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Generally fair tonight
and Tuesday. Gentle
North and Northeast
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RACE FOR VELIE WILL SOON BEGIN

Nominations Coming in Briskly And Candidates Groom For Start

Two Automobiles and Hundreds of Dollars in Cash Awards Await Distribution Among All Who Participate in Campaign to Increase Circulation of The Advance.

NOW IS THE TIME TO ENTER

Nominations Should be Made Promptly as Subscriptions Count More in Early Stages of Race, Giving Early Starter Big Advantage

NOMINATION BLANK

In The
Daily Advance "Everybody Wins" Campaign

I hereby enter and cast 5,000 free votes for

Miss (Mr. or Mrs.) _____

Address _____

As a candidate in the "Everybody Wins" Prize Campaign. Send or bring this Nomination Blank to Campaign Manager at the Daily Advance, Elizabeth City, N. C.

NOTE—Only one nomination blank accepted for each candidate nominated.

News that The Daily Advance is going to distribute prizes aggregating thousands of dollars, including a \$1,395.00 Velle and a \$319.00 Ford, first announced in this paper Saturday evening, has already awakened considerable interest.

What appears to this newspaper to be the most attractive prize distribution ever inaugurated in the Albemarle district is fully explained in the page advertisement to be found elsewhere in this issue. Votes and votes alone will be the deciding factor in the distribution of these costly awards.

The votes necessary to win either of the two brand new automobiles or a big cash prize are secured in two ways. First, by clipping out the 100-vote free coupons that appear in every issue of The Advance.

Each of these coupons is worth 100 votes when cast at Campaign Headquarters before the expiration date appearing thereon.

But the faster way to accumulate the winning votes for the \$1,395 Velle or the \$319.00 Ford is by getting your friends to subscribe or renew their subscriptions to The Advance through you. Everyone has plenty of friends who will gladly help them both by saving the free voting coupons and by subscribing to The Advance.

The Advance's "Everybody Wins" campaign is radically different from anything of its kind that has heretofore been conducted in this community—extremely short in its duration and extraordinarily liberal in the way it is arranged. Every active participant will be rewarded and someone will make his or her spare time worth \$225 a week during the next few weeks. Surely that is good pay for anyone's idle moments.

Particular attention is called to the fact that the number of votes given for each subscription will be very materially reduced after the first part of the campaign. For example, a new yearly subscription to The Advance is now worth 8,000 votes while such a subscription would credit a candidate only 5,000 votes at the last of the campaign. The number of votes given for each subscription will soon decrease very rapidly. Everyone must keep in mind, too, that no change whatever will be made in the vote schedule at any time. No "extra" or "bonus" votes will ever be given. The vote schedule will remain just as it is from the beginning to the end of the campaign. The full page announcement should be consulted for particulars, says the circulation manager.

"Now is the time to send in your own nomination or that of some friend whom you would like to see the owner of this dandy \$1,395 Velle or the \$319.00 Ford roadster. Any white man or woman, boy or girl has the privilege of nominating himself or herself or candidates may be nominated by their friends. In either case, your nomination starts you off with 5,000 free votes right at the beginning. The important thing is to see that your nomination is in right away while the largest vote schedule is in force. The campaign will soon be starting and every candidate will want to have the advantage of an early start.

"Remember that the campaign is exceptionally short—to be concluded in six short weeks. Send or bring your nomination today to The Advance office or phone 357. Start these two cars which will soon be

QUAKE DESTROYS PERSIAN TOWNS

Hundred and Twenty-three Deaths Reported With Almost a Hundred People Injured, Say Dispatches.

(By The Associated Press.)
Teheran, Persia, Sept. 24.—Several villages in the vicinity of Bujrud are reported to have been destroyed with casualties. As far as is known 123 are dead and about 100 were injured in an earthquake which shook the region last Thursday, say dispatches reaching here today. Shocks are continuing and damage also is reported in the district of Shirvan.

Simla, British India, Sept. 24.—A severe earthquake was felt in Kerman, Persia, last night, much damage being done to the buildings. The first shock lasted two minutes, followed by four additional tremors over a period of 90 minutes.

AWAIT ACTION OF WAR DEPARTMENT

Washington, Sept. 24.—Action by the War Department before night on the question involved in the Government's Gorgas steam plant on land in Alabama owned by the Alabama Power Company was forecast today by Secretary of War Weeks after a conference with the President.

DISTRICT MEETING AT CITY ROAD CHURCH

The District Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of Elizabeth City District will be held at City Road Methodist Church Thursday of this week. Beginning at 9:30 a. m. and continuing through the day till 4:30 p. m.

