

City's Utility Bonds Bought At A Premium

Chicago Firm of C. W. McNear & Company Successful Bidders for \$800,000 in Bonds Issued for Lights, Water and Sewerage Properties of City

The City Council in session Monday awarded the city's public improvement bonds for \$800,000 to C. W. McNear & Company, of Chicago, the amount of this company's bid being \$802,241.91.

SERVICE MEN ARE URGED APPLY BONUS

Norfolk, Dec. 15.—It is evident that information regarding the Bonus for World War veterans has not reached every veteran, according to the War Department office here.

According to the plans of the Adjutant General of the Army, many thousand more applications for Bonus can be handled daily.

It is not believed that the veterans are indifferent to the Bonus but merely that they have failed to appreciate the necessity for promptly submitting their applications.

Consequently, the War Department desires to make further effort to reach every man and have him either make his application or to please send a letter or card to the Adjutant General stating that he does not intend to apply for the Bonus.

TRADE BALANCE IS FAVORABLE TO U. S.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Exports from the United States during November amounted to \$494,000,000. Comparing this with the imports of \$296,000,000 it leaves a trade balance favorable to the United States of \$198,000,000.

AUTO RESPONSIBLE FIFTH FATALITIES

Washington, Dec. 15.—One-fifth of all the fatalities by accident in the United States in 1923 were caused by automobile accidents, according to figures made public today by the Census Bureau.

DUNKIRK'S JAIL IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Dunkirk, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Dunkirk's city hall, jail and police station were destroyed by fire today. The loss was estimated at \$100,000.

MEXICO TO DECORATE DEFENDERS OF VERA CRUZ

Mexico City, Dec. 15.—Creation of a new decoration called the "second North American invasion," to be bestowed upon the defenders of Vera Cruz against the United States' navy in 1914, has been approved by the chamber of deputies and sent to the senate.

WORKING OUT PLAN FOR CONSOLIDATION

The movement to consolidate the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' Association, making the latter organization a bureau of the former, seems to be gaining in momentum and growing in favor.

WILL INVESTIGATE HERALD EDITORIAL

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Senate Judiciary committee in executive session today appointed a subcommittee to investigate the Washington Herald editorial attacking Senator Underwood and his Muscle Shoals bill.

RADIO MANUFACTURERS BUSY

Cleveland, Dec. 15.—Specialists in radio manufacturing are among the busiest of industrial units here.

Short Haul Business Sought By Railroads

Vice President of Pennsylvania System Sees Motor Truck Used by Railroad as Aid in Handling of Short Haul Freight at a Profit

New York, Dec. 15.—Elisha Lee, vice-president in charge of operation of the Pennsylvania System, sees the motor delivery truck as the key to the future of the freight train in future transportation.

Vice-President Lee holds the view that the chief problem in regard to the handling of freight, as between railroads and motor vehicles, are not those of competition but rather those of coordination.

"Such profits as the railroads are able to make at all come practically altogether from the mass transportation of freight and passengers over at least considerable distances, in other words from what we may term the wholesale departments of transportation.

MRS. CLYDE BYFIELD GETS A NEW TRIAL

Atlanta, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Clyde Byfield was granted a new trial in her suit for \$100,000 damages against Walter Candler, growing from his alleged attack on the steamship Berengaria two years ago.

HIGH POINT WOMAN SAID BE SUICIDE

Charlotte, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Isabelle Montgomery, said to have been a resident of High Point, was found dead seated at a table in the office of knights of the mystic circle here, her face lying in a cloth saturated with a sleep producing drug.

LATEST VICTIMS OF TUBS "CURSE"



Tuberculosis "curse" here in the United States. At least three victims, instead of one. At least the superintendent Mrs. R. M. Spaulding, wife of the late R. M. Spaulding, died of tuberculosis, then ended her own life.

SAVING LIVES LITTLE FOLKS

Money Raised Through Sale Christmas Seals Has Cut in Two Tuberculosis Death Rate in Children.

