

Announcement

In addition to our auction land sale business, we have today organized a local real estate exchange, which will be in charge of Mr. W. P. Fletcher, an experienced real estate man, who needs no introduction to most Wilmingtonians. We will confine our service strictly to real estate sales, and hope thereby to be able to put more intelligent effort into selling property listed with us.

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There are so many things that can be done by you. You who will stay at home and enjoy being with your family should look at the proposition of helping the Boys and the United States Government wholly as a business deal, think this over, put forth every effort, buy Thrift Stamps and Liberty Bonds.

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Everything in Drugs and Drug Store Goods.

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Fifth and Red Cross Streets

ARMISTEAD'S TRUNK GOT HIM IN TROUBLE

Promoter of Steel Company is Located in Atlanta and Arrested

Raleigh, N. C., April 26.—J. F. Armistead, promoter of the United States Steel Corporation of Raleigh, grew solicitous for his trunk until finally he was trailed by it to Atlanta where he was arrested.

Armistead is the gentleman who came here weeks ago and talked in four million dollar terms. He got by with it. More recently trouble with his associates in the corporation brought individuals under arrest, but they were able to talk themselves out of trouble with restitution. They unloaded on Armistead and he became a badly wanted individual.

Lately he has been calling for his trunk. It is a big institution which has bowie knives and a big revolver, doubtless symbolisms. The company has sold considerable stock in North Carolina, but not enough to make impressive the start toward \$4,000,000. Fact is, it is one of the least-looking four million dollar undertakings below the sky and the violation of the blue empyrean is one of the charges against the company.

Why Mr. Armistead toted deadly weapons doesn't occur to Insurance Commissioner Young who is just now interested in getting his prisoner to Raleigh. When Charles H. Twist, treasurer of the company, came here a few weeks ago, he laid considerable sinning on Mr. Armistead who was the first of the promoters to visit Raleigh. The Twist version, whether tortured or perfectly straight, was a perfect acquittal of that gentleman. Armistead's declarations will therefore be received with interest.

The grand jury working in the present court held by Judge W. P. Stacy has presented for immoral relationship County Commissioner B. S. Franklin, many years a member of the Wake board. The Powell sisters living on the Franklin place are co-defendants with the commissioner who is a well-fixed farmer and was slated for the chairmanship of the present board. The Jones element in this organization won and elected Eli Scarborough.

The indictment of Mr. Franklin was known to exist but it was held from the public by being locked up in the court records. It is needless to say that the bill found has released a lot of well-guarded conversation.

COMMANDER OF FIRST AMERICAN WAR FLEET

Admiral Hopkins Was Born Two Hundred Years Ago

Washington, D. C., April 26.—Two hundred years ago today was born Esek Hopkins, whose name is probably unfamiliar to the vast majority of Americans, notwithstanding the fact that his position as commander-in-chief of the first American fleet of war vessels should entitle him to a niche in the hall of fame. While history makes small mention of the life and deeds of Admiral Hopkins, it is reasonable to assume that he was a man of considerable parts, or he would not have been chosen to command the naval forces of the colonies at the commencement of their struggle for independence.

There are no records of the boyhood, youth or early manhood of Esek Hopkins. The town of Chapumiscock Rhode Island, was his birthplace. He was a descendant of Benedict Arnold, the first governor of Rhode Island, and a younger brother of Stephen Hopkins, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Ezek Hopkins received a fair education, went to sea with his brother, William, and subsequently, in 1738, "hipped as a "traw" and on a vessel bound for Surinam, and in an incredibly short time was made master of the vessel. He became an extensive trader and was interested in privateering during the seven years' war with France and Spain.

At the commencement of the Revolution, Rhode Island took active measures to protect herself. Among the works for defense was the erection of a powerful battery at Fox Point, and Esek Hopkins was placed in command of this on April 29, 1775. The British forces had intended to attack Providence, but the plan was abandoned on account of the excellent plans made to defend the city.

Hopkins built a floating battery and placed fire ships and boom and chains to shut up the mouth of the harbor. The recess committee of the general assembly in October, 1775, commissioned him commander-in-chief of the colonial naval forces, and at the head of 600 men he marched to Middle town, near Newport, and secured from the British commander terms favorable to the colonists. The British commander agreeing not to burn Newport or land his troops in the town.

On December 15, 1775, Congress appropriated money to build 13 vessels and Esek Hopkins was the unanimous choice for the head of the new navy. He was to have the naval rank that corresponded to Washington's in command of the land forces. He was known as "admiral" and as "commandore," but in the official naval records of the time he was designated as "commander-in-chief of the navy."

In the early part of 1776 Hopkins organized his little fleet and set sail for Philadelphia. He selected the "Alfred" as his flagship, and from the masthead of this vessel he floated the Admiral's flag, composed of 13 stripes, alternately red and white, with a rattlesnake undulating upon it.

On February 17, 1776, Admiral Hopkins and his fleet sailed for Bermuda and vigorously attacked Fort Providence. This was the first real action of the American navy, and it was a brilliant and a successful one. On the homeward voyage two British vessels were captured and upon his arrival Congress gave official thanks to Admiral Hopkins.

