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SPECIAL COUNSEL ON RATE FIGHT

Governor Morrison Announces That Battle Will be Waged to Finish in Interest of North Carolina.

Raleigh, Dec. 28.—Governor Morrison yesterday announced that special counsel will be employed by the State to assist the attorney general in representing North Carolina interests in the proceedings of the Interstate Commerce Commission on the complaint of Virginia cities against certain railroads.

The complaint is alleged by North Carolina shippers to be indirectly all of an increasing North Carolina intra-state freight rates so as to place the shippers of this State at a disadvantage.

PROJECT TO HELP GREEK REFUGEES

Arrival of Henry Morgenthau at Saloniki Starts Big Work in Re-establishing Refugee Population.

Saloniki, Dec. 28.—The arrival in Saloniki of Henry Morgenthau, former United States Ambassador to Turkey, as chairman of the Refugee Settlement Commission of the League of Nations, has officially opened the greatest project of re-establishing a homeless refugee population that probably ever has been undertaken. With John Campbell of Great Britain the second member of the commission, Mr. Morgenthau made a brief survey of refugee conditions in Saloniki and adjacent territories, after which the two commissioners proceeded to Athens to confer with the government and start drawing plans for the agricultural settlements which the League has authorized in its loan of \$25,000,000 to Greece.

The present three hundred of thousands of refugees are crowded into Saloniki, Macedonia and western Thrace, dependent upon government doles and what feeding can be given by British and American relief organizations. The immediate purpose of the commission is to establish the agriculturalists among them upon the unutilized lands of Macedonia and western Thrace. This involves a scientific estimate of the nature of soils, the division of the regions into groups such as wheat, tobacco and vine cultivators for assignment to various districts and the providing of houses, barns, livestock, implements and seeds which will enable them to get into production.

The commission will follow the Russian system of building villages adjacent agricultural lands. Each settlement will consist of about 2,000 acres. Houses will be constructed, and tools and seeds supplied. Land, buildings and equipment will ultimately be offered for sale to the tenants on the installment plan of payment. Mr. Morgenthau believes such loans will be repaid in from 12 to 15 years.

It is hoped that agricultural banks may, in the future, relieve the commission by handling a portion of the land contracts. Later efforts will be made to interest foreign capital in the drainage of the Strouma and Vardar valleys, which would result in the reclamation of large areas of extremely fertile land. No distinction has been made between Greek and other Anatolian refugees, in drafting the plans of these refugee settlements.

STRANGE STORY OF REVERSAL OF SEX

Cincinnati, Dec. 28.—An extraordinary story of an egg-laying female dove that was completely changed into a male through tuberculous infection was told the American Association of Zoologists by Dr. Oscar Riddle of the research staff of the Carnegie station for experimental evolution, Long Island, today.

He declared that several years' investigation had proved that sex can be changed in the earliest egg stage of a pigeon but that reversal of sex in a full-grown bird or animal was exceedingly rare.

MRS. VANDERBILT IS SOMEWHAT IMPROVED

New York, Dec. 28.—The condition of Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt who is ill at her home with bronchial pneumonia is reported improved today. She spent a comfortable night, physicians said.

HUNGARIANS HELP GERMANY

Berlin, Dec. 28.—According to reports received here from Budapest, organized efforts to send aid to Germany are being made in various parts of Hungary.

Several Hungarian newspapers have opened subscription lists for funds with which to buy food for Germany, and a regular service for shipping food has been put into effect. Relief committees among the Hungarians have also been formed for the purpose of aiding relatives in Germany who are in want.

WOODROW WILSON IS SIXTY-SEVEN

Washington, Dec. 28.—Woodrow Wilson was 67 years old today, but no celebrations or demonstrations broke the quiet of his home.

He spent the day in much the same manner as in recent months, during which he has continued his program of rest, varied with frequent automobile rides in the country.

CABINET CONTINUES OFFICE FOR PRESENT

Tokio, December 28.—In view of developments and the attempted assassination of Hirohito, the latter requested today that members of the cabinet continue in office for the present, and they are expected to retire before the meeting of the diet January 29.

REVENUE SHOWS GREAT INCREASE

Washington, December 28.—Revenue of the State of North Carolina and its subdivisions for the year 1922 amounted to \$47,972,352, an average of \$18.91 for each person in the State, according to an announcement made here today by the Department of Commerce. This total was divided as follows: general property taxes, \$35,246,861; special property taxes, \$4,214,576; poll taxes, \$263,151; licenses and permits, \$5,791,241; and special assessments for improvements, \$1,516,403. This showed, according to the Department, an increase of 269 per cent for towns of over 2,500 population over the year 1912.

