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ADMINISTRATION IS HOLDING UP REPLY TO HOLT'S LETTER

Indications Are That No Answer Will Be Made By President at Present

PROGRESS MADE UPON ASSOCIATIONAL PLAN

White House Officials State that Letter Has Not Yet Been Received—Definite Settlement of Peace to Precede Association.

Washington, June 17.—Hamilton Holt's letter calling on President Harding to disclose his plans for an association of nations today has failed to draw any reply from the administration and indications are that none will be made at least for the present. Mr. Holt headed the pro-league Republicans during the campaign.

It was said at the White House today that his open letter made public in New York yesterday had not been received. Furthermore that the officials refused to comment.

The impression was permitted to get out, however, that if President Harding replied to the letter he will not enter into any detailed discussion and that so far as the administration is concerned the association plan must remain at present in an indefinite status as the administration prefers first a definite settlement of peace and restoration of stable conditions in Europe.

Cleveland Officers Push Murder Charges

Cleveland, June 17.—County prosecutor Edward C. Stanton continued today his investigation of alleged activities of Mrs. Eulalia Colavito under indictment for first degree murder in the death of Daniel P. Kaber in disseminating "medicine" similar to that she is alleged to have admitted to have sold to Mrs. Eva Katherine Kaber, widow of the dead man, and which Mrs. Kaber is said to have administered to her husband to cure him of alleged bad habits.

OFFER SUGGESTION FOR COUNTRY CLUB

Tarboro Kiwanians Suggest Erection of Club Midway Between the Two Cities

Looking into the future and taking its first step forward in the way of constructive suggestion, the newly organized Tarboro Kiwanian club at its session last night heard a proposition from several of its members which outlined the erection of a country club midway between the Edgemont country capital and this city, for the joint use of the two cities, to be located on the hard surface highway which is expected will be built in the near future.

This suggestion, which will be heartily welcomed here although it is still in the most formative stages, came as an culmination of expressions of good feeling between Rocky Mount and Tarboro members of the Tarboro club declaring that the construction of the proposed country club between the two cities would do more than anything else to boost and cement this spirit of friendliness and good will.

Aldermen Will Take Steps To Hold School Bond Election; Plan General Survey of The Entire City

Speakers on School Situation to Be Given Chance to Air Views to Board

PRESENT HEALTH LAW

City Fathers Will Go On General Inspection Tour of City and Municipal Plants Next Friday—\$150,000 School Bond Issue Proposed

Provision for an adjourned meeting of the board Thursday, June 24, for consideration of the next year's budget and a resolution looking to the calling of an election for a \$150,000 school bond issue, the designation of a specific date, Thursday, July 7, for a hearing, L. V. Bassett and others on the school situation, and presentation of an ordinance requiring domestic and food handlers to undergo a physical examination, featured the agenda of the meeting of the board of aldermen which was held in the recorder's courtroom of the municipal building last night.

General Survey Planned.

In addition to taking up and settling several specific matters, the board heard a recommendation from Mayor Gay that it make a general survey of the entire city and all the municipal plants. Accepting the suggestion with hearty accord, the city fathers decided that next Friday was the best day for such an official pilgrimage. As a result all the members of the board accompanied by the various city officials, the city attorney and newspaper representatives, will assemble at the municipal building early next Friday afternoon and thence start their inspection tour over the entire city, looking into sanitary, health and general conditions in every nook and cranny within the corporate limits. After completing their tour they will visit the water, light, gas and other municipal plants and satisfy themselves that everything is running as it should. It is highly probable that a definite official report will be made on the inspection and steps taken to remedy the defects found.

The inspection comes in the way of an innovative in municipal circles and is an effort on the part of the board to bring up to date and actual conditions in all sections of the city so that steps may be taken to improve existing evils.

To Air School Situation.

Attorney L. V. Bassett appeared before the board to present the basic figures for the next year's budget. On motion the report was received and filed while it was decided to fix Thursday night, June 24, as the time for having a public hearing on the matter and bringing about its final adoption. Acting upon Mr. Bassett's suggestion, the board also set aside this adjourned meeting as the time for considering a resolution authorizing an election for a \$150,000 school bond issue in accordance with the act of the legislature of 1920.