More than \$266,000,000 has been raised in the United States for the National Tuberculosis Association by the sale of Christmas seals.

In the last 23 years Mr. Drolet reports that there have been 12,000 deaths from tuberculosis of school children between the ages of 7 and 15 in the United States.

DEER OF HIGH PRICES FLOURISH IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 15.—The deer industry and family life are no means confined to the English aristocracy; there are several herds of deer in Great Britain whose records go back more than 400 years.

The herd at Dean Park, Eboracshire, which went to its 150th anniversary there more than 150 years ago, is the top-notch in the mixed blue blood of English herds.

Mr. Robert Harvey of Leinster Park owns a herd of mixed deer which have been bred there since Queen Elizabeth used the park as a royal hunting ground.

Altogether there are about 110 privately owned herds in Great Britain, including three belonging to King George, but which do not rank with their royal master in the matter of pedigree.

Hyde, former mayor of Charleston and prominent in religious circles, was sentenced to one year and one day in federal penitentiary at Atlanta in United States District Court here today.

Kidnaped



Okla. Hills are being searched for traces of Elsie Barringer, 20-year-old Indian, accused by authorities of kidnapping Miss Bertha Mangrove, 16-year-old Okla. girl, 14-year-old school girl.

DRIVES 600 FROM HOMES TO STREET

New York, Dec. 15.—Six hundred persons were driven from their homes in Brooklyn early today by a fire in the storage building of the Jordan Milk Company.

GOMPER'S BODY TO LIE IN STATE

Now Enroute to Capital Where Will Remain from Tuesday P. M. Until Time to Leave for Funeral.

St. Louis, Dec. 15.—The train bearing the body of Samuel Gomper to Washington, where it will lie in state until burial Wednesday in New York, passed here from early morning until noon today after a journey marked by outpourings of those who wished to pay their respects at all stations from San Antonio, Texas, where the president of the American Federation of Labor died Saturday.

Martin H. Glynn Dead

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Former Governor Martin H. Glynn, who has been ill for two months, died Sunday.

KILLER INSANE OR FEIGNING INSANITY

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 15.—Police state that C. A. Rourke, who Saturday shot and killed Miss Vena Moore, Western Union Multiplex operator, is either insane or feigning insanity.

GERMAN GLASS INDUSTRY KEPT ALIVE BY TUTS

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 15.—The manufacture of beer glasses has helped to keep the German glass industry on its feet during the last few months when there has been a let-down in numerous other industries owing to the lack of ready cash for operating expenses.

TOKYO BEGAINING PLACE

Tokyo, Dec. 15.—Tokyo has resumed her place as the fifth city of the world, according to a police census taken here recently.

Coast Line's Purchase Has Big Possibilities

Director Brent Drane of N. C. Geological and Economic Survey Hopes Better Transportation and Development New Granite Industry May Result

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—The recent purchase by the Atlantic Coast Line of the short line railroad of the Montgomery Lumber Company, extending into Northern Wake County, may not only have the effect of providing a new railroads service to Raleigh and Central North Carolina but also may promote the development of another great North Carolina granite industry.

"It is not perhaps generally realized," asserted Mr. Drane, "how limited is the occurrence of good building and ornamental stone in the United States. East of the Rocky Mountains there are few exceptions to the general rule that the only states producing stone are those traversed by the Appalachian Mountain Range.

"The rare qualities which make a stone valuable for building or ornamental use include regular conformity to a characteristic type of color and texture and attractiveness in color and grain, whether rough, dressed, or polished.

"This valuable quality appears in granite, which in other respects meets the requirements of the United States Bureau of Public Roads, which approves it as meeting their standards for use as crushed stone in pavements of bituminous macadam or Portland cement concrete, and as paving blocks and concrete.

"Stones from the quarries in the vicinity of Raleigh are highly suitable for use as crushed stone of quartz, two types of felspar, and biotite, or black mica. In color it is an attractive light gray with an unusual uniformity of distribution of the dark crystals and a finer grain than that of the quarries of southern Wake County or Wilson County.

