

Better Hotel Facilities in Concord Forecast by Action New Realty Company Here

COMPANY HAS OPTION ON HOTEL PROPERTY

Will Purchase St. Cloud Hotel and Adjoining Offices From Present Owner, Morris Real Estate Company.

FUNDS SUBSCRIBED FOR THE PROJECT

No Announcement About Hotel Made, But It is Understood Modern One Will Be Provided for City.

First steps in the consummation of one of the most important real estate deals in recent years in this city were taken Tuesday night when a number of business men of this city met at the Merchants and Manufacturers Club and decided to take up an option that several men who were present now hold on the St. Cloud Hotel property, at present owned by the P. M. Morris Real Estate Company.

Thirty-one prominent men of the city were present at the meeting Tuesday night, at which time a name was selected for the holding company, plans were made for collecting subscriptions already pledged and additional plans were made for securing more subscriptions.

The option on the property expires February 28th, and plans were made at the meeting for taking over the property before that day.

Piedmont Theatre NEVA GERBER

"Dangerous Paths"

You have heard of the cruelty of stepmothers. You have also heard that many a girl has taken the wrong path in life because she was misunderstood—having maybe a mother or father who actually persecuted her.

TODAY and TOMORROW ALSO A ROLIN COMEDY

GERMANY HAS PAID PART OF INDEMNITY

Official Figures Say About 45,600,000 Gold Marks Have Been Paid.

Berlin, Feb. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Germany's payments to the allies between November, 1918, and September, 1922, in fulfillment of the Versailles peace treaty and supplementary agreements, amounted to 45,600,000,000 gold marks, according to an official communication made public here.

DEFENSE IN POLLARD TRIAL RESTS ITS CASE

Pollard Chief Witness for the Defense Just Before It Rested Case.

Richmond, Feb. 21.—The defense in the trial of Thomas Pollard, real estate broker, charged with the murder of Mrs. Elmer Ham Richardson, his former stenographer, rested its case early this afternoon.

"Didn't you think Herbert Richardson had a right to complain," he was asked. "Not until later," the defendant said. "It is a tricky thing for you that he did not complain in the way usually complained about such things, isn't it?"

NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CLUB APPEARS "WET"

Organization Goes on Record as Favoring the Sale of Beer and Light Wines.

New York, Feb. 21.—The National Republican Club adopted a resolution last night favoring the definition of intoxicating liquors so as to permit the manufacture, sale and importation of light wines and beers.

To Honor Heroes of '76

New York, Feb. 21.—Two unknown soldiers of Washington's army, whose bodies were recently discovered in a forgotten grave in the little cemetery in Tuckahoe, in Westchester county, are to be reburied with military honors by the village tomorrow.

For 46 years the remains of the five Continental Soldiers lay in a shallow trench in which they were interred, supposedly in the spring of 1776, when the Tuckahoe hills were the scene of some of the most spirited fighting of the Revolution.

National Motor Boat Show

New York, Feb. 21.—The increasing popularity of the power boat is evidenced by the keen public interest manifested in the annual National Boat Show, which was opened in the Grand Central Palace today and will be continued through the coming week.

Must Be 21 to Get in Army

Washington, Feb. 21.—By a vote of 177 to 124 the House today insisted on the provision in the annual army appropriation bill prohibiting the enlistment of persons under 21 years of age, without the written consent of their parents or guardians.

STATE EVIDENCE IS RULED OUT BY COURT

Testimony Designed to Show That Mrs. Lowe Knew A. J. Allen Not Allowed by Judge Webb.

Salisbury, Feb. 21.—Judge James L. Webb excused the jury sitting in the case of O. G. Thomas today and asked for an affidavit from anyone who had heard the report directly that bodily harm had been threatened one of the witnesses.

MEETING RELIGIOUS BODIES THIS WEEK IN CHARLOTTE

To Be Addressed by Leading Men and Women.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 21.—Charlotte will be host to the Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church and the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the same church Thursday and Friday.

ANOTHER WARNING ABOUT STOCK FAKERS

Professor of University Tells How the Practice Can Be Determined.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 20.—Walter J. Matherly, associate professor of business administration in the school of commerce of the University of North Carolina, through the extension division tonight issued a statement calling attention to what he termed the "pressing need at the present time against the flood of wild oil securities flowing into this state."

THE COTTON MARKET

Showed Continued Strength During Early Trading—Gains Made.

New York, Feb. 21.—The cotton market showed continued strength during today's early trading with near months making new high records for the season.

TWO HELD CHARGED WITH SHEPHERD MURDER

Luke Britt, White and Dock Rosier, Negro, Confined Now in Lumberton Jail.

Winnington, N. C., Feb. 21.—Luke Britt, white, and Dock Rosier, negro, are confined in the Robeson County Jail at Lumberton today in connection with the killing of E. B. Sheppard, of Doe Run, Ga., in April, 1922.

Prince Miguel Braganza Dead

New York, Feb. 21.—Prince Miguel de Braganza, elder son of Don Miguel de Braganza, pretender to the throne of Portugal, died here today of double pneumonia.

Funeral of Col. Pearsall

New Bern, Feb. 21.—Funeral services for Col. P. M. Pearsall, chairman of the state board of elections, who died here early Tuesday morning following a week's illness with pneumonia, will be held here this afternoon at four o'clock from the Presbyterian Church.

Fillbuster Continued

Washington, Feb. 21.—Presenting unbroken ranks and armed with more material for continuing their campaign of talk and more talk, Senate opponents of the administration shipping bill resumed today their filibuster, with no end in sight.

