

No Shortage Of Rubber?

Stewart, Citing Statements of Elliot Simpson, Says Hysteria May Exist.

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Washington, April 6.—There is no rubber shortage. Considering the fact that there is a rather peculiar, unaccountable, and unexplained shortage of rubber, it is possible, however, by a chap who is not an authority on the subject—Director Elliot Simpson of the Drexage Rubber Company, New York City and New Orleans, La., all of which are branches of the company.



Elliot Simpson

He made his original statement before the House of Representatives Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, toward the end of March, just as the war production board was starting to plan a campaign of automobile tires, elastic bands, fountain syringes, dental chairs, and teeth, here to equal water through, and much other paraphernalia. Now he's out with the same message in the form of a newspaper release to newspapers. Only an expert like Director Simpson, is entitled to make authoritative statements on the rubber situation, and I'm not one. Nonetheless, I've had a number of things that a certain amount of money was involved in the current war over the supposed shortage of rubber, as a result of the shortage of rubber in East India and some of the other areas.

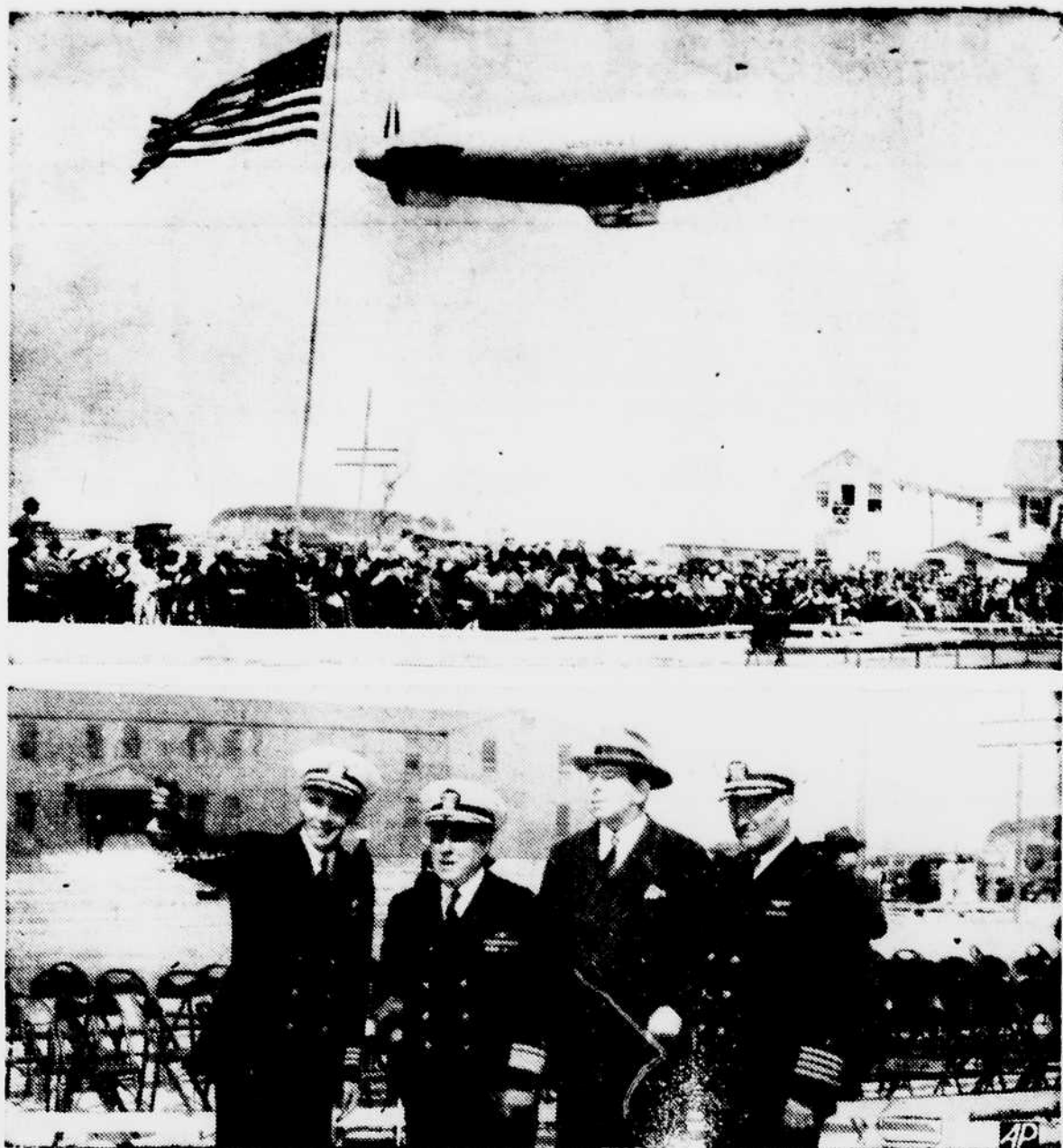
It's explained that the rubber has been coming from the Dutch East Indies, the Pacific Islands, and the West Indies. The rubber is not being bottled there, and it's not being shipped to the United States. It's being shipped to the United States, but it's not being bottled there, and it's not being shipped to the United States. It's being shipped to the United States, but it's not being bottled there, and it's not being shipped to the United States.

