

## Charges No Just Cause For Rise in Sugar Prices

Director of Peoples Legislative Service Sends Letter to Pres. Harding, Charging Unfair Methods.

### SAYS GAMBLERS ARE TO GET BENEFITS

So Far As Can Be Learned the Apparent Shortage Has Been Created by Speculative Minds.

Washington, March 22.—Demands for an investigation of fluctuations in the sugar market, made during the closing days of Congress by western senators, were revived today by publication of a letter written to President Harding by Basil Manly, director of the Peoples Legislative Service, charging that the American people were in a fair way of being robbed of \$5,000,000 for the benefit of sugar gamblers and profiteers.

"It is suggested," said Mr. Manly, "where an organization was formed by members of the progressive bloc in Congress, that as one of the first witnesses the Federal grand jury should hear Charles Spradley, president of the Federal Sugar Refining Co., who has publicly stated that the sugar gamblers aided by the Department of Commerce have been able to rob the American people of millions of dollars."

Mr. Manly declared the rise in prices had their sole basis "so far as the public is informed," in a statement issued by the Department of Commerce on February 9, which was interpreted by all the newspapers as predicting a great shortage of sugar during the coming year, and although Secretary Hoover had declared the statement was misinterpreted, the opening sentence was so worded as to "send prices leaping upward."

"Even after this statement had passed an orgy of speculative activity on the sugar exchange" and its effects were known, the statement continued, "the Department of Commerce further 'billed' the market by issuing a statement particularly directing attention to the increased consumption of sugar in the United States during the past year."

Mr. Manly stated that it described as "the cause of the sugar shortage" a declaration that Mr. Hoover had played an important part in that plan.

### Investigation Being Made.

Washington, March 22.—Demands now being made for an investigation of sugar price fluctuations "are about as usual," said the Secretary Hoover today, adding that such an inquiry had been instituted by the government on March 4.

The Secretary said he was convinced there was no economic justification for the high prices of sugar, and that the Department of Commerce and other governmental departments were investigating conditions in Cuba, under authority of a law passed by Congress authorizing an inquiry into combinations of foreign producers of import commodities.

### SUBBEN DEATH TODAY OF LEONARD R. STEEL

Founder of L. R. Steel Corporation Died on Train En Route from Buffalo to Chicago.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 22.—Leonard R. Steel, aged 42, founder of the L. R. Steel Corporation, which went into liquidation on March 8th, died early today on a train en route to Chicago. Mr. Steel was advised of her husband's death in a telephone message from Toledo, where the body was taken from the train and an investigation ordered by the coroner.

Steel's sudden death, apparently from a heart trouble, came on the eve of investigations into the stock selling and other financial methods of his companies by county and state authorities.

### Getting Ready For High School Debate.

Chapel Hill, N. C., March 22.—High school debaters throughout the state are in the final stages of preparation for the triangular debates of the High School Debating Union on March 29. The query of the discussion being: "Resolved, that Congress should provide for enforcement of the decisions of the Railroad Labor Board."

The North Carolina Union is part of national organization. It is sponsored in this state by the Dialectic and Philanthropic library societies and the University Extension Division of the University of North Carolina. Organized in 1912, the union has held its state-wide debates, involving the participation of 10,000 young Tar Heel debaters in the long struggle for the Aycock Memorial cup.

Two hundred and fifty schools in the state have entered for the debate this year, a total of 1,000 debaters being qualified. The schools winning both triangular debates will send their teams to the University to participate in the final contest for the Aycock cup on April 12 and April 13.

### Mrs. Weeks Very Ill.

Brunswick, Ga., March 22.—Mrs. John W. Weeks, wife of the Secretary of War, is very ill on board the private yacht "Everglades," which was hurried into port today to get medical aid for Mrs. Weeks.

A woman in Paris was so deeply affected by the loss of her husband that every day since his death she has written him a long letter, and with her own hands placed it on his grave.

### MEETING OF THE HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

Annual Gathering to Begin in Greensboro Tomorrow.

Greensboro, N. C., March 22.—Preliminary to the opening of the annual meeting of the State Home Economics Association here tomorrow, vocational home economics instructors from all sections of North Carolina were in conference today with Miss Katharine Moran, assistant state supervisor. A round table discussion of special problems relating to the teachers' work occupied the time of the teachers today.

