

Breaks Off Negotiations With Utility Corporations

City Council In Special Session Friday Night Goes Forward With Plans For The Erection Of New Utility Plants—Formal Notifica- tion Given Saturday

The City Council stands by its guns and refuses to pay the affiliated corporations serving Elizabeth City in the matter of light, power, water and sewerage more than a quarter of a million dollars for their plants and property.

Formal notification to that effect was handed the secretary of the affiliated corporations Saturday in a letter from Mayor W. Ben Goodwin. This letter sets forth that the figure offered by the city, \$250,000, was arrived at after careful consideration and was based on appraisals made by experts, that the offer was made in good faith with due warning that it was final, and that the city must therefore decline to consider the counter-proposals made by the corporations following the meeting of their stockholders on Thursday.

The letter referred to in the foregoing paragraph was drawn up by Councilman P. H. Williams, redrafted by City Attorney J. B. Leigh and adopted by the City Council in special session Friday night.

In line with its announced program, the Council, having definitely abandoned the idea of purchasing the existing utility plants here, set about preliminary steps looking to the erection by the city of its own utilities.

One preliminary step planned contemplated in the near future is a visit to other tidewater towns in Eastern North Carolina to study the plan of construction, the cost, and the manner of operation of existing utilities in these cities. This will be done, it was intimated at the Council's meeting Friday night, before any contracts are let or any definite figures are set as to the cost of the proposed utility plants. However, in round numbers it is understood that the Council expects the cost of the proposed utilities to be in the neighborhood of half a million dollars.

A matter that is giving members of the Council some concern is the fact that their term of office expires next June and that work on the proposed utility plants can hardly be more than got under way by that time. Few members of the Council purpose to offer themselves for re-election and they are concerned about the carrying on of the work begun without a hitch.

Seeking to meet this situation certain members of the Council, notably P. H. Williams and L. R. Foreman, favor the creation of a permanent commission to take the construction of the proposed plants in hand and carry the work through to completion. This proposal, however, when put forward by Councilman Williams Friday night, encountered sharp opposition, especially from Councilmen Cahoon and Stevens, who believe, apparently, that the Council has no business to delegate its powers to an outside body in this important matter and that a committee from the Council should be named to act in the place of the proposed commission. There was no test of strength at Friday night's meeting, as Councilman Williams did not press for a vote when he found that his proposal had run into sharp opposition. This issue will probably have to be fought out, however, in the near future.

The Council adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor and another meeting in the first half of next week is the present outlook.

The formal letter from Mayor Goodwin to President Crook of the utilities advising Mr. Crook of the action taken by the Council Friday night follows:

"Whereas, it appears to the Board, from a certain letter received by the Mayor, from Howard E. Crook, President of the three Public Utilities, Lights, Water and Sewerage, and whereas in said letter, there was enclosed three resolutions, made by said Utilities, rejecting the offers of purchase of the Corporation of Elizabeth at the price of \$250,000.00, and whereas in said resolution there were certain offers of arbitration, as well as counter offers as to prices, at which said utilities would sell their properties to the said Corporation of Elizabeth City, and whereas after mature consideration by the Board of Aldermen, for the said Corporation of Elizabeth City, as to the offer made in said resolutions; It was upon motion of Mr. W. H. Weatherly, and seconded by Mr. W. H. Jenette that each and all of said offers and propositions, as contained in the

Tied Up At Southport

Lieut. Hinton Forced To Stop Again On Account Of Storms Along The Coast

Southport, N. C., Aug. 19 (By The Associated Press)—The seaplane Sampaio Correia bound from New York to Brazil, is tied up here on account of storms along the coast. Lieutenant Hinton, pilot, is doubtful whether he will be able to get away before the afternoon. He arrived yesterday from Manteo.

Leslie Mann Denies Receiving Letter

St. Louis, Aug. 19 (By The Associated Press)—Leslie Mann, St. Louis National's outfielder, today denied having received a letter from Phil Douglas, Giant's pitcher, barred from organized baseball for writing a letter to a player of the "contending team" offering to desert the Giants and thus hinder pennant chances, as claimed last night in a statement by Douglas. Mann also denied a telephone conversation Douglas claimed to have had with him.

aforsaid letter, and resolutions forwarded to the said Mayor, W. Ben Goodwin, by Howard E. Crook, President of the said Utilities Companies, be and the same are hereby rejected; and that the Mayor is hereby instructed to communicate the rejection of the said propositions as aforesaid to the said Howard E. Crook, President, as aforesaid.

