

## President Crook Replies To Article Of December 4

### Has No Comment On Cost Of Operation Of Plants In Other Cities But Wishes To Correct Statements In Regard To Boilers And Engines Of Local Plant

Editor The Advance:

I note in your paper of December 4th you have quite a long article on the utilities of other towns adjacent to Elizabeth City and also some figures as regards the Elizabeth City utilities.

With reference to the figures which you have given as to the cost of operation of plants in the other towns I do not desire to make any comment. You have made some statements, however, regarding the Elizabeth City plants which are not correct, and if it is your desire to have the people of Elizabeth City correctly informed on this matter I would advise as follows:

Your information as to the kilowatt capacity or horsepower capacity of our generating plant is correct. Your information, however, as to our boilers is not correct. You state that our boiler horsepower has a total rated capacity of 600 H. P., whereas our plant is equipped with three boilers having a normal rated horsepower of 850. You further state that it requires a boiler horsepower to produce an electrical horsepower. This statement will probably leave the people of Elizabeth City under the impression that the boiler horsepower of our plant is not sufficient to utilize the 1200 electrical horsepower which we have. As a matter of fact, in the plant which we have in Elizabeth City an electrical horsepower is developed considerably less than one-half of a boiler horsepower. Therefore, our boiler plant is capable of furnishing steam for the operation of at least 1700 electrical horsepower.

You also state that two of our boilers are badly in need of a general overhauling and that the new boiler is not suited for land service with natural draft and coal fuel. Information of this kind given to the people of Elizabeth City can only be from either a lack of knowledge as to our plant, or to deliberately fool the people with a malicious intent. The two boilers which you state are badly in need of repairs have only as late as this summer been entirely torn down, re-tubed and are in as good condition as new boilers and need no repairs whatever. The new boiler is entirely adaptable for the service for which it is installed, has been operating continuously since it has been installed on natural draft and burning coal just the same as any other boiler.

There are hundreds of these boilers operating throughout the country under exactly similar conditions giving entire satisfaction.

With reference to the economy of our engines, would state that under equal load conditions they will produce current just as economically as any apparatus on the market today, and Elizabeth City could not buy (no matter how much money it might spend) any better or more economically operating units than are now installed in our plant.

We are furnishing you herewith this information so that if you desire that the people of Elizabeth City should have the true facts, that you may be supplied with the information to give them.

Yours very truly,  
HOWARD E. CROOK,  
President.

Editor's Note—The statements to which Mr. Crook takes exception were furnished this newspaper by E. H. Williams, chairman of the utilities committee of the City Council, and were, in substance, taken from the reports of appraisal engineers. Due allowance, of course, must be made for the fact that the reporter for this newspaper is no engineer and may, in some instances, have misunderstood the trend of the engineer's report.

## To Go On Trial For Murder Circus Owner

Mount Holly, N. J., Dec. 11 (By The Associated Press)—Mrs. Doris Brunen and brother, Harry C. Mohr, go on trial today before Supreme Court Justice Kalsch on charges of having killed Mrs. Brunen's husband, John T. Brunen, circus owner. Brunen was shot March 10 as he sat by the window of his home reading a newspaper.

## Premiers Must Cool

### Will Adjourn For Eight Days In Order To Avert An Open Rupture Between England And France

London, Dec. 11 (By The Associated Press)—Adjournment of the premiers' conference for eight days in order to avert an open rupture between England and France over the question of German reparations has been virtually decided upon.

Bonar Law informed Poincare that British public opinion is overwhelmingly opposed to any military measures against Germany. Poincare had demanded the occupation of Ruhr as a guarantee for the German moratorium.

## Farmer And Labor Discover Power

### Declares President Of Machinists Union In Conference At Cleveland

Cleveland, Dec. 11 (By The Associated Press)—Farmers and labor have discovered their joint power through the primary and "there is now hope that our political and industrial future is safer than it ever was before," William H. Johnston, international president of the machinists union, declared in opening the conference here today for progressive political action.

## No Need For Alarm About Supply Of Oil

### Chemist Points Out That Methods Of Distillation Will Solve The Problem

Chicago, Dec. 11 (By The Associated Press)—The alarm shown by the decreasing oil supply, with the consumption of gasoline on the upgrade due to the increased use of the internal combustion engine, would be needless were refiners receptive to evolutionary methods of distillation, asserts T. H. Manning of the Industrial Research Laboratories, in discussing the motor fuel of the future.