NOTED ENTERTAINER WILL VISIT THIS CITY FRIDAY

Julius Brazil, Famous Canadian, Coming to Concord Under Auspices of Kiwanis Club.

The people of Concord on Friday evening of this week will have an opportunity to hear an entertainer of international reputation at the Central School Auditorium, when Julius Brazil, of Toronto, Canada, will give an entertainment to which the public is invited.

CONTROL OF WEEVIL BY X-RAY METHOD OFFERED BY EXPERT

Dr. Miller Reece Hutchison Suggests New Plan at Conference for Eradication of the Weevil.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 21.—Control of the boll weevil by X-rays stored in chemical salts and applied by adhesive mixtures to the squares and bolls of the cotton plants to sterilize the eggs of the insect, was suggested in a speech prepared by Dr. Miller Reece Hutchison, of Alabama, today before the National Cotton Conference here.

CONCORD BEAUTY VENUE NEELS GROWN IN NEW YORK

Sadie Gowan Dusenbury Weds Diplomat Two Months After His Wife is Granted a Divorce.

Portland, Me., Feb. 20.—Nells Grown, former United States diplomat, who bitterly contested the divorce proceedings brought by his first wife, Madeline Masters Grown, sister of Edgar Lee Masters, the poet, in which she was granted an absolute divorce and custody of a minor child, has married again, less than two months elapsed since his divorce.

MATTHEWSON HEADS THE BOSTON BRAVES

Famous Pitcher Is Made President of Boston National League Team.

New York, Feb. 21.—Baseball has been given back one of its most popular heroes, the man the back-lot boy emulates, Christy Matthewson, who, it was announced in Boston last night returns from battle with tuberculosis to the diamond, as President of the Boston National League baseball Club, which has been purchased by a New York syndicate.

Policeman Arrests His Own Son for Fighting

Durham, Feb. 20.—The unusual scene in which a father places his own son under arrest occurred here today when Police Patrolman Manley Clapp, arrested his son, William Clapp, on a charge of engaging in an affray.

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State Library

TUESDAY

The State fired some of its biggest guns in the O. G. Thomas trial in Salisbury Tuesday. Most of the witnesses who were heard testified at the former trial here, but Carl Big State considered his testimony as very important.

The following is the Salisbury Post's story of Tuesday's proceedings: Counsel for the state fired one of its biggest guns today during the hearing in Rowan superior court this morning of the case of O. G. Thomas, Charlotte automobile salesman, charged with the murder in connection with the death of Arthur Allen, Concord master plumber, when John McDuffie, cotton mill operative of Kannapolis, testified that on the night of the shooting he had seen Mrs. Lowe in a car with a man whom he later discovered was Arthur Allen, near the scene of the killing.

Sensations came thick and fast immediately preceding the noon adjournment of the court. Aside from the main issue of the trial, a legal row of more or less significance precipitated. E. T. Cansler, chief counsel for the defense, accused Attorney Hartsell, for the state, of leading his witness, This Mr. Hartsell denied and Mr. Cansler repeated the charge shaking his fist in the direction of Mr. Hartsell. Mr. Hartsell said he didn't lead witnesses any more than Mr. Cansler. The angry word was then passed.

"Anyone who says I misled a witness is a liar," Mr. Cansler declared. "You're not scaring anyone," someone on the state's side said. "I'm not scared either," Mr. Cansler retorted.

Judge Webb reprimanded the counsel of both parties and stated that he would not tolerate any more disturbances of this nature.

Mr. McDuffie's testimony was of a highly sensational character. He said that on the night of October 25, 1921, he had started to Mr. Lawing's store; that a Ford sedan passed him and stopped a short distance in front.

"A woman got out of the car," he said. "The man told the woman to wait there until he came back. He drove off. I walked up to the woman and spoke to her. I asked her who she was waiting on. She said it was none of my business and that if she needed anything she would have asked."

Q. Where did you go?
A. To Lawing's store.
Q. What did you tell the people in the store?
A. I told them I had seen a woman up there and that I was playing detective and had watched her. I didn't tell them who she was.
Q. Who was the woman?
A. Mrs. Robert Lowe.
He described the clothes the woman had on and said that a few minutes later he saw the car return, pick her up and after a short lapse of time, heard the shooting.

Upon cross-examination, Mr. Cansler, for the defense, put the witness through a grilling test. The witness admitted that he told no one who the woman was until the eighth day of the first trial at Concord. He said he was enabled to make positive this identification by hearing her on the stand in Concord.

Q. When did you get positive about Mrs. Lowe being the woman?
A. After the trial got started at Concord.
Q. And after three conferences with state counsel?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Were you acquainted with Mrs. Lowe?
Yes.
Q. Why did you go back and speak to this woman after the car had left?
A. I wanted to see what was up.
Q. Did she act like she wanted your society?
A. No.
Q. She told you her business was none of your business, didn't she?
A. Yes, but it didn't hurt my feeling none.
Q. It would have pleased you if she had been looking for you, wouldn't it?
A. No. I was playing detective.
Q. Ever been a detective?
A. No.
Q. Ever read any detective stories?
A. Yes.
Q. What were you going to detect?
A. Nothing.
Q. Did this woman have on knee pants?
A. No.
Q. Dress to her knees?
A. Yes.
Q. Was that the reason you went to see her?
A. No, you notice the color of her hair?
A. No, sir, she might have been interested in the project.

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