

FACE SHOWDOWN ON SOLDIER BONUS

Republicans Must Discuss Matter at Thursday Night's Conference, but Tax Bill Being Pushed.

Washington, January 8.—A showdown among Republicans on the soldier bonus was assured today with the issuance of the formal call for a conference Thursday night for discussion of the question.

The call was sent out by Representative Anderson, chairman of the conference, and was so worded as to permit consideration of taxation and other pending legislation.

With former service men in the House pressing for action on the bonus before the end of the month, the Republican organization has redoubled its efforts, meantime, to keep the Mellon tax bill from being displaced on the tentative legislative program.

CHARGES O'RYAN CHANGED FINDINGS

Washington, January 8.—Chairman Reed of the Senate Veterans committee today told the Senate that General O'Ryan, the committee counsel, in its veteran's bureau investigation had "extensively changed" some of its findings in his report published yesterday. He said the committee had disagreed with some of O'Ryan's recommendations and that a full report by the committee itself would be made in a few days.

COOLIDGE AGAINST SURTAX PROVISION

Washington, January 8.—President Coolidge regards the surtax provisions of the Garner Democratic tax program as disregarding the principle that the Government should encourage the investment of capital in business enterprises rather than tax free securities.

ASKS EARLY PURCHASE OF CONCERT TICKETS

The president of the Woman's Club asks the public to purchase concert tickets before the last minute. They may be reserved at Duff's piano store from 10 to 12 a. m. and from 2 to 5 p. m. and by buying early good seats may be assured.

Furthermore, the Woman's Club must have the guarantee money in hand before the opening of the concert, and the club is anxious that this, its first undertaking of the kind, shall not fall through.

The concert is scheduled for Wednesday evening at 8:30 in the grammar school auditorium. It is given by the Cambria Concert Company, composed of musicians of excellent renown, and secured through the Redpath Lyceum Bureau of Birmingham.

The program is varied enough to please everyone and all of it is of high quality, it is declared.

PARKING ORDINANCE PARTLY REPEALED

The parallel parking ordinance aroused such a storm of protest down town that it was repealed Monday night by the City Council in so far as it applied to Main street east of Road, to Poindexter street between Burgess and Church and to Water street between the two Water street bridges. The amended section of the traffic ordinance is being redrafted and will be published shortly. Meanwhile the parking public has happily returned to the old system of parking at an angle of about 45 degrees to the curb.

INSTALL STEAM HEAT IN THE COUNTY HOME

Steam heat is now being installed in the County Home of Pasquotank County, on the suburbs of this city, at an estimated cost of about \$2600. No step since the erection of the home will add more to the comfort and convenience of the inmates than this. It is believed that few counties in the State make better provision for the inmates of the County Home than Pasquotank.

This County also usually has one or two patients at the State institution for the treatment of tuberculosis at the Sanatorium, who are kept there at the County's expense.

COTTON MARKET

New York, January 8.—Spot cotton closed steady this afternoon, advancing 30 points. Middling 35.70. Futures closed at the following levels: January 35.05; March 35.17; May 35.38; July 34.24; October 28.65.

New York, January 8.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: January 34.60; March 35.10; May 35.40; July 34.23; October 28.70.

Norfolk, Jan. 8.—Middling closed this afternoon at 34 3/4c.

Norfolk, January 8.—Spot cotton opened here today at 24.75, middling.

LONDON FIRE STILL BLAZING

London, January 8.—One of the biggest fires in London in years was still blazing at daylight near the West India docks.

The flames which started at three o'clock yesterday afternoon had involved no buildings of importance but rubber, oil, and similar inflammable materials in warehouses in four acres of the fire swept area caused a tremendous blaze. Seventy engines fought the fire through the night.

TWO MOTHERS ARE RECEIVING AID

Two mothers in Pasquotank County receive aid from County and State under the Mothers Aid law enacted at the last session of the General Assembly.

Four visits to these mothers during the month of December were reported by County Welfare Officer, Mrs. Anna Lewis to the Board of County Commissioners at their January meeting Monday.

Mrs. Lewis reported also that as a result of the activities of her department six children who had dropped out of school on account of poverty were put back into school during the month.

A large part of the Welfare Department's time during December was taken up in co-operating with the churches and the various charitable organizations of the city to systematize Christmas giving so that all underprivileged children might have a happy Christmas. It is the aim of the welfare department to see that no family is overlooked and that duplications in giving are eliminated.

