

Prosecution Of Bribery Cases To Await Action In November Court Term

Hands Tied by Refusal of Those Concerned to Make Affidavits, Prosecuting Attorney Explains

OUTLINES ACTIVITIES

In Any Event, Recorder's Court Only Could Pave Way for Action in Higher Tribunal, He Declares

Court action in connection with sensational charges of attempted bribery preferred by City Manager M. W. Ferabee against L. B. Culpepper, local merchant and contractor, and similar counter-charges made by Culpepper, will await an investigation by the grand jury at the November term of Superior Court here.

Announcement to the foregoing effect was made Thursday by Prosecuting Attorney J. Henry LeRoy, Jr., prosecuting officer in recorder's court here, in the course of a statement in which he outlined the steps he had taken since the charges were preferred.

Mr. LeRoy explained that, although he was not an investigating officer, and that therefore his duties from a strictly official standpoint consisted only in handling cases after they had come into court, he had undertaken a careful investigation of the charges, having questioned 15 to 20 persons, and having made two trips to Norfolk in an effort to locate two letters alleged to have been written by Culpepper to W. H. Freeman, a salesman dealing in street surfacing materials, on which City Manager Ferabee's accusations mainly were based.

Further outlining his activities in the case, Mr. LeRoy stated that he had sought to procure affidavits upon which formal charges might be based, in order to set in motion the machinery of the law, but that those to whom he made the request had declined to make them. Those refusals, he added, had had the effect of tying his hands in the matter.

Mr. LeRoy pointed out that in any event the lower court could go no farther than to find possible cause for investigation by the grand jury in Superior Court, and that therefore actual prosecution in connection with the charges would have to await the latter court, no matter what success he might have had in his investigation.

City Manager Ferabee, in a sworn statement published in both Elizabeth City newspapers, alleged that he had been approached by Culpepper with a suggestion that they could make a profit out of a contract for 25,000 to 40,000 tons of gravel for street improvements, which was about to be let by the city council. He alleged also that Culpepper told him that two members of the council were "all right," and intimated that only Ferabee's recommendation was needed to put across the deal with a "side profit" for themselves.

Subsequently two letters were published purporting to have been written by Culpepper to W. H. Freeman, of Norfolk, representing a gravel concern, in which a request was made for a commission of 15 cents per ton, "to be divided between Brother Ferabee and myself," with the admonition that "of course Mr. Ferabee couldn't be known in the proposition and don't let him know that he is connected at all in the matter at no time in any conversation or correspondence."

Culpepper admitted having written the letter in which the foregoing statements appeared, but claimed he did it at the instance of City Manager Ferabee. The city manager later flatly denied having entered into any such bargain.

IS FOURTH FATALITY IN MOTOR ACCIDENT

Smithfield, N. C., Sept. 9.—Miss Catherine Wyndham of Wilson Mills died early today of injuries she received in an automobile accident yesterday.

This brought motor fatalities to four occurring here since Sunday, Miss Wyndham's mother was killed in the same accident in which her daughter was fatally hurt.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Sept. 9.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: October 17.70, December 17.87, January 17.94, March 18.17, May 18.23.
New York, Sept. 9.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 18.69, a decline of 30 points. Futures, October 17.81, December 17.88, January 17.77, March 17.92, May 18.14.

City Auto Licenses Issued Fall Short of Last Year's

All warnings notwithstanding, there are still many hundreds of Elizabeth City owners and drivers of automobiles who have failed thus far to procure their city license tags and driving permits for the year which began September 1.

A glance at the records of City Clerk John H. Snowden, who is official distributor of automobile and other licenses, disclosed yesterday afternoon that only 929 permits had taken out their permits thus far, as compared with a total of 1,728 last year. In other words, scarcely half of those who obtained permits in 1925 have reported the process this year, to date.

Although there is no difference in the cost, there are a goodly scattering of folks who procure permits, but do not take out their tags, having no cars of their own. Of the 929 persons who had taken out permits, only 749 obtained tags, as against 1592 last year—less than half as many.

