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WILLIAMS IS IN RECEPTIVE MOOD

Would Not Run Against Doughton but if Doughton Withdraws Would Not Shirk Call to Service.

Touching the fact that he does not seek the office and that he hopes Revenue Commissioner R. A. Doughton will be given the unanimous nomination of his party and stand for re-election, State Senator P. H. Williams admits that he might become a candidate for State Revenue Commissioner should he become persuaded that the office sought him, provided that Mr. Doughton should decide to retire from official life at Raleigh.

In a letter to the editor under date of January 19, Mr. Williams says: Mr. Herbert Peele, Editor, The Advance, Elizabeth City, N. C. Dear Mr. Peele:—

I read your editorial of yesterday with mingled surprise and pleasure; surprise that my name should be mentioned in connection with that most important State office, Revenue Commissioner, although several of my friends have from time to time urged me to be a candidate, please in that you and others of my friends should think me worthy, competent and fitted for that position which gives the life blood to this great and progressive commonwealth.

A man would be most callous and indifferent who could not and did not appreciate and give utterance to his appreciation of the abiding confidence of those with whom he has mingled in the daily walks. I, indeed, appreciate and respond to the confidence and the implication of fitness that your editorial expresses.

No citizen of this America, the leader and light of the nations, nor of this State, the Star State, should refuse to meet a public duty when called upon to serve. This attitude of unselfish service, this kind of patriotism, has placed this nation and this State in a few decades at the forefront of civilization. I have never been an aspirant for public office nor have I ever declined a call to public duty. However, I have rather exercised the injunction "in honor preferring one another."

I could not think of being a candidate for the office of Revenue Commissioner as long as the incumbent, my good friend, Governor R. A. Doughton, will consent to fill the office or be a candidate therefor. He is a man pre-eminently fitted for the office by long years of experience in matters of State Revenue, a man of splendid ability, rare efficiency, pleasing impartiality, attractive approach, and solid integrity that makes him the ideal man for this important post. The man and the office have met. North Carolina wants men of his type, his character, his learning, and his fitness for its offices, and would make an irreparable mistake in letting him get away from the management of the affairs of the State's Department of Revenue. I sincerely hope that he will fill the office for many years, that no Democrat will oppose him, and that the party will hand him the unanimous nomination as a token of our esteem and our confidence in his ability and fitness.

Thanking you for the editorial and congratulating you on your abiding interest in the development of our section, I remain with the kindest personal regards, Yours very truly, P. H. WILLIAMS.

Mr. Williams' friends here have no inclination to bring him out against Mr. Doughton. But the editorial in this newspaper setting forth Mr. Williams' fitness for the office of State Revenue Commissioner and the fact that it is about time the Lost Provinces of the East were given some recognition in way of political preferment seems to have struck a responsive chord.

As to Mr. Williams' qualifications for the office, his friends point out that from a standpoint of mental aptitude, training, or experience it would be hard to find a man better fitted for the duties that the Revenue Commissioner is called upon to meet than he.

P. H. Williams is a man of broad experience, liberal education and ripened judgment, an A. B. graduate of Randolph-Macon College, a graduate of the school of law at the State University, and was for a short time a practicing attorney. He gave up the practice of law to re-organize the Elizabeth City Hosiery Company of this city and as president of that corporation displayed so marked a degree of business acumen and achieved for it such marked success as to win immediate place as one of Elizabeth City's foremost business executives. He is today president of the Savings Bank & Trust Company, a former member of the City Council and of the Board of School Trustees, a past grand master of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, and is teacher of one of the largest Bible classes in this section of the State.

But that is not all. Since 1918 Mr. Williams has been studying income tax laws and his time has been largely engaged in income tax work for patrons of his bank. On May 1, 1919, he was appointed district tax supervisor under the Re-

Duff Is President Of New Hood Bank

Elected at Meeting Directors Friday Night Cashier Elected Monday

W. P. Duff, of the Duff Piano Company, was elected to the presidency of the newly organized Hood System Industrial Bank at the first meeting of directors Friday night at the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Gurney P. Hood, vice president of the Carolina Banking & Trust Company, originator of the Hood System, and leader in the organization in Elizabeth City, was elected first vice president. Ben L. Banks of Banks & Hughes was elected second vice president. The cashier will be elected at the next meeting, which will be held on Monday, January 21, at 7:30 p. m.

