

LOCAL COMPANY IS PLANNING NOW FOR BUILDING OF HOTEL

Stockholders of the Concord Realty Co. Authorize Directors to Investigate Matter Fully at Present Time.

COMMITTEE NAMED TO MAKE INQUIRY

Committee Will Go Into Matter Fully and Make Recommendations.—Realty Company Officers All Re-elected

Active plans looking to the erection of a new hotel for this city are being mapped out now by the directors of the Concord Realty Company, which several months ago purchased the property of the St. Cloud Hotel.

The special committee appointed by the directors to go into the matter very fully is composed of J. A. Cannon, L. T. Hartsell and L. T. Hartsell.

Nothing definite was decided at the meeting relative to the size of the hotel to be erected.

In addition to discussing plans for the new hotel building, stockholders of the realty company heard the annual reports of their officers at the meeting Tuesday, and elected officers for 1924.

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY OF 18TH AMENDMENT

Prominent Dry Leaders at Jubilee Convention of Anti-Saloon League.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Today, the fourth anniversary of the 18th amendment, was celebrated by the thirty-year jubilee convention of the Anti-Saloon League of America.

Prohibition Commissioner Roy A. Haynes declared "the way of the violator grows more difficult, and the day of the get-rich-quick bootlegger is almost a thing of the past."

BELOIAN DISCUSSES THE REPARATIONS QUESTION

Baron Maurice Houtart Is Head of Experts of Reparations Committee.

Paris, Jan. 16.—Baron Maurice Houtart, of Belgium, took the floor at today's session of the reparations committee of experts headed by Chas. G. Dawes and analyzed the German budget of which he has made a most intense study.

"Dempsey-Firpo Fight"

See the biggest prize-fight that has ever been staged in America. See the thousands of spectators. See Dempsey in his training camp—training for the Dempsey-Firpo fight.

QUAKE DEATH ROLL INCREASED TO 30, LATE REPORTS SAY

Total Dead Shows Increase As Reports From Cities Near Tokio and Yokohama Are Received by Officials.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC IS ABOUT NORMAL

Many Houses, Most of Them Built After Last Quake Were Destroyed During Last Earthquake.

Tokio, Jan. 16 (By the Associated Press).—Reports received here from the country districts to the southwest of Tokio and Yokohama near Fujiyama Mountain have brought the known death toll in yesterday's earthquake to approximately thirty.

FINDS NO FOUL PLAY IN WOMAN'S DEATH

Coroner's Jury at Winston-Salem Says Mrs. Hill Fell From Bridge and Was Drowned.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 15.—Inquest was held this morning by Coroner Dalton and the jury rendered a verdict to the effect that Mrs. Lenoir Gertrude Hill, who was drowned early last night in the city reservoir by falling from a bridge over the reservoir.

As the results of statements made by members of the party, the automobile in which the four people were riding yesterday afternoon was seized and is being held until a trial, charges of violating the prohibition law having been placed, it is stated.

WILL NOT MOVE BODY OF DR. MAURICE F. EGAN

Body of Former Diplomat Will Be Taken to Philadelphia for Burial.

New York, Jan. 16.—Arrangements will be completed today for the removal to Philadelphia of the body of Dr. Maurice Francis Egan, aged 71, former United States minister to Denmark, who died yesterday.

To Group County Schools.

Lexington, Jan. 16.—Coming into line with a number of North Carolina counties, the board of education has tentatively adopted the plan of the State Department of Public Instruction for the grouping of the schools of the county.

New Schools in Gaston.

Gastonia, Jan. 16.—The cost of new schools erected in Gaston county during the year of 1923 totalled \$228,000, 12 schools for whites being erected and 11 schools for negroes being constructed.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS

Rain this afternoon and tonight; somewhat colder tonight; Thursday, fair and much colder.

