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D'ANNUNZIO TO SIGN TERMS TODAY

Fighting at Fiume Suspended After Conference of Mayor of Fiume and Commander Italian Regulars

Fiume, Dec. 29.—A conference for arranging the final cessation of hostilities between Italian forces and D'Annunzio's troops was set for this morning. D'Annunzio has relinquished his authority to the Communal Council of Fiume. Reports that he was wounded in battle Monday have been verified, but details are lacking.

Paris, Dec. 29.—Fighting at Fiume was suspended today, a Rome dispatch states.

Delegates appointed by the mayor of Fiume met the commander of the Italian regulars yesterday and agreed to terms for the surrender of the city.

D'Annunzio was expected to sign them today.

TUESDAY WAS OH, SO DARK!

Neither Gas Nor Electricity, And Even the Sun Refused To Shine

Tuesday, December 28th, will perhaps long be remembered in Elizabeth City as the "Day When the Gas and Lights Went Out." Dismal were the prospects for a hot breakfast that morning in homes where the cooking is done by gas. Both early and late risers, softly swearing, warmed up their left-overs of the night before on the parlor heater, gobbled up something, and beat it to work with a bad taste in their mouths, and a muttered consignment of the gas plant to that region where artificial heat is never a necessity.

"Anyhow," the victim of the gas breakdown muttered to himself, "I'll get a hot dinner, sizzling and steaming, that will cheer my innards even as the potent draft of moonshine corn brightens up the interior of the rum-soak. I have something to look forward to." And he thought of his approaching noontide repast with joyful expectations all through the forenoon.

Noon came, and a dank, dark, dreary, dismal noon it was! As a fitting adjunct of the weather, the gas, alas, was still off. The electric lights, too, had flickered their last despairing flicker early in the morning and had feebly given up the ghost. No lights—no power—no gas—nothing left to live for—a whole city dinnerless and in darkness! A whole population sore, disgruntled, swearing, ready to burn down a couple of public utility plants for revenge, and for the warmth and light which the conflagration would provide; while the officials of the two plants worked desperately to restore order and calm the wrath of the citizens.

Toward night both the gas and the lights were turned on again, and the bereft Bestcityites were glad once more, save for the fact that the Advance was unable to get itself printed and delivered, and 'most everybody had a sort of lonesome feeling like they'd lost a friend, or something.

PICTURES TONIGHT CITY ROAD CHURCH

Tonight at City Road Methodist church, instead of the regular prayer meeting service, pictures on the Life of Christ will be shown accompanied by a lecture by Secretary Case, of the Chamber of Commerce. The pictures and address will together make a beautiful Christmas program and the public is very cordially invited.

INVENTORY SALE AT H. C. BRIGHT'S

The H. C. Bright Company announces big reductions on their high class stock of diamonds, watches, jewelry, silverware, cut glass, umbrellas, lamps, china and novelties. Reductions are from ten to 50-1-3 per cent on these goods and no goods are charged or exchanged. Watch tomorrow's paper. Meanwhile go to Bright's—Adv.

W. F. Murden, of Marion, S. C., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Ida Stagers during the holidays.

DEWEY-BAHRAM

A marriage of more than usual interest to the people of this city was solemnized at Edenton Monday, when Harry W. Dewey was wedded to Miss Oneta Campbell Bahram, of Norfolk, Va. The ceremony was conducted at the First Baptist church of Edenton, at 3:30 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. E. L. Wells. The bride wore a blue suit with accessories to match, and carried a bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. Mr. Dewey has been associated with the Norfolk and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, with headquarters at Elizabeth City for the last fifteen years, and now holds the position of assistant superintendent. He is the son of Mrs. D. M. Dewey, of this city. The bride is the attractive and beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Bahram, of Norfolk, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey will be at home at 5 Harney street, Elizabeth City, after December 30th.

