

Coast Guardsmen Arrive For Banquet Session At Southern Hotel Tonight

Keepers of Stations in Seventh District to Form Association to Hold Annual Meetings

COMMANDANT ON HAND

Admiral F. C. Villard and O. M. Maxam, Chief of Operations, to Address Visiting Keepers

Commanders of Coast Guard stations along that far flung line that skirts the Atlantic, from Cape Henry to the southern tip of Florida—the territory embraced in the Seventh District—were assembling here today for a session of good fellowship and the formation of an organization to promote the best interests of the service.

The convention will begin with a banquet at the Southern Hotel here tonight at 6:30 o'clock, at which the honor guests will include Admiral F. C. Billard, commandant of the Coast Guard, and O. M. Maxam, chief of the division of operations. Commander J. A. Price, superintendent of the Seventh District, will be toastmaster.

Admiral Billard and Mr. Maxam arrived by train from Washington shortly after noon today, and were entertained at dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Walker. Both were expected to deliver addresses at the banquet tonight.

Virtually all the station keepers in the Coast Guard service from the Virginia Beach station, northernmost in the district, to Charleston, South Carolina, had assembled here during the day. They are to hold a business meeting at the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, at which they expect to form an association with the idea of meeting each year to discuss their needs and problems.

Conspicuous among the Coast Guardsmen who arrived this morning was Captain John Allen Midgett, keeper of the station at Rodanthe, at the northern tip of the Hatteras Banks. Captain Midgett and his crew won recognition from the King of England by the rescue of the crew of the British tanker Mirlo, torpedoed by a German submarine off the Banks in 1918. The rescued seamen were drifting about in a veritable sea of blazing oil when Captain Midgett's men reached them, and the rescue was heralded far and wide as the outstanding exploit of American waters during the World War. Captain Midgett and his Coast Guardsmen received individual medals from King George V, and the station was awarded a handsome silver cup.

The Coast Guard cutter Pamlico was expected to arrive here from New Bern during the afternoon, bringing additional station keepers to attend the banquet and organization meeting.

SCHOONER AGROUND AND CAPTAIN ALONE

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 15.—Pounded by waves driven by high winds and with only Captain A. W. Albert aboard, the four-masted schooner Charles A. Dean of Bangor, Maine, today was still aground on Fry's Shoals.

Her crew of eight, taken off late last night and held at Oak Island Coast Guard station, planned to return to the ship today.

All available tugs here and at Southport were ordered to the scene to try to pull the schooner off at high tide this afternoon. Members of the crew were taken off without difficulty last night, although yesterday morning the captain refused to permit Coast Guards and pilots to come aboard, showing his pistol. Members of the crew denied that they had, saying they pleaded with the captain to stay there and rain in the majority of the Southern States for the last 24 hours has been accompanied by slightly higher temperatures. Kentucky is coldest with thermometers at 20 degrees at Louisville.

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COLD WAVE AND STORM HITS SOUTH

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Christmas Gift For Anna Lewis Home Takes A Spurt

The Christmas fund for the Children's Home took a spurt upward Wednesday when copy for the editorial for that issue inviting further contributions went down to the shop to be turned into type. There was a bit of quick consultation, a rapid canvass of the force and the total contributed had jumped from \$17.50 to \$27.00.

If everywhere the editorial is read there could be a like response, the fund would jump to generous proportions overnight.

Here is the way the present total is arrived at:

Previously acknowledged	\$17.50
The Sugar Bowl	1.00
Raymond Moore	2.00
Constant Fearing	2.00
Lehan Umphlett	1.00
Earl Sawyer	1.00
Miss Pearl Munden	1.00
John and Tom Peble	1.00
Mitchell Evans	.50
Total	\$27.00

BELVIDERE BOY GETS HIGH POST

Sidney Chappell President Southern Region Student Government Federation

Chapel Hill, Dec. 15.—Sidney G. Chappell, of Belvidere, president of the Student Body of the University of North Carolina, has just returned from the second annual congress of the National Student Federation of America, held at the University of Michigan, where he was elected president of the Southern region of the federation, embracing all states southward from and including Maryland and states westward to Oklahoma.

This is regarded as a signal honor and high recognition for the University student body and its president.

The federation has a membership of 245 colleges and universities and represents more than half a million college students. There are six regions, and the presidents of these regions, together with the national officers and three members elected at large, composed the executive committee.

