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City Council Calls Halt In Expenditures Pending Survey Financial Status

Decide to Make Certain
Necessary Work Is Provided
for Before Making
Additional Outlays

BIDS BEING CHECKED
Final Payment to Curb
and Gutter Contractors
Held Up Pending Survey
of Sidewalk Damage

The City Council last night called a halt in expenditures on various street and other improvements, pending a survey of the financial situation with a view to making certain there is enough money to cover projects definitely pledged in the passage of the recent \$100,000 bond issue.

This bond issue, passed by the recent General Assembly, was introduced by Representative Wilson, of Pasquotank, with the understanding that it was to pay, in sequence, for the resurfacing of some 20,000 square yards of Belgian block streets, re-setting the brick streets not already re-set, and furnishing oil penetration for the recently laid gravel streets.

Mayor McCabe announced from a report by City Auditor Snowden that already a little more than \$33,000 had been borrowed against the bonds, and had been spent, and that some \$5,000 was due besides, making nearly \$38,000 of the \$100,000 already accounted for, though no definite action had been taken toward either the resurfacing of the Belgian block streets, or for the oil penetration treatment for the gravel streets.

As partially offsetting that, however, City Manager Ferrebee stated that most of the brick streets had been re-set. These as has been noted, constitute the second item in the mandatory program upon which the bond issue was conditioned.

In voting to check further expenditures temporarily, the Council exempted a sidewalk on West Ehringhaus street, torn up when the street was re-set. It was ordered that this sidewalk be completed at once. Its estimated cost is \$900.

The session opened with a statement by Mayor McCabe that he had been approached by M. P. Gallop, member of the Utilities Commission whose term expires next month, with a declaration that he did not wish reappointment, and with a tender of the post to himself. Mr. McCabe said he told Mr. Gallop he would accept it, but later heard street talk to the effect that the "Ferrebee gang" on the Council was trying to drive Mr. Gallop off the commission and supplant him with the mayor.

"I know nothing of the 'Ferrebee gang,'" Mr. McCabe declared. "I think Mr. Ferrebee has made a highly efficient city manager, and I certainly shall support those who support him. I want you gentlemen to understand that I am not a candidate for the Utilities Commission."

The Council then turned to consideration of bids on the bituminous surfacing for the Belgian block streets here, and on the oil penetration for the gravel streets. Bids were closed. Then about a dozen representatives of paving companies were heard. City Manager Ferrebee was requested to work out all bids on a square yardage basis, and submit his figures at a special meeting of the Council Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock, with a view to letting contracts then.

It was announced that the Council would meet again Monday night at 7:30 o'clock to consider bids on the \$100,000 bond issue.

The Council heard at length a request from the Standard Oil Company for permission to erect an oil storage plant on the site of the old Commander mill, on Front street. The company's plea was presented by Attorney J. Kenyon Wilson, who declared it was proposed to erect five storage tanks, and to connect those used for oils with the Suffolk & Carolina Railroad spur nearby by means of a pipe line. All gasoline and kerosene would be pumped directly into the tanks from vessels in the harbor, Mr. Wilson stated.

The company would spend about \$100,000 on the property. Mr. Wilson continued, and would undertake to make it highly attractive by planting shrubbery and doing other decorative work. The hazard would not be increased, he said, holding that, in reality, there was less danger from a gasoline tank than from a building, since if it caught fire it would burn like a torch, giving off no sparks to endanger nearby property.

Mr. Wilson declared a gasoline tank wouldn't explode, due to its construction, adding that similar

ACTS OF COUNCIL

Voted to call halt in expenditures for improvements until cost of work planned has been determined definitely.

Received bids for oil penetration for gravel streets and surfacing for rock streets. Directed that these be figured out on yardage basis and submitted for letting contracts Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Awarded Dr. C. B. Williams refund of jitney fare for two weeks when his car was under repair after being wrecked by city truck.

Deferred action to Monday afternoon on request of Standard Oil Company for permission to erect storage plant on Commander mill property.

Voted to pay Chamber of Commerce \$250 annual rent for use of quarters.

