

MANY PROMISE NEVER AGAIN TO USE ANTHRACITE

Gas Conveniences Installed All Over Country and Soft Coal Coming More Into Favor

WILL AFFECT STRIKE

May Cause Speedy Settlement But This Would Now Come Too Late to Do Much Good This Winter

By J. C. ROYLE (Copyright, 1925, by The Advance) New York, Dec. 29. Manufacturers are preparing to install over 500,000 new gas ranges, 150,000 water heaters and 500,000 space heaters in American households during the coming year.

THURSDAY IS LAST DAY \$1 RATE FOR CITY SUBSCRIBERS

One city subscriber of The Advance was in the office early this morning, extending his subscription to this newspaper for three years before the new rate of \$5 a year goes into effect on January 1.

Until the close of business Thursday night, four dollars will pay for The Advance delivered by carrier in the city. Twelve months' subscription will extend a city subscription for two years, and \$10 will extend it for three years.

Subscribers who have been getting papers by the week should remember that the 12 cents a week rate goes into effect next week and that by paying up for a year or more while the present rates are in effect they can continue to get The Advance at the old rate without the necessity of having to bother with the two cents change every week.

AUDIT OF BANK'S RESOURCES NOW UNDER WAY HERE

President P. H. Williams, of Savings Bank & Trust Company, Is Appointed Temporary Receiver

HEARING JANUARY 8

Hope Held Forth That Depositors May Be Protected in Full; Nothing Definite Disclosed Yet

An audit of the financial condition of the Albemarle Bank, colored institution which closed its doors on Christmas Eve through lack of funds to meet incoming checks, was being made Tuesday following appointment of P. H. Williams, president of the Savings Bank & Trust Company, as temporary receiver.

The appointment of Mr. Williams as receiver was made Monday night by Judge Henry A. Grady, presiding over the term of Superior Court now under way here after a survey of the situation by Clarence Latham, chief bank examiner for the State.

The throwing of the bank into a receivership is taken as an indication that it will not reopen for business. However, in the event that the audit discloses that its condition is such as to warrant its continuance in business, it is regarded as likely that the stockholders may make an arrangement whereby the present shortage of funds may be relieved pending collection of outstanding loans.

The Albemarle Bank's embarrassment is ascribed to the fact that its funds largely are tied up in long term real estate loans, usually safe enough as investments, but difficult to realize upon in an emergency.

The hearing January 8 probably will close in the appointment of a permanent receiver—permanent in the sense that he will be employed until the bank's affairs have been settled—to replace the temporary receivership created through the naming of Mr. Williams Monday night, it was stated Tuesday.

YOUTHS MISSING SINCE SATURDAY TURN UP SAFELY

Milton Haskett and Roosevelt Stowe, of This City, Arrive in Hatteras Village Many Hours Late

RELATIVES ALARMED

Should Have Made Trip in Speed Boat in Few Hours; Telegram Brings Bad Word Both Are Safe

Ship wrecked. Feet frozen. Unable to walk. In their own words, Milton Haskett and Roosevelt Stowe, of this city, who were missing since Saturday morning, have been safely turned up in Hatteras village late yesterday afternoon, two days behind their schedule.

The telegram given above was received shortly after noon today by Harry G. Kramer, cashier of the Savings Bank & Trust Company, where Stowe is employed. It gives the only details thus far received here as to the hardships Stowe and Haskett must have undergone in the bleak reaches of the Sound country.

A telegram from Hatteras village, some 15 miles below Cape Hatteras, last night brought the information that Stowe and Haskett had arrived there safely and would be back as soon as possible. Stowe and Haskett are each about 25 years old. They left in Stowe's speed boat, one of the fastest in these waters, about 11 o'clock Saturday morning. The trip to Hatteras village is nearly 100 miles, and they expected to arrive there some time in the afternoon, in ample time for supper.

Stowe makes his home here with his sister, Mrs. L. C. Lassiter, at 296 Pearl street. He has assured her he would be back Sunday afternoon. He is employed at the Savings Bank & Trust Company here, and was due back at work yesterday morning, at the end of the three-day Christmas holiday which the personnel of the three banks had.

Sunday afternoon came and went, and Mrs. Lassiter received no word from her brother. Meanwhile the sharpest cold snap in many years had descended over this section late Saturday night. Sunday was bitterly cold. That night passed, and still Stowe failed to arrive.

Thoroughly alarmed, Mrs. Lassiter wired her father, Captain B. F. Stowe, at Hatteras, Monday morning toward noon to inquire if the boys had arrived. An hour and a half later she received a telegram from him, stating that he had not seen them, nor had he had any word from them. Later in the afternoon she received a second wire from him, bearing the news that he and her brother, Samuel Stowe, had gone out to look for them.

