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The Weather
Local thundershowers tonight
and Tuesday; Moderate South-
west winds.

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BOARD TAKES UP BOOST IN SCHOOL TAX LEVIED HERE

Commissioners Hear Mem-
bers of Board of Trustees
and Others, But Defer Ac-
tion on Request

SCHEDULE RAPPED

State Basis of Salaries De-
clared Inadequate; Ap-
propriation of \$400
Granted for Convention

Lengthy presentation of a re-
quest from the Board of Graded
School Trustees for an additional
tax levy of ten cents per \$100
property valuation to finance the
operation of the city schools for
the approaching term took up
most of the morning session of
the Board of County Commission-
ers Monday. The commissioners
took no action on the request other
than to agree to give it careful
consideration.

The State schedule for teachers'
salaries, adopted as a basis for the
distribution of the annual school
equalization funds, came in for
severe criticism during the ses-
sion. Dr. S. W. Gregory, chairman
of the Board of Trustees, declared
emphatically that the schools could
not be run effectively on that basis,
and others concurred with him.

The increase requested would
bring the annual levy for school
purposes in the Graded School
Tax District up to 55 cents per
\$100 property valuation. It was
explained. Presentation of the situation
was opened by Attorney J. C. B. Ehringhaus, himself a member
of the Board of Trustees.

In emphasizing the need for the
added assessment, Mr. Ehringhaus
cited the fact that \$12,000
in bonds must be retired annually
now, the first installment having
fallen due last year. He and others
declared also that it was im-
possible to employ effective teachers
on the basis of the State sched-
ule.

The school administration of
Asheville was cited in the discus-
sion, Mr. Ehringhaus declaring
that that school employed teach-
ers on a basis of three times the
amounts prescribed in the State
schedule.

Others speaking in behalf of the
proposed increase included S. L.
Sheep, former superintendent of the
graded schools; J. A. Jones,
present superintendent; M. P.
Jennings, superintendent of the
rural schools in Pasquotank; and
Dr. C. B. Williams, a member of
the Board of Trustees. Dr. Will-
iams, who also is county health
officer, cited the fact that there
were more than 500 cases of
measles and whooping cough in
the county during the later part
of the past school year, and that
that had a material effect in re-
ducing the average daily attend-
ance one of the bases upon which
the State schedule is worked out.

Superintendent Jones and others
pointed out that it was necessary
to provide facilities for the
maximum number of pupils in the
schools, and that therefore the av-
erage daily attendance was not a
fair basis for the apportionment of
school funds.

Superintendent Jennings, of the
rural schools, tendered statistics
showing that only 22 of North
Carolina's 100 counties had school
tax levies as low as Pasquotank's.
He expressed doubt whether there
was another city in the State com-
parable in size with Elizabeth
City that had a rate as low as
that here.

At the close of the discussion,
the Commissioners heard a dele-
gation asking for an appropria-
tion of \$400 to cover the cost of
entertaining 200 or more dele-
gates to the annual convention of
the American Soy Bean Associa-
tion, to visit Elizabeth City and
the soy bean farms in the vicinity
on Thursday, August 11. The
requested appropriation was
granted.

The delegation, headed by Sec-
retary J. B. of the Chamber of
Commerce, included S. G. Scott,
Miles Britte, W. C. Morse, Elisha
Coppersmith, G. G. Markham and
others who are members of a gen-
eral committee on entertainment
for the association.

VICK CHEMICAL COMPANY INCREASES DIVIDEND

Greensboro, Aug. 1.—(AP)—
The Vick Chemical Company to-
day announced an increase in its
dividend of from \$2.50 to \$4.00
a share. The net profits of the com-
pany for the year ended June 30,
1927, were \$2,143,525.07, com-
pared with \$2,121,355.63 during
the previous year. The company's
annual statement shows:
The company earned \$5.36 a
share on its capital stock of 400,000
shares. The dividend payment of
\$4 a share represents about 10 per
cent on the value of the stock
when it was sold on the curb
market some years ago at \$41 a
share and is about 7.35 per cent
based on the present market val-
uation of around \$53 a share.