Withheld final payment to R. G. Lassiter & Company for curb and gutter pending survey of damage to sidewalks resulting from company's operations, with view to deducting it.

Will meet Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock to let improvement contracts, and Monday night at 7:30 o'clock to consider bids on recently authorized \$100,000 bond issue.

CINDERELLA ACT "PEACHES" ENDS

Hour of Midnight Strikes
and Back She Goes
to Poverty

New York, Mar. 22.—(AP)—Midnight having struck in the Cinderella life of "Peaches," the 15-year-old bride of Edward W. Browning, today was separated from the riches and splendor to which she had become accustomed. No longer must her wealthy husband pay her \$300 a week alimony. In fact he need not pay her a cent.

The Cinderella of fiction retired to her chimney corner. "Peaches" went to bed where she sobbed her disappointment over losing her separation suit against the 52-year-old wealthy real estate operator. He won his suit for separation.

Automatically deprived by the decision of the \$300 a week alimony she had been receiving since November, "Peaches" and her mother, Mrs. Catherine Heenan, are without funds to pay for an appeal. Mrs. Browning's only claim to continued support is to return to her husband should he desire to take her back.

The decision found Browning strangely reticent. "I haven't a word to say—not a word," was his only comment upon an informant of the decision of Supreme Court Justice Sweeney handed down yesterday at Carmel, N. Y.

"Peaches" received the news on returning home from a shopping tour with her mother. Mrs. Heenan, who Browning charged was the cause of the rift in relations between him and his wife, remarked:

"Peaches must not be annoyed. She is worn out by the strain of so much publicity." Then came tears. Henry Epstein, attorney for "Peaches," said:

"An appeal in such a case is very expensive business. Mrs. Browning has no money, and any money to finance the additional legal expenses would have to come from Mr. Browning."

Browning already has had to pay Epstein \$8,500. Francis C. Dale, attorney for Browning, halted the decision as establishing "public settlement and public justice" as "bulwarks against the designing female of the species."

"Had the decision been otherwise," he said, "the public consequences would have been appalling. A multitude of young girls would have taken it as a signal to tie themselves to every man of wealth with the single object in view of separating them from their money at the further expense of their good name."

EASTERN CAROLINA BANKS BE LIQUIDATED BY STATE

Raleigh, Mar. 22.—(AP)—Three Eastern North Carolina banks, which failed recently, will be liquidated by the banking department of the State Corporation Commission under the Royal banking act, enacted by the last Legislature.

The banks are located at Washington, Behaven and Creswell. Given power to appoint receivers for banks where no permanent receiver has been appointed by court order, the Commission has put the new law into use by naming receivers for the three banks. The Royal act will expedite winding up or affairs of the defunct banks, officials believe.

Her Great Problem



Billy Wells, pictured here, was in love with Clay Curtis. But she was fascinated, enslaved, by Dal Romaine. Read about her problem in "Daughters of Midas," The Advance's great new serial by Anne Austin. A thrilling story of love and of the curse that was laid on three girls' lives by money. Turn to Page 3 and start it today.

U. S. Unable Make Treaty With Mexico

Washington, Mar. 22.—(AP)—An intimation that the United States had been unsuccessful in efforts to negotiate a commercial treaty with Mexico was contained today in a State Department announcement that the smuggling convention between the two nations would be terminated on March 28.

The department, in whose hands has rested the long standing and delicate situation involving American property right in Mexico, issued a formal statement explaining that notice of termination of the treaty has been served on the Mexican government last night by the American embassy at Mexico City.

In the absence of a commercial treaty or other arrangements with Mexico to "safeguard" American commerce against possible discrimination, the statement said, "the American Government did not deem it advisable to continue the smuggling convention which might in certain contingencies bind the United States to cooperation for enforcement of laws or decrees relating to the importation of commodities of all sorts into another country."

The smuggling convention has a direct bearing on the American embargo on arms shipments into Mexico. Under the convention even if the embargo were lifted, the United States would be required to notify Mexico of impending shipments from the United States of arms or any other commodities prescribed from importation under Mexican law.