One of the requirements of Mr. Chappell's position is that he attend four regional meetings next year in different sections of the country and he is also to turn in a report regarding his own region.

TWENTY-FOUR HURT IN TRAIN ACCIDENT

Indianapolis, Dec. 15.—Twenty-four persons were injured, three enough to be sent to a hospital, when the rear car of the Big Four passenger train was telescoped by a switch engine near the union station today.

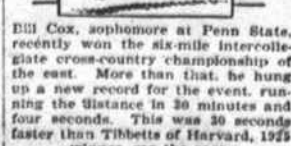
George Eshman of Asheville, North Carolina was among the injured.

Wins Long Race



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SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS



The shopping stunt costs money, but it's always been that way. It takes a year to save it, and you spend it in a day.

THIS IS BIGGEST CHRISTMAS TREE

California Redwood in National Forest Named for General Grant in 1867

By BEN G. KLINE
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San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Among the Christmas trees which will be decorated with sparkling tinsel and bright electric candles and about which religious services will be held this year will be one—in California—which will not have to be removed from church or home in preparation for the arrival of the new year.

In fact this particular evergreen will have to be utilized in its natural out-of-doors setting, as it could hardly be removed to the protection of any existing roof.

It is the famous General Grant sequoia, located in the national forest of the same name, some 50 miles from Sanger, in the San Joaquin Valley. Plans are now well under way for thousands of persons from Central and Northern California to attend a religious celebration Christmas night about the trunk of this monarch of the forest.

First plans were for this to be the nation's Christmas tree, and the National Government cooperated to the extent of building an all-winter road into the park for use this Christmas. Then arrangements were made for broadcasting the services from the fastness of the Sierras over a power radio station. Now it is to be a world Christmas tree, with perhaps millions of people over a wide radius attending the services by radio.

The tree is worthy of the honor. Though it is not the largest nor the oldest living king in the world, it is among leaders in both classifications. It was named in 1867 for General Grant and a few years a 5,000-acre national forest was set aside primarily for the protection of the one tree. Having grown up at the foot of Mount Whitney, the highest peak in the United States, it too aspired to great height. It has done fairly well and is now estimated to be 262 feet tall, supported by a trunk which is 106 feet in circumference at the base. It has survived the fallen monarch, close by, through whose hollow trunk five persons can walk abreast, and has kept ahead of its rival in the same redwood forest, the Robert E. Lee which is 255 feet high.

Perhaps what inspired the general grant tree's admirers to want to make of it a world Christmas tree is its extreme age. Although it is still young in spirit, still aspiring to greater height, it is estimated by science that the tree was old when Christianity was in its infancy. It had put two thousand years of growth behind it when the three wise men of the East followed the star of Bethlehem to the Manager where the Christ-child lay on that first Christmas morning.

Prominent leaders of California are interested in the movement to dedicate the gigantic Redwood annually to the celebration of Christmas. The governor-elect of the state is expected to be present at the celebration this year to give the big Christmas tree state recognition and a message from President Coolidge is expected to lend a national note to the service.

FALL-DOHENY CASE GOES TO JURY TODAY

Washington, Dec. 15.—Both sides spoke the final word today in the trial of Albert B. Fall and Edward L. Doheny, charged with conspiracy in connection with the Naval oil lease. They finished at noon. The judge was to deliver his charge this afternoon, then give the jury the case.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 15.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 12.85, an advance of 25 points. Futures, closing bid: Dec. 12.54, Jan. 12.26, Mar. 12.49, May 12.59, July 12.90.

EAST SIDE IS INTERESTED IN COUNT'S CASE

Strange Streak in Human Nature Makes Folks Want the Adventurer to Win His Case

HE'S WISE GUY

He Can't Be Deported and Seems Bound to Carry off Some of the Standard Oil Wealth

By ROBERT T. SMALL
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New York, Dec. 15.—All of New York is impatiently awaiting the details of the settlement the Standard Oil Rogers family is about to make with the noble husband of Millicent Rogers, Count Salm Von Hoogstraeten. Every factory girl of the teeming east side is interested in this latest smash-up of international marriage relations for every factory girl read with a thrill the romantic story of how "Milly" Rogers backed by Standard Oil millions, captured the heart of the dashing count in Europe and insisted upon marrying him whether her parents would have it or no. Every factory girl has dreamed of such a romance in her own life, but no factory girl will ever capture the heart of a real count. Counts do not like the atmosphere of the East Side.