SELECTION OF NEW YORK BY DEMOCRATS POLITICAL NOVELTY

Convention to Be Held in That City by Democrats in June Will Be the First Since Convention of 1868.

MANY MATTERS GET ATTENTION

Charles Greathouse Chosen Secretary of National Committee.—Women Are Recognized at Meeting.

Washington, Jan. 16.—A novelty in more than one-half a century of American politics, a national convention in New York City is to be presented in the 1924 campaign.

Historic Madison Square Garden in New York will be the scene of this year's Democratic national convention.

Chas. A. Greathouse, of Ind., was elected secretary of the national committee to succeed Ed. Hoffman, of Indiana, who resigned.

Chairman Hull was busy today with detailed arrangements for the convention but said it would be some time before New York hotel headquarters will be selected.

No change was made in the convention roll of 1094 delegates and alternates but the committee provided places for women delegates-at-large, four from each State, with one-half vote each.

The plan for additional women delegates-at-large was presented by Senator Glass of Virginia.

New York, Jan. 15.—The Democratic National Convention, awarded to New York today, will be held in Madison Square Garden, one of the most famous auditoriums in the country.

Party leaders of all factions said the choice of New York and the battle which preceded it were without significance on the candidacies of William G. McAdoo, Senator Underwood, of Alabama, or either of the Presidential nominees.

With Our Advertisers. Effed's has 36 silk dresses to be sold at \$3.85 while they last.

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MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, January 17th will be the two hundred and eighteenth birthday of Benjamin Franklin, the first great American Apostle of Thrift.

Whereas, National Thrift Week from January 17th to 23rd, has come to have the helpful support of departments of the United States Government, and of forty-seven leading civic, commercial, educational and religious national organizations.

I therefore do call upon each citizen, business establishment, industrial organization and trade, and each organization interested in the welfare of the community, to exert each and every possible effort directly and in co-operation with the Thrift Committee of our city in the observance of each day as follows:

- Thursday, January 17th—Bank Day. Friday, January 18th—Budget Day. Saturday, January 19th—Pay Bills Day. Sunday, January 20th—Share With Others Day. Monday, January 21st—Life Insurance Day. Tuesday, January 22nd—Own Your Home Day. Wednesday, January 23rd—Make a Will Day.

CRUISER TACOMA IS AGROUND NEAR VERA CRUZ

Vessel Is in Distress and is Sending Out Calls For Help by Radio.

Galveston, Texas, Jan. 16.—The United States cruiser Tacoma is aground and in distress on the Banquilla Reefs, 16 miles from Vera Cruz, and is sending out distress calls, according to advices received at the hydrographic office here today.

Whether there will be any danger to the crew of the Tacoma was not apparent from the messages.

The Tacoma, a light cruiser of 3200 tons, left Galveston Sunday for Vera Cruz. Since the outbreak of the Mexican revolt she has been patrolling the Gulf coast and frequently came into Galveston.

FUNERAL OF DR. HILL HELD THIS AFTERNOON

Body of Noted Divine Lay in State at Maxton Church During Day.

Maxton, N. C., Jan. 16.—The body of Dr. H. G. Hill, last of the active chaplains of the Confederate army and a former moderator of the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly, today lay in state in the church of which he was pastor for 30 years.

FUGA STILL LEADING IN LOUISIANA PRIMARY

He Has Received 49,708 Votes, According to Latest Returns From State.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 16.—With nearly one-half the precincts in the State counted in yesterday's Democratic primary election, Henry L. Fuqua, continued to lead for Governor.

Girl Stops Killer Shooting Up Town.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 15.—Knocking a pistol out of his hands and shoving him in a ditch, Miss Ellen Lairmore, a young girl, tonight prevented Joe M. Cushman, a miner, from doing further harm after he had slain his wife, probably fatally wounded his sister-in-law, John Kate Benson, and started out to shoot up the whole town of Rock Slope, a small town in this county.

