

Hundred Million Dollars Offered for Muscle Shoals; Operate Fifty Year Lease

Three Power Companies and Three Experts Say Fertilizer Can Be Manufactured for Half Present Price

PRODUCE FIFTY THOUSAND TONS

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 25.—A proposal for the manufacture of fertilizer at Muscle Shoals under processes designed to reduce its cost to farmers to less than one-half of present prices has been worked out by three experts in fixed nitrogen production in association with three Southern power companies which have offered a \$100,000,000 for a 50-year lease on the government's war-time project. The proposal was prepared for submission to Secretary Weeks today as a supplement to the lease. The offer contemplates the formation of a \$5,000,000 corporation to manufacture up to 50,000 tons of fertilizer annually.

R. M. SCOTT, OF STONEVILLE ON TRIAL

(Staff Correspondent of the Gazette)
Wentworth, Jan. 25.—Stoneville occupied the center of the stage in Superior Court here today, when the Scott case was called and the scene of Stoneville's prolonged school fight changed from that town to the county seat where Judge Bryson and jury will weigh the evidence in the scales of justice and conclude, we hope, the whole matter.

As late as last April Stoneville staged their first performance in Spray where Stoneville's school principal was found guilty of an assault on a 12-year-old boy, Millard Rodenhiser. The assault consisted of the administering of a severe whipping for fighting on the school grounds and the using of bad language.

WRENCH NAVAL UNITS WANTED FOR ANIMALS OF JUNGLE AND SEA

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, Jan. 25.—French ingenuity has been severely taxed in the choosing of names to be given to the three cruisers, six destroyers, twelve torpedo boats, six submarines, six destroyers, and six submarines for coast defense, now in course of construction as the first part of the naval program allowed under the Washington naval accords.

The names of renowned admirals of the French navy were resurrected and will be carried again to the confines of the far seas which they visited while alive by the three fast cruisers, one of which, the Duguay-Trouin, was launched last August. The other two, to be known as the "Lalotte-Picquet" and the "Primauguet," will be in commission during the first months of 1925. They are 8,000-ton ships and are expected to develop a speed of 36 to 38 knots an hour.

Wild animals of the jungle were called into service in the christening of the grim destroyers.

UNITED STATES AND MEXICO TO DISCUSS TRADE MATTERS

(By Associated Press.)
Mexico City, Jan. 25.—Fourteen subjects have been listed for presentation at the Second United States-Mexico Trade Conference, to be held in this city February 11-15, inclusive. Discussions will be initiated by a paper prepared by an expert in the matter from either the United States or this country. The subjects are: Starting business in Mexico—incorporation, partnerships and agencies. Agencies and agents compared with branches carrying stocks. Importing for wholesale—Distribution and selling methods. Importing for retail and selling methods. Exporting from Mexico. Banking and finance—conditions and methods. Transportation in Mexico. Packing, shipping and invoicing merchandise for Mexico. Mexico as a field for insurance of all kinds. Advertising in Mexico—How to reach the customer. Agricultural and industrial investments. Patents, trade-marks, and Copyrights in Mexico. Commercial and educational institutions.

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Advertising in Mexico—How to reach the customer.

GOOD FARMING INCREASES YEARLY YIELD OF POTATOES

(By Associated Press.)
Cleveland, Jan. 25.—The Cuyahoga county farm bureau, in the year just closed, made four potatoes grow where only three grew before, and the extra potato is reckoned to have been worth about \$30,000.

ARGENTINA SEEKS EXPERTS FOR AGRICULTURAL ADVICE

(By Associated Press.)
Buenos Aires, Jan. 25.—The ministry of agriculture has engaged the services of two American cotton experts and one Canadian tobacco expert to supervise the official activities of the Argentine government in fostering and improving cultivation methods of these crops in Argentina.

JANUARY MEETING LEAKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSN.

The Parent-Teachers Association of the Leaksville High School held its regular monthly meeting in the High School auditorium. There were twenty-eight regular members and a number of guests.

WOMEN OPEN WORLD HEADQUARTERS

(By Associated Press.)
London, Jan. 25.—A pavilion has been erected in the grounds of the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley by the International Council of Women. It will be the headquarters of the world of women.