While Mr. Bassett was on the subject of the school situation, he mentioned the fact that the term of office of two members of the board would expire in July and that their places must be filled. Mr. Bassett defended the present board against the criticisms that have been launched against it and asked permission of the city fathers to appear before the board before the successors of Messrs. W. S. Wilkinson and R. T. Fountain are to be elected by present and future figures on the school situation and champion the work done by the present school board. The aldermen fixed Thursday night, July 7, as the time for hearing him and any others who care to discuss the school question.

Examine Food Handlers.

Following instructions given by the board at its last meeting, the ordinance committee presented an ordinance which, in conjunction with Dr. H. Lee Large, head of the city health department, had drawn up looking to the requirement of a physical examination of all domestic servants, such as cooks, nurses, etc., and food handlers, including workers in restaurants, cafes, fruit stands, soda fountains, meat markets, etc., in the city. It was first moved to have the rules suspended and the proposed ordinance passed at once. Upon suggestion of Alderman Davis, however, who commented upon the far-reaching effect of the new ordinance, they were allowed to go over for the next two weeks so that members of the board might have sufficient time in which to gauge the public pulse on the contemplated legislation. The proposal was carried with it a fine of \$25 as a penalty for every violation.

With the disposal of these more important matters, the board found itself confronted with a mountain-like heap of insignificant petitions and more or less trivial issues. The residents of Hammond, Dillon and Ellery streets petitioned Alderman Gorham for an unobstructed water main down Hammond street and the installation of a hydrant at the intersection of Hammond and Ellery streets. Their request was

referred to the water and light committee for investigation and report.

The board passed favorably upon an application for gas extension down Cokey road by Guy's store to the city limits. Alderman K. E. Davis reported that he had investigated the Gibson Hill fire department controversy and had found the department quarters in bad need of repair and with no practical equipment. As the members of the department requested a petition asking the continuation of the department and the granting of modern equipment the affair was allowed to remain in status quo with the settlement of the matter still in the hands of Alderman Davis. The trouble caused by the use of bright automobile lights in the city came in for comment, being left in the hands of the police committee for investigation.

License Law Held Up.

Alderman Suttler reported for the ordinance committee that no law covering the licensing of automobiles in the city or the bonding of jitney drivers had yet been drafted and the matter was carried over until the next meeting. The question of the various other license fees in the city was taken up in executive session, the board saying that some pretty lively arguments might feature the discussions. Chairman Davis, of the finance committee, reported that the city would have in debtfulness amounting to \$19,900 fall due July 1 and the clerk was authorized to pay the maturing obligations when due. Steps were also taken to having cash for bills and securing the discount. A resolution outlining the respective duties of the fire chief and assistant fire chief was passed.

Chairman Wakefield, of the park committee, at last succeeded in getting the board to pass an appropriation for music at Brewster park on Sunday afternoons. After a lively discussion and a roll call vote, the city clerk appropriated \$470 for music at the park every Sunday during July and August. The health department was authorized to purchase three wagons at a cost not to exceed \$765. The board authorized the gas department to contract for 2400 tons of coke for the next year at \$6.00 per ton, the price last year being anywhere from \$10.50 to \$18.50. With the disposal of this matter, the board went on to the city's plan to take up the question of license fees as applicable to various businesses and enterprises.

Those present at the lengthy session included Mayor Gay, who presided and Aldermen Tolson, Wakefield, Eason, Darrow, Thurman, Gorham, Brake, Davis and Suttler.

Continue Testimony in Stillman Divorce

Pongkeopsis, N. Y., June 17.—Testimony ending at Mrs. Anna C. Stillman on the day that Guy Stillman was born directed her nurse to telegraph Fred Beauvais in Montreal a message reading, "Little brown bear has arrived." This was understood to have been introduced today in the divorce suit brought by James A. Stillman, New York banker.