Police have issued a manifesto to the effect that those undertaking to drive cars without the requisite permits will be given an opportunity, when apprehended, to explain matters to Trial Justice P. G. Sawyer; but this apparently has had little or no effect in hastening the distribution of the tags. As has been explained at length before in the columns of The Daily Advance, those who procure city auto licenses last year do not have to stand a second examination this year, the law being that they still remember enough of the traffic regulations to be fairly safe as driving risks. They need only to present their last year's permits, together with the requisite dollar, to be granted full right to burn as much gasoline as they wish during the year ending next August 31st. For the convenience of those not entirely familiar with regulations affecting motorists, a small pamphlet has been prepared, giving in condensed form the essential requirements. This is distributed, free of charge, at the city offices on South Road street, near Main.

An analysis of the license situation indicates that many persons who took out driving permits last year, but who do not own cars, are of the impression that they do not need to renew them this year. If so, they are utterly in the wrong, city officials explain, since the permits must be renewed annually, just as the licenses must be.

Persons required to obtain licenses are those who own or possess, and operate, as well as those who drive, automobiles. It is pointed out on and after September 15 a penalty of five percent will be added.

THROGS INVITED TO ROAD SESSION

Four Hundred Invitations Sent Out for Coastal Highway Conference

Four hundred road enthusiasts along the route of the South Atlantic Coastal Highway from Wilmington, North Carolina, through Tidewater Virginia have been tendered personal invitations to attend a conference to be held here Wednesday, September 22, on plans for adequate publicity for the great seaboard motor road through the South's seaboard counties, according to Secretary Job, of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Frank Miller, of Jacksonville, Florida, and Fred Ward, of Brunswick, Georgia, president and secretary, respectively, of the South Atlantic Coastal Highway Association, are scheduled to attend the meeting, and definite assurance has been received that a large delegation from Tidewater Virginia will be present.

Two hundred invitations to the session have been mailed out from the Chamber of Commerce here, and a like number from New Bern. The mailing lists were compiled from rosters taken at earlier highway meetings affecting the coastal route, through registration of those who attended them, and in that way it is felt that nearly every dweller in the wool highway booster in the territory has been reached.

BAPTISTS GIVE THANKS FOR ABUNDANT CROPS

Shelby, Sept. 9.—Upward of 4,000 Baptists gathered here from five counties today to offer thanks to the Divinity for the "abundant crops of this section." The prayer service will last from morning until tonight.

LITTLE GIRL VICTIM UNUSUAL ACCIDENT

Hertford, Sept. 9.—The victim of an unusual accident, little Marguerite Lane, twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Lane, who live near Woodville on the State highway to Hertford, was taken to a Norfolk hospital today for a transfusion of blood, according to information received here.

Thirteen days ago Miss Lane accidentally struck the point of a pair of scissors into one knee but the wound, when dressed, failed to heal satisfactorily. When a physician opened the wound to clean out the infection bleeding set in that could not be checked until the little girl had lost so much blood that a blood-transfusion operation was deemed necessary.

CITY'S SCHOOLS IN SECOND PLACE

Elizabeth City Climbs Educationally, Department Tabulation Shows

From the standpoints of academic and financial efficiency, Elizabeth City has risen from third to second place in a group of ten cities in the State of relatively equal population, in the matter of its school system, according to figures recently made public by the State Department of Education.

Under the system of graduation employed in classifying the schools, the department lists in the academic division the relation of daily attendance to enrollment, average length of term, scholarship of teachers, and percentage of normal and under-age enrollment. Under the financial division are listed average salaries, per capita cost of instruction, per capita current expenses, per teacher current expenses, and per capita value of school property.

The table was made up for the term of 1924-25. In the group in which Elizabeth City falls, Salisbury holds first place with an average of 88.0, having risen from second place. Elizabeth City takes second place with an average of 85.2, having risen from third.

Greensboro led the eight principal cities of the State, with an average of 93.1. Elizabeth City was included in the second division. Roanoke Rapids, with an average of 90.1, led the 16 cities in the third division.