Southern Motorist Boosts Picture City

December Edition of T. A. A. Organ Describes Advantages of City and Section

The December number of the Southern Motorist, official publication of the Tidewater Automobile Association, is out in a special Elizabeth City number. The front cover of the handsome 60-page monthly magazine bears an outline map of the nine counties of Northeastern North Carolina, with a heart sketched in, locating Elizabeth City, the "heart" of the section shown in the map. The magazine contains many attractive half-tone cuts of the leading business houses, factories, mills, public buildings and homes of this city, and is in every way a booster of the splendid commercial, agricultural, manufacturing and home-making advantages of Elizabeth City and Northeastern North Carolina.

The leading feature article of the Southern Motorist for December is a nine-page description of Elizabeth City and its wonderful back country by Secretary Lorenzo D. Case, of the local Chamber of Commerce. It is written in Mr. Case's pleasing style, and is followed by a series of brief descriptions of various leading firms of the city. The first 40 pages of the magazine are devoted to this region in North Carolina.

Merchants' Ass'n. Elects Directors

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Elizabeth City Merchants' Association it was voted to end this fiscal year of the Association with the calendar year and that new directors be elected during the last week in December, 1920.

The primary ballot was mailed out last week to elect the fifteen directors for the ensuing year and the following thirty merchants received the highest number of votes, which entitles them to be nominees in the final election of the fifteen directors for 1921-1922.

T. T. Turner, E. S. Chesson, Sr., J. C. Sawyer, M. L. Sheep, M. P. Gallop, C. W. Melick, E. F. Spencer, Buxton White, J. T. McCabe, M. G. Morrisette, H. C. Bright, T. S. Hughes, D. Walter Harris, H. S. Overman, F. G. Jacobs, J. H. McMullan, W. P. Duff, O. F. Gilbert, L. R. Chappell, Raymond Sheeley, E. M. Stevens, C. A. Cooke, E. F. Ayllett, Jr., Dr. Julian Selig, J. T. Stallings, C. D. Gallop, A. R. Nicholson, Geo. F. Wright, Shelton Scott, S. G. Etheridge.

EPWORTH LEAGUERS MEET AT ST. LOUIS

St. Louis, Dec. 29.—The Epworth League leaders from throughout the jurisdiction of the Southern Methodist church met here today to consider plans for extending the scope of the organization.

The appointment of two field secretaries in each state was urged by the speakers.

NOTICE

Saturday, January 1st, New Year's Day, being a legal holiday, the banks of Elizabeth City will be closed.

Beginning Saturday, January 8th, 1921, the Banks will remain open Saturday nights only from 7 to 8 o'clock, instead of 6 to 8 o'clock. FIRST & CITIZENS NAT. BANK. SAVINGS BANK & TRUST CO.

Rev. E. L. Stack has returned from Greensboro, where he visited his mother.

HAVE ARRESTED OFFICER TWIDDY

Will Be Given Hearing In Connection With Killing of Henry Spencer In Raid Friday Night

A warrant was sworn out this morning by Chief of Police Leon Holmes for the arrest of Policeman George Twiddy in connection with the killing of Henry Spencer, colored, in a prohibition raid on Spencer's home on north Harney street last Friday night. Twiddy will be given a hearing before Judge Spence probably either Thursday or Friday. No bond was required of him.

PREMIERS TO MEET AT PARIS OR LONDON

Paris, Dec. 29.—On account of the labor situation which makes it necessary for Premier Lloyd George to be in London, the next conference of Allied Premiers will be in London or Paris instead of Nice, according to newspapers here.

Youthful Bandit Killed In Battle

Kankakee, Dec. 29.—One of the two youthful bandits who held up the New Orleans-Chicago flyer of the Illinois Central Railway near here last night was killed in battle with the police and railroad detectives near here this morning. The other surrendered.

The youths were Jose and Jacob Scott, twins, 24 years old and residents of Greenville, Illinois.

Several hundred dollars in cash and a few thousand in jewelry were recovered.

