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COUNCIL ORDERS BOND ISSUE OF \$400,000 FOR STREET PAVING

Gastonians Insist On Further Extension Of Hardsurface Streets.

MEANS 20 MORE BLOCKS

Applications For Jitney Licenses Held Over Till Next Meeting.

An additional issue of \$400,000 street improvement bonds was ordered by the city council in regular session last night, this being the item of super-importance before the body. City Attorney P. Woods Garland was authorized to prepare the necessary advertising at once and offer these bonds for sale. It is believed that this issue will find a ready sale, as has been true of former Gastonia bond issues. The money derived from this bond issue will be used to further extend the paving of the city's streets. Approximately 20 more blocks of paving will be secured as a result of this issue.

Since the building of additional paved streets, through the medium of a bond issue, was commenced some time ago properly owners in every section of the city have been begging the council to pave, pave, pave. There has been a unanimous demand for more paved streets and the city fathers, yielding to this insistent demand, last night ordered this new issue of bonds. When the work authorized to be done under this issue is completed, Gastonia will be one of the very first cities in the entire state in the amount of paved streets.

City Manager Alexander was authorized to put out petitions for the paving of the following streets, requests having been made for them previously before: Fourth avenue from Marietta to Broad; Lee street from Fourth to Fifth; Oakland avenue from Third to Fourth; Willow street from Franklin avenue to Fourth; East Main avenue from Broad to Averk; East Airline from Broad to Ozerk. The following blocks have already been ordered paved, Third avenue from Chester to York; Third avenue from South to Marietta and Fourth avenue from South to Marietta.

Five applications for license to operate jitneys were presented to the council and all were held over until the next meeting for investigation. The applicants were: J. P. Deas, W. P. Hogan, Marvyn Moore, Joe Westbrooks and J. C. Massey.

Chief of Police Adolph presented his report for the month of July. It showed 200 defendants before the municipal court, divided as follows, viz: Male whites 144, female whites 10, male colored 47, female colored 9. In the list of crimes drunkenness led with 33 arrests, gambling being a close second with 32. Eighteen were held into court for speeding cars, and five for operating cars without license. There were four cases of selling liquor. The fines totaled \$963.50, and the costs \$840.00.

A representative of an advertising concern was before the board and offered to give the city free of charge a stop and go sign for Main avenue at South Street. His offer was accepted.

For First Time In 20 Weeks Soft Coal Miners Get Orders to Work

Only Small Part Of The 450,000 Who Quit Work Last March—Union Officials On Way To Make Peace With Other Employers—Hope For Early Quantity Production.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 16.—(By The Associated Press)—For the first time in twenty weeks, striking soft coal miners at scattered points in seven states were today under orders to begin coal production. This result of the part settlement of the strike, however, affected only a small majority of the 450,000 soft coal miners who threw down their picks last March 31, but union officials were on their way back home to seek to make peace with other employers.

President John L. Lewis, of the miners who remained here for a day's rest before entering the peace negotiations with anthracite operators at Philadelphia tomorrow, predicted that soft coal operators generally would accept the agreement made here, and held out hope for an early quantity production. He also said he was hopeful of the result of the conference with the anthracite operators.

District union officials before leaving here for home sent invitations for five meetings of operators with the view of concluding peace.

The general agreement, concluded here and adopted by the union as a basis for supplemental agreements throughout the coal fields, continues the old wages and working conditions, including the check-off of union dues, to April 1, 1923, and provides machinery for negotiating but not arbitrating next year's scale. The agreement also calls for a national convention of operators and miners of bituminous territory to be held in this city next October 2 for selecting a fact-finding commission to investigate the coal industry.

Under the policy laid down by the union, the district officials may conclude peace with any soft coal operators either as individuals or as associations.

TROOPS ON GUARD ARE ORDERED DEMOBILIZED

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 16.—(By The Associated Press)—Ohio national guardsmen sent to the various Ohio coal fields during the coal strike, were ordered returned to their armories and demobilized today by Governor Davis.

Collins' Latest.



The latest photograph of Michael Collins, just received in America, shows him as commander of the Irish Free State forces.

