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Demands For Safe Conduct Thru Zone

Note to Turkey As Intermediary With Germany and Austria

AMERICAN VESSELS AT BERUIT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—This government will shortly ask Turkey to obtain the assurance of safe conduct from Austria and Germany of passage of the American collier Caesar, the gunboat Des Moines now at Beruit where a number of Americans await transportation home.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The administration considers the Yarrowdale case and similar cases the collateral issue, and admit that danger lies in the recurrence of such incidents, but if these could be cleared up it might lead the people to thinking that all differences with Germany could be adjusted.

The president however believes the real danger with Germany cannot be eliminated until the submarine decree is revoked.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 20.—The Swedish minister at Berlin has been instructed by this government to protest to Germany with a demand for compensation for the loss of the loss by torpedo the Swedish steamer Varing.

WOMEN BOMBARD MAYOR

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Demanding some action by the mayor for relief from the high cost of foodstuffs more than five hundred women swept down to the city hall today.

MAJ. GEN. FUNSTON DIES SUDDENLY

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Feb. 19.—Major-General Frederick Funston, commander of the southern department of the United States Army since February, 1915, died suddenly at a hotel here tonight a few minutes after he had finished dinner. He collapsed while seated in the lobby of the hotel talking with friends, and was playing with little Inez Silverberg, of Des Moines, Iowa, a guest with her parents at the hotel, when he fell unconscious. Death was almost instantaneous. General Funston was 51 years old.

NATIONAL PAY-UP WEEK

National Pay Up Week is being made a wonderful success locally and everybody who has participated in the campaign is reaping great benefits.

GET READY FOR NATIONAL PAY UP WEEK, FEB. 19 to 24.

The campaign opened bright and early Monday morning and the display windows of a majority of the business houses are bedecked with specially prepared trimming, for National Pay Up Week.

If you are not in on this movement you should get in at once.

Pay up your bills so the other fellow can pay up what he owes and then the money will come back to you as payment for what I owe you.

This is the way the plan is worked out—if we pay each other, all gain.

Putting money into circulation creates prosperity throughout the entire community and nation.

Mr. Business Man, go and pay your neighbor, if you owe him anything, and he in turn will pay you or the next fellow and it will come back to you. This applies to every business man.

Mr. Farmer, when you come to town, plan to pay up all the trade accounts you owe. Get in line to pass prosperity around. If you cannot pay in full, pay in part. It all helps and makes it easier for the buyer to pay for what you have to sell. It makes it easier for everybody to pay for what they want.

When we all have the money community prospers.

A Leading Citizen Said

"Pay Up Week is here. Let us not pass without getting good results.

"Every progressive merchant takes an invoice of his business once a year, not that this will add one dollar to his wealth, but because it opens his eyes to his actual condition.

"This Pay Up Week should cause us individuals to take an invoice and open our eyes to see how we stand with each other. The man who doesn't do this cannot call himself progressive. He cannot know how he stands, therefore he cannot plan for this year as he should.

"If you can pay only one debt do that and it will help others to repay many debts before the week ends.

"Make an effort, friends, and in our city will be thousands of dollars better off and be that much nearer out of debt.

"Pass your dollar or five dollars around. It will go thru many hands, and everyone of us will be that much better off.

Some may say, "I cannot pay anything now. I have had sickness or bad luck and I just cannot pay my bills."

"There is a wonderful plan in the National Pay Up Week idea that will help you. If you will apply to any merchant of the cashier of any bank, he will be glad to explain to you how the community is planning to help you get out of debt.

"This idea alone should mean financial salvation to many citizens who have been placed in an unfortunate position.

Annual Meeting Board of Trade

Held Thursday Evening in Mayors Office. Reports of Officers—Election of Directors and Officers the Business

Thursday night, February 22, at 8:00 o'clock promptly, in the mayor's office the annual meeting of the Scotland Neck Board of Trade will be called to order by the president, Mr. H. T. Clark, at which it is to be hoped every member of the Board of Trade will make it convenient to be present, for if this organization is to continue the work that it was organized to do, it must have the co-operation of the entire membership, not in any half hearted way, but thoroughly and fully.

Of course none but members will be entitled to be present as this is a members meeting wherein the acts of the officers will be thoroughly discussed, and new officers and directors elected, so that, if there are any citizens who have the good of the town at heart, and feel that this organization is worthy of support; or there are any who feel that they can help this body materially by his advice and co-operation, then such men should send in their names for membership at once, and be in a position to be present at the annual meeting Thursday.