SOMETIME, SOMEWHERE

(By Wickes Wamboldt.)
Not very long ago a baron and a baroness committed suicide on the grave of their son who had been dead four years. They left a note saying they had nothing to live for. It was a sad instance and the more so because it indicated the baron and the baroness had lived without knowing why they were living or what they were here for.

We are not put into this world to get what we want but to get what is good for us. Many times the worst thing that could happen to us would be to get what we want, like the baby who cries for the wasp on the window pane or yells for its father's razor.

We are not necessarily put here to enjoy life or to be in such locality as appeals to us or to be with the people that attract us. We are put here to work. We are put here to broaden.

A great man was asked by a student, "What cause, more than any other, do you consider has aided you in your development."

The great man answered without hesitation, "Doing the things I did not like to do." He was right. Because doing the things he did not like to do required self-control and of all the things we humans need self-control is paramount. Give a man self-control and he can bring all other things to him. Let the man with self-control be convinced of his duty and he will do it.

The baron and the baroness lacked self-control when they destroyed their lives on their son's grave. They played hockey because the problems got too hard. Probably wherever they are now they wish they had remained here and finished the education that this world would have given them.

The boy in school on a summer day when the birds are singing, the breezes blowing and the fish biting may think he has not much to live for—particularly if he did not get his lessons the night before. He would like to quit school. Lots of them do and regret it years later.

Civilization starts when man begins to control his circumstances instead of letting them control him. It is only when he realizes the necessity of turning his back on the path of least resistance that he begins to assume greatness. Man is not intended in this world to spend too much time with the soft and the beautiful. We need a certain amount of gurgling streams, grassy slopes, sylvan woods, and summer rhapsody, but not too much.

We can not get our knowledge by sticking our heads into the fire or killing ourselves on a woman's grave. We have things to learn and learn them we must, sometimes somewhere, somehow.

Your County's Daily Paper First.

RANCHER SILENT WITNESS AS DEER ENGAGE IN BATTLE

(By Associated Press.)
Alturas, Cal., Jan. 25.—J. Gutzman, a rancher, recently was eyewitness to a spectacle not often seen by human beings, that of a deadly combat between two male deer with their horns interlocked.

Gutzman, who is deaf, came on the duellists in a wilderness near here and was within twenty-five feet of them before he saw them or they sensed his presence. When the bucks noted the intrusion, they ceased fighting and scrambled away, their horns still locked, to a point hardly 100 yards distant, where the battle was resumed. Gutzman did not again approach the animals. Instead he notified the game warden, and the next day an investigation was made. The bucks could not be found, but the trail they had left for miles told eloquently of the terrific battle. In places the ground was torn up as if by a plow and saplings were broken down. At one point the fettered foes had fallen over a cliff twelve feet high.

The game warden predicted that the final chapter of the episode would be written when some hunter found two pairs of whitened horns linked together. Such finds are not uncommon, an indication that fights between male deer often last until both die of exhaustion or starvation.

WYOMING RANCHES AWAKES TO BEAUTIES OF HIS HOME

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, Jan. 25.—Not until the picture of his product stood before him done on canvas in all the color of his native surroundings, was a veteran cowboy and rancher of Wyoming brought to appreciate the beauty of the home and soil which nursed his industry.

For years this rancher had come to Chicago, usually with carloads of cattle for market. The stock yards he understood, but not the large building on Michigan Avenue guarded by huge bronze lions. He learned it was the Chicago Art Institute and, fitting a free day with time hanging heavy upon him, he entered. He came upon a painting of a cow and was amazed at the wonderful likeness. It touched ground upon which he was familiar, and he inquired for the galleries having paintings of ranch and farm themes.

When this rancher went back home he began to perceive interesting things about him that he had never noticed before. There was color in everything. The alfalfa patch of blue-green, the golden yellow of the straw stubble, the tender green of young oats, the shifting light of cloud shadows on the meadows, the bristling coats of his animals, all began to reveal their beauty to him. Most of his idle time in Chicago now is spent in the institute's atmosphere.

This is one of many stories told by officials of the institution who have watched the effect of its exhibits. In recent years these instances have grown in number, they say, which leads them to believe there is an awakening in understanding and appreciation in the beautiful things of life and nature.

