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THE STATE'S \$5,000,000 SCHOOL BONDS NOT IN DEMAND BY BUYERS

May Go by Default Since Proposed Purchasers do Not Care For Bonds Which Expire in so Short a Time — Raleigh Murder Mystery Deepens.

(By Max Abernethy.)
RALEIGH, Jan. 5. — North Carolina's recently advertised issue of five millions in five percent bonds for schools may go by default which will force the State to change its plans so as to raise the money needed for this purpose.

This information was learned today in State circles just prior to the meeting of the Council of State this afternoon when consideration of the proposed bond issue is scheduled to be taken up. The fact that only one-tenth of the entire issue has been bid for has caused some worry here and the opinion is expressed that steps must be taken to iron out the difficulty that is holding back bidders for the State's gilt-edge tax-free securities.

The cause of the complaint centers around the act which provides that the bonds, which are serial, begin maturing at the end of five years. This has been a great handicap, it is said, to the sale of the bonds and has caused bankers and others to withhold their bids. The bonds begin maturing at the end of five years and every year thereafter until the twentieth year at the rate of \$250,000 annually.

Treasurer B. E. Lacy is authority for the statement that nobody wants to invest in bonds which require attention again in such a short time. Buyers of State bonds are said to prefer securities which run for a period of from 20 to 40 years.

The Council of State is meeting with Governor Morrison this afternoon to discuss this matter and to accept or reject the bids made last week for \$467,000 worth of the five million issue.

The coroner's jury investigating the death of R. H. Hamilton, who was mortally wounded when twice shot on the Milburn road the night of December 26 one mile from the city limits of Raleigh continues to hold the starting center of the cartridge, but none of the two score witnesses examined have been able to upset the story related by Miss Irene Guess, Hamilton's companion in the car at the time.

Miss Guess holds to the story that Hamilton was shot by two negroes whom they passed and that the pistol was fired by one of the negroes from the right-hand side of the road.

Testimony before the jury by Dr. C. A. Caviness, who attended Hamilton at a local hospital soon after he was shot was to the effect that the man would not have been shot while in the automobile as described by Miss Guess.

Evidence tending to show there was signs of immorality a short distance from where the car was first found and a bottle of whiskey in the Hamilton car has also been laid before the jury. The testimony before the jury is being heard in secret.

Commissioner of Revenue A. D. Watts has called his division deputies to the capital and they are receiving instructions from secretary in aid of the collection of State income, inheritance and other taxes.

These daily "schools" will be held by the Commissioner until the newly appointed men are familiarized with their work.

W. C. KROUT IS LODGED IN GASTON COUNTY JAIL

Youthful Forger Brought Back From Atlanta and Behind Bars in Gastonia. — Will Make Fight in Court Against Charges Brought Against Him.

W. C. Kroat, alleged check forger and forger, was brought to Gastonia Wednesday afternoon in the custody of Chief Joe Orr, from Atlanta where he was arrested last week through the instigation of the Pinkerton Detective Agency. Returning with Chief Orr were Messrs. R. E. Caldwell and Luther Anthony who went for purposes of identification. Mr. J. A. Hunter, Jr. and Attorney A. E. Woltz returned earlier in the day.

It is understood that local authorities had no little difficulty in apprehending Kroat. Friends and relatives of Kroat put in their appearance and for a time it seemed that the State authorities would not honor the requisition. Numerous alibis were sworn to by Kroat and his friends. However, the police force of the city of Atlanta, together with the Pinkerton Detective Agency, rallied to the assistance of the local officers and the requisition was honored. Chief Orr is high in his praise of the valuable aid extended by the Atlanta authorities.

It is understood here that Kroat intends to make a fight in the courts. He refuses, however, to say anything, preferring to talk only to his attorneys. It is understood that he will retain local counsel. No preliminary hearing was held today. Kroat was lodged in the Gastonia county jail.

Gastonia banks carry Pinkerton Agency protection. Immediately upon the discovery of the trick that had been worked on the local banks on November 29th, officials of the Citizens National Bank wired the Pinkerton agency and the latter had a man on the job in Gastonia early the next morning.

Mississippi Man Saw Ten Or Twelve Hangings In France

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. — Further testimony relating to the hanging of American soldiers was presented today to the Senate committee investigating charges by Senator Watson, Democrat, Georgia, that soldiers were put to death in France, without trial.

Herbert L. Caghead, of Greenville, Miss., 21 years old, a former service man, declared he saw men executed, in orderly fashion, with troops looking on. War Department records previously submitted to the committee showed that eleven soldiers were hanged in France after conviction by general court-martial.

"How many hangings did you see altogether?" Chairman Brandegee asked. "Ten or twelve," he replied.

The witness did not know how many had been tried. None of the men hanged, he said, made statements on the gallows.