Graphic Picture Of Lake Michigan Ship Disaster In Which More Than 40 Lost Their Lives



This remarkable telephoto picture gives a graphic view of the excursion steamer disaster in Lake Michigan, a mile off Chicago, which took a death toll of 27 lives. The Favorite, a small excursion boat, was carrying 76 people out in the lake to escape the oppressive heat, when a sudden squall struck it. Most of the passengers rushed to one side of the boat to escape the rain. This extra weight on one side and the strong wind caused the boat to tip over on its side. The craft then righted itself, but sank so that only its smokestack and top deck were visible as shown in the picture. Life guards rushed to the scene of the disaster and the body of a woman out of the water. In this group is Johnny Wetnamer, world-famous swimmer, who aided in the rescue work. The picture was taken from a boat chartered by NEA Service, which reached the scene of the disaster shortly after it occurred.

Chamberlin Takes Flight From Deck Of Leviathan

Teterboro, N. J., Aug. 1.—
(AP)—Clarence Chamberlin, en-
dured his flight from the steamship
Leviathan to Teterboro Air Port
today at 10:51 Eastern Daylight
time.

The flyer, who hopped off "the
flying bridge," on the Leviathan
at 8:15 this morning, off Fire Is-
land, first landed at Curtis Field,
Long Island, because of fog. After
a short stop he took off again at
10:30.

New York, Aug. 1.—(AP)—
The United States Line reported
at 10 o'clock this morning that
Clarence Chamberlin had alighted
at Curtis Field after taking off
from the deck of the Kner Levi-
athan off Fire Island at 8:15.
Chamberlin had intended to fly
to Teterboro, New Jersey, but
fog caused him to change his mind
and land at the Long Island Fly-
ing Field. He announced his in-
tention of taking the air shortly
again to fly to Teterboro.

The United States Lines said
that as soon as Chamberlin land-
ed at Curtis Field he telephoned
the shipping office to report that
the flight was a complete success.
He said that he could have gone
on to Teterboro, but as there was
considerable fog and as there was
no necessity for running any risk
he desired to come down at Cur-
tis.

Chamberlin reported that the
take-off from the special runway
on the Leviathan was even better
than he had hoped for.

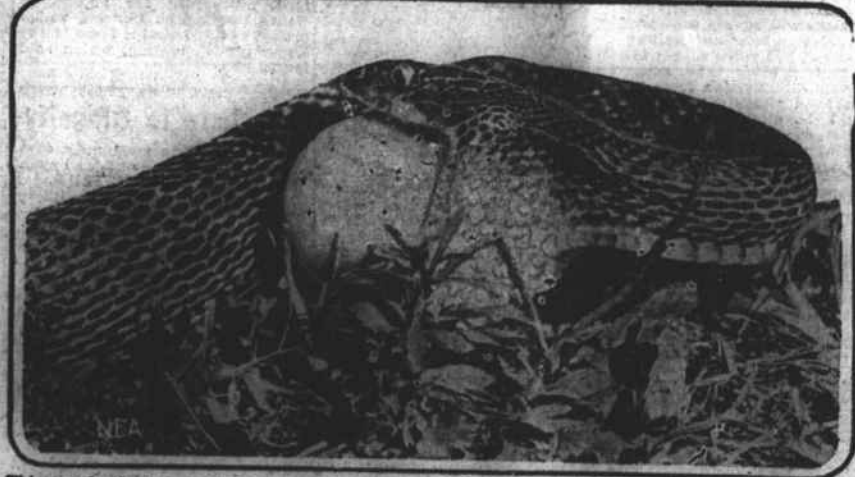
Raleigh Preparing Welcome Heroes Of The Gray

Raleigh, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Rale-
igh today prepared to receive
with open arms the veteran war-
riors of the gray, who tomorrow
will come here 500 strong to hold
their annual three-day State en-
campment and reunion. The van-
guard of the now feeble Confed-
erate battle forces was expected
to begin arriving tonight.

State College dormitories have
been thrown open as quarters
for the veterans and Raleigh citi-
zens have cooperated to make
the reunion a pleasant one. A
whirl of entertainment leaving
but short space for breath-taking
and transaction of business, will
hold them until Thursday evening
when the gathering ends.
Convention badges, bearing the
likeness of General Smith, will be
worn by the veterans. Free trans-
portation will be provided for the
march-wear heroes of the lost
cause. A historical pageant, "Wom-
en of North Carolina in the Con-
federacy," Wednesday will be a
feature of the reunion.

