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## CONTEST CLOSE AND HEAVY VOTE

### Poll Holders Unwilling to Make a Guess on the Win- ning Chance of Any Aspir- ant for City Office.

The race for Mayor and Aldermen was running so close at 1 o'clock today that scarcely a poll holder would venture to make a guess at the winner in any of the contests.

That voting will be a great deal heavier than at the last municipal election is indicated by the number who had already voted at 1 o'clock and how many had voted at that hour two years ago.

In the First Ward about 170 had voted; in the Second 228, in the Third 194, and in the Fourth 131. Two years ago only 150 had voted in the First Ward, 105 in the Second, 162 in the Third and 120 in the Fourth Ward. This makes the vote already practically 200 heavier than it was two years ago.

The only candidate that any of the poll holders were willing to say definitely was in the lead was D. Ray Kramer in the Second Ward. In the First Ward one of the poll holders said he thought McCabe had the lead in the race for Mayor, while Armstrong seemed to be leading for Alderman. No registrar in either the Third or the Fourth Ward would make a guess at the leader in any contest.

In each ward quite a crowd was gathered around the polling places and in some instances voters were lined up waiting their turn to vote for their choice.

Possibly in no previous municipal election has there been so much work done among aspirants for municipal offices. In a number of wards candidates for Aldermen spent most of the day at the polls, while those interested in the mayoralty race or the candidates themselves were looking around at each ward to see how things were running.

Significance is added to the interest in the leaders for Alderman by the fact that those receiving the highest number of votes in their respective wards will be elected for four years.

The candidates receiving the highest number of votes, both for Mayor and Alderman will be elected. A majority of the votes cast is not required.

## GOVERNOR TO PROBE PRISONS HIMSELF

Raleigh, May 15.—Governor Cameron Morrison Friday wrote Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, Commissioner of Public Welfare, a letter in which he withdrew his former request for a probe of the State prison and prison camps and indicates that an investigation by the welfare department would be more "embarrassing" than helpful.

The letter to Mrs. Johnson, followed by another to the attorney general, followed a conference between the Governor, Mrs. Johnson and George Ross Pou, superintendent of the State prison, Friday morning.

In his letter to the attorney general, the Governor asked Judge Manning to call upon all solicitors of the State to assist him in the conduct of an investigation by himself. He points out, in the letter to Mrs. Johnson, that the existing lack of funds for conducting a probe by the Welfare Board can be circumvented by the employment of special counsel, which he is authorized to do when he deems it necessary.

Officials heard of the executive decision with something akin to consternation, although it had been variously reported about the Capitol that the Governor has not been in sympathy with any probe of prison affairs. He found himself in accord. It was stated, with the decision first reached by the State Prison Board when it passed the Dudding demand for an investigation to the State Welfare Board.

**Will Co-operate**  
Greensboro, May 15.—After a conference here yesterday the State Board of Public Welfare decided to aid the Governor in the prison investigation and reform, and to hold off its own investigation until after the Governor has had a chance to handle the matter himself. The board expressed itself as standing for absolute co-operation with the Governor.

## ODD FELLOWS MEET AT GOLDSBORO TODAY

Goldsboro, May 15.—The grand lodge of the independent order of Odd Fellows convened in its 80th annual session in the Jacob Auditorium at the I. O. O. F. Home here this afternoon for a three-day session. At the same time the Rebekah state assembly of North Carolina convened in its 15th annual session. Their sessions are being held in the assembly room of the main building at the orphan home.

## BROKERS RECEIVING FALSE PHONE ORDERS

New York, May 15.—Stock brokers who last week reported receipt of false buying orders and forged checks in an obvious attempt to rag the market announced today that they were receiving false telephone orders from persons impersonating customers.

## SECRET MEETING IN SUGAR EXCHANGE

New York, May 15.—Plans for a mass meeting to protest against continued attacks on the sugar trade by Government officials are understood to have been discussed at a secret meeting today on the floor of the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange.

Barring newspaper men and messengers from the floor caused a flurry of excitement in trade, and at the office of the superintendent of the exchange it was said that no announcement would be made as to the nature of the secret session.

## Meet Wednesday Inspect Rooms

Social Service Department of Women's Clubs Fitting Up Fleetwood Street Quarters

The social service department of the Woman's Club will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 in the new community rooms on Fleetwood street to inspect the building and decide upon just what is needed to fit it up for use.