The business of the meeting is to hear the report of the president, the secretary and the treasurer, and such other chairmen of committees as may wish to make specific reports to the membership. These reports will in all probability be discussed, and if found correct will be approved.

Then will come the election of directors for the ensuing year, and in this especially the men of the town should take an active part, not that what the present officers have done wonderfully well and probably better than any other men could have done, but in a civic organization like this the will of the people stand first, and the present

officers we know will welcome more interest being taken in the work by the lay members themselves, so it is possible the board will be enlarged to admit some sub-committees being appointed to take in charge specific work, as streets, water, lights, industries, entertainments, and such other departments that come under the province of a local board of trade, and especially may it seem best to have the scope of the work of the organization so extended as to bring in the farmers as members, and then the good-roads and intensive farming would be a branch that should be handled by this body.

Many things may have been suggested that were too advanced for our town and for which the people were not yet ready, but it must be admitted that the work so far done by this organization which is now to celebrate its first birthday, has been wonderfully beneficial to the welfare and health of the town and so it should by all means receive our full and unqualified support and assistance.

In order that the people who are not members may know the men who have stood behind this organization during its first year, and perhaps some of the members themselves would like to know also, it may perhaps be well to give the names of the present directors of the Board of Trade and then the officers.

The directors are Messrs. G. Hoffman, Tyler B. Wheeler, Danford Josey, H. T. Clark, R. L. Hardy, Ashby W. Dunn, Hugh Johnson, N. A. Riddick, and Stuart Smith.

The officers are Henry T. Clark, president; G. Hoffman and R. L. Hardy, vice-presidents; Hugh Johnson, treasurer and Norfleet Smith, secretary.

SEABOARD OPERATES GAS CARS ON MAIN LINE

The Seaboard Air Line railroad, has added a new feature in railroad operation by placing two 52-ton gas electric motor cars on its main line between Jacksonville, Fla., and Savannah, Ga., according to the Railway Gazette. Each gas-electric engine will replace a steam train and make a run of 138 miles each way a day. "It is of interest to note that this is the first instance where gas-electric cars have been operated in main line service on a steam railroad between important cities," says the Gazette.

KEHUKKEE CHURCH MEETING

Although the weather was very inclement on Sunday last the quarterly meeting was held at Kehukkee Church and a goodly number gathered and partook of Communion.

Elder A. J. Moore was present and officiated at the service and preached a very good sermon, also on Saturday afternoon.

SPRING HILL ITEMS

Mr. J. M. Leary left Friday for Richmond where he carried his son, Clinton to the Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Mrs. J. F. Riddick visited Scotland Neck Friday.

Mr. N. A. Twisdale left Friday for his home in Rocky Mount.

Mrs. B. F. Harrell was in Scotland Neck Friday afternoon.

Mr. R. W. Riddick and Miss Mary Stuart Riddick were in Tillery Friday.

Mrs. J. O. Applewhite and C. W. White of Tillery passed through Friday enroute to Scotland Neck.

Miss Ida Bailey visited her uncle, Mr. E. A. Lilley last week end.

Mrs. E. B. Hussey and daughter are visiting Mrs. Hussey's sister, Mrs. W. P. Darden.

Misses Lena Parrish and Madeline Riddick were in Scotland Neck Saturday morning having dental work done.

Mrs. W. P. Darden and Master James Riddick were in Scotland Neck Friday evening.

Mrs. E. C. DeBrule is visiting her sister in Kinston, Mrs. J. O. Collins.

Mr. W. T. Hancock was in town a short while Friday on business.

Mr. J. S. Riddick was in Tillery Saturday on business.

Misses Louise and Ruby Darden visited relatives here Sunday.

SPECIAL FOR PAY UP WEEK

The Saxon Motor Car Company, appreciating the value of advertising has authorized the N. A. Riddick Motor Car Company to put on sale this week, Pay Up Week, only six of their four cylinder runabouts cars at the price of \$350.00 each, full particulars will appear on the back page. No more than six cars will be sold, and the sale will positively close Saturday next.

VALUABLE MULE KILLED SATURDAY

An unusual accident occurred Saturday in the grove of Mr. G. Lamb when a mule valued at about \$300 belonging to Mr. J. H. Alexander, Jr., was killed.

It appears that a team of mules, belonging to Mr. Alexander, were hitched to a wagon in the grove at Mr. Lamb's place, when a young mule, hitched to a break cart, and driven by a negro boy, became fractious and rushed against one of the other mules and jammed the shaft clean through its side with such force that the injured mule turned turtle and died soon after. The fractious mule was only partly broken and got so unruly that the boy could do nothing with him. Edwards & Company were the owners of the mule that did the damage.

