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TWO CENT PIECE LIKELY TO APPEAR IN LAND AGAIN

Newspaper, Stick of Candy, Box of Matches and Other Things That Used to Sell for a Penny, Where Are They Today?—Curious Coin Suggested Abroad

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Washington, April 20.—Is the day of the penny and nickle in the past? It would seem so, according to members of congress. Within a week the house committee on banking and currency has reported favorably to the whole a bill to coin two cent pieces, and Senator Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, has introduced a measure providing for the coinage of seven and eight cent pieces.

The proposal that these new coins be made is due directly to the change in prices of all kinds of commodities. Those things which formerly could be bought for a penny or a nickle can no longer be bought for even the newspaper, which used to sell for a penny, the stick of candy, the box of matches, all have gone to two cents, or even more. Nickles don't get you very far on a street car or any other kind of street conveyance nowadays. The public spirited members of the National Capital have just issued an order permitting the street car companies in the District of Columbia to charge an extra nickle fare, beginning May 1. At present the fare is seven cents.

The sell of nickles that used to cost a nickle, the nickle of chocolate that have brought delight—and misery—to many youngsters, have all soared beyond the reach of that plebian coin. It no longer do kegle to slip a nickle to a boy if he brings you a bowl of soup, he would look at you with stony scorn if you attempted such a thing. Might even suggest that you mention the coin more than he had he might be right at that.

Demand for Pennies.

The bills of Senator Frelinghuysen and Senator McLean have been made to meet the convenience of the public who have to make small purchases. The demand for pennies has become enormous to make change with a twenty piece, a seven cent piece and an eight cet piece, it will be easily possible to make the odd amounts now required to purchase small articles. It will be possible to get results, and without an exchange of tickets, the taxes on admission to the movies and other entertainments.

For Roosevelt.

The proposal to coin under the McLean bill is to be a memorial to Theodore Roosevelt. It is to be made of copper alloy and to be somewhat larger than the penny, though not the large size wheels that used to be coined as twenty cent pieces some time over a quarter of a century ago. On the face of the coin is to be the likeness of Colonel Roosevelt. Senator Frelinghuysen in his bill proposes what shall be the design of the seven and eight cent pieces, but leaves that to the director of the mint. They are not to be made of silver however, but of a metal not unlike that which goes into the five cent piece.

These proposals for new coins of reduced value to purchase the articles that used to be bought for less would tell also that the legislators of that day have come to stay for an appreciable time. They are the latest development of the war and increased prices consequent thereon.

Old Small Coins

During the Civil war and the years immediately followed it, the United States authorities permitted the issue of "shinplasters," little printed slips of paper, known as the paper currency of the country. Although prices had been increased very greatly because of the war—a fact which went as high as fifty cents a pound—the main reason for the issue of this paper currency was the lack of silver and small change, rather than the change in prices.

For many years in this country the big copper two cent piece was in use as big as the British penny. There was also a three cent piece, but these went out of use, probably because the articles that they used to buy rose to a nickle in price in the general upward trend of prices of the last few decades.

The very latest thing in post war currency, however, is reported in the dispatches from Germany. According to the cables experiments are now being conducted there to ascertain if coins made of porcelain are not practicable. It is proposed that the coins be five marks and two marks in value. The coins, it is said, promise to be feasible. They have the advantage of being light, and hygienic because they can readily be washed. They would be very difficult to counterfeit, too. If the porcelain coins are adopted, it will result in a great saving of silver and other metals which have been used in the past.

Banks Also Interested.

Senator McLean called upon the treasury department to state its views with regard to the proposed two cent coin before the committee acted on the bill. The reply was that while the coin could readily be made the department saw no reason for its being produced. The question also rose in Senator McLean's mind as to whether there would be any valid reasons against the coin because of the machines now used by the banks in adding and counting the minor coins. He received a report from one of the cash register companies to the effect that the machines used could be adjusted easily to handle the proposed two cent piece. Whether the same would be true if the seven cent and eight cent coins also were produced remains to be seen.

The Numismatic Association is back of the two cent piece bill, and it is likely that the measure will be taken up and acted upon in the senate within a few days.

TORNADO BLASTS TOWN TO BITS TODAY

By the Associated Press

Birmingham, Ala, April 20.—A number of persons have been killed and great property damage done by a tornado which swept over Jasper county early today.

The tornado started in eastern Mississippi and quickly passed through that state into western Alabama and then into southern Tennessee.