In 1922 the entire debt of North Carolina and its political subdivisions less the sinking fund assets, set aside to meet such debts was \$182,711,945, continued the report, while in 1912 it was \$24,343,679, or an average per capita in 1922 of \$69.03 and in 1912, \$14.88. The increase in the ten years was 432 per cent.

The assessed valuation of all property subject to general property tax, according to the report, was \$2,521,115,274 in 1922 as compared with \$747,500,632 in 1912, an increase of 237 per cent. The per capita assessed valuation increased from \$225.50 in 1912 to \$952.46 in 1922. The per capita tax levy increased from \$4.33 in 1912 to \$13.98 in 1922.

FABULOUS PRICES FOR FAMOUS STAMPS

Berlin, Dec. 28.—Fabulous prices have been realized from some of the rare stamps in the collection which formerly belonged to Emperor William II, which is being sold in Paris. A stamp of the Grand Duchy of Baden, only three specimens of which are in existence, brought 120,000 francs and a Spanish stamp from the middle of the last century brought almost as much. Already more than 12,000,000 francs have been realized from the sale.

This famous collection of stamps was given to the ex-kaiser in the will of a son of the late Duchess of Galliera who had taken Austrian citizenship under the name of Count de la Renottiere. William II had instituted the sale of this stamp collection in France before the war began and the remainder of the collection was seized by the entente powers.

PLEAD GUILTY TO CHARGE OF ARSON

Superior, Wis., Dec. 28.—Edward J. Sallstad and Dorothy Anderson today pleaded guilty to the charge of arson and were sentenced to four years in prison by Judge McKay.

Sallstad confessed that the destroyed body of Allen McPherson was placed in a summer cottage to burn. It appears that Sallstad was accidentally burned to death. He disappeared with Dorothy Anderson, his stenographer.

AMERICANS MAKE SURVEY IN BALKANS

Sofia, Dec. 28.—Representatives of an American contracting corporation are in the Balkans surveying the possibilities for public improvement enterprises in Bulgaria, Jugoslavia and Rumania. They have been making a study of the financial conditions of the Bulgarian capital in connection with a survey of its needs in water works, street railway extension and improvement and sewer extensions.

VETTERS ARE GIVEN PRISON SENTENCE

New York, Dec. 28.—Ernest and Marie Vetter, convicted of first degree manslaughter of Alonzo J. Storer, were today sentenced to eight to 15 years in prison.

CONFESSES CRIME AND DIES IN CHAIR

Raleigh, Dec. 28.—After confessing to the warden, Lee Washington, 29-year-old negro convicted in Nash County of an attack on a white woman, was electrocuted today.

ALL GENEROUS AT CHRISTMAS

Elizabeth City People Willing and Anxious That No One be Overlooked at This Season.

"The people of Elizabeth City may not have subscribed as liberally as they might have to the Red Cross recently in order that the Red Cross might meet some future needs of possible unfortunates of the city this winter," says the local chairman of the Red Cross, "but when actual, specific and present cases of need came up at Christmas time the people of Elizabeth City did themselves proud. If a criticism can be made, it is that they overdid the thing."

"Practically every organization of the city not only gave but voluntarily asked the welfare officer for the privilege of giving, that the less fortunate of the city might be provided Christmas cheer. Many a child of the city would have found a cozy stocking Christmas morning were it not for the hosts of Santas who came so splendidly to the rescue. Our people are not at heart selfish, except possibly when the needs of others are not clearly seen, but if actual needs arise that can be visualized, there is no lack of generosity and unselfishness.

"The names of families who needed help were provided by the welfare officer to the churches and other organizations so that there would be no duplications. In several instances the welfare officer was unable to supply the names of as many families in need as were asked for by different organizations.

"It is a pity those who so liberally contributed to this worthy cause—generous Santas could not have seen the faces of those who were helped, young and old. To have done so, the very expressions of gratitude would have been ample reward, inasmuch as we have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, to have done it unto Me."

HOUSE MAKES PUBLIC NEW REVENUE BILL

Washington, December 28.—Reversing its previous policy, the House today and means committee today made public the new revenue bill in the form it was sent to the capital by Mellon.