Mrs. Ida L. Hughes Sentenced to Hang

(By Associated Press.)
Atlanta, Jan. 25.—Mrs. Ida L. Hughes was sentenced to be hanged March 14th, following her conviction last night of the murder of her mother-in-law, Mrs. M. C. Hughes. She was visibly affected but made no statement prior to sentence being pronounced by Judge Howard.

WILL APPOINT UNITED STATES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 25.—Appointment of a permanent committee of Chamber of Commerce of the United States to co-operate with the Veterans Bureau in finding employment for rehabilitated former service men was announced by Julius Barnes, president of that organization.

SIR HALL CAINE ILL

(By Associated Press.)
London, Jan. 25.—Sir Hall Caine, who has suffered during the past few weeks from serious attacks of vertigo, has left for Switzerland on the urgent advice of his physician. Sir Hall was at work on a new novel when the disease became acute.

AUSTRIAN EMIGRATION INCREASE

(By Associated Press.)
Vienna, Jan. 25.—Emigration is slightly on the increase. During November 881 persons left the country to seek new homes. Six hundred of them went to the United States and most of the others to South America.

VIENNA TO TAX ADVERTISING

Vienna, Jan. 25.—Newspaper advertising is to bear a heavy share of the new municipal tax scheme. Ten per cent of advertising income will go to the city on all forms of advertising and where the income from that source exceeds 1,000,000 crowns a month the city will exact 35 per cent.

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TOKIO LOST 1,000,000 PEOPLE

(By Associated Press.)
Tokyo, Jan. 25.—Tokyo has dropped from fifth to tenth place among the cities of the world in population as a result of the deaths and evacuations following the earthquake and fire. By the census taken two years ago there were 2,499,000 people in the capital. A census taken November 15 showed but 1,529,616.

The chief of the statistical department of the municipality believes that Tokio will regain her position in about six years.

Mrs. J. J. Robertson received a message from her son-in-law, Ike Edwards, saying the young man found dead at Gastonia was not that of her son, as was intimated.

Rev. Plyer, of Greensboro, will preach Sunday at 11 o'clock at the Methodist Church, Leaksville. While here he will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Barksdale.

W. J. Blair, W. T. Barker, P. O. Hanlon, R. N. Dunn and W. D. Jones are expecting to attend a banquet at Hotel Burton Saturday night, given by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, at Danville.

Syracuse Hotel Has Very Disastrous Fire

(By Associated Press.)
Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 25.—Fire which swept through the Manhattan hotel in the center of the city caused at least one death, and injuries to a score, while property damaged is estimated at a \$100,000. Two persons were missing. Lou Chatterton, aged 67, leaped to death from the third floor. Most of the forty guests who were cut off from escape by stairways, leaped to life nets or were carried down ladders by firemen.

GUESTS AT GERMAN PARTIES BRING THEIR REFRESHMENTS

(By Associated Press.)
Leipzig, Jan. 25.—"Bring your own refreshments" parties, popular in Russia during the famine, have become quite the fad among the German middle classes who do not feel able to serve food and drink whenever friends have been invited to their homes for an evening of entertainment.

The housewives adopted the practice of requesting guests to bring their own sandwiches when food became so expensive some time ago, and assert that the Russian system has worked splendidly, that everyone has a good time and that if a guest does not get enough to eat, it is his own fault.

WILLIAM BEGINS TO UNBEND

(By Associated Press.)
London, Jan. 25.—The attitude of William Hohenzollern toward his fellow-townsperson is daily becoming more congenial, says the Doorn correspondent of the Daily Express. His visits to the village for afternoon tea or dinner are increasing, and he is becoming more sociable, paying or receiving many visits every week.

30,000 MOTORISTS IN YEAR TRAVERSE CUSTER HIGHWAY

(By Associated Press.)
Sheridan, Wyo., Jan. 25.—Thirty thousand automobiles, representing every State in the union and various parts of Canada, traveled during the last year over the Custer Battlefield highway, which extends from Sioux Falls, S. D., to Glacier national park in Montana, it is announced by W. D. Fisher, secretary of the Custer Battlefield Highway Association. This is an increase of 1,000 cars over 1922.