STRIKES TENNESSEE.

By the Associated Press.

Nashville, Tenn., April 20.—One man, Capt. Mulloy, was killed and a number of persons are reported to have been injured in a tornado which struck the southern portio of Williamson county southwest of this city, early today.

FOUR ARE KILLED.

By the Associated Press.

Hattiesburg, Miss., April 20.—Four persons are reported killed in a tornado which struck Bay Springs county seat of Jasper county, today, according to advices received here. The sheriff of Jasper county was killed.

TOWN LEVELED BY STORM.

By the Associated Press.

Laurel, Miss., April 20.—Reports were received here early today to the effect that Bay Springs, 18 miles north of Laurel, had been leveled by a tornado.

BIGGS WIN AGAIN.

The Biggs High School team played Concord College yesterday, and won by a score of 3 to 6. The next game will be with Newton on the High School grounds tomorrow at 3 o'clock.

DEATH LIST FROM TORNADO STILL 22

By the Associated Press.

Aberdeen, Miss. April 20.—Several persons are reported to have been killed and 15 injured in a tornado that struck here early today. Property damage amounted to $200,000. SHIP

TICKETS ON SALE FOR CHAUTAUQUA

Chautauqua guarantors met at the Chamber of Commerce last night and turned over $89.65 for tickets. These are on sale now, and the public may purchase them from any of the guarantors. The price of an adult season ticket, including war tax, is $3.03 and of a child's ticket $1.65. One of these tickets lets the holder in on all performances.

President Hall, Treasurer Weaver and Secretary Joy were on hand last night and more than half of the guarantors came forth and got their paste boards. They are taking the risk for nothing to assure Hickory of the Chautauqua, but no fear is entertained that the tickets will be a drag. There was a big demand for them last year and the attractions this year will be even better.

Pinafore will be one of the attractions in May. Ralph Parlette is another and there will be Dr. Geisel, who made such a hit last year is back on the program. The musical numbers will be numerous, and the public will get its money's worth. Those who recall Opie Read will be glad to know that he is coming also.

But the principal thing now is to buy tickets.

BANK IS LOOTED BY ROBBERS AT ELON

By the Associated Press

Elon College, N. C., April 20.—Robbers entered the Elon Bank & Trust Company some time last night, blew the vault door from its hinges rifled all deposit boxes and escaped with about $15,000 in Liberty bonds and other securities. It could not be determined whether several thousand dollars in currency deposited in the vault was safe in it until the arrival of a state bank inspector from Raleigh, this afternoon, the bank being ordered not to touch the vault.

The robbery was not discovered until this morning. No clue to the robbery has been discovered.

DUDLEY LUMBER PLANT BURNS TO GROUND

Fire of unknown origin last night completely destroyed the main building and dry kiln of the Dudley Lumber Company at Granite Falls, entailing a loss of $15,000. There was $5,000 insurance. The blaze was discovered about 9 o'clock and the wooden buildings burned so rapidly that there was no hope of stopping the flames.

Mr. J. S. Leonard, manager of the company, has not definitely decided whether or not he will rebuild. Thousands of feet of lumber valued at many thousands of dollars, were not damaged.

The Dudley Lumber Company was one of the well known lumber and finishing mills of this section and has been an asset to Granite Falls and Hickory, where much of the material has been used in recent years though the company's business was not confined to local market.

BANDITS ATTEMPT ROB QUEEN'S TRAIN

By the Associated Press

Seville, Spain, April 20.—Bandits attacked a train last night on which Queen Victoria and her brother, the marquis of Parisbrook were traveling from Madrid to Seville in an unsuccessful attempt to carry off the royal silver.

JUDGE STACY OUT FOR SUPREME COURT BENCH

Walmington, April 20.—Judge W. P. Stacy recently of the state superior court bench announced definitely that he would be a candidate for associate justice of the supreme court of North Carolina in the Democratic primaries to be held June 5. Judge Stacy's name has been prominently mentioned in connection with the associate justiceship since the announcement a few days ago that Judge George H. Brown would not stand for a renomination.

It is known that Judge Stacy has given very earnest consideration to the subject and a number of letters and telegrams from influential parties from different sections of the state determined the course of his action in making definite announcement. His friends feel that his record on the Superior court bench, coupled with his knowledge of the law and his judicial temperament peculiarly fit him for the Supreme court. graduate of the state university, a brother of the late Dixon arvin H. Stacy himself a man of letters with marvelous clarity of expression, it is felt by friends here and wherever he is known that the state would be fortunate in his nomination and election.