The tax contains few changes from the outline of the bill first announced at the treasury. It follows Mellon's proposals for revision of administrative provisions to prevent tax dodging and included a board of 28 appraisers to act as a court of appeals.

BODY COMMANDER OF DINMUDE FOUND

Paris, Dec. 28.—Official announcement today said the Dirible Dinmude had been lost at sea and the body of Lieut. Grenadan, commander, had been found in Sicilian waters.

POLICEMAN HURT BY MAN AND SON

Belmont, Dec. 28.—One of the worst crimes in the history of Belmont's police department took place in East Belmont Tuesday evening about 7 o'clock, when Policeman H. E. Corby was badly cut about the head, face and neck and was beaten to insensibility by Banks Lay, a former citizen of Belmont, now living in Concord, and his son, Tom Lay, who lives here.

Corby's assailant declared that they had a grievance against him on account of the arrest of a young Lay boy, and while Corby was making his regular run in East Belmont at a time when there were no other persons about the two men, they and some other boys had against the boys. When they were talking Tom Lay struck Corby from behind, by the side of the door. The older Lay then jumped on him and cut him about the face, head and neck, inflicting several gaily wounds. They took Corby to a hotel and other weapons from the hotel which they jumped into Corby's automobile and left town.

Some months ago Fred Lay, son of Banks Lay, was arrested and sent to the chair for a few days for the theft of a pair of shoes from the store of W. B. Shaw in East Belmont. Last year, another of the Lay boys, had been in court on various charges, a number of them against the officer on whom he had cut the family to leave town. They moved from Belmont to Concord.

On Tuesday afternoon Lester Lay, son of Belmont, was taken No. 45 car to Belmont 6 o'clock, and was arrested by Officer Corby as he stepped from the train on a car, issued by Lantry Car Company, in the day with beating a policeman at Cambridge. About the same time the older Lay came to town in his automobile from Concord, which gives rise to the question now held by Belmont authorities that the assault on the police officer was premeditated.

MAN ORDERED OUT MAY BE PUT OUT

And When Trespasser Uses Insulting Language Considerable Force Justified, Court Holds.

When the proprietor of a place of business orders a man out and the trespasser uses to get out, the proprietor may put the trespasser out and use as much force as may be necessary to that end. Trial Justice Sweeney delivered in Friday morning's session of police court. And the court did not say it in so many words but by its judgment implied that when the trespasser used insulting language and threats in refusing to get out, considerable force may be regarded as necessary. The court at any rate imposed a fine of \$10 and costs on Sam Modlin, charged with being drunk and disorderly in the Apothecary Shop on Christmas night and found S. G. Etheridge, charged with assault in putting Mr. Modlin out of the store, not guilty, holding that Etheridge used no more than necessary force in twice ejecting Mr. Modlin when the latter refused to leave his place of business, and that Mr. Modlin was in court with a bandaged eye and Mr. Etheridge admitted taking several blows at him with his fist when he refused to leave. Modlin used an unparliamentary and insulting epithet in refusing to get out. Etheridge said that Modlin demanded to be put out and that he accommodated him, as it seemed to be the only way of getting rid of a boisterous and unmanly visitor with ladies in the store. Modlin admitted he had been drinking but denied using any epithets whatever; and he had three witnesses to both. S. G. Etheridge, however, put on corroborating testimony that the alleged epithet was used before any blow was struck at either election.

Dallas Freeman, charged with breaking the speed limit in the residential section and with passing in the face of a red light, was fined \$10 and costs. He was charged with exceeding the speed limit on the last count and found not guilty on the first, was let off with the costs.

James Edward Daniels, for failure to pay dog tax, was taxed taxes and costs.

Jack Cartwright, one of Modlin's witnesses, for failure to appear in court after having been subpoenaed, was fined \$10.

Sam London, charged with larceny of a pistol and with carrying a concealed weapon, was found guilty only on the last charge and was let off with a fine of \$50 and costs.

Friday's session of the recorder's court was a long one, lasting for nearly three hours.

BUILDING ENTIRELY WIPE OUT BY FIRE

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 28.—The six-story Oakland Building and Recent Theater, one of the leading office and theater buildings, was practically wiped out by fire early today. The origin of the blaze was undetermined. One fireman was badly hurt. Flying embers set fire to a building two or three blocks away, but it was quickly extinguished. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

FARLEY ASKS FOR WITHDRAWAL NAME

Washington, Dec. 28.—Edward P. Farley, chairman of the United States Shipping Board announced after a conference with President Coolidge yesterday that he had requested the executive to withdraw his nomination as member of the Interstate Commerce Board, now pending before the Senate, and that upon its withdrawal he would resign as chairman of the board which office he now fills by recess appointment by President Harding.

