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COUNCIL OF STATE HAS APPROVED PLAN OF HIGHWAY COMMISSION

To Allow the Counties to Finance the Roadwork in Addition to the Ten Millions the State Will Spend During the Year Beginning June 1—By This Plan the Commission Will Be Able to Go Ahead with th Roadwork that could Not Have Been Financed Solely by the State.

Raleigh, June 4.—In affirming the decision of Judge George Connor of the superior court as to the invalidity of the 1921 Municipal Finance Act, the supreme court's opinion yesterday means that North Carolina municipalities must resort to the 1919 law to levy taxes for the present year. While there is some sentiment over the State for a special session of the General Assembly to correct the error made by the legislative clerk in failing to record the vote on the bill in the Senate Journal, thus making the taxing features of the law unconstitutional, it is not known whether any effort will be made to persuade Governor Morrison to issue the call to the legislators. The municipal finance officers had not petitioned the governor today.

Unless Governor Morrison has a change of heart it is going to require considerable pressure from without and within to persuade him that a special session is necessary; he understands that the cities and towns are at a disadvantage by reason of the high court's opinion but he has not been convinced that they cannot travel the two-year course without legislative assistance. Some of the cities are harder hit by the invalidating of the finance act than others, Raleigh being in desperate circumstances, local officials declare. They are very much interested in seeing an extra session of the General Assembly.

The Council of State has approved the plan of the State Highway Commission to allow the counties to finance roadwork in addition to the ten millions the State will spend during the year beginning June 1.

The resolution of the highway commission says: "Resolved that his excellency, the governor, and the Council of State be and are hereby requested to permit the State Highway Commission to spend, during the year beginning June 1, 1921, the sum of ten million dollars in the construction of State highways as provided by law in addition to the sums of money that may be furnished by the several counties to aid in the construction of certain portions of said highway system."

Money advanced by the counties for this purpose are to be repaid by the State later in installments or as the highway commission thinks just and equitable. The money advanced by the counties is not to be considered a part of the ten millions which the 1921 legislature authorized spent annually.

Governor Morrison and the council of State endorsed the plan of the commission with the proviso that "the total amount of the obligations of the State incurred do not exceed fifty millions."

By this plan the Commission will be able to go ahead with roadwork that could not have been financed solely by the State. The contractual relations of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Southern Bell Telephone and subsidiary companies are linked for the first time in the order issued yesterday by the State Corporation Commission allowing an increase of about ten percent on the North Carolina telephone rates.

Because of these relations the commission did not grant the Southern Bell the 22.11 percent increase asked for since it was evident that the American Telephone Company, which owns all of the stock of the Southern Bell, has been showing an increase in the amount put into its contingent fund, to its surplus and has shown a steady increase in its earnings.

In short, Commissioners Maxwell and Pell, who signed the majority opinion, take the view that the A. T. and T. Company has consistently "hogged" the earnings made by the Southern Bell. Chairman Lee, who dissented, would have given the full 22.11 percent increase which the Southern Bell asked for.

J. T. Harris, Ridgecrest merchant, slayer of F. W. Moffitt, wealthy Alabamian, who lost his appeal for a new trial before the Supreme Court will take his case to the governor who alone can save the man from the electric chair. A date for the electrocution has not been set.

MUSIC RECITAL OPENS FINALS

Public Cordially Invited to Attend the Opening Program of Training School.

The music recital at the Training School at 8:30 this evening opens the commencement program. The public is given a cordial invitation to attend.

The commencement sermon will be preached tomorrow at 11 o'clock by Dr. George A. Miller, of Ninth St. Christian Church, Washington, D. C. The congregations of the town are expected to worship together at the Training School tomorrow. Dr. Miller is a preacher of a wide reputation. The special music by the students is exceedingly attractive.

At 8:30 in the evening the Y. W. C. A. sermon will be preached by Dr. R. C. Craven, one of the most prominent Methodist ministers in the State. There is also special music for the occasion.

On the class day exercises will be held on the west side of the campus at 6 o'clock Monday evening.

WANT MONUMENT TO BOOTH REMOVED

Was Erected in Troy, Ala., Just After the Civil War—Protests Against Statue.