One of those put to death was a lieutenant, charged with assaulting a seven year old girl, beheaded. The witness went over the executions he claimed to have seen, one by one.

Called before a Senate committee to testify as to charges that Major Hierome L. Opie, of Staunton, Va., had shot two soldiers in France, Horace Cooke, of Covington, Va., declared today that all he knew about the case was hearsay.

Charles Breodon, of Covington, a former service man, also was called.

"What do you know about the charges against Major Opie?" Chairman Brandegee asked.

"Nothing."

"You are excused."

The names of Breodon and Cooke, who served in Major Opie's command—third battalion, 118th infantry,—overseas, were mentioned in a letter to Senator Watson as likely to have evidence. But they insisted they knew nothing of their own knowledge.

A moment later, however, Lemuel O. Smith, of Dublin, Va., who has been in an institution for the insane since the war, declared he saw Major Opie shoot a soldier.

"While in a dugout with three comrades and four German prisoners," said Smith, "I saw Major Opie take a gun and deliberately shoot a man. The man Opie shot was William Woolwine. He was shot while in the dugout, about in the middle of it. Opie was ten steps from Woolwine."

"What did Major Opie say?" he was asked.

"He said: 'I shot him; take him out.'"

"What was said before the shooting?"

"Not a word was passed. Major Opie gave no reason."

"How many shot were fired?"

"One. It hit Woolwine in the chest. He was dead when we picked him up."

"Did you make a complaint about the shooting?"

"No, sir."

"See any barbarity?"

"No, the only thing I saw was that some of the men hanged were doped."

Pressed by Chairman Brandegee, Caghead said all the executions he saw were around Isurville.

At this point Col. Walter A. Bethel, who was General Pershing's judge advocate general in France, stated that of the 11 executions listed by the War Department, one took place in December, 1917, three in 1918 and the others in 1919, after the armistice.

Senator Overman, Democrat, North Carolina, wanted to know who was with Caghead when he looked on at the executions.

"Andrew Saloon, of New York, was one," said the witness, and everybody laughed.

"How many were present at the first five hangings that you saw?" asked Colonel Bethel.

"About 200 or 300 French people and 800 soldiers."

"You saw the other five or seven executions from a truck while hauling German prisoners?"

"Yes. When we saw a hanging from the road we stopped to look."

Senator Watson took sharp exception to a line of cross-examination by John A. Cretchins, of Richmond, Va., counsel for Major Opie. The lawyer had asked Smith if he believed a man killed in battle died an honorable death.

"His outrageous to have officers who bully this poor nervous man," Senator Watson shouted. "We are after evidence, not opinions."

Osborne Ellison, of Pulaski, mentioned by Smith as having been in the dugout when he saw the hanging, was next called, but denied Smith's story. He said he was a committee witness and not summoned by Major Opie.

William J. Eskew, of Pulaski, Va., of the 116th infantry, testified that he was not in the dugout where Smith said Woolwine was shot. He had been named, like the preceding witness, by Smith as having been present.

Near the close of a seven-hour session Major Hierome L. Opie, of Staunton, Va., commander of the third battalion, 118th infantry, Services, went on the stand to enter a formal denial of charges by former service men that he had shot

LIQUOR BOAT CAPTAIN HAS HARD LOCK YARN FOR EAR OF KOHLSS

Says Bad Winds Made Him Hit North Carolina Coast—May Release the Booze—If Wind Story Stands \$150,000 Worth of Liquor Will Not Be Confiscated.

(By W. T. Best, in Greensboro News.)
RALEIGH, Jan. 5. — Federal Prohibition Agent R. A. Kohless, of Salisbury, on his way home from Ocracoke, where he went Friday to cast his respects over a cargo of \$150,000 worth of liquor, dropped off today in Raleigh to tell the story which beats them all for liquor treasure.

He visited District Attorney Irvin B. Tucker's office and laid a few fragments before him. The head of the prohibition force in the state has spent four nights getting to that liquor and away from it. He found on the "Messenger of Peace" 1,036 cases of whiskey. (This means 4,144 gallons, or 16,576 quarts. This booze sells at \$12.50 a quart retail. The grand total goes well above \$150,000.)

The booze was captured in the Ocracoke inlet Friday when the Messenger of Peace, on its cruise to San Pierre, Nova Scotia, blew into the inlet and got stuck in the mud. The fact that the navigators were not the least embarrassed by the incident, the vessel, which was carrying a cargo of liquor, was not the least embarrassed by the incident, the vessel, which was carrying a cargo of liquor, was not the least embarrassed by the incident.

