

# Moore Urges Development Of Community Spirit To Build Coastal Waterways

Must Keep Right on Working if We Want Projects Completed, Visiting Philadelphian Declares

PREDICTS NEW PERIL

Great Middle Western Canal Scheme to Cost Billion and a Quarter Dollars Menace to East

Urging above everything else that the people of the whole Atlantic Seaboard work as one great community, and work patiently and un discouraged with a great goal ahead, J. Hampton Moore, president of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association, former mayor of Philadelphia, and former member of Congress from Pennsylvania, told an Elizabeth City audience last night of the progress already made in developing a great system of inland waterways from Maine to Florida, and touched upon many other things besides.

The occasion was the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Southern Hotel dining room was crowded to capacity. Thomas F. Armstrong, secretary of the Manufacturers' Club of Philadelphia, who had been expected also, had been called back to his home city on a business mission, and failed to arrive.

Opening with characteristic anecdotes, Mr. Moore laid a careful groundwork for the serious business of the evening—the presentation of those problems which face the association which he heads. He told of an intensive campaign being waged by 26 states, mainly in the Middle West, for a gigantic program of canalization from Duluth, Minnesota, along the St. Lawrence River to the ocean, declaring it would involve an estimated expense of a million and a quarter dollars.

"If they put it across, Elizabeth City and Edenton and the other Atlantic Seaboard cities are doomed," he predicted. "There will be no money left for us. To prevent that, we must be eternally on the job, looking out for our own interests."

Quoting a surprising array of figures, the speaker set forth graphically the Middle West had gained already in Government expenditure on waterways.

"The Middle West has received two and one-half times as much in this way as the Thirteen Original States along the Atlantic Coast have had in their whole history," he declared, "and the bulk of the money has gone toward improving the very unstable rivers. Boston long depended wholly on only one railroad, and it was with chagrin that that city learned that St. Louis, close to the Mississippi coal mines had outstripped her in the manufacture of shoes, one of Boston's principal commodities."

"I ask: Are we effete? A survey was revealed the startling fact that there is more improved land in the Thirteen Original States than improved land. Our streams are clogged. We must work hard for funds to have them opened up, to let a great stream of profitable traffic into our marketing and manufacturing centers."

The speaker outlined the system of inland waterways along the seaboard, describing as the most important projects just ahead, the cutting of a new ship canal across New Jersey, to take the place of an antiquated waterway not equipped to handle the volume of traffic which would otherwise pass through it. He told of the approaching completion of the Delaware River cut, a link in the waterway from Philadelphia to Baltimore which is to be completed this spring.

Mr. Moore described also important pending improvements below Hatteras, whereby projected cuts in the vicinity of the Cape Fear River would connect lower North Carolina waters with those of South Carolina, near Charleston. He mentioned also a great proposed canal across North Florida to eliminate the long haul around the peninsula.

"The Government has spent \$5,000,000 on the waterways from Norfolk to Beaufort, all told," he declared. "In addition to that, in the bill with the Dismal Swamp Canal they put a 27-foot channel from Hudson to Albany, on the Hudson River, so as to receive cargoes from the Great Lakes for direct transfer to ocean going tonnage."

## Years of Big Things Ahead, Chamber Official Predicts

People of Albemarle District Can Have Whatever They Want, If They'll Go After It Strong, Leigh Sheep Tells Banquet Audience

A great, unselfish organization, working for the interests of all the Albemarle district, and not for Elizabeth City alone. An organization facing a year of great things, building tirelessly for a greater city and section—this was the picture of the Chamber of Commerce drawn by M. Leigh Sheep, its president, at the Chamber's annual banquet last night.

"We must work for the whole district, just as we have done in the past—and not for Elizabeth City alone," Mr. Sheep urged. "We, ourselves, will be the largest gainers by what we do. The Albemarle district in the next five or ten years is in for the biggest period of development in its history. We'll accomplish things we never dreamed of. Now is the time to do big things. The Chamber of Commerce is ready, with your support, to do all it can."

"Our soils are almost unbelievably rich, as compared with other sections. We are ready of access to the Northern markets. Our waters abound in fish, and provide unrivalled opportunity for commerce. Our forests contain a vast supply of lumber. In the Dismal Swamp we have the best big game preserve south of Canada."

"We are not staggering by any means, but are terribly handicapped in our work in the Chamber by not having money in hand for things requiring immediate attention. Job has to go somewhere. We've learned that he's got to be on the spot if we want the best results, and that means traveling expenses to be met. The success of the Dismal Swamp Canal project illustrates that. We need money for advertising."