The following executive committee was elected:

W. P. Duff, Gurney P. Hood, Ben L. Banks, Robert R. Taylor, and the cashier when elected.

The Carolina Banking & Trust Company, the First & Citizen National Bank and the Savings Bank & Trust Company were designated as depositories.

A call for the payment of 50 per cent of all stock subscription was ordered to be paid on February 1. Committees were appointed to locate a site for the banking house, and to purchase fixtures and stationery.

Aydlett Says Buzzard Deserves a New Name

"Buzzard" Eason, colored, up for cruelty to animals, lightened Saturday's morning's session of police court with a recital of good deeds to dumb animals that in the opinion of E. F. Aydlett, his attorney, should earn the negro a new sobriquet. Eason, Mr. Aydlett declared, instead of having been nicknamed "Buzzard" because he seemed always to be hovering around dead horses, should be rechristened the Good Samaritan of the unfortunate equine.

A police officer this week found a dying horse on Eason's premises and from an inspection of his stables and crib reached the conclusion that the animal must have starved to death. The court held, however, that there was insufficient evidence to convict on this charge and Eason was discharged after the promise, made every time he gets in court, that he will discontinue his practice of accommodating people who want him to take horses who have outlived their usefulness off their hands.

These owners, Eason declares, trust such horses upon him; and frequently, he says, he is able to put the animals back on their feet. If they die on him there is the hide, Eason figures, pretty nearly clear profit.

Eason has served on the roads in time past for mistreatment of a horse and Trial Justice Spence tells the story that shortly after the sentence had expired he was accosted by Superintendent Provo who said: "You got me in one peach of a fix when you sent me Buzzard Eason. His time has been out for a week and I can't get rid of him. He says he's well treated, gets plenty to eat, has a good bed to sleep in every night and when the spirit moves him to preach evenings he's got a congregation of sinners that can't get away from him."

The three white boys of Norfolk who were arrested early Friday morning for stealing two automobiles, a Nash belonging to J. G. Gregory and an Essex, the property of Louis Thornton, were held for probable cause by Trial Justice Spence as a result of the preliminary hearing in the recorder's court Saturday morning. Both cars were taken from their garages after 2 o'clock in the morning and the police had caught the offenders and recovered both cars before sunrise.

The boys are: Arthur Halstead who gives as his home address the name of his sister, Mrs. Helen McDermid, 335 Liberty street, Berkeley ward, Norfolk; Raymond Sawyer, son of A. C. Sawyer, 23 Elm Place, Berkeley ward, Norfolk; and Billie Spirt, son of M. Spirt, 234 Arlington Place, Norfolk. Chief of Police Gregory is communicating with the people of the defendants, but the boys express little hope that any arrangements can be made for them to give bond of \$1,000 each, under which Judge Spence is holding them for Superior Court.

L. B. Armstrong, submitting to a charge of failure to procure city automobile license, was let off on payment of costs and license tax.

valuation Act, and served at that post until October 1, 1920, his work taking him not only into every county of the district, but into a number of outside counties as well. Finally, as Senator from this district during the last session of the North Carolina General Assembly, he served on the finance committee of the Senate, gaining thereby a knowledge of the inside machinery of taxation in North Carolina and bringing himself thoroughly abreast of present day taxation needs and problems.

LEE MEMORIAL UNVEILED TODAY

Ceremonies at Stone Mountain Mark the 117th Anniversary of the Birth of Great General and Educator

(By The Associated Press) Stone Mountain, Ga., January 19.—The sculptured head of Lee, his kindly features glistening in the granite side of Stone Mountain, was unveiled here today, the 117th anniversary of his birth.

Standing at the foot of the mountain amid hundreds of worshippers at the initial figure of the shrine, Mrs. Helen Plane, of Atlanta, a sweet and charming figure of the Old South, pressed with fingers atremble, a button that sent an electric signal to the men on the scaffold 300 feet up the side of the mountain steep. Then the rugged hands that toiled for months in the carving, drew aside the silken folds of the two Confederate flags and revealed the face of General Lee. There could be seen around it the outlines of the panorama that in years to come will portray Jackson, and Davis and the men who followed them. To come later, too, are the full figure of Lee and his faithful charger, Traveler. The Chieftain will be on the saddle looking out over the almost infinite expanse of green that is the vista from this point. But today's ceremony carried the full solemnity and brought quick pulse beats to those who participated and looked on, for it was the first definite attainment for the sponsors of the shrine.