"Be it further resolved, that the said Mayor shall communicate with the said Howard E. Crook, President, that it does not matter to the Corporation of Elizabeth City how the amount heretofore offered by the said Corporation of Elizabeth City to the said Utilities Companies for their properties be segregated or divided between the said companies, for that in no event will the Corporation of offer or pay more than \$250,000.00 for said Three Utilities in the aggregate, as upon investigation by competent Engineers, this is a full value for said Utilities to the Corporation of Elizabeth City.

"The foregoing resolutions were unanimously adopted;

"Upon motion duly put and seconded, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: That whereas the Elizabeth City Light and Power Company, The Elizabeth City Water and Power Company, and the Elizabeth City Sewerage Company, have each rejected the offer of the Corporation of Elizabeth City for their properties, that within said Corporation of Elizabeth City, and belonging to said Companies which said offer was passed by the Board of Aldermen of the Corporation of Elizabeth City on the 27th day of June 1922; Therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of Elizabeth City make such preparations as may be necessary and proper for the building, installing and equipping of a system of Electric Light, Water and Sewerage plants, in and for City of Elizabeth City."

Here is the letter of President Crook which accompanied the resolutions of the several utility corporations declining to accept the city's offer to buy the utility plants and properties at an aggregate of \$250,000:

August 17th, 1922.
To the Honorable,
W. Ben Goodwin,
Mayor of Elizabeth City.

Sir:
I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 9th, 1922, relative to the proposal of the

MONEY FIND CASE TO SUPREME COURT

Armintha Powell Put Under Bond Of \$500 For Assault With Intent To Kill

Two cases involving five defendants, all colored, went up to Superior Court Saturday morning as a sequel of a find of five one hundred-dollar bills at the Five and Ten Cent Store corner on Thursday, July 20, by Minnie Bowe and Eliza Riddick.

Minnie Bowe, Eliza Riddick, Daniel Riddick and Emmett Worsely were put under bond of \$25 for misuse of the \$500 found. Armintha Powell was put under bond of \$500 for an alleged assault with intent to kill.

The money was found on the same day it was lost by B. B. Bell of Strawboro, clerk of Superior Court of Camden county, who missed his money about ten minutes, probably, after he dropped it. Arriving in the city from Shawboro Mr. Bell drove his car to the Apothecary Shop corner, crossed the street, went from the First & Citizens Bank to the Spence-Hollowell Company on Water street, and when he returned to the bank found the five hundred-dollar bills and a check for three hundred dollars missing from his pocket.

When Thursday and Friday passed with no trace of the missing money Bell had about lost hope of recovering it. On Saturday, however, one Emmett Worsely, colored, while the bank was closed presented at the Apothecary Shop a hundred dollar bill in payment for goods on an account. The Apothecary Shop didn't have the change and Worsely then tried D. Walter Harris, in the same building, but again in vain. He finally obtained the change at the postoffice, but the bill had attracted attention and it was not long before Chief of Police Holmes was inquiring of Worsely where the money came from. From Worsely Chief Holmes went to Daniel Riddick, colored city employe, and from Riddick the Chief learned that Riddick's wife, Eliza, and one Minnie Bowe, colored, had found \$500 in one hundred-dollar bills. Eventually Mr. Bell got all his money back but the check has never been recovered and is believed to have been destroyed.

Now when the Chief got to Minnie and Eliza they had spent a part of their find—Minnie \$8 and Eliza \$5.35. Minnie went to Walter Powell's store, on Southern avenue, corner of Park street, to get the \$8 she had spent there back. She got all but one dollar of it and would have gone her way in peace had not Powell's wife, Armintha, come in at this juncture. Armintha went for Minnie with a razor and slashed her up so artfully that Minnie spent two weeks in the Community Hospital. Considerable infection followed the injuries sustained from the cutting and Minnie Bowe's right arm may be permanently weakened.

Clyde Stevens was fined five dollars and costs for violation of a traffic ordinance.

Buck Liverman, Elijah Franklin and Charles D. Riddick, all colored, were tried for failure to list taxes. They were taxed with the costs and paid the taxes due.

S. C. Farmer Faces Charge Of Peonage

Aiken, S. C., Aug. 19 (By The Associated Press)—Brode Williams, well known farmer of this county, is today at liberty under a six hundred dollar bond, charged with peonage. He was brought before United States Commissioner Morgan here yesterday on charges of keeping Robert Bellinger, negro farm hand, in service against Bellinger's will. He will be given a preliminary hearing here August 23.

ANTHRACITE MEETING ADJOURNS TILL MONDAY

Philadelphia, Aug. 19 (By The Associated Press)—The joint conference of anthracite coal operators and union officials adjourned at about 11:30 until Monday without reaching an agreement for settlement of the hard coal strike. No information was given out concerning progress made toward settlement.

FREE STATE TROOPS REPULSE IRREGULARS

Dublin, Aug. 19 (By The Associated Press)—There was heavy firing all last night throughout Dublin between national army forces and Republican irregulars, the free state troops repulsing the attack on their positions by the irregulars.

