

REYNOLDS WILL LET WAR RECORD STAND ON MERIT

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CLEAR THE LEGION

Is Sure That Ex-Service Organization Is Not to Blame; Attack Has Really Helped Candidacy

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, May 20.—Willingness to let his war record stand on its own merits and a refusal to retaliate in any way to the attack made on his service record printed as an advertisement in the Greensboro News the latter part of last week characterized the substance of the first statement that Robert R. Reynolds, candidate for the nomination for United States Senator against Senator Lee V. Overman in the June primary, has issued regarding the incident. Reynolds returned to Raleigh late yesterday afternoon from a trip of nearly a week through the eastern counties of the State, and left almost immediately for a speaking engagement at Dunn again last night.

"I had not intended making any statement for publication regarding the Greensboro incident and should not have had I not been questioned," he said. "The paid advertisement in the Greensboro paper was first brought to my attention last Saturday morning, while I was in eastern North Carolina by a flood of telegrams from my friends throughout the State, who condemned such political tactics on the part of those opposing me. The first time that I saw the article and read it was today.

"In discussing the article, I merely desire to call attention to the fact that a Raleigh newspaper correspondent in Washington, D. C., without any solicitation on my part, has investigated my war record in the War Department at Washington, which record shows that I registered for the draft at the time that the Government called for registration.

"At this time I was in the City of New York engaged in the editing and assembling of motion picture negatives pertaining to the activities of the American Army and Navy, which pictures were distributed through the exchanges of the General Film Company throughout the United States.

"When I was called in the draft, I immediately left New York for Asheville, my home town, where I passed the Army physical examinations and within three weeks was issued by the Government representatives in Asheville Government transportation for camp in the afternoon of November 10 with instructions to proceed to the U. S. Training Camp at Atlanta on the afternoon of November 11 at 4 o'clock, when the Armistice came at 11 a. m. of that same day.

"Despite the fact that I could have claimed exemption on account of dependents, I did not ask any. My position was similar to that of thousands of other men in North Carolina who were registered in the draft but who were not called in time to see service overseas.

Here Mr. Reynolds was asked if he thought the American Legion had anything to do with the advertisement in the Greensboro paper and he digressed long enough to state vehemently that he "knew the fact" that the American Legion had nothing to do with it. "I desire to state that I absolutely know for a certainty, and am positive that the American Legion had nothing whatever to do with the ungrounded attack made upon me in the advertisement in question, and the timely statement issued yesterday, and Mr. Henry Stevens, Department Commander of the Legion, with regard to the participation of the America Legion in politics, reflects the attitude which the legion has consistently and persistently maintained in this matter.

Returning again to the discussion of participation in the War, Mr. Reynolds said: "I have never claimed to have participated in the World War personally, but have ever praised both by act and word the achievements of all the American soldiers, both volunteers and drafted men, who fought so valiantly for their country in the great conflict. All that I did was to register in the draft and await my country's call, as did thousands and thousands of other men in North Carolina, who were never called.

Memorial to Elks' War Dead



This \$3,000,000 building, a memorial to the more than 1000 members of the Order of Elks who gave their lives during the World War will be dedicated with impressive ceremonies on July 14. It is located in Chicago's north side park district.

New York World Brings Interesting Records of Chowan Out of Dim Past

In Letter in Reply to Address Adopted by Carolina Baptists in 1806, Thomas Jefferson Voiced His Faith in Fundamental Tenets of Christian Faith

The New York World in a recent issue brings to light interesting records of the Chowan Baptist Association which are probably as little remembered right here in the bounds of this old association as anywhere else. And surely if these records are of interest to readers of the World they will be still more so to readers of The Advance.

Here, then, is the story: "In the celebration of the 183d anniversary birthday of Thomas Jefferson, the occasion at this time of the high tide of patriotic sentiment when his Virginia home, Monticello, is to be purchased and made a National shrine, an old historic correspondence is found in the minutes of the Chowan Baptist Association of North Carolina with Thomas Jefferson, in which the great Virginian gave expressions of his firm belief in Christian faith and in the efficacy of prayer.