HALSTEAD-PALMER

A very pretty wedding was quietly solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Palmer at Weesville on Thursday, December 23, 1920, when their daughter, Reva Lee, became the bride of Julian Paul Halstead, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Halstead.

The rooms were attractively decorated with holly and potted plants. The bride's pastor, Rev. E. L. Cole, performed the ceremony, using the ring. The bride wore a traveling suit of blue tricotine with shoes and gloves to harmonize. Her maid of honor, Miss Bertha Clifton, was dressed in black satin combined with georgette. The groom's best man was his brother, Leland Halstead.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party was ushered into the dining room, where they were attractively served to a sumptuous dinner by Miss Bernice Dozier.

None but the immediate family attended with the exception of Misses Bertha Clifton and Bernice Dozier, of Elizabeth City.

IN POLICE COURT

James Blackwell, colored, was given thirty days on the roads in police court Wednesday for beating his way on the train. Blackwell admitted to being a professional hobo and said he had just got out of Norfolk jail where he spent sixty days.

MEET TONIGHT

The president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church urges every member to be present at a special and important call meeting tonight immediately after prayer meeting.

PERSONALS

B. J. Forbes, of Newland, was in the city Wednesday.

W. C. Morse, Sr., of Weesville, was in the city on business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Martin have returned after a holiday visit to relatives in Chowan County.

D. B. Walston, of the Salem section, was here on business Tuesday afternoon.

Maurice Brickhouse, of Riverdale, has returned from a visit to relatives and friends in Currituck County.

Rev. C. H. Trueblood, of Norfolk, and Rev. Elwyn J. Trueblood, of Anderson, S. C., are visiting their mother, Mrs. Mary E. Trueblood, on Greenleaf street.

Rev. Frank Pool, of Greenville, S. C., and his wife, who was formerly Miss Rose Goodwin, of this city, are spending the holidays with relatives here.

FINANCIAL CRISIS HAS NOW PASSED

General Trend of Business Is Back to Normal, and Nationwide Readjustment Is Under Way

While the process of readjustment is not over, the general business outlook is now decidedly more favorable than at any time during the past few months, and all danger of a collapse in the credit situation is passed, according to David Lawrence, Washington correspondent of the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch in a recent article in the Norfolk daily. Lawrence says: "The process of readjustment is not yet over. Perhaps some of the most painful changes will come when the price of labor is gradually brought down, but in the business world itself the bottom has been reached and the future is by no means as dark as it was a month ago. Letters received from bank officials in various parts of the country indicate that the turn came in the last six or seven days and that the improvement is substantial and sound."

Speaking of the probable wage cuts and their effect upon labor, Mr. Lawrence declares: "Of course the danger in reducing the cost of labor is always the prospect of a strike. But in many cases the employers would be glad to be rid of an overhead cost on labor altogether for a few weeks, so the wise laboring man consulting with the housewife and noticing a decline in the prices of food and clothing will, it is believed here, be ready to accept a lower weekly wage rather than insist on a higher one and run the risk of not getting anything at all during the winter months. But an abrupt change in labor prices is not expected."

The financial world, which makes possible the continuance of manufacturing and business in general, has passed through its crisis, and, while buying will be conservative, the return to normal has at last begun. There is no longer need for the consumer to refrain from the conservative buying of necessities, and the sooner the buying public becomes convinced of this fact, the better it will be for producer, retailer and consumer.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM THURSDAY EVENING

A delightful Christmas program of recitations and carols will be given in the annex of the First Baptist church Thursday evening at 7:30 by the little folks of the Sunday School under the direction of Miss Mahala Meekins. The public is cordially invited.

"KING WINTER" THURSDAY NIGHT

"King Winter" is the title of the charming little Christmas play to be given at Blackwell Memorial annex Thursday evening at 7:30 under the direction of Mrs. L. E. Skinner. The little folks of the Sunday School will take the various parts, and a delightful evening is promised all who attend.