SNUFF HELPS CAPTURE THIEF

Danzig, December 28.—Snuff worked the ruin of a thief who was robbing a tobacco store in Langfuhr, one of the suburbs of the city. One night the tobacco dealer scattered snuff on the floor. When he opened the shop in the morning there were footprints in the snuff. A police dog traced these to the door of the owner of the building. The owner was required to take off his shoes and socks and there were still stains of snuff on his feet and the snuff shaken from the socks caused the detectives to emerge.

TOLL OF DEATHS IS BROUGHT UP TO NINE

New York, December 28.—The toll of death in New York from holiday home was brought to nine today with the death of two men and a woman from alcoholic poisons. Manhattan hospital report many other cases of alcoholic poison.

AUTOMOBILE TAKES PLUNGE IN RIVER

Wayland, Mass., Dec. 28.—Painful death today when an automobile crashed into the wooden railing and plunged 20 feet into the waters of Sadding River.

The bodies of Arthur Beaudreau, driver, and Frank Moody, six-year-old son of Bertha Moody, housekeeper, were recovered, but those of the housekeeper and Beaudreau's 16-year-old daughter, have not been recovered.

YOUNG WOMAN ROUHS BANDITS

New York, Dec. 28.—A young woman in evening dress fought and routed five armed bandits in the lobby of a west side apartment here early today.

When her husband left her Monday night to drive his car to the office, she went out to see after the elevator and switched on the lights and attacked Mrs. Stumans.

Hamlet Jeweler Is Held Under Mann Act

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Ernest Dent Langston, Hamlet, North Carolina, jeweler, was held in \$1,500 bond here yesterday when arraigned before a United States commissioner on the charge of violating the Mann Act.

Langston's charge grew out of an alleged cohabitation with Mrs. Gertrude Harrell, wife of a former Hamlet resident, now in a sanatorium at Timberlands, North Carolina.

No charges is pending against Mrs. Harrell, who now holds a position here with an automobile agency.

KIWANISKS WILL MEET IN RED MEN'S HALL

The Kiwanis Club will meet tonight in the Red Men's Hall over the Savings Bank & Trust Company at 6:20.

GATESVILLE MAN DROWNS AT EDENTON

Edenton, Dec. 28.—"Came and went" was the last strangled words of Lee Fumblitt as he sank beneath the water for the third and last time Wednesday morning. He was drowned at 11 o'clock off of the old Norfolk Southern railroad docks.

It appears that young Fumblitt, who came here from Gatesville with Captain Dan Rice of the Lambert Point, was working on a barge, directly behind the tug "Breeze" when he lost his balance and fell into the water, as the tug boat suddenly lightened the slack rope.

Frightened by the sudden loss of his balance, and the shock of finding himself in a dangerous position, Fumblitt lost his head, and although the shore was only 25 yards, he couldn't gather his senses sufficiently to make a try at swimming for it.

Julius Wilder, who saw him fall, reached out with a shovel, to aid him, but he didn't seem to have the power to grab hold of the shovel, and began to go down.

Clarence Copeland, of the Lambert Point, who was running the tug boat was attracted by the cry for help of Julius Wilder, and reached the dock in time to see his fellow worker come up for the second time. He grabbed a life preserver and threw it at Fumblitt, which landed about two feet from the struggling youth, but again he made no effort to aid himself. Seeing that Fumblitt was half crazy with fear, Copeland dove into the water and reached the spot where Fumblitt was last seen and made several attempts to reach him. But the cold water and the exhausted work were so great that he had to give it up. Fred Wood arrived on the scene about this time, and he, too, plunged into the water in an effort to save the boy. But it was all too useless, and even Captain Dan Rice, who is an excellent swimmer and diver, failed to reach the body.

Moore, Wiscall and Jim Wood, who are employed in the M. G. Brown Mill, came over to the scene of the drowning and with a long pole finally succeeded in bringing the body to the dock, after an hour and forty-five minutes of effort.

Dr. Whitehead was called to the docks in an effort to revive life, but all was without avail, and young Fumblitt was pronounced dead.

Lee Fumblitt came to Edenton from Gatesville with Captain Dan Rice, and he has spent three months here. Little is known of his life since his association with the Lambert Point.