BOLSHEVIKI START POSTER CAMPAIGN AGAINST U. S.

The Hague—The Bolsheviki are conducting a strong campaign against America, England and France by the skilful use of huge propaganda posters in Moscow, says G. Nipels correspondent of the Amsterdam "Handelsblad" who visited Soviet Russia this winter. He found much to admire from an artistic standpoint in the designs, of which he saw many in the railway stations.

"This poster campaign is certainly a very clever piece of work," he writes: "Both the educated and unlettered classes are struck by them, the first by the writing beneath, the second by the drawing themselves.

"The campaign was directed along three great lines: First to cultivate hatred, loathing and fear for such men as Kolchak and Denikine; second, to breed hatred of the entente, especially against the "capitalistic triumvirate,' France, England and America—never Japan, Italy and Poles or Czecho-Slovaks—but always this triumvirate, pictured as the bourgeoise, parasiting upon the proletariat, and third, to prevent desertion among the 'Red' soldiers."

SIMMS IS SCORED BY CAPTAIN PRATT

By the Associated Press.

Washington, April 20.—Rear Admiral Sims "strained a point to make a case against the navy" when he charged that its failures to co-operate fully with the allies the first month postponed victory six months Captain Pratt, war-time assistant of operations, told the senate committee investigating the Sims-Daniels row.

Pratt said that most of the "lessons" in Sims' letter to Secretary Daniels entitled "Some Naval Lessons of the World War," were not lessons but criticisms.

INTEREST GROWS IN CLEAN UP WEEK

With clean up week just 14 days away, many Hickory people already have begun to prepare for the occasion and basements and backyards are beginning to show the effects of the rake. Many people are beginning early, it may be stated, so as to have their part of the job done before the Chautauqua tent goes up on May 6. Clean up week starts Monday, May 3 and will continue a whole week.

There are many yards that need cleaning and it is doubtful if there are two dozen exceptions. Some are comparatively clean, but nearly all need some work done. The cans and other rubbish should be placed in barrels and left on the outside of the yard just at the curbing where the drivers can reach them easily. That will lighten the task for the city.

Tin cans should not be thrown into parks and open places. Water accumulates in the cans and mosquitoes use them for home. They make a good roof for these pests, but who wants to have a million mosquitoes in his neighborhood? These disease spreaders might not bother those who throw out tin cans, but they would bother other people and they do well to kick. Parks and vacant lots are not the proper dumping grounds for trash.

TO MOVE BODIES OF AMERICAN DEAD

By the Associated Press.

Washington April 20.—Removal of the American dead from within the fighting zones of France for the United States will begin after September 15 under an agreement between the French and American governments. Bodies of American dead outside the war zones already are being moved.

Removal of bodies will be confined to those where request is made by relatives.

A fire in the closet of the residence occupied by Mr. S. Winter on Tenth avenue yesterday at noon caused a loss estimated at $75 by the insurance company. The alarm was not turned it.

Markets

COTTON.

By the Associated Press.

New York, April 20.—There was a renewal of yesterday's selling movement at the opening of the cotton market today, and first prices were 12 to 23 points lower with active positions selling 13 to 26 points under last night's closing. There was buying by foreign and domestic buying and the market firmed up before the end of the first hour.

Weather

For North Carolina—Probably showers tonight and Wednesday. Somewhat warmer tonight, fresh east and south winds.

COLONEL THORNTON'S HAIR SINGED WRONG

While in one of his studious moments this morning Col. Marcellus E. Thornton nonchalantly applied a match to a cigar which he clasped between his teeth, forgetting the slight detail of a celluloid eye shade before his eyes. The fire from the match caught the shade, the flames caught the colonel's silvery locks and for a time he fancied he was in for a bad time. Happily the injury was not serious, though it was painful enough, and Colonel Thornton will be all right soon.

Mr. J. T. Hedrick, of Lexington, state financial director of the forward movement of the Reformed church, arrived in the city today in the interest of the movement. While here he will visit Conover, Newton and Maiden.

CLASH IN VIEWS OVER GERMAN POLICY

By the Associated Press.

San Remo, April 20.—The premiers of the allied powers in conference here, although busy with the problems of the Turkish peace treaty, have found time to begin preparation of a warning or ultimatum that shall be sent to Germany respecting the execution of the treaty of Versailles. It does not appear, however, that their conferences have led them to anything more than an agreement in principle that something mandatory should be done in the case.