LAST SABBATH JAUNT TO POPULAR RESORT

The closing Sunday excursion of the season to Nags Head, premier Northeastern Carolina summer resort, will be given Sunday, according to an announcement by C. H. Brock, superintendent of the North River Line, which has been operating the large steamer *Angie* L. Vanmeter on the Sunday jaunts.

Mr. Brock announced that Sunday will be observed as "glorious days" with special fares for all feminine guests. The steamer will leave from the foot of Main street, instead of its usual docking place at the end of Burgess street, on account of the closing of the Camden bridge for repairs.

The steamer will be in command of the genial Captain J. L. Dosey, assisted by First Mate G. E. Johnson, Chief Engineer Griffin Gilson, and Second Engineer Ed. Connerly, who have popularized these jaunts with the summer excursionists by their close attention to their comfort. The *Vanmeter* will fly a new flag for the occasion, and the steamer is equipped with staterooms and running water, assuring every convenience for patrons.

WATERWAY CHANNEL TO BE BUSH STAKED

Assurance that navigation will be made safer on the sector of the Inland Waterway running through Currituck Sound and North River, through installation of a new system of bush stakes marking the route of the channel, is offered in a letter received at the Chamber of Commerce from the Federal Department of Lighthouses. The staking is to be done about October 1.

Upon the request of shipmasters and others interested, tendered through the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, the above channel was bush staked about a year ago. Fine stakes were used, and failed to prove altogether satisfactory, according to reports received here. This time, juniper stakes will be used. These are said to be almost impervious to the elements, and are expected to afford the needed protection to water commerce.

The further action of the Chamber of Commerce was prompted by the receipt of reports that vessels were grounding occasionally in the territory affected, through lack of sufficient bush stake markers for the channel.

Jail Yawning Wide For Defendant If He Slips Again

Summary warning to Louis W. Smith, colored operator of a cleaning and pressing shop here, that he would be sentenced to jail if he appeared in recorder's court again on a charge involving fraud, was given by Trial Justice Sawyer Thursday morning, when Smith faced the court on a charge of false pretense.

"I had just about made up my mind that if you were found guilty, I would put you in jail this morning," Mr. Sawyer commented, in passing on Smith's case. "You've been giving bad checks, and have been trying to sail around in high style among those of your race. You can't keep it up, and I'm giving you fair warning of what you may expect, unless you change your ways."

Smith was charged with having obtained the endorsement of D. H. Morgan, local wholesaler, on a note on the basis of endorsement terms that he would put up as security certain proceeds machinery bearing given serial numbers, but that he failed to live up to his agreement.

Upon a statement by Prosecuting Attorney LeRoy that Smith had made good certain costs incurred by Mr. Morgan in connection with the note, and that he had taken care of it insofar as the bank was concerned, Trial Justice Sawyer released the defendant under a suspended judgment, conditional upon payment of the court costs.

A case in which Albert Hetrick, of this city, is charged with having stolen a quantity of merchandise from a Norfolk Southern freight car, was continued to next Thursday morning, pending the arrival of railroad employees sought by the State as witnesses. Hetrick, who is in jail, was put under \$500 bond for his appearance then.

Bond of \$200 in the case of Howard Weatherly, of this city, sought by Virginia authorities on a charge of abandonment and non-support of his wife, was set by Trial Justice Sawyer for one week, the court informing Mr. Weatherly that if the necessary extradition papers were not forthcoming by that time, he would remove the bond. Mr. Weatherly is plaintiff in a divorce action here, according to local attorneys.

TELLS STORY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL

Vice President of Senior Class Urges Patronage for This Trade Event

In a letter addressed to the editor of The Advance, Robert Williams, vice president of the Senior Class, for Back-to-School Days, says:

"It is with great pleasure indeed that I take this opportunity of telling you and the readers of your paper about our school annual which is called the 'Spotlight'."

"The annual which is printed every year by the senior class of the Elizabeth City High School is an affair which involves hundreds of dollars and on which many weeks of hard work are spent by the editors."

"Work on the Spotlight begins about October and from then on this very interesting publication grows from a mere skeleton or outline until at the end of the year it is ready to be distributed to the subscribers."

"Early in the year a very lively subscription campaign is carried on during this period the subscription managers are kept busy taking the names of and collecting a small payment from each subscriber."