Even the famous bogus Count Serdecence, alleged Emir of Kurdistan, later recognized as an Austrian pants presser, preferred the swagger side of Fifth Avenue when he was in our midst several years ago. And he remained very much in our midst until finally the secret service men of the State Department got on his trail and he left more or less suddenly for parts unknown. This was not, however, until the count had been a rather welcome guest at the White House during the Harding administration. The count nevertheless, failed to get honorable mention in the current novel which is supposed to relate to the days of '21 and '22 in the national capital.

The New York factory girls were just settling down to the end of accepting the paltry half million which is supposed to have been the basis of the first offer.

The count with a mind to eventualities, saved all his love letters written to him by his former bride and the mother of his only son. The count knew that Colonel H. H. Rogers was not the best friend he had in the world and was convinced that sooner or later he would be in legal difficulties with his Standard Oil relations-in-law. That "in-law" had a rather ominous sound, and things turned out just as he anticipated.

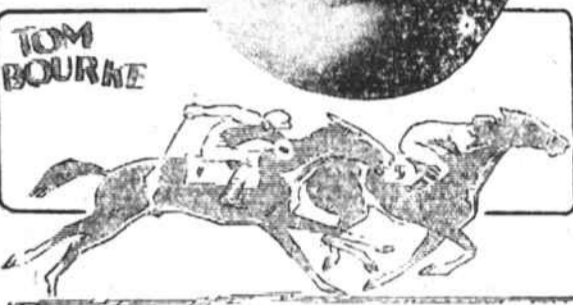
Every effort is being made at the moment to take the case out of the hands of the law. There seems to be a very general desire on the part of the father and mother-in-law that the letters shall not be made a public record. Many of them were written after Milly was induced to leave the count and go to Palm Beach for a gay season under Southern suns. These letters, because of their endearing terms, would form the groundwork of a very fine suit at law for the alienation of a wife's affections.

It is rather difficult at the moment to read the sympathy of New Yorkers in the present case. On the street, among those from whom juries are selected, there is a very generally expressed hope that the count will "get something." Most of the people seem to think he is entitled to more than half a million. A million might satisfy the public demand. It is hard to say. But in any event there is little likelihood of a jury of commoners ever fixing the amount of "damages" suffered by the poor but deserving count, who is anxious to go to work at anything which does not include labor. Even the work of a bond salesman is a little too strenuous for the count. And, in any event, he wants to wait and see what will happen in his present and contemplated suits before accepting anything that even smacks of work.

Lawn tennis? Yes. Golf? No. Golf covers too much ground. Tennis can be halted at a moment's notice, with no walk back to the club house. Some day the designers of golf courses will also design a transportation system for those who care to play only a few holes.

Count Salm is one of the wisest

He Brought 'Em Back



Meet Tom Bourke, the man who brought horse racing back to Illinois and revived the American Derby after 25 years. The "wise boys" laughed at him, said he couldn't do it. But he did. Bourke's a former newspaper man and is well known throughout the middle west.

Weather May Blast Hope of Power by Christmas

Some delay in extending the line of the Virginia Electric & Power Company to Elizabeth City, even to the point of imperiling the outlook for super-power in Elizabeth City by Christmas, is to be looked for if the bad weather of the present week continues. It was stated Tuesday by J. T. Chase of Roanoke Rapids, manager of the North Carolina division.

"We are putting forth our utmost effort," says Mr. Chase, "and still hope to be able to turn power on in Elizabeth City on Christmas Day. Line work such as we are doing now, however, is bound to be immensely slowed up by bad weather. We appreciate the situation in Elizabeth City, however, and will do our utmost to give you power as soon as possible."

Accompanying Mr. Chase on the trip here yesterday were W. E. Wood, vice-president and William C. Bell, general manager, both of Richmond. These representatives were here particularly in the interests of their plan to secure the co-operation of Northeastern North Carolina in the development plans for this section through the sale of 1,500 shares of preferred stock.

The offering of \$1,500,000 of this stock of the Virginia Electric & Power Company was over-subscribed soon after it was put on sale in Norfolk and Richmond. The entire amount of stock offered to Northeastern North Carolina could readily be allotted to subscribers in Norfolk and Richmond who were unable to obtain all the stock they desired, officials of the company state, but they very much prefer that the entire allotment will be taken in North Carolina in order that the people of this section will feel themselves partners in the development which the Virginia Electric & Power Company hopes to bring to Northeastern North Carolina.