RESCUED FROM DROWNING
Greensboro, Aug. 1.—(AP)—
Having gone down for the second
time, Paul Wyrick, 23 year old
young man who lives on Route 7,
was near drowning in Reedy Fork
Sunday afternoon when he was
rescued by R. F. Walters, of this
city.

'This Will Spoil My Shape, But Here Goes!



This egg is about twice the size of Muriel's mouth, but she doesn't care. She'll eat it whole, regardless of the effect it will have on her slender shape. When the egg gets about half way down, it'll break anyhow, so why be fussy? Muriel is a pilot snake and harmless.

'They're Hiking to See Coolidge



These three boy scouts, with only \$18 and their camping equipment,
have started a 3000-mile hike from Youngstown, O., to visit their
chief, President Coolidge, in the Black Hills. —Left to right they are
Mervyn Valtekunas, 14; Charles Stricklin, 15, and Paul Beckman, 16.

Many Car Lights Found Defective

Approximately 400 automobiles
have been tested here for defective
lighting since July 1, when the
new State law on the subject
became effective; and not more
than two per cent of them all
have been found to comply with
the law. It was learned here today.
A fixed charge of 75 cents is
made for testing automobile
lights. This, of course, is exclu-
sive of any expense required for
additional equipment that may be
found necessary. Testing is being
conducted both day and night at
the plant of Harrison & McCoy,
East Colonial avenue; Bailey's
Filling Station, East Church
street; and at the Spence Motor
Company, South Road street.

Twenty Casualties Naval Maneuvers

Tokyo, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Twenty
officers and men were killed or
wounded during naval maneu-
vers off Kishu Island this morn-
ing in the explosion of three
mines and on the middle deck of
the mine layer Tokiwa, says a dis-
patch from Kishu.

SKIRTS NOW UNLASHED LIKE MEN'S TROUSERS

London, August 1.—(AP)—
Trouser creases are the latest
among the fair sex of London's
smart set.
The creases are ironed into the
skirts of gray-flannel suits now
popular with British society wom-
en, and run from waist to hem
on each side. Despite the "trous-
er creases," however, dressmakers
say there is nothing masculine
about the suit.
A gray felt hat, worn with the
outfit, has a wide brim and is or-
namented with a silver hatpin.

SEVERE STORM HITS RALEIGH AT NOON TODAY

Electric Current Disrupted,
Telegraph and Telephone
Service Hindered for Sev-
eral Hours

ALL OVER STATE

Clouds, Rain and Murky
Weather Generally Pre-
vail Throughout North
State; Relief From Heat

Raleigh, Aug. 1.—(AP)—A se-
vere electrical storm hit Raleigh
at noon today. The electric cur-
rent was disrupted and telegraph
and telephone service hindered
for several hours.

Scudding clouds, more or less
rainfall and an obscuring murk-
iness gripped the major portion of
North Carolina, this morning, af-
fording relief from the sweltering
heat of the past several days as
the mercury dropped appreciably
while low-hanging clouds hovered
over head.

Reports from widely scattered
portions of the State told of lead-
en skies and intermittent rains
which were general and indica-
tions seemed to point to little
prospect that Old Sol would put
in an appearance for some hours
at least.

During the night virtually every
section of the State experi-
enced a decided change in temper-
ature as the skies threatening for
the past 36 hours gave forth rain-
fall of varying degrees of intensi-
ty. The populace awakened this
morning to find it cool, despite
the grim murkiness.

Salisbury, Hickory, Raleigh,
High Point, Gastonia, Greensboro
and many other localities experi-
enced rain with heavy skies
which seemed to point to a day
of intermittent drizzling. Heavy
showers fell at Gastonia yester-
day afternoon.

Charlotte, where the sun and
Jupiter waged battle for su-
premacie throughout the morning
also was threatened with steady
drizzling, though inconsequential
rains. Two hard downpours yester-
day sent water gushing down the
water mains and gutters and
threatened to extend into the
night.

SEEK TO MINE GOLD IN RALDOLPH COUNTY

Raleigh, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Ap-
plication of a concern for gold
mining operations in Raldolph
County is under consideration by
the State Corporation Commis-
sion, whose decision will be based
on the complete report of State
Geologist H. J. Bryson, according
to I. M. Bailey, assistant to the
commission, today. The applica-
tion was filed July 27.

