

BESTCITY LOOKS LIKE A SEAPORT

Visited by So Many Vessels of Varying Tonnage, and With So Many Sailors on the City's Streets.

Elizabeth City was visited by so many vessels of varying tonnage and purpose on Wednesday, mostly in the Government service, that this city bore every aspect of a regular seaport town. Sailors ashore from their ships added to the appearance of a port. There were a good many on the streets Wednesday night. The Government vessels making Elizabeth City were the Coast Guard Cutter Pamlico, which arrived Wednesday night and departed Thursday morning; the yacht, Paquippe, of Major F. A. Pope of the U. S. Engineer department, accompanied by his brother and Assistant Engineer Howe, which left last night for the Alligator river where dredging operations are in progress; the motor driven Tug Skycoak and the Houseboat Pungo of the U. S. Engineer department here to make a survey of the river harbor. The Tug Norway also came in towing the Pungo.

The Pungo crew is in charge of Junior Engineer J. M. Parker, who is superintending a survey of the Pasquotank river harbor here, as authorized by Congress at the last session.

The survey, according to Secretary Job of the Chamber of Commerce, will probably result in straightening the channel at the mouth of Knobbs creek, which will eliminate the necessity for rounding the island now blocking passage there, and which makes the negotiation of the channel difficult and has caused several accidents. He also expects it will result in the elimination of some mud flats opposite the Norfolk Southern wharves and may bring about other dredging which will improve the river harbor for shipping of all kinds.

The last survey was made in 1902 and the present one is considered to be a necessary step in the improvement of this waterway. A bill has been introduced for the survey of Knobbs creek also.

The harbor survey was begun Wednesday afternoon at the mouth of Knobbs creek and will occupy the time of the crew for about ten days, they estimate.

The Tug Skycoak, in command of Captain W. A. Lupton, is interesting to Elizabeth City navigators, as it is propelled by a gasoline motor of unusual dimensions and power.

SAVES CITY FROM A GASLESS NIGHT

Norfolk Southern Yard Engine Furnishes Steam During Retubing of Gas Plant Boiler Wednesday Night.

That a railroad locomotive could be used to save a town from a gasless night probably would never have occurred to the ordinary manager of a gas plant.

But Manager J. T. Stallings of the Southern Gas Company of Elizabeth City is not an ordinary manager, but one, in the words of Kipling, "of infinite resource and sagacity."

At two-thirty Wednesday afternoon it became necessary to draw the fires from under the boiler at the gas plant in order to put in a new tubing.

At first it seemed that there would be nothing to do but to shut down the gas plant for a 24 hour period, and Mr. Stallings went so far as to announce such a shutdown in Wednesday's issue of this newspaper.

But after the announcement was in print another idea came to Mr. Stallings. He got in touch with Freight Agent M. E. Dennis of the Norfolk Southern and along toward night the local Norfolk Southern yard engine moved out on the gas plant's siding just north of the city limits.

A pipe was run from the gas plant to the locomotive's boiler and the locomotive engine furnished a sufficient pressure of steam to keep the gas flowing through the mains of the city until the boiler at the gas plant could be repaired.

Thus many folks who had expected to sit down to cold suppers Wednesday night went to prayer meeting well fed and duly thankful, and kiddies all over town were spared going to bed with cold feet or having to dress in the cold on Thursday morning.

GIVES CREDIT CHIEFLY TO THE DAILY ADVANCE

Sales have been unusually large in the January clearance sale being conducted by Rucker & Sheely, according to Raymond Sheely, since the opening on Thursday morning. Mr. Sheely feels that a good measure of credit is due The Daily Advance, as this paper was used almost entirely in announcing the event. Some circulars were distributed by Rucker & Sheely but the burden of the advertising campaign fell to The Advance.

Municipal Building Looms As Possible

And Municipal Dock Is Another Matter Now Under Consideration

A municipal building for Elizabeth City, long talked of as a city need, looms up as a possible prospect by reason of the action of the City Council this week in naming a committee to select and purchase a site for such a building.

Another matter which has been the subject of much talk that has never got anywhere was brought to the front again by the Council this week when a committee was appointed to investigate the feasibility and advisability of a municipal dock. This dock, according to City Manager Bray's idea, would be for the particular convenience of the smaller craft coming to Elizabeth City, the larger craft for the most part having docks of their own.

The committee on the municipal building proposition is: L. S. Gordon, M. W. Ferebee, and J. J. Hughes.

The committee on the municipal dock is: L. R. Foreman, W. H. Weatherly, and D. R. Kramer.

BEGIN MARCH ON REBEL TROOPS

Federal Army of Mexico Starts Its Offensive Against Vera Cruz and Other Strategic Points.