There will be no meeting of the Mothers' Club Wednesday afternoon on account of moving from Parsonage to Fleetwood street. The date of the next meeting will be announced later in The Advance.

As soon as the new quarters can be made ready a helpful program for the mothers and children will be put on by the County Welfare Officer, assisted by the County Home Demonstration Agent, and the social service department of the Woman's Club, and most of all by the Mothers' Club itself.

Working together in this way, it is believed that great good will be accomplished.

The Mothers' Club has worked and grown since its organization last June, the babies have improved in health, and everybody who goes to one of the meetings is delighted with the pleasure and the benefit derived from the varied programs of baby welfare, diet, cooking, and so on.

The social service department of the Woman's Club, which is giving considerable time and energy to work with the Mothers' Club, has the greatest number of members of any department of the Woman's Club. These women forego the enjoyment of some of the other departments because they feel that they can accomplish more for their community in this way, and they are quietly busy all the time, lending a hand, and doing a deed for the betterment of their community. They do not boast of their labors, but they promise that when they have fitted up these new community rooms they will invite visitors to inspect them.

## FRENCH OCCUPY MORE TERRITORY

Berlin, May 15.—The Hocht Dye Works and the Baden Aniline and Soda Works at Ludwigshafen and the town of Limburg, Westphalia, have been occupied by the French, according to a message received here today.

The street railways at Ludwigshafen have ceased operation as the result of French occupation of the depot.

## POPULAR YOUNG PEOPLE WERE MARRIED QUIETLY

It has just become rather generally known that Miss Anna Hester Bobbitt, daughter of Mrs. George Fearling, and Mr. Mack O. McMullan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy W. McMullan, slipped away at Easter time and were quietly married at South Mills.

The ceremony was performed on April 3 in the office of the South Mills register of deeds. Mr. McMullan, who is a student at the University of North Carolina, was at home on his Easter vacation. Not wishing to interrupt his year's study, the young couple decided to keep the wedding quiet until the end of the school session, but a few days ago the news began to leak out and by Monday it rivaled the election as a topic of conversation down town.

Miss Bobbitt is one of the city's most beautiful young women, and Mr. McMullan, a member of a brilliant family, runs true to form in brains and energy.

## TWINS ARE NAMED

The twins born at the Community Hospital daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Saunders of Weebsville, have been named Ruth Palmer Saunders and Rosalind Palmer Saunders. Miss Aycock, superintendent of the hospital, was invited to name them, and she decided upon the plan of giving them the same middle name.

Margaret and Mary Overman, R. F. D. 5, had their tonsils removed at the hospital Tuesday.

George Pappendick of Pear street returned home Tuesday after undergoing an operation for appendicitis.

## FINED FOR IMMORAL CONDUCT

James Edwin Daniels, Jennie Riddick, Maggie Bower, Willie Hower, and Francis Howell, all colored, found guilty of prostitution, were fined ten dollars and costs in police court Tuesday morning.

## HAROLD LLOYD HAS MADE PERFECT COMEDY

If there has been any doubt as to just where Harold Lloyd stands on the ladder of fame, it is dispelled with "Grandma's Boy," his five-part Associated Exhibitors comedy, at the Alkramas Wednesday.

## CONNECTICUT GIRL WHO DISAPPEARED.



Miss Elizabeth Coit, aged 22, daughter of Charles H. Coit, Litchfield, Conn., banker, left no definite clew when she vanished on her way home from Montclair, N. J.

## FLOOD AND FIRE AT HOT SPRINGS

Reports Place Loss of Life at Seventeen Though Deaths May Run to Fifty, it Is Estimated.

Memphis, May 15.—Hot Springs, Arkansas, was stricken last night by a flood which swept down the sides of the three mountains which form a triangle about the city and by fire which broke out in the wreckage.

Reports generally place the loss of life at 17 although one report over the railroad telegraph lines estimated the number killed as high as 50.

## "PEG O MY HEART" AT ALKRAMA TONIGHT

The work of bringing the masterpieces of the stage within reach of every home, into communities never reached by stage performances, has another striking contribution in the translation to the world of the screen of the famous play, "Peg O My Heart," in which Laurette Taylor made her memorable characterization of Peg which has become world-wide in fame.

"Peg O My Heart," now a Metro picture with Laurette Taylor appearing in her famous role, comes to the Alkrama Theater tonight.