Birmingham, Ala., June 4.—A movement looking to the removal of a statue erected at Troy, Ala., just after the civil war to John Wilkes Booth, slayer of Abraham Lincoln, has been launched by Mrs. Cal. D. Brooks, president of the Woman's League of Republican Voters of Alabama.

Mrs Brooks declares that protests against the statue have come to the league from many sections of the country and she believes the time has come when such acts as placing the shaft "will be frowned upon by all good citizens of the south regardless of party affiliation."

An injury has been done the south as a whole, she says, and a wrong impression created north, east and west. In order that there may be "one harmonious union of interest, north, east, west, south," Mrs. Brooks has called upon all political faiths of the south to join the league in plans to remove the Booth shaft.

The statue was erected by funds gathered by semi-public subscription at a time when partisanship was keen and when Boh was looked upon by some as a benefactor and hero.

The league claims that this was not the sentiment of the south at that time and that the surviving few who had a hand in the erection of the shaft will not object to its removal.

"FINDING OUT WHAT WATER IS"

Up to the year 1781, water meant either nothing at all or else a great mystery to the scientists. In that year, however, Henry Cavendish, teacher of chemistry, discovered that it really consisted of a number of gases that had been chilled into liquid form.

It remained for the French savant Lavoisier, to bring about, in 1783, the decomposition of water into oxygen and hydrogen; and seven years later, two other Britons improved on his method. They were Nicholson and Carlisle, who succeeded in separating the two elements by means of the voltaic battery.

Chemists and physicists alike agree that this discovery marked one of the greatest epochs in the development of these sciences. Many things which had been obscure until then, became cleared up and invention upon invention followed the Lavoisier experiments.

THE DIRECTORS ARE DISCUSSED

Election of Governing Board of Pitt County Chamber of Commerce Wrestled With.

Plans for the election of directors of the Pitt County Chamber of Commerce were discussed last night and it was decided to draw up a constitution and by-laws for the new organization. This action was taken by the retiring board of directors. Dr. C. J. Ellen, president. He was authorized to appoint the committee. It will be made up of five members—three from the county and two from GREENVILLE.

It is expected that the committee will start its work immediately so that a meeting of the entire membership can be called for next week when the proposed constitution and by-laws will be discussed. As soon as this is adopted the election will be started.

They will be conducted by mail, in that each member will receive a ballot and voting list by mail. Ballots may be returned either by mail or in person. There will be a primary and a final election. It is expected that the new board will be elected in about two weeks.

William Ewing, campaign director of the American City Bureau, met with the Chamber directors last night for the last time. He left this morning for West Virginia where he will conduct a similar campaign. During the next month J. J. McKenna also of the American City Bureau will assist the directors in developing the machinery of the modern Chamber of Commerce.

KINSTON TO VOTE FOR MILLION FOR SCHOOLS

Kinston, June 4.—Kinston, to vote the coming few weeks on a bond issue for \$200,000 or such a matter for school improvements, will undoubtedly support the proposition with the biggest majority ever given a bond issue here. That is the opinion of the official and other friends of the schools. The sum will be large for a city of 10,000 to 12,000 population, but other large projects have been successfully put through here by community cooperation and the expense has been found to be not burdensome. Kinston a few years ago spent a record sum on street paving, and has paid off a large part of that debt "without missing the money."

The decision of the school officials to submit their proposition within two or three weeks is acclaimed as wise by their optimistic backers. "The thing has to be done and the sooner it is over with the better," is the attitude of the progressive element. New buildings and additional equipment will be had to augment the present school system.

BABY IN TARBORO SETS FIRE TO ITS CRADLE

Tarboro, June 4.—Gordon, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Whitlark, set fire to his crib which extended to the room doing damage to the extent of burning his crib and damaging a corner of the mantel.

On account of Mr. Whitlark being in the house at the time the fire department was not called, as he was able to extinguish the flames confining the damage to the nursery.

The servant noticed a smell of smoke in the house and told Mrs. Whitlark when it was found that the nursery was ablaze and it took the heroic efforts of all in the house for a few minutes to extinguish the fire.

YOUR FRECKLES

Need Attention in March or Face May Stay Covered.

Now is the time to take special care of the complexion if you wish to look well the rest of the year. The March winds have a strong tendency to bring out freckles that may stay all summer unless removed. Now is the time to use Othine—double strength.