A pageant, "The March of the Mites," is to be given Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock by the Bright Jewels of City Road Church.

Every one is invited to attend any or all the meetings and the pageant.

FOUR KILLED WHEN TRAIN STRIKES AUTO

Schenectady, N. Y., Sept. 24.—Four were killed and two injured here yesterday when an interurban train struck an auto.

PEANUT GROWERS HAVE SETTLED CASE

Norfolk, Sept. 24.—The \$3,625,000 suit of the Peanut Growers Association against a dozen or more big cleaners of Virginia and North Carolina has been settled out of court. At the reconvening of the United States District Court here today, Lawrence Levy, chief of the growers' council, asked that the case be dismissed, stating that it was the belief of both sides that a continuance of the hearing would damage the industry as a whole.

today toward ownership of one of awarded together with hundreds of dollars in cash prizes."

STUDY STATE'S HEALTH METHODS

Raleigh, Sept. 24.—Eight foreign public health experts arrived here yesterday for the study of North Carolina public health methods. They represent the health division of the League of Nations.

EXPECTS EXPOSE KU KLUX KLAN

Governor Walton of Oklahoma Declares That He Welcomes the Test of His Authority in the Courts.

Oklahoma City, Sept. 24.—Governor Walton yesterday declared that he hoped the test of his authority prohibiting a special session of the legislature would be made in the courts as that will be a chance to expose the Ku Klux Klan in the courts.

He also declared that the Ku Klux Klan was banned by the old national law of reconstruction days and is unlawful.

Hooded Band Activities
Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 24.—Testimony describing the burning of three houses in Tulsa in one night by a party of masked men was heard by Governor Walton's military commission investigating hooded band activities, the high officer of the commission declared in an interview today.

A wedding ceremony performed in the center of a field in Creek County while the bridegroom was chained to a gas engine with pistols levelled at his head was another case heard by the commission.

GENERAL SITUATION IN BULGARIA BETTER

(By The Associated Press.)
Sofia, Sept. 24.—The general situation in Bulgaria shows marked improvement. A few isolated cases of rebellion are still being reported but these are regarded as unimportant.

Legion Prepares Armistice Program

Parades and Ceremonies All Over Nation to be Held in November

Indianapolis, Sept. 24.—American Legion posts in all parts of the country are preparing to observe Armistice Day with parades and ceremonies in honor of those who died in the World War.

Garland W. Powell, director of the Legion's national Americanism commission, has suggested a general program. Observances will start at 10:30 a. m. with the invocation followed by music. Then the post commander or presiding officer will deliver an address. At 11 a. m., the hour when the guns stopped firing on the western front, the gavel of the presiding officer will fall and all will stand with bowed heads while a silent prayer is offered for those who made the supreme sacrifice. At the end of 30 seconds the gavel will fall again and the program will be resumed.

Roll call of the men who went to war from the community will be read by the post adjutant. With the reading of each name, Legionnaires designated by the post commander will give a brief outline of the man's war record. Then will follow the remarks of the speaker of the day and the singing of the national anthem.

Veterans of the Civil and Spanish-American wars will march in front of those who fought in the recent war. The co-operation of all fraternal, civic, patriotic and other organizations will be asked by the Legion for the event.

"Armistice Day is truly a day of thanksgiving," Mr. Powell says. "Brought about directly by the men who so ably defended their country. It is a day of great rejoicing. It brought to an end the world's greatest conflict and spelled the defeat of autocracy, selfishness, greed and oppression. It carried forward Christianity, justice and liberty."

DECLINE TO PRESS WITHDRAWAL BOATS

London, Sept. 24.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Constantinople quotes an Ankara message as stating that the Turkish government has declined to press for withdrawal from the straits of the flotilla of American torpedo boats stationed at Constantinople.

GETSINGER CASE TO JURY TUESDAY

Three Defendants the Last Witnesses for Defense and Plaintiff's Evidence Now in Nature of Rebuttal.

The defense rested in the case of Mrs. Sabrah Getsinger vs. Dr. E. F. Corbell, L. M. Roudtrees and N. A. Getsinger shortly after court convened Monday afternoon and the plaintiff began rebuttal testimony with prospect that evidence would be concluded before court adjourned for the day, thus leaving all Tuesday for the judge's charge and the argument.

The case began Thursday afternoon of last week and, running over into this week, has delayed the Camden term of Superior Court scheduled to begin Monday to Wednesday. It has taken the defense two days to put on its evidence, the three defendants themselves being the last witnesses examined.

