

CONFERRING WITH BARGE LINE HEADS

Secretary Job And C. O. Robinson In Baltimore Tuesday to Deal With Officials

Secretary Richard C. Job, of the Chamber of Commerce, and C. O. Robinson left Monday afternoon for Baltimore to confer with Vice President E. G. Warfield and other officials of the New York Canal and Great Lakes Corporation with regard to the bringing of the company's barge line to this city.

There is much local interest in the is understood to have bought the govt. proposition made by Mr. Warfield in behalf of the company which erment barge line operating between New Bern, Washington, Norfolk and Baltimore. The only hitch that has thus far developed is on the matter of the \$100,000 revenue guarantee that the corporation asks of Elizabeth City as an inducement to bring the barge line here.

Opinion differs greatly on the value of such a transportation line to the city and section. W. J. Woodley, a leading wholesaler here, is very enthusiastic in advocating it. He says that he is quite willing to guarantee his pro rata share of the amount asked, for with such a line, operating on a reasonable freight rate basis, he would be able to get shipments from Baltimore and Philadelphia on which the freight is now prohibitive.

J. H. LeRoy, general manager of the Albemarle Fertilizer Company, interviewed Tuesday afternoon, stated that a barge line to Baltimore would be of great value to the company he represents, in the handling of bulk shipments of fertilizer to points North.

J. B. Baker, superintendent of the North River Line, declared that his company is entirely neutral in the matter of the establishment of the barge line. He declared that he did not believe that the line would be in any large sense a competitor of the North River Line, but in his opinion, the quantity of freight which the barge line would handle would not justify the \$100,000 guarantee. A. R. Nicholson, agent of the Elizabeth City Boat Line, said substantially the same thing, adding that he thought that the class of freight which such a line would handle would necessarily be limited to bulk consignments of commodities which would not require quick delivery.

WAGE REDUCTIONS IN PAPER MILLS

Kalamazoo, Mich., July 12.—Wage reductions amounting to approximately two million dollars yearly went into effect in all paper mills in Southwestern Michigan today. About 8,000 workers are affected.

French Anxious Discuss Armaments

Paris, July 12.—The French government will accept without reserve any invitation to a conference on limitation of armaments, it is stated in a letter sent the American embassy here by the government for President Harding.

WILLIAM MOUNTAIN RULER OF ELKS

Vallejo, Cal., July 12.—William W. Mountain, of Toledo, Ohio, today becomes Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks, the convention now being in progress here.

Irish Leaders Leave For London

Dublin, July 12.—Irish Republican leaders left today for participation in a conference with the British government Thursday at London over the Irish problem. They were: De Valera, Arthur Griffith, Austen Stack and Robert C. Barton.

Towner Pleads For Better Babies

Washington, July 12.—The heavy death rate in maternity and infancy cases is due to ignorance and poverty, Representative Towner, of Iowa, told the committee today, urging action on the better baby bill.

DATE FOR CAMPING HAS BEEN CHANGED

Miss Marcell Albertson, home demonstration agent, asks the boys and girls to take notice that the date for their camping trip has been changed from July 8th to July 15-19. The place chosen is Harvey's Neck, Perquimans County.

Many Killed By A Falling Wall

Dax, France, July 12.—Many persons were killed here today by a falling store wall. Eleven bodies were recovered.

Kiddies Shot While Eating Watermelon

Albany, Ga., July 12.—Robert and Isalah Temple, aged ten and four, were shot to death while eating watermelon by an unknown murderer.

HOUSE ADOPTS SPECIAL RULE ON TARIFF BILL

Washington, July 12.—The House adopted over an almost solid Democratic opposition the special rule governing consideration of the Fordney tariff bill today.

COTTAGE OPENS JULY 15

Announcement is made that the LeRoy Cottage, at Nags Head, will be open and ready for visitors by Friday, July 15.—This has long been one of the most popular boarding places at the well known seaside resort, and many will be glad to learn of the opening of the cottage for the summer season.

ALKRAMA TODAY

May McAvoy, who portrays the inexperienced boarding school miss, who is quite taken off her feet and hurried into marriage in "The Truth About Husbands," which comes to the Alkrama theater today, is in real life just a dear little girl still in her teens weighing less than a hundred pounds with big blue orbs and a lovely smile that goes right to the heart. This Whittaker Bennett production is released through First National.

North River Line Runs Boat Sunday

Giving Elizabeth City People Opportunity to Spend Cool Day at Nags Head

The North River Line will run a steamer to Nags Head Sunday, leaving the foot of Main street at eight o'clock Sunday morning and returning about nine o'clock that night. There will be refreshments on board and the company will make every provision possible for a happy comfortable day.