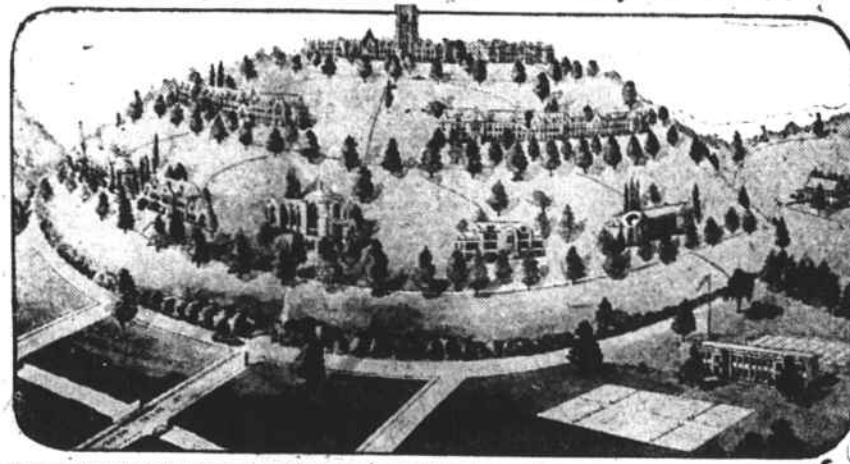
Meanwhile Seventh District Headquarters of the Coast Guard here was notified, and Ensign J. A. Price, superintendent, immediately set into motion the machinery of the organization along the Hatteras Banks with the hope of locating the missing youths. He telephoned all the banks stations, and Manteo and Wanchese, on Roanoke Island. None could give any information.

Captain Martin Johnson, of the steamer Trenton, which runs between this city and Manteo, inquired Ensign Price that the youths and their boat had not been sighted either on the southward trip Saturday, or on either trip Monday. The impression at Coast Guard headquarters was that the little speed boat had developed engine trouble, and had put into Stumpy Point, Manns Harbor, or some sheltered cove or creek on the Dare County mainland.

The wire to Mrs. Lassiter last night gave no details, other than that Stowe and Haskett were safe at Hatteras. She said she expected them to return today. Haskett is a son of Mrs. A. W. Haskett, living on Front street. His father died two weeks ago.

Tokio, Dec. 29.—Efforts to preserve the picturesque rickshaw from extinction, due to the increased popularity of automobiles in Japan, prompted the Tokio prefectural government to announce that hereafter rickshaw men would be exempted from paying taxes on their conveyances.

How Bryan Memorial University Will Look



Here is the architect's drawing for Bryan Memorial University, which is to be built at Dayton, Tenn., to commemorate the great commoner's fight there against the theory of evolution.

DRAINAGE CASE NON-SUITED BY COURT'S ORDER

Judge Grady Holds Former Commissioners of Pasquotank District Not Liable As Individuals

PLAINTIFFS APPEAL

Case Long Pending in County Will Be Transferred to Supreme Court For Final Decision

An order of non-suit by Judge Henry A. Grady in Superior Court Monday terminated the hearing of a case brought by the present commissioners of Pasquotank Drainage District No. 1 against their predecessors in office, J. N. Williams, of Newland, and others, alleging the former commissioners failed to discharge properly the funds entrusted to them.

The plaintiffs entered notice of appeal to the State Supreme Court, and take a litigation which has come on in the Pasquotank County courts for many months will be transferred to Raleigh. The present commissioners contend that their predecessors are liable individually for a total of \$8,850, of which \$3,000 represents the difference between the amount a \$69,000 issue of drainage bonds would have brought, if the bonds had been sold at par, and the sum actually received for them.

They claim also that Walter L. Colman, attorney for the old commission, should have received a fee of not more than \$500 for his legal services, whereas he was paid \$5,000, thus thereby accounting for \$4,500 of the amount claimed in the suit. There is also a contested item paid Marshall H. Jones, banker, in the amount of \$150 for expenses in the sale of the bonds.

Judge Grady ordered the non-suit immediately after the plaintiffs had concluded their testimony. He held that the act under which drainage districts are created in North Carolina does not specify that the drainage commissioners appointed under it are individually liable for breach of duty in connection with their office, even assuming that there was such a breach—which, by the way, was not assumed in this case.

The court ruled further that the commissioners' liability was fixed by the statute itself as a criminal liability, and hence, unless the present commissioners could show that their predecessors acted corruptly, the latter were not liable. No attempt was made by the plaintiff commissioners to show that such corruption had existed, either in their allegations or in the evidence they offered. Their only contention was that the defendants had been guilty of negligent failure to perform their duties properly.