CROSS INDEX FOR JUDGMENT DOCKET

A cross index for the judgment docket in the County Clerk of the Superior Court's office was authorized by the Board of County Commissioners in regular session Monday, and steps will be taken to have the system installed as early as practicable.

This step has been advocated by the last three grand juries in Pasquotank. It was first recommended early last year, the next grand jury endorsed the recommendation, and the last grand jury insisted that the recommendation be carried out.

FIREWORKS BACK TO THE COMMITTEE

A motion to prohibit the sale and firing of fireworks within the city limits, made Monday night at the regular session of the City Council, was referred to the ordinance committee, the City Manager and the City Attorney. Christmas 1923 was a wide open one in Elizabeth City, the first of the sort in 12 or 15 years, so far as fireworks were concerned, and the reckless abandon with which fireworks were discharged in the business section made Christmas shopping an agony for nervous women and the street, at times, really unsafe for little children.

REPORTS FIVE CASES OF WHOOPING COUGH

Five cases of whooping cough, which are properly quarantined, were the only cases of contagious disease reported by County Health Physician C. B. Williams in his report to the January meeting of the Board of County Commissioners Monday.

PARLIAMENT OPENS WITHOUT SENSATION

London, January 8.—Although King George's fifth parliament met today in an atmosphere of eager political expectation, the first session offered no opportunity for sensational development, for its only immediate business was the unopposed re-election of Hon. John Henry Whitley as speaker of the house of commons with the customary felicitations from leaders of the three political parties.

NEW INQUIRY FOR SCHOONER KWASIND

Washington, January 8.—The seizure of the British schooner Kwasing by the United States authorities at Wilmington, North Carolina, after the ship had put in for repairs carrying a cargo of liquors, has been made the subject of a new inquiry filed with the State Department today by the British government. This action is believed to be preliminary to the filing of a formal protest.

IN SUPERIOR COURT

George F. Wright vs. the Corporation of Elizabeth City, judgment for \$144.45, with interest until paid.

North Carolina Naval stores vs. the Elizabeth City Shipyard Company, judgment for plaintiff in sum of \$197.70.

Merchants and Planters Bank of Norfolk vs. J. A. McCleod, Jr., judgment for plaintiff in sum of \$1402.00.

Winter's Charm



Lake Placid, N. Y., is the Mecca for many persons fond of winter sports. Photo shows Mrs. J. H. Coolidge, Jr., of Cleveland, O. (left), and Miss Carol Gregory, fishing through the ice.

In Labor's Name



The first trust company to open in New York, directly controlled by organized labor started work recently. Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (left), is president of the new Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Co-operative Trust Company. He is shown above with Miss Helen Varick Bowler, vice president, the first woman to hold such a position in New York.

REVIVAL HAS TO BE POSTPONED

Mr. Scattergood Receives Message from Dr. Walthall That He Is Unable to Come This Week.

A telegram and special delivery letter from Dr. D. K. Walthall of Waynesboro, Va., was received Monday night by Rev. F. H. Scattergood of the Presbyterian church, to the effect that Dr. Walthall will not be able to come to Elizabeth City before Sunday. The series of evangelistic meetings which was to have begun Monday night has been accordingly postponed until Sunday.

Dr. Walthall reported that one of the oldest members of his congregation at Waynesboro is at the point of death and he is unable to leave at this time.

In the absence of Dr. Walthall Monday night a service was conducted for the benefit of those who had come to the first service. Dr. S. H. Templeman of the First Baptist Church delivered the sermon on the theme, "Necessity for Consecration." He spoke of four fundamental principles—salvation, faith, confession, and righteousness.

Beginning next Monday there will be a Bible study session each afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and the evening services will be evangelistic. The other churches are co-operating with the Presbyterian congregation in the meetings. If there proves to be too little room at the Presbyterian church, the services will be moved into the First Baptist Church, according to Mr. Scattergood.

RABBITS RAISED TO FEED ANIMALS WITH VALUABLE FUR

Wrangle, Jan. 8.—The United States biological survey has started stocking islands in this vicinity with rabbits, in the hope that they will become established well enough to provide a continuous supply of food for carnivorous animals with valuable fur.

Two kinds of rabbits have been placed on the islands, the Snowshoe, from the vicinity of Anchorage, Alaska, and the Varying Hare, from the Puget Sound region in Washington. Ernest P. Walker, agent for the bureau, has issued an appeal to the people to protect the rabbits.

