

GAVE SIMS THE CHANCE WANTED

Daniels Flays Senate Naval Committee In Statement

Washington, May 21—Secretary Daniels accused the senate naval investigating committee of going outside of the original controversy over naval awards. He declared that the committee had given Admiral Sims an opportunity to make an ostentatious presentation of his charges when it required him to produce his letter of criticism to the Navy Department.

NEW LOAN GRANTED RAILROADS

Washington, May 21—A loan of at least \$125,000,000 out of the \$300,000,000 revolving fund to enable the railroads to purchase equipment is required to meet transportation needs, was today approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The New Ice Plant

Work is progressing rapidly on the new plant that is being built by the Sumter Ice and Fuel Company, on East Liberty street, near the Moore Lumber Co. mill.

For some years the people of Sumter have been in need of such a plant to furnish an additional supply of ice. And the present plant is being built for the purpose of giving the people ice when they want it and as cheap as possible. The plant will occupy a tract of about three acres, the main building being 40 feet wide and 181 feet long, having a concrete and brick foundation, and covered by a steel roof.

The ventilators and windows will be made of steel and fitted with wired glass and as there will be only 300 feet of lumber in the entire building the management will have no fear of fire. The building will be fitted with complete and up-to-date machinery, the capacity of ice machine being 50 tons every 24 hours. The plant will have a storage capacity of 300 tons so there will be no danger of Sumter running short of ice during the hot summer months.

The water for the plant will come from wells nearby which are now being driven. It is expected that they will be about 100 feet deep. This insures a constant supply of pure water which is very essential.

The building when completed will cost about \$90,000, which is a large investment for a town the size of Sumter for an ice plant. The Sumter Ice and Fuel Company also expect to handle coal. A spur track is being laid to the yards and ample coal bins installed.

Spartanburg is making plans to entertain 200 heroes of the World War on June 2, when the South Carolina unit of the Rainbow Division will meet in that city. This will be the first gathering of the men since they have been mustered out.

THREE KILLED MANY WOUNDED

Disastrous Nitro-Glycerine Explosion In West Virginia

Sistersville, W. Va., May 21—Three men were killed today and a number of others are believed to be injured as the result of an explosion of nitro-glycerine near here.

Sumter Builders Exchange

The contractors, builders and others interested in building operations in Sumter were given a chicken supper at the People's Warehouse Thursday night. After a very delightful supper prepared under the direction of W. W. McKagen and Lem King, an informal meeting was held, and plans were discussed for the organization of a Sumter branch of the National Builders Exchange. Mr. J. M. Harby acted as chairman of the meeting and read several letters from the National Chairman which showed the necessity of such an organization and the steps that should be taken to organize.

Mr. J. W. McKeiver made some very interesting remarks on the conditions in Sumter at present, and showed that only by cooperation, through such an organization, could these conditions be bettered.

Mr. Lem King told of some of the laws that had been passed in this State for the protection of builders, and showed how the proposed organization could work very effectively in the securing of better legislation along this line.

Mr. T. H. Siddall told of the work of the organizations of which he was a member and showed that good cooperation instead of cut throat methods was the only way for modern business to progress.

Mr. Leonard told of the conditions in other states and how such organizations had been able to correct many evils and showed that it was necessary for Sumter to organize at once. Throughout the entire meeting it was shown that it was for the interest of the builder, labor and the consumer that such an organization be put into effect at once. A charter has been applied for and all present signed applications for membership in the new organization.

Marriage License Record.

- White: C. M. Patterson and Miss Lucile Trembley, Sumter.
- Colored: Albertus Shaw and Laura Broadley, Mayesville.
- Josh Nelson and Azilee Benjamin, Wedgefield.
- Pat McKnight and Mary Snow, Wedgefield.

The Hartsville cotton mill has announced it its employees that they would receive \$26.63 on each \$100 earned during the past six months under the industrial democracy plan.

READY TO SAY GOOD BYE

Rafting Creek Citizens Sign Petition for Annexation to Kershaw

Pisgah, May 20—A large and enthusiastic number from Rafting Creek met with the Chamber of Commerce of Camden last evening to consult about Rafting Creek Township going to Kershaw county. Addresses were made by Judge M. L. Smith, Hon. T. J. Kirkland and Mr. E. E. Rembert and others.

