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FINE CONCRETE BRIDGE PLANNED FOR HORSEFORD

Catawba and Caldwell Commissioners Award Contract for \$38,000 Structure Between Hickory and Lenoir--Other Bridges to be Provided for at Once.

The Horseford bridge is to be of concrete, placed high and dry, and will cost approximately \$38,000. The contract was awarded Monday night to C. W. Reynolds, contractor of Charlotte at a joint meeting of the Catawba and Caldwell county commissioners in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, and the plans will be approved by the state highway commission.

The action of the two boards followed practically an all day session during which time the Moore's Ferry bridge, between Catawba and Alexander, was agreed on at a joint meeting of the two boards concerned and plans made for the state highway commission to come ahead with the plans. This bridge will cost at least \$25,000, it is believed, and will be a high water affair.

Meeting with the commissioners of the three counties were W. L. Craven, state bridge engineer, and J. W. Fletcher, engineer for the Carolina and North-Western, who gave the board the benefit of their experience in construction.

The Reynolds company submitted plans of its own for a high all-concrete bridge and this must be approved by the state highway commission. It will be one of the handsomest bridges in the state, but it will not be erected with that end in view—durability and serviceability being the ends sought.

Catawba county will spend about \$100,000 in bridge construction this summer and it is hoped that the structures erected will be here when the grand children of people living today are fitting over the land in airplanes.

Catawba commissioners will meet the Iredell board at Statesville tonight for the purpose of considering the Iredell and Buffalo Shoals bridges between Catawba and Iredell counties. It was expected that the substructure work on the Buffalo Shoals bridge would be awarded tonight.

Alexander county is to receive \$1,000 from the federal government for bridges and Catawba and Caldwell \$5,000 each.

GERMAN KAISER IS ASKED TO RESIGN

(By Associated Press)

Rome, via Paris, April 24.—An influential local newspaper declares that it was able to confirm reports published in the Spanish newspapers that the immediate followers of the German emperor are exerting pressure on him to abdicate. The paper states that at a council of the Hohenzollern family one member older than the rest is said to have advised the emperor to resign.

The German monarch is reported to have turned pale and after observing that the general opinion was against him left the room muttering: "We shall see."

The same evening he assembled another family council. The chancellor and some of the ministers were present, but what occurred has not leaked out.

Little importance is attached to this story in Italian political quarters. In these quarters it is thought the story has a German origin and was designed to create diversion.

Judge W. B. Council and Alderman Fred A. Abernethy have purchased Oakland Six automobiles from the Abernethy Hardware Company.

FRENCH COURAGE INSPIRING ASPECT

(By the Associated Press) Paris, April 24.—The courage, the joyousness of France, has been the aspect of the war most remarked by Jesse Benedict Carter, director of the American Academy at Rome, who has been visiting provincial universities in France as lecturer for the Hyde foundation.

"Nowhere have I found any lack of courage, and lack of joy, and lack of willingness to work for victory," said Mr. Carter. "The joyousness of France in this moment of crisis is not the superficial thoughtlessness of those who are afraid to think. It is the calm happiness of those who cannot fail and who know that they cannot fail because they are seeking after those things which are not of the earth and must therefore continue for that very reason because, without them, the earth would become a madhouse. The greatest things are always simple and the French today are simple as Abraham Lincoln was in our civil war."

"There is no hatred even for the Germans, there is instinctive abhorrence, but no wasting of words over symptoms and acts which belong in the realm of pathological psychology. Common decency draws a veil over these things and leaves them to the physician who at the end will doubtless write the verdict and give his full skill to drawing up 'the post-mortem'; meantime it is day and we must work in the day while our strength and our courage is with us."

"Of course there is a natural objectivity about any people engaged in a great work. They forget themselves in the enormous importance of what they are doing. This is nature's anaesthetic."

"In a small village I was in the mayor's office looking at the notices on the walls. I observed two sheets of paper containing the various citations of a young man who has been mentioned in September, 1914, and several times thereafter, receiving the Croix de Guerre and finally dying heroically in October, 1916. I said to the mayor: 'What a beautiful career: Did you know this boy?' The answer came perfectly calmly, accomplished by a smile of deep appreciation: 'He was my son. He was a brave boy and only twenty.' The mayor smiled very thoughtfully as he said these last words and turned back to his business which happened to be the collecting of dog taxes, but I did the weeping for him and wondered as I looked out on the little village square so that he would not see me wiping my eyes, how anyone could doubt for a moment that those who had conquered themselves as these people have could fail to conquer those who had lost all self-control."