There were present the governors of six Southern states, come here for the occasion, and countless numbers of Daughters of the Confederacy, whose heritage is to keep alive the reverence for the men who fell during the fiery years of '61 to '65. Scattered among them and in contrast that now gripped the soul and again brought a feeling of pride, were the hundreds of age-burdened veterans of the great struggle and the bright faced little girls just starting on the pathway of life. These little girls were the Children of the Confederacy, who had left their play to come any pay homage to their illustrious grandfathers. They are the Daughters of the Confederacy of tomorrow and already are well familiar with the story they are to pass on to help perpetuate.

The exercises began at 2:30 with a steady pilgrimage of hundreds of people that began well before noon, an asphalt road that winds a pleasant course into Atlanta from the mountain, bore heavy traffic. The visiting governors came from the city in cars furnished by their hosts. There were Governor Cameron Morrison, of North Carolina; Governor E. Lee Trinkle, of Virginia; Governor Cary A. Hardee, of Florida; Governor Austin Roy, of Tennessee; Governor Thomas McLeod of South Carolina; and Governor William W. Brandon, of Alabama, who with Governor Clifford Walker, of Georgia occupied a specially constructed platform for that purpose. Governor Walker was attended by his military staff whose full dress uniforms contrasted with the ever fading color of gray of the veterans now at the ebb of life. Military, in its organization, too, figured in the occasion by the presence of the "Old Guard" of Atlanta.

Presiding on the rostrum was Hollins N. Randolph, of Atlanta, president of the Stone Mountain Confederate Monument Association. He inaugurated the services and introduced Dr. Plato Durham, of Emory University and North Carolina, as orator of the day. Dr. Durham extolled the life and spirit of Lee, paid tribute to the sacrificing souls who wore the gray and spoke of the history that was made a little more than have a century ago, that will never die.

Then came the moment of greatest happiness to Mrs. Plane. In silence that seemed to be inspired by the towering stone a few hundred feet away, its sleek sides shining in the glow of the setting sun, she arose unsteadily from her chair on the platform and strode slowly to the electric button that was to be as magic to her touch. Her eyes shone a happy gleam and her whole face though wrought with the care of her 95 years, it still bespoke that spirit that is dominant in women of her kind.

Mrs. Plane hesitated but a moment, then her eager fingers touched the button, the guards on the high scaffolding pulled a cord and the folds of the banners of the Lost Cause dropped from the face of the beloved general. Every feature of kindness and character of his face so well known to the Southerner, was distinct and then he looked down upon the multitude below as if to say "Forget not the men of the line."

For this lady of the Confederacy, it was the realization of a dream. The shrine that is yet in the making is an elaboration of her plan to carve into the head of Lee upon the mountain.

M. R. CULPEPPER DEAD

M. R. Culpepper, 89 years old, died at 1:15 o'clock Saturday afternoon at his home at 615 Pennsylvania Avenue. He has been in feeble health since a stroke of paralysis two years ago, but became critically ill only very recently.

Mr. Culpepper was twice married and is survived by a widow and three children, one son, John Culpepper, and by two daughters, Mrs. E. R. Foreman and Mrs. W. H. Jennette, all of this city.

The funeral will be conducted at the First Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at half past three o'clock by Dr. N. H. D. Wilson.

FUR MARKET UPSET BY ILLEGAL STREET TRADING

Leipzig, Jan. 19.—Fur dealing in reliable shops has been succeeded almost entirely by trading in the streets, the latter involving a large amount of stolen furs. Street traders are said to have enlisted the aid of employees of many of the shops to steal furs and pass them along to the traders.

Fur pieces are said to change hands as many as 20 times a day and the local market, one of the greatest fur markets in the world, is in state of confusion. Street dealers are not particular where or from whom they get their furs and some are reported to be making as high as \$1000 a day in commissions.

FICTION POPULAR IN ENGLAND

London, January 19.—The writing of books in England shows no signs of lessening according to the statistical tables compiled by the "Book-seller."

During the past year 6,981 new books were produced and in addition 3,259 second and subsequent editions were issued. Fiction takes the first place. Novelists provided 1,219 new books. Religion and theology were the subjects of 575 new books, while only 17 new works of humor were issued.

SHERWOOD OF OHIO FLOURISHES FLASK

Washington, Jan. 19.—Flourishing an empty flask and assailing the activities of the Anti-Saloon League and Representative Uphaw of Georgia, Representative Sherwood, Democrat, of Ohio, 88-year-old veteran of the House, today told his colleagues that "up to 1924 it is generally conceded that prohibition officers have failed to enforce the law," and also charged that the use of narcotics had increased enormously since the enactment of the dry laws.