A single simple operation converting all crude oil, except a very small portion, into a high grade motor fuel, outranking the present products, is advocated by Mr. Manning. "This can be accomplished," he said, "by a single distillate from the crude to the refined without the detail incurred by redistilling, refining and reprocessing as now practiced by the refiners. This, of course, will require a disregard for the lesser distillates, which would allay the alarm felt by many at the diminishing oil supply.

"The oil industry has outgrown its present methods of production and chemical research has shown that all the agitation concerning the decreasing oil resources is weak and unfounded."

## Mystery Ships Get Crusier With Liquor

New York, Dec. 11 (By The Associated Press)—Mystery ships of the dry navy, recently obtained to combat small boats reported active in ferrying holiday liquor from beyond the three mile limit, today captured the Thelmas, thirty-five foot cruiser, with fifty cases and a number of bags of bottled liquors.

## Hearing Is Set For January 17

Raleigh, Dec. 11 (By The Associated Press)—The Corporation Commission today announced the case of the Elizabeth City Sewerage Company vs. the City of Elizabeth City, to discontinue the sewerage system in that city, had been set for hearing January 17.

The hearing of the Charlotte Fish & Oyster Company, of Charlotte, vs. the American Railway Express and the Southeastern Express Company, regarding return charges on C. O. D. shipments, was set for January 16.

## ABANDON ATTACK ON MOUNTAINEERS

### Officers Believe Moonshiners In Hiding Aided By Kinsmen And Friends

Mount Sterling, Ky., Dec. 11 (By The Associated Press)—Repulsed with the death of one member of the posse formed yesterday to capture the slayers of R. E. Duff, killed by moonshiners Saturday, Federal and sheriff's forces today abandoned their immediate attack on the mountaineers.

David Treadway was shot from ambush yesterday at the same spot where Duff was slain. Bob and Charles Ballard, brothers, are the two specifically sought and officers assert that they are hiding out in the mountains surrounded by kinsmen and friends.

## MRS. FRANK SELIG'S FATHER DIES SUNDAY

Suffolk, Dec. 11—Nathan Lehman, pioneer merchant of this city, died at 9:05 o'clock Sunday night following an illness of three days. Mr. Lehman's death was a shock to his family. He was stricken while returning from Norfolk last Friday. He was taken to his home on Bank street and was placed under a doctor's care. The patient rallied under the treatment and it was thought that he would recover within a short time, but his condition became worse early Sunday night and by nine o'clock his life was despaired of. He died at five minutes past the hour.

Mr. Lehman was one of Suffolk's oldest business men. He came to this city thirty-four years ago and opened a business house in Washington Square, the same location at which he carried on his dry goods and merchandise business at the time of his death.

During the 34 years that Mr. Lehman has been in Suffolk, he has made many friends and he has ranked as one of the city's most esteemed residents.

He was 63 years old and is survived by his widow, and two daughters, Mrs. Frank W. Selig of Elizabeth City, and Miss Bernice Lehman, of this place. He is survived also by a son, E. Linwood Lehman, Ph. D., at the University of Virginia; and a sister, Mrs. Ben Selig of Suffolk.

Although funeral arrangements have not been completed, it is understood that Mr. Lehman's body will be taken to Richmond Tuesday, for burial in Hollywood Cemetery.

## Bloodhounds On Trail Masked Negro

Corsicana, Texas, Dec. 11 (By The Associated Press)—Bloodhounds are being hurried from Huntsville penitentiary to Streetman to take up the trail of a masked negro who attacked a twenty-year-old white girl at her home here. All business houses of Streetman are closed and the streets and surrounding country are filled with armed men.

## EMPLOYMENT SITUATION REPORTED WELL BALANCED

Washington, Dec. 11 (By The Associated Press)—An evenly balanced employment situation generally in Virginia during November is noted in the United States Employment Service reports, the supply in some industries falling short of the demand.

## TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 11 (By The Associated Press)—Cotton futures opened firm. December 25.05, January 25.10, March 25.30, May 25.20, July 24.90.

New York, Dec. 11 (By The Associated Press)—Early realizing was readily absorbed by 11:45 a. m. bids, January 25.07, March 25.28, May 25.28, July 24.89. Quiet but steady.

