

ASSOCIATED POWER COMPANIES WOULD USE MUSCLE SHOALS

Nine Companies Have Combined to Make Government Offer For Electric Power Developed at Plant.

FERTILIZER WILL BE MADE THERE

Says Offer Which is Being Considered Now.—North Carolina Companies Are Interested in Proposition.

Washington, Jan. 9. (By the Associated Press.)—A new offer to the government for the hydro-electric power of Muscle Shoals, providing for the manufacture of fertilizer, has been tendered by nine associated power companies of the South.

HEAR "BILLY" SUNDAY OR GO TO JAIL, SAYS JUDGE

Presentments Drawn and Handed to the Grand Jury in Prize Fighting Cases.

Charlotte, Jan. 8.—Attend revival services once a week or go to jail.

This was the edict of Judge A. M. Stack, of Monroe, who yesterday opened a six months term as presiding judge of the Mecklenburg Superior Court here to persons convicted of gambling in his court.

After the submission of the offer today Mr. Hull in a statement declared the Ford offer "utterly inadequate" and "of doubtful possible benefit" by comparison.

The offer was made in response to the request of the federal commission to the companies for an estimate of what price the government probably could secure for the energy available on completion of the Wilson Dam in July, 1925.

The nine associated companies propose to organize a company to lease the plant for fifty years under the terms of the federal waterpower act, to agree to pay to the government a rental sufficient to meet all interest charges on expenditures on the project up to the time of its completion, including the \$17,000,000 expended during and just after the war.

This total expenditure, the companies estimate, will approximate \$45,000,000 if the government installs eight contemplated generating units in the hydro plant.

The sum of \$4,500,000 would be added for the value of the present steam plant at Muscle Shoals, bringing to \$50,000,000 the total sum on which interest charges are to be computed.

On this sum the companies offer 4 per cent, which would return to the government in the way of rent \$2,000,000 a year. If the government should install more than eight generating units, the companies would accordingly increase their returns to the government.

The rent for the first six years would be at the rate of \$300,000 per year, for the next four years \$1,500,000 per year, increasing the following year to the maximum.

During the first few years the companies propose to spend not less than \$10,000,000 for new transmission lines and equipment to deliver the power for commercial and business uses in the South by means, in part on the so-called super-power system conceived during the war, and by which power transmission lines in the states of Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina and South Carolina are inter-connected.

The project would be subject to recapture by the government at the end of 50 year lease as provided by the Federal waterpower law. The government would have the right to take possession of the property whenever safety of the United States demanded, for manufacture of nitrates, explosives, or munitions.

Fire Loss at Salisbury. (By the Associated Press.) Salisbury, Jan. 9.—The fire loss of Salisbury was \$118,165, according to figures made public here this week. This was nearly \$100,000 more than the previous year. Seventy-five blazes occurred.

Mrs. T. W. Bickett Will Speak at the Mother and Daughter Banquet at the Y Thursday Night at 7:00 O'clock. Get Reservations NOW.

Set Aside



Judge Chester W. Barrows of Providence, R. I., recently entered an order vacating the divorce granted Nina Wilcox Putnam Sanderson (above), the short story writer. She must satisfy the court she was a resident of Rhode Island for more than two years prior to October, 1923. Photo taken recently at Pinehurst, N. C.

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John Ashley and Handford Mobley were escaped convicts with a long record of robberies, alleged murders and general lawlessness against them. Members of the gang were also wanted by the federal government for high sea piracy.

Deputy Sheriff Baker was said to have been working for months to locate the gang, and on several occasions had seen one or two members but waited until he had them all in camp. At 2 o'clock this morning he notified the sheriff's office that all the men were in, and a posse started in automobiles, taking along the machine gun, to endeavor to arrest the outlaws.

A telephone call to the sheriff's office at 11 o'clock this morning said battle between officers and remaining members of the gang was still raging. Deputy Sheriff Fred E. Malphuss was reported slightly wounded. Sheriff Bob Baker, with 100 men was reported rushing to the scene.