PUBLIC UTILITIES PLAYING FOR TIME

Elizabeth City's privately owned public utilities made what is believed by the City Council to be another play for time this month when they petitioned Judge H. G. Connor of the United States District Court for a 30 day extension of time to file their papers in their appeal from Judge Connor's decision favorable to the city in regard to the city's right to establish and operate its own utilities.

The city, through its attorneys, Thompson and Wilson, and P. W. McMullan, will fight the petition on the ground that it is merely an attempt to delay the matter's reaching the higher court.

NEGRO JURIST OF NOTE WILL SPEAK WEDNESDAY

Judge William Harrison, negro jurist of note, of Chicago, will speak at Mt. Lebanon Church Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Seats will be reserved for the white people and they are especially invited to attend this service. Judge Harrison arrived in the city Tuesday afternoon.

BOARD EDUCATION HOLDS ITS JANUARY MEETING

The County Board of Education, consisting of Superintendent M. P. Jennings, Chairman J. M. LeRoy, W. G. Cox, and D. W. Morgan met in regular session Monday morning at 10 o'clock in Superintendent Jennings' office. It was a brief session owing to the fact that when the meeting opened the room thermometer stood at 50, warming up slightly during the meeting.

Nothing but routine business was disposed of. The schools of the County were reported as being in good order and well attended. The Weeksville High School has an enrollment of 404 and of these only a few are out of that district.

Remember Edgar's 1:30 Bus leaving here evenings. Also his 8 o'clock bus leaving Norfolk mornings. You save time and worry and make all connections.

BRYAN PICKS A CANDIDATE

Miami, Fla., Jan. 8.—William Jennings Bryan, who is a candidate for delegate from Florida to the Democratic National Convention, declared today that if elected he would present the name of a citizen of Florida for the Democratic nomination for presidency. In his statement he did not name the citizen but said the name would be made public before January 15.

STRANGE STORY OF LOST BONDS

Mailed in Omaha to Chicago They Turned Up in Czechoslovakia and Then Came Back to Wisconsin.

Prague, January 8.—A story of missing bonds, a mysterious Serb who paid \$40,000 for a suit of clothes, and a Wisconsin farmer who should be grateful to a distant brother-in-law, has come to light in the records of the local police headquarters.

A little more than three years ago a package of bonds, valued at \$110,000 and addressed to a bank in Chicago was mailed in Omaha. It never reached its destination, and investigation showed that the package had been sent erroneously to Rossice, in Czechoslovakia. It was duly received in Prague, but thereupon all further trace of it was lost.

Three months ago, according to information in the possession of the Prague police, a farmer of Wisconsin presented to the Chicago bank in question five bonds of \$1,000 each that had been included in the original shipment. Questioned, he explained he had received them from his brother-in-law, a tailor of Prague.

The trail now back in Czechoslovakia, was again taken up by local detectives, who soon found the tailor. This man related that in the spring of 1921 a Serb, recently arrived from America, ordered a suit of clothes and left with him as a guarantee of final payment, \$40,000 in American bonds. The Serb never called for his clothes, and the tailor not knowing what to do with the bonds, finally sent them to his brother-in-law in America, the Wisconsin farmer.

There is, however, another angle to the story. It seems the tailor's son was employed in the Prague post office when the bonds reached there, and this coincidence has led to the arrest of the tailor and his son, who are now lodged in jail pending the receipt of further information from the United States.

STORE BURNS MONDAY

The interior of W. W. Bembury's store at the end of North Road street near the Standard Oil tanks was entirely wrecked by flames Monday night at 9:30 and there was little left of the exterior. The building was owned by Claude Ralph.

There was some wind at that time, and though it was not extremely high, had the flames been allowed to spread a bit, particularly to the south, there's scarcely any telling how great the damage might have been. But the fire company soon had the fire out and the danger was averted.

The loss of building and stock is estimated at approximately \$1,800. The fire was outside of the city limits and about 1,000 feet of hose had to be laid to reach the nearest hydrant.

THREE PAY FINES

Three defendants, all colored, paid fines aggregating \$40.00 in police court Tuesday morning. Charlie Lowry, for assault on Charlie Bell, alias Bill Bailey, colored, paid a fine of \$15.00 and costs. Lowry shot at Bell, according to his own evidence, to scare the latter; Bell claimed that a bullet grazed his leg, but the slight abrasion he exhibited in police court might have been caused by any other sort of scratch.