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SHANTUNG DIFFICULTY WITH JAPAN AND CHINA GIVES DUBIOUS ASPECT TO THE CONFERENCE NEGOTIATIONS

PENROSE FUNERAL IS CONDUCTED WITH THE GREATEST OF SECRECY

and Funeral Arrangements That All Funerals Should be Secret—Late Senator Hated Pomp and Ceremony—Hour of Funeral Arrangements Are Kept Absolutely Secret.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5. — The funeral of Senator Boies Penrose, was held this morning. The same great secrecy that surrounded the making of arrangements for the funeral was maintained until the body of the political leader was lowered into the brick-lined grave in South Laurel Hill cemetery.

No information was forthcoming whether there were any religious services at the house or at the cemetery. Newspaper reporters were not admitted to the burial ground.

The fact that the body of the Senator would be buried today became known late yesterday.

Newspapers that regarded the burial of a United States Senator who had figured so largely in the political history of the country as an important piece of news, set a watch on practically the same plan as death watches are set on prominent persons who are believed to be dying.

A report that Senator Penrose's father was buried years ago at midnight in order to avoid undue publicity, made the vigil of reporters almost an all night affair.

About 7:30 a. m., today, the three brothers of the Senator, who was a bachelor, Charles B. Richard and Spencer, arrived at the Spruce street home where the Senator's body lay and where he was born. Four automobiles parked a short distance from the house about the same time.

Penrose, who is a physician and had attended his brother, came out on the front step and waved his arm, and seemingly from nowhere a hearse approached the house.

A few minutes later the body of the Senator was brought out by an undertaker's assistant and the hearse followed by the four automobiles, supposedly containing the families of the three brothers, started for the cemetery. Reporters who were on watch at the cemetery yesterday were not admitted today.

The funeral party, through a steady rain in the last resting place of the dead senator, were warned that if they entered the cemetery it would be at their own peril. Guards were stationed all around the place. The funeral party was in the cemetery about 15 minutes.

This was enacted the final scene in the career of a man who was a political power. Leaders from every county in the State came to Philadelphia within the last few days to do honor to the dead chief, and not one was invited to the bachelor home of the Senator where many political conferences have been held.

Questions had been asked why the family desired secrecy in the burial of the Senator and the answer of close political friends was that Penrose hated pomp and ceremony. It is said to have been a tradition in the Penrose family, which is one of the oldest in the city, that all funerals of members be strictly private.

Mr. Kohless has had a habit of blowing the whistle on the liquor traffic. He is a former member of the legislature and has been in the state, barely missed being caught in the state, escaped by having their cargoes over board, it is said.

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Final Decision May Possibly Be Reached Today — Many Troublesome Problems of Conference Almost at Point of Decision — Final Agreement Also in Sight on Question of a Revised Chinese Tariff — Must Curb Use of Submarine.

HOME COMFORTS WEIGH LITTLE BESIDE INTERESTS OF SCIENCE SAY EXPLORERS

Many Expeditions Go Forth to Frozen Arctic to Blistering Africa and to Varying Climates of Other Countries in Interest of Science.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. — Comforts of home weigh little when cast in the balance with the interests of science, it is declared by those in touch with museums and learned societies. Expeditions have gone forth from the United States and foreign countries in the frozen Arctic, the blistering areas of Africa, and to the varying climates of Asia, South America, and other distant lands in quest of animal and vegetable specimens and data that will add to the knowledge of man.

Among the expeditions now at work are:

The third Asiatic expedition of the American Museum of Natural History, which is to remain five years in the Orient, hopeful of finding the "missing link" and cure of gathering a wealth of scientific data and having a lot of fun hunting antelope in automobiles.

The Stefansson expedition which is mapping the little known boundaries of Wrangel's island, north of Siberia, and which expects to remain away two or three years.

Donald B. MacMillan and his comrades are exploring Baffin's Land.

An expedition to hunt gorillas is trekking in Africa under the direction of Carl E. Akeley, of the American Museum of Natural History.

The Milford biological expedition, which sailed from South America last June to be gone a couple of years, exploring the headwaters of the Amazon, seeking Colonel Roosevelt's river of doubt.

The British expedition which climbed to within 6,000 feet of the world's highest summit, the peak of Mount Everest, in 1921, expects to go back and finish the job this year.

Minor expeditions are working in Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia and elsewhere, most of them being American, because Europe has little money for such enterprises.

Nineteen twenty-two, of course, will have the usual dash toward the North Pole. This time it is to be attempted by Roald Amundsen, who will set forth in the spring.

BANDITS SHOOT TWO AND GET \$12,000 PAYROLL.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5. — John Sofka, president of the Maywood State Bank, was shot and killed, and Louis S. Meeley, chief of police of the suburb, and Arthur Benson, a bank messenger, were wounded today when five bandits robbed them of a \$12,000 payroll for the Maywood plant of the American Can Company.