The association is planning to extend the highway from Glacier Park to Portland, Ore., and from Sioux Falls to St. Louis or Chicago.

COUZEN CHALLENGES MELLON; BUT HOUSE MEMBERS ACT

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 25.—While Republican House members were considering the proposal to draft tax bill of their own, using the Mellon plan as a basis, Secretary Mellon renewed his defense of his proposal in another open letter to Senator Couzens, Republican, Michigan. Couzens had challenged Mellon to tell the country what effect the Mellon plan would have on his own personal taxes, but the secretary did not mention that subject. Instead, he again inquired whether the present high surtax rates had not impelled Couzens to invest a large part of his wealth in tax exempt securities.

FINEST BOUND BOOK IN WORLD PLACED IN LONDON MUSEUM

London, Jan. 25.—A book, claimed to have the finest binding in the world, is now on view at the Albert and Victoria Museum. It is a Persian work and dates from about 1430-1470 believed to have been executed for Mirza Shahruk, son of Timur, the Tartar conqueror.

While of unassuming appearance, its beauty is in the perfection of its intricate tooling, much of it "blind" on the mellow brown leather. Within the covers are original medallions of pierced arabesque ornament, tooled and enriched by a backing of bright blue and gold.

It is estimated that it took three years to finish and that its decoration from one-half to one million separate tool impressions were required to form the design.

Future of North Carolina Depends Upon Its Citizens; Great Natural Resources

(Carl C. Taylor in Tar-he-Lion)

North Carolina's greatness will depend in the future, as it does at the present, upon a combination of natural resources and human organization. This is true of greatness wherever it is found, whether the greatness be of an individual, a state or a nation. Accomplishment is always the result of human effort and human vision applied to material opportunity. The future of North Carolina inheres in her geographic situation. The measure of that future depends upon what the people of North Carolina do with it.

The accomplishment of the State in the past has been great or small according to one's method of measuring greatness. How great we are as a State ought not to be our chief concern. How great are our potentialities and how great our determination to make the most of the, is what alone counts.

Our Natural Resources

North Carolina is a geographic unit is a cosmopolitan State. Its altitude varies from the mountains to the sea. It can grow practically every kind of plant and animal known to American agriculture. It has mineral potentialities of various kinds. It has commercial clay and sand potentialities. It has hydro-electric potentialities second only to those of New York among the Eastern States. Its geographic, physical, or material potentialities are varied as well as great.

A Great Stage of Development

North Carolina stands in a position of peculiar comparative advantage in relation to the centers of economic activity and centers of population. It is at the cross-roads, just at this time, in the economic evolution and development of the nation. It is probably destined to make more progress in the next two decades than it has made in all its past history, and more than any other geographic area of the nation will make during that period.

Our national civilization has developed by traveling westward. It some time since struck the Pacific coast and is now turning back on itself to consolidate the ground it has gained, by intensively developing the area traversed.

Our most important resource, as developed in the past upon the production of raw agricultural products, produced largely for export. It is now very rapidly turning to industrial activities. In the future to a much larger degree than in the past, its prosperity will depend upon domestic markets and the refining of goods. North Carolina is in a most advantageous position to participate heavily in the gains which will accrue from this national economic activity. The State has a large capacity to produce raw products for factory consumption. It has large power capacity to turn the wheels of industry. It is near the great American consumption centers and can easily make transportation contacts with foreign countries. It has the raw products, the power and the market contact necessary to a great industrial development, and that development is sure to take place in the near future.

Our Human Factor Assets

North Carolina is rapidly building the habit of looking for opportunities to go forward. Few States in the nation exceed the egotism of this State, and peculiar as this may seem, this is an asset just at this time. It believes in itself. It thinks it is destined to be great. It is proud of its attainment, and the promising thing about this pride is that it largely is pride over real and recent accomplishments rather than over past history and family ancestry. So recent are the accomplishments of our educational, welfare, health, agricultural, road, and industrial progress that they are a part of the existing activity and thought of our people. The men and women who have stimulated and guided the progress of the last decade or two are yet in our midst and are actively engaged in the very things which have developed our present degree of greatness.