This preparation for the removal of freckles is usually so successful that it is sold by druggists under guarantee to refund the money if it fails. Get an ounce of Othine—double strength, and even a few applications should show a wonderful improvement some of the smaller freckles even vanishing entirely.

NATIONS OF EARTH GIVEN INVITATION

To Attend the Centennial Celebration of the Peruvian Independence at Lima.

Lima, June 4.—Virtually all the nations of the world have been invited to send representatives to this city in July to attend the centennial celebration of Peruvian independence. An official program is now being prepared.

Great Britain, Germany, Japan, France, Italy, China, Norway, the Central American states and Mexico are among the countries that already have signified their intention to be represented at the celebration. It is expected the United States will send a special mission. Argentina plans to send a cavalry troop and an air squadron as well as a diplomatic representative and Bolivia, according to an announcement, will send a company of infantry.

An exhibition building is under construction in which it is proposed to display the agricultural and mineral products of Peru. Foreign manufacturers also are planning to exhibit. It is said the government proposes to permit the free importation of articles for exhibition.

A feature of the celebration, which will begin about July 20 and continue for two weeks, will be the unveiling of an equestrian statue of Jose de San Martin, the Argentine general who played a leading part in the liberation of the South American colonies from Spanish rule.

ASKS FOR UNITED STATES CONSULATE

President of Lithuania Wants One to be Located in Kovno. Wants Recognition.

Kovno, Lithuania, June 4.—Dr. Kasimir Grinius, president of Lithuania, wants an American consulate to be located in Kovno, regardless of whether the American government recognizes the republic of Lithuania. "In Lithuania," said Dr. Grinius, "there are hundreds of persons desiring to emigrate to America. At present, because there is no consul here, it is necessary for them to go to Riga, to apply to the consul there for visas."

Latvia and Esthonia also have not been recognized by the United States, but American consular authorities are established there.

"Naturally we hope for recognition from America," said Dr. Grinius. "Much of our ultimate prosperity depends upon it. And, besides, there are nearly a million persons of Lithuanian birth or descent in America, making a close tie between the countries."

WAS ATTRACTIVE

The white dresses which the members of the graduating class at the Training School will wear for their graduation exercises on Tuesday morning and the dresses which they will wear at the class day exercises on Monday afternoon were in the sewing exhibit at the Training School yesterday afternoon and this morning. The seniors are required to make these dresses in the last term of their senior year.

The display was very attractive indeed. The dresses were placed around the room effectively. There were a number of other dresses on display also. The room was decorated with cut flowers and plants. Miss Collins, the teacher of Domestic Art deserves much credit for the excellent work done by the class.

Little Bruin Says



Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday. Cooler tonight in north-east portion of the state.

CLASS MEMBERS HEALTH STUDIED

Used as a Basis for Regulating Diet and Activities in Vogue at Dartmouth College.

Hanover, N. H., June 4.—A study of the health of members of the freshman class, to be used as the basis of regulating their diet and activities, will be inaugurated by Dartmouth College next fall. The plan will be associated with the freshman compulsory athletic course. One of its aims will be to work out a proper balance between the height and weight of each man in order that he may do the best possible work in studies and athletics.

Harry Hillman, track coach and head of the department of recreational athletics for freshmen, will direct the study and its application. He has formulated a nutrition scheme by which he plans to keep a check on every freshman's health and habits and advise him how best to regulate them.

The plan is still incomplete, but the general outline has been adopted. A rigid examination will precede assignment of students to athletic groups. Men who are normal will be allowed to engage in the regular activities. Others will be watched and advised how to modify habits and diet, in order to obtain a proportional relation of weight to height. Once the requirement of condition is reached they will be free to elect their sports.

SUPT. E. A. BROOKS WILL BE SPEAKER

National Convention of Educational Association to Meet in Des Moines in July

Des Moines, Ia., June 4.—Democracy in education is to be one of the chief topics of discussion at the national convention of the National Educational association, to be held in Des Moines next July 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Among noted speakers at the convention will be Herbert Hoover, United States secretary of commerce; Judge Ben Lindsey of the juvenile court of Denver, Colo.; Dr. A. H. Rhinehart of Mills college; Chas. H. Barker, field worker of the International Rotary; Fannie Fern Andrews, authoress, of Boston, Mass.; William C. Bruce, editor of the School Board Journal of Milwaukee; John A. H. Keith, president of the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute, Ind.; Dr. Thos. D. Wood and George D. Strayer of Columbia university; and John F. Sims, president of the Stevens Point (Wis.) college. Other noted speakers will be on the program, but have not definitely accepted the invitations to attend, according to Chas. E. Pye, local secretary.