## FORMER PREMIER DEFREYCIENET DEAD

Paris, May 15.—Former President de Freycinet died here today.

Charles Louis de Saules de Freycinet was one of the grand old men of France. As Vice President of the Council of Ministers and Secretary of State in the War Ministry formed by Aristide Briand, in October 1915, M. de Freycinet, then in his 87th year, enjoyed the distinction of being the only member of the government who had also participated in the government during the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71, when he was chief of the military cabinet under Gambetta.

Thus he helped pilot the French ship in two great wars with the Germans, and in the interim of more than 40 years he held portfolios in numerous cabinets, carrying out a great scheme for the state ownership of the French railways and, as minister of war, in the early nineties, establishing a three-year system of obligatory military service, organizing the French general staff, increasing and strengthening the number of fortresses on the frontiers and improving French arms and ammunition. It was in no small degree that France was indebted to de Freycinet for the fact that she was prepared to check the great German invasion of 1914.

## LEADER IS SHOT AND MACHINE GUNS TAKEN

Dublin, May 15.—The last band of Republicans operating in the county of Wicklow were captured last night, after a fierce struggle. The leader, named Plunkett, was shot dead and two machine guns were taken.

## NOTICE BANK STOCK FOR SALE

I have ten shares of stock in the First and Citizens National Bank of Elizabeth City, for sale. Will be glad to sell same. E. F. Aydtlett, May 10, 12, 15, 19. F. P.

## APPEAL FROM RULING ON MILEAGE PRICE

Boston, May 15.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today appealed from the ruling by the Federal district court restraining the inauguration of interchangeable mileage books at 20 per cent price reduction on 50 Eastern railways.

## STORM LEAVES MANY HOMELESS

Colorado, Tex., May 15.—Seventeen are dead and ten persons are seriously injured, about 100 are suffering with injuries the seriousness of which is undetermined so far by busy physicians, and from 400 to 500 are homeless, according to the complete check up after the tornado which swept through Mitchell county yesterday.

Scarcely a house is left intact, trees were uprooted and miles of electric lines were leveled in the path of the storm which varied from two miles to a quarter of a mile wide and about 30 miles long.

Reports declare that thousands of head of livestock are lost.

## Wants Law Prevent Pouring Oil On Sea

Auburn President Leaves  
New York for International  
Bird Protection Work

New York, May 15.—T. Gilbert Pearson, president of the National Association of Audubon Societies, was one of the passengers on the steamship La Fayette which sailed for France last week. He is going in the interests of furthering the organization and work of the International Committee for Bird Protection of which he is the founder. The committee is composed of representatives elected by leading scientific and conservation organizations in the United States, Canada, Australia, Norway, England, Holland, Luxembourg and France.

Mr. Pearson is advocating the passage of an international law which will prohibit the pouring of oil from ships on the waters of the seas which results annually in the killing of millions of ducks, loons, gulls and other water birds throughout the world. He aided in the passage of a bill by the British Parliament last June which makes it illegal to pour oil into the territorial waters of the British Isles. He also has been actively backing a bill of similar import in the United States which has been pending in Congress. He goes to Europe as representative of the National Association of Audubon Societies and the American Ornithologists' Union to address the International Convention shortly to be held in Paris under the management of the Societe de Nationale d'Acclimatation de France.

He is hoping that through the work of the international committee it may be possible to start movements that may result in the passage of laws for the protection of birds in such Latin countries as Spain and Italy where bird life is ruthlessly killed at all times.

In speaking of the work in America he mentioned with great pleasure the rapid development of the Junior Audubon work in the schools the past year, where more than 250,000 children have been enrolled in bird study clubs in the United States and Canada. These children are supplied with literature and colored pictures of birds from the home office of the national association.

## NURSES MEET AT RALEIGH IN JUNE

Raleigh, May 15.—All arrangements have been completed for the opening of the annual meeting of the North Carolina Public Health Nurses here June 1 for a two days' session. Lectures by several prominent workers in their fields will be the features of the conference, in which the Federal Children's Bureau, the State Board of Health, the Red Cross and the State Department of Public Instruction are co-operating.

On June 1, Marie T. Phelan, consulting public health nurse, of the Federal Children's Bureau, will deliver several lectures, the chief among which will be a talk of the Sheppard-Towner act. Rose M. Ehrenfeld, of the State Board of Health, will tell how the act is applied in North Carolina. Group conferences also are on the program.