De Valera's New Plan Makes Action Dail Eireann Doubtful

DUBLIN, Jan. 5. — The astonishment produced in the Dail Eireann by Eamonn de Valera's sudden production of his alternative proposals to the peace treaty, and his announced determination to move them as an amendment to the treaty at today's session, have turned into anxiety over the probable effect of the move on the further proceedings in the Dail.

Mr. de Valera's right to move his proposals as an amendment has been challenged and it is possible that a critical division today may occur on the motion to enable him to carry out his plan. His opponents declare he must reserve his alternative proposal until the Dail has given a direct vote on the treaty.

Supporters of ratification express themselves as deeply chagrined at the turn affairs have taken. Some see in de Valera's action an attempt to rally the extreme republicans to his side, while others profess to regard it as the last, desperate effort of a leader who sees his power slipping from his grasp.

From the confusion caused by his launching what the followers of Arthur Griffith seem agreed to call "document No. 2" it is difficult to envisage any concrete view of the probable result and most observers, after expressing their personal opinions of de Valera's action, await today's proceedings of the Dail.

Meanwhile strong condemnatory comment appears in the Dublin newspapers.

LONDON, Jan. 5. — Few English newspaper correspondents in Dublin venture opinions as to the result of Eamonn de Valera's suddenly announced plan to amend the Irish peace treaty, but all record the amazement caused by his action, and the doubts arising from it. They generally agree that entrance of this new factor has greatly altered the situation and that the action of the Dail cannot be predicted.

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(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. — With the issues developed by Shantung, submarine regulation and details of the naval limitation settlement all pressing towards decision, the Far Eastern committee of the Washington conference resumed its sessions today and opened up new sources of debate.

The Chinese went into the committee meeting insisting that the conference take up the "21 demands" and the Japanese protesting that the subject did not come within the scope of the conference.

In the submarine regulation negotiations a meeting of the full naval committee of the whole was indicated as imminent, the Italians having received instructions to accept in principle the Root regulation proposals. The Italian acceptance was said to be conditioned on French assent, however, and the attitude of the French has not been fully defined in spite of their announcement that they would accept the Root program in principle. The naval committee meeting may be held late today.

The naval experts were again in consultation, with members of the subcommittee indicating that their work was about completed. The Japanese and Chinese were preparing to go into conference again late in the day over Shantung. All the evidence pointed to an early conclusion of the Shantung conversations, one way or the other.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. — With all other problems of the arms conference rapidly moving toward the point of final settlement, the Shantung negotiations between the Japanese and Chinese delegates today presented a dubious aspect as to whether their resumption is to result in an agreement or a final deadlock. While the Far Eastern committee of the whole met today to take action on the decision of its subcommittee on the Chinese tariff question, the delegations faced another meeting in their effort to settle the controversy which has developed over the mode of payment for the Kiao Chow-Tsin An Fu railroad in the former German leasehold.

In the first meeting yesterday since the "conversations" were adjourned because of the deadlock over this issue, there were no outward indications that either side had abandoned its former position on it. The meeting was held late in the day, after the Japanese delegates had informed Secretary Hughes and Arthur J. Balfour, who through their observers, had been "sitting in" during the conversation, were the indirect means of bringing the two delegations together in an effort to break the deadlock that they had received the instructions awaited from Tokyo and were ready to meet again with the Chinese.

Evidence of revived hope in many quarters for an early settlement of the issue following yesterday's meeting was regarded as attributable in some measure to the subsequent statement issued by the two delegations that the discussion would be "completed" today. It was stated by a spokesman of the Japanese delegation that late last night, however, that the statement should have said the discussions would be "continued" today, although there was no official amendment to that effect.

In addition to expected ratification by the Far Eastern committee of the subcommittee decision to increase China's tariff schedules under an international commission plan, that body faced the possibility of encountering new trouble at today's meeting through China's request that the famous "twenty one demands" be brought up for conference discussion. A protest against this course was lodged by Japan at the last meeting of the committee and a stubborn debate was expected by some delegates before the point is decided.

With settlement of the technical details of the naval limitation plan now advanced by the naval experts to a point where final disposition of the subject was declared in some quarters to be only a question of hours, the problem of submarine regulations also had been advanced another step toward decision today by Japan's acceptance in principle of the Root resolutions proposing to outlaw the use of submarines against merchant vessels. Italy alone remains to accept the proposition and it was believed a discussion by the full naval committee might take place late today.

CORRESPONDENT OF LONDON TIMES IS KIDNAPPED

(By The Associated Press.)

DUBLIN, Jan. 5. — A. B. Kay, correspondent for the London Times, was kidnapped last night by three armed men while with other newspaper men in a grocery shop. There has been no word of him since his disappearance and no explanation of his seizure.

The correspondents attending this morning's session of the Dail Eireann denounced his immediate release and the punishment of his kidn