

GOLDSBORO IS WORKING AFTER TOBACCO BUSINESS PONZI IS TO FIGHT EXTRADITION TO MASSACHUSETTS

Business Men Here Have Chance Today To Assist City To Forge To Front

Big Independent Tobacco Buying Company Anxious To Come To Goldsboro and Operate Tobacco Re-Drying Plant—Chamber of Commerce Will Make Effort Today To Place Amount of Stock Sufficient To Build Plant—Some Already Sold

With the assurance that they would come to Goldsboro and operate a tobacco re-drying plant for a period of years and give employment to two hundred or more people, officers and members of the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce last night accepted the proposition of the Tobacco Trading Corporation, of Richmond, Va., one of the largest and best known tobacco re-drying operating companies in the United States, that the business interests of this city build and equip a plant for them here and rent this to them and this morning a committee will begin to canvass to raise the sum of \$40,000 needed to put the proposition over.

The Tobacco Trading Corporation agreed to take a good-sized block of stock in the new venture and during the course of the meeting last night five men subscribed for \$5,000 worth of the same, so the canvassers will this morning start out with very bright prospects of securing the sum total needed long before the end of the day.

This company is one of the largest of the independent buying companies and their advent into this city will prove to be a big asset to Goldsboro as a tobacco market.

It is planned to erect the plant, also three prize houses, just as quickly as possible and to have these in readiness for operation by the opening of the coming season. The location of the plant will be decided upon at a meeting of the stockholders which will be held tonight at which time the organization will be completed and the officers selected.

The plant will be 100 by 150 feet in size, fireproof and modern in every particular. Mr. C. W. Howard, a competent tobaccoist, will be placed in charge of the same.

Mr. A. T. Griffin is chairman of the canvassing committee and he requests the following gentlemen to meet him at the Chamber of Commerce rooms this morning for the purpose of starting the canvass: Messrs. Thomas Norwood, W. E. Stroud, James Kyle, E. A. Griffin, George Freeman, Leslie Well, Leslie Yelverton, J. H. Crawley, H. A. Pike, Royall H. Spence, Joseph R. Williamson, M. E. Robinson and W. N. Royall.

The putting across of this canvass in record time means much to Goldsboro and to Wayne county and it is hoped that every business man called upon will subscribe for just as much of the stock as possible.

The first Americans, however, kept their teeth fine and strong by chewing parched corn instead of gum.

Given Warm Welcome To City Of Goldsboro



REV. A. J. SMITH

Rev. A. J. Smith, recently accepting the pastorate of the First Baptist church of this city, together with his family, were last night given a real Goldsboro welcome at a reception held at the parsonage which was largely attended.

When the guests arrived at the parsonage they were met by Judge and Mrs. D. H. Bland and introduced to the receiving line by Mrs. John E. Crawford. The receiving line was composed of Mrs. and Mrs. A. J. Smith, Rev. C. V. Brooks, supply pastor for the church for several months; W. G. Britt, chairman of the board of deacons; Mrs. George A. Norwood, president of the Women's Missionary Union; Miss Katie Smith, president of the Young Women's Auxiliary; Mr. S. F. Teague, superintendent of the Sunday school.

Groups of young ladies served palatable refreshments during the evening. A most enjoyable musical program was rendered during the occasion also.

RAIN GALORE IN THIS PART STATE

Showers Have Fallen Almost Daily For Past Three Weeks—Farmers Anxious

The rains having begun to pay this and other eastern sections of the state a visit two weeks ago, seem to be unable to cease and rarely a day has passed since that time that there has not been more or less of a downfall. Herbaceous and farmers are beginning to fear that the extreme "wetness" of things may prove to be an even greater menace than the drought which was experienced recently.

However, the Weather Man predicts that there will be not more than a few days more of the showery period and that this will be followed by another "long dry spell".

The rains which have fallen recently have aided the crops wonderfully and cotton, corn and tobacco now appear to be in the very best of condition, particularly so as to tobacco and corn.

BANK HONORS H. H. McCoy

Kinston, June 29.—H. H. McCoy prominent local business man and community builder, has been elected vice-president of the First National Bank of Kinston, succeeding Dr. Henry Tull, deceased. The place is an inactive one, the second vice-president, W. B. Harvey, being the active officer in that capacity. Dr. F. Wooten is president. Mr. McCoy is a successful business man and has long been on the directorate of the local financial institution.

TOURISTS HAVE ENJOYABLE TIME

Captivated By Tucson and Seemingly Captivated By the Dixie Beauties

Members of the California Tours Party, now "seeing the golden west", seem to have made quite a hit in Tucson, Arizona. Yesterday The News carried a long story clipped from one of the Tucson papers upon the occasion of their visit there on June 23. Here's another account of the stay of the tourists, among whom are four from Goldsboro, in that city:

"Leaving their special 12 car train parked in the Southern Pacific yards during the day, 150 male escorts, enjoyed the hospitality of the Old Pueblo today.

