

"MY SON,
 Deal with men
 who advertise,
 you will never
 lose by it."
 —Benjamin Franklin.

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WEATHER

Cloudy tonight and somewhat warmer in interior Wednesday, probably rain, moderate northeast and east winds.

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WANT AID FOR COUNTY ROADS

Pasquotank Highway Commission Trying to Find a Way to Get State and Federal Money to Match the County's Expenditure of \$5,000,000

Another effort is about to be made to see if Pasquotank county can get State and Federal aid in any of its road building projects.

The County Highway Commission has made application for State and Federal aid for the Elizabeth City-South Mills highway.

Against this application Chairman Page of the State Highway Commission is playing up the application of the District Highway for aid on the Edenton Norfolk highway. He will visit Elizabeth City soon to look over both of the proposed routes.

In order to make their attitude with respect to the two routes clear and a matter of record the County Highway Commission at its monthly meeting Tuesday passed the following:

"It is unanimously agreed that this Commission present to Mr. Page, Chairman of the State Highway Commission, on his visit here, the arguments for aid on the Elizabeth City-South Mills road, and that it is the sense of the Board that we are not antagonistic to the District Highway project, but believe that both the County road and the District highway should be incorporated in the State highway system and aid granted both as funds are available."

It seemed to be the sense of the Commission that the District Highway should be given the right of way if funds are available to begin work on it, but that if this project is held up for lack of funds for the present there is no reason why Pasquotank County should not get some Federal and State money to match the half million dollars that the county is expending for good roads.

Meantime the County Board of Commissioners have gone on record in a resolution adopted at the Board's meeting Monday by unanimous vote as favoring the South Mills route for the District highway.

The resolution of the County Commissioners follows:

Whereas, it is proposed by certain people, for the most part non-residents of Pasquotank County, to bond said County in the sum of approximately \$300,000 for the construction of a hard surfaced road from Edenton via Hertford, Elizabeth City, and points in Currituck County to the Virginia State line,

And whereas Pasquotank County will be compelled to pay the largest portion of the cost of said road, but at the same time receive less than seven miles of such road within its territorial limits,

And whereas, if it is proposed to run a road from Elizabeth City to Norfolk, Virginia, it must be remembered that a road by way of South Mills and the Dismal Swamp Canal bank is ten miles nearer than any other route proposed and that the South Mills route would afford a hard surface road of an additional mileage of fifteen miles, or thereabout, within Pasquotank County, thus giving a road to the people who must pay for the cost of its building,

And whereas a road built by any other route would tax the people of Newland and Providence townships without affording them value for the taxes,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Pasquotank County that we respectfully petition the Highway Commission of North Carolina to grant State and Federal aid in the construction of a hard surface road from Elizabeth City northward in Pasquotank County to the Camden or Gates county line, and respectfully urge the State Highway Commission to consider the merits of this route before finally committing itself with respect to the other routes, it being our opinion that any other route would work a great hardship and place unwarranted burdens on a large number of tax payers in Pasquotank County.

N. Burfoot, Chrm., W. J. F. Spence, J. E. Corbett, J. R. Britte, P. G. Pritchard, C. B. Munden, R. S. Pritchard, J. W. Munden, Clerk.

MARY PICKFORD WILL NOT BE SHOWN TONIGHT

Mary Pickford in "Daddy Long Legs" will not be shown at the Alkrama tonight owing to the picture being lost in transit, according to a telegram received by the manager yesterday. A new date has been asked for and will be announced later.

J. M. McHarney of Gregory was in the city Tuesday.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN STATE OF REJOICING

The members of the First Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, are happy over the results of their efforts in the Seventy-Five Million Campaign. The quota for the First Baptist Church in this Campaign is \$27,500. The pledges and cash received from the members of this church, up to last night, amount to \$32,157.75. Of this amount the W. M. S. pledged and received in cash \$15,341.25. The above amount does not include any items of the current expenses of the local church.

A large number of the membership has not yet had an opportunity to pledge for the objects of this Campaign. The captains and their teams are endeavoring to finish the canvass and make a final report Wednesday night of this week, at prayer meeting. The indications now are that when the entire canvass is made the above amount will be considerably increased.

