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Bridge Connecting Stanly and Anson Now a Dead Certainty

Local Ice Company Invites Inspection

Some days ago a rumor was circulated in Albemarle to the effect that the Albemarle Ice and Fuel Company was using contaminated water for the manufacture of its ice. This report spread like wildfire over the town and caused many of the company's customers to become rather apprehensive as to the prudence of using the ice. The News-Herald, realizing the importance of this question, both to the citizens of the town and to the local ice plant, made a pretty thorough investigation of the question, and after such investigation it appeared that the rumor was founded on anything else but facts.

We interviewed Mr. Griffin, the manager, and he very frankly invited thorough investigation on the part of any expert, stating that he defied the health authorities to find the least evidence of unsanitary methods in his plant. He stated that he had invited the city health authorities to make such investigations as they might desire. He admitted that the water used in the manufacture of ice in this plant came from the town creek, but he insisted that it was purified before use and that the method would stand the acid test of the most careful and painstaking investigation on the part of both local and state authorities.

The News-Herald also interviewed Mayor Sikes, and upon such interview we were presented with the following communication:

"As a number of questions have been asked me relative to the method used in the manufacture of ice in the Albemarle Coal and Ice Company, of Albemarle, N. C., I desire to publish the following sworn statement of Mr. Griffin, who is manager of the said Company:

"The water is first heated to a temperature of 120 degrees hot, then fed to the steam boiler and boiled in to steam, the steam is carried back to the engine room and runs our entire machinery carried on top of the house from there and condensed, then goes to the re-boiler and is boiled for one hour, then down to the coolers and the heat taken out down to 66 degrees, then strained through four layers of cloth and filtered through ground coke, then goes to the storage tank ready for the cans. The water is not handled by any pump, and only one place in the entire system is the water exposed to where you can see it. No ice is made out of any other water but that which is handled thru this process, except as drawn direct from the city water tank.

"J. B. Griffin, being duly sworn, says that he is manager of the Albemarle Coal & Ice Company, at Albemarle, N. C., and that he knows positively of his own knowledge that the foregoing statement relating to the manufacture of ice by the said Company is true."
(Signed) J. B. Griffin.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of July, 1921.

J. A. Little, C. S. C.

"I wired the above statement to the State Board of Health at Raleigh, N. C., and stated in my message that the water used was from a badly polluted stream, and asked the said board to wire me whether it was safe or unsafe to use the ice manufactured from water from said polluted stream according to the above process, to which message I received the following reply:

"Use of condensed steam for manufacturing ice safe process provided there is no possibility of contamination after condensation."

"I will state that I have also received a letter from the state Board of Health in which they ask several questions and when I answer this letter I shall expect to get some further information. Mr. R. W. Osborne made a thorough investigation of the ice plant and the method used in the manufacture of ice, and he states that in his opinion, the ice is absolutely safe, or, if I misquote him, anyone desiring to consult him as to what he found on investigation may do so. I shall be glad to furnish either of the local pa-

DEBATE ON BONUS BILL SOLDIERS IS STILL ON

President Harding Will Send a Special Message to Congress Next Week

SENTIMENT IS FOR DELAY

Washington, July 8.—Debate on the soldier bonus bill dragged along in the senate today, while the list of senators favoring indefinite postponement of action on the legislation thru recommitment of the measure to the finance committee steadily grew in proportions. Leaders said they were assured of enough votes to put thru such a program.

President Harding will send a special message to Congress next week regarding the bonus bill and the pressing of tariff and tax legislation, but the exact date of its submission has not been determined. Definite action is expected to follow reading of the message.

Less than a score of senators followed the day's debate on the floor, marked by a criticism by Senator McCumber, republican, North Dakota, the chief proponent of the bonus, of Secretary Mellon's letter declaring such legislation to be inadvisable at the present time in view of the condition of the treasury.

The republican party should make good, declared Senator McCumber, even if our party platform had not contained a pledge to the soldiers of America.

"Despite the pleading of the secretary of the treasury, despite the earnest plea of the President not to enter into new fields of expenditures, this Congress has appropriated millions to go into new enterprises.

"It appears this Congress seems bent on spending all of the money that can be raised by taxation. Why then should we expect a tidal wave of consternation to sweep the country if we pass a bill that will take two hundred millions of dollars two years from now and varying amounts thereafter and after thirty years no appropriation whatever?"