"The party arrived at 9 o'clock from El Paso, more than jubilant at the discovery of Juarez—with its cabarets, and gambling halls—and almost immediately began to take in the sights of Tucson. By 9:30, the last car of the 45 had been filled with the girls and sent off to make the rounds of the sights.

"The party returned at noon for luncheon at the Santa Rita hotel. They broke up in small groups during the afternoon to wander through the streets of Tucson, others remaining to write letters, and still others retiring to their rooms for a rest.

Swimming in Pool "At 4 o'clock, the party went for a swim at Wetmore's pool, and returned to the hotel. This evening the entire party will be guests of the city at the Santa Rita roof garden, where dancing will be in order. Fred Emery's Arizona Nightingales have been signed on for the music.

"According to W. G. Peoples, traveling passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, out of Birmingham, Tucson is the most hospitable city in any of the states, and Peoples has been conducting tours for the Reeves people for considerable time. He states that in Al Condron, Tucson had one of the liveliest chambers of commerce secretaries that can be found. Peoples also commended the Southern Pacific traffic department in Tucson, as it has been of more than ordinary assistance in making the stop over comfortable and desirable.

"The party has eight standard Pullman on their special train with two standard diner crews to feed the girls from Dixie. There is also a combination chair and baggage car, another baggage car, and an observation car.

"The 100 girls and 50 women of the party are all winners of popularity contests in their respective towns throughout the south. They have come from Birmingham, where the party made up, and will continue up the coast, to Salt Lake City, Utah, to Yellowstone National Park, and Denver, and back to St. Louis, where the party will break up.

"While in Juarez, many of the girls saw cabaret life for the first time, and were quite taken by the colorful novelty of the romantic surroundings. In the charge of a party of railroad men of El Paso, a number of the belles visited the gambling houses, and—strange to say, several report winnings of seven and eight dollars each "from that big wheel that shakes the little ball around." Most of the party who attempted to gamble report losses, which did not go below twenty-five cents and a half dollar, also rather strange.

"The girls were also rather pleased with the novelty of drinking legal beer and wine, one of the members of the party said. "Leaving at 11 o'clock tonight, the party will sail out for San Diego."

Fleeing Financial Wizard Afraid To Return To North To Face Court

Notables Attend the Launching Of World's Largest and Speediest Passenger Steamer



When the Pacific's new queen left the ways—Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce (center), was among the ten thousand spectators who witnessed the launching last Saturday, (June 26) at Cramp's Shipyard, Philadelphia, of the S. S. Malolo, the largest and speediest high-powered passenger steamship ever built in the United States. Others photographed on the launching stand are (left) Wilhelmina Tenney, daughter of the President of the Matson Navigation Company, who christened the Malolo (right) Mrs. W. P. Roth, the wife of the Vice President of the Matson Navigation Company, and (foreground) their six-year-old twin daughters, Lurline and Berenice, who crossed the continent to act as honorary sponsors of the vessel.

CHAUTAUQUA IS IN THE CITY FOR WEEKS VISIT

Program Today Will Feature the Mississippi Misses, a Quartette of Voices Which Will Be Long Remembered—Feature Writer On the New York Times Will Give a Lecture—Entire Program—One of Interest

The Swarthmore Chautauqua will open its week's program here today with a concert in the afternoon by the "Mississippi Misses", a quartette of beautiful voices, who are assisted by the popular young tenor, Edouard Grobe. Junior Chautauqua will begin following this program.

Dr. Frank Bohn, feature writer on the New York Times and celebrated lecturer who has been with President Obregon's army in Mexico will give a lecture in the evening following a musical program by the "Mississippi Misses" on "An Old Law in a New Time." Dr. John is well known in this section of the country for his stories on Muesel Shoals and his essays on "The New South." He describes his theme as "something centuries old but ever new."

Elsie Baker, nationally known contralto, and Grover Tilden Davis, composer-pianist will give a concert tomorrow evening while the feature program of the week will come Friday evening when an all Broadway cast including Ruth Nugent and Alan Bance will present Sir James Barrie's immortal play, "The Little Minister."

Election of "Mayor" of Juniortown will be held tomorrow morning and work will begin immediately on the pageant "The Liberty Bell" which will be presented the closing day by the boys and girls.

TOBACCO MARTS OPENS IN SEPT

This is the Date Set For the Opening of Markets in Eastern Part of State

Of interest to the tobacco growers in this section is the announcement to the effect that the markets in Eastern Carolina will be opened for sales on September 7th. The Georgia market will open on August 3rd, the South Carolina market on August 10th and the opening 7th of the following month. Growers are being urged to use more care in grading their tobacco and by so doing they will be sure of getting the very highest market prices.

Enough Rum On Ship To Keep the Sahara Desert Damp Awhile

Wilmington, June 29.—Complete check of the contraband cargo of the rum ship Elina, captured off the North Carolina coast and towed into Wilmington late Saturday showed 4,126 cases of high grade Scotch liquors, gin and champagne.

