "He was open nad frank in expressing his opinion as to what the function of the executive is. The campaign waged by his party was largely directed against the alleged sutocratic policies of Mr. Wilson. In marking the distinc-tion which both he and his party

"The chattering statesmen in Bateman, Rev. Benjamin Sorgee, stead of showing itself to be the

"The Nebraska senator mainchairman of the meeting and Rev. tained that the administration
Clark as secretary.

After 13 months had not been able

he Wilson administration, declar-

ing the country then knew real prosperity for eight years.
Thomas E. Rush, former sureyor of the port of New York, nittee fro the banquet, while Mrs. Montgomery Hars headed the com-mittee of women.

The following telegram from former President Wilson was read at the dinner: "Say to the democrats of New who stands for the salvation of

the York I am to support any man America and the salvation of America is justice to all classes.

sentiment in favor of what the Beyond doubt public sentiment is ministers call proper dancing will turning back to the party of Jefthe unfortunate conditions of to-day. I feel sure that the tide of principles.

made theers and Hisses Mingle and At McAdoo's Message old-Mingled cheers and hisses greeted the reading of a telegram from William G. McAdoo, former secre-University of North Carolina have tary of the treasury, now in Los already banned the so-called jazz Angeles, which said in part: Angeles, which said in part:
The triumph of reaction in the in tayor of other dances and their
sentiment is expected to be the
final "wedge" in the wheel of public sentiment against the so-called
improper modern dances.

In the modern dances. of republican best minds to with the grave problems. the cratic and international, that

front the country. "The people will again turn to the democratic party for a solu-tion of these problems, for relief rom oppressive taxation and for universal peace and general disarmament on land and sea."

CHAPEJ HILL WEDDING ENDS STUDENT DAYS ROMANCE

CHAFEL HILL, April 8 .- In the heart of Battles park, a few hundred yards from the campus, Hubert Heffner, a graduate student in the university and Miss Ruth Penny, of Clayton, were married by Rev. W. D. Moss late this afternoon. The wedding came as the culmination of a romance that began two years ago, when the two

nent attorney and oil man was jus-tified in the killing of Lieutenant Colonel Paul Ward Beck at the

COX PLEADS FOR Denby In Fight On Naval Bill; Is Reported In House Saturday; Allows U.S. Less Than Treaty

Court Order Stops U. M. W. From Further Organization AMFRICAN

Federal Troops Not to Be Called in Strike if It Is Avoidable.

UNION MEN CLAIM STRIKE IS GROWING

Funds Not to Be Used to Prosecute Labor Bettering Condition.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 8.—An injunction restraining United Mine Workers of America from further activities in the Winding Gulf coal field of southern West Virginia was is-sued here tonight by Federal Judge George W. McClintock. The injunction was asked by 58 coal companies of that region.

The injunction names intern-al officers of the union and officials of districts 17 and 29 as defendants. The injunction process will be served tomormorning, according to court attaches.

Union leaders had planned to Union leaders had planned to hold a series of meetings in the Winding Gulf field tomorrow. In this connection the court at-taches declared that such a gathering would be in direct vi-olation of the injunction.

WASHINGTON, April 8 .- By a vote of 28 to 27 the house today adopted an amendment providing that no part of the appropriations carried in the justice state deartment's appropriation bill should be used for the prosecution by the jutice department of any organisation or individual for entering into combinations or agreements having in view the increasing of wages, hortening of hour or bettering the conditions of labor, or for prosecuting producers of farm or associations of farmers co-op-erating and organizing in an ef-fort to "obtain and maintain a fair and reasonable price" for their

PREVENT USE OF MONEY TO

use federal troops in the coal strike unless all state agencies fail in preserving order was set forth clearly today after a conference President Harding and Secretary Weeks.

A request for troops from the governor of New Mexico was flat-ly denied. The decision left the house labor committee as the only federal agency attempting to deal with the strike and although it day there was no indication that the mass of testimony taken would lead to action in the near future Today's contribution to the com mittee record was a statement by Phil P. Penna, a former miners union official and now an operator, blaming the present crisis on fail ure of the men to keep their con-

tracts. As a public announcement of the administration's hands off polconcerned. Secretary Weeks White House a telegram to Governor Mechem, of New Mexico, replying to an appeal for help in landling the situation in his state.
"Unless disorder develops to a point where state authorities are unable to preserve order,' said the "federal troops can not message, used in connection with the

coal strike. Despite this attitude, however, it is known that the administration is watching developments in the strike closely, and will not be un-prepared should a situation arise hich, in the President's opinion, warrants war department interfer ence. The department of justice also is keeping advised of conditions, although so far it, too, has stood by its announced purpose of

non-intervention.