WALTER CANDLER SUED FOR \$100,000 DAMAGE BY MRS. SARAH G. BYFIELD

Alleges That Candler Attacked Her In Stateroom Of Steamship On Night Of July 16—Operation Was Performed.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 16.—Damages of \$100,000 are asked of Walter T. Candler, local banker, by Mrs. Sarah Gillespie Byfield, in a suit filed today in DeKalb superior court at Decatur, Ga., in which she alleges that as a result of an attack upon her by Mr. Candler in her stateroom aboard the steamship Berengaria, on the night of July 16, last, she has been forced to keep to her bed much of the time since, her condition finally necessitating an operation, which was performed Monday.

Mrs. Byfield is the wife of Clyde K. Byfield, local automobile dealer, charged by Mr. Candler in a suit filed Monday in Fulton superior court with having extorted \$25,000 from him while aboard the liner en route to France. Mr. Candler's petition asked that Mr. Byfield be restrained from realizing on a note for \$20,500, which, he said, was \$2,500 in cash and some notes, was given by him in return for a check for \$25,000, which he gave Byfield when he was found in Mrs. Byfield's stateroom. In this petition, Mr. Candler stated that he could not account for being in Mrs. Byfield's stateroom and denied any improper conduct.

Mrs. Byfield's petition stated that she and her husband were persuaded by Mr. Candler to make the trip to Europe, and that the party composed of the Byfields and Mr. Candler and his two daughters, sailed from New York for Cherbourg on July 11. She said that in addition to the pleasure they would get out of the trip, Mr. Candler "wished for the petitioner to aid in looking after and caring for his two girls."

The petition then recited in detail the actions of the party on the night of the 16th, which was their last at sea. The party had dinner with a man and his wife, ship acquaintances, Mrs. Byfield stated, and "champagne was partaken of sparingly by all." "No body became intoxicated," she said, "and all left the dinner in full possession of their faculties."

"After the dinner," the petition continued, "petitioner went with the said Candler children to their berth, where one of them received medical attention. Petitioner aided both of the children in preparing for bed. After the said children were put to bed, petitioner went on deck with the balance of the party, where was in progress the usual gaiety which takes place the last night on ship. There was no intoxication among the members of the Candler party. Petitioner, her husband, and said Candler were in full possession of their faculties."

"Finally petitioner and her husband left the party and went to petitioner's stateroom to retire for the night. After getting into petitioner's husband suggested that they had left the party somewhat abruptly, and they might think rudely; so he stated that he would go back and stay with the party for a while. Petitioner protested, but finally acquiesced, and petitioner's said husband did go on deck again."

"When petitioner's husband had left her, the stateroom door was closed, the light was turned down, and she prepared to sleep."

"A short time after petitioner's husband had left her, said Candler opened the door, tore the bed clothing off her, disheveled her night clothes, grabbed her in his arms and sought to get in bed with her, for the purpose of debauching her. Petitioner screamed and continued to scream until her husband rushed into the room and immediately engaged in a terrific fight with said Candler."

"The effort of said Candler to debauch petitioner, the struggle with him, and the fight in the stateroom between him and petitioner's husband absolutely unnerved petitioner, made her ill, and she has remained ill from that day until the present."

"Petitioner and her husband landed in France and remained there necessarily for a few days before taking ship home. While she was in France her nerves were wrecked and she was sick and remained in bed."

"Petitioner has returned home and is now in bed, ill, at the home of her father, as a result of said Candler's conduct, and on August 14, 1922, she underwent a surgical operation rendered necessary by her condition produced by the said Candler's conduct."

FIVE NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSMEN ON HAND AT OPENING OF HOUSE

Gastonia Mills Send Request To Simmons and Overman For Coal.

BULWINKLE ON THE JOB

G. C. Andrews, Representing Gaston Mills, Gets Very Little Encouragement.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Messrs. Doughton, Poy, Steffman, Bulwinkle and Ward were here today when the house convened, and it was stated that Messrs. Weaver and Hammer were on the road. Members are returning in a more or less happy frame of mind, many of them having been caught out on slow trains. While in this mood today gentlemen would have been found ready for most anything the president might have seen fit to suggest, from seizing the railroads to declaring war on the rest of the world.

Congressman Ward apprehends that he is going to have a man's size job in the house in looking after the Dismal Swamp canal appropriation of a half million dollars, should the senate take the matter of reclassification. He said this proposition from the commerce committee of the senate, after an adverse decision had been rendered, but it has been hung up in the senate by reason of objection made by Senator Borah, who does not like the looks of the Cape Cod canal in which Senator Lodge has concerned himself, and it appears that the two propositions are linked, perhaps fatally for the Dismal Swamp proposal.