The defense rests its case first on the character of the defendants, which, it is contended, is such as to make the charge of conspiracy made by the plaintiff preposterous. Dr. Southgate Leigh, for instance, Norfolk surgeon, was here only to testify to the high character of Dr. Corbell, personally and professionally.

In the next place, it is the contention of the defense that the plaintiff is of a very suspicious nature as well as that she was mentally unbalanced at the time of the alleged infidelity, and that the idea of conspiracy is the fanciful creation of the plaintiff's brain. In corroboration of their contention that she was mentally unbalanced they put on the stand Dr. F. W. Drury, alienist, of Petersburg, who observed the plaintiff when she went to a hospital following her flight from her husband's home, and who testified that at that time, in his opinion, she was mentally unbalanced.

Following the evidence of the three defendants, all of whom testified that they sought to have Mrs. Getsinger committed to the State Hospital at Raleigh in good faith, believing her to be a fit subject of that institution, documentary evidence in support of their contention was produced.

TWO WHITE BOYS ARE FINED FOR ASSAULT

Floyd Sawyer was fined \$15 and costs and Johnnie Sawyer \$5 and costs for assault on Louis Baker, Bell street, in recorder's court Monday morning.

John Barnett, colored, generally known as "Stacklee," was fined \$10 and costs for prostitution. Milton Cartwright for defective lights and Wallace Skinner, the latter colored, on the same charge, were each taxed with the costs.

Hail Aviation as Aid Mail Service

Postmaster New and Others See Great Possibilities in Airplanes

Stockholm, Sept. 24.—Aviation will soon bring about immense improvements in postal and passenger transportation, and will ultimately have revolutionary effects on social life generally, according to four of the world's leaders in the field of communications. These men—Sir Samuel Hoare, British minister of aviation, Postmaster General Harry S. New, of the United States, Director General Ronze of the German post office, and Dan Brostrom, ex-cabinet minister and one of Sweden's greatest shipping men—save their views to the Handels och Sjöfartstidningen, a leading Swedish journal, in reply to a questionnaire.

Sir Samuel Hoare, in his reply, emphasized the need of international co-operation. He favors official encouragement and support for private initiative for the establishment of air lines. Aviation, however, is still young, Sir Samuel believes, and only a great expenditure of thought, energy and capital will bring it to its due place in world development.

Perfection of night flying, according to Postmaster New, is one of the primary requisites to aerial progress. This is a fundamental to development of the postal aviation service, he said. Mr. New declared he saw unlimited possibilities for airplanes in postal communications.

A similar message came from Director Ronze, of Berlin, who said the most important road for progress in mail transportation.

Mr. Brostrom of Gothenburg said that it is only a question of a short time until aerial traffic across the continents and the oceans will offer the same commercial possibilities as the railroads and the shipping lines of today, and that aerial vehicles will then have at least as revolutionizing an effect in remodelling social life in general as the locomotives and steamships during the past 50 years.

Seymour Charged With Assault Intent To Kill

Alleged to Have Knocked Police Chief Gregory Off Running Board of Car at City Drug Store Corner Saturday Night—Gregory Out in Few Days

BAD START MADE IN BALLOON RACE

Three Men Killed When Some Balloons Drop and Others Explode—Few Entrants Make Good Getaway.

Brussels, Sept. 24.—The start on the International Balloon Race for the Gordon-Bennett Cup yesterday was bad, and three men were killed when some of the balloons dropped and others exploded.

Only a few of the entrants got away to a good start. Struck by lightning. Brussels, Sept. 24.—The United States Army balloon, S-6, competing in the Gordon-Bennett International Race, was struck by lightning last evening and Lieutenants Olmstead and Choptaw, her occupants, were killed.

This was the third balloon to be destroyed in the race, five aeronauts losing their lives. The S-6 was destroyed near Nistelrod, the Aero Club of Brussels officially announced today.

Coolidge Speaks to the Red Cross

Says Practical Idealism of Americans Have Made Organization Success

Washington, Sept. 24.—A deep faith in spiritual things, tempered by hard common sense adapted to the needs of the world, is the kind of practical idealism that is represented in the history of America, President Coolidge said today in an address before the annual convention of the American Red Cross.

"The American people," he added, "are not likely to adopt any other course."

The President's address, his first formal utterance, was devoted to the praise of the qualities which have made the Red Cross a success. Chief among these, he said, was its practical idealism.

BIG LEAGUE STARS TO PLAY IN CANADA

Cleveland, Sept. 24.—Manager Tris Speaker of the Cleveland Indians and George Uhle, the Indians' pitching ace, are among several players of the American League who will participate in exhibition games at Peterboro, Canada, October 10, 11 and 12. The proceeds of the games will be turned over to a fund for the benefit of returned Canadian soldiers.

