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MRS. L. W. CLARK ON PACIFIC OCEAN WRITES LETTERS TO GAZETTE

Tells What Was Seen in Cuba San Francisco, and Canal zone.

SHE TAKES FRENCH LESSONS ABOARD SHIP

Feb. 14 1923. Pacific Ocean—My dear Mr. and Mrs. Murray.

I hear from Leaksville that you have had snow since I left. We could not realize how in 3 days from New York with its harbor filled with ice cakes; we could be in Havana, Cuba with its mid summer of glorious sun shine and tropical flowers. I wish it were possible for all Americans to see what General Wood did for Cuba in sanitation—running water, screens etc. He laid out miles of wide hard surface roads one way roads with a parkway of lovely flowers between each driveway. The canal zone is a monument to American genius for all time! Fortunately huge swamps breeding pests from alligators to flies existed—Now the towns are like any city suburb, with the houses all screened in—wide hardsurfaced drives, a golf club, tennis courts etc. for our soldiers, who live there to guard the canal. It was thrilling to stand in the centre of the canal and see a large English vessel passing thru toward the Atlantic Ocean, and at the same time a French boat was going to the Pacific—a six hour trip instead of six weeks by the southern route no man was in sight to operate the huge 1,000 foot locks into which a vessel goes—A tall tower operated by electricity is at either end of the locks. It was almost uncanny to see a huge lock open all by itself—take in the big vessel and raise it up 65 feet, so slowly, until it was on the level for the next lock, when that would open and the boat pass on. Old Panama was full of interest with its old smugglers dungeons in the sea wall. The climate in the canal zone was a great surprise to me. Altho it was around 90 in the sun the trade winds keep everyone cool. Then the sidewalks are covered by arcades which are a part of each building. These arcades keep a shopper protected from the sun and any showers. I was much pleased to find San Francisco had rebuilt after the "Fire" as every one there calls the quake they had! The buildings are so handsome now. Think of the courage required to build handsome marble buildings knowing that at some moment another quake might tumble them into pieces like a house of cards! "Palo Alto" and "Leland Sandford University" have always been familiar names to me—but I never expected to see the real places. Then the generosity of a friend of Mr. Clark's Mrs. Morse, who is with me, and I had his car and driver for an all day trip to Palo Alto. We drove along the top of the mountains going down the peninsular and returned by the famous ocean drive. California climate makes one feel young—so sunny and invigorating. I heard of one man who wrote back home to his friend that he was growing so young in California—in fact he felt like a kid! His friend felt old at home so he decided to come to California. He inquired for his friend on his arrival and was told he had died—"Why he wrote me he had grown young—Felt like a kid." "Well, he died of infantile paralysis."

We have a daily French class on board many lectures by college men and plenty of amusements. I hope you and Mrs. Murray keep well. Kindest regards—

Mrs. L. W. Clark.

2 BANKING SYSTEMS FOR FARM INDUSTRY

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Mar. 1.—Farm credits bill proposing to establish two new banking systems, one government and the other private to meet the financial needs of agricultural industry was passed by the house and now goes to conference.

BUSINESS SHOW AN UPWARD TENDENCY

Wholesale and Retail trade Trade shows marked Improvement

LABOR EMPLOYED

(By Associated Press) RICHMOND, Mar. 1.—Continued gradual improvement in business conditions in the fifth Federal Reserve bank district is noted in the monthly review. Labor fully employed while wages show tendencies upward slightly, and good weather permitted outdoor work to progress unusually well for winter season. Cotton prices have continued upward and Tobacco prices are considerable above those of 1922. Textile mills continue full operations, some new mills are being built in North Carolina and other mills are adding new units. The retail trade is better than a year ago and the wholesale trade is picking up rapidly. Building operations continue all break records for the season.

COUNTRYMAN HELD IN NEW YORK FOR PAPERS.

NEW YORK, Mar. 1.—Carl Countryman, of Leaksville, N. C., who described himself as a lecturer on prohibition, was arrested today as a fugitive from justice in Rockingham county, North Carolina, where he is under indictment for embezzlement from the Bank and Trust company, of Leaksville.

Police said they found letters addressed to members of the Ku Klux Klan of Hoboken, N. J., in Countryman's possession.