The fact just related is one of deep significance. A social movement, such as an era of progress, is as much dependent upon real material facts as is any other movement dependent upon such facts. The leaders in North Carolina's new greatness are material factors, not mere tradition and memories. The progress of North Carolina will not alaken so long as we can keep contact with the person who have in the past and now are developing the resident forces of the State.

The things mentioned above are all real. Give us eyes to see them clearly and hands to guide them surely, and we will convert our millions of acres of idle and waste lands into farm production, our streams into factory powers, our raw products into refined goods, our illiteracy into enlightenment and our poverty into a stable prosperity.

Our physical potentialities are here. The course of national development

RHINE WINES SOLD AT AUCTION

(By Associated Press.)
Coblence, Jan. 25.—Wine auctions in Coblence, Mayence, Treves and other cities of the Rhine and Moselle districts have been well attended this winter, despite the fact that the crop of grapes for the 1923 wine output was the poorest in a dozen years. But by offering last year's wine along with the wines of better years, the growers managed to dispose of virtually all of the vintage of 1923.

One day's proceeds of a wine auction at Mayence, attended by buyers from Berlin and various other cities, amounted to 44,371 gold marks, or approximately \$11,000.

IRELAND TO BUILD NEW ROADS

(By Associated Press.)
Dublin, Jan. 25.—The plans of the Free State government to relieve unemployment includes the expenditure of \$10,000,000 for road building, thus providing work for between 12,000 and 20,000 unskilled laborers. More than a million dollars will be spent in a housing program.

There are today about 42,000 unemployed on the registers of the labor exchange.

Theatres

AT THE BOULEVARD TONIGHT

One of the finest screen dramas of the current picture season is said to be George Melford's Paramount production of "The Light That Failed" based on Rudyard Kipling's celebrated story. Jacqueline Logan, Percy Marmont, Sigrid Holmquist and David Torrence are featured.

The story deals with Dick Helder and Maisie Wells, two children in England who love each other. When they reach their majority, Helder is a failure as an artist in Port Said and Maisie lives in a land of dreams in England. Although he loves Maisie Wells, played by Sigrid Holmquist, Dick, played by Percy Marmont, will not return to England. An uprising among the tribesmen in the Sudan gives Dick an opportunity to send home a series of sketches which made him famous.

Returning to England, the champion, Dick, discovers in a great figure in art circles. He finds the girl he loves and is on the eve of doing something really worth while in art when his eye-sight fails as the result of wounds received in Egypt. The effect of Dick's blindness ramifies through the lives of several persons. The story shows how each meet the situation which has developed. The action of the picture includes battle scenes in the Egyptian desert, night life in Port Said and many interesting events in London.

BOULEVARD SATURDAY

Saturday is a big day at the Boulevard. Herbert Rawlinson is the star in "A Million to Burn," a rip roaring comedy drama that will please everyone.

Also Baby Peggy in "Tips." Every child from 5 to 95 loves Baby Peggy—so bring all the children between these ages to see the big show at the Boulevard Saturday.

COLONIAL TONIGHT

Synopsis of "The Destroying Angel." This is a great picture. Doctors have given Hugh Miller Whittaker only a few months to live and a friend takes him on his private yacht for a world cruise to restore his health. The young lawyer at first decides to run away and lands at a small town near New York in a blinding storm for the night. He meets an eloping young woman, deserted by her lover and on the verge of suicide. To protect her he persuades her to go through a secret marriage, take his name and return to face her people without a scandal, then goes on the yacht to distant lands where he undergoes an operation, regains his health and accumulates another fortune.

After six years he returns to look for the mystery girl in vain, but falls in love with a stage celebrity, Sara Law, and follows her through some wild adventures. She is the victim of a gang of kidnapers headed by Whittaker's former law partner who had determined to marry her and thus gain the estate that had been left by the supposedly dead Whittaker.

Sara Law recognizes Whittaker as the reckless and gallant chap whom he had met and married when she was plain Mary Miller. She has kept her identity a secret from the world and is thus able to lead Whittaker a romantic yet merry chase through her thrilling experiences until the time comes for lifting the mask from her life.

calls for our appearance at the stage door in the role of one of the leading characters, just at this time. We have the faith to believe we can play the part. If we fail it is our fault.

Weather

Warmer today; fair, cold tomorrow.