"Nature has been bountiful, and we haven't had to struggle to get along; but other sections are doing wonders, without half the advantages that we have. It's up to us to bestir ourselves, and I don't know of a better investment that we could make than what we put into the Chamber of Commerce. Developments will come as fast as we can provide for them. It's up to us to go after what we want."

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Mentioning briefly as in everybody's mind the two main accomplishments of the year, the authorization of the purchase of the Dismal Swamp Canal and the letting of contract for the Chowan Bridge, Secretary Job recounted what had been done along agricultural lines, first of all. He told of the assistance given potato shippers in obtaining daily market reports during the shipping season, explaining that, aside from their value to the growers, they helped advertise the section since they were mailed all over the United States and into Canada.

Mr. Job reminded that the shippers themselves, realizing the value of the service helped finance it on the amount of \$200 to \$300 a year. He touched also on the Federal inspection of potatoes, the assistance given by the Chamber in arranging for a Potato Day, in holding the Albemarle District Fair, and in carrying an exhibit from Pasquotank to the State Fair at Raleigh.

Mentioning the determined fight waged by the Chamber against continued efforts to raise freight rates on peas, potatoes and other products, Mr. Job stated that the Chamber had saved hundreds of dollars in rates for soy bean harvesters manufacturers alone. He touched upon a recent demonstration of a new method of grading sweet potatoes, the quarantine authorized by the State against the menace of the potato tuber moth, and other activities in behalf of the farmer.

The speaker then went into some detail on the fight for a hard-surfaced road from Silgo to the Virginia line, with a branch from Silgo to Currituck Courthouse, explaining that when he in conference with Highway Commissioner W. A. Hart on another matter, inquired about the outlook on these projects, he was told that the State would build the roads if Currituck would lend the money, and shortly thereafter the Currituck County Commissioners authorized the loan.

Assistance was given also in promoting the Country Club, Mr. Job continued, arguing that an important asset and destined to become even more important when a satisfactory road to it has been built. He told also of breaking up a speed trap near Norfolk, and outlined the campaign for Federal recognition in highway routings which culminated last week in Eastern North Carolina getting everything the section had fought for.

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## STELLAR RECORD OF CIVIC BODY IS OUTLINED BY JOB

Chamber of Commerce Secretary Discusses Series of Achievements During Year 1925

BIG PROJECTS AHEAD

Need for Comprehensive Advertising Campaign for Entire Albemarle District Stressed Strongly

A terse but comprehensive outline of the achievements of the organization in 1925—a record surpassing that of any previous year in its history—was given by Secretary Job, of the Chamber of Commerce, in the course of the annual banquet last night at the Southern Hotel.

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## TIGHTEN UP DRY LAW BY UNION OF THREE FORCES

Washington, Jan. 19.—In order to develop a closer liaison between the Coast Guard, customs, and prohibition forces in enforcing the Volstead Act in the South Atlantic States, Assistant Secretary Andrews has in effect moulded three agencies into one unit and has appointed M. O. Dunning, customs collector at Savannah, as co-ordinator for prohibition in the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

The changes disclosed today place Mr. Dunning in supervisory capacity over all Mr. Andrews' corps in the four states mentioned. The move is regarded as representing the first step in the plan for tightening up enforcement in the Southeast where the assistant secretary saw evidence of considerable violation of the liquor laws on a recent inspection trip through that section.

## Folks in Currituck Seeking Channel To Courthouse

A request for the introduction of a bill at the present session of Congress to authorize a War Department hearing on a proposal for the deepening of the approaches to Currituck Courthouse landing, on Currituck Sound, was forwarded to Representative Lindsay Warren, of the First North Carolina District, today by Secretary Job, of the Chamber of Commerce.

This action was taken upon request of fishermen and others in the vicinity of Currituck Courthouse, represented by E. R. Johnson, representative of Currituck County in the General Assembly. They represent that at present a shoal running out about half a mile necessitates barging of all commodities from vessels to the shore, and ask that the channel be deepened to six or seven feet in order to permit free entrance by vessels of light draft. They contend that the project would not be expensive.

## WAR BOARD APPROVES MITCHELL VERDICT

Washington, Jan. 19.—The conviction of Colonel William Mitchell by an Army court for the violation of the ninety-sixth article of war was approved today by the War Department board of review insofar as legal aspects of the trial are concerned. The trial record with the board's report will be forwarded in the next day or so to the judge advocate general of the Army and after further examination by him will be started on the way through Secretary Davis to President Coolidge.

## BLEASE PROPOSES DATE FINAL VOTE

Washington, Jan. 19.— Fighting for time, opponents of the American membership of the World Court continued at length today their arguments in the Senate against the resolution proposing adherence to the Court protocol.

