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Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Cooler Wednesday. Moderate Westerly to N'th'ly winds

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ITALY READY TO LEAVE LEAGUE

Premier Mussolini Insistent That the Geneva Conference Back Up His Stand on Grecian Situation.

London, Sept. 4.—Italy will make her terms for the evacuation of Corfu more onerous if Greece delays fulfilling the terms of the ultimatum, Premier Mussolini is quoted by the Daily Mail's correspondent as declaring.

Rome, Sept. 4.—Premier Mussolini is ready to withdraw the Italian delegates from the League of Nations if the Geneva conference does not back up his stand on the Greecian situation.

Internal Troubles

Rome, Sept. 4.—A counter revolutionary Republican movement is under way in Greece, says a dispatch received here. The movement is gaining ground despite drastic measures taken by the government.

Geneva, Sept. 4.—The member of the Italian delegation to the assembly of the League of Nations today authorized the League secretary to deny that Italy had ever officially repudiated the competency of the League to handle the Greco-Italian crisis.

Billy Meehan Has Won Unique Place

One Of Two Men Who Won The Referee's Decision Over Jack Dempsey

New York, Sept. 4 — While Meehan, the pudgy heavyweight of San Francisco, occupies an unique place in the ring record of Jack Dempsey, the world's heavyweight champion.

He is one of the two men—Jack Downey is the other—who have won referee's decisions over Dempsey since the latter took up boxing.

He is the only man Dempsey has met more than once in the ring, who was not eventually knocked out by the Manassa Mauler.

Billy Miske faced Dempsey twice and was not knocked out. But the third time Dempsey stopped him in three rounds.

Carl Morris lost a four-round decision to Dempsey the first time he met the champion-to-be. The next time they met Dempsey knocked him out in a round. Gunboat Smith's adventures with Dempsey were similar to those of Morris. The first time he lost a four round decision, the next time he was stopped in a few punches.

Meehan boxed Dempsey four times, losing once, drawing twice, and taking a decision from him in 1918 after Dempsey had punched his way through a host of opponents in the East.

Meehan is no longer active in the boxing game.

Downey, who won a decision from Dempsey, at the outset of the latter's career, is now a trainer for one of the Pacific Coast League baseball clubs.

Contrasted with Meehan's ability to evade Dempsey's knockout punch, is the fate of Bill Brennan, who faced Dempsey twice and was stopped each time, once in six rounds, and the next time in 12, Brennan, too, was stopped in 12 rounds by Luis Firpo. He and Willard are the only men whom both Dempsey and his challenger from South America have met in the ring.

DISLOCATED SHOULDER

David Straughan, 14 years old, is able to be out, after spending Monday night in the Community Hospital with a dislocated shoulder. He was in bathing at Dawson's Beach Monday afternoon and insisted upon diving after being warned by Mr. Dawson that the tide was too low and the water too shallow. The consequence was a dislocated shoulder.

TWO MINOR CASES IN POLICE COURT TUESDAY

Two minor cases made up the grist of police court Tuesday morning.

Horace Owens was fined $10 and costs for speeding and McKinley Midgette was fined $1 and costs for riding a bicycle at night without a light.

VISIT SUNBURY CLUB

Mrs. J. G. Fearing, district president of Woman's Clubs; Miss Lillie Grandy, president Elizabeth City Woman's Club, and Mrs. Ethel Lamb, vice-president Elizabeth City Woman's Club, were pleasantly entertained at Sunbury Friday and afterwards addressed the Sunbury Woman's Club of about 30 members, which was organized by Mrs. Fearing last spring and is now planning its fall work.

Mrs. E. F. Corbell is president of the Sunbury club and the organization is divided into three departments: the educational, the civic and the literary.

CHEVROLET PRICES ARE GREATLY REDUCED

The L. B. Perry Motor Company in this issue of The Advance is announcing a reduction in the price of Chevrolet cars and trucks. This announcement comes at a time too when Mr. Perry is in a position to make delivery on practically every model of the Chevrolet cars.

New License Taxes Raise Big Protest

Monday Night's Session of City Council Largely Taken Up With Complaints

With automobiles parked for more than a block east, west and south of the Community Building and with a crowd that made necessary the opening of both of the Chamber of Commerce assembly rooms, Monday night's meeting of the City Council resembled a mass meeting rather than the usual prosy quiet of a regular session of the City Council.