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"These are general facts necessary to stone-quarry development. The first is that transportation facilities which make stone marketable must generally be developed by other products. The second is that discovery of natural values in stone is not a matter of waiting until transportation is developed.

"With the coming of the railroad, Mount Airy granite was developed into a building stone which gave North Carolina granite a high standing in rivalry with the long famous quarries of Vermont.

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SOUTHWIDE MEET ORGANIZED CLASS

And Baptist State Sunday School Secretary Middleton Believes N. C. to be Represented

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—A number of the 2348 Baptist Sunday schools of North Carolina will be represented at the fourth annual South-wide Baptist Organized Bible Class Conference at Shreveport, Louisiana, January 13 to 15, in the opinion of E. L. Middleton, of this city, secretary in charge of Baptist Sunday school work of North Carolina.

Every phase of activity of organized classes will be considered by persons who have succeeded in the work in the various southern states, while a few outstanding speakers from other sections of the nation will likewise deliver addresses. Among the nationally known speakers will be Dr. L. M. McConnell, of Oklahoma City, and Dr. Frank M. Goodchild, of New York City.

Reduced rates have been granted by the railroads and banners will be awarded those states sending the largest delegation and those delegates who give the best work in their classes.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO ROOSEVELT

Major-General Harbord, Retired, Speaker at Dedication Roosevelt Memorial San Juan Battlefield.

San Juan, Cuba, Dec. 15.—No American in public life has seen more clearly than Theodore Roosevelt the responsibility of the United States for the continued tyranny of Spain in Cuba.

"Theodore Roosevelt," said the speaker, "lived the heights at the head of his men that July morning, taking the early steps in that wonderful career that was to carry him through the government to the presidency.

"The Cubans would not allow the fulfillment of his destiny and delayed its duty to act with Cuba to end the tyranny of the mother country. It must share with Spain the responsibility for what transpired in this beautiful island.

"Roosevelt favored war, and earned for himself an record as a 'splendid campaign 'Cuba Libre' war," declared General Harbord, "but he would not allow the United States to be the aggressor in this war.

"The Cubans who were crowded years of American military occupation," the speaker continued, "participated in their own government which it has cost the Anglo-Saxon races a thousand years of blood and tears to attain.

"Cuba is so near to our shores that Americans can never be indifferent to misgovernment or misfortune within your limits. Situated as Cuba is it would not be possible for the United States to shrivel the strategic abuse of the island by any foreign military power.

"When Cuba assumed a position of peculiar relationship to our political system, Justice gave her a claim to similar relationship with our economic system. This was at once recognized by President Roosevelt who urged on Congress the duty of giving Cuba a better position economically in her relations with us than we afford to other powers.

"It is a fitting that this memorial should have been erected on the fields of his earliest triumphs and among the people he loved so well. His dedication this day is well signalled by this most notable gathering of the statesmen and soldiers of that free Cuba for which he risked his life in battle. We cannot doubt that were he still among us his deepest concern would be for the unbroken continuance of the close friendly relations between our two countries."

TEXAS HAS PICKED SECOND LARGEST CROP

Houston, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Picking of cotton in Texas is nearing completion. The last official estimate is for a yield of 4,479,999 bales, the largest crop on record with the exception of that of 1912. The crop is valued at \$600,000,000.

DECAPITATED BY PLANE PROPELLER

Toddington, Mass., Dec. 15.—Joseph Lavelle was decapitated when he walked into the whirling propeller of a plane just after he had taken a trip aloft yesterday.

COTTON REPORT

New York, Dec. 15.—Spot cotton closed steady. Middling 23.50, an advance of 30 points. Futures, closing bid, Dec. 23.42, Jan. 23.45, March 23.91, May 24.37, July 24.38.

New York, Dec. 15.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Dec. 23.00, Jan. 23.07, March 23.51, May 23.92, July 24.01.