Others who are said to have agreed to take part in the games are Sam Rice and Roger Peckinpaugh of the Washington Nationals, and Leslie Numamaker, manager of the Chattanooga Club of the Southern Association.

FIND NO PLAN FOR MERCHANT FLEET

Washington, Sept. 24.—The President was today advised by members of the Shipping Board that a thorough canvass of the situation has failed to develop any suggested plan of operating the Government's merchant fleet which offers hope of escaping a definite and continued deficit.

MRS. WALTER WARD ON WITNESS STAND

White Plains, N. Y., Sept. 24.—Mrs. Walter Ward was called to the witness stand today by the prosecution as a witness in the case in which her husband is charged with murder in the first degree of Clarence Peters.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Sept. 24.—Spot cotton closed quiet with 35 point decline. Middling 29.75. Futures closed at the following levels: October 28.88, December 28.48, January 28.00, March 27.92, May 27.83. New York, Sept. 24.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: October 29.30, December 25.80, January 25.41, March 25.31, May 25.20.

"I was on the point of trying to dismount from Seymour's car when going at a fast clip it turned sharply at the Matthews and Water street corner, and I fell to the pavement. I do not know whether Seymour struck me or not, but I do know that before I fell he was striking at me continually."

The foregoing statement was made by Chief of Police Charles A. Gregory to visitors at his bedside Sunday. While Chief Gregory does not know whether he was hit or not it is said that there is at least one witness who will testify that Seymour struck Gregory on the chin and it is a fact that there is a blue bruise on the Chief's chin such as might have been inflicted by a blow from a fist. The back of the Chief's head struck the pavement when he fell from the car, and it hardly seems reasonable he could have been injured on the chin in the fall.

Chief Gregory was taken to the Elizabeth City hospital Saturday night shortly after 9 o'clock in an unconscious condition, and it was not until 1 o'clock Sunday morning that he regained consciousness. The man charged with assault in connection with the Chief's injury is Horatio Seymour of Camden, who is under a \$2,000.00 bond for appearance before the recorder on a charge of assault with intent to kill next Monday, October 1st. The bond was returnable Monday of this week and Seymour was here Monday morning when the bond was continued and the date of trial set for next Monday. Chief Gregory is expected to be out of the hospital in three or four days.

Chief Gregory says that Seymour came to him Saturday night to complain that an automobile had been so parked on Matthews street that it was impossible for Seymour to get his own automobile, parked near the rear of D. M. Jones's store, out until the former automobile was moved.

Chief Gregory went with Seymour to help him extricate his car and from the latter's conversation saw that he was under the influence of liquor. He told Seymour, therefore, that he was in no condition to drive his car home and Seymour replied that he had a man with him who could drive it for him. Accordingly with John Barnard, also of Camden, at the wheel, Seymour got in his automobile and started for home. As the engine started up Chief Gregory says that Seymour began to curse him. The Chief ordered the Camden man to shut up, and when he did not do so sprang on the running board at the Culpepper Hardware store corner and ordered the car stopped. Seymour, however, told Barnard to drive on and Barnard obeyed the owner of the car rather than the chief of police.

The automobile gained headway on the way to the City Drug Store corner and there it was that, according to what is said to be the testimony of eye witnesses, Seymour's fist caught Chief Gregory under the chin and the police officer crashed to the pavement unconscious.

Examination at the hospital disclosed, in addition to the bruise on Chief Gregory's chin, a star shaped cut near the base of the skull where his head struck the pavement as he fell from the running board. Common report had it Sunday night that Chief Gregory would not live until Sunday morning, but he regained consciousness about four hours after the occurrence, and has continued to improve since that time. No serious consequences of his injury are now looked for.

Seymour was found by Camden authorities and Elizabeth City police at his home about two miles from Camden Court House Sunday night and placed under arrest. He protested that he did not strike Chief Gregory, but that the latter fell from the running board as the car was turning the corner of Water street. Seymour also is said to have claimed that the Chief threw a gun in his face, but when the Chief was picked up his pistol was found in his pocket along with his flashlight.

Horatio Seymour is a former deputy sheriff of Camden County and was one of the posse headed by Police Officer George Twiddy, members of which were charged with the shooting of David Overton, colored, as the negro boy fled from the posse to escape arrest. Three members of the posse were convicted at last September's term of Superior Court, but Seymour was found not guilty.

GREENBORO DOCTOR TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Baltimore, Sept. 24.—Dr. John Alexander Williams of Greensboro, N. C., yesterday committed suicide here by severing an artery in his right leg and bleeding to death.