

DOVER ROAD PROJECT CANCELLED THIS EVENING

THE WEATHER
MOSTLY CLOUDY TONIGHT,
THURSDAY PROBABLY
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COLEMAN GETS SHIP BUT WILL LOSE HIS LIQUOR

Bring Charge Against Justice Clark

COMMISSIONERS ARE ASKED NOT TO TAKE ANY ADVERSE ACTION

Citizens Strongly Opposed To Nullifying Contract Which Was Made By the Former Board of Commissioners.

MANY LAWSUITS MAY BE THE RESULT

Property Owners Give Warning That They Will Ask For Damage Done Their Property In Getting Right of Way.

At 4:15 o'clock this afternoon the Commissioners announced their decision with respect to the Dover road project.

The work of building a permanent road is to be postponed indefinitely.

The contractors have agreed to a settlement: \$75,000 for E. H. Meadows and \$2250 for the Eagle Engineering Company. Mr. Tilton, road superintendent, is under no contract.

The commissioners agree to maintain a good dirt road over the new rights-of-way established.

With approximately one hundred citizens of Dover, Clarks, Tugacor, and Cove City present to press their claims that the Dover road project be completed, the Board of County Commissioners met in an adjourned meeting at the court house this afternoon at which time the matter was discussed.

Determined to reach a final decision relative to the project, the delegation assembled at the court house this morning, only to learn that the board was in secret session with the contractors for the purpose of ascertaining what settlement could be made.

At three o'clock the board met at the court house and, after the discussion of minor matters, gave an audience to T. D. Warren, who spoke in behalf of the citizens present.

Mr. Warren stated that he represented the people on the road from Clarks to Dover and that they had asked him to present their case to the commissioners.

Should Continue Work. "This delegation," said Mr. Warren, "is here to ask your board not to cancel the contract for the road work. I believe that the road should be built. It will serve from 1500 to 2000 people and will connect Dover, Tugacor, Clarks, and Cove City to New Bern, affording a much shorter route."

"The county is engaged in building roads and has built roads in other sections of the county and I feel that in justice to the people of the Dover section the proposed work should not be allowed to stop. The contracts are valid in every way. Much work already has been done. In securing the rights of way, the farmers have had to suffer loss in having their fruit trees, pecan trees and others cut down. It is not right that they should be made to suffer. They permitted the laying out of the road because they expected the road to be built. I am here to plead with you to proceed with the work. A county has no more right to break a contract than an individual. If your board contemplates any such action I feel it would be a decided injustice to these people and others who have signed their names to a petition, asking that the work go on."

Mr. Whitehurst Speaks. Emmet Whitehurst also spoke in favor of continuing the work. "I wish to call the attention of the board," he said, "that the settlement of this proposition does not rest with the breaking of contracts. It goes further than that. Much property has been damaged as a result of the work already done and the property owners involved are not going to be satisfied unless the road is built. They feel that it is due them. I do not believe that your board can afford to break the contract."

Tents Will Be Ready For Occupancy Soon

Reverend Johnson, chairman of the Colored Advisory Committee, expressed himself and his committee as delighted to see forty-five tents almost ready for his colored people to move into. "For the past two days," said Reverend Johnson, "I and other colored ministers have been talking to the homeless colored people about the tents, and we find them anxious to move from the over-crowded places they are now huddled into the tents." A large number of tent-tickets have been issued to colored families who most need to live; those who have not received tickets, sending them to a tent, but want one assigned them, can obtain one or two tents by applying in person to the office at Stewart Sanatorium.

Dr. Fisher, says that the tents with their wooden floors and high walls are comfortable and healthy; and that he believes his people will be more than satisfied with the tent arrangement. Fifty tents will be ready to live in by noon Thursday. Each tent has a wooden floor and a high wooden wall with tar paper on the outside to keep out the cold. Every tent has a stove and other furniture. Families who need two or three tents in order to give their cooking and eating, will be given tents equipped with cook-stoves and other necessary equipment. Food will be cooked and served at the central kitchen for those who are not in position to do house-keeping at present. All colored families who have been issued tent tickets, and others who want to live in the wooden-wall tents, should come to the office at Stewart Sanatorium lot and have a tent assigned them. The office will be open from noon until eight Thursday.

Ku Klux Klan Not Ready To Proceed With Guerard Case

RALEIGH, Dec. 13.—Ku Kluxers won yesterday in Wake Superior court when they managed to stay out for a continuance of the case against W. V. Guerard, who is charged with embezzlement of Klucker funds.