The body was taken charge of by Ziebler & Son, who prepared it for burial. In the meantime the boy's sister, Miss Ruby Fumblitt, was taken to near Gatesville and a reply came to Mrs. Ziebler from Whitesville, 25 miles away in hand, so a body to Edenton, N. C. at once. Mrs. Ethel Fumblitt, N. C. at once. Mrs. Ethel Fumblitt, N. C. at once.

ACHORRE MEETS TONIGHT

Achorre Lodge I. O. O. F. meets tonight at 7:30 on the corner of Road and Fearing streets. There will be a second reading of the new by-laws.

FOOTBALL IS SAFER SAYS ANNUAL REPORT

Atlanta, December 28.—No fundamental change in football rules seems required, according to the report of the rules committee at the convention of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

On the contrary, the elimination of unnecessary hazards has been practically accomplished. The game is now much safer, injuries fewer, and more men are playing this year than ever before, the report says.

CRIMINAL CASES WILL BE NUMEROUS

Pasquotank, Perquimans, Camden and Currituck Will Have Big Dockets Next Term Criminal Court.

With two murders in Pasquotank in December, with a Christmas shooting in Camden and another in Currituck, and with a Christmas week kidnaping case in Perquimans, an unusually big criminal docket is indicated in the next term of criminal court in these counties.

The murders in Pasquotank are that of O. C. Bray, fatally shot on the night of Friday, December 7, and that of Alfred Forchuck, negro, killed by a blow on the head, said to have been inflicted by Alex Jones, Scotland farmer, on December 20.

The Camden shooting is that as a result of which William Harris, negro, lies in the Elizabeth City Hospital with a bullet wound in his head.

In Currituck on Friday before Christmas C. S. Crane, 45 years old and a man of family, with wife, children and grandchildren living, was shot at his own gate by J. H. Sanderson of the same section of Currituck County. Crane was wounded in leg and hip and is under the care of a physician at his home near Colquhoun. Sanderson had not been arrested Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, though he had been at his home ever since the shooting and had just passed J. T. Guard's store at the canal bridge at Colquhoun.

Defendants in the kidnaping case in Perquimans are S. D. Allen and C. R. Wood, of McElrides, Virginia, who, it seems, have not yet been arrested, though a warrant for their arrest is said to have been put into the hands of the Virginia authorities. On Christmas Eve night, it is alleged, Wood and Allen drove up to the home of Mrs. Merritt Lowe, in rural Perquimans County, at midnight and when John O. Smith, 23 years old, who lives there, came to the door half-dressed he was compelled, only partially dressed, to get into the automobile with Wood and Allen, who took the young man, said to be a mental defective, to McElrides with them. He was brought back to his home by a Perquimans officer of the law who is said to have left the warrant for the arrest of the alleged kidnapers in the hands of McElrides authorities.

Then again, in Perquimans, Henry Foreman, negro, is in jail on a charge of contempt and of assault with deadly weapon, being charged with having carved the neck of "Peccan" Cox, also colored, last Sunday night, barely missing the jugular vein. Foreman is said to have appeared in court for the preliminary hearing under the influence of liquor and to have made derogatory remarks concerning the court, which added the charge of contempt to that already against him.

MEXICAN SENATE RATIFIES CLAIMS

Mexico City, Dec. 28.—The Mexican senate yesterday ratified the special United States-Mexican claims convention by the vote of 42 to five. The general claims convention was approved, as a whole, eight to one.

MAN WHO BUILT FAMOUS TOWER DEAD

Paris, Dec. 28.—Alexandre Gustave Eiffel, the engineer who built the famous Eiffel tower, died today at the age of 91.

MEEKINS-SAMPLE

Miss Eddie Mae Sample, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sample, and Mr. Frank Meekins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Meekins, all of this city, were married at 5 Railroad avenue Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by Rev. E. P. Sawyer.

FUNERAL WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY MORNING

The funeral of J. B. Fearing will be conducted at the home on Riverside Drive at 11 o'clock Saturday morning by Rev. Geo. F. Hill. Interment will be made in Hollywood.

Mr. Fearing died Thursday morning at 10:15 after several days illness.

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COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 28.—Spot cotton closed quiet; middling 24.65. Futures closed at the following levels: January 25.15, March 25.55, May 25.87, July 24.58, October 25.07.

New York, December 28.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: January 33.44; March 35.82; May 36.05; July 35.26; October 29.25.