Whether the recent correspondence with Mexico involved a renewed American effort to negotiate a commercial treaty with that country to protect American-owned property, has not been disclosed.

Prince Of Wales Takes Another Fall

Holdenby, Northamptonshire, England, Mar. 22.—(AP)—The Prince of Wales was thrown from his horse today at the first jump in the Army point-to-point steeple chase, but escaped injury.

He displayed his cool-headedness by lying still during the few seconds required for the rest of the field to gallop past. As soon as the danger of being jumped on by another horse was over, he arose, none the worse for his experience. His horse was caught after some difficulty.

The Prince intends riding another of his string, Lady Doone in the Belvoir hunt, point to point race at Barrowby, near Grantham, Thursday.

The Prince's frequent falls have caused agitation from time to time against his strenuous riding. Nevertheless he continues his interest in horses and racing.

Only last Wednesday he lost Manners cup point-to-point race at the Bleasiter hunt meeting, riding one of his own hunters.

SEARCH FOR MEN WHO GAVE WOMAN A BEATING

Raleigh, Mar. 22.—(AP)—Officers today continued their search for three Barton's Creek township farmers who are alleged to have beaten Mrs. Fannie Davis, 75.

Sheriff Turner's deputies sought Otis Harrison, Sade Ray and Gaston Jones, who, the woman alleged, visited her home. De-molished part of it and stole her provisions.

SAPIRO'S SUIT FAULTY, JUDGE TELLS COUNSEL

Amended Declaration Will
Probably Be Filed Wed-
nesday Morning; Case
Promises Be Long Drawn

CAMERON RESPONSIBLE

Editor Dearborn Independent
Insists That He Took
Entire Responsibility in
Articles Published

Detroit, March 22.—(AP)—The plaintiff's declaration in Aaron Sapiro's \$1,000,000 libel suit against Henry Ford was pronounced faulty and in need of several amendments today by Federal Judge Fred M. Raymond, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

"The declaration as it stands is insufficient in many of its allegations," said the judge. "I suggest to counsel that before the case can go to the jury it needs to be amended in several particulars to clarify the issues so that the trial can bring about an equitable result."

The declaration consists of 21 counts including 141 points and makes 569 paragraphs. The first count was being taken up when Ford's counsel made its allegation of insufficiency.

After Judge Raymond's pronouncement William Henry Gallagher of Sapiro's counsel protested that it was a late day for the defense to bring the matter up.

"Do I understand your counsel to intend to say that he thinks the declarations should stand without amendment?" asked the court.

"Oh, no, no, no," replied Gallagher. "It will be amended."

"Of course that is up to the discretion of counsel and certainly not of the court," replied the judge.

He added that the amendment could be made at any time but urged that they be made as soon as possible.

The first count contains 20 allegations of libel and it was one of the 20 under discussion.

Sapiro's counsel said they probably would file the amended declaration tomorrow morning.

Testifying in Aaron Sapiro's \$1,000,000 libel suit against Henry Ford, W. J. Cameron, editor of the Dearborn Independent, assumed full responsibility for everything published in the weekly and denied it devolved upon the motor car manufacturer.

Sapiro, Chicago attorney, who became widely known for organizing farmers' co-operative agencies, alleged that he was damaged by anti-Jewish articles printed in the Independent.

"You're the editor; be sure you are right," became a formula for Mr. Ford's remarks to him, Cameron testified, when he sought to go into matters of the editorial policy of the publication, of which, he had once been a New York Times reporter.

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Packer's Son a Stock Pens "Hand"



EDWARD F. Q. S. WILSON

Veteran Continent Hiker Rescued From Poverty Is Victim Of Auto Accident

Was on Way to Church to
Offer Thanksgiving Prayer
for Kindness of
Friends When Struck by
Car

New York, Mar. 22.—(AP)—Stricken down by an automobile while on his way to church to offer Thanksgiving in prayer for having been rescued from the direst poverty by admirers who remembered his fame as a cross-continent walker, Edward Payson Weston, 83-year-old pedestrian, lay in the shadow of death today in St. Vincent Hospital.