By postponement of the prosecution until Judge C. C. Lyon leaves the bench, the Klan has won additional advantage. The Raleigh atmosphere reeked of the knowledge that the Klan did not wish to go before the hard-headed Scotchman from Elizabethtown, Bladen county. That gentleman doesn't appear to think any better of the invisible empire than does Judge Walter C. Brock, who uttered quite a sentiment against it Monday, when talking to a grand jury in Forsyth.

The private prosecution in the case against Guerard made the move which hastened the defense to a request for continuance. The defense was anxious to try the case, but Guerard isn't a millionaire and he said he was doing his best to make the expense as light as possible, even in a criminal case. J. W. Bailey, leading counsel for Guerard, sought from the prosecution a statement as to its purposes, when it could be ready and therefore when to have witnesses

here. The time set for a conference was 9:30 this morning. The prosecution did not show up. Bailey then moved in the light of his expressed conviction that the private together that the case be continued and Solicitor Norris, who speaks for the state, but not the private interests in the case agreed. The Kluckers, therefore, get half credit for wishing to try a case at a term of court which the Klan had steadfastly dodged, and Bailey and his client, itching for a showdown, had to make the move.

Bailey After the Empire. These inside doing merely emphasize the character of fight to be made. Bailey is going after the empire itself. He will make the fight against the whole business. He will contend that the order is hostile to public interest and will deny that it has any right to set up an allegation of wrong against itself. He is prepared to show up the whole innard of the thing, to put in the records some of the world's political propaganda of which the Klan is guilty, to go deeply into the money end of the institution, to show the Atlanta attitude toward violent conduct, to ask some rather embarrassing questions of the star witnesses who have titles as long as candidates' tongues.

Department of Health Reports the Situation in Adjoining County Is Clearing Up

GREENVILLE, N. C., Dec. 13.—The epidemic of influenza which has gripped Pitt county the past two or three weeks is clearing up to no little extent, according to a report given out this morning by the department of health. The situation has undergone quite an improvement the last several hours and today there is little indication of the development of new cases.

While the epidemic this time has been more extensive than ever before it is mild compared to the first time it paid the county a visit. No deaths have actual occurred from flu this time, although exposure in some cases has developed into pneumonia and death. As a general thing the flu this time has been nothing more severe than a heavy cold. Some cases, however, have possibly been more severe as result of lack of precaution. The department of health believes the situation has cleared up materially and is anticipating even more pronounced improvement within the next few days. Epidemics have been reported from other parts of the state, but they are not severe enough to occasion undue alarm. In fact, it is stated that no one need fear bad results from the illness if they take care of themselves and avoid unnecessary exposure.

CLAIM JUDGE WAS PAID TO READ PROOFS

Edwards & Broughton Ask for Investigation of Payments Which Have Been Made

CLARK SAYS THAT IT IS AN OLD CUSTOM

Formal Request Made For Investigation, Following An Exchange of Letters

RALEIGH, Dec. 13.—Formal request for an official investigation of the printing contract relation with the state, involving alleged payment to Chief Justice Clark, of the State Supreme Court, for service in connection with the proof-reading of reports, was asked of the state printing commission today by the Edwards & Broughton Company of this city. The request for an official investigation follows an exchange of letters between the complaining firm, Commissioner of Labor and Printing, L. M. Shipman, and Chief Justice Clark, in regard to the statement, asserting facts were changed by the court official for reading and annotating the reports, the Chief Justice declared the procedure was regular and had been customary for many years.

The concern in its letter refers to instructions previously received to send the proofs to Chief Justice Clark "who made the necessary corrections and, upon receipt from him of the corrected proofs, we have proceeded with the printing and completion of the volumes."

NEW PROBLEM ABOUT NAVAL LIMITATIONS

Pointed Out That Nations Are Now Engaged In Building Large Number Vessels

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—A request that President Harding seek to broaden the scope of the naval limitation agreement so as to include a limitation of construction of smaller types of war vessels and on military and naval aircraft is included in the annual naval bill as reported today by the House Appropriations Committee. Under the bill, as brought into the House, the President would be asked to open negotiations with Great Britain, France, Italy, and Japan for an agreement which would limit future building of all surface and subsurface types of warcraft, having a tonnage of 10,000 or less, and on all classes of army and navy aircraft. In its report, the committee pointed out that the arms conference does not limit the number of types of smaller war vessels and added that information had reached congress that "already large programs are planned of vessels up to the maximum so permitted under the agreement and that new and larger types of sub-surface craft have begun to put in an appearance."

"In other words," the report continued, "competition is on again in the single direction to which the unratified agreement does not extend, and if it is allowed to go on unchecked, the purse-strings again must be relaxed and this government, like all others, will be constrained to launch upon a new program to the extent necessary to keep us at least abreast of any of the other powers."