Now, I understand that a wild rubber tree doesn't yield sap as copiously as one that's been domesticated. Still, a wild one furnishes, not so much, but just as good dope as a tame one. Besides, the wild kind exude a free offering. No expense, except for labor is required to collect the latex they emit through the holes punched in them. In addition to that, at the time I visited Para, Yankee capital already had started in on domestication of the critters. Henry Ford, among others, had a plantation of them inaugurated. Well, as previously remarked, it was a bit more than 20 years back that I paid that visit. By now, those trees ought to be yielding a maximum. What has happened to them?

I can't help wondering if today's rubber shortage, that we hear so much about, isn't exaggerated. It is, according to Director Simpson of the Drexage company, and to me, even admitting that he may have some commercial interest in his own, in saying so, this story sounds plausible. Director Simpson hints at the possibility of "secret motives" in the minds of \$1-a-year men, extra-governmentally connected with the rubber business and disposed to put their concealing competitors on the Fritz, who perhaps have a lot to do with starting the shortage scare.

I wouldn't want to endorse any such semi-accusation. It does seem, though, as if there might be a medium of hysteria mixed into the matter. Here, maybe, is a corroborative suggestion. In behalf of world's conservation cuffs now are trimmed off new trousers, two-pair suits are burned

Anti-Submarine Base Commissioned in Carolina



A blimp cruised overhead as the \$6,000,000 Naval Air station at Elizabeth City, was commissioned in ceremonies before a crowd greatly restricted by war conditions. The new station will serve as a base for mid-Atlantic operations against enemy submarines. Left to right, Commander Thornton, Rear Admiral M. H. Simons, commandant of the Fifth Naval district, Gen. J. Melville Broughton of North Carolina, and Capt. C. E. Rosendahl, navy pioneer in the development of lighter-than-air craft.

New Research Leaders of State



Pictorial evidence that a balance is being sought between crops and livestock in North Carolina agriculture is presented above. The three men shown conferring in a pasture on the State College Animal Husbandry Farm, while beef cattle graze under their feet, are, left to right, Dr. Ralph Cummings, new head of the State College Agronomy Department; Dr. A. C. Shaw, new head of the college's Animal Industry Department; and Dr. L. D. Bayer, director of the N. C. Experiment Station. Dr. Cummings, a graduate of State College, returned to his alma mater February 1 to head the agronomy program. Dr. Shaw assumed the post of animal industry director on March 1, and Dr. Bayer took charge of the Experiment Station last October, after having served as associate director and head of the Agronomy Department since October, 1939.

DRAMA FESTIVAL OPENS WEDNESDAY

Chapel Hill, April 6.—College, high school and little league groups from all sections of the state will gather at the university Wednesday, April 8, to participate in the fourth day 19th annual State Drama Festival sponsored by the Carolina Dramatic Association under the direction of John W. Parker, executive secretary. Twenty-five plays will be presented at the afternoon and night sessions of the festival, including ten original plays by North Carolina playwrights and 15 by professional authors. They were selected at district festivals. Other features will include contests in costume and make-up and instruction in voice-training, directing, playwriting, scenery-construction and lighting by members of the playmakers staff.