This testimony was given by Mary Olive Gilman who was the nurse at Guy's birth Nov. 7, 1918, and she added that Mr. Stillman did not appear that day at the hospital where the infant was born.

New Restaurant Opens On South Main Street

The formal opening of the Royal Palm restaurant, which is located next to the Busy Bee cafe in South Main street, will take place tomorrow morning. The room in which the new restaurant is located has been thoroughly renovated and handsome and modern fixtures installed. Marble topped tables and a handsome marble counter form part of the interior equipment which is white throughout and sanitary in every respect. White marble and tile make up the basic fixtures.

Cotton Market

New York, June 17.—Cotton futures closed steady, July 12 7/8, Oct. 12 1/2, Dec. 12 3/4, Jan. 13 3/8, March 13 3/8. Yesterday's sharp break was followed by rallies in the cotton market during today's early trading. There were overnight selling orders around the ring, probably the result of increased margin requirements after yesterday's decline but the pressure was not so active as on the previous day and the market soon steadied on commission house and local buying. The local market opened net 5 points higher to 3 points lower, but after showing losses of some 3 to 5 points rallied to 12.55 for Oct. or 8 points net higher.

Stock Market

New York, June 17.—The proposed stock dividend on Louisville and Nashville and the 50 per cent reduction in the Crucible dividend were reflected in the irregular trend of prices at the opening of today's stock market. Louisville and Nashville rose 2 points and Crucible steel fell 2 1/2 points. Within the first half hour, however, the market again lapsed into its weakened condition. Atlantic Gulf common and preferred were especially weak, losing 1-1/8 to 3 points at low records.

HEARING UPON PAR CLEARANCE LAW IS SET BY JUDGE WEBB

Case to Be Heard in Federal Court At Charlotte Next Wednesday Morning

ENDEAVOR TO REMAND CASE TO STATE COURT

Notice of Hearing at Charlotte Is Received by Counsel for Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond-State Banks Are Parties to Suit

Richmond, Va., June 17.—Judge E. Y. Webb of the United States district court for the western district of North Carolina has set next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock in Charlotte, N. C., as the time and place for hearing the arguments on the constitutionality of the statute which prohibits North Carolina banks from honoring checks presented from without the State through the par clearance system of the Federal Reserve bank of Richmond.

The hearing also will involve a motion to remand the case to the North Carolina state courts.

Official notification of the date of the case was received here today from Judge Webb by Maxwell Wallace, counsel for the Federal Reserve bank of Richmond. The North Carolina law provides that a minimum charge of 60 cents be deducted for service from the payment of all checks sent in from outside the State. This is reported to have disrupted the par clearance operation of the Federal Reserve bank of Richmond in North Carolina and resulted in considerable inconvenience in many lines of activities here doing business in North Carolina.

American Legion Meeting Is Called For Tonight

An important meeting of the Columbia Post of the American Legion will be held at the chamber of commerce assembly rooms tonight at eight o'clock, at which time every member of the post and service men who desire to ally themselves with the organization are urged to be present.

PYTHIANS MEET IN WILMINGTON NEXT

Seaport City Wins 1922 Convention After Lively Fight With Rocky Mount

Rocky Mount Pythians attending the golden jubilee celebration in Greensboro last night celebrated in their efforts to bring the meeting of the Grand Lodge to this city next year. Wilmington being awarded the 1922 session after a lively contest that did credit to the local representatives who extended and backed up the invitation.

The invitation to come to Rocky Mount next year was extended by E. S. Paddock, while Dr. R. E. Galloway, of Wilmington, put forward the summons to the Seaport City. Several other cities also extended invitations, but the fight narrowed down to Wilmington and Rocky Mount with the former city eventually winning out. Rocky Mount, however, put up a worthy fight and convinced these attending the convention that this city has come to the point where it must be regarded as one of the strong holds of Pythianism in the state.