WANTS TO ANNEX POLAR REGIONS

This Is Why America Will Send the Shenandoah to Survey the Vast Territory, Says Denby.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The prime purpose of the Shenandoah's proposed polar flight, Secretary Denby said today to the House Naval Committee, is for exploration of the arctic regions with a view to annexing land in that area to the United States.

"The mere fact that there is an unexplored area of a million square miles adjacent to the United States constitutes a constant challenge to the United States. We can't permit that vast territory to fall into the hands of another power. If we don't make this flight this summer the entire arctic region will be photographed and mapped by another power within a year," he said.

TEXAS GOVERNOR CHANGES HIS MIND

Austin, Tex., Jan. 19.—Acting Governor Davidson today acquiesced in the request of President Obregon of Mexico for permission to transport troops across the Texas soil, reversing his decision of yesterday at the urgent request of Secretary of State Hughes. Davidson said, however, that the American Government must assume responsibility for any damages resulting.

BLOW UP JEWELRY FACTORY'S SAFE

Newark, N. J., Jan. 19.—Safe robbers today obtained \$25,000 worth of jewelry when they blew open the jewelry factory safe at Irvington, a suburb of this city.

suspended half down the precipice. On the other side the tremendous stone tapers off gradually and affords an ascent in its winding trail to the top of the mountain above. But the steep side is almost perpendicular and only a few patches of moss break its smoothness.

Upon the completion of the unveiling and when Mrs. Plane had returned to her place, Bishop Benjamin J. Kelley, of the Catholic Diocese of Georgia, pronounced the benediction and concluded the first step taken in the perpetuation of the memory of the wearers of the gray who fought for a cause that is dear to the hearts of every one of the Southland.

Congress Is Wasting Time On Another Investigation

Nero Fiddled While Rome Burned and Led by Jim Reed Congress Investigates While People Clamor for Progressive Legislation

By DAVID LAWRENCE
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Washington, Jan. 18.—Do the people rule or is there a Government by an oligarchy of professional politicians?

CITY HAS CHANCE AT AUTO FACTORY

Robe Motor Car Corporation Would Like to Come Here If It Can Get Proper Co-operation and Support.

Does Elizabeth City wish to add an automobile factory to its list of industries?

The Robe Motor Corporation, manufacturers of the Robe automobile, now located at Nansemond, Virginia, will probably move their plant to Elizabeth City if a committee from the Chamber of Commerce puts its stamp of approval on and pledge of co-operation with the enterprise.

"Though your railroad facilities are not all that we could ask for, Elizabeth City has several other advantages that more than offset the disadvantage in transportation facilities," Laurence Case, publicity director of the Robe Motor Company, told a reporter for The Advance Saturday in response to the latter's inquiry as to what other towns were being considered as desirable for the location of the automobile enterprise.

"Chief among the advantages in your city," Mr. Case said, "is your low rents and your cheap commodity prices. House rent here is one-third cheaper, for instance, than it is in Norfolk and commodity prices are easily 20 per cent lower.

"To be frank with you, I came to Elizabeth City first on other business and not with any idea of locating our plant here. But I was so much impressed by the general appearance of your city and the evidence of prosperity on every hand that I spent two days here investigating conditions and came to the conclusion that your city was well able to take care of our enterprise. It was not until after this investigation that I made my business known to your commercial secretary or anybody else."

A committee from the Chamber of Commerce visited Nansemond Thursday of this week where they met with the plant in operation and several cars in various stages of construction.

This committee, at a meeting in the Chamber of Commerce rooms Friday afternoon, passed resolutions favoring the appointment of another committee which is now making a complete investigation of status of the Robe Motor Corporation and will report to the Chamber of Commerce within a few days. Those on this committee are Marshall Jones, Frank Kramer, J. K. Wilson, Brad Sanders, W. P. Duff and R. C. Job.

THREE SERVICES TO BE HELD SUNDAY

Dr. D. K. Walthall in the two services held at the Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church on Friday held the congregation spellbound by the appeal of his sermons. Dr. Walthall who has a quiet manner of speaking, grows upon his congregation and the earnestness and sincerity of his talks has a deep and lasting effect.