(By The Associated Press.) Mexico City, Jan. 10.—The federal advance on the rebel troops in Vera Cruz has begun, according to unofficial information obtained at the War Department today.

The main offensive involves more than 12,000 troops advancing on San Marcos. Another column is advancing toward Tehuacan, in the state of Puebla. Also taking part in the offensive are 2,000 troops from garrisons on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec.

MINISTERS MEET FRIDAY MORNING

A special meeting of the Elizabeth City Ministerial Association is called to meet in the Chamber of Commerce rooms Friday morning at 9:30, Jan. 11. This meeting is very important. Every member is urged to be on time.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF DR. McBRAYER

Raleigh, January 10.—The board of directors of the North Carolina Sanatorium at its meeting yesterday at Sanatorium accepted the resignation of Dr. L. B. McBrayer as superintendent of the hospital, according to a telegram to the Associated Press from Dr. T. M. Long, chairman of the institution's board of directors.

The action followed the request made by Governor Morrison some weeks ago that Dr. McBrayer be removed from office by virtue of his plea of guilty to a charge of trading with himself as a State office holder.

VIRGINIA IN FOG HITS STANDARD OIL VESSEL

The Steamer Virginia of the Old Bay Line running between Norfolk and Baltimore, on account of the heavy fog, ran into the stern of a Standard Oil ship at about 9 o'clock Wednesday morning and suffered considerable damage, though none of the passengers were injured.

After leaving Old Point Comfort the Virginia ran aground on account of the heavy fog, but had succeeded in getting off and was proceeding to Norfolk when she struck the stern of the Standard Oil boat, smashing a life boat and the railing and doing other damage.

The passengers although not hurt were pretty badly scared and it is reported that foolish orders were given under the stress of the moment.

J. W. Foreman of Elizabeth City was on board, and on account of the delay in reaching Norfolk, missed his train and had to wait over in that city until the departure of the night express.

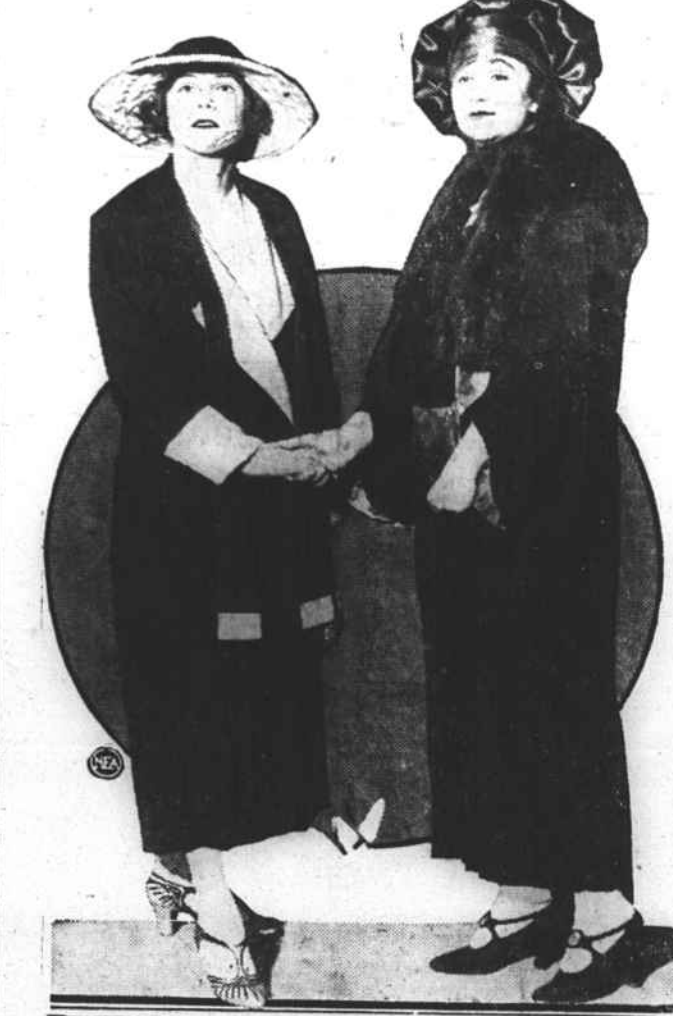
REPUBLICANS HOLD CONFERENCE TONIGHT

Washington, Jan. 10.—Divided into two camps the House Republicans will meet in a conference tonight to determine whether tax legislation or soldier bonus is to have the right of way on the legislative program.

ASHEVILLE GETS NEW PITCHER AND INFELDER

Asheville, Jan. 10.—Preparatory to building up a strong organization for its debut into the South Atlantic Association, the Asheville club has obtained Pitcher Francks and Infelder Flebig for the organization from the Atlanta team of the Southern Association.

