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HEAVY CUT ON AUTOMOBILES

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Detroit.—Re-establishment of pre-war prices on all products of the Ford Motor Company, effective immediately, was announced by Henry Ford.

In announcing the decision of the company, Mr. Ford, in a formal statement, said:

"Now is the time to call a halt on war methods, war prices, war profiteering and war greed. It may be necessary for everybody to stand a little sacrifice but it will be most profitable after all, because the sooner we get business of the country back to a pre-war condition, the sooner progress, prosperity and contentment will occupy the attention of the people.

"For the best interests of all, it is time that a real practical effort was made to bring the business of the country and the life of the country down to normal. Inflated prices always retard progress."

The announcement said the price reductions were made despite unfilled orders for 146,965 vehicles.

There will be no reduction in wages at any of the Ford plants, it was announced.

Money For The South

Washington.—The secretary of the treasury and Governor Harding of the federal reserve board will not help to further finance old cotton and tobacco crops but will send all necessary funds to the south to take care of this year's crop, according to a high official.

The government takes the position that those who are now holding last year's cotton and tobacco crops are speculating and it does not desire to help such a cause at this time. Money to handle the new crops will not only be sent south, it is said, but immediate steps will be taken to put it where the farmers can get it on approved collateral.

Wrangle Improves Position

Constantinople.—General Wrangle's latest cavalry drive against the bolshevik in south Russia has won him valuable strategic positions on the railway and resulted in the capture of more than 2,000 prisoners and quantities of supplies. It is reported in advices from the Crimea.

Connecticut Ratifies

Hartford, Conn.—The general assembly of Connecticut ratified the 19th amendment in accordance with a message of Governor Holcomb to the second special session in a week. The vote in the senate was 25 to 0. The vote in the house was almost unanimous.

Police Wreck Irish Town

Dublin.—Auxiliary police forces wrecked the town of Ballybrigan, near here, in retaliation for the shooting of two police officers there earlier in the evening, when District Inspector Burke was killed, and his brother, Sergeant Burke, seriously wounded.

Dinwiddie Elected Chairman

Washington.—Erwin Dinwiddie, former legislative superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America, was elected chairman of the fifteenth international congress against alcoholism which convened here.

Gins Must be Idle

Rome, Ga.—Warning accompanied by threats are now posted on many cotton gins in Floyd and adjoining counties, that operations must not begin before next January and as a result country gins are reported in a disturbed state.

People Retain W. S. S.

Washington.—Approximately 75 per cent of all war savings stamps sold by the treasury since the outbreak of the war are still retained by investors according to figures made public by the treasury.

Ship Trade Called Off

Washington.—Cancellation of the sale of the former German commerce raider von Steuben to Fred Egina, of the foreign trade development cruise of New York was announced by the shipping board.

Died Without Sirmame

Douglas, Ga.—Having lived for 120 years without acquiring a surname, "Aunt Hester," a negro, believed to be the oldest living person in the United States, is dead near Nichols.

Big Steal of Autos

Detroit.—Charged with shipping more than \$200,000 worth of automobiles stolen in Detroit through eastern ports to Scandinavian countries, six Detroit persons, one of them a woman, have been arrested here and are being held by federal authorities.

HOUSING PROBLEM IS OVERSHADOWED

BURNING QUESTION OF PROVIDING HOMES FOR HOMELESS TAKES SECOND PLACE

SESSION NEW YORK ASSEMBLY

General Discussion is Going on as to What Disposition to Make of The Five Re-elected Socialists

Albany, N. Y.—Interest in the housing problem throughout the state which the legislature has been called to consider in special session, was overshadowed at the capital to a general discussion of what action, if any, the assembly would take regarding the five expelled socialists, re-elected at special elections to fill their own vacancies. The socialists were found guilty of charges of disloyalty last April after a trial that occupied the attention of the assembly almost continuously from the opening of the 1920 session.

Some members of the assembly who voted to unseat the socialists have let it be known they have not changed their views, notwithstanding the re-election of the quintette. Some of them, it is said, are prepared to offer resolutions to deny the socialists their seats.