"Contracts must be given to a printing house and engravers, and also a competent photographer must be employed."

"The staff which is headed by the editor-in-chief and the business manager consists of various assistant editors, managers and committees."

"The 1925-26 Spotlight with Mary Owens as editor-in-chief and Joseph Kramer as business manager was acclaimed a great success in every respect and the senior class this year is confident that the annual of 1927 will be better than the 1926-27 class is anticipating a successful year and it is on solid facts alone that our hopes are founded. With a fine faculty and with a modern equipped building such as we have we can do a great deal. With money in the class treasury we can without doubt do more."

"It is natural to ask from what source this money will come. One of my reasons for writing this letter is to inform you."

"On September 10 and 11, our class will have charge of Rucker & Sheely Company's department store. Members of this class will act as president, sales manager and as heads of the different departments. We will get a substantial commission on all the sales we make. This money will be put into our class treasury to be used as we see fit."

"We surely wish to express our appreciation of this opportunity"

Ocean Boat Can Be Carried Under the Arm



This strange boat, like an enlarged inner tube with a motor stuck on behind, is being used for ocean voyages around Los Angeles. C. Winder Scott, its inventor, calls it the "airraft." Scott is shown with two pretty passengers. When the boat is deflated it can be carried under the arm.

Removal of Ancient Elms May be Taken up Soon at Huge Mass Meeting Here

Recommendation of City Engineer With View to Widening West Main Street Causes New Flare-up of Controversy Which Has Raged for Years

A controversy that has smoldered here for a generation, occasionally bursting into flame, has flared up anew this week, on the heels of a recommendation by L. E. Johnson, city engineer, that 15 of the stately elms on West Main street be cut down to permit widening of the thoroughfare, now a link in the State highway system.

The recommendation was made at a meeting of the City Council this week, and went temporarily into the discard when Mayor McCabe broke the vote to squelch it. But the matter is far from closed.

There are strong indications now that the Council will call a new meeting for the early future, to give everybody interested an opportunity to be heard, and to thresh out the tree question, once for all. This city is about to receive Main street in what is regarded as a dreadfully permanent fashion, putting down an expensive concrete base and covering that with asphalt, with the idea that the combination will endure for a generation and more.

Those who favor cutting such trees as stand in the way of the proposed widening of the street hold, not without reason, that it is altogether too narrow for the volume of traffic which must pass over it. While confessing to a certain sympathy for the tree-keepers, the majority are unwilling to let sentimental considerations stand in the way of an improvement.

"As a further argument, they point out that many of the elms are old and are becoming a nuisance to the public. They are the fact that in recent years several of them have perished of old age and have had to be removed, while others have split open and have dropped huge branches into the street, endangering life and property."

The staunchest defenders of the elm are the members of the Woman's Club here. They have sent delegations to the Council to protest against the removal of any of them; they have held protest meetings under trees that have been threatened with destruction by the "progressives," and they have put Mayor McCabe under a binding pledge not to let the Council either the trees, if he can help it, without first according them the privilege of a hearing.

The circumstance that the ladies are against them, and do not hesitate to express themselves most vigorously whenever the necessity presents itself, thus far has blocked those who would cut down enough of the ancient elms to give Main street the width they feel it should have. But they haven't given up hope, and a decidedly lively session is inevitable if the proposed mass meeting materializes.

Defenders of the trees contend that they give Elizabeth City its only distinctive distinction among the cities of the State—a beautiful arch of beautiful foliage on Main street from the city limits well into the business district. They argue that much larger cities, notably Baltimore, handle a large volume of traffic on streets no wider than Main, and that to cut any of the elms that still have elements of vigor would be unwise, unnecessary, and utterly uncalled for.

Given us by the management of Rucker & Sheely Company. "I speak in behalf of the class when I say that we are expecting the public to help us by patronizing this store on the days I have mentioned."

King of Belgium wrecked his car near Calais where 31 girls were fined for swimming without suits.