Not a meeting of those in which the Council and representatives of the utility companies were trying to get together on the question of the outright purchase of the physical properties of the corporations was so well attended as was that of Monday night of this week, indicating that human nature has changed but little since the day when a Greek statesman complained that it was easy enough to stir a Greek mob to frenzy by talk of taking away or reducing the three obols a day that every Athenian citizen drew from his government but that it was an impossibility to arouse them to the danger of the encroachments of Philip of Macedon.

For the thing that brought out a crowd of 150 disturbed business men Monday night was the schedule of license taxes on the privilege of doing business in Elizabeth City that were supposed to go into effect on September 1. Many businesses were aghast to find their license tax doubled or trebled and were before the Council to see if something could not be done about it. Three groups, the garage men, the keepers of places of business just outside the city limits and the pool room operators were represented by counsel, C. E. Thompson representing the garages, J. K. Wilson the pool rooms, and John Hall the suburban business interests, including the meat packing firm of C. M. Whitley & Company, upon which the new schedule imposed a license of about $100.

In the case of the suburban interests, the Council immediately took action relieving them of this tax, not only because members were impressed with the force of Mr. Hall's argument that the city had no jurisdiction on businesses outside the city in the matter of raising its revenues, but also because of the discovery of the fact that such an industry as that of Mr. Whitley had been made the subject of such a tax as that imposed on him seemed to be as big a surprise to most of the members of the Council as it was to Mr. Whitley and to the other interests affected along with him.

The petitions of others complaining on the grounds of discriminatory rates or regulations are to be investigated and their petitions acted upon, according to the present program, next Monday night.

The complaint of the pool rooms was not on the ground of the license tax imposed on them but on the ground of a regulation raising the age-limit of those permitted to play from 18 to 21 years. The operators of pool-rooms took the position that to take away their patrons 18 years old and less than 21 would rob them of the greater part of their patronage.

It was the automobile dealers and garage men who were present in greatest force and who made the strongest plea that they were being discriminated against. The license taxes, it was said, imposed with the design of raising revenues to the amount of $5,000, had been so fixed as to schedules as to draw half of the amount desired from dealers in automobiles and related wares. Under the new schedules, for instance, one of the larger garages of the city found its license tax raised from $20 a year to $230 a year, and had this garage had a filling station the amount would have been $245 a year.

COOLIDGE ANXIOUS TO SEND JAPAN AID

Washington, Sept. 4.—President Coolidge was said at the White House today to be determined that the United States should put all its resources at the disposal of those endeavoring to afford relief to the Japanese people. The President gave his personal attention to many features of the relief program in which the government has asked the people of the country to cooperate to their fullest ability.

SLEMP IS SWORN IN AS SECRETARY

Washington, Sept. 4—Former Representative Slemp of Virginia, was sworn in as secretary to the president today and received his commission personally from Coolidge. It was Slemp's fifty third birthday.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Sept. 4.—Spot cotton, closed quiet, Middling 25.95, a decline of 40 points. Futures, closing bid, Oct. 24.70, Dec. 24.62, Jan. 24.30, March 24.43, May 24.43.

New York, Sept. 4 — Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: October 25.00—24.95; December 24.90—95; January 24.70—68; March 24.80—76; May 24.82—81.

WEEVIL AND WORM PREY ON COTTON

Powells Point Farmers Discouraged and Many of Them Say Will Never Plant Cotton Again.

Powells Point, September 4—Both the boll weevil and the army worm are prevalent in this section of Currituck County now.

The weevil was first heard of in Currituck at Jarvisburg a few weeks ago, but it has now spread until in this immediate section the cotton patch that shows no sign of the weevil is the exception rather than the rule.

It is considered in this community an established fact that cotton raised from seed brought into Currituck from other counties or sections is infested, while farmers who used home-grown seed say that they are not troubled with the weevil at all.

The impression prevails that this is the last year any considerable number of Currtuck farmers will go in for cotton except to a very limited extent. However, this is the weevil's first appearance in the County and as the pest did not appear this year until late in the season, only a few weeks before cotton began opening, a good yield is looked for this year. With a good yield at present prices Currituck's cotton crop, the largest in the County's history, will prove unusually profitable this year.

NO TROUBLE TO GET THIS OFFER TAKEN

Elizabeth City is to be provided by a Lillington gravel concern with two carloads or more of this gravel for demonstration purposes. The only expense to the city will be the freight charges and the cost of unloading it from the freight cars and hauling it to the street upon which the demonstration is to be made.