PERSONALS

Rev. H. K. Williams left Tuesday afternoon for Virginia Beach for a short vacation. He plans to return in time to conduct the regular Sunday services at the First Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Godfrey and family motored to Norfolk Sunday. Mrs. Godfrey's mother returning with them for a visit, and the Misses Godfrey remaining for a visit in Norfolk.

Mrs. I. Harry Jones, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. Walter Cohoon on West Church street.

Miss Ella Jennings, of Norfolk, is visiting Miss Lou Davis.

Miss Louise Wilkison, of Fort Royal, Va., is visiting Miss Henrietta Clark, on East Burgess street.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Love, of Washington, D. C., are visiting W. T. Love, Sr., on Ehringhaus street.

Mrs. R. W. Debnam, of Norfolk, and little son and daughter, are visiting C. H. Brock at his home, 203 North Road street.

R. G. Shackel, of Tarboro, is in the city looking over the situation here with a view to making Elizabeth City his home.

Miss Adelaide Dunstan has gone to Windsor to visit relatives and friends.

SAYS MEXICO'S CLAIM GENUINE

General Aguirre Says Mexico Willing For America to Have Islands In Return For Foreign Credit

San Antonio, Tex., July 12.—Contentions upon which Mexico may base her claims to a number of islands across the coast of California in the Pacific Ocean, which are now occupied by Americans and are under the control of the United States, are summed up in a report made to President Obegon by General Amado Aguirre, sub-secretary of Agriculture and chief of the commission making a study of the islands, according to an account in Excelsior, published in Mexico City. The report declares that the claim of Mexico to the islands is indisputable, but that the Mexican government is willing for the islands to remain under the American flag in return for foreign credit, the amount of which was not stipulated.

Included in the group of islands is Santa Catalina, of which William Wrigley Jr., of Chicago is the sole owner. Others are the Farallones, San Miguel, Santa Rosa, Santa Varacruz, Anacapa, Santa Barbara, San Nicolas and San Clemente.

The arguments of General Aguirre in favor of Mexico's claims to the islands, as published in Excelsior are: "The United States is not occupying them by right of discovery, for they were discovered in the 16th century by the Spanish navigator Cabrillo, who gave them the names which they now bear.

"They are not occupied by right of purchase, as Mexico has never sold them to any person or nation.

"They are not occupied by right of conquest for they were never conquered.

"They are not occupied by territorial jurisdiction because the international code of the United States sets the principle that the territorial jurisdiction of a nation cannot extend further than a league from shore, and that the islands in question are at a greater distance from the shore of the United States.

"The international code of the United States rejects the right of conquest by stating that not all territory conquered belongs to the conqueror, but only that part assigned by definite stipulation of duly authorized treaties."

Further proof of the claim of Mexico to the islands is cited in the decree of the Queen of Spain in 1836, declaring that in the future all possessions of the Kingdom of New Spain belonged to the Republic of Mexico, a sovereign nation. For many years, Mexico actually exercised control over the islands, it is asserted.

In substantiation of the assertion that Mexico exercised dominion over the islands, it is pointed out that a decree was issued June 20, 1838, authorizing the governor of California to make grants of any part of the islands to Mexicans, according to the stipulations of the law of August 18, 1824, and that the titles to parts of the islands granted to Castellero and Carriol in 1839 and 1841 were nullified by later decrees of President Santa Anna in November, 1853, by President Alvarez in July, 1854, and by President Comfrot March 10, 1857.

Accidentally Shot Self Through Arm

Vernon Burgess, of Old Trap, Camden County, Suffers Painful Wound When .22 Rifle Goes Off

Word was received here by long distance telephone from Old Trap Tuesday morning that Vernon Burgess, the 14-year-old son of W. H. Burgess, postmaster at Old Trap, and member of the Leary-Burgess Company, accidentally shot himself through the left arm with a .22 rifle Monday morning at ten o'clock at the home of Mrs. F. N. Pugh, a neighbor.

EDUCATORS MEET AT MINNEAPOLIS

Washington, July 12.—Plans for a four weeks conference of state supervisors, foremen and teacher trainers to be conducted at Minneapolis, Minnesota, beginning July 18 are announced by Educational Director Hawkins, of the Federal Vocational Board.

BURIAL MRS. JAMES LEARY

Burial services over Mrs. James Leary, who died of appendicitis at Hatteras last Friday, were conducted at the Episcopal cemetery here Sunday morning by Rev. George P. Hill. The remains had been brought in a small boat to Manteo, and thence to this city via the Wanchese Line.