Senator Blease, Democrat, of South Carolina, who on three occasions had used his forensic capabilities as a stopgap to ward off the vote, presented a resolution proposing that December 8 be fixed as the date for the final roll call.

## Durham Woman Heads Branch Woman's Party

Washington, Jan. 19.—Miss Ida Gowan of Durham, North Carolina, has been elected chairman of the North Carolina branch of the Industrial Council of the National Woman's Party.

## DISMISSES SUIT

New York, Jan. 19.—Supreme Court Judge Mullan today dismissed the \$200,000,000 accounting suit by minority stockholders of Denver and Rio Grande Railroad against the former directors. Judgment was rendered in favor of the defendants.

## STEAMSHIP LINE SOLD BY SHIPPING BOARD

Washington, Jan. 19.—The Pacific-Argentine-Brazil Line was sold by the Shipping Board today to the McCormick Steamship Company of San Francisco.

## MORTGAGE BANK NEW

Boston, Jan. 20.—A bill has been filed at the state house for the incorporation of a cooperative bank known as the Mortgage Bank of Massachusetts which would be permitted to lend up to \$15,000 on first mortgages on real estate. Heretofore cooperative banks in Massachusetts have been limited to loans of \$5,000 on any individual piece of property.

## BUSES REPLACE CARS

Colorado Springs, Colo., Jan. 18.—Buses charging 7 1/2 cents fare will shortly replace electric cars on the Wabash Line of the Colorado Springs Traction System.

## British Navy Handed Over Under Locarno Pact, Says Former Premier M'Donald

England Has Undertaken Tremendous Responsibility, and Greater Risks Than Under Protocol, Leader of Laborites Asserts in Book

New York, Jan. 19.—Great Britain had no business putting its signature to the Locarno pacts "unless we intend to carry out the spirit we communicated to the people who initiated with us," J. Ramsay MacDonald, a former prime minister and foreign minister, says in a foreword to a book "From Dawes to Locarno," written by George Glasgow, noted journalist.

"We must remember what we led them to expect, not the ways open to us, in accordance with the imperfect letter, to get out of our responsibilities," Mr. MacDonald declares in the book which Harper and Brothers soon will publish. "Our people have undertaken a tremendous responsibility. They have taken risks which are actually greater, although they appear less on paper, than they were willing to take under the Protocol."

## ELKS MINSTRELS CAST BUSY NOW

Tickets to Big Show Going Rapidly; Rehearsals Being Held Nightly

(By The Press Agent) The Elks Minstrels, to be shown here at the Alkrama Theater Tuesday and Wednesday nights, January 26 and 27, are again assured of a full house if the audience but, according to that eminent actor Will Rogers, who was present at one rehearsal while on his way to Kinston, these fellows are destined for big time if they follow the stage for a career.

The nightly rehearsals are now under full way and within a few days the cast will be all set for the opening chorus next Tuesday night—the big night of the year.

Tickets are on sale by the members of the local lodge, reserved seats going on sale at Selig's jewelry store on Friday morning, January 22. Rehearsals are being held nightly, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Masonic Hall.

## VIRGINIA COLONEL SAYS N. C. HAS NOT KEPT PLEDGE

Richmond, Jan. 19.—A reminder to North Carolina of an unkept pledge was contained in a joint resolution introduced in the Senate Monday by Senator C. C. Vaughan, Jr., of Franklin, memorializing the General Assembly of the Tar Heel State to make good its unsolicited promise of 1921 of constructing modern hard-surfaced and dependable highways to the Virginia State line, linking up with three branches of the Virginia highway system in the Tidewater section.

The roads involved are that portion of the George Washington Highway, paralleling the Dismal Swamp Canal from the Virginia line to Elizabeth City; that link in the Naval Division of the Bankhead National Highway, through Franklin, from the Virginia line to Murfreesboro, and that link of the road from South Hill, Va., to Palmer Springs via Goode's Ferry that lies south of the Virginia line.

## PORT BREAKS RECORD IN TONNAGE OF VESSELS

New Orleans, Jan. 20.—This port broke all records in tonnage of vessels entering and leaving during December and in tonnage of freight shipped and received, according to officials of the Dock Board. Vessels with a gross tonnage of \$77,000 used the docks while 419,000 tons of freight were handled.

## JOHNNIE CHAPPELL DEAD

Winfall, Jan. 19.—Johnnie Chappell of Belvidere, aged 34, died Saturday morning last at Protestant Hospital, Norfolk. He is survived by his father and mother and by his wife and three children, all of Belvidere. The burial service was conducted by Rev. A. A. Butler of Hertford and interment was made in the Laura Griffin cemetery Monday.