## BEAUFORT COUNTY IS LEADING IN HOGS

### Farmers Learned To Feed Them Right And Then How To Market Them

Raleigh, Dec. 11.—Beaufort County is leading in the feeding and marketing of hogs this year, according to the reports from B. T. Leppard, county agent. This work has been one of the leading projects carried on by Mr. Leppard this year, as shown by the fact that he had on feeding demonstrations during the past summer 255 hogs, being fed by 14 farmers in seven different communities in the county. In his report Mr. Leppard shows that his efforts in this direction were well repaid.

Like most Eastern North Carolina farmers, the growers feeding these hogs had been in the habit of keeping only a few for family use but when the new method of making a careful feeding demonstration was explained to them, they were willing to try the new plan since they had made no money out of their old methods. As recommended by W. W. Shay of the North Carolina Extension Service, all the hogs in the feeding demonstrations were weighed when the feeding period began, the feeds were weighed, and a good mixture of feeds was used in the demonstrations. Each lot of hogs was again weighed at the end of each thirty-day period and the rations adjusted according to the needs of the animals.

Mr. Leppard reports that his co-operating farmers were thoroughly satisfied with the work. One farmer, A. B. Cooper, Pike Road, N. C., had an average daily gain of 1.32 pounds at a cost of \$5.55 per 100 pounds of gain on pigs that weighed 55 pounds at the beginning of the period. Mr. J. S. Respass, Pike Road, also had an average daily gain of 1.33 pounds for 48 days at a cost of \$6.44 per 100 pounds of pigs weighing 96½ pounds at the beginning.

When it is understood that these hogs were sold for 11½ cents per pound gross weight, it is seen that there was a nice profit in the transaction and the hogs provided a means of selling surplus corn for that section of the State. At the present time many eastern North Carolina counties have surplus corn for sale. As shown by these demonstrations, there is no better means for selling this corn than by feeding it to good pigs, properly mixing it with middlings and fish meal or tankage to make a balanced ration.

The 255 hogs on demonstration this year were sold through the Division of Markets of the Agricultural Extension Service at the top price for corn fed hogs on the Richmond market. During the past few years hogs from this section of the State have been discriminated against on the central markets because the meat from these hogs was not of as good quality, due to the soft pork producing feeds grown there. These demonstrations proved very definitely that good hogs can be produced in Beaufort County and that the packers are well satisfied with the quality of the pork secured.

An interesting feature of the demonstrations is that not a single man who marketed hogs according to the plan used by the County agent was dissatisfied. Each grower was very enthusiastic and will feed again in the future.

## Begin Construction Of Two Battleships

London, Dec. 11 (By The Associated Press)—Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons today that the government has decided to begin construction of two battleships allowed under the Washington naval treaty.

## Four Hundred Feet Hertford Road Laid

Beginning Thursday afternoon, the laying of concrete on the Elizabeth City to Hertford highway has been going forward slowly but steadily since that time. Something like 400 feet of concrete was reported laid up to three o'clock Monday afternoon.

## New Dairy Is Justifying The Faith Of Its Owners

### This Section's First Venture In Modern Dairying Methods Is Successful, But The Capacity Of Oak Grove Dairy Is A Very Long Way From Being Reached Yet

With a two-horse milk wagon now threading the city's streets, with 15 cows milked every day, and with 40 gallons of milk being sold daily, Oak Grove Dairy, the section's first venture in modern dairying, seems to be justifying in splendid fashion the faith and business enterprise of its owners.

However, Oak Grove Dairy has still plenty of room to grow. There are facilities for milking 50 cows instead of fifteen and with that number being milked there would be a daily output of between 150 and 200 gallons of milk a day.

Visitors are welcome at any time at Oak Grove Dairy, and one who will take the trouble to drive out Parsonage street across the railroad to look it over will feel amply repaid for his trouble. It is just one mile from the court house.

The barn is a delight to the eye from the outside and an inspection inside discloses the fact that it is provided with all modern conveniences in the way of dairying equipment, with the exception of milking machines. Milking is now done by hand, but when the output increases to such a point as to justify it, milking machinery will also be installed, it is said. Entering at present one sees to his left wash-room and cooling room, with running water and electric lights; and to his right a feed room with an immense loft for hay above running the length of the entire building.

Beyond the feed room on the one side and the washing and cooling room on the other is the milking room, with its double row of stanchions. The milch cows are kept in these stanchions day and night, except for the middle part of the day, say from ten to three o'clock this time of the year, when they are turned out to pasture. Cows that are not being milked are in pasture all day.