"The Chowan Association in 1806 met at Salem Church and an address to Thomas Jefferson, who was then President of the United States, was presented to the association which was approved by the association and by an order signed by the moderator and clerk was forwarded to Mr. Jefferson. After expressions of gratitude under Divine protection for such a ruler of the Nation, the concluding paragraph reads: "Under the wise policy of your administration, we feel no danger of your violating your trust or attempting to endanger the happiness of the people who have chosen you as their chief and head. And while our prayers and praises are due to the Sovereign Ruler of the universe who has made you an instrument in His hands to give such blessings to such a people, we pray that the God of battles may be your sun and shield, that He may give you grace and glory, and that He may withhold no good thing from you. And may we devoutly be permitted to add our prayers to the great Disposer of Events, if it is His will, that your life, devoted to public good from the commencement of our glorious Revolution to the present day, may be prolonged with blessings to yourself and common country.

"Signed by order of the association, "George Outlaw, Moderator. "Lemuel Burkitt, Clerk. "May 20, 1806."

"In 1807 the association met at Cashie Meeting House, Bertie County, on May 2, 3, and 4, and at the meeting on May 2 the President's reply to the foregoing address was read and is as follows: "Washington, June 24, 1806. "Sir—I have duly received the address signed by yourself on behalf of the ministers and messengers of the several Baptist churches of the North Carolina Chowan Association, held at Salem, and I proffer my thanks for the favorable sentiments which it expresses toward myself personally. "The application which our country enjoys in the pursuit of peace and industry ought to endear that cause to all its citizens and to enkindle their hearts with gratitude to the Being under whose Providence these blessings are held. We owe to Him especially thanks for the right we enjoy to worship Him, every one in his own way, and that we have been singled out to prove by experience the innocence of freedom in religious opinions and exercises, the

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USE BRAKES AND SAVE THE POSIES SAYS WM. DOLLAR

Bill Takes a Day Off to Talk About "Safety First" And Its Value to the Community

NO USE BOOSTING

Not If Folks Get Idea That This Is a State With Too Many Automobile Casualties

"Say it with brakes and save the flowers," "Whoever turned loose that gem of a thought," said Bill Dollar, "certainly said a mouthful. There is one place in Elizabeth City that can grow too rapidly to suit anybody, and that is the graveyard. Carelessness has killed many a waiting grave. North Carolina is occupying an unenviable position among cities of the country in the number of fatal motor accidents that are occurring here constantly.

"Not only can this list of fatalities be reduced, but it must be. Of what use will all the booster literature be if people get the idea that we are a careless people? "The Dollar family wants to be spent for flowers whenever the necessity arises, but we Bills feel much happier when we are paid out for flowers for the living rather than for the dead.

"The actuaries on the life insurance company can tell us how many of a given age will die in a year out of 100,000 people, but the figures mean nothing when it comes to chatting the deaths from carelessness.

"A number of my Bills were gathered in a home not long ago," said Elizabeth City Bill Dollar, "where a little curly haired boy of five was lying with a crushed chest and a broken arm. An auto had run over him and then slipped away without waiting to render assistance. 'You won't let me die, will you doctor,' said he, as he fought back the tears. 'I don't want to leave mother.' "All the money in the world will not replace the loving boy who once had a great future, but a little care may save some one else from the attendant sorrow of an avoidable accident.

"A number of pungent warnings about automobiles have been written by men all over the country. Some of the more notable ones are quoted as follows: "He who hesitates is hit. "Angels are made at railroad crossings. "Don't try to scare a locomotive with your horn. "Look before you weep. "One good leg is worth a pile of crutches.