CLARK OPPOSES PRESIDENT'S PLAN

(By the Associated Press) Washington, April 24.—Speaker Clark opposed the selective draft and predicted it never would pass congress today in receiving a delegation from the National Security League. Several hundred petitions bearing a million names asking congress to adopt the administration measure were laid before the speaker.

"Conscription never will pass, in my opinion," he said, "I am for letting the flower of youth in this country volunteer before we fasten the disgrace of draft upon them. The war department is jumping around trying to bulldoze people in passing this bill and I don't think they will do it."

INSURRECTION IS FEARED IN BRAZIL

(By Associated Press)

Rio Janeiro, April 24.—Telegrams received here from Parana confirm reports that the Germans in southern Brazil are concentrating in Catharina. It is believed a German insurrection in the south is imminent.

MORE COLLEGE BOYS JOIN REGULAR ARMY

(By the Associated Press)

Raleigh, April 24.—R. P. Connolly, of Winston-Salem, Thurman M. Gregory of Shiloh and James P. Gizzard of Rosemary, Halifax county, students of the A. and E. College, and Vernon A. Galloppe have applied to the army recruiting station here for enlistment in the aviation section of the signal corps.

Roy M. Giles of Marion, brother of D. F. Giles, superintendent of public instruction of Wake county, a junior at Trinity, and known as one of the finest athletes in the state, has enlisted in the cavalry.

The recruiting officer has been notified that the four negro regiments have been recruited to the maximum and that no more negroes will be accepted for the present.

ANOTHER JOINS (By Associated Press) Durham, N. C., April 24.—John H. Small, Jr., and son of Representative John H. Small, left here today en route for Washington, where he intends to enlist in the army.

(By the Associated Press) Birmingham, Ala., April 24.—An explosion occurred in the Aetna Explosive company here today. The extent of the damage is not known. The explosion was accidental.

MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES	
(By Associated Press.)	
New York, April 24.—There seemed to be a good many May contracts for sale on the cotton market today and after opening barely steady at a decline of two to nine points, active months sold about nine to 15 points net lower, but the market steadied shortly after the call on covering, July and later deliveries rallied to about last night's closing figures, but May was slow to respond.	
The close was easy.	
May	19.60
July	19.47
October	18.16
December	18.18
January	18.22
18.55	

HICKORY MARKETS	
Cotton	19%
Good clean wheat	\$3.00

CHICAGO WHEAT	
(By Associated Press.)	
Chicago, April 24.—Wheat values took a decided upward swing today, influenced largely by unfavorable advices regarding foreign crops. Opening prices with May at 2.31 1-2 to 2.32 and July at 1.98 to 1.98 3-4, were followed by sharp gains all around.	

SARAH BERNHARDT CONTINUES BETTER

(By Associated Press.)

New York, April 24.—The outlook for the recovery of Sarah Bernhardt was better today. A bulletin issued by her physicians today stated: "There has been a steady improvement during the past 24 hours. The outlook is better than it was, although Madame Bernhardt cannot yet be considered out of danger."

BROOKFORD HAS ENLISTED IN CAUSE

With an audience filling the large hall, and with inspiring music led by a select class of singers and with speakers in their lines, the mass meeting at Brookford Monday night was a decided success.

Mr. Mask in his address declared that while he had been in the county two years and had addressed the farmers in different parts of the county, this was the first time he had ever been invited to speak to an audience of mill people. He appreciated the opportunity, and while speaking to farmers he urged them to raise a crop to make more money; he spoke to the mill people to urge them to raise vegetables to reduce the cost of living. Mr. Mask pointed out many ways by which these people with limited time and limited space could do much to relieve the present situation of food shortage. It was a most helpful talk.

Miss Mary Rowe, head of the girl's canning clubs in the county, emphasized the necessity of economy and urged the canning of all fruits and vegetables so that nothing be wasted. Her statement that it took more brains to save than to make money was greeted with hearty applause. Miss Rowe referred to the large amount of fruit that is wasted each year in Catawba county. Miss Rowe has some seventy-five girls enlisted in her clubs.

Mr. Oliver's address on the "Old Hen" was unique, entertaining and instructive. He pointed out clearly how the mill people having only limited space may make the raising of chickens a profitable investment. This address should be heard by every one who attempts to raise a chicken. His talk was well received.

A spirit of earnestness prevailed the entire meeting and the spirit was close akin to true patriotism. Mr. H. J. Holbrook is much interested and will lend all the aid possible and with the lots, manure and teams furnished, Brookford will take its place among the communities which are doing much to improve the condition of the people.

HIGH POINT FACTORY DESTROYED BY FIRE

(By Associated Press.) High Point, N. C., April 24.—Fire of unknown origin at 10:30 o'clock this morning destroyed the plant of the High Point Safe and Table Company, causing a loss of \$30,000. Besides destroying the machinery several thousand dollars in machinery were burned. The plant was insured.