Senator McCumber read accounts of the proposed five hundred million dollar advance to railroads and declared "no one has been scared by that."

Reading over a list of expenditures required under several pending measures such as the Townsend road bill and the Norris farm export bill, Senator McCumber asked "why hasn't the secretary of the treasury looked upon these with concern?"

"There is ample opportunity to take care of any annual payments under this bill," he asserted.

DEATH OF BABY.

The death angel visited the home of W. B. Hopkins on July 5th and called home the little baby. It was 189 days old, the remains were laid to rest in the Norwood cemetery.

Mrs. O. C. Townsend is visiting Mrs. Thomas Hunt in Greensboro.

pers any information which I may receive relative to this matter of any others of like nature.

O. J. SIKES, Mayor."

From the above it would appear that a great injustice has been done to the local ice plant and that they are in no way in fault as the report which has been circulated would indicate. May we just at this point say that, speaking disparagingly of one's business or character is an awfully serious matter, and should never be practiced by anyone who has not first gone to the bottom of the report and found the real facts as they exist. Many a character and many a business have been ruined or materially damaged by false and erroneous reports started thoughtlessly by careless talkers.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS OF STATE-WIDE INTEREST

Digest of Happenings of Week Gleaned From the Files of Our Exchanges.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

Mobile, Ala., July 10.—Eight cases of liquor were seized by local police tonight in rooms of the Bienville hotel, said by the police to be occupied by W. H. Knox, deputy state law enforcement officer.

Chester, S. C., July 10.—Paul Dunlap, a well known young planter, of Delphia, in York County, was drowned this afternoon in Guy's pond near Chester. He was 27 years of age. His wife was on the bank and witnessed the drowning. All efforts to restore life were futile.

Hoboken, N. J., July 10.—Leaders of the nation mourned the country's war dead today at memorial services on the army piers here where lay the bodies of 7,244 men who made the supreme sacrifice on the fields of France.

Raleigh, July 9.—Judge Connor's ruling yesterday evening in the first Volstead tax case brought before him has broken the government's procedure against alleged whisky makers and put the revenue business under the law again.

Washington, July 9.—An old straw hat was the article used by Democrats in opening their attack in the house today on the Fordney protective tariff bill to illustrate their contention that its rates were higher than anything written into the Payne-Aldrich bill a decade ago.

Washington, July 8.—Forecasts of the country's principal farm crops made today by the department of agriculture from their July 1 condition indicate there will be no record breaking production in any crop, with the possible exception of corn. Conditions during June caused a reduction in the production forecasts of every crop as compared with last month's estimates.

Hamlet, July 10.—The first annual peach show and institute of the sand hills of the Carolinas will be conducted by the chamber of commerce of Hamlet, July 20. The peach industry is developing fast in the section and it is the purpose of the local chamber to engage experts in peach culture who will meet with those interested in this line for practical talks and round table discussions.

Washington, July 8.—Withdrawal of the cruiser Cleveland and the gunboat Sacramento from Tampico, Mexico, was ordered today by the navy department. In making this announcement Secretary Denby said that the order had been issued by mutual agreement with the state department.

London, July 10.—The British prime minister, Lloyd George, and the Irish republican leader, Eamon De Valera, will probably meet some day this week to discuss a basis for a general conference on an Irish settlement. Lloyd George has asked Mr. De Valera to name the day, and has added further invitation to "any colleagues whom you wish to bring with you."

Washington, July 9.—From the White House it is learned that the question of resubmitting the Versailles treaty and in what form to resubmit it is no nearer solution than it has been. On the one hand congress is in confusion. The senate has its calendar full of bills which the administration does not desire to see passed. President Harding has just attempted to establish his leadership over congress and the submission of such a contentious subject as the treaty would weaken his control.

Columbia, S. C., July 8.—More than 50 per cent. of the men at Camp Jackson, whose personnel totals over 14,000 men, have made applications for discharge, according to an official statement from the camp today. Not all of these will be honored, however, it is said. In one regiment, the 60th infantry the number of discharge applications has reached 80 per cent.

