

## JOB'S REPORT OF MUCH INTEREST

### Secretary Tells Chamber of Commerce About Waterways Meeting and Freight Rates on Coal.

Unusually interesting was the report made by Secretary Job of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce to this week's meeting of the board of directors of that organization.

Among other matters reported on by Mr. Job was his attendance upon the recent meeting of the Atlantic Seaboard Waterways Association at Norfolk and on the session of the Rivers and Harbors Congress at Washington, where Mr. Job ably and successfully presented for endorsement the claims of the Dismal Swamp Canal upon the Federal Government.

Mr. Job also reported to the directors on the steps being taken by him to secure relief from the discriminatory coal freight rate now in force against Elizabeth City.

"This is a matter," says Mr. Job, "of interest not only to the manufacturer who uses coal in large quantities, but also to the smaller consumer who would secure the benefit of any reduction in rate on every ton of coal purchased during the winter."

Mr. Job in his report also informed the directors that he had put into the hands of Congressman Hallett S. Ward a bill providing for the improvement of the channel of Knobs Creek; that he was seeking to expedite the delivery of mail from Elizabeth City in New York, which now arriving there at 8:04 in the morning is not delivered until about 2 o'clock in the afternoon; and that he was also at work in an endeavor to have express shipments from New York to Elizabeth City, which are now, apparently, routed by Raleigh so as to make a delay of one day in arrival, routed directly here by way of Norfolk.

Mr. Job told the directors that he had been laboring hard with the Norfolk Southern to secure the extension of the sheds, extension of the paving and extension lights at the Norfolk Southern passenger station, and though he had not made the progress he could have wished, that he had the promise of an early extension of lights to the end of the line of jitney cars at the station and of the putting of the approach to the station in better repair by the use of Lillingston gravel.

## L. GARRETT ON STAND IN HIS OWN DEFENSE

Cumberland Courthouse, Va., December 13.—Larkin Garrett took his stand in his own defense shortly before noon in his second trial on the charge of murder for his part in the fatal shooting of Rev. E. S. Pierce. As at previous trials of himself and his brother, Garret declared that Pierce struck the first blow with his fist and fired the first shot.

Attorney Byrd subjected the defendant to a stiff cross examination.

## HIT BOY WITH APPLE

**JERED GUILTY ASSAULT**  
Charles Davis, Cyprus and Second street merchant, who, exasperated at the annoyance caused him by a small boy who, running in and out of his store, grimaced at and teased him continuously, flung an apple at the youngster and hit him, was taxed with the costs on the charge of assault in police court Thursday. The court admitted that Mr. Davis had considerable provocation.

This was the only case tried in the recorder's court Thursday.

## BONUS REINTRODUCED

Washington, Dec. 13.—The soldier bonus bill, which was vetoed by Harding, was reintroduced today by Representative McKenzie, Republican of Illinois, at the request of Republican veterans in the house, and carries only minor changes from the original.

## SAP'S REVOLVER IS NOT A FORTY-FIVE

The revolver taken along with Sap's suitcase at a negro lodging house at Edenton Monday is not a "forty-five."

Neither, in the opinion of Dr. C. B. Williams, who, with Dr. Saliba, removed it just under the skin of the abdomen, was the bullet which entered the hip and penetrated the abdomen of O. C. Bray last Friday night.

"I am not an expert on bullets," said Dr. Williams, "and this particular bullet is defaced as though it had struck or glanced from a bone, but it appears to me no larger than a 38."

The same thing might be said of the revolver which during the preliminary trial of Sap lay across the table in front of County Prosecutor Sawyer. It was long of barrel but not of large caliber.

However, the police now have the revolver and will make no statement as to its size.

## Pledge To Build Greater Meredith

Gastonia, Dec. 13.—The North Carolina Baptist Convention in annual session here last night pledged its credit to the issuance of \$750,000 in bonds for financing and promotion and establishment on a larger scale of Meredith College on the 137 acre site recently purchased near Raleigh on the Durham road.

It is planned to complete a \$1,100,000 plant to accommodate 500 students by the opening of the fall session in 1925.

The present facilities of the college inside Raleigh are inadequate.

## HEALTH SERVICE TO STUDY COLDS

Washington, December 13.—A detailed study of common colds is to be made by the Public Health Service in co-operation with a number of the country's leading universities.

Dr. Hugh S. Cumming, surgeon general, says colds, influenza and similar conditions are responsible for a great deal of suffering, loss of time, disability and not inconsiderable number of deaths.