CAMDEN BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED

Motorists, take heed. On Saturday night at 9 o'clock, the State bridge over Pasquotank River at this city, connecting with the hardsurfaced highway crossing Camden and Currituck counties to Currituck Court-house, will be closed to both water and highway traffic. It will remain closed until 8 o'clock, the following Monday morning, or possibly a little later.

The foregoing announcement was made today by W. L. Craven, State bridge engineer. Motorists bound to or from points north and east of this city are advised to drive via South Mills, Camden County, using the George Washington highway and the Newland Road.

Closing of the bridge is necessitated by repairs to the draw.

PRAYER THEME OF FREE WILL SERMON

Christ's Prayer Not for World but for His Disciples, Says Rev. Mr. Welch

The auditorium was well filled Wednesday night at the Free Will Baptist Church to hear Rev. J. J. Welch, of Norfolk, deliver his sermon on "Prayer for the World."

Rev. Mr. Welch, in his sermon, said that Jesus had a mission on his earth, and that his prayer was for his disciples, and not for the world.

"He prayed also that they might be sanctified through God's truth. Now don't go into a panic because I mentioned sanctification. I am not a crank. One is not sanctified until he is as clean as the word of God teaches that he should be. You can live clean. Do you think I can't help from taking a sun and shooting Brother Outlaw, or from cursing and swearing? I certainly can. And you can live clean. Square your lives by with the Word of God."

"He prayed that they might be with him in yonder world. Some say heaven will be here in this world. That will be all right with me if Jesus will be here. He will have a big job to clean up this world so that it can be made a heaven, but if He can clean the thing up I'd just as live heaven would be here as anywhere."

Tonight Rev. Mr. Welch will preach on the text: "I Pray Not For the World." The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

DAPPER BANDITS ARE CAUGHT IN CORNFIELD

Champaign, Ill., Sept. 9.—Three dapper Chicago bandits, who robbed three diamond merchants of half a million dollars' worth of jewels on Thursday, were captured in a cornfield near Buckley, Illinois, this morning.

Chautauqua Here in September for the First Time

For the first time in its history, Elizabeth City is to have a September Chautauqua. The Radcliffe Chautauqua presents its first program here at the high school auditorium on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 16 to 18 inclusive.

Radcliffe Chautauqua comes to Elizabeth City as a result of the indefatigable labors of J. E. Leigh and a few others who, disappointed at Elizabeth City's failure to provide for the return of Swarthmore Chautauqua at the close of the 1925 program, fell in with the suggestion of a representative of the Radcliffe Chautauqua that a three-day program in place of the seven heretofore offered could be put over. Twenty-six guarantors were finally secured to finance the new venture.

All that was on the understanding that the Radcliffe Chautauqua would come in June, some time after the close of school. No date was named in the contract, however, and when there was nothing heard from the Radcliffe Chautauqua during the summer months, it was assumed that the Radcliffe concern had failed to establish a credit in this section and that the contract signed by the guarantors had been forfeited by the default.

A few weeks ago, however, came letters to the guarantors advising the September dates and consideration resigned for a time, no suitable lot for the Chautauqua tent being available at the time and it appearing possible that the guarantors might stand to lose the entire amount of their guarantee.

It was at this juncture that the school trustees came to the rescue of the guarantors with a generous proposal for the use of the high school auditorium and campus grounds for the purpose.

Tickets may be had from The Advance office from an order of the following addresses: J. E. Leigh, 419 W. 2nd St.; Wood J. A. Higley, J. L. Welch, J. T. McLean, W. Ben Goodwin, J. A. Hooper, Frank H. Scattergood, Rev. Geo. F. Hill, R. N. Davis, M. P. Gaffop, L. R. Foreman, H. C. Foreman, P. B. Williams, J. Haywood Duke, G. F. LeRoy, Dr. C. B. Williams, J. H. LeRoy, Jr., Captain J. A. Price, M. G. Murrette, Mrs. S. M. Boettcher, M. Leigh Sheep, W. P. Skinner, G. R. Little, J. W. Foreman.

"Satan can't get you if you are godly men and godly women. If you want to be saved from the devil, get behind the cross of Jesus."