"MESSAGE OF PEACE" WILL BE RETURNED TO FORMER OWNERS

All Federal Prosecution Is Halted At Raleigh As the Result of Compromise Which Was Reached Today.

CONFISCATE 1000 CASES OF LIQUOR

Cargo of British Vessel, Captured At Ocracoke, Will Be Taken In Charge By The Prohibition Officials.

(By Associated Press)

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 13.—All federal prosecution of Captain Arthur Coleman and his shipmates on the "Message of Peace," British schooner seized by prohibition officers in Ocracoke Inlet nearly a year ago with more than 1000 cases of liquor aboard was stopped here today when District Attorney Tucker agreed to a compromise proposed by counsel for Coleman and asked for a nol prosee of the indictment.

By the terms of the compromise announced through attorneys, the Message of Peace, now tied up in the port of Wilmington, is to be released at once to Captain Coleman, the owner, and the cargo of whiskey, held by customs officials in Wilmington, is to be confiscated by prohibition officers.

End Trip Around World In 98-Foot Motor Boat

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—"New York looms ever so much more wonderful than anything we have seen!"

Thus exclaimed a pretty vivacious young woman with auburn hair, as she lolled comfortably in the upholstered luxury of the Hotel Biltmore. She was Mrs. Jean Gowen, of A. Y. Gowen, millionaire cement man of Chicago, and he first woman to girde the globe in a 95-foot motor yacht.

The Speejacks ended her unprecedented voyage of fifteen months, during which she traversed 42,000 miles of ocean water, by tying up at the New York Yacht Club's slip, 23rd street and East River at 11:03 o'clock yesterday morning.

This was just three minutes behind the schedule mapped out at Gibraltar two months previously.

These were some of the thrilling highlights of the remarkable log of the Speejacks: Head hunting natives of New Guinea; fierce cannibals in scarcely heard of South Sea Islands; desperate tropical storms which caused even stout hearts of grizzled mariners to sink; bullights in Spain; treks through jungles of India and Ceylon.

A crash by night that cut in two a junk of Singapore; daring explorations of the Trobriand Islands of New Guinea, known to adventurers as the most uncivilized place in the world. Attempted kidnapping by these fierce and primitive black men which plan was repulsed by Gowen's pistol; a sojourn of peril in the harbor of Athens at the time King Constantine abdicated and all foreigners were in danger.

The gruesome feeling of passing through the most terrible storm the Mediterranean Sea had experienced in twenty years and hearing by wireless from four vessels if any have been seen of the tiny Speejacks; the sickly sensation of hearing a dull thud in the night as the intrepid little craft struck a coral reef in uncharted channels near the Solomon Islands.

These were some of the thrilling highlights of the remarkable log of the Speejacks. Embellishing these, of course, were months and months of unforgettable picturesque life in the earth's strange spots where traders seldom visit.

Smiling brilliantly in the joy of being home again Mrs. Gowen exclaimed: "Would I do it over again? I certainly would not. Of course we had a wonderful time, but once in a lifetime is sufficient."

What motives induced such an amazing voyage, packed with more adventure than any tale penned by Jules Verne or Joseph Conrad? Simply this: Mr. Gowen, being worth many millions, was warned by physicians to quit toiling so hard. He built the Speejacks at a cost of \$150,000 and dared his young bride (they had been married four years) to circumnavigate the world. She returned the dare. Being two brave souls, that was enough.

They sailed from New York in August, 1921. Of the original group only J. E. Ingraham, who has taken 90,000 feet of movie film on the trip, Jack Lewis, engineer, and William Southby, steward, made the round trip. The Speejacks piled up a rather staggering gas bill. It traveled from 40,000 to 42,000 miles and ate up about three gallons per mile.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON JUNIOR COLLEGE PLAN

Over long distant telephone this afternoon, the Sun-Journal was advised that the question of locating the proposed new junior college had not yet been taken up by the Baptist convention at Winston-Salem.

Most of today's session was devoted to discussing a change in the location of Meredith College. The convention voted to accept the recommendation of the Board of Trustees and move the college two miles up the Hillsboro road, near the fairgrounds.

THOMAS TO GET ANOTHER TRIAL

Supreme Court Today Handed Down A Decision Giving Him Another Chance

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 13.—The Supreme Court today handed down a decision, granting a new trial to C. C. ("Red") Thomas, Charlotte automobile salesman, who was convicted in Cabarrus county of second degree murder in connection with the killing of A. J. Allen at Kannapolis, near Concord, last October. Thomas was under sentence of 18 years in the state penitentiary.