He says there are few, if any, individuals who do not suffer with some acute respiratory condition at least once a year, losing from a day to a week or more as a result, and some attacks develop into more serious conditions, at times even a latent pulmonary tuberculosis being lighted up.

Comparatively little is definitely known as to the real causes, distribution, manner of spread, and epidemiology of these so-called minor respiratory ailments, Dr. Cumming says, and this detailed study being undertaken is expected to be of value in attempting to prevent these afflictions.

The work will be actively undertaken at Harvard University, Johns Hopkins Medical School, Georgetown and Harvard Universities, Washington; Tulane University, New Orleans; Ohio State University, University of Chicago, and University of California. It is anticipated the studies will extend over two or three years.

## THOUSANDS OF TROUT PASS THROUGH CITY

Twenty-two thousand sea trout, caught off Bodys Island this side of Oregon Inlet, arrived here Wednesday and were shipped to Northern markets by the Globe Fish Company.

This shipment represents a return of \$5,400 to Dare County fishermen.

## COOLIDGE PRAISES WINIFRED MATHER

Washington, Dec. 13.—President Coolidge today wrote Mrs. Winifred Holt Mather of New York praising her part in the establishment of "light house" homes for the blind in various cities.

## HENRY FORD WILL GET NOMINATION

Detroit, December 13.—Henry Ford will be nominated for the Presidency whether he desires it or not, it was decided at a meeting last night at which the National Ford For-President Club was organized by a score of supporters who came regardless of the fact that the Ford For-President meeting to which they were delegates had been cancelled. They will draft Ford into service if he doesn't lead the way himself, the president of the club said.

## PORTUGUESE CABINET DECIDED TO RESIGN

Lisbon, Dec. 13.—The Portuguese cabinet resigned today.

It was reported yesterday that the cabinet asked President Gomez to dissolve parliament on the ground of a hostile majority. The resignation indicates that the executive refused.

## VIENNA IMPROVES TRANSIT

Vienna, Dec. 13.—The Socialist government of this city is extending its ambitious program of public works, and thus steadily reducing unemployment.

Its latest enterprise is to take over the underground or belt railway, which has been out of commission since the second year of the war when its equipment was seized for military purposes. The line will be electrified and made part of the municipal street railway system. The new equipment is to be constructed in the country.

Mrs. Ellsworth Homan of Washington, D. C., and little daughter, Mary Elizabeth, are here on a visit to Mrs. Homan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Wright, corner Front and Shepard streets.

## CITY MANAGER IS GUILTY OF LIBEL UPON CHURCHILL

### Now Convalescing at His Home Here and Apparently on the Road to Complete Recovery.

City Manager John Bray, who has been at the Community Hospital since Sunday night as a result of a gunshot wound in the shoulder, was discharged from the hospital Thursday afternoon and is now convalescing at his home on Baxter and Shirley avenue.

Mr. Bray received part of a load of buckshot in the shoulder Sunday night from the accidental discharge of a shotgun while he was out assisting the police to maintain order and to try to locate LeRoy White, negro gunman wanted on more than a half dozen warrants.

Fortunately, the gun went off with the barrel at such an angle that only part of the load entered Mr. Bray's body, and the shot that did penetrate the skin ploughed upward through the muscles of the chest rather than straight through the body. There have been no complications and Mr. Bray, though he has suffered considerable pain, is apparently on the road to early and complete recovery.

## JOHN M. MOREHEAD DIES IN CHARLOTTE

Charlotte, Dec. 13.—John M. Morehead, former Congressman and one time Republican National Committeeman from North Carolina, died of pneumonia at his home here. He had been ill for a week. He was 57 years old.

## PASTOR ST. MARKS UP BEFORE BISHOP

New York, Dec. 13.—Norman Guthrie, pastor of St. Marks in the Bowery and his board of vestrymen, were today called before Bishop William T. Manning of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York, to explain the Greek classic dances in festivals in the down-town church and parish house.

The reports "shocked and scandalized" the bishop, he said.

## STORES TO BE OPEN IN EVENINGS SOON

The Elizabeth City stores will soon be keeping open in the evenings for the convenience of Christmas shoppers.

Just what evening this will be begun, by all the stores, had not been definitely decided Thursday at noon. An effort is being made to agree upon some night for all stores to begin keeping open. Next Thursday evening is said to be the choice of the majority, and it is hoped that a definite decision may be made right away.