Mr. Andrews after coal.

G. C. Andrews, executive agent of the Gray Manufacturing Company and other cotton mills at Gastonia, spent some time here today looking into the coal outlook. Coincident with Mr. Andrews' call Senator Simmons received a telegram from J. H. Separk, president of the Gastonia concerns, in which the hope was expressed that something could be done about coal. The mills in question are users of steam power, and they must have coal, and that soon, if they are to be kept going. The office of Mr. Simmons ascertained that the steam-using cotton mills stand fifth on the priority list and this is a matter that is certain to receive the attention of the North Carolina senator at once.

During the conference this afternoon, Mr. Spencer, of the fuel administration, could give little encouragement in the matter of reclassification. He said the cotton mills using coal could only receive consideration after the needs of others, higher on the list, had been supplied. Mr. Spencer said he was operating under certain orders which had to be observed, but he hoped the mills at Gastonia, as well as all mills using coal, could be taken care of.

Congressman Bulwinkle accompanied Mr. Andrews to the office of the fuel administrator. He said, "I am sure the coal strike may give relief, but nothing whatsoever came from the carefully laid plans of the ubiquitous Mr. Hoover for handling the little coal supply available in the country. A good many people here looked confidently for precisely this result while the country was being told that all would be well, and that Mr. Hoover had got on the job. Now it is admitted, even by Mr. Hoover, that the operators are already out of hand, that it is the man with the high dollar that gets to coal at the mines and that nothing will come of the plan for distribution unless something worth while can be done through federal legislation."

Southern's Active Campaign.

Vice-President Miller, of the Southern (Continued on page 8.)

Rail Heads And Union Officials Look Toward Negotiations For Ending Strike Shop Craftmen

French Cabinet Is In Accord With Poincare's Reparation Policy

RAMBOUILLET, France, Aug. 16.—(By The Associated Press)—The French cabinet today unanimously approved the German reparations policy of Premier Poincare, and congratulated him upon the stand he took at the London conference of Allied Premiers.

This action was taken after M. Poincare had given an explanation of the unsuccessful negotiations in London. The Premier desires that parliament be convened to give the ministry a vote of confidence. This would be taken as a mandate to execute the plan which Minister of Finance De Lasteyrie is bringing before the council.

The plan which is reported to have been prepared in case the reparations commission's decision on the moratorium question pronounces Germany wilfully in default of her payments, deals with measures to be taken in Alsace-Lorraine and the French occupied territory of the Rhineland. It is understood no military measures have been contemplated thus far.

When the ministers alighted at the Rambouillet station the crowd gave cheers for England as well as France, although there were some cries of "Down with Lloyd George."

Transportation Tie-ups In The Far West Are Beginning To Unravel Today.

CONDITION IS RELIEVED

Embargoes Lifted and Trains Moved Over Roads Affected By Strike.

RAIL STRIKE SUMMARY

Developments in the rail strike situation today included:

Union chiefs continue meetings in Washington in hope of direct settlement.

Traffic conditions in far west, where unauthorized walkout of trainmen stranded many trains, easing up.

Numerous local conferences continue in various sections.

Violence reported in some sections.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—(By The Associated Press)—President Harding in a message tomorrow to Congress will present to the Federal legislators and to the country position of the Government with respect to the existing industrial troubles, particularly the railroad strike.

Arrangements for the President's appearance at a joint session tomorrow of the Senate and House were completed at a conference today at the White House between the executive and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts.

Belief had been expressed in some quarters prior to the conference that the President might delay presentation of his message until after it had determined whether the mediation efforts of the train service brotherhood chiefs in tomorrow's conference with a committee of railroad executives would be successful or result in failures.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—(By The Associated Press)—Transportation tie-ups in the far west began to unravel today as rail heads and union leaders looked toward direct negotiations for ending the strike of rail shop crafts employees.

Railway executives here were pessimistic over the success of peace parleys proposed by leaders of the non-striking unions, in whose hands the shop crafts placed their case.

Rejection by the unions of President Harding's proposals for ending the strike railroad heads declared, already broke their faith in the suggested conference, but despite their lack of confidence executives of the western roads approved acceptance of the proposal to meet the unions in New York tomorrow.

Although conditions on roads in the far west were relieved by breaks in the strike of train men, the general situation remained in the critical state it reached many days ago, and President Harding's next expected move was to lay the whole industrial crisis before Congress.