"Stop and go meant nothing to Joe—'with the angels now.' "Constant caution keeps the undertaker guessing. "The chump who used to blow out the gas now steps on it. "Take your time or take eternity. "Bill passed them all on the road, but—he had some funeral. "Wear a soft hat when riding through the windshield. "Thousands of other slogans have been written by other men, but the one controlling thought in all of them is 'caution,' concluded Bill Dollar. "We know that we are living in the best place in the world, and if we will all work together we can make it the safest city in the world in which to live. "When you say 'Too bad' after an accident you won't bring back the life you took. You are either careful or careless. In which class do you belong." (Copyright, 1926, F. W. Mozart)

FIFTEEN OR TWENTY DEAD IN EXPLOSION

Watherronmain, Germany, May 20.—An explosion in a power mill near Hasselock, Bavaria, today caused the deaths of from 15 to 20 persons. Of the large number injured 20 were taken to the hospital. The mill was wrecked.

DEFENDANT FREED OF FRAUD CHARGE

Trial Justice P. G. Sawyer dismissed a charge of obtaining goods on false pretense brought against W. H. Barco, of this County, in Recorder's court Thursday morning, holding that probable cause had not been shown for holding the defendant for Superior Court. F. N. Williams, who operates a store in the Newland section, near South Mills, was the prosecuting witness. He claimed that Barco had bought a quantity of goods from him, and had failed to come up to an agreement to pay for them. Barco denied that such an agreement existed. Theodore Hudson, colored, was fined a dollar and costs on a charge of having frequented a poolroom here while under the age of 21 years. His mother, appearing as a witness for him, testified that he was born in 1905, but she was a little hazy as to the exact date, expressing the opinion that it was December 30.

Coolidge Pets Not Sea-Dogs



When President Coolidge and Mrs. Coolidge embarked on the Mayflower to attend the Virginia Sesqui-centennial at Williamsburg, Va., his two white collies didn't want to go. It took a host of soft cooing whippers in their ears by Mrs. Coolidge to get them up the gangplank. Notice the President's new straw hat, if you please.

Look Before You Shoot When The Burglar Calls

Householders Urged to be Fairly Certain Unheralded Intruder Isn't the Milkman Before Bringing Heavy Artillery Into Effective Play

Alarmed and incensed over a recent epidemic of house-breaking in Elizabeth City, a few of which have been fairly successful, insofar as the burglar was concerned, many residents have called upon their artillery, light and heavy, in preparing a warm reception for the first unidentified intruder who undertakes to cross their thresholds in the dead of night.

Two attempts at house-breaking were made Tuesday night on Ehrlichman street, not far from the home of Councilman P. C. Colston, whose home was entered by an unidentified negro Saturday night. The first attempt Tuesday night occurred at the home of Mrs. M. A. Harris, well known school teacher, the intruder leaving after he had tried unsuccessfully to open the front door.

Car Of High Grade Peas Brings \$4 Basket Solid

The May pea market strengthened noticeably Thursday, produce brokers here reported, one broker announcing the sale of an entire carload of Pasquotank peas at \$4 per basket straight, and a second at \$2.50 to \$3.25, both sales having been made Thursday morning. In general, the quotations ranged from \$2 to \$2.50, with high grade peas readily bringing the top figure. Commission men were optimistic over the outlook.

"Peas here should bring \$3.50 or better," was the statement of a wire from a Columbus, Ohio, firm. The shipment of 13 refrigerator carloads of peas Wednesday was reported at the Norfolk Southern freight station. Fifteen cars had been ordered for Thursday, and shipments would have been heavy except for a light rain which fell early in the morning, causing growers to defer picking in many instances.

Commission merchants report that there is an excellent demand for high quality peas, but that few are being offered. Shipments from points South of the Albemarle district are of decidedly inferior grade, they declare, and those from Pasquotank thus far have been mainly of only fair quality.

The improved tone of the market Thursday was a source of strong encouragement to growers as well as dealers, especially in view of the tendency toward weakening prices manifested the day before.