MISS DOROTHY ZOELLER ENTERTAINS AT DANCE

Miss Dorothy Zoeller entertained Tuesday evening at a delightful dance given at the club rooms on Road street by her aunt, Mrs. D. A. Morgan. The rooms were attractively decorated in Christmas colors. Those enjoying the evening were: Miss Margaret Bondurant with Mr. Erskine Duff, Miss Eloise Chesson with Mr. Francis Seyfert, Miss Ruth White with Mr. Charles Seyfert, Miss Lina Stevens with Mr. Gilbert Hall, Miss Morgia Bell Carr with Mr. James Hathaway, Miss Eunice Goodwin with Mr. Frank Dawson, Miss Emily Jennings with Mr. Avery Jones, Miss Katherine Skinner with Mr. Henry Crawley, Miss Mary L. Skinner with Mr. Edwin Turnley, Miss Helen Perry with Mr. Wallace Miller, Miss Mildred Hughes with Mr. Guirkin Cook, Miss Milcent Grice with Mr. John McMullan, Miss Mary Nixon with Mr. Joe Lamb, Miss Eva McMullan with Mr. William Cotter, Miss Elizabeth Etheridge with Mr. Ray Quinn, Miss Mae Forrest, of Norfolk, with Mr. Oscar Whitehurst, Miss Dorothy Zoeller with Mr. Lev Guirkin.

QUAKE IN CALIFORNIA

Willows, Cal., Dec. 29.—An earthquake of such severity that it aroused the inhabitants occurred here this morning at 2:15. No damage has been reported thus far.

LENZ-ARMSTRONG

Edward Clarence Lenz, of Newport News, Va., and Miss Catherine Lucille Armstrong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Armstrong, of this city, were quietly married by Dr. G. W. Clarke, at the Blackwell Memorial parsonage Tuesday morning at nine o'clock. They were attended by the bride's brother, Clyde S. Armstrong, W. E. Rountree, of Newport News, and Miss Mae Forbes, of this city. Following the ceremony they left for a wedding trip to points of interest in the north. Upon their return Mr. and Mrs. Lenz will make their home at Newport News, Va.

AT ALKRAMA WEDNESDAY

William S. Hart is the man who, more than any other, has brought the fading West back to the memories of those who are now old and given it a realistic presentation on the screen for the newer generation which knows it only through books or by word of mouth in the form of reminiscence. The West lives again in the pictures in which Mr. Hart is starred by Artercraft. He has been badman, woodsman, plainsman, puncher, gambler—everything in a procession of characterizations, each perfect in itself, pictures as faithful to the types as, for example, are the drawings of Frederick Remington.

Now he will come to the Alkrama Theater today in a new type of picture—new, yet old. For he is still a Westerner, and for a time, a bandit. But the story is modern. It deals with German spy plots on the Mexican border and Mr. Hart saves the day by a splendid piece of bravery and daring. Patriotically speaking, the film is one to make every true American thrill, there is a wholesome love story and a mystery of concealed wireless to add piquancy. This is one of the best Hart films in the entire range of his offerings. Wanda Hawley, a genuine beauty, is his leading woman.

MAKES PROTEST

The Advance:
I read today in the Virginian Pilot where the town of New Bern is to have what is known as a Fair Price Committee. It seems to me that Elizabeth City needs one especially in regards to the prices charged in the City Market.

For illustration: If a cattle raiser or a hog raiser carries his meat to the occupants of the market in this town he is offered 13 or 14 cents a pound, and is told that the market man isn't especially anxious to buy at any price. But when you or I walk in to buy a cut of steak or probably a roast for Sunday we are greeted with a smile, and told when we ask the price that it is only 35 cents a pound.

I haven't stopped to figure what percentage they realize on their meats, but it reminds me about a joke or probably it was the truth. A merchant was asked what percentage he figured on his goods, and said he had never figured on any percentage, but he knew D— well when he bought anything for \$1.00 and sold it for \$2.00 he wasn't losing anything.