When the last bottle of liquor was clear the rum boat held, systematic search of the vessel was begun today by prohibition agents and a detachment of men from the coast guard cutter Manning, in the hope of unearthing evidence, that would help to identify the crew and for dope, the commandant of the cutter believing that the steamer carried narcotics as well as liquor. However, the search, although as thorough as humanly possible, failed to uncover anything that would throw additional light on the matter. Nor was any dope discovered.

With the liquor safely hoisted and the vessel's crew in jail, interest reverts to the fact surrounding the capture of the rum steamer, and the conduct of the fourteen men who manned her after they were prisoners. But few of these facts will come out accurately until the matter is aired in court.

WOOTEN FAMILY TO MEET TODAY

Four Hundred Or More Are To Gather at Hillcrest For Annual Reunion

Today the Wooten clan, four hundred or more strong, are to gather at Hillcrest, near Kinston, for their annual re-union and the affair is expected to be a complete success from start to finish.

The following dispatch from Kinston yesterday had the following to say relative to the event:

"Several hundred members of the Eastern Carolina Wooten family will gather at Hillcrest, near here, for their annual reunion tomorrow. The family association will hold a one-day convention, the president, Rev. John C. Wooten, presiding. He is presiding elder of the New Bern Methodist district. The program will include addresses, a luncheon and general-religious sketches.

"The Wootens are numerous in Greene, Lenoir, Wayne, Duplin and other counties in this section. They have been prominent since colonial Declaration of Independence has been represented in the North Carolina General Assembly. Dean of the clan now is the venerable Council Wooten, who has known more of the nation's great and near-great than any person in this part of the country. An outstanding member of the family in Lenoir County is a colonel of engineers in the army.

A number of the members of the family reside in Goldsboro and will be among those present.

FILIPINOS LAUNCH BITTER ATTACKS ON WOOD AND COOLIDGE

Manila, P. I., June 29.—Frantic Filipinos applauded speeches of their leaders today denouncing Governor General Wood and the Coolidge administration for their opposition to the Bacon Bill now before congress.

"We are at war against a surging tide of imperialism," declared Manuel Roxas. "We compose a great army of freedom called upon to meet our foes face to face in this great death struggle."

Senator Tirona charged that Governor Wood and his "imperialistic partners" are behind the proposed

Apprehended While Endeavoring to Flee the United States On Board Of An Italian Steamer, Charles Ponzi, Held In Houston, Texas, Jail, Asserts That He Will Fight To Bitter End To Prevent Going to Boston

Houston, Texas, June 29.—Charles Ponzi, Boston "financial wizard" today declared he would fight extradition to Massachusetts unless permitted by Attorney General James E. McHugh, of that state, to emigrate himself from the United States. He was returned here today after his arrest in New Orleans yesterday by a local deputy sheriff.

Ponzi's statement followed a long distance telephone call to Boston when authorities announced here that Massachusetts officials were coming to return him to superior court in Boston, where he faces a conviction of from seven to nine years as a "common and notorious thief."

Pending arrival of officers, it was indicated he might see for a week of habeas corpus in federal court to fight the extradition proceedings.

Ponzi asked the sheriff here for permission to employ a guard and spend his time in a down town hotel but the request was denied and Ponzi was placed in the county jail.

When Mitchell, police inspector, told Ponzi that officers were coming for him he declared:

"All right, come on. We'll fight it out down here and you are going to have a fight because I will not return until I have to unless I am permitted to deport myself."

The financier said he had served a sentence in Massachusetts for using the mails to defraud and that his conviction by the state authorities for obtaining money on false pretenses was virtually a double punishment.

In contrast to a declaration that he had no criminal intent in his Boston operations, he asserted:

"If I then had the experience I now have, I would still have stacks of money. I had my hands on ten million dollars once and could have kept it but I wanted to play square and I gave it up. But if I had known then what I know now I would have kept it."

"I did not want to go back to prison again," Ponzi said in speaking of his capture in Tampa. "I went to Tampa where I learned that Cap. Mevols had lost his head waiter from the Italian steamer Six Ves No Vopis through friends I got a chance as a waiter."

"But all this time," he said, "I was not sure I was right. I was torn between doubt as to the proper course to follow. One minute I thought to go back to my wife in Boston. The next I thought to go on to Italy for I believed I was fleeing from persecution."

Less than an hour after Ponzi arrived here from New Orleans, where he was arrested yesterday, the "wizard" had made \$500. A Boston newspaper said it by wire for an exclusive story of his wanderings.

"Pretty soft," Ponzi said when he cashed a telegraphic order for the money at a bank.

KILLED IN CAR ACCIDENT

Mount Airy, June 29.—Joe Gwyn, negro, died here late last night as the result of an auto accident that took place eight miles south of Dobson Saturday afternoon. Gwyn was on a ball team which was returning from Bonville in a 4-wheeled machine, west over an embankment. Gwyn was the only one who was killed.