Premier Lloyd George, it is understood, is holding tenaciously to his views that economic penalties should be imposed on Germany for violation of the treaty.

The French contention, on the other hand, is declared to be that it would be more cruel to send food supplies to Germany and shut off raw materials than to occupy a few districts with allied troops until Germany had complied with the treaty.

SHIP MORE COTTON TO CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

By the Associated Press.

Washington, April 20.—Another advance of $250,000 to a banking corporation for the financing of cotton to Czecho-Slovakia was announced today by the war finance corporation. The name of the corporation was withheld.

FORD PLANTS IDLE FOR LACK OF POWER

By the Associated Press.

Detroit, April 20.—While thousands of workers employed in local factories receiving power from the Edison Power Company resumed work on a short basis today, the Ford Motor Company announced that 30,000 men would be idle in its plants for some time.

EMPLOYES' DEMANDS EXCESSIVE, HE CLOSES SHOP

Kansas City, Kan.—For the first time in many years the cigar factory of Jack O'Donnell suspended business the other day.

It happened when cigar makers employed by O'Donnell requested an increase of $2 per thousand cigars. They were being paid $24 a thousand.

"I'm not making a living now," O'Donnell told his employees.

"Neither are we" came the reply.

"Let's all quit then," said O'Donnell, and locked up the shop.

By the Associated Press.

Lexington, Ky., April 19.—Lucian Jenkins, a negro, alleged assailant of little Willie Trimble of Danville, held in jail here for safe keeping from a mob, today maintained his innocence of any part in the affair and said he knew nothing of the attack on the boy until told by the sheriff of Boyle county Saturday morning.

The boy will recover. Danville officers say they believe Jenkins is innocent.

"BUNK" HAIRSTON IS CAPTURED BY POSSE

Winston-Salem, April 20.—"Bunk" Hairston, who Sheriff's deputies say fired the shot which killed Ex-Sheriff Reed Joyce in a revolver battle at Walnut Cove Sunday night in which besides Joyce,fi two negroes were killed and Special Dtputy James atthews and a third negro were seriously wounded, was arrested last night by a posse.

"Bunk" Hairston, brother of Nick Hairston, in whose place the shooting took place, escapade immediately after the shooting.

All night he was trailed through the mountains and was found late last evening 20 miles from Walnut Cove.

OVERALL PARADE TO BE HELD SATURDAY

By the Associated Press.

New York, April 20.—Headquarters for the organization of a mammoth overall parade to be held next Saturday was opened today by the Cheese Club, local leaders of the "back to overalls movement." The club issued invitations to all organizations and individuals in the city to register for the parade, which will invade the clothing manufacturing district in lower Fifth avenue.

One firm advertised denims, custom-tailored in stylish spring and summer models for $10 and denim tuxedo for evening wear at $12.50. It also offered wedding and afternoon gowns of calico and gingham at $25.

RAILROAD CLERKS STAY ON JOB IN CHICAGO DISTRICS

Freight Handlers Also Vote to Lay Wage Demand Before Railroad Labor Board—Hundred Thousand Other Workers May Strike next Week—New York Situation Better

SEPARATE AWARD DEMANDED BY STRIKERS

By the Associated Press.

Washignto, April 20.—Formal written demands that the railroad labor board give assurances of the award of a "living wage" to railroad men and that the employes now on strike should return to worn without loss of seniority were filed today by representatives of the strikers of New York and St. Louis yardmen's associations.

Spokesmen for the railroad brotherhoods objected to the filing of demands, but Chairman arton said any body of men had a right to lle complaints with the board, but it was up to the board to determine whether they would be heard.

The St. Louis yardmen asked separate recognition, declaring they were not adequately represented by the brotherhoods.

THOUSANDS DIE OF TYPHUS IN SIBERIA

By the Associated Press.

Victoria, B. C., April 20.—Typhus has killed thousands in Siberia and other thousands still are falling victim to the scourge, Dr. A. T. Higgs, head of an American Red Cross organization, said here today.

"The allied Red Cross organizations have done splendid work in Siberia," said Dr. Higgs, "but conditions are intolerable."

MAY HAVE FOUND THE TASK IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT U. S.

Washington, April 20.—The allied reply to President Wilson's Turkish note is regarded by diplomatic officials here to point out that without the acceptance by the United States of responsibility for part of the burden of the solution of the Turkish question, the allies have found it impossible to adopt the President's suggestion that the Turk be driven out of Europe.

