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## To Drain or Not Drain Raleigh Rock Quarry In the Hands of Com.

### Committee of Public Buildings and Grounds which Governor Morrison Called is Expected to Reach a Decision Sometime this Afternoon—Report of Pellagra Epidemic in this State is Viewed in Official Circles as an Effort on Part of Harding Administration to Injure North Carolina and Other Southern States.

Raleigh, July 28.—With delegations of citizens begging Solicitor H. E. Norris to go the limit with his investigation and Mayor T. B. Eldridge firing a broadside at the State for its failure to bear the expense of draining the old rock quarry in East Raleigh interest today centers in the meeting of the State buildings and grounds committee, headed by Governor Morrison to consider the much mooted question: To drain or not to drain.

Mayor Eldridge fires point blank at "The State" without alling any officials' names. The city of Raleigh has always been a goat for the State, the mayor said, and imposition after imposition has been heaped on Raleigh by the State and the city has been forced to bear them until the rock quarry controversy arose. "The city of Raleigh has bucked in the matter of draining the quarry and intends to stay bucked," the mayor declares, with heat.

The State claims the service of the various departments of the city government just the same as any tax-paying citizen without contributing anything to the revenue. Mayor Eldridge says in discussing what he termed "the habit of the State in passing the buck to the city whenever possible." It is the mayor's belief that the State now would force the city of Raleigh to undertake the work of draining the seven million gallon pond. If there were any way to do so. He then gives in detail to the local paper claims held by the city on the State for paying in front of State owned property amounting to \$2,240.04 which has been standing since 1914.

In asking that he further his efforts to have the quarry drained the 25 or more citizens calling upon Solicitor Norris stated that public interest demanded the drainage and subsequent investigation of any diseases that may result from the work. The meeting of the public buildings and grounds committee which Governor Morrison instructed J. Bryan Grimes to call is expected to reach decision this afternoon. The committee is composed of the governor, secretary of state, attorney general and auditor. Governor Morrison will not attend the meeting.

State College summer school students are today leaving Raleigh for their respective homes after completing a six weeks course. The last examinations were held Wednesday. The attendance this year reached 950. One hundred and twenty thousand licenses have been issued by the State to automobiles and motor trucks. It is announced here today. The automobiles licensed total 109,000. The United States Public Health Service's report of a semi-famine and pellagra epidemic in the cotton belt is viewed in official circles here as an effort on the part of the Harding administration to injure North Carolina and other Southern States.

The plan is suggested as having been well planned by the officials at Washington. The public health service turns the statement that there was widespread famine and disease in the south over to President Harding and he gave publicity to the report in calling upon the Red Cross for aid before the news agencies had been given an opportunity to make an investigation as to the truthfulness of the statements.

Because of the method used in turning the story loose the charge is heard here that the Harding statement and the report of the public health service were intended to deceive. The politics is clearly seen in the whole scheme. A Republican administration with its hands well filled with labor difficulties throughout the north and east sought to prevent further attention by calling attention to what they were pleased to term a "semi-famine and pellagra epidemic" in the Southern States.

Laborers in the north and east who might have considered coming to the south at this time would, of course, have been scared off by President Harding's alarm which pictured a terrible condition throughout the cotton belt with people dying of starvation and disease.

State health officials point out that pellagra, north or south, is not a "pellagra disease." It is not contagious and is not considered as coming under the class of diseases from which epidemics occur.

## PORTUGAL HAS THE MOST LEPERS

### Newspapers of that Country Conducting Campaign Against Freedom in Country.

LISBON, July 26.—A campaign is being conducted by the Seculo, the most widely read newspaper in Portugal, against the freedom allowed to lepers in this country and the effects of their contact with healthy people. Portugal has the sad privilege of possessing the greatest number of lepers in any European country. Steps are already being taken to, at least, reduce the danger of contagion inside the hospitals.