The following day, Miss Phelan again will deliver several lectures, being followed by Miss Hattie Parrott, State Department of Public Instruction, who will speak on the "A. B. C's of Pedagogy." Katherine Myers, Red Cross State Supervising Nurse, will lecture on group instruction, home hygiene, little mothers' leagues and modern health crusades. Rose M. Ehrenfeld will talk on the child of pre-school age.

## FUNERAL MRS. FOREHAND

The funeral of Mrs. Durant Forehand, who died Saturday morning, was conducted at the home just across the Camden bridge Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Dr. J. H. Thayer. Interment was made in Hollywood. The pallbearers were: Dempsey Ballance, E. D. Gregory, G. T. Williams, Ambrose Forehand, Caleb Forehand, A. S. Neal, and Morrisette Pendleton.

## THREATEN TO KILL CAPTIVES TONIGHT

Bandits Demand that Diplomats See that Chinese Government Carries Out all Terms.

Washington, May 15.—Demand that the Chinese government take immediate steps to guard the principal government railways has been made by the diplomatic corps in Peking.

Shanghai, May 15.—Unless foreign diplomatic representatives in China guarantee by tonight that the Chinese government will carry out all the terms fixed by the bandits in the Shanghai hills, the foreigners held captive will all be killed, Father William Lenfers, aged priest who conferred with the bandit chieftain Sunday, reported to the American consul at Linching today.

Bandits at Hankow  
Hankow, May 15.—About 1,000 soldiers and ex-bandits from Honan, incorporated into an army, are camped seven miles from Hankow demanding \$150,000 and a quantity of ammunition as the price of their departure. Authorities thus far have refused to comply.

Trains between Hankow and Peking are carrying guard detachments of 40 soldiers each as well as machine guns.

Tientsin, May 15.—American troops here were called out early Sunday to be prepared to guard railway property following reports received at American military headquarters of a battle between Chinese troops and brigands at Tanghan, 50 miles west.

## Plan for County Chamber Commerce

Rockingham County Commissioners Pass Resolutions for Organization of Such a Body

Wentworth, N. C., May 15.—Two men from each of the 11 townships in Rockingham County now are formulating plans for the organization of a county chamber of commerce for the promotion of the agricultural and industrial interests of the territory.

The board of county commissioners at its last session adopted the following resolutions:

"Whereas, under the good road program started in Rockingham County eight years ago and carried on continuously ever since, with about two more years' work ahead, the completion of which will place Rockingham County near the top of good road counties in North Carolina, and possibly in the entire south, making a total of 60 miles of hard surfaced roads completed, under construction, or ordered, and 330 miles of good sand clay, or top soil roads, making all parts of the county conveniently and safely accessible 12 months in the year, and,

"Whereas, the program of the county board of education has been in keeping with the good roads movement in building many fine and modern school buildings for the education of the children of this county, citizens of the State can look forward with confidence to the time when every child in Rockingham County will have first class school facilities within easy reach, and that the policy of the county of educating every child, will and must be carried out, and,

"Whereas, Rockingham County has made wonderful strides in recent years, both in agriculture and manufacturing, and many new enterprises are locating in various towns in the county, and that hundreds of opportunities are open for those who would locate there an endless number of natural advantages abound, good roads, good schools and good churches, stand ready to welcome them, therefore be it:

"Resolved, by the board of commissioners of Rockingham County that this board respectfully invite the business men in particular, and citizens in general, and urge them to form a county chamber of commerce, or some similar organization, for the purpose of making known the advantages and opportunities that Rockingham County has to offer; and for the purpose of accomplishing this end, a committee composed of two men from each township in the county be named by this board, and then named they get together and organize a county-wide chamber of commerce.

"Resolved, that power to contract any bills or incur any expenses upon the county is withheld from said committee and their successors, unless they first obtain definite authorization from this board."

## COTTON MARKET

New York, May 15.—Spot cotton, closed quiet. Middling 26.20, a decline of 25 points from the opening. Futures, closing bid, May 28.03, July 25.91, Oct. 23.98, Dec. 22.69, Jan. 22.35, March 22.60.

New York, May 15.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels, May 26.50, July 25.30, Oct. 23.25, Dec. 22.55, Jan. 22.41.