IS TO RETIRE FROM RAILWAY PRESIDENCY

New York, Dec. 15.—The Times says today that Frederick D. Underwood who began his career as clerk with the Erie Railroad December 31, it says that John J. Bernet, president of the Nickel Plate Railroad, will succeed him.

noblemen who ever got mixed up with a rich American family. He can't be deported. He came to this country the last time as an immigrant, under the quota law, and has every right to remain here and become an American citizen. Probably when he gets his dot, Paris may appeal to him again. It is far more interesting that New York, but of course New York is where the money grows and it must be tolerated for a time.

Just so long as headstrong girls or ambitious and misguided moth-

CHRISTMAS CHEER IS SENT TO OTEEN

A large box of well-filled Christmas stockings was sent to Oteen this week from Elizabeth City to cheer the disabled veterans there.

The box was packed by Mrs. Oscar Owens, chairman, Mrs. Calvin Morrisette, and Miss Jennie Kramer, a committee appointed by the Elizabeth City Woman's Club to take charge of this task.

Most of the stockings were contributed by club members, though some were sent by other persons who wanted to have a share in this Christmas giving.

The stockings contained candy, nuts, and a variety of small gifts, some of considerable value, all meant to cheer the invalids and to let them know that they have not been forgotten.

"FINE MANNERS" ENJOYED BY ALKRAMA AUDIENCE

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 15.—Harry Berglund whose ring name was Berg, died in a hospital here today, of injuries received when he was knocked out by Carl Augustine of Saint Paul. Berglund, a heavyweight, sustained a fractured skull when his head hit the floor in the knockdown. Augustine was arrested.

DOZEN WITNESSES READY TO APPEAR

Smithfield, N. C., Dec. 15.—More than a dozen witnesses were ready today to appear before the Johnston County grand jury and tell what they knew of the slaying of L. G. Forsythe.

Presentments against Evelyn Britt, Durham girl, Robert Separk of Raleigh, and Robert Stephenson, never captured, were given the jury. These three were held by the Wake County coroner's jury.

ers insist upon making noble matches, the courts of the country will be kept busy trying to untangle the eventful proceedings. Sometimes these matches do not break up for 20 years or more, but the average of eventual breaks is nearly 100 per cent.

CONGRESS WANTS FIND OUT WHAT FOLKS THINK

Whether People Want Credit or Rebate on Taxes, Party Leaders Are Anxious to Learn

FEAR REVISION

Republicans Refuse Coolidge Suggestion Because Do Not Want to Debate Whole Subject

By DAVID LAWRENCE
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Washington, Dec. 15.—If the people of the United States really want a credit or a rebate on the taxes they paid this year, Congress is anxious to know about it. The Republican leaders have come to the conclusion that the people would just as soon apply the existing surplus to the retirement of the public debt. The Democratic leaders think otherwise. So an old rule is to be invoked whereby signatures on a petition from a majority of the members of the House will be sought so that the House have the choice of standing by Mr. Coolidge or their own leaders. The Democrats are confident that 36 Republicans can be found to support Mr. Coolidge, for it is that part of the program which they will attempt first to present to the House amending it later in the tax rates.

As matters stand now, the Republican leaders fearing a general revision of the tax rates are refusing to adopt President Coolidge's suggestion for a tax credit because that would furnish an opportunity for debating the whole subject. The Republican leaders have it in their power to kill all tax bills in the House committee and under the Federal constitution, of course, revenue legislation cannot originate in the Senate. Thus a small group of leaders can prevent tax legislation of any kind. If they have the support of public opinion, they will not change their course. The Democrats think public opinion favors a change, particularly in automobile, amusement and corporation taxes as well as rates on small incomes. If the matters ever came to a vote each member of Congress would be in the position of deciding the question himself. The leaders foresaw such embarrassment and decided to kill tax proposals in committee. The petition which is to be circulated will be sent to every member of the House and a negative vote will be recorded just as effectively as if the matter were placed before the House of Representatives itself.

Republican aspirants in the primaries of two years hence will have a chance to use the negative vote of present incumbents on the stump. Telegrams from business institutions and individuals back home may possibly affect the decision of members who are literally puzzled as to how to vote.

The Democrats figure it out that even if the petition does not get a majority they will have caused enough trouble to individual Republicans so that political advantages may accrue to their party. The charge of the minority is that the Republicans know revision is possible but merely wish to postpone it till early in 1928 so it will come closer to the fall campaign.