City Manager Bray notified the City Council Monday night of this rather unusual offer with the suggestion that it be accepted. And the Council snapped up the offer greedily, licking its chops as though hungry for similar offers from dealers in other street building materials.

ASKED TO ATTEND ATHLETIC MEETING

The new athletic association organized last Wednesday evening for the purpose of forming a local foot ball team and arranging for for other indoor and outdoor athletic events meets at the Community Building tonight at 7:30.

The purposes of this meeting is to elect officers for the association, to arrange a line-up for the football team and to discuss such other athletic events as may be brought before the meeting.

Many members of the association have expressed a desire to see the new club enter into a broad field of athletics, including arrangements for the building of tennis courts.

Not only foot ball, tennis and volley ball enthusiasts but all who are interested in athletics are asked to be at the meeting at the Community Building tonight.

ANGIER DUKE'S BODY IS SENT TO DURHAM

New York, Sept. 4.—The body of Angier Duke only son of Benjamin Duke, wealthy tobacco manufacturer, who was drowned early yesterday in Greenwich, Connecticut, was sent on a special car to Durham, North Carolina, today for burial in the family cemetery. Mrs. Duke was prostrated by news of her son's death.

MOTHERS WILL LEARN ABOUT JELLY MAKING

Miss Marcie Albertson, home demonstration agent, will give a demonstration in jelly-making at the Mothers' Club meeting at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon at the Community House. The babies will be weighed, and there will be other interesting features.

The president of the club, Mrs. Martin Jennings, urges the members to be present in full number. The other officers of the club are Mrs. Will Bunch, vice-president, and Mrs. W. A. Beals, secretary-treasurer. The club is making wonderful progress under their leadership and with the wholehearted support of the membership.

REVIVAL AT BELCROSS

Belcross, Sept. 4.—Rev. J. T. Riddick, pastor of Park Avenue Baptist Church, Norfolk, will assist the pastor, Rev. L. L. Johnson at Sawyer's Creek Baptist Church, in a revival beginning Monday, Sept. 10.

Services will be held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and at half past seven in the evening.

Nightly prayer services by the pastor are being conducted at Sawyer's Creek now in preparation for the approaching revival.

ENJOYED FISH FRY

About 75 guests enjoyed the delightful fish fry given at Cartwright's Beach Monday afternoon with Mrs. J. P. Thompson and Mrs. George Markham as hostesses.

Radical Change In Jitney Ordinances

Believe Measure If Adopted Will Relieve Congestion At Station

A radical change in the ordinance regulating the parking of jitneys at the Norfolk Southern passenger station is in prospect for Monday night of next week when the City Council meets to adopt the city ordinances as revised, recoded and amended by the ordinance committee which has been engaged in this work for the last three months.

Under the provisions of this ordinance "for hire" cars for white people will be required to park on the paving line to the north of the passenger station and to the east of the station to a point coinciding with the southern wall of the waiting room for white people. "For hire" cars for colored people will be required to park along the paving line on the east of the passenger station between boundaries marked by the lines, respectively, of the southern and northern walls of the waiting room for colored people. Private cars will be required to park along the railroad track to the north of the station along the line and in the space now used by the "for hire" cars.

The ordinance has been framed by City Manager Bray with the aid of City Attorney Leigh, following a conference between Mr. Bray and the division superintendent of the Norfolk Southern railroad.

It is believed that the new ordinance will help to relieve congestion at the passenger station, that it will aid in controlling competition between local jitneurs and that it will be for the convenience of the travelling public, especially in wet weather, as one will not have to get from under the shelter of the station shed to take a jitney. The present jitney parking line stretches several hundred feet beyond the shed.

NEW NEGRO SCHOOL HAS NO POWER WIRES

A Macedonian call for help from the board of school trustees fell on deaf ears when presented to the City Council Monday night by Superintendent S. L. Sheep.

No power wires, it has been discovered now that power is needed, are available at the new negro school building on Body Road. The building is near the city limits and the local electric light company does not feel that the amount of current that will be used in the new school building will justify the cost of running their lines to it. They have made the trustees a proposition to pay for labor and poles if the trustees will pay for the wire.

Superintendent Sheep thought that is view of the fact that the new building had been compelled, through lack of adequate public utilities in the city, to install its own private and independent sewerage system that the city might go so far as to pay for the wire, but members of the Council couldn't see it that way.