THREE SENATORS QUIT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Washington, May 20.—Three of the five Senators named on the Senatorial campaign investigating committee tendered their resignations from the committee today to Vice President Dawes. They were Senator Reed of Pennsylvania and Senator Deneen of Illinois, Republicans, and Senator Hayard, Democrat, of Delaware. The members left are Senator Reed, Democrat, of Missouri, and Senator LaFollette, Republican, of Wisconsin. Senator Reed of Pennsylvania said he could not serve because he is already on the Senate tariff investigating committee and also wants to go abroad this summer with the battle monuments commission of which he is a member.

FANS DISCUSSING WAY TO FINANCE SUMMER GAMES

Plan to Enlist Fifteen Citizens on Basis of Pledges of \$100 Each Likely to be Adopted

ON BUSINESS BASIS

Board of Directors Would Control Proposed Club, Dropping Haphazard Method of Other Years

It is regarded as highly probable that summer baseball for Elizabeth City will be assured by a financial few days, though as in the next few days, though as in this newspaper goes to press, the exact method by which the money will be raised still is in doubt.

A plan whereby 15 backers would be signed up on the basis of pledges of \$100 each was adopted at a meeting of baseball enthusiasts at the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night. This plan was advanced by M. G. Morrisette, one of the most enthusiastic of the fans, who expressed confidence in the ability of a committee to go out and raise the total in less than an hour. O. E. Gilbert, John L. Wells and Robert Cotter were named on the committee, with Mr. Morrisette an chairman.

E. F. Aydlott, Sr., himself an ardent follower of the game, presided as a temporary chairman at the meeting Wednesday night, with Ralph Paul as temporary secretary. Having adopted Mr. Morrisette's plan, the meeting adjourned.

Later, however, Mr. Morrisette declared he was approached by a friend, whom he did not designate by name, and was advised not to undertake it on account of the danger of alienating some who otherwise would be strong supporters of a summer baseball here. Hence, he was undecided Thursday morning as to the course the committee should pursue.

Under Mr. Morrisette's plan, the 15 prospective stockholders in the baseball venture would constitute a board of directors who would have sole authority to manage the team. In the event that not enough citizens could be found who were willing to take blocks of \$100 in stock each, it was decided that two or more might come together for a single block, with the understanding that only one might hold membership on the board. It was felt that 15 directors would be amply sufficient to handle the club.

The stockholders might not even have to put up a single nickel on their shares, it was explained. In fact, they might conceivably come out with a small profit at the end of the season. Mr. Morrisette's idea was to run the baseball club on a strictly business basis, instead of in the haphazard fashion of other years.

Those present at the meeting expressed the hope that Hertford, Edenton and Suffolk would decide to come in with Elizabeth City to form a four-team league. Sentiment, however, was strongly against pooling the gate receipts, as Hertford has urged since the agitation for summer baseball began.

Mr. Aydlott agreed to draw up the necessary legal papers in connection with the formation of the proposed baseball association, and to do that free of charge. Assurance that Hertford had not only raised \$600 already for summer baseball, but that behind the project still was given by Aubrey Shackell, editor of the Hertford News, who was here Thursday. Mr. Shackell stated that he intended to go to Suffolk Friday, to confer with the fans there with a view to including that city in a four-team league. He announced that the Edenton fans planned to meet again Friday night to start something definite.

BOULDER UNVEILED CHARLOTTE TODAY

Charlotte, May 20.—A granite boulder marking the site of the home of Captain James Jack, bearer of the copy of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence to Philadelphia, was unveiled here today on the one hundred and fifty first anniversary of the signing of the document. The day with the exception of this ceremony was no different from any other except that banks and a few offices were closed.

DELLINGER GOES FRIDAY TO PROVE HIS CLAIM

Greensboro, May 20.—Mrs. Pierre O. Starr of New York and Julius Coleman Dellinger who believes himself to be Charlie Ross will leave here tomorrow morning for New York where Dellinger will make an effort to prove his claims. This was learned today from Mrs. Starr.

COTTON MARKET

New York, May 20.—Spot cotton closed quiet, points unchanged, middling 18.75. Futures, closing bid: July 18.75, October 17.52, December 17.45, January 17.37, March 17.50.