Both the Dokies and the delegates to the Grand Lodge meeting are loud in their praise for the entertainment shown them during their stay in the Gate City and declare that the meeting was one of the most successful that the lodge has ever held. All the reports were most gratifying and reflected the greatest growth and activity of the order.—One of the features of yesterday's program was the presentation of a gold watch and a past grand chancellor's jewel to R. S. McCoy, who retired after concluding one of the most significant years in the history of the order. Mr. McCoy has been a visitor to the city on fraternal business several times and the award meeting accepted the employer's offer for a settlement.

REACH AGREEMENT TO END STRIKE OF MARINE ENGINEERS

Differences Between Striking Workers and Shipping Board Are Settled

ATTEMPTING TO MAKE FURTHER EXTENSIONS

Wage Reduction and Differing Working Conditions Embraced in Agreement—Ruling to Become Effective as of June 14

Washington, June 17.—Through ratification of an agreement between the shipping board and the marine engineers and radio operators, the shipping strike which began May 1st last has been settled insofar as it applies to those parties. Announcement of the satisfactory adjustment of the points at issue was made late yesterday. It is expected that through conferences the agreement will be extended soon to seamen, cooks, stewards and other marine unions.

Busy Session of Police Court Held This Morning

At the regular session of municipal court this morning, Recorder Lankster presiding, the following cases composed the docket which came up for disposal:

T. D. Driver was charged with giving a worthless check, but judgment was suspended upon payment of the \$5 costs and the amount involved in the check.

Babe Battle faced the court on a large charge but the case was not pressed and the prosecuting witness faced the \$5 costs in the case.

Johnson Is Offered \$55,000 For a Bout

Leavenworth, Kansas, June 17.—Jack Johnson, former heavyweight pugilistic champion, serving a sentence in the federal prison for alleged violation of the Mann act and who will be released on July 17, has been offered \$55,000 by a syndicate of gamblers to fight here today. Johnson's first public appearance after his release from prison will be an athletic show in Leavenworth on July 9th.

Must Stand Trial For Alleged Court "Leaks"

Washington, June 17.—Ashton R. Emory, Harvard graduate, Barnet E. Moses and E. Millard Mayer must go to defend the government in connection with "leaks in decisions of the United States supreme court." Justice Siddons in the District of Columbia supreme court today overruled a demurrer filed by the defendants that the indictment as drawn did not charge a crime against the United States government.

Co-Operative Plan Is Boosted By Livingston

Hot Springs, Va., June 17.—Farmer's cooperative marketing organizations are an economic institution, George Livingston, chief of the United States bureau of markets, declared today in an address before the Convention of the Virginia Bankers' Association.

COTTON STRIKE SETTLED AT MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

Manchester, England, June 17.—The cotton strike was settled today. The United Textile Workers at a joint meeting accepted the employer's offer for a settlement.

LABOR FEDERATION WILL DEMAND JAPS EXCLUSION

Denver, Col., June 17.—Demand that congress take action to protect the nation's interest against the "growing menace of Japanese immigration and colonization" is made in a resolution submitted by the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor. The declaration, submitted by M. M. McGuire of the San Francisco labor council, has the approval of the Japanese exclusion league of California, the Los Angeles Anti-Asiatic association, the Japanese exclusion league of Washington and various civic, patriotic and fraternal organizations on the coast.

TIGHTENING UP OF ENFORCEMENT LAW PLANNED BY BLAIR

New Internal Revenue Head Submits Plan for Approval of Senate Leaders

SEPARATE UNITS IN EACH STATE PLANNED

Re-Organization Projects Worked Out at Conference of Commissioner and Prohibition Head—Penrose and Watson Approve Them

Washington, June 17.—Creation of a separate and distinct prohibition enforcement unit in each state with a state director at its head forms the basis of a reorganization of the prohibition enforcement organization worked out by Commissioner Blair of the Internal Revenue bureau and prohibition commissioner Haynes. The present administrative district comprising several states will be abolished. The plan was laid today before Chairman Penrose and Senator Watson, Republican, Indiana, of the Senate finance committee, who approved it and will be put into force soon.

Violence Against Signal Men Is Carried Out During Night's Activities—Police Officers Issue Official Statement.