GOVERNORS TO MEET IN ATLANTA THIS MONTH Will Be Present for Unveiling of Sculptured Head of Gen. Lee. (By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Jan. 9.—Eight Southern governors will come here for the unveiling of the sculptured head of General Lee in the side of Stone Mountain on the anniversary of the chief's birth January 19, according to the program for the ceremonies made public here today. The ceremonies will attend the unveiling of the first figure in the Confederate memorial now being chiseled on the side of the mountain near this city.

CLAN CHARTER HAS BEEN REVOKED BY OFFICER Charter of Nathan Bedford Forrest Klan No. 1 of Atlanta the One Revoked. (By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 9.—An imperial edict revoking the charter of Nathan Bedford Forrest, Klan No. 1 of Atlanta, for "insubordination, disloyalty, treason and other acts inimical to the best interest of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.," was issued today by Hiram W. Evans, Imperial Wizard of the order.

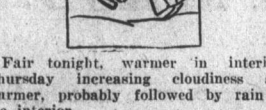
Jury Orders Mrs. China Held. (By the Associated Press.) Sumter, S. C., Jan. 9.—Mrs. Lou China, middle aged society woman, was held responsible for the murder of her husband, Dr. Archie China, prominent physician-banker, whose body was found in his bath room Monday morning, by the coroner's jury which held an inquest today.

Bishop Murray Shows Improvement. (By the Associated Press.) Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 9.—Bishop Wm. B. Murray, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, who suffered a stroke of apoplexy yesterday, was reported by his physicians as resting easier today but they said his condition was still critical. Bishop Murray who is 72 years old had been ill several months.

The man who does not climb slips back. (By the Associated Press.) Winston-Salem, Jan. 8.—Winston-Salem's population was increased by 5,000 or more today, when a majority of the voters of Waughtow, a southeastern suburb, cast their ballots for annexation. It appeared there the votes stood 480 for the proposition and 189 against. The registration totaled 922. The election passed off quietly though considerable electioneering was done by both sides.

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SAT'S BEAR SAYS

THIS WOULD SIMPLIFY MATTERS



HEATON'S ACQUITAL MODERNISTS DEMAND

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SENTIMENT SWINGING STRONGLY TO McADOO. Detroit is Wanted at Muscle Shoals Rather Than in the White House. New York, Jan. 9.—The South wants Henry Ford at Muscle Shoals, rather than in the White House. From the standpoint of actual solid, dependable political strength which will stick by the candidate through thick and thin, William G. McAdoo has a far more substantial backing in the Southern States than Ford.

Such are the conclusions expressed by George F. Milton, Jr., a political observer and writer, summing up the Southern situation in McCure's Magazine for January. The Ford-for-President boom in the South was given its impetus, Mr. Milton points out by Ford's offer for the purchase of Muscle Shoals, which swept the Southern people off their feet. They were delighted at the prospect of securing the energy and ability of the Detroitier in developing latest resources. Ford's explanations of the uses to which he would put the current generated by the dams, captivated the people. Cheap fertilizer appealed to the farmer. Cheap power intrigued the manufacturer.

FEDERAL TROOPS IN MEXICO RECAPTURE SABINAS THIS WEEK

Forces in Fighting Were Under Command of General Perez, According to Reports From Officers.

OBREGON LEAVES FOR NEW FRONT

With General Amaro the Mexican President is Making Trip of Inspection to the Jalisco Front.

Mexico City by wireless via Fort Worth Star Telegram, Jan. 9.—(By the Associated Press.) Federal troops under General Vvaristo Perez have recaptured Sabinas from the revolution forces under the leadership of general Davila and Pera, according to special dispatches from Sabinas.

Gen Jerez also ordered the Federal troops at Monclova into action today to quell sporadic revolution movement in Coahuila, according to the dispatches.

President Obregon accompanied by General Joaquin Amaro, commander of the Jalisco front, left Mexico City today on his scheduled trip to that front. Orders for the preliminary movement of the Federal advance on Guadalajara were expected to be issued soon after the President's arrival at Aguascalientes.