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Yesterday Weston, almost entirely recovered and with Thanksgiving in his heart set out from his Greenwich Village home to attend church services. As he plodded across the street at Greenwich Avenue and 110th street, his lagging steps pitifully contrasting with the long firm stride of his days of glory, he fell across an automobile bearing down upon him.

Weston was carried to St. Vincent's Hospital close by, and it was found that he had suffered head injury which it was feared were critical for a man of his age and infirmity.

THREE MEN DIE IN ENGINE EXPLOSION

Danville, Ill., Mar. 22.—(AP)—Three men were reported killed today in a locomotive explosion at St. Peter, Ill., between Salem and St. Elmo.

AGED WOMAN DANCES

LaFayette, La., Mar. 22.—After weathering attacks of pneumonia and small pox, Mrs. Desire Stoute, of LaFayette, who is 95, is able to walk and wants to learn the Charleston.

BOARD TENDERS ROAD QUESTION TO GRAND JURY

County Commissioners Request
Investigation Into
Alterations in Highway
Survey Figures

IN SPECIAL SESSION

Names of Witnesses Presented,
and Other Data; Pending
Revaluation of Property Discussed

A grand jury investigation into various phases "passing" into the construction of Pasquotank County roads, in a special session, was completed, was requested Tuesday by the Board of County Commissioners, in special session. A week's term of Superior Court opened here Monday, with Judge F. A. Daniels, of Goldsboro, presiding.

The commissioners, in regular session Monday, March 7, voted to meet again for further consideration of the "feeder road" situation. After discussing various reports in connection with the alleged changing of figures in engineering surveys on various of the projects, they went before the grand jury, gave names of witnesses to be summoned, and tendered the allegations which had been made before them.

Former County Highway Engineer J. R. Ford, under fire in connection with the surveys after his resignation and departure from this city in the middle of January, voluntarily returned several weeks ago and offered an explanation for the alleged changes. He stated that he changed none of the figures in question, explaining that several alterations were made by the surveyor who did the work, and that these were merely in the nature of corrections of an entirely legitimate character.

Not entirely satisfied with Mr. Ford's explanation, the County Commissioners today decided to present the matter to the grand jury. On the other hand, Chairman S. G. Scott and members of the Pasquotank Highway Commission, under whom Mr. Ford was employed directly, repeatedly have expressed entire confidence in him and a disposition to accept his statements relative to the items in question.

Besides presenting the highway matter, the County Commissioners recommended the installation of fireproof doors on the vault in the courthouse, as a needed protection for the County records.

In the course of their session preceding their visit to the grand jury room, the Commissioners discussed at length plans for the forthcoming revaluation of property in the County, for tax purposes.

Transport Speeding Toward Port With Many Sick

San Francisco, Mar. 22.—(AP)—The United States transport, Chateau Thierry, 709 miles from San Francisco, raced toward this port at maximum speed today while ships' doctors fought to stave off an attack of influenza which so far has seized 58 of the 100 or more persons aboard.

Four have died aboardship since the transport left New York for her Pacific coast destination. The Chateau Thierry is carrying recruits drawn from all parts of the country. Several officers and their families also are aboard.

The wireless message from the transport did not say that the four deaths were caused by influenza but such was assumed to be the cause.

Because of the emergency situation the Chateau Thierry will be warped into her pier without being stopped for quarantine.

Tension Relaxes In Balkan Trouble

Paris, Mar. 22.—(AP)—The tension arising out of the Yugoslav-Albanian controversy, had relaxed today. This was attributed to the prompt steps taken by the Paris, Berlin and London governments.

After a brisk exchange of views capitals, there was further negotiation today.

For the most part the diplomatic efforts are understood to be directed toward satisfying Italy without having to involve the good offices of the League of Nations' council. Italy declined to accept the authority of the council in Greece in the dispute with Greece over the island of Corfu.

But the urgent summoning of the council still remains a possibility and the powers interested will not hesitate to do this should the situation show further signs of becoming aggravated.