Mrs. Leary, who before her last marriage was Mrs. Bertha Lewis, of Brooklyn, N. Y., met James Leary, of Edenton, at Nags Head last summer. They were married at Manteo and afterward went on a trip down to Hatteras. Both were fond of the water, and they decided to make their home there. Mrs. Leary was stricken with appendicitis last week, and died suddenly. She was a very beautiful woman, and had posed for the celebrated artist, Howard Chandler Christy. Her grandmother, Mrs. Hinrichs, lived for many years with the family of D. B. Bradford here.

HARDING COMPLETES MESSAGE ON BONUS

Washington, July 12.—President Harding has completed the preparation of his special message which he expects to read to the Senate on bonus legislation. The document is less than 3,000 words.

LIQUOR ORDERED SEIZED

Washington, July 12.—All cargoes of intoxicating liquors shipped into the United States without a prohibition permit have been ordered seized and forfeited, George W. Ashworth, chief of the treasury, customs division, announced today.

Great Increase In Merchant Tonnage

Washington, July 12.—American merchant tonnage has increased by more than 131 per cent since the beginning of the war, according to the statement issued today by the bureau of navigation.

Lumbermen Seek Lower Freight

Memphis, July 12.—Lumbermen from virtually every hardwood producing Southern state met here today in a conference of directors of the Southern Hardwood Traffic Association, planning an appeal to the Interstate Commerce Commission for a downward revision of freight rates on low grade lumber.

Moonlight Excursion Wednesday Night

A moonlight excursion down Pasquotank River and back will be conducted by the North River Line Wednesday night. One of the large steamers of the company will leave from the foot of Main street at eight o'clock, returning before bedtime. The band will be aboard, and a good time is promised. Refreshments will be sold on the steamer. The tickets for the excursion are only fifty cents.

FUNERAL ROBERT HOLMES

The funeral of Robert Holmes, who died at a Norfolk hospital Sunday afternoon at six o'clock, was held at the home on Beech street Tuesday afternoon at one-thirty by Rev. H. K. Williams. Interment in Hollywood cemetery followed. The deceased is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Holmes, and by two sisters, Misses Nellie and Hattie Holmes.

LITTLE CHILD DEAD

The eleven-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Tadlock died at the Tadlock home Sunday morning, and funeral services were held Monday afternoon at one o'clock by Rev. O. Spruill. Interment was made in Hollywood cemetery.

MEETS THIS EVENING

The Ladies' Wesley Bible Class of City Road M. E. church will meet with Mrs. G. F. Seyfert at her home on Pennsylvania avenue this evening at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

DOLLAR DAY THURSDAY

Thursday, July 14, is Dollar Day at I. B. Parker Company's grocery. Watch for announcement of bargains tomorrow.

MANY CASES HEARD BY JUDGE SPENCE TUESDAY

Violators of Speed Laws Take Up Much Time In Recorder's Court Nowadays

Stewart Alexander was fined \$10 and costs in police court Tuesday morning for speeding. E. H. Spence, manager of the Southern Hotel, was fined a like amount on a similar charge.

Buck Liverman, colored, was fined \$10 and costs for assault.

James Williams, colored, charged with violation of the bicycle ordinances, was fined \$1 and costs.

William Johnson, colored, in court on a charge of non-support, was dismissed, judgment being suspended on condition that he and his wife settle their differences and live together.

John Evans was found not guilty of violation of the State speed law. Ike Williams was likewise found not guilty on an identical charge.

Wesley Morgan, charged with speeding, was found not guilty, the evidence tending to prove that the wrong man had been arrested.

SHIPPERS AND CARRIERS DISCUSS FREIGHT RATES

Atlanta, July 12.—Conferences on the proposed changes in freight rates to points in the southeast occupied the attention by representatives at the shippers and carriers meetings here today which are expected to continue through the week.

ARMY SELLS SHOES

Washington, July 12.—Bids for the purchase of more than a quarter of a million pairs of surplus army shoes were asked today by the war department.

OPPOSES GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTING HOMES

Chicago, July 12.—Opposition to paternalism which would provide for government construction of homes was expressed by former President Judd in welcoming delegates to the annual convention of the National Association of Real Estate Boards here today.

DEFENSE DISCREDITS CHARGE OF POISON

Cleveland, Ohio, July 12.—The state's contention that Mrs. Eva Catherine Kaber attempted to kill her husband, Daniel F. Kaber, by poisoning was attacked by the defense today as the initial effort to discredit the state's case.