But disaster was in store for the commander-in-chief. He attacked the large British ship "Glasgow," and after a stiff battle of some hours she got away under the cover of night. Bitter feeling was manifested toward Hopkins, and charges were preferred against him. At his trial John Adams defended him, and he was declared innocent. One of the letters of congratulation he received on his acquittal was from Paul Jones. When sent back to command his fleet he was so long in getting to sea that Congress dismissed him from the service, January 5, 1777.

But subsequent events in the life of Esek Hopkins proved that he was a brave and devoted patriot. He was repeatedly elected a representative in the Rhode Island general assembly, and devoted much of his time to recruiting and drilling soldiers for the American army. For many years he was one of the trustees of Brown university. His death occurred at Providence in 1802.

Strength and How to Gain It

INSTEAD OF EXERCISES, PATENT FOODS AND MEDICINES, TAKE PHOSPHATE WITH YOUR MEALS.

The demand today is for men and women who are strong in every sense of the word—possessing the physical strength necessary to endure hardship and fatigue; the mental strength to grapple with difficult problems; the nervous force which endows the body with vigor and vitality; the will power to triumph over adversity and turn defeat into victory.

But such glorious strength is impossible so long as your nerves are weak and exhausted, and therefore if you would be really strong you must first care for your nerves. Weak, exhausted nerves need food, and for this purpose physicians strongly recommend the organic phosphate known and sold by Bellamy, Green, Jarman and Futrelle and all good druggists as bitro-phosphate and put up in 1/2 gr. compressed tasteless tablets.

If you feel your strength is falling from any cause, get a supply of these bitro-phosphate tablets and take one with every meal. Practically all of the minor ailments afflicting mankind, as well as many of the more serious maladies can be traced to nervous exhaustion and lowered vitality, and probably this explains why such a remarkable improvement in the general health is invariably noticeable when bitro-phosphate is taken as directed, as the nerves are thereby revitalized and made strong.—Adv.

Increased Revenue Necessary For Telephone Company

This company has filed a petition with the North Carolina State Corporation Commission requesting authority to advance its rates for telephone service in twelve exchanges; for permission to enforce certain provisions of its subscribers contracts which will prevent a waste of service and remove an unnecessary burden from the company throughout the State of North Carolina.

The unprecedented increase in the cost of material, labor and all other expenses necessary for the construction, maintenance and operation of our properties, and the imperative need that telephone service be adequate and efficient, has created a critical situation for us.

We have not earned in the past and are not now earning a reasonable profit over and above the cost of furnishing service throughout the State of North Carolina. The returns from our operations in this state were 3.81 per cent in 1916 and 3.58 per cent in 1917, upon our investment.

The twelve cities in which we ask for a slight increase in our rates for local exchange service are:

Charlotte
Davidson
Greensboro
Hamlet
Laurinburg
Mt. Olive

Raleigh
Reidsville
Salisbury
Wilmington
Winston-Salem
Wrightsville Beach

We are confronted with conditions entirely beyond our control, the gravity of which cannot be estimated. The telephone business is an essential industry, the proper operation and maintenance of which is an important factor in the nation's plans and activities for winning the war. We have recognized our obligations to the Government by furnishing all the service it requires upon terms agreed upon with the Government, and upon a basis which contemplates no profit to the company, the payment of new and greatly increased taxes, and subscribing liberally to the several Liberty Loans, and other war needs. We have recognized our obligations to the general public by furnishing service for all necessary purposes. We have recognized our obligations to our employes by large increases in the wages paid, to enable them to meet the increased cost of living; and we shall continue to furnish the Government and the general public the service needed, and the best service possible under the present abnormal conditions.

But to do this it is necessary for us to receive sufficient revenue to maintain and operate our telephone property and system with a high degree of efficiency with such permanent net profit as will maintain our credit and enable us to exchange our securities, without discount, for the additional, new capital required to supply the necessary additions to our plant and service.

Out of every dollar of revenue received from our operations in North Carolina in 1917 we paid out 50.4 cents in salaries and wages.

During the year 1917 our employes in North Carolina were granted a total increase of \$63,738.95 in salaries and wages, which was at the rate of \$119,836.44 per year.

During the year 1918, up to May 1, the increases in salaries and wages in North Carolina already amount to \$45,311.23 which is at the rate of \$55,919.40 for the year.

These increases were made in an effort to aid our employes in meeting the increased cost of living as well as to retain their services in order to maintain a competent force.

All of these facts and many others of a pertinent nature will be presented to the State Corporation Commission and will be spread before our subscribers and the public in newspaper advertisements which are to follow.

We have been frank and open in the administration of our affairs in this state as elsewhere, and reluctant as we are to increase the price of our service, the situation is so critical that we cannot do otherwise and remain true to our obligation to the public and to ourselves.

Your needs and your interests and the needs and the interests of this company are one and the same. Solvency of the company spells adequate and efficient service,—insolvency spells inadequate and inefficient service.

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