George Hawkins also paid a fine of \$15.00 and costs on a charge of assault, but George's offense was in making too free advances to a colored girl who did not know him. He pleaded that he was drunk and did not realize what he was doing and the court let him off on a fine.

Josh Zachery paid a fine of \$19.00 and costs for trespass on the premises of Elmo Stokely.

WOMAN CONFESSES SHE KILLED HUSBAND

Sumter, S. C., Jan. 8.—Mrs. Lu China today confessed that she shot and killed her husband, Dr. Archie China, prominent physician and banker, Sunday morning, according to a statement to officers by Dr. H. M. Stockey, who has been attending her since she was discovered in a state of apparent unconsciousness yesterday.

EMBARGO LIMITS WAR MATERIALS

Proclaimed by President Coolidge Late Monday Has Effect of Prohibiting Shipments to Mexican Rebels.

Washington, January 8.—With Mexican federal troops on the offensive, according to embassy advice, along the Vera Cruz and Jalisco fronts, hopes of revolutionary leaders to get ammunition from the United States have been blocked through the declaration of an embargo which in effect will limit shipments of war materials from this country into Mexico to purchases made by the Obregon government. The embargo was proclaimed by President Coolidge late yesterday and provides that no ammunition may be sent into Mexico from the United States except with the specific approval of Secretary Hughes.

NEGRO REFORMATORY TO BE CONSTRUCTED SOON

Raleigh, January 8.—First units in the negro reformatory, to be known as the Morrison Training School in honor of Governor Cameron Morrison, will be constructed in the immediate future, according to plans of the committee appointed to handle the matter which was authorized at the 1923 General Assembly. The contract has been let and construction will commence as soon as possible. The reformatory will be located in Richmond county near Rockingham, a 400 acre site having been purchased for the purpose.

WARNING GRADE CROSSINGS SUCCESSFUL IN SWEDEN

Stockholm, Jan. 8.—Swedish railroads have tested recently, and found successful, a device to warn automobilists, as they approach grade crossings, of the coming of a train.

When a train is 1,000 feet from a crossing electricity is called into play to drop a bar over the vehicle road. The bar is 80 feet from the crossing, and takes a position seven feet above the road. From it hang light chains which, striking against the car, give warning of the oncoming train. After the train has passed the bar automatically is raised. Red and white lights help to emphasize the warning.

SEEKING TO SOLVE CRIME PROBLEMS

Detroit, Jan. 8.—Means toward the solution of criminal problems will be further discussed at the annual meeting here January 11-12 of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, according to James Bronson Reynolds, president, who will report on progress in the work.

Other features of the program will be reports by the committees on criminal records and statistics and on surveys made in other fields. Prof. F. B. Crossley of the Northwestern University School of Law will speak on the former subject, augmented by first hand information gathered by Prof. Samuel B. Warner of the University of Oregon. The institute has been enabled to function in regard to records and statistics through the generosity of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and the work of the survey committee is supported by the aid of the Carnegie corporation, according to Mr. Reynolds.

CHORAL CLUB TO GIVE CONCERT IN FEBRUARY

W. C. Sawyer is president of the new choral club of Elizabeth City, with A. B. Houtz, vice president; Mrs. G. W. Bell, secretary; Miss Emerald Sykes, pianist; and U. G. Davis, director.

The first regular meeting was held Monday night and Monday night has been chosen for future meetings. The Elks Hall will be the meeting place. The club plans to give a concert the last of February.

COMMISSION NAMED FOR CITY PLANNING

A City Planning Commission for Elizabeth City, as provided for during the session of the 1923 General Assembly was created by the City Council in regular session Monday night.

Members of the Commission are: A. B. Houtz, W. P. Duff, John C. Perry and Mrs. Ethel Lamb, and Mayor W. Ben Goodwin. The Mayor is an ex officio member. The other members were named by the City Council Monday night.

HAVE JOINT MEETING

The two branches of the Hollywood Cemetery Society will hold a joint meeting with Mrs. Della Chandler at the home of Mrs. John Kramer on Main street Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock.

EUREKA LODGE TO HAVE SPECIAL MEETING TONIGHT

Eureka Lodge of Masons will have a special meeting tonight at 7:30. There will be a third degree lecture and other interesting features.