LADY DIANA WON!



Lady Diana Manners and Princess Matchibelli were engaged to alternate as "Madonna" in "The Miracle." To decide which would play the part opening night the two stars drew lots. And Lady Diana (left) won.

POSSE PURSUES FAMOUS GANG ONCE SPOTLESS TOWN BUT NOW DIRTY CITY

Three Bandits Escaped Wednesday Following Gun Fight in Which One Paid for Life of Deputy.

West Palm Beach, Fla., Jan. 10.—Officers and possemen today followed three trails in pursuit of members of the famous Ashley gang who escaped following a gun fight with officers yesterday and in which one outlaw was left dead in payment for the life of Deputy Sheriff Fred Baker who was shot down at close range by a lookout as Sheriff Bob Baker and four deputies sought to enter the bandits' camp. The posse pressed forward led by bloodhounds grimly determined to wipe out the outlaw band held responsible for many of the major crimes in Florida during the last ten years and knowing that they searched for men who would die fighting.

BRITISH SUBMARINE IS LOST WITH CREW

(By The Associated Press.) London, Jan. 10.—An admiralty message says that the British submarine L-24 has been lost off Portland in a collision and it is feared that the entire crew perished.

KILLED IN COLLAPSE OF SPINNING MILL

(By The Associated Press.) Bradford, England, Jan. 10.—From eight to 10 persons, it is feared, were killed today through the collapse of the upper floors of the spinning mill here. Heavy masses of machinery crashed through the floors and imprisoned 40 workers.

TO NAME SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Washington, Jan. 10.—A subcommittee of the Senate foreign relations committee will be named under the resolution adopted by the committee today to hold public hearings upon the proposal of Senator Borah urging recognition of the Soviet government of Russia.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON ANTI-LYNCHING

Washington, Jan. 10.—A favorable report on the Dyer anti-lynching bill, killed in the last Congress by a Democratic filibuster, was ordered today by the House Judiciary committee.

NORWAY PROPOSES ABOLISH DRY LAW

Christians, Jan. 10.—The Norwegian government intends proposing to parliament the abolition of prohibition upon spirits, according to information from reliable sources.

FATALLY WOUNDED IN HIGHLAND HOSPITAL

Asheville, Jan. 10.—Michael Taylor, aged 28, attorney of Richmond, Virginia, was fatally wounded at Highland Hospital last night by Robert Moore, aged 27, another patient, and died two hours later, hospital officials announced today.

Will Speak Here Next Tuesday Night

Director W. H. Livers Will Talk Here Under Auspices Parent-Teachers

The secretary of the Elizabeth City Parent-Teachers' Association, Miss Mary E. Bright, has just received a letter from Director W. H. Livers of the Extension Division of the North Carolina College for Women, stating that he will be in Elizabeth City on next Tuesday, January 15.

Arrangements have been made by the association for Mr. Livers to speak Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the grammar school auditorium.

His subject will have to do with education, and all fathers and mothers and the public generally are invited to be there. Indeed, they are urged, for the Elizabeth City Parent-Teachers' Association has found to its sorrow that Elizabeth City parents apparently are less interested in their children than are the teachers, and the association is ashamed to let a stranger like Director Livers find out this horrible fact, if it is a fact.

Accordingly, the association hopes that dads and mothers will put up a good bluff next Tuesday night and get out to hear Mr. Livers in full force. Then, he will never know the awful truth, for nobody's going to tell him, and perhaps after Tuesday night, parents will feel differently about this matter of education, anyway.

Mr. Livers will talk to the high school students on Tuesday morning. In writing to the secretary of the Parent-Teachers' Association, he said that he had heard much of this "thriving little city" through Miss Catherine Albertson, his co-laborer in extension work, and through the newspapers, and that he looks forward with great pleasure to his visit here.

SENATOR SMITH MADE CHAIRMAN

Election of South Carolina Man and Democrat Breaks Deadlock of Month in the Senate.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Senator Ellison D. Smith, Democrat, of South Carolina, was elected by the Senate Wednesday as chairman of the Interstate Commerce Committee, one of the ranking committees of the new Republican Congress.

His election was brought about by the shifting of the support of four insurgent Republicans and two Farmer-Labor Senators. The election of Senator Smith broke up the deadlock existing in the Senate since early in December. It came on the second ballot Wednesday.

SEPARATISTS DEAD IN SPEYER SHOOTING

Berlin, Jan. 10.—The Frankfurt Zeitung today, reporting the assassination at Speyer of Herr Heinz, president of the autonomous government of the Rhenish Palatinate, says that three other separatist leaders were shot dead in Speyer Hotel and several persons were wounded. The shootings were the work of a band of armed men.