Speaker Sweet said there would be no formal conference relative to the socialists preceding session of the legislature. It was his intention, he said, to talk with individual members as they came in during the day and in this way map out a definite course of action.

As to his own views, he declared they were unchanged—that he believed the question was purely a patriotic one.

The five socialist assemblymen appeared before Secretary of State Hugs and took the oath of office.

First Reunion of Wildlife

Columbia, S. C.—Hundreds of members of the former 81st division have gathered in Columbia from various sections of the country for the first annual reunion of the Wildlife Veterans Association, being held here. Reunions, short business sessions, addresses by Governor Cooper, Mayor Blalock of Columbia, and by General Charles J. Bailey, commander of the division during the war, with a big reception and dance, featured the first day's program. Tuesday's program was devoted to Camp Jackson, where the division was organized.

54th Encampment of G. A. R.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Weary from travel, looking forward in anticipation to another meeting with their comrades of '61, thousands of civil war veterans arrived here to augment the thousands already in the city for the fifty-fourth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Coal Prices too High

Washington.—A special grand jury at Covington, Ky., in a report made to the federal court there, held that bituminous coal prices in excess of \$5 a ton at the mine were unreasonable, the Department of Justice was advised. The telegram said the district attorney would direct that action be taken under the anti-profiteering act against certain operators in the Kentucky field.

Take Tobacco Back Home

Danville, Va.—General dissatisfaction among tobacco growers with prices ruling at the opening of the new season resulted in scores turning their tags after bids had been made and carrying their tobacco back to the barns. Tobacco which brought from \$80 to \$90 per 100 pounds last season, opened at \$30.

Less Liqueur is Consumed

Washington.—Consumption of wines and liquors in the United States in 1919 was less per capita than during any year since 1870, according to estimates of the Department of Commerce.

American Actress Scores

Paris.—Miss Mignon Novada of New York, a young American singer, made her debut in the Opera Comique in the part of Mimmi in "La Vie de Boheme." She achieved great success.

Fire in Gold Fields

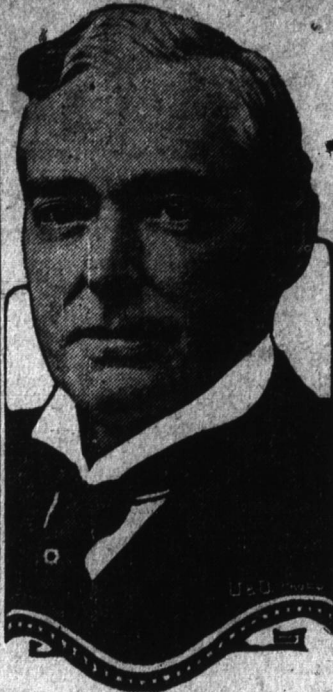
South Africa.—Fire destroyed the engine room Johannesburg, and a mill house containing 400 stamping machines in the Knights Deep Gold mine in the gold fields. The damage is estimated at 100,000 pounds.

General Wood is Decorated

Chicago.—Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood was decorated as an officer of the Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus by Colonel Di Berneseo, Italian military attache at Washington.

North Carolinian Killed

Seville, Fla.—Lester Faircloth of Uvalde, Ga., and Charley Edmonds of Chadburn, N. C., were killed here by Section Foreman J. B. Rainer, who claims he shot in defense of his family while a shooting affray was going on in front of his residence.



LORD FORSTER

Lord Forster, the new governor general of Australia. He is a man of wide experience in public affairs in England.

CHARGE OF PROPAGANDA MADE

Questionnaires Have Been Submitted to the Textile Men of the South-west and Answers Show Concern.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Blaming the present unbalanced conditions of the commodity markets, the southwestern division of the National Association of Hosiery and Underwear Manufacturers which closed its convention here sent a communication to the Southern Drygoods association warning it to take immediate action in order to prevent the "very institution that was established to prevent ruin and disaster from taking the leadership in a policy that can save no other end."