Foreigners who visit this country are shocked at the sight of helpless, noseless lepers of both sexes begging in the streets or selling toys and sweets to poor children. The Seculo asserts that one leper boy employed at milking the cows in a dairy. These facts, added to statements made by leading physicians as to the danger of contagion, have so alarmed the population that it is thought that public opinion will force the authorities to adopt stringent measures. Dr. Hermanno Medeiros, director of the Lisbon hospital, has advised all the lepers in that institution in separate pavilions and even surrounded a large area with wire hedges beyond which the lepers are not allowed to pass. The result was that nearly all of them asked to be discharged and in compliance with the rules, they were allowed to go.

The director suggests that all lepers be segregated.

## PERSONAL

J. K. Young has returned from Kinston where he motored yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. William R. Jones has returned from Norfolk where she went to attend the funeral services of her son, J. O. Everett, of Plymouth, a clever "Knight of the Grip" is spending the day in the city on business.

W. G. Lamb, Jr., of Wilson, arrived in the city this morning via the Norfolk Southern.

E. W. Simpkins, of Raleigh, is registered at the Proctor.

A large delegation of Kiwanians will leave this afternoon for Kinston where they will be present tonight at the presentation of the charter to that club.

O. C. Miller, of Wilson, is here on business.

J. L. Morgan, of Farmville, is in the city.

L. J. Moore, of New Bern, is in the city on professional business.

J. T. Horton and Joe Ward, of Raleigh, are Greenville visitors.

The Washington baseball club arrived in the city this morning and will play here today, tomorrow and Saturday.

To The Members American Legion, Everywhere:

Greetings: There is good news in the air and I cannot resist the temptation to tell you about it. The Adjutant has written to everyone of us a letter this week telling about a big picnic at Amuzu Park August the third, or in other words next Wednesday, but for fear that he will forget some of us I am writing this letter to tell every mother's son that he is not only welcome but wanted there. Mr. Bridgers is going to send you a postal card to write to him or telling him that you will be there, and he wants that card in by Saturday evening so that he can notify J. R. Turnage just how many men that we will have at the dinner. Did I hear you say, why tell Mr. Turnage?

Listed below are the names of those who will tell you. Mr. Turnage could not get in the army, the government kept him busy on the draft board. The one that you were caught in and such a cold from it. Well, since he was denied the privilege of being with us then, he wants to give us one big feed, that is why we

## UBIQUITOUS SOUL WHO DOES HIS BIT

### Towards Settlement of World Problems Regaling New York Editors in re Changes.

NEW YORK, July 25.—The ubiquitous soul who does his bit toward the settlement of world problems by writing letters to newspapers has been regaling New York editors with observations on changes that recent years have wrought with Broadway and life along that thoroughfare.

Regard, he says, how the movie shows have shoved articulate actors into the side streets. See what has become of the famous old restaurants. They have gone and uninteresting shoe shops and drug stores have taken their places. The table d'hote resorts where dinner and laughter and liquor kept patrons happily encooped around the tables until bedtime are now closing at 10 o'clock and even earlier. The good old crowds have vanished, writes he. Diners seem to regard eating as a duty. And it used to be an experience, not without an occasional thrill.

One hotel has done away with its jolly hunting room where the boys used to get together, and the space has been rented to bourgeois merchants. And those virile chop houses where banqueters robbed themselves in huge white aprons and fraternized over juicy beefsteaks are now admitting women to their tables. The midnight shows have closed, and the electric signs lure one only to a white goods' sale, cosmetics, a movie show or chewing gum.

And the clubs—oh, how they have changed! The cafe is deserted, the wags have forgotten how to jest and make merry. The stewards say they have as many diners as before, but only because men want company at dinner. Even the new night time traffic regulations in the theater district have kept the crowds away.

Meanwhile, the men who conduct business in this great hotel, shopping and theatrical district have banded together "to help bring about a fair and proper municipal regulation of the district which will not be detrimental to business interests, the life and happiness of the New Yorker and the visitor, and to perpetuate the name and fame of the world's greatest money-spending center." Their organization was incorporated as the Heart of New York Business Men's association, and includes those whose interests are embraced in the district between Thirty-fourth and Fifty-ninth streets and from Madison to Eighth avenues.