The formal opening of the state association convention is scheduled to have as its feature an address by Miss Mary Sweeney, executive secretary of the American Home Economics Association, Miss Margaret Edwards, state supervisor of home economics education, will outline methods which she believes best for promoting home economics work, while Miss Ray Balderston, professor of household arts, Teachers College, Columbia University, will speak on "Some New Aspects of Household Management," at the evening session.

Most of the morning session Friday will be taken up by sectional meetings. Miss Blanche Shaffer, Miss Hope Coolidge and Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, state home demonstration agent, acting as chairmen. A commercial food exhibit will be held between noon and one o'clock.

Mrs. Warren H. Booker, Queens College, Charlotte, will preside at the business meeting between 2:30 and 4:00 o'clock. At 4:30, a reception will be tendered the visitors at the practice home of the North Carolina College for Women, Miss Shaffer, dean of home economics, acting as hostess. Saturday morning a general meeting will be held from 9 to 12 o'clock. Miss Helen Johnson, engaged in research work, will discuss "Budgets," Child Care and Training will be the subject of a talk by Miss Sweeney, who is scheduled to be followed by Miss Balderston, who will discuss household management.

### DAILY NEWSPAPERS FORCED TO SUSPEND IN ST. JOHNS, N. F.

Unable to Operate Presses, Ice Having Stopped Generation of Power by Electric Company.

St. Johns, N. F., March 21.—The daily newspapers of this city today announced a temporary suspension of publication due to lack of power to operate the presses. The company which supplies the electric power shut down its plant today because of the shortage of water in the interior lakes where the power is generated. These lakes are at a depth of five feet.

The operation of street cars was abandoned last week when the water supply began to run low. Unless a thaw relieves the situation soon, it was said that the city lighting system would also have to be shut down. The severe cold of yesterday also brought misfortune to the sealing fleet, which was reported today as again frozen in an immense ice field. The fleet got into similar difficulties last Thursday, but worked free on Saturday. This further delay augurs ill for the success of the fleet this year, as the season when the young seals may be hunted successfully on the moving ice flow is short.

The steamer Kyle, which left here Saturday with provisions for settlements along the south coast, was delayed by serious shortages of food have been reported, broadcast by radio today that she had provisioned some ports, but that many were still inaccessible. She also carried delayed papers necessary to the compilation of voters' lists for the coming general election.

The seamer Sable arrived here today from Halifax, via St. Pierre, after landing \$600,000 cases of liquor at French Island.

### TWO ELECTROCUTIONS IN RALEIGH ARE POSTPONED

Action Taken on Account of the Serious Illness of Wife of Warden of State Prison.

Raleigh, March 22.—Owing to the continued illness of the wife of S. J. Busbee, warden at the state prison, the electrocution of Milton Nobles, of Columbus County, set for March 28, have been postponed 60 days by Governor Cameron Morrison. Nobles was sentenced to be electrocuted for the murder of his cousin Henry Nobles, the killing resulting, according to officials, from a family feud. He has not appealed.

Fire Damages County Workhouse. Pittsburgh, March 22.—Fire, which broke out in the brush factory at the Allegheny County workhouse at Hoboken, 10 miles from here, destroyed the building today and spread to other parts of the institution. More than 1,000 prisoners were confined in the building.

The wildest confusion prevailed for a time, but the arrival of a number of deputy sheriffs from Pittsburgh and volunteer fire companies from surrounding boroughs restored order and prevented further damage. The loss was placed at \$150,000. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

### Tisbo is Held in Naples.

Naples, March 22.—(By the Associated Press).—Francisco Tisbo, the New York Steamship ticket agent and banker under indictment in that city with his two brothers on grand larceny charges, arrived here on the steamer Tormina from New York today and was detained with his wife about the vessel. Money to the amount of 60,000 lire was found in his baggage.

In the United States, according to the figures of the latest census, there are nearly two hundred women who are engaged as operators, officials, and managers of mines.

## Saunders Answers Riddle of the Hectic Trading on Piggly Wiggly

Memphis, Tenn., March 22.—(By the Associated Press).—Clarence Saunders, a Memphis groceryman and head of the Piggly Wiggly Stores, Inc., stood today with a demand that "short sellers" in Piggly Wiggly stock settle with him on the basis of \$150 a share by 3 o'clock this morning, as his answer to the riddle which came as a sequel to a hectic day's trading on the New York Stock Exchange which terminated in the banning of Piggly Wiggly temporarily at least from the "big board."