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Washington, Jan. 16.—The House ways and means committee continued public hearings today on the new tax bill preparatory to completing its draft, although the actual terms of the measure seem destined to be fixed in the prospective fight on the floor in which the Democrats have already gained a point through the elimination of the rule restricting the amendments.

The democrats are laying plans for a fight for an amendment of the tax bill when it reaches the floor to make it conform along general lines to the tax reduction proposal submitted by Representative Gardner, democrat of Texas, and also are considering an attack on the tariff law with a view to seeking reduction in some rates.

REBELS DEFEATED ON THE VERA CRUZ FRONT

Rebels Lost 20 Killed and 2 Wounded and Federals 4 Killed and 5 Wounded.

Mexico City, Jan. 16 (By Radio via Fort Worth Star-Telegram)—The Associated Press.—The first battle of the Federal offensive against the revolutionists on the Vera Cruz front occurred yesterday when General Francisco Urbalejo, second in command of the offensive troops, defeated the rebels at Tepic, 20 miles southeast of Puebla, according to a war department bulletin issued last night.

The rebels lost twenty killed and two wounded, according to the report to the war department. The Federal lost one lieutenant and three sergeants killed, and five privates wounded. The rebels fled.

THE COTTON MARKET

First Prices Were 12 Points Higher to 22 Points Lower.—Active Positions Lower.

New York, Jan. 16.—Rather an unsettled and irregular opening was followed by rallies in the cotton market during today's early trading.

Only 208 Children Out of 6,000 Working.

Charlotte, Jan. 16.—With an aggregate of 6,000 children in Mecklenburg county between the ages of fourteen and sixteen, only 208 are working, according to figures made public here by the North Carolina State Welfare Commission, after an intensive survey of the county.

Hurley Gets Appointment.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Edward W. Hurley, Chicago business man, and former chairman of the shipping board, was nominated by President Coolidge today to the Democratic vacancy on the debt funding commission.

CONCORD MERCHANTS TO CLOSE STORES AT 8:00 P. M. EVERY SATURDAY

We the undersigned members of the Merchants Association, agree to close our doors promptly at 8 o'clock every Saturday night, beginning Saturday, January 19th, 1924.

- Parks-Bell Co. Concord National Bank
Efrid's Department Store York & Wadsworth Hardware Co.
Ivey Shoe Co. McLellan Shoes Co.
S. S. Brown Shoe Store. Ritchie-Caldwell Co.
J. E. Love Ritchie Hardware Co.
Parker's Shoe Store M. B. Pounds
Richmond-Flower Co. Starnes-Miller-Parker Co.
W. A. Overcash Citizens Ban hand Trust Co.
Hoover's Inc. Cabarrus Savings Bank
Musette, Inc. Cash Feed Store
Specialty Hat Shop Lippard & Burritt
City Grocery Cabarrus Cash Grocery
The Proper Co. Cline & Coosh
Sanitary Grocery Co. Orchard Produce Co.
H. B. Troutman Piggly Wiggly
Kidd-Frix Co. J. W. Cline

SPEAKERS FOR THRIFT WEEK

WHY HAVE A BANK ACCOUNT Thursday, January 17th.

- Hartsell Mills School Mr. W. A. Foll
Brown Mill School Mr. F. C. Niblock
High School Rev. W. A. Jenkins
Central Grammar School Mr. D. B. Coltrane
Central Primary School Rev. L. A. Thomas
Grammar School No. 2 Rev. Dr. G. A. Martin
Negro School Mr. H. W. Blanks

EVENING PROGRAM, 8:00 O'CLOCK

- Piedmont Theatre Mr. J. Lee Crowell, Jr.
Pastime Theatre Mr. H. W. Blanks
Star Theatre Dr. W. C. Houston
Negro Theatre Mr. A. F. Hartsell
Central School Play "Bachelor's Honeymoon" Prof. Thomas Lewis
Merchants' Association Banquet Mr. J. L. M. Smith