WIN FROM ROCKWELL LOSE TO SALISBURY

Salisbury Game Was Played Under the Handicap of Crippled Players

PLAY AGAIN ON SATURDAY

Who hit Billy Patterson? Or, to come down to more recent events, who told Rockwell they could play ball? Somebody is guilty, for they came down here Wednesday firmly convinced that they could play, and did their best to convince everybody else. They slipped up on the blind side of Clayton, Albemarle's pitching selection, got themselves six runs, and did their darndest to get away with the game. Finally the boys who represent Wisnasset woke up, and after an uphill battle caught the enemy and clubbed them into submission by a score of 6 to 10. It was better than it sounds, too, for they were hard to shake loose when they got their teeth fastened on that big lead.

Saturday afternoon, with Ralph Long watching Marshville play Efford Mills, Pete Hill with a finger about the size of an ear of corn and "Weinie" Lilly playing right with about three inches cut off one of his fingers, with Clayton stiff from a game the day before, and with Morrow remaining at home, the rest of the local delegation went to Salisbury, stayed awhile and came home with the short end of an 8 to 6 score.

Cooper pitched good ball for Albemarle, but retired in the seventh with the score standing 6-5 against him. Cranford then took up the burden, and through a combination of a couple of hits and two passes allowed two more runs to cross the pan. It was a hard game to lose.

The same teams play here again Saturday, and we'll bet our daily ration of soup that the decision will be favorable to the home team, to say the least. Come and see.

Master James Smith, of Charlotte, is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cotton.

SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION.

July term of Stanly Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases, convened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock with Judge T. B. Finley of North Wilkesboro presiding, and Solicitor Walter E. Brock, of Wadesboro, and County Solicitor Hal. C. Turner prosecuting the docket. There is only one capital case to be tried, that being the case of State against Ed Wilson, colored, who will possibly be tried for murder in the first degree upon a charge of killing Luke West, colored, two weeks ago in Kingville, the colored settlement of Albemarle. The docket is an unusually heavy one, however, there being a larger number than usual of minor cases to come up. The cases against John S. Sapp, J. W. Goodman, and J. B. Hammond for the alleged sale of extracts will possibly be heard at this time. The institution of these cases and the finding of the bills of indictment against the defendants at the last term of the Criminal court, created quite a sensation in this section, will create great interest throughout the entire county. The result of the trial of these cases will possibly attract state-wide attention due to the recent decision handed down by the Supreme Court in the case of State against Barksdale from Richmond county. It is said that the facts upon which the state will largely rely to make out its case against Messrs. Sapp and Goodman, are similar to those which the state established in the Barksdale case. Of course, it is not known what defense the defendants will interpose. The question may be one purely of fact for the jury, at Sapp and Goodman may even deny having sold any extracts at all contrary to law.

There are 14 military organizations in the camp. The smallest percentage of applications is 30, in the sixth infantry.

Information Comes Direct From Office of State Highway Commission

The bridge over Ricky River on the National Highway between Albemarle and Wadesboro is no longer a matter of speculation and uncertainty. On the other hand it is now a nabsolutely settled question that the bridge is to be built and that work will commence at once upon the proposition.

DE VALERA ACCEPTS THE INVITATION OF BRITISH

British Minister Declares There Can be No Peace Until the Cessation of Hostilities

BOTH SIDES WANT PEACE

London, July 8.—A truce has been declared between England and Ireland. It will take effect at noon on next Monday.

Preparations are already under way to end the hostilities between crown forces and those actively engaged in the Irish cause.

Developments leading to the truce were divided between London and Dublin. In Dublin Eamonn De Valera Irish republican leader, and his nationalist associates, renewed their conference with the southern unionists. Earl Middleton, a unionist, who recently conferred with the British minister, read a letter from Mr. Lloyd George to the effect that hostilities must cease if negotiations looking to peace were to succeed.

General Sir Nevil McReedy, British military commander in Ireland, appeared at the De Valera conference, and it was not many hours later that the announcement was made at the prime minister's official residence in London that in accordance with the premier's offer and Mr. De Valera's reply arrangements were going forward for the cessation of hostilities at Monday noon.

The king of England has been a leading figure in the developments up to the present, while General Smuts, the South African premier, has acted as the pivot on which the peace movement has turned. There is hope in London and Dublin, too, that peace must come out of the forces which are now engaged in seeking a settlement.