The three services on Sunday will probably close the revival services as Dr. Walthall has to return to Virginia. There will be an 11 o'clock service, the service at 3:30 in the afternoon for the young people, and the evening service at 7:30 P. M.

MRS. J. E. NASH DEAD

Mrs. J. E. Nash died at her home in the Burnt Mills section of Camden county Friday afternoon at three o'clock. She was 69 years old and leaves her husband and several children.

The funeral will be conducted Sunday at Ebenezer church by the pastor, Rev. G. P. Harrill.

COTTON SEED REPORT

Washington, Jan. 19.—Cotton seed crushed during the five months period from August the first to December 31 amounted to 1,995,504 tons as compared with 2,026,740 tons in the same period in 1922, and cotton seed on hand at the mills December 31 totaled 728,761 tons as compared with 789,949 tons a year ago, the Census Bureau said today.

WAS FRANCIS JENNINGS

In School News today the name of Francis Jennings was by error set "Francis James" and the error was not seen in time to correct it on that page. The Advance hastens to correct it on the front page because this newspaper had rather get a man's name wrong than a boy's—especially a smart boy.

Such a question would never be asked were it not for the sudden turn toward intolerance which certain groups in Congress are exhibiting toward the efforts of American citizens to persuade their fellow-citizens to agree with them on matters of legislative policy.

The Senate has adopted a resolution to investigate "the control of public opinion."

Some who voted for it believed the inquiry could do no harm and probably no good either. Others voted for it in the hope of discrediting and poking fun at the Bok peace plan. Others saw the usual opportunity under the cloak of Congressional immunity to intimidate American citizens who believe they have a right in a Democracy to urge their views upon their fellow citizens.

What certain United States Senators seem unable to understand is why any man like Edward W. Bok should be so ill-advised as to try to find a plan that might possibly prevent another eight million human beings from being slaughtered, several millions more from being maimed and the survivors oppressed by a tax burden of staggering proportions.

And other Senators cannot understand why groups of American citizens should dare by advertising, publicly or other legitimate forms of persuasion to exert an influence with their chosen representatives in Congress to revise the taxes.

So overwhelming has been public sentiment in favor of tax revision that the Senators who want an investigation think something must go wrong. It is true that there are rumors that the Ku Klux Klan will be investigated as well as the campaign against the soldier bonus but primarily the investigation was started by those who think they will be able to hammer away at the League of Nations since the plan which won the \$50,000 offered by Mr. Bok advocated American entry into that body.

Irrespective of the merits of the League controversy the fact remains that Mr. Bok offered a prize for a plan to assure world peace. Other citizens have interested themselves in peace efforts, notably the late Andrew Carnegie. The Nobel peace prize has been awarded to Americans. There are numerous peace societies in the United States. Will all of them now come under the ban?

Unless Congress simply believes in investigating for the sake of investigating the resolution adopted must have had some purpose. The theory back of it is that some illegitimate means of influencing public opinion has been practiced. So long as rumors of that kind are afloat, probably men like Mr. Bok will welcome the opportunity to disclose what they really have done. Indeed, some advocates of the Bok plan think it will be stronger than ever after the Senate has failed to find in it the sinister things being hinted at now. Those who think Mr. Bok's basic purpose was to get publicity believe he will get even more of that and without paying any more money out in the form of prizes.

Senator Reed of Missouri is the author of the Senate resolution. He is one of the best prosecuting attorneys in Congress. He likes to be against things and never is happier than when he is on the attack. His antipathy toward the League of Nations makes him a convenient instrumentality for the Republicans who oppose the League but who will not now share the responsibility for the investigating done by a committee led by a Democrat.

And so is time wasted and also the tax payers' money, as dozens of problems of much more importance which press for a solution he untouched.

ASKS MELLON VERY PERSONAL QUESTIONS

Washington, Jan. 19.—Secretary Mellon was today challenged by Senator Couzens, Republican, of Michigan, to inform the country how much he would benefit personally from the reduction of income surtaxes which he has proposed in his tax revision plan.

"So long as you have entered into the record of my securities, will you tell us what your securities are, how much you own of each, and how you will benefit by reduction of surtaxes as proposed by you," Couzens wrote.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Jan. 19.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Jan. 32.95, March 33.18, May 33.48, July 32.30, Oct. 28.16.

New York, Jan. 18.—Spot cotton, closed steady, Middling 33.20 an advance of 10 points. Futures, closing bid, Jan. 32.70, March 33.20, May 33.20, July 32.15, Oct. 28.00.