JOINS MERCANTILE MARINE COPENHAGEN, July 7.—Prince Axel of Denmark, who is a captain in the Danish navy, and a nephew of Queen Alexandra of England, has joined the mercantile marine for the next three years and has just sailed as captain of the big motor ship Asia, of the East Asiatic company, for San Francisco.

Turks to Evacuate. London, July 28.—The Turkish Nationalist have decided to evacuate the island peninsula because of the Greek advance says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch.

Will Hold Conference. Washington, July 28.—President Harding will hold a White House conference tonight with the Republican house leaders to discuss the legislative program.

Free to All. The Community Sing Sunday night is free to everybody. No collection will be taken.

MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP IS NOW IN LISPUPE, SAID Cleveland, July 28.—The middleweight championship is now in dispute. The boxing commission claims that the title belongs to Bryan Downey by knocking out Johnny Wilson last night. Referee Jimmy Gardner claims Wilson retains the title because Downey fouled.

MONTICELLO JEFFERSON'S HOME IS FOR SALE Thomas Jefferson's Virginia home, is offered for sale. The owner has offered it to the government for five hundred thousand dollars as a presidential summer home.

LITTLE BRUIN SAYS Cloudy tonight and Friday probably showers near the coast gentle to moderate southerly winds.

## WORLD'S BIGGEST MULE



H. E. Dean, Anderson, Mo., says his gentle mule, Jack, is the biggest mule in the world. Jack's six feet high and weighs a ton. His driver, shown in the picture is said to be the smallest mule skinner in the world.

## KINSTON KIWANIS TO GET CHARTER

### Presentation Takes Place Tonight in that Town—Delegation from here to Attend.

The Kinston Kiwanis club will be host to more than a hundred visiting Kiwanians this evening at a luncheon at Hill Crest, when the local club will be presented its charter by the District Governor, of Spartanburg, S. C. An elaborate program has been arranged for the occasion and several prominent out-of-town speakers will make addresses.

Greenville, which only recently organized its Kiwanis club, will send a delegation of 40, Goldsboro 25 and Wilson 20 Kiwanians, while there will be others from the various cities in Eastern North Carolina. Those in charge of the occasion stated last night that covers would be laid tonight at Hill-Crest for more than 200 persons, the usual delightful menu now being prepared by culinary artists, for which this city is noted. The local club now has 63 members, and it was stated last night that probably as many as fifteen others would be received this evening.

Kinston extends a cordial welcome to all Kiwanians who will come today to see the local club receive its charter.—Kinston Daily News.

## GREAT DIFFICULTY FINDING BUSINESS

### Italian Navigation Lines Between Italy and America Confronted with this Task.

ROME, July 28.—Italian navigation lines between Italy and America are having great difficulty in finding business for their liners at the present moment, due to the enactment of the present American immigration law. To meet the difficulties, the Navigazione Generale Italiana line has directed part of their ships into a new Italian-Canadian service.

This is the first Italian line that has been established between Italy and Canada. The other steamship companies are also occupied on the problem of finding other fields for the surplus Italian population. It is expected that one or two more Italian companies will commence sailings to Canada diverting their present New York service to that effect.

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an evening of inspiration and real enjoyment on a high plane. Both youth and adult will join in the general program and sing together. Special numbers by Sunday school and others will be heard. A tentative program for the evening will be published in this paper tomorrow or next day.

The 1st and 2nd County Community Sing will be held in the county building. All are cordially invited but no charge will be made. If any of you should fail to see the program through the paper, please come to the office and pass on the program to all. Getting together in this way and making our voices in singing will make a grand record for our school and we will help our country and our supreme love for our God.

## OFFICERS POPULAR IN CHRISTIANIA

### The American Battleship Squadron Recently Made a Two-Weeks' Visit to that City.

CHRISTIANA, Norway, July 28.—The officers of the American battleship squadron which recently paid a two-weeks' visit to this port were very popular and were entertained privately in Norwegian homes by the leading newspapers of the city criticized severely the conduct of some of the sailors while on shore leave.