A prediction that the strike soon will collapse without presaure from the government or any other outside agency was made be-fore the house committee by Mr. Penna who declared the rank and vuas file of the union would not long continue to support their leaders under present conditions. He as-serted that the union officials had pursued a course which had made to seven. the contract with the organization

'valueless."
Once president of the United Mine Workers of America and now secretary of the Indiana Coal Operators association, Mr. told the committee he had seen and understood both sides of the them head-on.

said, kept their word, but under present leadership they did not hesitate to break contracts. the bituminous fields the strike call, he asserted, "not because the operators would not meet the miners, but because some of the operators would not meet the universe to the contract of the

CORONER'S JURY IN VERDICT told Chairman Nolan, when EXONERATES BECK'S SLAYER latter emphasized the desire to get a strike settlemennt, to try out a strike settlemennt, to try out OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April agric the desire to get a strike settlemennt, to try out a strike settlemennt, to try out a strike settlemennt, to try out to liby, with several members of Colby, with several members of the McCormick family, including that Jean P. Day, prominent attorney and oil man was jussioned for more national wage agree-tified in the killing of Lieutenant ments, so long as Ohio and Pitts. ments, 'so long as Ohio and Pitts-

Witness Jailed Failing to Tell Jury About Klan

Denver Broker Told Secret Order Oaths Don't Hold in Court

DENVER, Colo., April 8 .- An oath taken by a court witness takes precedence over any oaths that individual may have made before a secret society not to di-vulge information pertaining to vulge information pertaining to the society, District Judge But-ler ruled today at a hearing on a complaint brought against Warren R. Given, local broker, for alleged refusal to give to the grand jury here information regarding the local ku klux klan organization. Judge Butler or-dered Given to appear again bedered Given to appear again be-fore the grand jury to furnish the information desired.

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., April 8.—District Judge Napler today ordered three witnesses remand-ed to jail for failure to reply to questions of the grand jury con-cerning the ku klux klan. A fine of \$100 was also assessed. They were ordered held until ready to answer fully the ques

Eighty Reported Injured

Western States. DALLAS, Tex., April 3,—Seven-teen persons are reported dead and more than 30 injured as the re-sult of ternadoes and rainstorms. United States which swept from West Texas, east into Oklahoma toward Ar-kansas early today. Reports from some of the stricken towns are

in Tornadoes in Two

meagre, efficials said.

The let of casualties reported tonight showed: Runnels county, near Rowina, Tex. nico dead, 20 injured. Oplin. Callahan county, four dead, 20 injured.

Electrs, one dead, several inured. Cleburne, Tex., one dead, one Lawton, Okla., two dead, 17 in-

Dallas, five injured. Cisco, Tex., two injured.
Ranger, Tex., one injured.
Caddo, Tex., six injured.
White Wright, Tex., one injured. Echo. Tex., six injured. Breckenridge, Tex., three in ured.

Graham, Tex., one injured. First reports indicated heavy it most places. Wire communication torm area was interrupted Early reports said a number o buildings were blown over and one

person seriously injured at Cle-burn, Tex. The fair grounds there were destroyed and Mrs. Walter Baker was seriously hurt when hurt when her home was demolished. A long distance message from aird. Tex., this afternoon said physicians had been sent to Oplin response to appeals. It was said Baird that four had been killed

FINAL VICTIM IN PLANE COLLISION DIES IN PARIS and ordered scrapped.

and 35 hurt in this morning's

PARIS, April 8.—(By the Ascoclated Press.)—R. E. Duke,
pilot of the English airpiane 95,000 to 65,000, plus 2,000 apprentices. Leaves officer total substant which crashed into a French Go-litah on the Paris-Lendon aerial express route yesterday near Thi- ping of 389 reserve officers on so today without recovering consciousness. He was the only person in either machine to survive the crash, and his brought the total of those killed