DYNAMITE ROCKS RAILWAY TRESTLE

Other Outbursts Reported Throughout Country As Railway Peace Is In Balance

Chicago, Aug. 19 (By The Associated Press)—With railroad peace apparently hanging in the balance until next Wednesday, when spokesmen for the railroads and striking shopmen are due to meet again, dynamite blasts rocked the Chesapeake & Ohio trestle near Huntington, W. Va., and tore up the track of the Illinois Central at Paducah, Ky., and other outbursts are reported from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Vigorous Campaign Waged In California

Last Minute Injection Of Republican Opponent To Hiram Johnson Causes Excitement

Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 19 (By The Associated Press)—Vigorous campaigning by senatorial and gubernatorial candidates was the feature of the weeks preceding California's primary election, which will be held on August 29 and at which candidates will be nominated for complete state ticket and for all county offices.

Virtual last-minute injection into the pre-primary campaign of a Republican opponent against United States Senator Hiram W. Johnson, who had been expected to have a clear field so far as the Republican nomination was concerned, aroused old-time political antagonisms. Senator Johnson's opponent was Charles C. Moore, San Francisco engineer and president of the Panama Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco in 1915.

Moore's candidacy was announced after a meeting in San Francisco of Republican leaders opposed to Johnson, and following the announcement it became apparent that the anti-Johnson campaign would be based on the latter's opposition to the Four Power Pacific treaty.

Early in the campaign reports were circulated that Moore had the backing of the administration of President Harding and that it was a fight of "progressive" as represented by Moore, against a man who was "at outs" with the national administration. Later reports from Washington said the President had decided to take no part in the California senatorial fight. It also was declared by Senator Johnson's friends that aside from his vote against the Four Power Treaty, Johnson was a firm supporter of the President.

Senator Johnson returned to California and was prompt to take up the fight. In his opening speech to the "home folks" he declared that it was "the same old fight against the same old gang"—men who opposed him when he was governor and fought the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and other corporations. Senator Johnson also declared that he had returned "to the best protected state in the Union" so far as the tariff was concerned. He declared that he had opposed the Four Power treaty because he was opposed to "entangling alliances" and because of the Japanese immigration issue, which for years had been vital in California.

Other candidates for the senatorial nominations were William J. Pearson, Democrat, of Los Angeles, Upton Sinclair, Socialist author, Pasadena, and H. Clay Needham, prohibitionist, Newhall.

For gubernatorial honors, Governor William D. Stephens was out to succeed himself on the Republican ticket. He also filed on the prohibitionist ticket. His Republican opponent was State Treasurer Friend W. Richardson of Berkeley.

Mattison B. Jones of Glendale, a Los Angeles suburb, and Thomas Lee Woolwine, district attorney of Los Angeles county, were the Democratic candidates. Jones also filed on the prohibitionist ticket. Alexander Herr of San Francisco was the Socialist candidate.

Governor Thinks Bout Will Not Be Allowed

Indianapolis, Aug. 19 (By The Associated Press)—Governor McCray today wrote Sheriff Anstie of LaPorte County, declaring that he is convinced that the proposed Dempsey-Brennan bout at Michigan City is a prize fight and prohibited by law.

All-Stars Defeated Poplar Branch Team

Score Was 9 to 8 In Friday Afternoon Game On West Main Street Diamond

Elizabeth City defeated Poplar Branch Friday afternoon on the Main street diamond in a ragged game of baseball. Up until the fifth inning the game was fast and very interesting, but after that each team blew to pieces and each scored four runs. Elizabeth City again scored five runs in the seventh. The most exciting part of the game came in the ninth inning, when with the score standing 9 to 5, Poplar Branch got a batting streak and scored three runs, with two men on bases when the final out was made.

George Summerell started in the box for Poplar Branch and had things pretty much his own way until the fifth inning when a couple of hits and a few errors proved his undoing. Poyner replaced him. Evans started for Elizabeth City and he also pitched a steady game until the fifth, when it seemed like the whole Elizabeth City team went to pieces. Seymour replaced Evans in the box.

The outstanding feature of the game was the spectacular catch in right field by E. Weatherly.

The score by innings:

Elizabeth City . . . 000 040 500—9
Poplar Branch . . . 010 040 003—8

Batteries—Elizabeth City, Evans, Seymour and Jones; Poplar Branch, Summerell, Poyner and Corbell. Umpires—Glover and Rodgerson.

Begin Negotiations For Wage Agreements

Chicago, Aug. 19 (By The Associated Press)—The first actual negotiations towards a wage agreement between coal operators and miners started today at the joint meeting here of representatives of both sides. The miners were to present the recent Cleveland agreement for consideration and operators are expected to reply.