The floors of the wash room, the cooling room, and the milk room are all of concrete and so constructed that they may be cleaned by flushing with water. As soon as the cows are turned out to pasture all manure in the milk room, deposited in the first place in trenches prepared to receive it, is shoveled out, the water turned on and the milk room thus kept clean and free from objectionable odors.

"We are much gratified," said Mills E. Bell, one of the owners of Oak Grove Dairy, Monday morning, "at the way our patronage is increasing and at the appreciation our customers are showing of the quality and cleanliness of our milk and the dependability of our service. Cleanliness is our watchword and our patrons may rest assured that at Oak Grove Dairy every precaution is taken to secure it."

## Carpentier-Siki Hold Fight Again

Paris, Dec. 11 (By The Associated Press)—A second Carpentier-Siki fight seems to be a certainty, says Le Journal, which points out that President Rousseaf of the Boxing Federation is inclined to be clement toward the Senegalese.

## Horticulturists Produce New Apples

Geneva, N. Y., Dec. 11 (By The Associated Press)—Two new apples, the Cortland and the Toga, the former a cross between the Ben Davis and the McIntosh, and the latter between the Northern Spy and the Sutton, have been developed by horticulturists at the State agricultural experiment station.

## DELICIOUS DOUGHNUTS

The Main Street Grocery's specialty just now is doughnuts—the kind that literally melt in your mouth. "Better than the kind Mother makes," says Mr. Wilson. But Mother doesn't see any use making 'em at all when they can be got so crisp and fresh from the Main Street Grocery. Fresh sugar taffy in a variety of flavors is another specialty of this store.

## RELIEF FUND IS OVER THOUSAND

### Exact Reports Not Obtainable Today But Indications Are Very Encouraging

The New Bern Relief Fund now totals more than \$1,000 on reports from churches and Sunday schools so far heard from.

Many rural churches in the County are yet to be heard from and very probably Secretary Job has funds in hand which have not yet been reported. The contributions enumerated below were not all obtained from official sources and minor errors may have crept into some of the figures. Any errors, however, will be corrected in the next report and the figures today may be taken as substantially correct, as far as they go.

Previously reported	\$ 636.00
Balance from Tag Day	69.00
First Methodist Church	113.86
First Baptist Church	100.00
Corinth Baptist Church	25.10
Union Methodist Church	19.20
Newbegin Methodist Church	12.00
J. G. Gregory	5.00
City Road Men's Bible Class	12.80
City Road Church	37.50
Union M. E. Church	19.20
Riverside Baptist Church	12.37
Christ Church	45.83
Colored Welfare Committee	127.25
A Friend	5.00
Total	\$1,240.06

## Taft Says Will Appear If Committee Calls Him

Washington, Dec. 11 (By The Associated Press)—Chief Justice Taft today informed Chairman Volstead of the House judiciary committee that he would appear before it at the hearing of the Keller impeachment charges against Daugherty if the committee should see fit to call him.

## ARGUMENTS BEGIN IN BIRKHEAD CASE

Oxford, Miss., Dec. 11 (By The Associated Press)—Arguments began today in Federal court in the suit of Frances Birkhead against Governor Russell for \$100,000 on charges of seduction. Each side was given two hours.

## DUKE OF ABERCORN RULES NORTH IRELAND

London, Dec. 11 (By The Associated Press)—King George has appointed the Duke of Abercorn governor of Northern Ireland.

## EDGAR WILLIAMS CASE GOES TO SUPERIOR COURT

Sentenced to thirty days in the County jail with judgment suspended on condition of good behavior, Edgar Williams, through his attorney appealed to Superior Court. The defendant was required to give bond of \$100.

Williams was found guilty of operating a jitney without license in police court Thursday morning and pronouncement of sentence was withheld until Monday morning.

N. C. Hoffer submitted and paid cost for the charge of driving a car over ten miles an hour at the intersection of street.

Kenneth Stevens was fined \$10 and costs for reckless driving. The defendant was also charged with being drunk but this charge was dismissed by the court.

Elisha Robinson, colored, charged with seduction, was bound over to Superior Court under a bond of \$250.

Ella Whitehurst, colored, paid \$5 and costs for being disorderly and drunk.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Sawyer of Belcross were the guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Combs on West Burgess street.