Meantime, all the stores urge shoppers to shop during the morning hours all that they can and help to avoid congestion in the afternoon.

## SENATE DEADLOCK GOES OVER TO MONDAY

Washington, Dec. 13.—The deadlock in the Senate over the election of a chairman of the interstate commerce committee remains unbroken. After taking three ballots the Senate adjourned until Saturday with an agreement that further voting will be deferred until Monday.

## REBEL GENERALS HAVE BEEN EXECUTED

Nozales, Ariz., Dec. 13.—Two rebel generals have been executed and another captured by the Obregon forces of the government, according to advices received here concerning the Mexican rebellion.

## Basketball Game Tonight Starts The Ball Rolling

Elizabeth City Athletic Association and Hertford Will Offer the Real Sports of the Community a Game Worth Going Out to See, They Declare

A pleasant surprise for the sport-loving public is the announcement of a basketball game tonight between Elizabeth City Athletic Association and Hertford at the Community Building at 8 o'clock. A member of the associations reports: "Basketball fans, dig down into the old sock, and bring your lady fair to the Community Building for a real treat tonight. The basketball season will be opened there when the Elizabeth City Athletic Association meets Hertford in grand and glorious battle." "Five husky lads and trye have combined forces and are ready for all comers." The team is made up of local men, some of them who played basketball on different college teams. They have been practicing almost every night and are in good shape to live up to their promises. F. Dwight will play forward. He

## OSCAR C. BRAY HAS PNEUMONIA

O. C. Bray, who for the last several days has shown signs of improvement at the Community Hospital, where he was taken last Friday with bullet wound in hip and abdomen, has developed pneumonia, according to a bulletin issued by the attending physician. His condition is, therefore, not so good as for the last two or three days.

## FARM CONFERENCE AT NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, Dec. 13.—Uniformity in agricultural laws, standardization in marketing and warehousing, and standard grades and classes of all farm products, will be considered at the three days' conference of commissioners of agricultural Southern states which began today.

## FARMER DEAD AND HIS SON WOUNDED

Holly Springs, Miss., Dec. 13.—Frank McFerrin, 70-year-old farmer, is dead, and his son Lee is wounded, while Joe Brent is in jail as the result of a shooting affray last night. Brent surrendered but declined to talk. The motive is unknown.

## FIND RUINS OF SLAV SANCTUARY

Director Berlin Museum Unearths Interesting Contribution to Archaeology Near German City of Fellburg.

Feldberg, Mecklenburg, Dec. 13.—Ruins of an ancient Slav sanctuary have been unearthed near this town by Dr. Karl Schuchhard, director of the Berlin Museum of Anthropology, which he believes to have been Retra, the chief temple of the Slavs between the rivers Elbe and Oder. Svarasti was the name of the god who was worshipped here, and the temple was relatively more important than the Delphi of the Greeks.

Retra stood for several centuries and was destroyed in 1068 and 1069 under the reign of Henry IV. The Bishop of Halberstadt, under orders from the emperor, destroyed the sanctuary. Schuchhard was the name of this bishop, and it is still preserved in the folklore of Northern Germany. He is supposed to have become immensely rich through plundering the temple, and there is a nursery rhyme which makes an appeal to this ancient bishop to make gifts to children.

Dr. Schuchhard says descriptions of the temple written by the Bishop of Merseburg, who lived about the year 1000, tally with his discoveries and he is confident he has located the last shrine for which archaeologists have been seeking for generations.

In the Spreewald, near Berlin, the population still retains the customs, dress and language of the ancient Slavs who lived in Northern Germany before the Teutons made their appearance, especially all along the Elbe.

## WINSTON-SALEM JUDGE IS HARD AFTER CHAUFFEURS

Winston-Salem, Dec. 13.—Drivers of automobiles who are convicted here before Judge Henry P. Lane in Superior Court, need not expect to be released with fines, according to the address of the magisterial officer to the grand jury at the opening of court here this week. Judge Lane asserted that he intended to punish such violations with jail or road sentences and that when he goes to Guilford, Davidson and Stokes counties after the first of the year to hold court, he expects to follow out this policy. Judge Lane referred particularly to the class of automobiles designated as jitneys which operate on the roads between several North Carolina cities.