Questionnaires which had been submitted to the textile men of the southwest, and which were answered, showed that a vast majority of the textile manufacturers are receiving no new orders at satisfactory prices; that practically all old orders have been filled; that less than 12 per cent of the output of the knitting industry is being sold, and that there is an overproduction in most lines of hosiery. The textile manufacturers charge that these conditions have been brought about by the federal reserve board's attitude in forcing liquidation and deflation by a systematic program of propaganda.

Red Journalist Arrested.

New York.—Alexander J. Bralovsky, a Russian journalist, who was taken into custody after the police had received an anonymous letter that he was seen in the financial district, a short time after the Wall street explosion, was formally placed under arrest on a charge of being an undesirable alien. He will be turned over to department of justice agents, the police said, while a check is being made of his movements.

Bralovsky was seized in a small stationery store on East Seventh street in the rear of which is a printing shop where The Russky Golen (Russian Voice), described by the authorities as a radical Russian magazine, is published.

Vets Not to Camp Out.

Houston, Texas.—Veterans who come to the Confederate reunion in Houston October 5 to 8 will not be quartered in camp, instead, the plan used successfully at Tulsa in 1915 and at Memphis in 1919 will be followed and the old soldiers housed in schools and public buildings.

Refusal by the quartermaster general of the army to lend any equipment except tents to the U. C. V. caused the change of plan. A resolution passed by Congress in July provides for the loan of tents to veterans' organizations but does not mention other equipment.

Government Expenditures Lower.

Washington.—Governmental expenditures in August were \$450,000,000 lower than in July. Ordinary disbursements for the month amounted to \$447,571,923 against \$306,561,539 in July.

Would Reject Packer's Plan.

Washington.—Rejection by the Department of Justice of the plan of the "big five" packers for the disposition of their ownership in stockyards was recommended by the Federal Trade Commission in a special report.

Polish Delegation Arrives.

London.—The Polish peace commission, headed by M. Dombeki, arrived at Riga preparatory to its conference with Russian delegates, according to dispatches from Riga.

Reds Held in Genoa.

Genoa.—Eighteen "Reds" arrested in connection with a bomb explosion in the stock exchange Friday were held here. Investigators "suspected 'Reds' when it was learned the bomb was scientifically constructed and set off by a time fuse.

WANT COMMISSION TO CONTROL COAL

INVESTIGATOR OF THE COAL STRIKE IN ALABAMA MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS.

PUBLIC THE ONLY SUFFERER

Governor Kilby Approves of Bill and Will Have it Introduced in the Legislature Now in Session.

Montgomery, Ala.—Appointment of a state commission with absolute power to control and regulate the coal industry of Alabama is recommended in the report of Governor Kilby's committee which has been investigating the general strike of United Mine Workers.

The report, which was read before the governor and the senate and house judiciary committee of the legislature, finds operators and union leaders equally responsible for present conditions in the bituminous coal fields of Alabama.

It states the public has been the only sufferer from the strike, which has limited the production of domestic coal and caused prices to soar. Some operators, says the report, have taken advantage of the situation and have been guilty of profiteering.

Governor Kilby expressed approval of the bill. He said he would have it introduced at the special session of the legislature now in session and would make every effort to have it enacted into law.

Millerand Won't Accept.

Paris.—Premier Millerand informed the cabinet that he would not accept the post left vacant by the resignation of President Deschanel. He later told Raoul Peret, president of the chamber of deputies, and Charles C. A. Jonart, extraordinary ambassador to the Vatican, that they are the only possible candidates, the newspaper adding that he suggested to the men that they settle the controversy between themselves. They later told the premier by letter that he is the only possible candidate to be considered.

Employees Walk Out.

Newport News, Va.—Three hundred employees of the Chesapeake & Ohio Terminals here walked out in protest against the failure of the company to pay all of the "back wages" allowed by the railroad labor board in July. The men include members of the carmen's union, carpenters, electricians and those working on the coal pier.

Report on Gold and Silver.

Washington.—A joint report by the mint and Geological Survey fixes the total American production of gold during the calendar year 1919 at 2,918,628 fine ounces, valued at \$60,333,400; silver, 56,682,445 fine ounces, valued at \$63,533,652 taken at the average New York price of \$1,120.87 per ounce. This represented a reduction of \$2,319,300 in gold, and \$11,127,694 in silver from the 1918 output of the mines, the report said.