The squadron was composed of the Kansas, Michigan, Connecticut, South Carolina and Minnesota, under command of Rear Admiral Hughes. The Christiania newspapers published several articles protesting because the American sailors made too violent love to the Norwegian girls while riding about the city in taxicabs, asserting that the sailors "squeezed and hugged them" in public.

One of Norway's prominent clergymen, who protested to the Aftenposten, charging that the conduct of some of the American sailors was "an insult to the city" and a disgrace to the American nation. He urged Admiral Hughes to put a stop to it. Some parents sent letters to the newspapers urging the Norwegian authorities to protect the Christiania girls from associating with the American sailors.

## SUGGESTION HAS ITS OPPOSITION

### People of West Indies Against Scheme of Ceding to the United States, Said.

Plymouth, Eng., July 28.—The people of the West Indies are wholly opposed to any suggestion that the islands should be ceded to the United States as part payment of Great Britain's war debt, according to Sir Gilbert Carter, who has just returned from the islands.

Sir Gilbert, who has been successively governor of the Bahamas, Barbados and Trinidad and whose wife is the daughter of the late Francis Parker of Boston, Mass., admitted that the interests of the West Indies are largely American; "but if I knew anything of the temperament of the people of Barbados, they would resist a cession to the bitter end," he said.

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## DECLARATION OF WAR IF CHARDES RETURNS

Vienna, July 28.—A treaty providing for a declaration of war on Hungary should Emperor Charles return to the throne was signed today by Rumania, Yugo Slavia and Czechoslovakia according to Belgrade dispatches.

## Worst Winter in Years

New York, July 28.—Commander Booth, head of the Salvation Army, said today that the country was experiencing the worst winter in its history in 15 years.

## "Deplorable" Condition U. S. Public Schools Due Red Tape and Politics

### These Are the Prime Causes Handicapping Boards of Education, According to a Survey of Public School Boards, their Receipts and Expenditures Directed by the National Committee for the Chamber of Commerce Co-operating with the Schools and American City Bureau Made Public Today.

## PUTTING DOWN THE ANARCHIST

### Argentine League Has Undertaken this Task Particularly in Buenos Aires.

BUENOS AIRES, June 27.—Like the fascisti of Italy the Argentine Patriotic League, a semi military organization, has undertaken the task of putting down the anarchists, communists and the extremist elements generally of Argentina, particularly in Buenos Aires.

The league's first attempt has resulted in what its leaders declare an unqualified success. The league was backed by virtually the entire business interest of the capital which had become tired of unpatriotic manifestations by communist's labor unions, what they considered to be causeless strikes and sabotage, the flaunting of red flags, bomb outrages and more particularly by the demoralization of commerce caused by a strike of a communist union of stevedores which had tied up the port for two weeks.

The seemingly benevolent attitude of the government toward what they held to be the unwarranted demands of the union had tried their patience and they were determined to take matters in their own hands to the point of armed intervention, if necessary.

Today several scores of the extremist element, including numerous agitators of foreign birth, are in jail, some are in the hospital, several hundred others have been under arrest, a general strike called as a protest against the strong handed activities of the patriotic league, has fallen to pieces, and the stevedores have been pleased from the heretofore almost complete control of the stevedores' union.

The government's policy of leniency toward many of the activities of radical syndicalism to which the interests behind the league objected changed almost overnight to one of stern suppression of any attempt to deny the right of free labor to work or to upset the peace of the country. What the patriotic league set out to do, the government did itself.

The conflict centered upon the issue whether the government would give protection to non-union truckmen to whom the members of the stevedores' union refused to deliver the goods they unloaded from the ships. On this point the Argentine Patriotic league was backed up by the Labor Protective association and the Centro de Navegacion, an association of overseas steamship lines of foreign nationality.

## PARTY LACKED NECESSARY IMMIGRATION PAPERS

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