THOS. J. LATHAM PASSED AWAY HERE LAST NIGHT

Washington, June 4.—The city was deeply grieved this morning to learn of the death of one of its oldest and most respected citizens: Thomas Jordan Latham, Civil War veteran and for many years prominent in the business and social life of the community.

Mr. Latham died last night at 11 o'clock, following an illness of about a month. He was 84 years of age and is survived by his wife and four children: Mrs. A. L. Betts, Hannis T. Latham, James Latham and Thos. Latham.

There are few citizens in Washington who had a larger number of devoted friends than did Mr. Latham. He will be sadly missed.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock from the Baptist church, Rev. C. F. Hudson and Rev. H. B. Searight officiating. Interment will be at Oakdale cemetery.

Miss Higgs Hostess.

Miss Lelia Higgs was hostess last night to a party of young people complimentary to her house guest, Miss Louise Holding of Wake Forest. The ride down the river was the main feature of the evening's pleasures. About 40 were on board. The return trip was made about ten o'clock. Delightful refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, pickles, ice cream and cake, were served. The good ship was piloted by Capt. John C. Dudley, a licensed navigator.

DECLARES ISLAND IS UNDEFINED

Rapa Island 700 Miles South of Tahiti Said to Be in State Primitive Simplicity.

Papeete, Tahiti, June 4.—Rapa (Or Rapa Iti, to give its full name, an island about 700 miles south of Tahiti untouched by the corrosive blight of civilization whose natives live in a state of primitive simplicity is described here as "undefiled by Paris fashions or high heeled shoes. Indeed, they have no fashions at all excepts such of a cast of nature as may be supplied at very rare intervals by the good people of Tahiti when the Missionary schooner chances to be going that way.

Rapa would be the ideal resort for the Tired Business Man. It is a place where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary way find rest if he be of the masculine gender. In Rapa the women do all the work-tilling the fields; preparing the meals, and even feeding their lords and masters. All the men have to do is to go out on an occasional fishing expedition; and the rest of the time to sleep. When dinner time arrives they are awakened and the women of the house feed them by rolling the food in little morsels and tossing them in to their mouths. The only efforts they are obliged to make is the act of chewing; and when this wear them they resume their slumbers until the next meal time.

Unfortunately, Rapa is remote and inaccessible. There is no direct communication from Tahiti except when the French gunboat makes a voyage that way (once a year or so) or the missionary schooner makes its rounds even less often.

Being well out of the Tropics the coconut tree does not thrive there, the only product of any commercial value being coffee. This is not, however, worth going after as sufficient coffee is raised on Tahiti and the nearby islands to supply the demand.

Scientists are interested in Rapa on account of some massive stone works situation on the hills that look like fortifications. Who built them and for what purpose are problems yet unsolved.

Representatives from the Bishop Museum of Honolulu now in these islands are endeavoring to get the Rapa in order to study these remains and to solve the mystery of their builders.

Business Meeting

The Alumnae Association of the Training School will hold its annual business meeting at ten o'clock Monday morning at the school. There is much important business to be attended to and every graduate of the school is urged to attend.

The Alumnae luncheon will be served in the school dining hall at one o'clock Monday.

The board of trustees will meet at ten o'clock.

The recital by Miss Dicie Howell will be at 8:30 Monday evening.

GERMANS MAKE ATTACK ON FRENCH GARRISON

Oppelin, June 2.—A grave situation is reported at Beuthen, where the Germans attacked the French garrison. Sharp fighting followed in which the Germans were repulsed. A number of them were killed.

The Poles, who also were fighting the Germans, made an effort to help the French. The French, however, refused this aid and themselves fought the Poles.