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VARIETY TO CHOOSE FROM IN HALL MILLS GRAND JURY PANEL

Summersville, N. J., Sept. 9.—The Hall Mills grand jury will be drawn tomorrow by order of Supreme Court Justice Parker. Instructions for selecting 23 persons to whom will be submitted the evidence on which Mrs. Francis Stevens Hall, Willis Stevens and Henry Carpenter have been charged with the murder of Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills were received today by County Judge Frank L. Cleary.

The petit jury panel before which the case may be tried in the event of indictments will be drawn at the same time. The panel for the grand jury drawn on August 30 contained 123 names, included among others were four women, two ministers, two members of the board of freeholders, the county treasurer, 18 farmers, four physicians, four bankers, eight municipal officers, six brokers and one undertaker. From these the grand jury will be drawn.

COOKE NAMED DELEGATE TO WATERWAYS MEETING

C. A. Cooke, former Representative of this County, has received from Governor Angus Wilton McLean a commission naming Mr. Cooke a delegate to the nineteenth annual convention of the Atlantic Deepwaterways Association to be held at Richmond September 14 to 17 inclusive.

J. H. LeRoy, Sr., is one of the vice presidents of the association and it is expected that a large delegation from this city will attend the convention. The association has done a great deal toward the development of the Inland Waterway along the Atlantic seaboard.

REGULARS ARE ON WAY UP HILL IN WISCONSIN

From Defeat of Senator Lenroot and the LaFollette Regime the Administration Derives Comfort

COOLIDGE IS FIRM

Refuses to Believe That Primaries Have Much to Do With the Question of the World Court

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Washington, Sept. 9.—Time was when the LaFollette forces would carry the state of Wisconsin by overwhelming majorities. But today the defeat of Senator Lenroot, regular Republican, appears to have been accomplished by a relatively small vote.

This means that the regular Republicans are making an uphill but nevertheless progressively bitter fight to recapture the state. From this the Coolidge administration derives considerable comfort.

In fact, the defeat of Senator Lenroot for re-election while never publicly conceded, has been regarded as a foregone conclusion for several months. The combination of elements which make on the one hand for affirmative support for the LaFollette wing of the Republican party and at the same time involve, on the other, the registration of protests against the administration is such that no matter what the national issue, the party in office is even more controlling.

To say that the World Court was decisively repudiated in Wisconsin because Governor Blaine voiced his opposition to it is to say at the same time that the repeal of the Volstead Act was desired by the voters of the state or by sentiment of that section of the country. The drys will be quick to point out that the preponderance of wet strength in the city of Milwaukee was what controlled the vote along with the other prejudices that were accumulated.

Wisconsin's primary will not be regarded by most observers as permitting national inferences. Indeed, more are the primaries, when no President is being elected, taking on the character of municipal and personal contests. In Nevada, for instance, Senator Odell won re-election on the same day that Mr. Lenroot was defeated but Mr. Odell was fought almost entirely on the World Court which he defended. Senator Shortridge in California defeated the Hiram Johnson forces when the fight against him was made on his vote in favor of the World Court.

Unquestionably the World Court is proving more of an issue than its stoutest defenders dreamed it would be. As some shrewd politicians have observed, it seems to have produced a complicated situation for discussion and one that results of almost as many prejudices in other states in off-years, when no President is being elected. The products of the foreign born element have had something to do with the opportunity of the political organizers to line up votes against the World Court.

The important thing to record at this time is that President Coolidge according to those who have discussed the question with him recently firmly believes that in no primary has the World Court question been voted on adversely but that other local issues have influenced the result. In other words, he prefers to believe that the World Court attitude he has assumed has been upheld and where Senators have been defeated for re-election he holds that their vote for the World Court was not the principal reason for their defeat.

UPSHAW LOSES IN GEORGIA PRIMARY

Atlanta, Sept. 9.—Georgia Democrats upheld the World Court stand of the United States Senator Walter F. George at the statewide primary yesterday, returning today showed. He apparently has a sweeping majority over his opponent, R. B. Russell, chief justice of Supreme Court.

W. D. Uphaw, Congressman from the Fifth District, was defeated by Lester J. Steele of Decatur, Georgia.

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