The Gazette was informed this morning by the Boulevard Bank that papers are being secured as speedily as possible for the extradition of Countryman. It was said he was willing to return to Stoneville and face that charge, but declined to come to Leaksville.

NATIONAL RIGHTEOUS ACTION PEOPLE CALL ON MR. HUGHES

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1.—Secretary of State Hughes was presented a petition yesterday by a delegation from Danville, Va., urging officials and legislators to accept spiritual guidance in the transaction of national and international affairs. The delegation headed by Rev. M. S. Taylor, rector of a Danville Episcopal church was introduced by Representative J. Murray Hooker, of Virginia.

Mr. Taylor said the secretary evinced interest in their mission, which is a part of a national movement to bring Christianity to the fore in the legislative bodies of the country. Copies of the petition, he added, will be sent to each congressman.

FREDERICK THE GREAT FOR A FREE PRESS

(By Associated Press) BERLIN, Mar. 1.—Frederick the Great first took censorship off Berlin newspapers in 1740, and the Berlin press recently commemorated the anniversary of that event by printing Frederick's order, which marked a new epoch in German newspaper-making. The order, given out over the name of Count Podewils, reads as follows:

"The journalists of the Berlin newspapers shall have unlimited liberty to write whatever they like without censorship, in articles concerning what happens here at present. His Majesty says these articles amuse him. But, on the other hand, foreign ministers should not complain if they find articles now and then in the local papers which cannot please them."

I took the liberty to hint that the Russian court is very sharp about such things. His majesty answered that journals must not be censured if they are to be interesting."

Phone the Gazette when missed by the carrier boy.

SIX ENLISTED MEN BURNED TO DEATH

Explosion in Boiler Room of Hulburt the Cause

(By Associated Press) MANILA, Mar. 1.—Six enlisted men on the United States destroyer Hulburt of the Asiatic fleet, were burned to death in an explosion in the boiler room caused by the flare back of oil. No others were injured.

200 SHOTS FIRED AT P. O. SAFE BLOWERS

(By Associated Press) WINCHESTER, Va., Mar. 1.—More than two hundred shots were fired at three bandits who attempted to rob the postoffice at Berryville and although one was wounded, all escaped. The front door had been broken open and dynamite set off in the safe. The explosion aroused the neighborhood and more than one hundred citizens engaged in the shooting.

Mrs. Andrew Tuttle and daughter Elizabeth spent Saturday with Mrs. Tuttle's mother, Mrs. George O. Jones, Ridgeway, Va.,

SAVING MILLIONS IN TAXES IN TWO MONTHS

(By E. Conomy). I was talking to a big highway engineer out in the state of Ohio two days ago and he jarred me pretty hard by some of the things he said. Perhaps they'll jar you. I hope so, and that's why I'm passing along a few of his more important remarks. We were talking about the approach of spring. He said:

"Yes, it will soon be here and the people of this fair country can save millions of dollars in taxes—or waste them—depending upon how they use their improved highways during March and April."

Naturally I asked "why" and "how come" and got the following in reply:—

"By keeping off the cheaper types of pavement with heavy loads during that period when the frost is coming out of the ground and the spring rains are converting the soil into mush." Then he went on:

Every spring we do untold damage to our weaker types of pavements by cutting them up, wearing holes in them and badly cracking the more rigid kinds because their support—old mother earth—is soft and unstable.

"Why, do you know that last year in Ohio we spent more money to repair, resurface and reconstruct old pavements than we did to build new ones?"

I said I did not. Then he gave me some actual figures for 1921.

"We spent \$2,284,137.41 just for resurfacing alone," he said, "to say nothing of the millions we spent for maintenance, repair and reconstruction. We had to resurface 91 miles of one cheap type, 24 miles of another and 32 miles of a third. Of course the higher types stand up. They cost a little more in the beginning, but you can use them every day in the year, you don't have to resurface them every couple of years and they last 25 or 30 years."

And then he said something that has made me think a whole lot the last two days. It was this:

"If people only realized that 'cheapness' and 'economy' don't mean the same thing. They buy one type pavement because it is cheap or has a lower 'first' cost. It wears out before the bonds are paid off. They spend hundreds of dollars each year to keep it in repair, more hundreds of dollars every few years to resurface it or surface coat it. That is the way it goes on—a continued drain on the tax purse. Whereas, if they had bought that higher type of pavement that they turned down simply because of its higher 'first' cost they would have saved hundreds of dollars in the end."