The allies have taken the position it was said, that the eviction of the sultan from Constantinople was impossible without the assumption by some power, preferably the United States, of the obligation for the protection of Constantinople and contiguous Turkish territory. For economic and political reasons, officials said, choice of any other power than the United States was precluded and since the United States has refused the proffered mandate over Turkey no other solution than to have the Turk in Constantinople under interallied control was possible.

Supervision of the Turk, it is generally believed by officials, will devolve upon the Ottoman debt commission which before the war consisted of representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy, Russia, Austria-Hungary and Germany, but which is now limited to the three allied powers.

OVERALLS SCARCE: PRICES TO BE MORE THAN DOUBLED

Toledo, April 20.—Toledo's embryo "overall club," received a severe set-back in its aspirations when merchants announced a serious shortage of denim and an incidental increase in the price of such material. One large clothier said there is an overall famine, that he is selling the garments at $3.10 a pair but that as soon as the present supply has become exhausted the price will go to $8.00.

SEVERAL KILLED IN MISSISSIPPI STORM

By the Associated Press

Little Rock, April 20.—The death list of persons from the tornado which swept northwest Arkansas stood today at 22 with the property damage running into the thousands.

More than 100 persons were injured and tremendous property damage caused, according to information trickling in ovevr storm-impaired wires. Efforts were being made to confirm a report that more than 20 had been killed near Elaine, Logan county.

By the Associated Press.

Chicago, April 20.—Strike fever among employes suffered a setback today when 30,000 railway clerks and 8,000 freight handlers in the Chicago district announced their decision to permit hearing of their wage demands by the railroad labor board.

An authorized strike to emphasize demand for increased wages was voted down by the men after J. J. Forester and others spoke at their meeting.

Freight movement in the Chicago district, hampered by the unauthorized railroad strike, continued today to increase and conditions were becoming normal elsewhere in the west.

Possibility of another serious blow to the railroads in the Chicago district loomed with a threat that a strike of 100,000 members of the brotherhood of maintenance of way and railway shop laborers would begin on April 28 unless a wage increase of $1 a day was granted temporarily.

NEW YORK SITUATION.

By the Associated Press

New York, April 20.—New York was slowly untangling herself today from the snare of congested railroad traffic resulting from the unauthorized railroad strike.

Notwithstanding the optimistic claims of railroad managers, traffic was hampered in many directions.

Partial resumption of traffic in the tubes under the Hudson river today brought thousands of commuters who had been forced to reiv on ferry transportation for more than a week.

AMERICAN STEAMER REPORTED AGROUND

By the Associated Press.

Trieste, April 20.—The American steamer Susquehanna, with 450 passengers aboard and a crew of 280 men, is aground near Lussino on the Dalmation coast near Pola. The passengers, all of whom are safe, are being transferred to the steamer Argentina.

ANOTHER BUILDING AT FAIR GROUNDS

The executive committee of the Catawba Fair Association has awarded the contract for a frame building 30 by 100 feet to Mr. H. C. Cline for the purpose of housing manufactured products at the fair next fall. The building will be put up at a cost of $2,000.

For several years there has been a demand that the manufacturers show what they are doing, many farmers especially wanting to see their products, and the manufacturers indicated that all they wanted was a place to show their goods. The building will not be handsome of course, but it will afford ample protection.

The premium list is being prepared and soon will be ready for the printer and the officers are going ahead with their plans to make the next event the best balanced fair ever held.

DEATH OF MR. LAYEL.

Mr. Sylvanus Layel, one of the best known farmers of Cline's township and a splendid citizen withal, died Sunday at the age of 68 years and one month. The funeral was held today from St. Stephens Lutheran church, of which he was a member. Mr. Layel is survived by his wife and several children. No better neighbor lived than Mr. Layel and he will be sadly missed in his community.

MR. SHEALY PLEASED ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

Rev. Chas. J. Shealy, of Prosperity, S. C., who delivered two strong sermons at St. Andrews Lutheran church, made a most favorable impression on his congregations. Both services were well a tended and Mr. Shealy, who hails from a county which boasts of Newberry College, was given an opportunity to see what the Lenoir College community is like. Mr. Shealy has been called to the pastorate of St. Andrews church and it is hoped by the congregation that he will accept. He wil find them, should he come here, ready at all times to leadin good works, as Dr. Feery has found.