METHODIST PHILATHEA CLASS

We had a most interesting class session Sunday conducted by Mrs. S. H. Farabee, who gave us many helpful thoughts in connection with the lesson. The attendance was splendid. We were glad indeed to have several visitors and to add to our roster, Mrs. A. H. Setzer, Misses Erroll Bolch and Myrtle Pence were presented with class pins for having been present the first four Sundays after joining the class.

HIGHLAND SCHOOL CLOSING THIS WEEK

The closing exercises of Highland graded school will take place on Thursday night April 26, at 8 o'clock and Friday morning April 27.

On Thursday night two plays will be given, "Gone with the Wind" and "Not a Man in the House." These plays have been carefully worked up and we hope will prove a great success. On Friday morning at 10 o'clock Dr. J. L. Murphy of the Reformed church will give an address followed immediately by a short exercise by the school. The committee extend to all a most hearty invitation, the whole exercise for both night and day being given free, so as to get the parents and teachers to meet together.

French Commission Safe on American Territory; Given Hearty Welcome

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 24.—The French commission has safely landed in the United States. This official statement by American torpedo boat destroyers "The department of state is advised of the safe arrival of the French commission."

The commission which includes Marshal Joffre and former Premier Viviani arrived early this morning on board a steamship of the French line which was conveyed across the Atlantic. The vessels were met off the coast by American torpedo boat destroyers and escorted to the coast.

BRITISH AND GERMANS IN TERRIFIC STRUGGLE

Issue of Bitterest Battle of Present Offensive Still in Doubt With Teutons Clinging to New Line--Militarists Apparently Suppress Strikers in Germany.

(By Associated Press.) While continuing to deliver hard blows upon the German lines in the Scarpe river region east of Arras where their offensive was resumed yesterday, the British have pushed home a telling thrust in another section of the great battlefield.

Striking south of the Peronne-Cambrai road, General Haig's forces gained ground last night on a wide front. Of greatest moment, however, was the success of the drive reaching the waterway between St. Quentin, the St. Quentin canal. The canal was cut at Epehy.

Pushing along the Peronne-Cambrai railway further north General Haig's troops captured two villages which places them within a bare three miles of Marcoing, another important railroad center 3 1-2 miles southwest of Cambrai.

On another area of the Arras battle front extending 12 miles from Croisilles to north of Gavrelle, the British have not only maintained their positions against the desperate counter attacks the Germans are making to stem the tide against them at this vital point, but have made additional progress at Monchy lePreux.

Along the Aisne and in the Champagne the French are playing their part in the great battle by keeping up a heavy artillery fire while preparing for the next infantry move. Incidentally in local engagements the French improved their positions.

In Mesopotamia the British are continuing their victorious progress up the Tigris valley. After fighting a hot battle with the Turks at Samarra, 70 miles northwest of Baghdad, they occupied Samarra, making important captures, including 16 locomotives and 224 railway trucks.

The pursuit of the Turks is being continued northward on the Tigris. Sofia reports the repulse by the Bulgarians of a British attack in Macedonia between the Vardar and Lake Doiran.

What is apparently the bitterest fighting of the present Anglo-French offensive is raging today along the Wotan line, the hastily organized position east of Arras to which the Germans retired when the northern end of the Hindenburg line was turned by the British.

The Germans are putting forth a strong effort to hold this vital portion of their line, the crumbling of which would expose Douai and Cambrai and bring into prospect another great retreat.

The British have driven two wedges into the German lines, forming sharp salients into the Scarpe river and the Cambrai-Laon road.

The head of the first salient has been thrust within four miles of Viti, the most important point on the Wotan line, but the tenacity and power with which the Germans are fighting leave the issue for the time in doubt.

The battle is being waged with machine guns and field artillery and the meagre reports indicate heavy losses on both sides, although the British claim that their losses were slight in comparison to the damage inflicted on the Germans.

The situation behind the German lines, fraught as it is with more tremendous possibilities than those of any battle, remains dubious and uncertain. The little news that trickles across the German frontier indicates that the authorities have gained the upper hand over the strikers by militarizing the munition workers and forcing strikers into the military ranks.

It is too early to say whether these stern measures have repressed the uprising.

The only news from Austria in some days is to the effect that the Pan-German leaders have emerged as victors in the struggle for control of the government. This news is vague, however, and comes from a round about route.

WILSON SIGNS WAR BOND BILL TODAY

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 24.—President Wilson today signed the war bond bill authorizing the sale of \$5,000,000,000 bonds and \$2,000,000,000 in treasury certificates.