## TURNER NEW HEAD OF BEST CITY MERCHANTS

The Merchants' Association of Elizabeth City held the annual election of officers Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock and the following men were elected to serve in 1924:

T. T. Turner, president; C. W. Gaither, first vice president; W. H. Weatherly, Jr., second vice president; J. C. Sawyer, treasurer. The following were elected on the board of directors: T. T. Turner, C. W. Gaither, E. F. Spencer, J. C. Sawyer, M. P. Gallop, M. L. Sheep, J. T. McCabe, R. B. Shoely, O. F. Gilbert, W. H. Weatherly, Jr., C. Camden Blades, E. F. Aydtlett, Jr., Frank Seitz, J. M. Weeks, S. G. Etheridge.

## COTTON MARKET

New York, December 13.—Spot cotton closed quiet today, advancing 75 points. Middling 25.60. Futures closed as follows: December 35.10; January 34.60; March 35.00; May 35.20; July 34.45; October 28.57. New York, December 13.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: December 36.00; January 35.25; March 35.55; May 36.00; July 34.80; October 29.50.

## BATTLE IMMINENT NEAR MEXICO CITY

### Insurgents Entrenched on One Side and Obregon Forces on the Other to Fight for Possession.

Vera Cruz, December 13.—A newspaperman accompanying the rebels in their advance on Mexico telegraphed today that the situation in the state of Puebla is unchanged but a battle is apparently imminent. The insurgents on a line running from Esperanza to Oriental to Apizaco.

Obregon's forces are centered at San Andres, Tehuacan and San Marcos.

Between these points surely the deciding battle will be fought for the possession of Mexico City, the correspondent says.

Mexico City, December 13.—It is generally felt here that the decisive battle between Sanchez and Obregon troops will be fought on the Vera Cruz front near where Carranza was defeated by Sanchez in 1919. The government is concentrating soldiers in that district to halt the rebel advance.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 13.—Reports received here state that the insurgents have occupied Jalapa after 37 hours fighting, an annihilated the federal troops.

Eighty were killed and 115 wounded, 320 made prisoners, a large supply of rifles, ammunition and horses captured.

## GOT ANSWER IN SKIES TO KNOTTY QUESTIONS

Prague, December 13.—From time to time Prague gives up to some persistent delver in records of the past that are not without interest. For it is an ancient city and its museums and bookstalls are filled with chronicles of what its people said and did in other centuries. A recent discovery is an old book on astronomy which shows that the men of that day spent no little time in endeavors to read what they called the "enigma of the ages," in other words, their womankind.

Based on the influence supposed to be exerted on humans by the constellation of the planets in the month in which they were born, this volume analyzes girls, according to the calendar, as follows:

A girl born in January is very likely to become a good housewife. She will incline to melancholy, but will have a gentle disposition. February girls will be good mothers, and faithful. March maidens, however, will be loquacious, contentious and quarrelsome, while April babies will grow up to be mercurial and unsteady women.

May guarantees merry and good tempered girls, while June gives them passionate and fiery temperaments, with an inclination to superficiality.

July produces the roses among women, according to this old sage; beautiful but thorny. Born a month later they are amiable and sensible, but rather keen for rich husbands.

Girls born in September are of fine susceptibilities and are always ready to help others; they will, therefore, be welcomed everywhere, but should guard against being imposed upon by selfish people. October favors the earth with creatures who surpass all others of the sex as depth and ardor of love.

Women born in November are kindhearted and friendly; if they are not it is always the fault of somebody else, never their own. The last month of the year brings forth rare and very good looking girls. Unfortunately they cannot be recommended to earnest men, for they are very extravagant and always on the hunt for sensations.

## INDECENT REMARKS CONSTITUTE ASSAULT

Raleigh, Dec. 13.—An indecent remark repeated four times by a negro man to a 15-year-old white girl constitutes an assault, according to a decision handed down by the Supreme Court of North Carolina yesterday in the case of the State vs. Osborne Williams.

The Supreme Court upheld the decision of Judge N. A. Sinclair, who sentenced the negro to 18 months on the Cumberland county road.

## BAPTISTS VOTE NOT PUT PREACHER IN PRISONS

Gastonia, December 13.—The North Carolina Baptist State Convention, after a brief discussion, this morning declined to adopt a resolution instructing the board of missions to employ a man for work in the prisons of the State. Dr. M. A. Adams of Rutherfordton was the author of the movement. Excellent progress was reported by the Baptist orphanages and the Women's Missionary Union.

The convention at the morning session here today named a steering committee of nine members to direct collection of the remainder of the State's share of the seventy-five million dollar campaign. The campaign closes November 30, 1924, and the State's share still is more than \$2,000,000 short.