DUKE NETMEN MEET ST. JOHN TOMORROW

Durham, April 6.—Beginning the second week of their spring schedule, Duke's varsity tennis team will play St. John's netmen on the Duke courts at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

On Thursday the University of Virginia is slated to invade Durham and on Friday William and Mary will appear here to complete the week's card.

Tomorrow's match marks the first appearance of the Redmen on the local courts, although Duke has met them twice before. Last year the Blue Devils clashed with St. John's

in the third game of a northern trip and downed them, 5-4. Back in 1939, Duke eked out another 3-2 win. 15-4 of these contests were in New York. In three matches last week against Elon, Kalamazoo, and N. C. State, the Blue Devils showed need of polish. The team as a whole functioned well, but rough spots cropped up in individual play. The taker of advice is often bigger than the giver of it.

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Orphan in Diamonds

WRITTEN FOR AND RELEASED BY LORENA CARLETON

CHAPTER THIRTY-SIX

ANETTE REACHED up and wiped the extra rush of perspiration from her brow and from beneath her back arils, realizing as she did so, why all members of the company wore knotted kerchiefs about their necks. Quick to follow suit, she dropped the huge handkerchief that had been protecting her hair from the dust down inside the collar of her clean white shirt. The heat was unbelievable, like an August day in the smelters.

overpowered by the older woman's indomitable will, she suddenly was unable to hold that barrier. Her shoulders drooped and she walked away. They took the scene four times. Though not satisfied, the director called laugh.

topaz eyes were narrowed and fixed upon her husband in a look that sent the same flush up beneath his whiskers that she had put there with her previous remark that she should have stayed in Hollywood.

After the scene had been done a few more times Larry returned and took a chair beside his wife. For a brief moment he watched the rehearsal of August and Sandra Owens. Then he said to Anette, "You should have stayed at the air-cooled hotel, dear."

"I don't call it temperamental to object to this shirt that any self-respecting moth would pass up cold." He swung to a sitting position. "Look at me!" His sulkenness took effect in tightly wedged black brows and a stuck-out chin. "I'm covered with grit and sweat. My head aches and my eyes burn. My makeup runs and I'm working in a flaming cauldron. Then, as if my troubles were not enough, you come over here with a chip on your shoulder about something."

"Possibly not. But they get your thoughts and flowers and telephone calls and kisses and secret meetings—so they practically have you. Oh," she said, stopping him from further explanation, "I know it's only temporary. So will it be when I leave you, because I'm going to leave you every time you meet a new charmer, even if it's not farther than the other wing of the house. That should keep me from running into you too often—I hope."

Capitol Sesquicentennial Fails To Create Interest

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By BOB THOMPSON. Raleigh, April 6.—Among the many current worries around Capitol Square is the distinct possibility that the State and the city of Raleigh together will "lay an egg" when they put on the State Capitol Sesquicentennial celebration here during the week which opens April 26. (In show parlance to "lay an egg" means to stage a flop.)

It is, they say, an Easter egg colored red, white and blue, instead of the usual drab, henhouse variety. In an effort to justify putting on a show in these war times, those in charge have tried to make the coming celebration a patriotic affair all tied up with winning the war. That might work but there are many people and organizations in Raleigh who believe the whole thing is a mistake that should have been called off instead of sprinkled with patriotic perfume. Few people here are interested and it seems quite likely that not very many people from outside will bother to come at all. About the only attraction that has attracted the slightest interest is the appearance of Kay Kysor, pride of Rocky Mount and Lucky Strike, who will do a broadcast from the city auditorium that week.

HEAVY ENROLLMENT FOR SUMMER TERM. Chapel Hill, April 6.—Replies to a questionnaire recently distributed among University of North Carolina students here indicate the summer session enrollment will be the heaviest in the history of the institution. Chief reason for the increase in the summer enrollment is that many students wish to take advantage of the university's speed-up program which provides four full quarters of work and permits qualified freshmen to start their work in the summer instead of the fall. More than 100 freshmen are expected to enter the university this year when the first summer term begins June 11. The second term begins July 22 and continues through August 28. The answers to the questionnaires also indicate that the enrollment next fall may equal and possibly exceed last fall's.

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