Help Finance Tobacco Crop

Washington.—With the appointment of Senators Simmons, Robinson of Arkansas, and Dial, of South Carolina as a committee to confer with President Wilson Secretary Houston and Director of the War Finance Corporation McLean it is confidently expected that some relief will be offered the tobacco and cotton farmers of the South within a short time.

Was Anarchist Bomb

Washington.—Reports from William J. Flynn, chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, point conclusively to the fact that the explosion in New York was caused by an anarchist bomb, it was announced at the department of justice.

Reports from Mr. Flynn over the telephone officials of the department stated, clearly show that radical activities were responsible for the outbreak.

Seaboard to Issue Notes

Washington.—Permission was granted the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company by the Interstate Commerce Commission to issue a series of three per cent certified gold notes not to exceed \$1,000,000.

New Railroad President

New York.—Directors of the Richmond Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad Company, at a meeting here, elected Eppa Hunton president as successor to the late William H. White of Richmond, Va.

Street Car Ran Away

Rhaca, N. Y.—One man was killed and twenty persons injured three perhaps fatally, here when a run-away street car, heavily loaded with passengers, crashed into a tree.

Thirty-Six Lost Lives

New York.—Thirty-six persons, two of them unidentified, lost their lives in the explosion in Wall Street, according to a revised casualty list issued at noon. The number of injured is said to approximate 300, with exact figures unobtainable.



W. AVERILL HARRIMAN

W. Averill Harriman, the New Yorker who is head of the American Ship and Commerce corporation.

BLAST ROCKED SKYSCRAPERS

Two Minutes later, Nearly All of the Exchanges closed, their Occupants Turning to An Errand of Mercy

New York.—A mysterious explosion disastrous in its effect, occurred at noon in Wall Street, killing more than a score of persons and injuring hundreds.

Office workers were just hurrying into the street for their noon day meal when a jet of black smoke and flame rose from the center of the world's great street of finance.

Then came a blast. A moment later scores of men, women and children were lying, blood-covered, on the pavements.

Two minutes later, nearly all the exchanges had closed. Men had turned from barter to an errand of mercy—and there was need of it.

While the police toiled for hours seeking the dead and injured, trained investigators were trying in vain to determine definitely whether the explosion had occurred from a bomb dropped in front of the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., or whether an automobile dashing into a wagon loaded with explosives, had taken its toll.

Frank Francisco, one of the most able investigators of the department of justice, declared after arriving on the scene that it was his opinion that not a bomb plot but a collision had been responsible for the blast which rocked skyscrapers, tore the glass from office buildings for blocks around and scattered deadly missiles in all directions.

Deschanel Has Resigned

Rambouillet, France.—Paul Deschanel, president of France, presented his resignation from that office. The president at his residence here gave his letter of resignation and a presidential message to accompany it to Premier Millerand, who will read the documents, to the senate and Chamber of Deputies.

Forty-Day Fast Ended

Roseburg Ore.—Mrs. J. M. Lane of Roseburg, completed a 40-day fast, during which time she partook of no nourishment except a little orange and lemon juice and water. Mrs. Lane had been suffering with chronic stomach trouble for many years and was advised to fast. She lost 25 pounds in weight in that time but never was confined to her bed. Her first food was a small amount of soup.

Peanut Production

Washington.—Alabama's peanut crop this year is more than 1-4 of the country's total production forecast by the Department of Agriculture at 33,880,000 bushels. Alabama has 19,133,000 bushels; Georgia 7,405,000; Virginia, 5,263,000; Texas, 4,710,000; Florida, 4,317,000; North Carolina, 4,316,000; South Carolina, 668,000; Tennessee, 440,000; Mississippi, 102,000, and Louisiana 59,000.

Felipe Pineda Surrenders

Mexico City.—Felipe Pineda, leader of a revolt in the state of Chiapas, has surrendered to General Francisco Robelo, commander of government forces in that state, according to an announcement.

is Gaining Strength

Constantinople.—The anti-bolshevik revolution in the Baku region is reported to be gaining strength. The Russians (who recently admitted the evacuation of Baku) are said to be still in retreat.