Three hundred rebels under the brook request of the federal commission to General Francisco Perez were defeated by the Federals at Jalisco according to information received by the department of the interior.

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TRIBUTE TO KITCHIN IS IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Lower House of Congress Devoted Entire Session to Eulogizing Late Member From This State.

FARM QUESTIONS UP IN SENATE

Norris-Sinclair Bill Gets Attention in Committees.—New Bills Coming Up Daily Now.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 9.—With the Senate still trying to find a way out of the tangle over the chairmanship of the Interstate Commerce Committee, the House today devoted its entire session to eulogizing the late Claude Kitchin, of North Carolina, for many years democratic leader in that chamber.

Farm legislation meanwhile held considerable attention with the agricultural committees of both the Senate and the House continuing their study of the Norris-Sinclair bill providing for creation of a \$100,000,000 corporation to purchase American farm products and sell them at home and abroad.

The House tomorrow will take up the Interior Department appropriation bill. A memorial session today in honor of Representative Kitchin was marked by addresses by a number of Republicans as well as Democratic members in praise of his life and efforts.

Plan for Philippine Independence. Washington, Jan. 9.—The plan for Philippine independence was renewed by Philippine mission here today in memorial to Congress making severe criticism of the administration of Governor-General Leonard Wood.

Get Appropriation Bill. Washington, Jan. 9.—Abolishment of 21 land offices and consolidation of the offices of register and receiver in fourteen others, was proposed in the Interior Department appropriation bill reported today by the House Appropriation Committee.

SAYS DR. CHINA WAS KILLED IN STRUGGLE. Mrs. China Gives No Explanation of Why She Had Pistol or Why She Failed to Tell of the Shooting. Sumter, S. C., Jan. 8.—Denying that her husband, Dr. Archie China, prominent physician-banker, was fatally shot Sunday morning when she grappled with him over a pistol, Mrs. Lou China, middle-aged society woman, admitted hiding the pistol in a neighbor's woodshed and gave an explanation of her failure to notify the authorities or neighbors of the tragedy. Dr. H. M. Stuckey, her physician, revealed today.

Dr. Stuckey said that Mrs. China confessed her part in the shooting to him last night at the local hospital where she was taken in an apparent state of collapse, following the finding of Dr. China's body in his bathroom, with two bullet wounds in the head, early yesterday.

Going to her husband's bathroom to dress, because it was the warmest room in the house, Mrs. China saw her husband pick up the revolver as she entered the door. Dr. Stuckey quoted her as saying, "She grappled with him in fear that he intended to shoot her, and in the struggle he fell, shot through the head, according to the physician's account of her story, which continued by adding that she did not know how badly he was wounded, and for that reason was afraid to go back to where she had left him. Mrs. China made no explanation for her reason for taking the revolver into the woodshed of W. S. Fischel, her neighbor, where it was found, Dr. Stuckey said.

There was no written confession, the physician stated, and Mrs. China gave him few details of the details of the tragedy. He declined to discuss her statement at length before the inquest, which is set for 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Upon the instruction of Solicitor Frank A. McLeod, who has taken charge of the case for the State, Coroner J. W. Seale swore out a warrant charging Mrs. China with the murder of her husband. She is under guard at the hospital.

Wayfield Denies Paddy's Charges. Washington, Jan. 9.—Sweeping denial of all allegations of George E. B. Paddy, his opponent, was made today in an answer filed with the Senate elections committee by Senator Wayfield, democrat, of Texas, in the Texas senatorial primary and election contest.

Song Composer Ill. (By the Associated Press.) Hollywood, Calif., Jan. 9.—Carrie Jacobs-Bond, song composer, is seriously ill at her home here. She has been ordered to take a sea voyage and if she is sufficiently recovered will sail January 25th for Hawaii.

WILLIAM FOX Presents JOHN GILBERT —IN— "ST. ELMO" The Best Known Love Story Ever Written. PIEDMONT TODAY and TOMORROW