REDUCES WAGES FURTHER

Youngstown, Ohio, July 12.—The Sharon Steel Hoop Company today took the lead among the independent steel companies in announcing further wage reductions.

SAY STRIKE SETTLED

Chicago, July 12.—The strike of grain elevator employes here is ended so far as grain operators are concerned.

BLAKE-ROWE

James Robert Blake and Miss Hallie Sooson owe, both of Norfolk, were married here late Monday afternoon. They motored to Elizabeth City from the Virginia city.

A MOST EXCITING GAME OF BASEBALL FOR TODAY

Lovers of baseball will be given an opportunity to witness a thrilling exhibition of the great game on the West Main street diamond this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, when the team of the Blackwell Memorial Young Men's Bible Class will meet that of the City Road Wesley Bible Class. Many old-time stars will be seen in action in this game for the first time in years. The batteries for the City Road team are Webb, Bray and Rogers. The manager of the Blackwell Memorial aggregation is E. E. Pritchard, and of the City Road outfit, E. L. Rogers. The regular admission fee will be charged.

Former German Ships Will Be Targets

New York, July 12.—Two former German warships left for Virginia Capes today to be used as targets by American battleships.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleetwood Dunstan have returned to their home in New York after a visit to Mr. Dunstan's parents, on West Church street.

MORE ABOUT THE WEEKSVILLE H. S.

S. S. Overman Explains Attitude of School Committee and Tells How High School Plan Was Abandoned

Editor The Advance:
In your issue of Tuesday, July 5, under the heading, "Will Vote Away Weeksville High School in Order that the District may be Completely Reorganized on a More Practical Basis for an Effective School," while the facts as set forth in the news item are substantially correct, yet they are not set forth in such light nor with sufficient explanation to do justice to the people who so splendidly stood by the Weeksville project which is now being so ruthlessly abandoned.

I would like, therefore, to give the public a few facts in regard to the beginning of the Weeksville High School idea.

Just a little over three years ago J. T. Brothers and others of Nixonton township, under the splendid leadership of Superintendent of Public Instruction P. S. Vann, conceived the idea of building a consolidated school for Nixonton township. The boundaries were drawn and the intended district was composed of what is now a large part of the Weeksville District, including Old Weeksville itself.

However, strong opposition having developed it became apparent that what at first seemed an easy thing would eventually be defeated. Then it was that plans were put on foot for the new Nixonton-Salem District. The Nixonton proposition being defeated as foreseen the new district was quickly formed and the election called, the rate of taxation being fixed at 30 cents on the \$100.00 worth of property, that being the maximum amount allowed by the law.

This election resulted in the adherents of the school winning out almost unanimously, there being fifty five votes cast for special tax and only one actually cast against it. Some time after this superintendent Vann's term of office having expired M. P. Jennings was elected to take his place and he it is said to the credit of Mr. Jennings that he appeared to enter into the new school venture with some zeal.

Having been successful thus far an ideal site was purchased of J. J. Morris near the old Episcopal church over in Salem township.

The first setback occurred when a second election for voting a bond issue of \$20,000 and indiscreetly lowering the rate of taxation, to 15 cents on the \$100 worth of property was held without taking account of stock, so to speak.

The idea being to make the bond issue of twenty years duration, the last to mature in twenty years it was deemed that the 15 cent rate would be ample to take care of the interest and retire a bond each year, which was too late for correction found to be a mistake.

The result was another meeting of the board of education and a committee appointed for the district. Various ideas were expressed yet nothing satisfactory was hit upon, for no one seemed to want to ask the people to go out and vote a higher tax rate which was already unusually high. Finally it was decided to postpone the erection of a building until further developments, especially until the cost of materials and labor was lowered which would eventually solve the problem. Thus time passed

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NEWLAND WINS ANOTHER GAME

Newland, July 12.—The Newland baseball team won its second game Monday, July 4th. The team has only played three mate-games this season, winning two and losing one. The game last Monday was won from the Berea team on the Berea diamond, being a literal runaway for Newland, with a score of 19 to 2.

OFFERS SONG

Newland, July 12.—T. Wannamaker Balance, of Route 6, Newland's high school boy song writer, announces that he is now prepared to fill orders by mail for his song "I Wonder How It Feels to Be in Love" at twenty cents per copy. Many people will no doubt be glad of the opportunity to secure a copy of this much talked of song, as several well known singers are featuring it now in vaudeville. You may secure a copy by addressing him as above.

FIRST BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

Excursion is Thursday, July 14. Tickets are now on sale at G. W. Twiddy's Grocery Store and at Culpepper's Hardware Company. ap