"The Board of Trustees," said City Manager Bray, "have the same power to obtain money to run their schools as has this body. The people would not have to meet this expense any less should this bill be paid by the City Council than if it were paid by the Board of School Trustees, as the money in each case comes from the same source. This matter that they bring before us tonight is their own and not our concern. I am willing to co-operate with the Board of School Trustees in the way of counsel and advice in any way possible and will if necessary work at night to do so. But this is a request that, in my opinion, the trustees should not make of us."

WIFE TURNS THE TABLE ON HUSBAND

He wasn't bad! He never drank! He stayed home at nights! But his wife made up for it. She did the things he didn't do.

When Philip was minding baby, his wife was listening to flattery and toasts in the cabarets; she relished a cocktail much more than she did concocting food in the kitchen.

The situation is developed in "Brass" the screen adaptation from Charles G. Norris' novel, a Warner Brothers' classic of the screen, to be shown at the Alkrama Theatre today and Wednesday. It deals with the courtship, divorce and loves of Philip and Marjorie Baldwin. In writing the story, Mr. Norris aimed at a vivid realistic study of marriage.

Monte Blue has the featured role of Philip. His supporting cast is made up of Mary Prevost, Harry Myers, Vera Lewis, Irene Rich, Frank Keenan, Miss Dupont, Margaret Seldon, Helen Ferguson, Edward Jobson, Harvey Clark, Cyril Chadwick, Pat O'Mally, Gertrude Bennett and Ethel Gray Terry. It was directed by Sidney Franklin.

TWO YOUNG BANDITS HOLD UP A TRAIN

Sacramento, Sept. 4.—Two youthful bandits held up the Western Pacific train near Stockton today, according to reports to the sheriff's office here. A posse is out after them.

American Embassy At Tokio Not Injured

Ambassador Woods Sends State Department First Message Since Disaster and Urges That Food be Sent at Once from the Phillipines to Stricken Japan

Washington, Sept. 4.—All members of the American staff at Tokio are safe.

Ambassador Woods today advised the State Department in the first message received from him since the earthquake that none of the staff were injured, although all the embassy buildings were totally destroyed.

He said that the food situation was very acute and asked that rations be sent at once from the Phillipines. Co-incidentally the department received a dispatch from Consul Davis at Shanghai saying that Tokio, Yokohama, and Yokosuka had been "completely wiped out."

Casualties among foreigners were "very numerous," Davis said, and he confirmed the death of Max Kirjassaf, American consul at Yokohama, and his wife. He said refugees report Nisyanshita and Hakona also destroyed.

Still in Flames

Shanghai, Sept. 4.—Tokio is still in flames, the death list is at least 150,000, and the property damage is about $250,000,000, a special dispatch by the Eastern News Agency from Osaka says.

Appeal to America

Washington, Sept. 4.—President Coolidge yesterday appealed to the American people to aid Japan sufferers by contributions to the Red Cross fund.

Embassies Destroyed

Tokio, Sept. 4.—Tokio and Yokohama are practically destroyed as the result of the earthquake and fire.

The American, French and Italian embassies were destroyed.

Fleet Carries Food

Washington, Sept. 4.—The American Asiatic fleet was placed at the disposal of the Japanese yesterday and destroyers loaded with food are rushing to the devastated country.

Death Toll Mounts

Osaka, Japan, Sept. 4.—The death toll of the earthquake amounts to between 160,000 and 200,000 people, according to latest estimates.

Terrible Scenes

Osaka, Sept. 4.—Terrible scenes were enacted at Tokio and Yokohama during the earthquake and fire. Thousands were burned and crushed as panic ensued.

Population Fleeing

Peking, Sept. 4.—The Yokohama population is fleeing and only 40,000 are left out of 423,000.

Salvation Army Destroyed

New York, Sept. 4.—Salvation Army headquarters in Japan were destroyed and all the workers were killed, according to reports received here.

Casualties Half Million

San Francisco, Sept. 4.—Casualties from the earthquake and fire total half a million, and 300,000 houses have been burned, it is estimated by the police of Tokio, according to a courier from Oayama who reported today at Tomioka to the Radio Corporation of America.

Dead in Tokio 150,000

Peking, Sept. 4.—In Tokio alone the dead from the earthquake and fire numbers 150,000, according to the estimate given today to the Japanese legation here by naval radio.

Harbin, Manchuria, Sept. 4.—The loss of life in Tokio is estimated here at 300,000.

Rioting Menaces Cities

Shanghai, Sept. 4.—Reports received here today said that rioting menaces the destroyed Japanese cities.