Well it is useless to say any more—a primary scholar can tell you how much a butcher is losing. Answer children—everybody: "Not even the squeal!"

SAMPLE-MUNDEN

Miss Catherine Lucille Munden, of this city, and John Richardson Sample, of the Corinth section, were united in marriage in a quiet but beautiful ceremony at the home of Rev. Romulus F. Hall on West Church street Friday night, December 24th, at ten o'clock. They were accompanied by Misses Mattie Spruill, Ida Mae Thornton, Rosa Lee Stevens, Mary Maude Morrisette and Messrs. Robert Byrum and Selden Lamb. Mr. Sample is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Warren Sample, of the Corinth section, and his bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Munden, of Elizabeth City. The young couple will make their home at 125 Garden street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

TARKINTON-SYLVESTER

Bennie Darrell Tarkinton and Miss Sadie Elizabeth Sylvester, of this city, were married here Monday evening at six o'clock by Rev. H. K. Williams at the First Baptist parsonage. The groom is the son of Mrs. Mathias Tarkinton, on Fearling street, and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Sylvester, whose residence is on Cedar street. Both are well known in this city, and their many friends take pleasure in wishing them many years of happy married life.

EXCITING SCENES BEFORE COMMITTEE

Representatives of Association For Colored People Charge That Negroes Were Denied Vote In South

Washington, Dec. 29.—Charges by representatives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in the House today that negroes were unlawfully prevented from voting in the South led to somewhat exciting scenes. Southern members of the House Census Committee took issue with the witnesses, and Representative Bee, of Texas, declared that he was tired of the States being insulted on the strength of hearsay evidence. One of the spectators insisted on getting into the discussion and Chairman Siegel finally told him that if he did not sit down he must leave the room.

Declaring that there was nothing in the laws of the Southern States discriminating against the negro voters, representatives from the South suggested that the spokesmen of the Association take their complaints of alleged discriminations against negroes to the courts, rather than to Congress. The House Census Committee is continuing its hearings on the Congressional Apportionment Bill, and it is believed that, before the hearings are concluded, representatives of the Association for the Advancement of Colored People will urge the reduction of representation from Southern States where the alleged discriminations are said to have taken place. A bill recently introduced in the House provides for the reduction of the representatives from the Southern States where it was found that the negro had been denied enfranchisement.

Wireless Progress In South America

Rio De Janeiro, Dec. 27.—Increased wireless communication with neighboring South American republics and within the vast territory of Brazil itself is the aim of a bill just introduced into the Chamber of Deputies. It provides for the installation of high-power wireless stations in the federal district and (by arrangement with Paraguay) in Asuncion, and at convenient points in the Brazilian states of Mato Grosso and Rio Grande do Sul.

The preamble of the measure refers to the wireless progress made in recent years, adding that this means of communication between Rio De Janeiro, Asuncion, Buenos Aires and Montevideo would be more economical than by the present land telegraph or cable systems. It suggests the possibility of wireless communication between Brazil and the countries on the west coast through erection of stations in the interior states of Brazil.

COLBY WELCOMED BY PARAGUAYANS

Montevideo, Paraguay, Dec. 29.—Great throngs lined the streets of this city yesterday to welcome Secretary of State Colby, now upon an official visit to South America. American residents declare that it was the most enthusiastic welcome given a foreign visitor in many years.

CANNON BREAKS RECORD

Washington, Dec. 29.—The House of Representatives stopped work for "Uncle Joe" Cannon, who established an hour today to pay tribute to a new record for service in Congress yesterday, surpassing Justin Smith Morrill, of Vermont, who previously held the record of 43 years, nine months and 24 days in House and Senate.

NORWEGIAN SCHOONER IS AFIRE NEAR CHARLESTON

Norfolk, Dec. 29.—A radio message received here today announces that the Norwegian schooner Korsnaes is on fire eight miles off Charleston, S. C. Twelve members of the crew were taken off last night by the Coast Guard cutter Seminole, which is standing by.