HOPE COMPROMISE WILL BE REACHED

France And Other Nations Look on Hopefully as United States Senate Convenes

(By Associated Press) Paris, Dec. 2.—Newspapers commenting on the convening of the United States Senate express the hope that a compromise on the Versailles Treaty will be reached shortly.

TURKS INTERESTED Constantinople, Dec. 2.—Intense interest in the United States Senate's deliberations on the Versailles Treaty is being shown by the Turks.

Fears are expressed that if the Treaty fails of ratification Turkey will lose her chance for the American mandate.

WORK BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

(By Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 2.—Delegates to the Second Industrial Conference resumed work this morning behind closed doors.

AMERICAN NOTE NOT DELIVERED

(By Associated Press) Mexico City, Dec. 2.—Announcement was made at the Mexican foreign office late tonight that the last American note was not delivered.

The first intimation as to the nature of the communication sent to Mexico by Secretary Lansing was given in dispatches to this city by the Associated Press.

Allied Warships On Dalmatian Coast

(By Associated Press) Copenhagen, Dec. 2.—A number of Allied warships, including one American vessel, are cruising off Spalato on the Dalmatian coast, according to a Laidach dispatch.

OSCAR DAVIS HURT WHEN THROWN FROM BUGGY

Oscar Davis, who lives near the city on Peartree Road, was thrown from his buggy and badly hurt Saturday night at about 9:30.

Mr. Davis was driving along on South Road street when an automobile from Speed street ran into him. There were no lights on the car and it was not learned who the driver was. Evidently, he thought it safest to get away.

Mr. Davis is about forty years old. His head was badly cut in the fall and his injuries were painful and serious but he is now getting along quite well.

FINED FORTY AND COSTS

Willie Respass, colored and aged 20, charged with the larceny of a watch on Easter Sunday from Wheeler Howard, also colored, was found guilty in police court Tuesday. By reason of his previous good character he got off with forty dollars and costs, the prosecuting witness recovering the watch. Respass left town after the theft but came in Sunday night and voluntarily stood trial.

FOUND—A SUM OF MONEY. THE owner can secure same by describing package and amount and paying for this advertisement. J. M. WHITEHURST, 226 N. Road St., or phone 922-J.

GARFIELD ORDERS COAL CONSERVATION

Restrictions Are Made Nationwide by Fuel Administrator. Asks State and Municipal Authorities to Enforce Law

Washington, Dec. 2.—Wartime restrictions on the nation's use of coal, more stringent even than those applied during the war, were ordered into effect Monday to stave off a fuel famine.

Moved by reports of diminishing coal stocks and growing danger of distress in numerous sections, the government sought to compromise with striking mine workers whose walkout forced the emergency, but asked for national determination to endure privation and discomfort until coal mining was resumed on its terms.

Fuel Administrator Garfield, acting in conjunction with the railroad administration gave notice that hereafter only the essential consumers included in the first five classes of the war priorities list would be supplied with coal, and asked the help of all state and municipal authorities to make rationing effective.

The order, which made national those restrictions already put into local effect by regional coal committees, where the pinch of fuel shortage has been felt, cuts off supplies from all but transportation agencies, which include inland and coastwise shipping as well as railroads; federal and local government institutions and establishments, including concerns working on government contracts; public utilities, including newspapers and retail dealers. Railroad administration officials conceded that it meant widespread cessation of industrial operations, only justified by the gravity of the situation.

"It is necessary that coal shall be used only for essential purposes," Dr. Garfield said in giving public notification of the step. Public utilities consuming coal should discontinue to furnish power, heat and light to non essential industries and should consume only enough light, power and heat to meet the actual urgent needs of the people. Advertising signs and displays of various kinds necessitating the use of coal should be curtailed and no coal should be distributed for such purposes.

Officials said that the terms of the order as given were framed to allow the greatest possible variation in local arrangements, so that emergencies could be met by action best suited to that result. Industrial establishments operating their own power plants will be forced to shut down when present supplies are exhausted while the operations of those whose power is supplied from public utility plants will be curtailed or continued in the discretion of local agencies and officials. Dr. Garfield noted further that the "government would be glad to leave supervision and control of distribution by retail dealers entirely to any state, county or municipality which may make provision therefor.

These arrangements, it was suggested, would all be maintained while they proved adequate, but the federal government would hold a final power to intervene by cutoff of coal supplies where rationing measures are not being fairly or fully taken.