ERROR MADE IN NAME OF NEGRO PROBATION OFFICER

The name of the colored probation officer in charge of welfare work among the colored people was erroneously printed by The Advance Wednesday as Ellen Jones, whereas it should have read Ellen Dozier. The Advance regrets the error the more by reason of the faithful and efficient work done, according to County Welfare Officer Mrs. Anna Lewis, by the colored probation officer and hastens to make correction at its first opportunity.

COOLIDGE APPROVES TRANSFER OF FLEET

Washington, Jan. 10.—President Coolidge today gave his final approval to the Shipping Board resolution placing the operation of the Government's merchant fleet into the hands of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. He made his approval, however, contingent on the board's co-operation.

PROMOTION FOR EDWARD GRIFFIN

Young Bestcity Man Made Assistant Cashier First National Bank at Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

William Edward Griffin is now assistant cashier of the First & Citizens National Bank, having been promoted to that position at the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors on Tuesday evening. Mr. Griffin has been in the employ of the First & Citizens National Bank since 1906, with the exception of the period during which he served in the World War. He has been paying teller and chief clerk for the last four years and his large number of friends are gratified that his ability, faithfulness, and efficiency have earned him this marked promotion.

Marshall H. Jones, cashier of the bank, at the annual meeting Tuesday was assigned the additional duties of trust officer, which has to do with the fiduciary activities of the institution.

The fiduciary department offers a growing field of activity for banks, because modern business is recognizing the advantages, from a standpoint of equity and economy as well as of efficiency, of corporate administration of estates, trusteeships and other business and financial activities. Only in recent years have National banks been allowed to enter this field, but they now exercise these powers under the same Government supervision exercised over all their activities. Trust departments are becoming active in many of the larger National banks, and the First & Citizens National is thoroughly abreast of the times in establishing such a department as a part of its banking service. Already a number of trust accounts have been opened in the First & Citizens National, and this number is expected to grow as the benefits to be derived from the management of trust affairs by a permanent institution come to be realized.

At the annual meeting of stockholders the following directors were re-elected for the coming year: Charles H. Robinson; L. S. Blades, A. B. Houtz, L. C. Blades, Charles Camden Blades, W. A. Brock, N. Burfoot, Sr., E. R. Daniels, J. C. B. Ehringhaus, L. R. Foreman, W. G. Gaither, M. P. Gallop, O. F. Gilbert, J. G. Gregory, F. M. Grice, S. H. Johnson, T. P. Nash, C. O. Robinson, M. N. Sawyer, F. F. Spencer, C. E. Thompson, J. Norman Whitehurst, D. E. Williams.

The officers re-elected were: Chas. H. Robinson, president; L. S. Blades, vice-president; W. G. Gaither, vice-president; Marshall H. Jones, cashier; M. R. Griffin, assistant cashier; William E. Griffin was elected assistant cashier.

DRUG SMUGGLERS WHO DID LARGE BUSINESS ARRESTED

Hamburg, Jan. 10.—The chief of a band of drug smugglers and 60 of his confederates were arrested here recently and officials estimate that in the last year or so drugs, chemicals and other pharmaceutical products worth \$12,000,000 have been taken out of Germany illegally.

The smugglers, posing as fishermen, had their own sail boats as well as motor launches, and piled about the coasts. Most of the drugs in this way were landed in Holland, later being "retailed," and then shipped to America, England, France, or wherever the prices appeared to be the highest.

Customs officials assert that several go-betweens who have turned state evidence claim that they were able to get 20 to 30 per cent more for their contraband goods whenever representatives of American customers were in the market, whether in Antwerp, Amsterdam or Hamburg.

ILLITERACY IN ARMY SHOCKS THE FRENCH

Paris, Jan. 10.—France has been credited with the possession of an excellent system of education, but faith in it received a rude shock recently when the literacy statistics of two infantry regiments, recruited in 1923, were given out.

One-third of the young men, gathered largely from the farming districts of the republic, could neither read nor write. Many of the total of 700 did not know a treaty of peace had been signed after the war, and few could tell who made the laws for their country.

FAIL PAY DOG TAX

Two submissions in cases involving failure to pay the County dog tax made up the gist of police court Thursday morning. The defendants were Charlie Harris and Tom Holly, the latter colored. Each defendant was let off with taxes and costs.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Jan. 9.—Spot cotton, closed quiet. Middling 35.00, a decline of 25 points. Futures closing bid Jan. 34.25, March 34.38, May 34.52, July 34.42, Oct. 28.17. New York, January 10.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: January 34.45; March 34.72; May 35.00; July 33.88; October 28.42.