Mr. Saunders made his demand in a statement in which he scored what he termed "Wall Street and its gang of gamblers and market manipulators," and declared that as a result of the battle in the stock market Tuesday, more than 25,000 shares of Piggly Wiggly are "short" to him on delivery.

Three o'clock this afternoon was fixed by Mr. Saunders as the time limit for the \$150. After that his statement—in effect an ultimatum—declared the price would be \$250. He indicated that recourse in the courts would be sought if settlement is not made.

Mr. Saunders has not made public any estimate of the anticipated profits to him and his associates. He declared, however, that \$10,000,000 in cash was required to handle his operations on the stock exchange. Mr. Saunders' statement last night was the first break in the silence with which he has met interviewers since the spectacular happenings on Tuesday.

"Wait," he told all questioners.

### TEACHERS' PLACEMENT BUREAU IN OPERATION

And Number of Applications Have Been Filed With It.

Raleigh, N. C., March 22.—Plans for the operation of the Teachers' Placement Bureau by the North Carolina Education Association have been completed and the office now is ready to function for the coming year. Jule B. Warren, secretary of the association, announced tonight. Already there has been a number of registrations for the school year 1923-1924 and others are coming in daily.

There are vacancies in the state now, said Mr. Warren, due to illness, or other causes resulting in resignations of teachers, which have not been filled. Teachers in short term schools desiring two more months of work may apply for these positions. "I wish to urge teachers to register as early as possible," Mr. Warren continued, "for early registration not only relieves the office of the burden of work in the summer months, but helps teachers and superintendents as well."

"The majority of superintendents much prefer to make their selection of teachers early in the spring for the coming school year. Blankets on which superintendents and school officials will make requests on the bureau for candidates will be mailed some time in the near future. During the next thirty days, the bureau will begin making references of vacancies to teachers who have registered."

"The association does not hope to make any money out of the operation of the placement bureau, but it is not financially able to bear the expense of this operation. Since not more than 25 per cent. of the membership of the association is ever likely to be directly benefited by this branch of the association's activity, the executive committee, supported by action of the locals in a referendum, has decided to charge members of the association—that is those who were members on March 1—the actual cost of conducting such a bureau. This fee is one dollar," he said.

### MISSING POSSEMEN HAVE BEEN FOUND

Four Missing Men Have Joined Party Seeking Capture of Band of Piute Indians.

Monticello, Utah, March 22.—The four white possemen who yesterday were reported missing, have joined the posse which left Blanding yesterday, to continue the search for the Piute band which caused trouble last Monday, according to advices received here.

Precautions are being taken to prevent a surprise attack on Blanding. Guns and ammunition have been received there from many neighboring points. In a clash yesterday one of the Indians was killed and two others wounded. Several Indian ponies were shot down in the fray. At dawn, following the battle with the posse, the Indians are reported to have come back to the scene to recover equipment left behind in their hurried retreat.

Four squaws and six ponies were deserted on the battlefield by the Indians, and half-starved and suffering from the cold they were found by white settlers yesterday, and brought to Blanding and placed under guard with the 40 or more other braves and their squaws who are being detained to prevent the possibility of their joining the outlaw band.

Advices say the hunted Indians are successfully evading their pursuers.

### Steamer Texan Goes Aground.

Boston, Mass., March 22.—The steamer Texan went aground today half a mile east of Block Island, L. I. The radio message reporting the accident, said she was listing heavily to starboard. The coast guard cutter Acushnet has gone to her aid. The Texan sailed from this port yesterday for New York and Pacific ports after discharging part of her cargo from Hamburg.

## State On Trail Of All Income Tax Delinquents

Raleigh, March 22.—(By the Associated Press).—With state income tax to date totalling \$2,638,883.52, R. A. Doughton, commissioner of revenue, today announced that he now has underway a concerted campaign to detect all delinquent tax payers. The collections already made by the state are in excess of last year's figures, but still far below the budget commission's estimate that \$3,500,000 would be derived from income taxes by the state this year. The commissioner said he could not estimate how much increase would be shown when the delinquents were caught in the

### ROTARIANS HEAR TALK BY WINGATE ANDREWS

President of Salisbury Rotary Club Is Heard With Great Interest Here Yesterday.