The awkwardness of the situation is illustrated by the fact that the President has in his message asked for passage of a tax credit proposal and his party is in the position at the moment of denying that request. This contention, however, is answered by Republican leaders who say Mr. Coolidge urged the tax credit idea half-heartedly and that he said he would be satisfied with the decision of members of Congress.

So it is impossible to forecast the turn that the tax controversy will take except that the determination of the Democrats to use every parliamentary maneuver to compel revision is growing more pronounced every day, and the Democrats when in the minority have at times shown themselves in recent years more resourceful than their opponents in handling tax legislation.

BURIAL SERVICE THURSDAY

Burial services for Mrs. J. B. Ballance, who died Tuesday afternoon at her home near South Mills, will be conducted at the grave in the Martin Pritchard burying ground near Fork School Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. A. H. Outlaw.

Mrs. Ballance was 41 years old and is survived by her husband and six children, Mrs. Ben Alexander, Misses Evelyn and Eunice Ballance, Earl, Henry and Charles Ballance all of Camden county and several brothers and sisters.

PROPOSED ROUTE CHANGE OPPOSED BY CIVIC GROUP

Chamber of Commerce Directors Go on Record as Solidly Against Alteration in Schedule

RESOLUTION PASSED

Under Arrangement Contemplated, Delivery of Parcels Post Mail From Here Would Be Delayed

A protest against a proposed change in the rural mail delivery schedule on Route 3, serving a large territory in Upper Pasquotank County, and connecting with two other routes in the vicinity of Newland Methodist Church, was entered by the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, in session Wednesday night.

Under the change contemplated, the carrier on Route 3 would leave the Elizabeth City postoffice in the morning—probably before 9 o'clock—instead of about noon, as at present. The purpose of the proposed change, as set forth by postal officials here, is to permit the transfer of mail by the carrier on Route 3 to the carriers on Routes 4 and 5 early enough to permit the latter carriers to complete their trips before nightfall during the winter.

In objecting to the change, the directors held that it would mean considerable hardship to the patrons on the three routes affected, while working little or no benefit to anyone except the carriers involved. In particular, they set forth the change would mean serious delay in the delivery of merchandise shipped by parcels post from Elizabeth City stores, and would compel the delivery of The Daily Advance a day after publication, instead of on the day of issue, as at present.

The directors also expressed the opinion that the Postoffice Department can modify existing schedules in a way to meet the wintertime convenience of the carriers affected, without so drastic a step as changing Route 3 from an afternoon to a morning schedule. Copies of the resolution of protest have been mailed to the Postoffice Department and to Lindsay Warren, representative in Congress from this district.

The directors also protested against a proposal to discontinue registered mail service on the southbound Norfolk Southern train leaving here at 10:30 o'clock at night, on the ground that that is the most important mailing of the day. It is understood here that the move for discontinuance of the service was prompted in part by the disappearance of a pouch of registered mail on Wednesday night, December 1, Efforts to locate the missing pouch have been unavailing.

A resolution of the Chamber of Commerce who are delinquent in payment of their dues to pay up at once. It is explained that the Chamber is being embarrassed seriously by lack of funds, the salaries of the secretary and another member of the staff being months overdue.

Further support for the Chamber will be asked of the citizenship here in January, in order that its activities, underway and projected, may go forward unimpeded next year.

SURPRISE WITNESS GOES ON THE STAND

Canton, Ohio, Dec. 15.—William Bitzler, the state's surprise witness against Patrick Eugene McDermott, went on the stand today in the trial of McDermott for the murder of Don R. Mellett, crusading Canton publisher.

Bitzler testified that McDermott carried a gun the night of the Mellett murder and told him he would "have \$200 in the morning." Bitzler's testimony painted in a background of alleged police corruption and bootlegging as a setting for McDermott's activities early in the night the publisher was slain. On cross examination Bitzler admitted his own criminal record.

WASHINGTON COUNTY MAN NOT QUALIFY FOR OFFICE

Windsor, Dec. 15.—Word reaches here that C. V. Anson, clerk of the Superior Court of Washington County, re-elected in November, will not qualify for the office, on account of difficulty in getting bond, and that Clerk will be appointed to the position this week. Tom Swain has been advocated for the position.

WORKERS' COUNCIL MEETS

The Workers' Council of Blackwell Memorial Church will meet Wednesday night at 8:15, following the regular midweek prayer service. Important matters relative to next year's program are to be taken up and all officers and teachers of the Sunday School are asked to be present. advtm.