Officials were hopeful that the advance of fourteen per cent in mine workers' wages would result in getting some of the men back to work, especially in view of the fact that coal operators generally were backing the offer. But at the same time it was said that a period of several days would be required before the effect of this could be determined. Members of a mine operators committee were in Washington watching the situation and preparing for a general session Wednesday, when details of the application of the fourteen per cent increase will be arranged, but had no reports on work resumption.

ESCAPED FROM CONVICT CAMP GETS THIRTY DAYS MORE

Alfred Banks, colored trusty, escaped last Wednesday from the convict camp and was picked up on the Norfolk Southern Railway. He had only four more days of his sentence to serve, but the judge added another thirty days when Banks was tried in police court Tuesday.

OYSTERS! OYSTERS!

Just received 300 bushels of the finest oysters that have ever been on this market. Shucking them right out of the shell. Thos Crank & Son, Phone 204, Keeney Crank, Mgr. City Market dec 1 2 3pd

CONFUSION IN NEW FUEL ORDER

Elizabeth City Merchants on Verge of Holiday Business Dismayed Monday by Drastic Restrictions

Confusion worse confounded is what the Regional Coal Committee's order for the conservation of coal brought to Elizabeth City on Monday, December 1st, 1919.

Never was this section's isolation from the rest of the State more apparent. State papers have a very limited circulation here and those that do come in do not reach the city until the late afternoon.

Consequently it was not until about four o'clock Sunday afternoon that the Regional Coal Committee's order was read here. Few business men had seen it when they opened their doors Monday for "business as usual."

And then the news began to get about. The merchants heard of the order, promulgated as law and law that must be observed, and numbers of them hastened to provide themselves with a State paper to read up on the matter for themselves. There it was in black and white that they must close their doors at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and let them remain closed until nine o'clock on the morning, and this was to be done each day till further notice. Coming upon the merchants just as they were planning for an unprecedented holiday business this announcement fell as a thunderbolt from a clear sky and consternation was writ large upon the door of nearly every retail business house in the city throughout the morning.

Nevertheless, most of the merchants, when they had gone thoroughly into the matter, accepted the order in good faith and prepared to close their doors at four o'clock on Monday afternoon. Some had gone so far as to announce in their advertisements in the local press that they would rigidly observe the government closing hours.

Hardly had they made this decision, however, when doubts began to assail and fears dismay them. It was found that there were merchants in the city who questioned the authority of the "newspaper talk," and openly announced that they would not observe the rules laid down until and unless they received official direction in the matter. The defection spread and in the evening if there was a single Main street retail place of business that closed its doors before the regular closing hours it escaped observation.

The merchant met Monday night to see if they could formulate a concerted action. It was agreed that pending official notification that the order is effective here no action be taken.

Some of the merchants suggested that it would be better to bank fires and use no artificial light after four o'clock in the evening, but no vote was taken to disclose the strength of this sentiment.

DEATH OF INFANT

Leslie Belmont Harris, five months old, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Harris, died Monday afternoon at three o'clock after a short illness.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the home of the parents on Cherry street by Rev. H. K. Williams. Interment was made in Hollywood cemetery.

REBECCAS MEET THURSDAY

The Rebeccas will meet Thursday night in their hall on Road Street at seven-thirty. All members are urged to be present as there is work of important nomination election of officers.

HAVE RETURNED HOME

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Love and two children, Rob and Winifred of Ocean View, and Mr and Mrs. G. H. Woycott and daughter, Barbara, of Portsmouth, have returned to their homes after spending Thanksgiving with Mr and Mrs. J. W. Modlin on Church street.

W. J. Skiles was back at work at the postoffice Tuesday morning after being crippled several weeks ago by a fall from a stepladder.

PEACE TREATY WILL BE DISCUSSED IN SEPARATE MESSAGE SAYS WILSON

Message to Congress Today Contains Recommendations For Cost of Living, Labor Unrest, Radicalism And Other Readjustment Problems

Washington, Dec. 2.—General recommendations on legislation to combat the cost of living, labor unrest, radicalism and the readjustment of the nation to a peace time basis were featured in the President's annual message to Congress today.