"The Doctrine of the Second Mile" was the subject of a fine Rotary address before the local club yesterday by T. Wingate Andrews, president of the Salisbury Club and superintendent of the public schools of Salisbury. In addition to the talk by the Salisbury member, several matters of general interest were discussed by the club.

President Richmond urged the members of the club to give wide publicity to the address to be delivered here next Monday night by John R. Todd, of New York City. "I think Concord people will find his address to be one of the most interesting ever delivered in this city," President Richmond stated. "We are especially anxious for the boys and young men to hear it." A committee to assist in ushering at the meeting was appointed.

It is probable that the Salisbury Club will be entertained here some time in May. The Salisbury Club won the prize in the recent attendance contest and as both clubs elect new officers in April it is probable that the meeting will not be held until they assume office.

The speaker declared "the second mile" is the one that counts, in the beginning of a fine address that was in reality a fine sermon. He chose his subject from the text "If a man compel thee to go a mile go with him twice," and then pointed out that it is the doing of things out of the usual that really counts.

"I think keeping the Ten Commandments is included in the first mile," he said, "for in keeping them a man deserves no special merit, though not to keep them is a serious breach. Feeding one's family, earning a living, attending to your usual business obligations are all right, but for doing them we deserve no special consideration. They come in the first mile. The real test comes when we seek to what extent we go beyond that. Men who are remembered and who are held up as a guide are those men who made contributions on the second mile; men who go into usefulness."

"Bound yourself and see what you are doing. Some men are bound by their beliefs. So long as you keep them full they are satisfied. Others are bound by their fraternal organizations; others by their churches or denominations. These things are all right, but a man who sees only in them something of good has not reached the second mile. Some of us are in a circle, in which must be placed certain things which we consider on an equal with our lives. We care nothing for things outside of that circle." Such men have not gone beyond the first mile.

"We must think always of the bigger and better things. To be of service we must have an interest in all things that pertain to the benefit of the public generally. We must be interested in other people, their problems and their pleasures. To be real men and real Rotarians we must go beyond the first mile and do the things that are not required of us if we would be just the ordinarily decent citizen."

### YOUNG DAVIDSON MAN'S ABSENCE IS A MYSTERY

Solomon B. Kennedy, of Near High Point, Hasn't Been Heard of Since Friday.

High Point, March 22.—Solomon B. Kennedy, aged 29, member of a prominent Davidson county family, has mysteriously disappeared from his home near this city and had not been found later today. Alarmed over his disappearance, relatives have sent a description of him to officers in nearby cities with the hope that he will soon be located.

Kennedy, who holds a position with the Hayworth Roll and Panel company here, lives in Davidson county and goes to and from his work in an automobile. Friday night he telephoned his relatives that he could not start his automobile and it would be impossible for him to get home.

Not until Saturday did Kennedy's relatives become alarmed. Search was instituted for him, but he could not be found. On Sunday the local police officers found an abandoned automobile on Broad street and an investigation disclosed that it belonged to Kennedy. His relatives were notified and the search continued.

### Attempts Suicide; Rescued From Pond

Greensboro, March 21.—Mrs. G. J. Shepherd, of this city, aged 21, a widow, was pulled from a pond at the White Oak Mill here today, where she had thrown herself in an unsuccessful effort to end her life.

Two men, happening to be near and watching her movements, which they thought peculiar, rescued her. No reason is known why she tried to drown herself, other than she suffered from nervous attacks, and seemed to have had one today.

Two notes she had in her hat were returned to her unopened by one of the men.

### With Our Advertisers.

Read the new advertisement of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company today. Easter hats in all the newest shades at the Specialty Hat Shop. Saturday will be the last day of the 14th Anniversary Sale of the Concord Furniture Co. If you have not selected your furniture, do so at once and save from 25 to 50 per cent.

### Will Not Delay Program.

Washington, March 21.—The veterans' bureau hospital construction program will not be altered despite the White committee's report made public yesterday, until Director Hines is convinced there is waste in the undertaking. Mr. Hines said today, reporting that he had conferred with Dr. White.

### Forty Sailors Are Saved From the Sea

New York, March 21.—The Italian freighter Giulia, reported in distress yesterday about 600 miles off Boston, has been abandoned at sea and her crew of 40 rescued by the steamship President Wilson and West Lake. A wireless message conveying this news was received late today from the President Wilson by agents of the freighter. The Giulia, a vessel of 4,327 tons, sailed last Saturday from Portland, Me., for Gironi and Trapani, Italy, with a cargo of grain. Balthared and toothless he came here; and so he went.