COTTON MILL STRIKERS IN FIST FIGHT AT CHARLOTTE

Charlotte, N. C., June 4.—Comparative quiet prevailed in this city, Concord and Kanapolis, N. C., and Rock Hill, S. C., today where approximately 9,000 textile workers are on strike, with mill owners generally determined to allow their mills remain idle and to enforce wage reductions recently placed in effect. Some mills are running with reduced forces.

A slight disturbance occurred here today when strikers at the Savona Manufacturing Company's mill who attempted to return to work were met by other strikers and engaged in a fight. The company requested police protection for its plant which is running with a limited force.

Box cars of a new type with hoppers in the bottom that open and discharge the load when a pin is withdrawn have recently been placed in service on the Canadian Pacific Railway.

SEVERAL LETTERS FROM SCIENTISTS

Living Under the Bolsheviki Regime in Russia Show Conditions in Russia.

New York, June 3.—Several letters from scientists living under the Bolshevik regime in Russia, and other documents describing the conditions under which the Russian scientists are living at present, are made public by A. J. Director of the Russian Information Bureau in the United States representing in this country the Russian democratic anti-Bolshevik forces. This material came to Mr. Sack through Professor Boris Sokoloff, a leading member of the Party of Socialists—Revolutionists and Deputy to the First All-Russian Constituent Assembly. Professor Sokoloff is now in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

The names of the Russian scientists who wrote these letters were not given as this, it is said, would expose them to Bolshevik persecution. Describing the conditions under which the scientists are now living in Russia, Professor X writes:

"These years have been one continuous horror. We were declared by the Bolsheviki to be parasites and drones, and we were deprived even of that miserable food allowance which the workers and the soldiers have been receiving."

Professor of Philosophy U writes that he looks upon the tragic situation "with interest, calmly, as befits a philosopher. Just as calmly as I consider the fact that in my room the water is freezing and that I am eating oats instead of bread and meat. All these discomforts of Soviet Russia I regard quite calmly.

"But there is one aspect of life under the Soviet rule which romps me to despise that rule. This is their boundless falsehood. Every day, on the pages of their silly newspapers, in their speeches, in their books, there is falsehood and deceit everywhere."

Professor W writes: "No, there can be no understanding between me and the Bolsheviki. I am an old, feeble man, hardly able to move, with feet swollen with sores from the cold and huggy winter. Yet they are keeping me in solitary confinement."

Finally, Assistant Professor X writes: "It was hard to watch the sufferings of Evgraph Stepanovitch (Professor Fedoroff, the Crystallographer). Aged gray, emaciated from hunger, he had grown to weak the last few days that he was unable even to get up from bed. I came to visit him. I brought him a little stale bread which I had difficulty in obtaining for I had no money. He grasped the bread eagerly. He took a bite and then he stopped.

"You are young, better eat yourself, as for me, it is time for me to die."

"And vainly did I try to urge him to take some bread and gruel."

The statement says that according to official Bolsheviki statistics, 420 Russian scientists died of starvation during the last three years. The first issue of the journal, "Science and its Workers," published recently by the Committee for the Improvement of the condition of scientists in Petrograd, contains in its introductory article a list of Russian scientists who died of hunger and destitution during the last few months of 1920. This list cites the following names: Professor V. A. Bernstasky (physicist); V. L. Bianki (zoologist); Professor S. A. Vengerov, Professor N. A. Gezech, N. L. Hecker (physicist); Professor D. I. Dubiagov (astronomer); V. A. Molzalevsky (historian); Professor V. V. Poloztov (botanist); Professor E. S. Fedorov (crystallographer); Professor P. K. Sternberg (astronomer); and A. A. Shakhmatov (academician).

"If this process of the dying out of scientists," says the journal, "will continue at this rate, our country will be utterly deprived of its brain. The life of a scientist in our times is terrible, as regards his physical environment, and is a torture morally."

GRIMESLAND WINS SEVEN STRIGHT GAMES

Grimesland, June 4.—Grimesland won from Ayden the fastest game of the season yesterday, the score being 8 to 5 on Ayden diamond. The game was featured by hitting of Grimesland boys and the pitching of Buck.

Scores:
Grimesland 8 12 3
Ayden 5 6 3
Umpire: Brooks. Batteries: Elks and Buck; Blount, Kirtrell and Tyndall.