Embargoes were lifted and trains were moved again over the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific, the roads chiefly affected by the walkouts of the Big Four transportation brotherhoods.

Refusal of brotherhood leaders to sanction the walkouts when the Santa Fe issued ultimatums demanding immediate explanations of the attitude of national officials of the train service unions, were followed by speedy developments in untying the traffic knots in California and other western states. Conditions on other roads affected by the brotherhood walkouts were slower in clearing up.

Outbreaks and violence in connection with the strike during the last twenty-four hours included a clash between strikers and guards and workmen in the Missouri Pacific yards at Vanburen, Ark., six miles west of Fort Smith.

UNION HEADS RENEW EFFORTS TO END STRIKE

Public Eagerly Awaits President's Message To Congress—Will Present All Facts In The Case.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—While the public awaited President Harding's message to Congress in which he will present all facts as to the situation in which he is expected to express determination to throw the full support of the Federal Government behind the efforts for maintenance of railway operations throughout the country, chiefs of the employe's unions continued today with their plans for direct settlement of the rail strike. These chiefs, chairmen of the trainmen service brotherhoods not on strike, still were pinning their hope to negotiations they began yesterday for a conference of the striking shopmen's leaders and the railway executives in New York Thursday and from which they hoped some sort of compromise agreement would be forthcoming.

The President's message was not expected to be sent to Congress today, though there was a possibility Mr. Harding might complete it late in the day. Whether the President would suggest any sort of action or recommend legislation to deal with the rail situation was said to depend on developments today.

In the meantime heads of the four brotherhood organizations kept up their efforts to relieve the serious situation created in the west by unauthorized walkouts of train service operatives and in addition to messages advising the men to return to work union representatives were being sent to various points for personal investigation. Leaders of the shop crafts on authorized strike marked time pending outcome of the latest mediation move.

Aparatus has been in vantage to determine the alcoholic content of beverages by volume in a few minutes almost automatically.

Cotton Consumption Exceeds Production By 1,717,000 Bales

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The world's production of commercial cotton, exclusive of linters, grown in 1921, was approximately 15,197,000 bales of 478 pounds of lint while the consumption of cotton, exclusive of linters, in the United States was approximately 16,914,000 bales of 478 pounds of lint, the census bureau announced today.

Consumption of cotton in the United States during the cotton year, August 1, 1921, to July 31, 1922, exceeded that of the year 1920-21 by more than a million bales but was half a million bales below 1919-20. United States consumption was 28.9 per cent of the world's production compared with 28.6 per cent for 1920-21.

The carry-over of cotton on July 31 this year was 2,828,186 bales, compared with 6,534,360 bales a year ago and 3,563,162 bales two years ago.

Statistics of cotton growing states follow:

Consumed during July 304,936 bales, compared with 336,387 in June and 244,843 in July last year.

On hand July 31 in consuming establishments 529,368 bales, compared with 614,754 on June 30, and 458,817 on July 31 last year; in public storage and at compresses 1,123,877 bales, compared with 1,487,536 on June 30 and 3,254,432 on July 31 last year.

Cotton spindles active during July numbered 15,583,903 compared with 15,332,332 in June and 14,499,256 in July last year.

Mayor Bain Resigns As Acting City Manager When Aldermen Fall Him—A Stormy Conference.

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He did not stop there. He told them in so many words he had had detectives watching the whole force and it was "rotten from the assistant chief down."

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GASTONIANS ARE TAKEN BY OFFICER HOUSER IN MIDNIGHT LIQUOR HAUL

Deputy Sheriff R. B. Terrell, Charlie Glover and Frank Sarvis Caught.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BRAND

Capture Was Made Near Four-County Corner In Lincoln County.

A party of five, consisting of Charles Glover, Frank Sarvis, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Swaggarty, and Deputy Sheriff Robert Terrell were arrested Tuesday night by Federal Prohibition Agent E. L. Houser, P. A. Hoyle and J. A. Wesson, deputy sheriffs of Cleveland county, on charges of "transporting intoxicating liquor to the amount of four and one-half gallons." The arrest was made near Casar in Cleveland county, near South Mountain. The two men, Nichols and Swaggarty, were stock company performers from Atlanta and were laying off in Gastonia. On testimony of the other members of the party they were freed.