## COTTON MARKETS

New York, Jan. 19.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: March 26.50, May 19.91, July 19.15, Oct. 18.20, Dec. 18.03.

New York, Jan. 19.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 21.05, a decline of 20 points. Futures, closing bid: January 20.31, March 19.75, May 19.05, July 18.11, October 17.84.

## MARVIN A SOP TO BILL BUTLER BY PRESIDENT

Coolidge Had About Made Up Mind Appoint Democrat But Yielded to Importunities of Friends

BUTLER A CANDIDATE

Up for Re-election and Appointment Marvin Meant to Insure Success of President's Manager

(By DAVID LAWRENCE)

Washington, Jan. 19.—In designating Thomas Marvin, Republican, as chairman of the Tariff Commission for another year, President Coolidge yielded to the appeal of Senator William M. Butler of Massachusetts, his pre-convention and campaign manager last year.

Mr. Coolidge had about made up his mind to let the vice chairman of the Commission, Alfred Dennis, a Democrat and his personal friend, become chairman. The move was favored as a means of appeasing the sentiment in Congress which is threatening a re-opening of the whole tariff question. Mr. Coolidge also wanted people to know by the change that he was a moderate and not a high protectionist. Mr. Marvin is an avowed ultra-protectionist. He is said to have never voted to reduce the tariff on anything.

The argument presented to Mr. Coolidge by virtually all the Republican members of the New England delegation was that Mr. Marvin's retention was necessary for the good of the party. Mr. Coolidge was told also that unless he re-appointed Mr. Marvin he would jeopardize the chances of Senator Butler for re-election in Massachusetts. Mr. Butler may have as his opponent former Senator David Walsh, and it looks as if the fight is going to be close enough anyhow without having a re-opening of the tariff question. Mr. Butler's friends insist that if Mr. Marvin was not designated an chairman it would be hailed by the opposition as proof that Mr. Butler didn't have much influence with the Chief Executive and that Massachusetts could not count on a high protectionist policy.

Mr. Coolidge was torn between conflicting desires but came to the conclusion that all things considered, he had to re-appoint Mr. Marvin, especially as the attack made by Senator Norris of Nebraska makes certain a Congressional investigation. If Mr. Coolidge could have been sure that a new appointment would have saved a Congressional investigation he might have postponed the selection of a new chairman, remaining in charge.

The drive on the President's connection with tariff commission appointments is, however, part of a general bombardment all along the line against Mr. Coolidge for having endeavored to influence the policies of the various independent commissions by understandings in advance with prospective appointees. There is no doubt that Mr. Coolidge's resignation of Commissioner Haney of the Shipping Board, a Democrat, because he did not keep an understanding of policy which Mr. Coolidge said he had with Mr. Haney. Now Senator Norris of Nebraska has disclosed an exchange of letters between W. S. Culbertson, now a member of the diplomatic service, but formerly a member of the tariff commission, whereby the latter undertook to pledge David J. Lewis, Democrat, to agree in advance when accepting the appointment to resign at the President's convenience.

Some fireworks may be expected in the Congressional investigation inasmuch as E. P. Costigan of Colorado, Republican and Western insurgent, is planning to furnish Senator Norris and the committee with all the records and information concerning executive proceedings in the tariff commission. This evidence is supposed to be confirmatory of charges that certain manufacturing and producing interests controlled the acts of the commission through political and other channels. It probably will disclose also that Mr. Coolidge has not always been in sympathy with Chairman Marvin and that one of the strongest opponents of Mr. Marvin has been Mr. Dennis, a Democrat, and personal friend in the confidence of President Coolidge. The chances are that the Western Republicans in Congress will seize the inquiry into the tariff commission's acts as an argument to abolish the commission and revise the tariff.

## DECLINES COMMUTE NEGRO'S SENTENCE

Raleigh, Jan. 19.—Governor McLean today declined to commute the death sentence imposed in Burke County on Arthur Montague for attack on a deaf and dumb child of the State institution at Morganton. Montague is scheduled to die Friday.

## VIEWS OF COAST GUARD ON ALKRAMA PROGRAM

Views of life in the United States Coast Guard will be shown in connection with the regular program at the Alkrama Theater Friday—the last Friday on which free tickets can be used. Frank Bartell, chief machinist's mate who is now enrolling recruits here, announced Tuesday.

In all, 86 views of this branch of Government service will be shown, Mr. Bartell says. The pictures are to be brought by Chief Recruiting Officer H. D. Brownley of Norfolk.

ILL WITH APPENDICITIS Winfall, Jan. 19.—Eddy Smith of this community is in the Elizabeth City Hospital with appendicitis. Latest reports were that he was improving after an operation.