Two hundred Koreans, driven from Tokio by soldiers enforcing martial law, procured arms in Hachioji, near the capital, and started disturbances.

The police were arming officials and citizens to cope with the situation, according to the Japanese News Agency, which stated that the revolting Koreans had connections between Tokio and Yokohama.

CITY PLANNING TO BECOME A REALITY

Personnel of Commission Will Probably be Named Next Monday Night and Five Members Chosen.

Elizabeth City is to have a City Planning Commission in the near future and the personnel of this Commission will probably be decided upon next Monday night, the City Council at its regular meeting on Monday night of this week having approved City Manager Bray's recommendation that the Council under authority from the last Legislature, create such a commission. Councilman Hughes, Ferebee and Gordon were named as a committee to recommend the new Commission's personnel.

"The creation of this Commission," said Mr. Bray in making the recommendation for the taking of this step on the part of the City Council, "will enable you to control the development of your city's real estate and to make intelligent progress toward the beautification of your town and toward its development along the lines of a well ordered plan.

"The functioning of this Commission will prevent the erection of unsightly structures where they would mar the appearance of a street or detract from the value of adjacent property. It will prevent, for instance, your neighbor from locating his garage so that it will be an eyesore to a whole neighborhood. At the same time, no hardship need be brought on anybody. You can not do to your neighbor through this Commission anything that you as a good citizen would not be willing to have your neighbor do to you.

"I consider the creation of this Commission one of the greatest forward strides, from a standpoint of its future development, that your city could take."

The City Manager's recommendation for the creation of the Commission was adopted unanimously and the personnel committee was named forthwith. It was the sense of the Council that members of the Commission should be chosen with a great deal of care and only after mature and thoughtful consideration. Hence the appointment of a personnel committee, instead of proceeding to the immediate naming of the members of the Commission.

At least one member of the Commission, it is believed, will be a woman. Under the provisions of the law the Commission is to consist of not more than five members, and City Manager Bray recommended that five be named to membership on the Commission.

CITY WILL TAKE OVER UPKEEP OF CEMETERIES

The City of Elizabeth City is in the near future to take over the upkeep of the cemeteries of the town, thus relieving from that burden the three ladies' cemetery societies which, by a system of dues and on a meager income, have been attempting to carry it on.

The city is now about to employ a full-time keeper, who is to be furnished with the proper tools and equipment for the upkeep of the cemeteries and who is to be clothed with police powers in order to properly regulate and preserve order in and around them. Included in the upkeep will be such matters as keeping the grass mowed, hedges trimmed, and, with the assistance of the street force, the maintaining of all drives in good condition.

The societies will continue to cooperate with the city authorities for the beautification of the cemeteries, but, relieved of the upkeep, will be able to give their time and attention to such matters as the planting of trees and shrubbery, and the erection of walls, gates and so on.

One of the societies, through a small trust fund, will have a regular income to devote to such objects, but it will be some time before this income is large enough to be used to the accomplishment of a great deal.

City Manager Bray, who made the recommendation that the city take over the upkeep of the cemeteries and who has appeared before the various societies to inquire as to their attitude and resources, reports members of the various societies as very much gratified at being relieved of the problem of the general upkeep of the cemeteries and at being given opportunity to devote their energies and efforts toward permanent improvement and beautification.

SPENT MONTH AWAY

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Newbold have returned from a month's stay at Sanford and Statesville, where they visited their sons, Henry and Herbert Newbold. They also stopped over at Charlotte, High Point, Salisbury and Thomasville.

SPENCE-HEDRICK

The following announcement was received by Elizabeth City friends in Tuesday's mail:

Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Hedrick announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Beulah Hedrick, to Mr. Elbert Riddick Spence, on Saturday the first, in Norfolk, Virginia."

The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's cousin, Mrs. J. H. Baker, in Larchmont, and Mr. and Mrs. Spence are now on their wedding trip. They will make their home in Elizabeth City where Mr. Spence is employed in the post-office. He is an Elk, and a most genial fellow, popular in his every day job and at the annual Elk minstrel show alike. This is his second marriage and he has children who are almost as grown up as his dainty and demure bride, who, by the way, was also at work in the postoffice when the romance began. She resigned her position there a few weeks ago.

IS QUIET COURT

A very quiet term of Currituck Superior Court is reported by those from Elizabeth City who attended Monday's session.

Not a single case was tried Monday, the day being taken up with Judge Bond's charge to the jury and with going over the calendar.