Eamonn De Valera, the Irish republican leader, has written to the prime minister, Mr. Lloyd George, accepting the latter's invitation to participate in a conference in London.

In a letter to Earl Middleton, one of the southern unionists who attended today's conference with Irish republicans, Premier Lloyd George said: "The government fully realizes it would be impossible to conduct negotiations with any hope of achieving satisfactory results if there is bloodshed and violence in Ireland. It would disturb the atmosphere and make the attainment of peace difficult."

"As soon as we hear Mr. De Valera is prepared to enter into conference with the British government and to give instructions to those under his control to cease all acts of violence, we should give instructions to the troops and police to suspend active operations against those who are engaged in this unfortunate conflict."

AN ATTEMPT TO BURGLARIZE

On Saturday night an attempt was made by some persons who are unknown to burglarize the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Morrow in East Albemarle. Mrs. Morrow was not at home and Mr. Morrow was alone. He had no weapon with which to shoot, so went to the front door where two men were working for admittance and called to them, whereupon they ran off. It is believed that the invaders were under the impression that no one was at home.

HOTEL BEING REPAIRED

The Maradise Hotel is undergoing considerable repairs. The double floor porch is being partly torn away and will be replaced with new columns and a new second floor. The entire building will also be repainted.

This statement is based upon no hearsay evidence but comes directly to the News-Herald representative from the highway commission itself. On last Friday evening nine members of the State Highway Commission passed through Albemarle, en route from Pinehurst to Charlotte, and stopped over here for supper at the Central Hotel. They arrived about nine o'clock Friday evening and were met at the hotel by a number of Albemarle citizens, and then it was that Mr. Page, chairman of the commission, announced the good news to Albemarle. The bridge was ordered built at the meeting of the highway commission in Raleigh on last Thursday, according to a statement made by Mr. Page. This gentleman also stated that the contract for the building of the bridge will be let at once with the understanding that it is to be pushed to completion as rapidly as labor and material can be secured. The bridge will be of the same kind as the one which is now being constructed over the Yadkin, connecting Stanly and Montgomery County, possibly the same design, and of solid concrete. It will not only be the most expensive but possibly the finest to span Rocky River any where. The following members constituted the party passing through Albemarle last Friday evening:

William A. Hart, Tarboro; Frank Page, Raleigh; J. Elwood Cox, High Point; W. C. Wilkinson, Charlotte; J. E. Cameron, Kinston; Chas. Upham, Raleigh; John McBea, Bakersville; W. A. McGirt, Wilmington; J. C. Stack-leather, Asheville.

The building of this bridge is regarded by many as one of the most important pieces of road work undertaken, not only for the benefit of the traveling public generally, but especially will it mean much to Stanly and Anson counties. It will mean a great advantage to Albemarle, but will really be the making of Norwood as a trading center, as many people view it.

Of course, every one is happy over the good news that this bridge is to be built at once, but J. M. Boyette, Stanly's most enthusiastic good roads booster is the happiest man over the outcome. To the securing of this bridge, a large amount of credit is due to Mr. Boyette who has persistently worked for the proposition in the face of opposition and discouragement, in season and out of season, refusing to give up when it really looked like the cause was lost, certainly for the next four or five years. When this bridge is finished and the new bridge over the Yadkin River shall have been completed, Albemarle and Stanly County are going to be on the map in a manner undreamed of by many, even at this time.

The assurance that the Rocky River bridge is now a certainty has caused renewed discussion of the new hotel which this town has been considering for some time, and there is now talk of an active campaign being started to promote the building of a new hotel which is going to be greatly needed in the near future. Tourists are going to pass through Albemarle over the national highways coming from east, west, north and south, who otherwise never would have seen this town, and this is going to mean more to the city than most people realize. The building of this hotel will be determined by the strength of the desire for a new hotel among our own people.

MR. SMITH MADE CHAIRMAN

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown, Attorneys R. D. Smith and A. C. Huneycutt, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mann, Mrs. Ode Parker and Miss Florence Ragan attended the meeting of the North Carolina Bar Association, which was held in Charlotte last week Mr. Smith was honored by being elected as chairman of the executive committee of the association.