London, June 17.—A campaign of widespread cutting of railway and signal wires and burning of signal cabins around London attended by violence against signal men was carried out during last night by men who the police declare were Sinn Feiners and members of the Irish determination league. Nine men were arrested. The official police statement said:

Will Not Be Party to Anti-American Alliance

London, June 17.—Austin Chamberlain, government leader in the house of commons, declared in the house this afternoon with regard to the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese treaty:

Weeks Reprimands War Department Air Heads

Washington, June 17.—General Mencher and Brigadier General Mitchell, chief and assistant chief of the army air service, were called today before Secretary Weeks who is understood to have told them that all "friction" in the army air service must be eliminated. The war secretary's interview with the officers marked the conclusion of his personal investigation of a row in the service which culminated with the request of General Mencher that General Mitchell be removed.

Diver Is Drowned When Helmet Becomes Loose

Hault Ste. Marie, Ont., June 17.—S. Godfrey, of this city, a diver, was drowned today 25 feet under the surface when his helmet became loose and water seeped in and his suit gradually filled. Tangled lines found when his body finally was hauled up told the tale of why he had been unable to signal his mates on the lighter.

British Miners Reject Proposal From Owners

London, June 17.—It was unofficially reported this afternoon that the ballot of the coal miners on the strike settlement proposition had resulted against the acceptance of the owners' terms but whether the reported majority is sufficient to warrant continuance of the strike was not stated. The executive committee of the miners' union met late today to receive the ballot.

BANDITS TAKE MAIL SACKS FROM MESSENGER

Baxter Springs, Kansas, June 17.—Four bandits held up Guy Shields, armed mail messenger, here early today, took him half a mile west of town and escaped with five sacks of mail after putting him out of his motor car.

PRICE OF GRANULATED SUGAR AT NEW LEVEL

New York, June 17.—A further reduction by the Federal Sugar Refining Company of 15 points on fine granulated to the basis of 500 per pound today established a low level for new sugar.

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Mexican Officials Deny Depletion of Oil Fields

Mexico City, June 17.—The reports of depletion of Mexican oil fields were described as "absurd and unfounded" last night by the treasury, commerce and industry departments of the Mexican government. They made public figures showing that since 1903 production of oil in Mexico has constantly increased and stated that it was estimated the total output for the present year would be more than 290,000,000 barrels.

Charge Newspaper Man With Double Murder

Memphis, Tenn., June 17.—W. A. Campbell and his wife were shot and killed at their home here today as a result, according to a report made to the police, of a "quarrel between Campbell and Noble Davidson, a newspaper employe, which followed protests by Davidson early today in moving about the dwelling where the two families had apartments." Davidson, who is charged with the double killing, disappeared after the shooting.

ANOTHER ARREST IS MADE IN KABER MURDER CASE

Buffalo, June 17.—Salvatore Cala, 31 years old, arrested at the village of Eden, N. Y., yesterday, is charged with a hand in the killing of Daniel F. Kaber of Cleveland two years ago. District Attorney Moore said in a message sent to the Ohio authorities after Cala was captured.

STEAMER SEAPOOL STRIKES ICEBERG THROUGH FOG.

St. Johns, N. F., June 17.—A thick heavy fog prevented the lookout of the steamer Seapool from seeing the iceberg she struck early Wednesday morning. Captain Bartlett her skipper said today. The steamer arrived here last night damaged to some extent but not enough to prevent her continuing the voyage. She is laid up here for repairs with her cargo intact.

U. S. RESTRICTIONS HIT SPANISH LABOR

Madrid, June 17.—The minister of labor replying in the senate yesterday to a question of a Senator relative to restrictions placed by the United States and Great Britain against the exportation of cotton said that 200,000 Spanish workers were unemployed, as a result. The minister said he intended to raise the question at the next meeting of the cabinet.

Charges Are Denied

Washington, June 17.—American government officials said today that the United States had placed no restrictions on the export of cotton to Spain an d they were at a loss to understand the statement of the Spanish minister of labor that restrictions imposed by this country and Great Britain had resulted in 200,000 Spanish workers being thrown out of employment.