CHARGED WITH GRAND LARCENY SAYS STEALING EGGS IS GRAND LARCENY

INNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 20.—A heavy guard today accompanied James Brown and the basket of eggs he is charged with having stolen to the municipal court for retrial. In the first case in municipal court, he beat the charge of petit larceny on the ground of the market price of eggs. Today he was charged with Grand Larceny.

News From The State Capitol

More Regulations of Hotel Prices in the License Tax Law of Senator Murphy's

PRISON CAMP REFORM

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 20.—Of late years, as every person who leaves home occasionally knows, it costs more to get a decent bed to sleep in than do the "three square meals," the inner man demands.

The average hotel in a city, or town, of any pretensions, hōts up and fleeces the traveler (be he "drummer" or only an occasional traveler) without any compunction of conscience at all, and there has been just as little restraint upon him in North Carolina.

Not only so, but in some hotels, or inns, and boarding houses, one is often chucked into a room with another man (often in the same bed) and not infrequently, of there is a rush of travelers for any given reason, four or six men are assigned to one room, and each one is held up for full price of that room which one nightly occupant pays in the usual course. In such cases a \$1.50, or \$2.00, room yields the landlord anywhere from \$6.00 to \$12.00 for one night, and each night such condition obtains.

When the present legislature adjourns, some two weeks hence, one of the first practical efforts of its work will be experienced by these classes of the victims of the unscrupulous landlord, or as is quite often the case, the heartless landlady.

In addition to the law already passed in this correspondence, recently passed, to add to the comfort of the guests, by giving them better accommodations, the revenue bill, now before the Senate, will carry the provision of Speaker Murphy that will make the license tax much heavier for hotels, per room, which will collect from two persons, occupying the same room, more than fifty cents per night in excess of the charge made only when one person occupies the same room. This bill will be welcomed by thousands, who travel.

Prison Camp Reform
Reform in prison camps, at the state farms and elsewhere, improvement in condition and environment, better facilities for the care and detention of convicts, and the summary dismissal of some of the inhuman monsters employed by the state who are proved to have been cruel—cruel even unto inflicting injuries that lasted as long as life was given to some of their victims, when almost immediate death did not result.

These are some of the demands put squarely up to the present legislature, to every individual legislator here, by the penitentiary investigation which has been under way these two weeks past. To comply with these demands, or shoulder the chief responsibility for allowing such hellish conditions to continue, is the alternative, and the only one, offered to the law makers whom the outraged people of North Carolina have sent to represent them.

The chairman of this investigating committee, Gov. Turner the senator from Iredell, is probably the best fitted man in the legislature to have conducted the investigation—and some of the horrible conditions revealed by the evidence is of long standing, and were widely known before this inquiry was made.

Senator Turner is not only the most experienced legislator in the Senate, one of the learned lawyers of the state, and a patriotic North Carolinian, but he is also one of the kindest of men—"a man who loves his fellowmen"—and jealous of the good reputation of the state he loves, and his people who have honored him, although we made the mistake of not nominating him for governor in 1904.

The legislators associated with him in the investigation are all fine men, if one or two of them are naturally partial to some of the officials of the penitentiary management.

That the report of this committee to the legislature will call for heroic action is not to be doubted, and it is to be hoped that the law itself will be reformed by those who are charged by the people with doing that very thing.

Separation Among Convicts

One of the worst effects of the present convict camp, or prison farm, "System," or lack of system, is the indiscriminate herding of all classes of convicts together—with the inevitable result that the men convicted of minor crimes, and susceptible to reformation, and the "convicts," who never committed the crimes for which they were sentenced (and the governors of North Carolina have recently issued pardons to several of these after it became known beyond question they were innocent) are "fed out of the same spoon" with the worst desperate and hardest criminals there, literally, be he white or black, the better class are ruined by the contamination, environment and example forced upon them night and day, and in the face of pretensions that "efforts are made to reform as well as punish."

The evidence all goes to show (and it was widely known before this inquiry began) that absolutely nothing, and worse than nothing, is done to "reform" a convict, and that exactly the reverse is true because of the reasons just stated.

Of the many needs for betterment that which cries the loudest and with most reason is for a separation of the grades of convicts. This is a matter calling for rare judgment and fine discrimination—but not necessarily for a so-called criminologist or a graduate in "genealogy." Many a man convicted of manslaughter for killing another on the spur of the moment, or in a fight, is more likely to come out a "reformed" man than the sneak thief, or burglar, or other criminal sentenced for a shorter term than he—unless forced to abandon hope as he must do under existing circumstances.