The plaintiffs were represented by Ayllett & Simpson, and by C. E. Pugh, and the defendants by Ehrinhaus & Hall. All are Elizabeth City attorneys. The plaintiff commissioners held that the defendants were not public officers, from a strictly legal standpoint, and hence would be liable for malfeasance as private individuals, in the event such malfeasance was proved.

The court then took up an ejectment suit brought by H. H. and J. I. Perry against Matthew Perry. The plaintiffs were represented by Ehrinhaus & Hall and Walter L. Small, and the defendant by Thompson & Wilson and Ayllett and Simpson.

Cardinal Mercier Undergoes Operation Brussels, Belgium, Dec. 29.—Cardinal Mercier, 74 years of age, underwent an operation at 8:30 o'clock this morning for correction of lesion of the stomach. After the operation the Cardinal's condition was declared good.

Investigate Marketing Of Carolina Tobacco

Washington, Dec. 29.—Results of the Federal trade commission's investigation into conditions of marketing Virginia-Carolina tobacco, incorporated in a second report, have been placed before President Coolidge and by him have been transmitted to Attorney General Sargent for study. Originally the trade commission was organized in investigating charges that a monopoly existed in the "Bright" tobacco field. The report is understood to include findings both as to methods of manufacturing purchasers and those of local cooperative societies.

FAIR AND WARMER OVER STATE TODAY

Charlotte, Dec. 29.—Weather together is being left over this State today with mercury up to eight above zero at Asheville at 8 o'clock, 13 at Charlotte at 7 o'clock, and 16 at Raleigh at 7 o'clock. Florida Hurt By Cold Jacksonville, Dec. 29.—Rising temperatures were in evidence in Florida today. Citrus fruit in the northern section of the state were affected by the freeze, reports here indicated, but this constitutes only a small portion of the Florida crop.

FATHER OF COOLIDGE MAY NOT RECOVER

Plymouth, Vermont, Dec. 29.—While the condition of Colonel John C. Coolidge, father of the President, was reported improved today his physician Doctor Albert W. Cram of Bridgewater, said it was improbable that he would ever fully recover the use of his lower limbs. Colonel Coolidge has been unable to walk for several days.

HUNDREDS DIE IN RUMANIAN FLOODS

Vienna, Dec. 29.—Hundreds of lives have been lost in floods along the Roumanian frontier, says dispatches here from Toronto. Flood waters are declared to be sweeping bodies and debris through the streets of that city.

Mr. Hardcastle Tells How He Kept Cool In Torrid Sahara

"Gosh, ain't this weather awful hot, Mr. Hardcastle?"

It was the alert and ever-efficient insurance man who asked the question. In line with his oft-repeated slogan, "Be prepared now. Don't wait until the undertaker comes," he was muffled from top to toe, and still he shivered from the afternoon breeze whipped around the Apothecary Shop corner. The mercury in the thermometer which he wore attached to his watch had frozen solid.

"Oh, not so cold, not so cold," Horatio Hardcastle mused. "You should have been with me on that little week-end trip to the North Pole that I took with Doc Cook a few years before I moved to Elizabeth City. There were some who didn't believe we reached the pole, in spite of the photos we brought back. But, of course, some people were born doubting everything, so we'll let that pass."

"Why, man, on that trip it got so cold on many nights that our campfire froze solid, and we'd have to build another fire to thaw out the first. In one place where we stayed several days, we set out frozen gusts of smoke all around the tent to remind us of the trees and bushes back home. In that land where there was never a tree or a bush, that artificial shrubbery made me homesick. Honest, it did. This little cold snap here these last days is nothing. Why, the gasoline in your automobile tank hasn't even started to freeze yet!"

"But, Mr. Hardcastle, you'll have to admit that you'd rather see it a little warmer." The insurance man persisted, determined to gain some sort of a concession from the intrepid explorer. "Well, perhaps I might like it

OPERATORS WILLING TO MAKE CONCESSIONS

New York, Dec. 29.—W. W. Inglis, spokesman for the anthracite operators' conference, and chairman of its negotiating committee, said today that the operators were willing to open their books for public inspection and also were prepared to make concessions to the miners in their impending negotiations.

SECTION OCEAN CITY DOOMED BY FLAMES

Baltimore, Dec. 29.—A section of Ocean City, Maryland, including two hotels, was destroyed by fire at noon today. Telephone connections were down and the nearby fire departments aiding.

NO WITHDRAWAL OF COOLIDGE AS ARBITER

Washington, Dec. 29.—There will be no withdrawal of President Coolidge as arbitrator in the Tientsin Africa question, it was made clear today at the White House.

HIGH COURT UPHOLDS WHEELER DENURERS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Supreme Court today sustained the denunciation of Senator Wheeler of Montana by an indictment charging him with conspiracy to defraud the Federal Government in obtaining oil and gas permits in his home state.