It seems that the party in a Buick automobile belonging to Mrs. Robert Terrell decided that they wanted to quench their thirst and took a trip to the South Mountain region for the purpose of obtaining the product. Terrell stayed in the car while the others went after the liquor. Four and a half gallons were brought back to the car and the men started towards home. Officer Terrell stated this morning that it was purchased at a garage where more than a hundred gallons of South Mountain Day was concealed for the purpose of selling.

When the automobile had gotten under way on its return trip Officers Houser, Hoyle and Wesson stopped them and made the arrest. The fact that Terrell was an officer himself carried no weight with the United States prohibition officer. The party was brought to Gastonia. Warrants were sworn out before United States Commissioner S. S. Morris. All three bonds were fixed at \$300 for appearance at a preliminary hearing before Commissioner Morris on August 29. The bonds were signed by C. C. Armstrong, Ed. Quinn, and Joe Edwards.

For the past year or more Mr. Terrell, who was formerly a member of the police and fire departments, has held a commission as Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff J. W. Carroll and was employed and paid by the United States Commission on several South Gastonia mills to control traffic and keep out of the county. It is understood today that as a result of his arrest in connection with last night's happenings his commission has been cancelled.

The Tuesday night arrest was the fifth made by Officer Houser since July 8, five automobiles being taken as a result of his activities. A total of 60 gallons of liquor has been taken. Seventeen men have been arrested in connection with the liquor raids.

The haul was made near the intersection of the four counties, Cleveland, Burke, Lincoln and Catawba, 12 miles northeast of Casar and 31 miles from Shelby. The arrest was made near Laurel Hill church in North Brook township, Lincoln county. Officers Hoyle and Wesson, who live at Casar, say that there is a nightly traffic through that section, coming down into the towns and villages of this part of the county. The arrest was made on what is known as the Cherokee-Morgantown road between 1 and 2 o'clock Tuesday night. It was 7:30 when the party reached town.

Commissioner Morris will hold a preliminary hearing on August 29. The two show men caught an early train this morning and left the city. Glover, Sarvis, and Terrell will appear before the commissioner.

MAYOR OF GOLDSBORO SLAMS POLICE FORCE

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KIWANIS CLUB CONSIDERS PARK PROPOSITION

Has Option On Splendid Park Site Near New High School Building—May Organize Stock Company.

At a business meeting of the Gastonia Kiwanis Club Tuesday evening, much interest and enthusiasm was evidenced in the proposition that the Kiwanis Club undertake as its major activity for the current year the establishment of a public park. While it was not possible at this meeting to carry the project to the point of a definite decision, steps were taken which in all probability will result in the undertaking of the project in a definite way at the next meeting of the club.

Kiwanian Hoyte Cunningham, of the real estate firm of Cunningham & Ware, reported that he had secured a thirty-day option on a tract of 18 acres of land lying just outside the city limits and within a short distance of the new York street high school building. This property has about 700 feet frontage on Chester street extension, and lies along the branch just above the Southern's pumping station. This property can be obtained for \$9,500. It was also reported that an adjoining tract of 12 acres could be obtained at the same price, about \$600 per acre. The combining of the two tracts would give a splendid park site of thirty acres at a total cost of about \$116,000. The matter will probably be handled by organizing a joint stock company with \$50 shares, which will be offered to members of the Kiwanis Club. The property would belong to the shareholders, but would be maintained and operated by the Kiwanis Club as a public park.

The only definite action taken by the club at last night's meeting was the appointment of a committee consisting of S. N. Boyce, Hoyte Cunningham, E. B. Brittain and M. A. Carpenter to investigate the proposition and present a definite plan to the club at its next meeting. There was some general discussion of several other proposed activities, including the opening of club rooms, but these were all laid aside until the park proposition has been definitely acted upon.

YORK LEGISLATORS MAY LOP OFF FARM AGENT

CLOVER, S. C., Aug. 15.—There is an opinion current that county expenses might be cut down just a mite by doing away with the services of the farm demonstration agent and the woman's home demonstration agent another year. While Candidate W. A. Boiin is the only legislative candidate who has so far stated from the stump that he favors doing away with the two offices, it is understood that there are others that are pretty nearly of the same mind.

Reports from several of the counties where demonstration agents are employed this year is that they will not be employed for another year. On the other hand it is reported that Representative W. R. Bradford, of Fort Mill, is being rather strenuously opposed for re-election because he refused to support a proposal last year to employ a "boll weevil" farm demonstration agent at a salary of \$1,500 a year to come off of the taxpayers of York county.

THE WEATHER

Local showers tonight or Thursday.