Bryson's preliminary report is
favorable to the enterprise, it is
learned. It has long been known
there are rich gold deposits in
Raldolph County, showing a larg-
er gold content per ton than in
the Alaskan fields, Bryson says.

It is the plan of the concern
making application for a charter,
to use modern machinery in place
of the old hand methods formerly
in use in North Carolina opera-
tions. It is understood here the
capitalization of the corporation is
in the neighborhood of \$300,000.

The negro was near capture
early this morning when members
of a posse came upon him not far
from Bailey, in an abandoned
shack. He was attempting to free
himself from the handcuffs ap-
plied when he was first captured.
He dashed for a door, however,
and, knocking down several men,
eluded capture.

At noon today the posse had
been increased to nearly 200 men,
heavily armed. Violence was
feared if the negro was captured.
Bledsoe is described as being
five feet, ten inches in height;
bald-headed; has a scar on his
head, and knee has been cut. He
was formerly employed by a farm-
er living near Bailey.

LEADS STRIKE

When the gas company in Wich-
ita, Kas., decided to raise its
rates, the city's Federation of
Women's Clubs, headed by Mrs.
John Maltbie (above) called a
gas strike. A day was set aside
to keep the ranges idle, and a sur-
vey showed that 75 per cent of
Wichita's 20,000 homes burned no
gas for 24 hours. Now house-
wives have decided to make every
Tuesday this summer a gasless
day.

BEADLE CONFESSES



Franklin, La., Aug. 1.—(AP)—
James Beadle, one of the three
defendants in the Leboeuf murder
trial today made a confession to
Sheriff Charles Peot, the sher-
iff announced.

Sheriff Peot said Beadle ad-
mitted being present when James
L. Leboeuf was alleged to have
been slain. The sheriff declined
to give any more details, explain-
ing they would be related when
he took the witness stand.

Announcement of Beadle's con-
fession followed a request by him
in open court for separate counsel
to represent him.
Both Mrs. Leboeuf and Dr.
Decher are alleged to have made
statements accusing Beadle of
firing the two shots which ended
Leboeuf's life.

Nine Chickens Land Negro On Roads Four Months

Found guilty of having stolen
eight pullets and a rooster from a
neighbor, Eleanor Winslow, col-
ored, on Roanoke avenue, David
Overton, also colored, was sen-
tenced to four months on the
convict road force of Beaufort Coun-
ty after a hearing before Trial
Justice Sawyer in recorder's court
Monday.

Overton, who has come into oc-
casional clashes with the law in
the last few years on account of
various alleged pilferings, is re-
membered in court circles here as
the victim of a nearly fatal shoot-
ing episode several years ago, when
he was shot down while being pur-
sued by a party of police officers
who sought him on a charge of
having stolen a hog. The wound
nearly proved fatal.

In the chicken matter, the
Winslow woman testified to hav-
ing identified nine fowls in a coop
at the home of Michael Payne,
storekeeper, on Southern avenue,
as the ones that strangely disap-
peared from home last Tuesday
night.

Payne, called to the stand as a
State's witness, declined to iden-
tify Overton positively as the negro
from whom he claimed to have
bought the chickens, but said he
"favored" him. Chief of Police
Holmes testified Overton admit-
ted having sold a number of
chickens to Payne after having
been arrested Saturday, claiming
to have brought them from his
own home.

Overton, on the stand in his
own defense, undertook to place
the responsibility for the alleged
theft on another negro, but failed
to explain satisfactorily how he
himself was so well informed on
the subject.

Jacksonville Goes Aid Of Waycross

Jacksonville, Fla., Aug. 1.—
(AP)—In response to a telephone
request from Waycross, an engine
from the Jacksonville Fire De-
partment left here this morning
at five o'clock to aid in combat-
ing flames reported to be threat-
ening the business section of the
Georgia city, according to Acting
Chief E. B. Zoller.

The engine which was de-
spatched under the command of
Captain A. A. Peacock, was ex-
pected to make the 80-mile run
in less than two hours.

Waycross, Ga., Aug. 1.—(AP)—
Fire starting in the kitchen of
the Exchange Hotel here at four
o'clock this morning, destroyed
seven business establishments in
the heart of the city before it was
brought under control.