AMERICAN AVIATOR KILLED IN FRANCE

(By Associated Press.) Paris, April 24.—Corporal Ronald Hoskier of South Orange, N. J., one of the stars of the American flying corps, has been killed in an aerial combat in the present offensive.

ITALY MAY SEND MISSION TO STATES

(By the Associated Press.) Rome, via Paris, April 24.—It is expected that the Duke of Abruzzi, cousin of King Victor Emanuel, will head an Italian mission to the United States.

WAR ARMY BILL TO PASS THIS WEEK

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 24.—Passage of the war army bill was forecast upon the assembling of congress today. General debate on the measure continued in both houses. A vote may be reached in the house Thursday and the senate Saturday.

GERMAN SUBMARINE WAS NOT CAPTURED

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 24.—Denial of reports that a German submarine had been captured by an American warship after being caught in a net at Newport News and was being taken to New York was made today by Secretary Daniels.

"The statement is entirely without any basis of truth," the secretary said.

ALWAYS PLEASING, BUT MORE SO WHEN LEADED

Statesville Landmark. Here's hoping that the editorial page today is more pleasing to the eye of Editor Farabee of the Hickory Record.

Standard Oil Company is Responsible for High Gasoline, Board Reports

(By the Associated Press) Washington, April 24.—Dominance of the gasoline industry by Standard Oil interests, the federal trade commission reported to the senate today has largely been responsible for high gasoline prices of the last two years.

The report declares interlocking stock ownership prevents any real competition among the various Standard Oil Companies and the commission recommends legislation to permit re-opening of the oil trust case to obtain modification of the supreme court's dissolution decree.

No conclusive evidence was found, it is stated, that collusion exists among the Standard companies in violation of the decree, but the commission's findings have been transmitted to the attorney general.

Prices are declared to have been raised arbitrarily, although natural causes contributed. Pronounced price inequalities were found in different parts of the country.

The principal findings of the commission are: That in most marketing territories the standard companies are dominant.

That the Standard companies have maintained a distribution of territory in marketing gasoline, and that no substantial competition in the chief petroleum products exists among the Standard companies.

That the absence of competition is due to a community of stock ownership.

zings common ownership would fix upon such common owners the responsibility for the acts of each of the several subsidiary companies which prevent competition.

Segregation of ownership of pipe lines from the other branches of the petroleum industry.

Congressional enactment to fix standards for gasoline.

Federal collection and publication of accurate statistics and information concerning the industry.

Conditions in the gasoline industry as uncovered by the investigation are declared to be:

Gasoline marketing is divided into eleven territorial divisions at least nine of which are said to be under Standard Oil domination.

Stockholders of the Standard companies to a great degree are the same individuals or interests, with more than half of the stock of the various companies in their hands.

Leading officers of the Standard companies hold considerable stock in two or more companies.

Standard Oil refineries produce more than sixty per cent of the gasoline output in 1915, sold about sixty-five per cent of the total marketed and held more than seventy per cent of gasoline stocks.

NEWSPAPER MEN IN ANNUAL SESSION

(By Associated Press)

New York, April 24.—Editors, publishers and advertisers from all parts of the United States and Canada are here for the annual convention of the Associated Press and the American Newspaper Publishers' Association.

The members of the Associated Press met this morning and the opening session of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association will be held tomorrow.

One of the most important questions for discussion is that of the war censorship. George Creel, chairman of the government's censorship committee, has addressed a letter to the editors urging their cooperation. The paper situation also will be discussed.

HICKORY MOTORISTS MORE CONSIDERATE

Residents living on Ninth avenue report that automobilists have been more considerate in the last few days and as a result the dust has not been such a nuisance. Better reports are coming from all sections of the city and it is hoped by everybody, many motorists included, that the ordinances in regard to mufflers and speeders will be obeyed.

Mayor D. M. Cline of Granite Falls announces in the Record today that the town ordinances and state laws in regard to speeding will be enforced in that town and it is hoped that everybody will be considerate.

If there was any need to speed through the towns and if there was any need to run with the mufflers wide open, the authorities here and elsewhere would not raise any objections, but there is not.

LENOIR-OAK RIDGE GAME TOMORROW

The last ball game of the season will be played at Lenoir College tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 between Lenoir and Oak Ridge. The instituters defeated the collegians at Oak Ridge several weeks ago, but since that time the Lutherans have rounded into shape and they are expecting, with Plyler on the mound, to retrieve that lost game. The contest will start at 3:30.

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina. Fair tonight and Wednesday. Colder Wednesday and in north portion tonight, fresh north winds.