AGREE TO SUPPORT MEASURES OF DOUMER

Paris, Dec. 29.—The French Cabinet, meeting their more, morning, agreed to support the fiscal measures of Finance Minister Doumer.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The ministers unanimously approved the scheme for balancing the budget and stabilizing the franc and authorized the Finance Minister to introduce bills in Parliament. It is understood that M. Doumer will submit his measures this afternoon, and the Chamber's finance committee will discuss them during the New Year's parliamentary recess.

Coolidge Has Not Changed Attitude Toward Aid For Farmer From Government

Administration in More Sympathetic Mood Toward Farmer Problem Than Heretofore But No Indication of Any Intention to Favor Financing Surplus Crops With Government Funds

By DAVID LAWRENCE (Copyright, 1925, by The Advance)

Washington, Dec. 29.—The administration is determined to help the farmer handle the surplus problem. But this does not mean financing the crops with Government funds or making the rest of the American people hold the bag for agriculture.

For several days there has been an impression that a sudden change in policy has occurred, that most of the objections to the McNary-Haugen bill had been removed, and that a new measure would be formulated which would do about the same thing in another way. The facts do not justify any such impression. The truth is the administration is in a much more sympathetic mood toward a solution of the surplus problem than it has been in a long time. But the conviction remains strong that farmers' organizations must present a solution satisfactory to the farmers themselves before the extent of Government aid can be determined.

CRITICS MAYOR WALKER SILENT FOR TIME BEING

Appointment George V. McLaughlin As Police Commissioner Approved By Press and Citizens

ADMIRABLY QUALIFIED Will Start Job With As Much Freedom As General Butler Thought He Was Going to Have

By ROWLAND WOOD (Copyright, 1925, by The Advance)

New York, Dec. 29.—Critics of Mayor-elect Walker, who presided a lifting of the vice lid in this city under his administration, have been effectively silenced. For the time, at least, by his appointment of George V. McLaughlin, state superintendent of banks, as police commissioner.

Mr. McLaughlin doesn't know the first thing yet about police administration. But despite that fact the entire city is looking for him to "make good" in the job. Both prominent citizens of both parties unite in saying that Mr. Walker has picked an ideal man for the job. For, if he doesn't know much about police affairs, he has shown the ability to grasp problems quickly, and there is nobody anywhere who has anything to say against his character. Certainly the new commissioner is admirably qualified physically for his arduous task. Only 29 years old, he carries 200 pounds of brawn on a six foot frame. His friends say that his vitality and endurance are amazing.

And his determination and ability as an organizer and executive are little less striking than his physique. His first public job, after he had made himself first a certified public accountant and then a lawyer, was as chairman of a commission named by Governor Smith to investigate promoters of "blue sky" stock schemes. He did such a good job against the stock crooks that Governor Smith made him superintendent of banks, in which post he has been a terror to fly-by-night "private" bankers. Governor Miller, a Republican, liked him so well that he retained him in the post and when Governor Smith went back to Albany a year ago, he hung on to McLaughlin—until his protegee, Jimmy Walker, evinced a keen desire for him.

Then the governor urged the ranks of those who joined McLaughlin to take the police post and give New York another Roosevelt or Arthur Woods regime. Commissioner McLaughlin will start his job with as much freedom as General Smidley D. Butler thought he was going to have when he went to "clean up" Philadelphia two years ago. Mr. Walker gave him the appointment with a pledge that there would be no "political or private interference of any kind."

There will be spectacular Butlerian tactics in New York after the first of the New Year; no beating of the drums, no sensational citywide raids. But in a quiet, business-like sort of way, unless all indications fail, McLaughlin is going to put the screws on organized vice and known criminals, and drive them out of town.

TWO THOUGHT DEAD COUNTRY CLUB FIRE

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 29.—James Campbell, golf professional, and his wife are believed dead and at least one other person was injured when the Mobile Country Club was completely destroyed by fire early today.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 29.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Jan. 19.60, March 19.50, May 19.10, July 19.00, Oct. 18.30. New York, Dec. 29.—Spot cotton closed steady, middling 29.00, an advance of 25 points. Futures, closing bid: Jan. 29.08, March 28.85, May 19.38, July 19.60, Oct. 18.40.

FUNERAL DAIRUS WEST The funeral of Dairus West, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman West of Woodville was conducted at the home today at 1:30 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. A. A. Butler of Hertford, and burial was made at Hollywood Cemetery at 2:30 o'clock. Mr. West died Monday afternoon, after being ill a little more than a week, with pneumonia. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman West, by a sister, Miss Eula West, and by a brother, Hunter West, all of Woodville.