Seventy Seven Women In First Olympics

Paris, Aug. 19 (By The Associated Press)—Seventy-seven women athletes representing five countries will compete in what is generally described as the first women's olympics at Pershing Stadium tomorrow. The United States and Panama entered a team of fifteen, including Lucille Godbold and Estelle Scandolover, young women from the South.

GREYNA GREEN FOR LEGION MEN

Many Who Expect To Go To New Orleans Meeting Plan To Be Married There

New Orleans, La., Aug. 19 (By The Associated Press)—National conventions and honeymoons are seldom taken together, but the American Legion national convention committee is face to face with the problem of creating a Greyna Green for a number of Legion men who will attend the national gathering here October 16-20.

Committee members thought they had worries enough in arranging for the entertainment of the 150,000 visitors expected, when in came a letter from Comrade Oscar Mickelson of Brockton, N. D., asking for information in regard to provisions being made for the performance of marriage ceremonies during the convention.

"Can a marriage take place under the auspices of the American Legion at the convention in New Orleans this year or not?" Mickelson queried. "If so, I'd like to have full details about everything like dress to be worn, where to get license, etc., and also what time to be there."

Mickelson hopes for a favorable reply.

During the Legion convention in Kansas City last year twenty couples were married in convention hall by Rev. John W. Inzer, national chaplain. The Kansas City committee said for the marriage licenses and local merchants provided wedding rings and numerous presents.

Dr. H. T. Aydtlett, of Greensboro, who is here on his vacation, left Saturday to spend a few days at Nags Head with his brother, A. L. Aydtlett.

Guardsmen To Spencer

Eight Companies En- train At Charlotte— Others Ordered To Report Immediately

Charlotte, Aug. 19 (By The Associated Press)—Eight companies of North Carolina Guardsmen entrained for Spencer this morning, where it is reported that serious outbreaks threaten. Captain Melvin Caldwell of the Hornet's Nest company was here marshaling the troops to leave on a special train. Durham, Winston and Concord companies are also under orders to report to Spencer immediately, according to information from local officials of the Southern Railway.

Governor Is Anxious

Raleigh, Aug. 19 (By The Associated Press)—Adjutant General Van Metts announced today that Charlotte, Concord, Burlington and Mountgilead infantry, a Durham machine gun company, Lenoir and Hickory troops and cavalry and medical detachment from Graham have been ordered to entrain for Spencer. Governor Morrison declared that the situation there is still tense and that he has "become nervous and afraid that tragedy may take place in spite of cooler heads and the honor of North Carolina may be degraded." These are among his reasons for ordering troops to Spencer in connection with the strike of Southern shopmen.

No Recent Disorders

Salisbury, Aug. 19 (By The Associated Press)—The sheriff's office stated today that there have been no disorders at Spencer since Wednesday night, when a carload of special agents were not allowed to leave the train.

KIWANIS PICNIC GREAT SUCCESS

Three Hundred Full And Happy Children Left For Home When 'Twas All Over

Starting off with the distributing and consuming of two hogsheds of pink lemonade, mixed under the master supervision of Jim Perry, champion mixer of this universal thirst-quencher, the Kiwanis picnic, held Friday afternoon at the Fair Grounds, was a success in every particular.

About three hundred children were guests of Kiwanis and at least one hundred other persons, Kiwanians, their families and specially invited guests, were in attendance.

The games were under the direction of Community Play Director F. L. Traenkle, who made a special trip home in the midst of his vacation period being spent at Virginia Beach, especially to serve in this capacity. Hot dogs were roasted by John Saliba who has gained the reputation of preparing this toothsome food better than any vendor at Coney Island or elsewhere. The Kiwanian ladies rendered valuable assistance in serving the children and in many other ways. Twenty-five gallons of ice cream served in cones gave a finishing touch to the eats and when the children left for home they seemed to be full and happy.

The result of the races were as follows:

50 Yard Dash (Boys 10 Years And Over)

1st—Gilbert Doby,
2nd—William Metree,
3rd—Reuben Berry,
Time—7 seconds.

100 Yard Dash (Boys 10 Years And Over)

1st—Gilbert Doby,
2nd—William Metree,
3rd—Dewey Copeland,
Time—14 seconds.

50 Yard Dash (Boys Under 10)

1st—Claud Gregory,
2nd—Doc Phelps,
3rd—George Fearing,
Time—8 seconds.

The prize winners can secure their prizes by applying to C. W. Melick at P. W. Melick Co. Store.

DIAMOND BAR PIN LOST MON- day morning on Main street, be- tween McMorrine and Purno streets, a diamond set bar pin. Finder will please return to The Advance office and receive reward. aug 151f