Judge Smith extended a most eloquent invitation to come. Mr. Kirkland showed how to come legally. Petitions, as drawn by Judge Smith and Mr. Kirkland, were signed at once by ninety per cent of the voters of Rafting Creek, and the Chamber of Commerce guaranteed all expenses paid.

The cause of this movement is the belief, judging by the past, that we won't get any benefits of the bond issue in our section. The roads through here are bad and we have never got our rights in fixing them. Only a little work now and then.

Camden people turned out in numbers and gave us a most hearty greeting. A nice lunch was served. So it looks as if we are going to say "Good-bye" to Sumter.

Chain Gang Management.

Editor Item:—Referring to a statement in your issue of last evening from the Board of Public Welfare relative to management of chain gangs and their locations I would like to correct two impressions that this report conveys.

First, I am in charge of all the chain gang camps, whereas the report would indicate that I am in charge of one camp only. I have a man in charge of each camp. There are three of these.

Second, we do not use any water, whatever, obtained in and around the camp, except for truck purposes. We get all our drinking and cooking water from Mr. Jackson's home, about 300 yards distant.

I endeavored to make this plain to the inspector of the camps, but he evidently did not understand.

A. D. Thompson, Superintendent of Roads, Sumter, May 21st, 1920.

Death.

Manning, May 20—This morning about four miles east of here, Thomas J. Stokes, died suddenly. He was a driver, in the employ of the Standard Oil Company and was in the act of delivering oil when stricken.

A party from here went out and brought the body in, arriving about 3 o'clock. From the statements of those present, death was from natural causes.

The deceased was about forty-eight years of age and a veteran of the Spanish-American war. He is survived by a widow and five children.

SCHOOL ROW IN FLORENCE

Superintendent Tenders Resignation Before End of Session

Supt. W. L. Brooker notified the Florence School Board Wednesday that he could no longer serve as superintendent of the Florence City schools, his resignation to take effect at once.

Professor Brooker published a long statement of the reasons for his resignation. The statement deals in detail with all the criticisms that have been made in regard to his work. He answers all such criticisms and shows that his work has been very successful since coming into office. Some of the board have criticized the course of study but it is shown in the statement that the course of study followed is that adopted by the State Commission, of which Dr. Edmunds of Sumter, is a member. No action has been taken by the board in regard to the resignation, but it is probable that it will be accepted.

State News of Interest.

Paul Mayner, 12 years of age, son of Ledford Maynard, was struck by an automobile driven by L. A. Odom, of Spartanburg, in front of his home near Cowpens, Wednesday. The lad died at a hospital in in Spartanburg shortly after the accident. The father of the child expressed the belief that the accident was unavoidable.

The State Highway Commission has received requests from the special bridge commission of Beaufort, Jasper and Hampton counties asking for forms for making application for federal aid for the construction of a bridge across the Savannah river between Jasper county and Chatham county in Georgia.

Mose Singleton, negro cook, about 25 years old, was found dead in his bed on Washington street in Columbia, about noon Wednesday. There are no indications of foul play and it is supposed that the death was caused by heart failure.

Former Governor Ansel of Greenville, has asked the members of Congress from South Carolina to give their assistance in securing him a place on the International Boundary Commission. The office was made vacant by the death of Ex-Governor Glenn of North Carolina.

Governor Cooper has gone to Washington to deliver an address before the National Educational Conference. His subject will be "The Rural School and the Rural Teacher."

Lexie Jones, negro worker on the Camp Jackson reservation, was killed Thursday when he attempted to swing on a fast moving army truck. He fell under the heavy machine and received fatal injuries.

WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB

Closing Meeting of Year Held at Mrs. Geo. D. Shore's

The year's work of the Women's Literary Club was completed on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Geo. D. Shore.

The program was as follows: Roll call, Names and interesting facts about rivers of France. Reading, "Little Rivers of Great Moment."—Miss Harrington. Gounod, "Sketch of Life"—Mrs. Rees.

Story of Faust—Mrs. Walker. Dumas, "pere et Dumas fils"—(paper)—Mrs. Furman.

In addition to these numbers, and as a most pleasing and appropriate ending of the study on France, the members of the Club were delighted to hear Miss Katie McKiever talk on Paris. Miss McKiever has just returned from France, where she served in the American Red Cross.