Austria Wants Hun Union

Vienna.—Removal of the prohibition against the union of Austria and Germany will be requested of the council of the League of Nations at the meeting that body will hold in Paris.

Sovietism in Italy

Rome.—Preparations for recruiting an Italian soviet army are going on in Milan. Rome, Naples and other large cities throughout the country, according to the newspaper Epoca, which prints a statement to this effect.

REGISTRANTS MUST APPEAR IN PERSON

WRITTEN REQUEST ON MATTER IS SUBJECT OF LETTER TO GENERAL MANNING

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S RULING

The Absent Voters Law Does Not Apply to Registration, but Only to The Casting of The Ballot

Kaleigh

In response to an inquiry from Miss Minnie Bagwell, chairman of the research committee of the League of Women Voters, Attorney General James S. Manning ruled that a voter cannot be registered in any election unless he or she present himself or herself in person to the precinct registrar in person in order to be enrolled.

Miss Bagwell had learned, she said that in several instances, men had registered their wives for the coming school bond election in the yard in which they lives. She held that such registration was illegal and forwarded inquiry to the attorney general. Her letter was as follows:

"I will thank you to give me your written opinion as to whether or not, under the laws of our State, any person has a legal right to register for another for a general or special election."

The attorney general replied as follows:

"Your favor is received. You ask whether or not one person may register for another in a general or special election. Such registration would be void under our Constitution, Art. 8, sec. 4. That section requires a proposed voter, offering to register to present himself for registration. That, of course, means that it is a right which cannot be delegated in any way. The absent voters law does not apply to registration, indeed, could not, but only to the casting of the ballot."

Report of Census Bureau

Washington.—The Census Bureau announced the population of four North Carolina counties as follows: Johnston county, 48,898, increase 7,599 or 15.3 per cent. Incorporated places: Benson, 1,123; Clayton, 1,423; Four Oaks, 583; Kenly, 827; Micro, 183; Pinelevel 373; Princeton 403; Selma, 1,601; Smithfield, 1,895. Warren county, 21,487; increase 1,221 or 6.0 per cent. Incorporated places: Littleton, 760; Macon, 149; Norlina, 667; Vaughan, 273; Warrenton, 927. Forsyth county, 77,263, increase 29,958 or 38.3 per cent. Incorporated places: Kernsville, 1,219; Winston-Salem, 48,395. Pamlico county, 9,060; decrease 906 or 9.1 per cent. Incorporated places: Bayboro, 439; Cash Corner, 107; Oriental, 607; Stonewall, 218; Vandemore, 398.

Sampson county, 35,902; increase, 5,920 or 16.7 per cent. Incorporated places: Auryville, 351; Clinton, 2,110; Garland, 301; Newton Grove, 125; Parkersburg, 76; Roseboro, 749; Salisbury, 215; Turkey, 146.

Hyde County, 8,386; decrease, 454 or 5.1 per cent. Incorporated places: Swan Quarter, 184.

Other Places in North Carolina: Plymouth 1,847; Roper 1,043; Franklinton 1,058; Louisburg 1,954; Enfield 1,648; Roanoke Rapids 3,269. Increase 1,699, or 101 per cent; Weldon 1,861; Siler City 1,253; East Lumberton 1,011; Fairmont 1,000.

Fire Losses in August

The North Carolina fire loss for August makes the best showing for the year, there having been but one in the \$10,000 class and that was a freight large loaded with fertilizer at Wilmington, entailing a damage of \$40,000.

Elizabeth City and several other smaller towns report not a single fire or a false fire alarm during the entire month. The biggest town in the state, Winston-Salem, had but one fire, with damage of only \$10, according to the official report at the State Insurance Department.

Committee of A. C. A.

Washington, (Special).—The American Cotton Association has appointed a committee composed of Senator J. M. Simmons, Senator Joseph T. Robinson, of Arkansas, and Senator N. B. Dial, of South Carolina to confer with Secretary Houston and the President with a view to have the War Finance Corporation resume operations in an effort to assist in relieving the present acute situation.