Fire fighting apparatus, hur-
ried here from Jacksonville, Flor-
ida, assisted in quenching the
blaze which threatened the whole
business district.
The loss was not estimated.

NEWSPAPER SOLD

Tryon, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The
Polk County News of Tryon today
passed from the hands of Louis
Lehman, formerly of Charlotte,
to R. D. Lyons of Chicago.

CONFERENCE IS DOOMED UNLESS MIRACLE COMES

Delegates May Quietly
Agree to Separate or
There May Be Showdown
Wednesday or Thursday

JAPANESE SATISFIED

French Who Are Observ-
ers and Not Participating
Hope That the Confer-
ence Disbands Quietly

Geneva, Switzerland, Aug. 1.—
(AP)—That nothing short of a
miracle can prevent a break-up of
the Three Power Naval Reduction
Conference before the week ends,
either by a quiet agreement
among the delegates to separate
or by a showdown in the plenary
session called for Wednesday or
Thursday, was the general impres-
sion prevailing in Geneva today.

The fact that the plenary ses-
sion, called for the "treaty at any
price" party, which has adherents
in all three delegations but the
postponement was not to the liking
of the experts of the British
and American delegations who
hold that there can be no recon-
ciling of the British and American
viewpoints and to feel that nothing
can be gained by delay.

The Japanese seem satisfied.
In their opinion if Great Britain
and the United States separate
without an accord on limitations,
and if the latter particularly starts
a big building program Japan
would be hard put to follow suit.

Among a number of Nationals
of countries which are not partic-
ipating, the opinion is expressed
that the conference is being al-
lowed to drag on too long. French
observers feel it would be unfor-
tunate to permit the party to col-
lapse in public session and that it
would be infinitely better in the
interest of good international re-
lations for the delegates to the
League of Nations Preparatory
Commission on disarmament,
when, earlier in the year they
failed to agree on the text of a
satisfactory draft treaty on a gen-
eral reduction of armaments.

The week-end saw a quickening
of individual efforts to effect a
compromise on the crucial cruiser
problem, on which the fate of the
conference hinges but nothing de-
veloped to warrant even the
slightest optimism.

It is maintained by the Ameri-
cans that they have nothing to
offer from a public session. Hugh
S. Gibson, head of the American
delegation, has let it be known
that, unless a way to prevent a
rupture is found in discussions
that take place among the plen-
ipotentiaries between now and the
plenary session, he will set forth
the American view point and then
recommend that the conference
adjourn on the ground that no
good could come of further nego-
tiations.

CLUB GROUP IS HOST TO COUNTY OFFICIALS

Members of the Board of Coun-
ty Commissioners and of the
County Board of Education, to-
gether with civic club officials
and others, were guests at noon
Monday at a luncheon given at
the Chamber of Commerce by 24
members of the Pasquotank Boys'
and Girls 4H Clubs who took part
in the recent short course at State
College, Raleigh.

The club members had pre-
pared a delicious luncheon under
the direction of Miss Edna Evans,
Pasquotank's home demonstra-
tion agent. During the luncheon,
prizes were awarded to the two
members who tendered the best
written reports on the trip. First
prize was won by W. Harrell
Reid, City Route Two, and sec-
ond prize by Miss Elizabeth Tem-
ple, of Newland township. The
prizes were \$3 and \$2, respective-
ly, and were presented by County
Farm Agent G. W. Falls.

During the luncheon, members
of the party, who went to Raleigh
in two school trucks tendered by
the County Board of Education,
described the trip and expressed
the appreciation of the group to
the County Board for making it
possible for them to attend. The
short course lasted from July 11
to 16, inclusive.

ASSUMES NEW DUTIES

Raleigh, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Fred
Morrison secretary of the recently
authorized tax commission, to-
day opened offices on the fifth
floor of the State Revenue Build-
ing, and prepared to actively as-
sume his new duties.
Assisting Morrison will be W.
A. Leinster, Statesville, who was
secretary to U. S. Senator Sim-
mons when the North Carolina
Senator was chairman of the In-
come committee at Washington.
Morrison is from Greensboro.

British newspapers agreed
assignment of Lord Balfour to the
Geneva disarmament conference.
Maybe somebody over there was
trying to Bok peace.