She had many interesting experiences; has seen much of France, and has a wealth of information in regard to conditions now existing in this war devastated land. It was with the greatest interest that her hearers listened to her most interesting and enlightening address.

Very delightful refreshment were served by Mrs. Shore at the close of the meeting. The club then adjourned until September, when it will begin its new work.

Party for Mrs. Richardson

Among the social affairs of the week was the party given on Wednesday afternoon by Misses Nina and Nannie Richardson in honor of their guest, Mrs. Henry Richardson, of Atlanta.

In apartments, bright with spring flowers, tables were placed for bridge and after the games were over it was found that Mrs. C. S. Anderson was the winner of the prize—lingerie clasps. Mrs. Wilson Greene drey the consolation, a box of powder, while the guest of honor was presented with a dainty bit of lingerie.

Following the games a sweet course was served.

Among those present were: Mrs. Henry Richardson, of Atlanta; Miss Guthrie, of Aichmond; Mrs. Percy Smith, Mrs. Louis Williamson, Mrs. Wilson Greene, Mrs. H. Witherspoon, Mrs. Horace Emerson, Mrs. A. J. Bynum, Mrs. Warren Burgess, Mrs. H. M. Crowson, Mrs. W. R. Phillips, Mrs. Dozier Lee, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Joseph Guthrie, Mrs. C. B. Yeaton, Mrs. C. S. Anderson, Mrs. Brusson, Mrs. H. K. Bull, Mrs. Edward Martin, Mrs. Morse, Mrs. Merriman, Miss Miller, Mrs. Horace Harby, Mrs. Bruce Lyman, Mrs. Riley Bradham, Mrs. Hal Harby and Mrs. Leon Scott.

The large Purcell warehouse in Newberry was partially destroyed by fire Wednesday. Some supplies were lost but the entire loss was covered by insurance.

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Keep Your Liver Active, Your System Purged and Free From Colds by Taking Calotab, the Nausealess Colicid Tablets, that are the lightful, safe and sure.

Physicians and Druggists are advising their friends to keep their systems purged and their organs in perfect working order as a protection against the return of influenza. They know that a clogged up system and a liver favor colds, influenza and serious complications.

To cut short a cold overnight and to prevent serious complications take one Calotab at bedtime with a swallow of water—that's all. No salts, no nausea, no griping, no sickening after effects. Next morning your cold has vanished, your liver is active, your system is purged and refreshed and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for today, fast. Eat what you please and drink fast. Eat what you please and drink fast.

Calotabs are sold only in sealed packages, price thirty cents. Every druggist is authorized to sell your money if you are not satisfied, debilitated with Calotabs—(147)

Books for Everybody

Extension of library service to the 60,000,000 persons in the United States today who have had no opportunities of obtaining good reading matter, self-education, and the education of better citizenship through good books, are the practical aims of the "Books for Everybody" movement of the American Library Association, now under way in every State in the Union. Financing of libraries and the passion of the county library are other important phases of the movement.

To carry out the work of the Association for the next three years, a fund of \$2,000,000 will be obtained, not through an intensive drive, but my individual efforts of libraries, library trustees and friends of libraries.

Does it Pay to Advertise?

Does it pay to advertise in your home paper? Mr. C. E. Williams replies it does. He got 500 lbs. of the item at a cost of 50 cents and sold it at \$18 worth of lettuce and onions, still coming in. He says that he would not have sold over \$2 worth if he had not advertised. Have you anything to sell, or do you want anything? Let the people know through the Press.

A venerable Sumter citizen, who is as spry as a man half his age, is reported today that he was up until midnight at a frolic and then went fishing at 6 o'clock.

REDUCTION SALE

Commencing Monday Morning and Continuing Through Thursday, We will put our entire stock on sale at 20 per cent reduction

We have not grown panicky, nor have we an unusually large stock for the season. This is only a nation-wide movement among retail merchants, meeting a nation-wide demand for relief from the unusual advance of all lines of merchandise in the last few months.

We have no reason to expect cheaper goods from the manufacturers. Raw materials are no cheaper. Labor conditions have not improved; but there is no reason for excitement.

The United States of America is a safe place to live; we have an abiding faith in our country and with our resources ready to do what we can.

For Four Days, MONDAY the 24th, through THURSDAY, the 27th, 20 per cent will be deducted from amount of your purchases.

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