Low visibility caused by low hanging clouds and mist is given as the primary cause of the cataslow at the time, keeping the railroad tracks in sight so as not to lose their way, and this brought

The unions in former days, he OSER WILL MARRY HIS FIANCEE IN EUROPE

STAUNTON, Va., April 8. marriage of Miss Nathilde McCormick, granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller, and Max Oser, Swiss from Santo Domingo, who will n riding master, will take place abroad at a date to be determined operators would not meet the union in the group the union demanded."
It was "hopeless," Mr. Penna
told Chairman Nolan, when the
of Miss McCormick's father, Harold
latter emphasized the desire to get
Colly, with several members of

Colonel Paul Ward Beck at the Day home early Tuesday, a coroner's jury returned a verdict here tonight recommending that no charges be preferred against Day.

Solemnly Warns American People Measure Endangers Welfare of World

FORCES WOULD BE LESS THAN JAPS All 12-Inch Gun Ships Would Be Laid up Says

Secretary of Navy. WASHINGTON, April 8.—Secre-tary Denby tonight launched a fight on the naval bill, as reported to the house, taking flat issue with the contention that it will provide an American navy on the ratio of

In a formal statement and in communication to the house naval committee, made public today for the first time, it is disclosed that Secretary Denby and the naval experis contend that by the reduc-tions of personnel proposed in thi-bill the ratio naturally will be fivfor Great Britain, three for Japan and two and a half for the United

Five of the eighteen battleship allowed to the United States by the naval limitation treaty, Secretary Denby says, will have to go out a commission for lack of crews the man them; the European station will have to be abandoned; all the twelve inch gun ships will be included in those laid up; all submarines of the second line will have to be put out of commission as will all small craft used for training reservists.

With an enlisted force of 65.00

With an enlisted force of \$5,00 men which the committee proposinatead of the \$0,000 asked by the states navy Mr. Denby says, who reduced to two-thirds of the force of Great Britain, and is than Japan.

Characterizing the bill as "challenge to the common sen of our people," Mr. Denby in h formal statement says:
"Should the bill just reports

from West Texas, "Whatever appropriations today, Reports from stricken towns are lais said." "Whatever appropriations men and money are allowed, navy will be administered by department in earnest and ch ful endeavor to keep it as effect as possible. I feel that I should recreamt to a plain duty, howeld I did not solemnly warn American people that the propose reduction negatives the results the recent conference, is dangero to the country's security, and, my opinion, to the welfare of fi

"If this bill becomes a law, I will mean that five battleships of the 18 provided for in the treat must be put in ordinary, with car-takers. It will mean that, having gathered the nations together, an having conducted to a successful conclusion negotiations intended to establish the relative defense se armaments of the different pos ers, we, from the earnestly-ins ed-upon position of equality with any nation in the world, drop to second or third place, I do not be lieve in making a mockery of the conference. I do not believe in throwing away our seapower.'

MEASURE APPROPRIATES TOTAL OF \$233,224,000 WASHINGTON, April 8.—(By The Associated Press)—The 12 naval bill, carrying out the 5-5-ratio, was reported today to the

It carries a total of \$233,224,000 or \$181,000,000 less than appro-priated last year. There remains to be appropriated in a separate measure later, however, \$60,000, 000, estimated by the navy depart-ment as the cost of cancellation of contracts for ships not completed Briefly, this is what the bill d

tially intact, except for the tive duty.

Authorizes commissions for only 200 of the 535 first class men at Annapolis, to be graduated in June, at Lays up 254 vessels "of non-de-script character." Eighteen battleships are allotted

treaty. In rounding out a fleet the bill reduces the number of destroy ers in commission from 278 to 103; authorizes 84 submarines, all the cruisers and lighter auxiliary craft. Out of the 67,000 enlisted per-sonnel it provides 60,000 for ships

Provides for the same number i officers in marine corps and 13,59 enlisted men, a reduction of lathan 1,000. This number, the nav The advised the committee, will be concern to 17,500 with the vithdrawal n D. the next year of 2,000 maris

> 'RATHER PRONOUNCED" IS EARTHQUAKE RECORDED

WASHINGTON, April 8, "rather pronounced" earthque was registered on the seismograat Georgetown university the distance being estima probably to the south.