"The cheap road is the most expensive in the long run. That goes for pavements the same as it does for automobiles or a suit of clothes."

SITE WHERE FAMOUS YACHTS WERE BUILT TO BE RESIDENCES

Marblehead Mass. Shipyard Will undergo change It is said

BEEN YACHT PLANT EVER SINCE 1905

(By Associated Press) MARBLEHEAD, Mass. Mar. 1.—The shipyard at the edge of the Marblehead cliffs where many famous yachts were built, and aircraft later were manufactured, is to be changed soon into a residential site.

In 1905 W. Sterling Burgess, a naval architect, purchased the land and erected a yacht building plant. He constructed a marine railway, and the rock was blasted to prepare a channel which would accommodate vessels with a draft of 11 feet. Another adjunct to the yard was the Ox, a 50-foot steamer designed for towing. Mr. Burgess carried both pilot's and engineer's licenses to operate the ship. Later Mrs. Burgess was granted pilot's papers, and came into prominence as the only woman pilot on the coast.

The first boat to take shape was the Pontiac, for George Silsbee. Many yachts followed, some of which were successful in championship races in Boston, New York, New Orleans and other racing centers.

In 1907 the 110-foot gasoline passenger boat pineland of 300 horsepower was one of the first vessels to be propelled successfully by motor. Airplane construction was begun in 1909 and the first completed craft was tested in February, 1910, by Mr. Burgess, A. M. Herring and Norman Prince. This flight was the first made in New England.

In the summer of the same year, Mr. Burgess opened a testing and flying station at Plum Island, near Newburyport, and the product of the Marblehead factory was taken to the station by the Ox. Claude Grahame-White, British aviator, made the first flight over the city of London in a Marblehead built airplane. In 1911 Harry N. Atwood attained fame by his flight in a Burgess plane from Marblehead to Washington. During the fall of that year another of these planes was fitted with pontoons and pilots succeeded in making it alight on and take off from the surface of the ocean, heralding the now familiar seaplane.

MRS. MCMULLEN TO MARRY H. A. LEE

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Mar. 1.—Mrs. Nora Mary McMullen Mellon forty-four divorced wife of Andrew W. Mellon of Pittsburgh, secretary of Treasury is to be married to Harvey Arthur Lee, fourteen years her junior and reputed of little means. Their marriage license was obtained yesterday. Both are reticent concerning their plans. Lee said they met eighteen months ago here and described it as love at first sight.

W. BURKE COCHRAN DIES IN WASHINGTON

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Mar. 1.—Representative W. Bourke Cochran democrat New York died suddenly today.

JUDGE LANE COMPLAINS AS TO FISHER JURY VERDICT

ASHEVILLE, Mar. 1.—After the jury at Sylva returned a verdict of not guilty in the case against Walter Fisher, charged with the murder of George Revis, Judge Henry P. Lana stated that they had returned a verdict which in his opinion was shocking to the people of the county and of North Carolina by disregarding the greater weight of unimpeachable testimony and expressed the hope when they were discharged in the case "it would be forever from the court."

Fisher was released from custody, after having been held without bond since the fatal shooting last election day November 7.

ANOTHER BAD FIRE IN NEW ORLEANS

(By Associated Press) NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 1.—Captain Fred Smith was probably fatally injured and several other firemen slightly hurt when a brick wall collapsed during a fire which practically destroyed the Hicks building at a loss estimated at between a quarter of a million and three hundred thousand dollars.

ROLAND ANDREWS IS SAID TO BE MURDERER

(By Associated Press) RICHMOND, Mar. 1.—Roland Andrews was arrested on a warrant charging him with the murder of James Newton, grocer, who died several days ago after drinking whiskey which he told the authorities was given him by some friend. Andrews was released on fifteen thousand dollars bond. Coroner Whitefield reported he found poison in Newton's stomach and the grocer reported after an inquest that the grocer came to his death by poison.

COL. MEBANE REAPPOINTED ON BOARD OF EDUCATION

RALEIGH, Feb. 28.—Two hours of acrimonious debate tonight over the substitution of B. Frank Mebane's name as member of the board of education in Rockingham county for E. D. Pitcher resulted in Mr. Mebane's choice over the most passionate protest yet made in the house.