## MRS. JOHN BARNES FATAL LY SHOT BY YOUNG HUSBAND

Tragedy Occurred At Home of Friend of the Couple In Wilson County After Family Trouble.

### BARNES MADE NO EFFORT TO RUN

Couple Had Been Separated and Wife Had Just Agreed to Return Home When Fatal Shots Were Fired.

Wilson, N. C., March 22.—John Barnes, a farmer of Wilson county, aged 25 years, is in jail here charged with killing his wife, Bertha Adams Barnes, aged 25, at 8 o'clock last evening at the home of Henry Bunn, at Five Points, a suburb of Wilson. Mrs. Barnes was shot to death.

It is stated that Barnes and his wife had separated recently, she and their three children going to live with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bunn, friends. Yesterday Barnes approached local officials, stating that he wanted to get his wife to return to their home, four miles from Wilson, to live. S. E. Leonard, local welfare officer, late yesterday accompanied Barnes to the Bunn home and they interviewed Mrs. Barnes, who refused to return to live with Barnes, stating, according to Mr. Leonard, that she feared he would harm her.

Last night at 7:30 Barnes returned to the Bunn home in an automobile, and his wife is said to have consented to go with him. The three children had entered the automobile, it is stated, and when Mrs. Barnes moved toward the house, Barnes fired five shots at her, three taking effect. Bunn telephoned for the police, and Barnes waited beside his wife's dead body until the officers arrived. He will be given a preliminary hearing before Justice W. O. Pearson Saturday morning. No inquest will be held.

### MOORE COTTON SPINDLES OPERATED IN FEBRUARY

Average Number During the Month Numbered 40,847,845, Says Report.

Washington, March 21.—More cotton spindles were in place and the average number operated was greater during February than in January, the census bureau announced today in its cotton industry activity report. Active spindle hours for February numbered 8,449,376,685 or an average of 227 for each spindle in place, compared with 9,266,299,904 or an average of 249 for January.

Spinning spindles in place February 28 numbered 37,276,602, of which 35,307,707 were operated at some time during the month, compared with 37,225,419 in place and 35,249,853 active in January.

The average number of spindles operated during January numbered 40,847,845, or at 109.6 per cent capacity on a single shift basis, compared with 40,008,203 or at 107.5 per cent capacity in January.

### THE COTTON MARKET

Liverpool Better Than Due and Opening Was Steady at Advance of 5 Points to Decline of 8 Points.

New York, March 22.—The cotton market showed renewed weakness this morning under continued liquidation or selling for a further reaction. Liverpool was better than due, and the opening here was steady at an advance of 5 points to a decline of 8 points. There appeared to be some covering by recent sellers which was promoted by the rather unfavorable showing of the weather map, but slight bulges met increased liquidation and the market soon became weak.

Cotton futures opened steady: March 30.40; May 30.40; July 29.55; October 26.45; December 25.80.

### Dr. Eliot, 89, Advises Those Seeking Long Life.

Cambridge, Mass., March 21.—President (emeritus) Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard University, beginning his ninetieth year today in good health, found time between congratulations to give a few words of advice to those who would do likewise.

"Eat moderately, sleep at least seven hours a night with windows open, taken regular exercise in the open air every day, use no stimulants, enjoy all natural delights without excess in any, and keep under all circumstances as serene a spirit as your nature permits," was the formula Dr. Eliot gave.

### Much Whiskey Made.

Baltimore, Md., March 21.—Only 10,000 barrels of whiskey have been distilled in Maryland in accordance with government regulations since prohibition, Robert Pennington, a distillery representative, told the state tax commission today. The hearing was preliminary to fixing the valuation per barrel in Maryland bonded warehouses. Last year it was \$20 per barrel.

### Bethel School Honor Roll For February.

Second grade—Harold Eaves, Ruth Grey, Avis Black.  
Third grade—Merrill Eaves.  
Fourth grade—Evelyn Pope, Evelyn Pope, Austin Pope, Effie Eury.  
Fifth grade—Nettie King.  
Seventh grade—Kendall Eaves.  
Ninth grade—Mary Lee Hunt.