SHANGHAI HAS ISLE OF SAFETY FOR FOREIGNERS

International Settlement
Protected by Steel Ring
of Armed Forces Is
Surrounded by Plundering

QUICKLY EJECTED

A Few Succeeded in
Breaking Through But
Were Repulsed; British
Kill at Least Twelve

Shanghai, China, Mar. 22.—(AP)—Fitting their rifles in the air and yelling wildly, a mob of 2,000 Chinese troops from the rubble of the defeated Northern army rushed the thin British cordon guarding the Northern area of the international settlement here at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon.

A few scores succeeded in breaking through in the weakly held alleyways, but they were quickly rounded up, disarmed and turned back into Chinese territory. The main body of the invaders were stopped by the British troops without firing. No British casualties were reported.

The attempt to invade the settlement followed a day of intermittent firing between the Northeners and Cantonese guerrillas in the native Chapel district.

Shanghai's international settlement, harboring thousands of foreigners and protected by a steel ring of armed forces today was a veritable island of safety, surrounded by the angry waves of Chinese fighting, rapine, looting and incendiarism.

With the native sections of the city utterly given over to rioting, plundering and bloodshed in which both the victorious Cantonese and the defeated Shantungese took part, the foreign denizens anxiously paced the barred wire boulevards and repelled all attempts at invasion.

Cut off by the Cantonese army, whose remnants of the Shantung forces not engaged in looting strove to pierce the barriers and gain the protection of the foreign fighting men against their enemies.

Hundreds of them were admitted after surrendering their rifles, but others, throwing themselves in apparent frenzy upon the foreign defenders, were repulsed by the force of arms.

In one clash a few score succeeded in breaking through, but were quickly ejected. Another charge broke when the British opened fire, killing at least 12 and wounding about a score.

An armored train, manned by the Shantungese, moved up and down the railway to the north, its artillery holding shell in every direction. One shell struck the premises of the Presbyterian mission in the international settlement, causing much damage but luckily injuring no one.

Regular troops of the Nationalist army were approaching the Chapel section of the native city this evening and were expected to occupy it tomorrow.

The municipal authorities of the international settlement announced they will take steps immediately for the maintenance of essential services in the settlement. Volunteers are invited to assist.

Several three pounder and trench mortar shells are reported to have fallen in the northern section of the settlement but no casualties have been reported.

It is understood that the Japanese disarmed and admitted several hundred more. Cantonese regulars arriving in the Shanghai north region are precipitating their foes' efforts to escape into the foreign territory.

Sniping, fires and looting continue in the Chapel quarter where mobs composed partly of Shantungese soldiers, partly of ordinary criminals and partly of Nationalist gunmen, hold sway.

The streets are strewn with dead. In numerous cases the robbers have cut off women's fingers to obtain their rings.

Every place holding the promise of loot has been cleaned out, but the problem of the criminals is how to get away with their booty. As they leave the city they are met with swarms of entering looters and bloody fights occur.

Numerous innocent people were reported to have been killed.

NEW BERN GETS CEMENT PLANT

Mammoth Manufacturing
Venture Financed by
Mid-West Capital

Raleigh, Mar. 22.—(AP)—New Bern today was selected as the site for a mammoth cement manufacturing plant financed by mid-western capital.

J. A. Acker, Port Huron, Mich., has sold the Associated Press here that definite details of the enterprise would be announced later.

Mr. Acker, in company with other business capitalists, has been in the State for several days investigating possibilities for locating such a plant in Eastern North Carolina.

New Bern was selected for adjacent deposits of limestone and transportation facilities. The investors have expressed themselves as greatly pleased with the prospects in Craven county.

Tentative plans call for the erection of a plant to cost about \$2,000,000 and a capacity of 3 million and a quarter barrels of cement annually.

The company representatives conferred with Governor McLean yesterday about North Carolina's attitude toward foreign capital. They also called on Gov. Herman Bryan, State geologist, and Mr. Roy Lee, a Harbortown, N. C., resident, the Southern Mining companies.

Georgians Visit Old North State

Raleigh, Mar. 22.—(AP)—Governor E. M. W. Henderson of Georgia, and several members of the Georgia State Legislature today visited Governor McLean here to go into a study of North Carolina governmental methods with a view of recommending them for adoption in their own state at the approaching legislative session.

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