BETTER WATER IN SIXTY DAYS

And R. E. Lewis Thinks That by Spring Water Company Will Have Solved Problem of Potable And Palatable Water

Work is now under way for the new filter which the Elizabeth City Water Company has been planning to install for the last twelve months.

Mr. R. E. Lewis, General Manager of the Company, so informed the City Council at its regular meeting Monday night. Mr. Lewis believes that water for the mains will be passing thru the new filter two months from now.

The Council was warned, however, that the new and modern filter plant would not enable the Water Company to eliminate the salt which is now the chief cause of complaint against the city water. That can not be done, Mr. Lewis explained, until the dam across Knobb's Creek, which the Water Company, under act of the last Legislature, was empowered to build provided that the dam was approved by the County Highway Commission, is in operation. Mr. Lewis says that his company was ready to begin construction of the dam some time ago but was held up by failure on the part of the Highway Commission to approve the project. A committee from the Council went before the Highway Commission on Tuesday and the dam was approved, Commissioner Foreman dissenting.

Mr. Lewis says that owing to the nature of the work it will now be impracticable for his company to undertake the construction of this dam during the winter months; but that it will be undertaken next spring and that with the new filter and the dam both in operation he believes that Elizabeth City will have no further cause of complaint against his company.

RIGIDLY OBSERVED IN OTHER CITIES

Raleigh, Dec. 2.—Reports from other cities thruout North Carolina received here 4th this morning indicate that the restrictions placed on the consumption of coal by ordering the closing of all office buildings, stores and various other places at four p. m. daily until the coal shortage due to the miners strike is relieved are being rigidly obeyed today.

GERMANS FAIL SIGN PROTOCOL

American Delegation Will Stay in Paris. If Germans do not Sign, Situation is Same as Beginning of Armistice

Paris, Dec. 2.—The American delegation to the Peace Conference which intended sailing for home on December 6th has postponed its departure.

It was learned from high authority that the change of plans was due to failure of the Germans to sign the protocol ratifying the Peace Treaty. It was pointed out that if the Treaty is not ratified, the situation between Germany and the United States as well as other Allied and Associated Powers goes back to the status created by the armistice.

Hence, the United States is still quite as much interested as its associates of the Allied Powers, despite the fact that the Senate has not ratified the Treaty.

ELIMINATE FUME QUESTION The Supreme Council decided today that the Fume question should not be settled in the Hungarian Peace Treaty but should be reserved for final decision by the Allied and Associated Powers.

This eliminates any objections on the part of either the Italians or the Jugo-Slavs to signing the Peace Treaty.

ALEXANDER SUCCEEDS SECRETARY REDFIELD

Washington, Dec. 2.—Representative Alexander of Missouri has been selected by the President to be Secretary of Commerce, succeeding Redfield.

LOST—SMALL PURSE CONTAINING large amount of money. Liberal reward if returned to The Advance office. D.2-2tp

The Peace Treaty, the President told Congress, will be discussed in a separate message later, as will the railroad question.

The principal recommendations were for:

The establishment of a budget system for national finances

The reorganization of the taxation system with simplification of income and excess profits,

The readjustment of the tariff system if necessary to meet changed world conditions,

The recognition and relief for world war veterans, particularly in way of government farms,

Proper measures to foster the dyestuffs industry,

An enlarged program for rural development, and

Measures which will remove the causes of "political restlessness in our body politic."

The President renewed his recommendation for legislation to deal effectively with "those persons who by violent methods would abrogate our time tested institutions."

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Industries in cities that did not observe the order Monday, awaiting rulings on various points of the regulations, will close today.

Altho it is not announced who will see to the enforcement of the restrictions, the belief here is that Department of Justice agents with the co-operation of city and county authorities will have this matter in charge.

RECEPTION MUST BE AGAIN POSTPONED

Since yesterday it has been found that the Housewives League must again postpone its reception for the teachers of the schools and the mothers of the schoolchildren which had been planned for Friday afternoon of this week.

This is about the third attempt to carry out this get-together meeting, and each time other meetings and receptions have interfered. It is desired, of course, to have the reception when all teachers and mothers can be present, and the League will not give up the idea by any means.

A meeting of the Housewives League will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday afternoon, at 8:30, which every member is urged to attend.

We have found many pleasant people here,—none otherwise. We bid you goodbye. God bless you, one and all.
 H. M. and Miss Mary F. Pressly.