This committee will support and pursue the movement inaugurated several days ago by Senator Simmons.

Promise of Shake-up

Washington, (Special).—There is promise of a shake-up in the bureau of internal revenue that will affect North Carolina. Commissioner Williams is determined to have better enforcement of the prohibition law. He announced, that it would be his policy to transfer men occasionally for the good of the service. His first move was to send Frank L. Boyd, who has served various periods in North Carolina, to New York to take charge of the prohibition work there.

Late Census Reports

Washington.—The Census Bureau announced the population figures for the following North Carolina counties:

Alamance county, 32,718; increase 4,066, or 14.0 per cent. Incorporated places: Burlington, 5,952; Elon College, 653; Gibsonville, 1,385; Graham, 2,266; Mebane, 1,395. Caldwell county, 19,984; decrease 595 or 2.9 per cent. Incorporated places: Collettsville, 123; Granite Falls, 1,101; Hudson, 403; Lenoir 3,718; Mortimer, 88; Patterson, 183; Rhodhes, 835.

Transylvania county, 9,308; increase 2,112 or 29.4 per cent. Incorporated places: Brevard, 1,668; Rosman, 527.

Alleghany county, 7,403; ofman, 527, or 4.4 per cent. Sparta, 159. Buncombe county, 64,148; increase 14,850 or 23.8 per cent. Incorporated places: Asheville, 28,504; Biltmore, 172; Black Mountain, 531; Jupiter, 87; South Biltmore 345; Weaverville, 906.

Ashe county, 21,001, increase, 1,927 or 10.1 per cent. Incorporated places: Jefferson 196; Todd, 33; West Jefferson, 462.

Iredell county 37,956; increase 3,641 or 10.6 per cent. Incorporated places: Mondos, 248; Mooreville, 4,315; Statesville, 7,895; Troutman, 342. Taylorsville, 1,222; Apex, 936; Wake Forest, 1,425; Wendell, 1,239; Zebulon, 953.

Graham, 2,366; Mebane, 1,351; Brevard, 1,658.

Alexander county, 12,212; increase 620 or 5.3 per cent.

Set of War Records.

The North Carolina Historical Commission has received from Mr. Brodie Jones, county collector for Warren county, a complete set of Warren county's war records, covering accurately with full details the organizations, individuals, and events that borne a part in Warren county's war work.

This work is by far the most complete and accurate war record that has come from any county in North Carolina. Mr. Jones compiled these records by himself, traveling from one end to the other, conducting a voluminous correspondence, and absolutely without any personal compensation.

Mail Clerks Appointed.

Washington, (Special).—These mail clerks have been appointed: W. I. Pickett, J. B. Robertson T. J. Jickett and J. W. White Durham; J. B. Francis, Clyde; G. R. Slink, Lexington; W. N. Bradley, J. S. Davis and E. T. Procter, Raleigh; Eugene Noland, C. M. Ball, Asheville; S. W. Snowden, Snowden; H. M. Johnson, St. Paul; E. R. Morgan, Nealsville; MacHerron, Bennett; Wood Middleton, East Lapid; Miss Marguerite, S. Pittman Tarboro; B. W. Gillespie, Hendersonville; J. V. Cole, Marion; D. B. Denton, Morganton.

Crop Reporting Service

"Mr. Frank Parker Agricultural Statistician of the Bureau of Crop Estimates for North Carolina was in Washington on the Crop Reporting Board September 1st. North Carolina has the largest office force in the field service, employed exclusively on the work of crop estimates of any state in the nation. Mr. Parker has six regular assistants in his office. Five of these are provided by the State. The Board of Agriculture is spending in the neighborhood of \$10,000 per annum on the agricultural statistical work and appears to be well satisfied with the investment.

North State Ranks High

Washington.—New high schools have been added to the American educational system at the rate of at least one a day during the last 23 years.

Statistics compiled by the Federal Bureau of Education show that there are now more than 17,000 such schools, an increase of 452 per cent over the number in 1890. Attendance figures from 14,000 of the schools give a total of 1,735,519