AUTO SKIING BECOMES POPULAR IN NORTHWEST

Within the past few weeks "auto skiing," as the latest winter sport is called, has become immensely popular throughout the Northwest. This new form of athletic diversion was suggested by the former stunt of surf-riding which consists of riding a plank behind a rapidly traveling motor boat. Those who have tried "auto skiing" state that it has no equal for super thrills and certainly is far more hazardous.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN MEMORY OF THOS. W. BICKETT

The resolution under which both houses stood in silence in honor of Governor Bickett reads:

The joint resolution to memorialize the birthday of Thomas Walter Bickett reads as follows:

"Whereas the twenty-eighth day of February is the anniversary of the birth of that beloved and distinguished citizen and governor of this state, the lamented Thomas W. Bickett, and

"Whereas both his administration of the office of governor and his entire life were characterized by such a sense of justice, such broad and deep human sympathies, such an abiding passion for the welfare of his state and of its people that in a very real sense he typified and embodied the best in the life of North Carolina, and

"Whereas as governor of all the people he led his state to honor in war and along the paths of progress when peace had come again, and

"Whereas it is fitting that the state he loved so well and served and led with such distinction should on this, his birthday, pay its tribute of love and of esteem to what he was and what he did, now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, that the general assembly of North Carolina express its sense of great loss which the state has suffered by his untimely passing, and records at the same time its sense of gratitude to the giver of all good that North Carolina was so blessed by his life, and be it further

"Resolved, that as a token of the grateful remembrance of his state for his life and services the general assembly do at the hour of high noon suspend its business and stand for the time of one minute in silence."

EASTER MESSAGE FROM OTEEN HOSPITAL TO THOSE WHO LISTEN

900 Patients Will Look for Flowers so "Go quickly" the Message says

MCNEY MAY BE SENT INSTEAD

ASHEVILLE, Mar. 1.—Our Easter message to you, the same that the angel gave to Mary about two thousand years ago when she visited the tomb of Jesus that first Easter Morning is: "Go Quickly" and tell the story of the risen Lord and His love. If you cannot GO and take the message, SEND the message.

In the great U. S. Veterans Hospital at Oteen there are about 900 patients, our boys and girls, with broken health as the result of the most cruel and unnecessary war the world has ever known. They are making the same heroic fight against the Grim Monster, but at far greater odds, as they did in the battlefields of France. Many of them win the fight and return to home, loved ones and active life; others succumb.

Flowers are God's messengers of His Great Love, their fragrance and beauty embodying the highest and most perfect Love.

A potted plant in flower, and bunches of flowers, God's Messengers of Love, will be placed at the bedside and in the hands of every one at this hospital and in the Red Cross by the Baraca Philathea Union of North Carolina for Easter, and at frequent intervals throughout the year. This has been done and will be continued.

by the Baracas and Philatheas since the establishment of the hospital. May we feel it a sacred privilege to know each of us—all—everybody—have had an opportunity to send flowers to these boys and girls, our heroes and heroines, who have sacrificed health, home, family and life itself for freedom, for you, and for me. Funds in any amount are solicited for the "Flower Fund" for the patients at Oteen. Acknowledgment will be made of each amount received and used for this purpose, and each person or organization given proper credit for this gift of Love. Send check, money order or draft to Mrs. N. Buckner.

COTTON INDUSTRY HOLD CONFERENCE

(By Associated Press) NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 1.—Cotton industry from producer to spinner was represented when delegate from the spinning interests, cooperative marketing associations, growers and merchants from the cotton belt and a delegation from the cotton exchanges gathered at conference called by New Orleans cotton exchange to discuss subjects relating to sale, shipment and various other problems affecting this staple.

MAN CLAIMS HE LOST \$62,000 ON TRAIN

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Mar. 1.—Louis Fichandler of New York reported to the police he had been robbed of sixty two thousand dollars while sleeping on a train from New York and Washington between midnight and seven o'clock this morning. He said the money was taken from under his pillow.

VIRGINIA ASSEMBLY SECOND DAYS SESSION

(By Associated Press) RICHMOND, Mar. 1.—Second days sessions of the general assembly saw both houses get down to real work the senate taking up a motion to limit legislation to be considered at the extraordinary session, while in the house discussion on the road financing question got under way. Resolutions requesting information as to the progress of road work for state highway department was approved by the house.

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