

WEEKS AND DENBY STRONGLY SUPPORT EMBARGO ON DYES

Letters To Chairman Penrose, Of Senate Finance Committee, Made Public

NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF U. S. DYE INDUSTRY

Two Secretaries Stress Necessity For Preparedness In Chemical Warfare And Cite Embargo Orders Made By Other Nations; Declare Chemical Industry Is Vital.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Secretary Weeks and Denby have come out in support of an embargo on dyes and chemicals and have urged restoration to the Fordney tariff bill on the embargo provision struck out by the House. The attitude of the two cabinet officers was made known today when Chairman Penrose of the Senate finance committee made public letters from them to the committee on the subject.

"The cabinet officers explained that they favored an embargo because of national defense needs. It is of great value to the Navy," Mr. Denby wrote, "to encourage the development of chemical activities in the manufacture of all products connected with explosives and gases, especially those manufacturers whose establishments can easily be diverted to the manufacture of war materials. The restoration of the embargo clause will be of material help and will greatly appreciate your assistance to this effect."

Other Nations Have Ban Embargo orders have been found necessary by England, France, Italy and Japan, Mr. Weeks said. He also declared that the chemical industry was vital to Germany in prolonging her efforts in the world war and expressed the opinion that high explosive and war gases would play a far more important part in future wars.

In the world war, he said, the United States had found it could mobilize train and equip with clothing 4,000,000 men far quicker than it could supply the guns and ammunition. He related how the munition makers had worked feverishly, adding that even then little was available for more than two years after the formal declaration.

"The dyeing process," he said, "is a factor, during and after the world war," he continued, "that predominance in the organic chemical industry, and particularly the dye industry, meant the most valuable measure of preparedness possible that she has united all her organic chemical industries into one great trust."

"The use of high explosives and war gases will unquestionably be greater in any future struggle than in the world war. It is of the most vital importance to our preparedness that the dye industry be developed to the fullest extent in this country. It is felt that this danger is so great that it urges the enactment of the embargo feature of the Fordney tariff bill as submitted by the ways and means committee as the only way to preventing crushing our chemical market by German competition."

STOKES COUNTY FARMER CLAIMS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR DRINKING COFFEE

Winston-Salem, Aug. 5.—Lem Bennett, Stokes county farmer, claims to be the world's champion coffee drinker. According to his statement, he drinks the beverage three times a day, six cups to the meal, besides frequently getting in during the night and indulging in one or two cups.

"I have consumed coffee on this scale practically all my life and I am now 78," declared Bennett, who admitted that for a few years he made a specialty of drinking a quart of whiskey each day, "though it was of much better brand than that manufactured today," he added.

The Stokes farmer figures that he has drunk at an average of 200 gallons of coffee and he has no idea of stopping for several years yet.

HATCH EGGS TAKEN FROM SNAKE'S INTERIOR

New York, Aug. 5.—A story of chicken eggs hatched after they had been salvaged from the interior of a python was told today by the publicity department of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Quoting the Rev. Erwin M. Richards, for 31 years a missionary in Africa, the board said that a python had wriggled out of a jungle one night, seized a hen house and eaten eight chickens and nine eggs. Natives and missionaries killed the snake, which then was opened. The eggs, found intact, later hatched into perfectly normal missionary chickens.

The Bishop of Africa was named as a corroborating witness.

Liquor Charges In Recorder's Court

Corn Liquor Appears To Have Been Plentiful The Week-End

"Beaucoup" whiskey circulated around Dunn during the week end, according to the docket that was ready for trial by Recorder Godwin yesterday morning. The colored race, especially, seemed to have landed in a maelstrom of moonshine and celebrated heavily, with the result of several being up for being drunk and disorderly.

Jim McDougal, charged with being drunk, when asked by the Judge if he was guilty, replied without hesitation: "No, your honor, I am not," and was fined the costs. He stated that he was the first time he had been up for being drunk.

Annie Carter, charged with carrying loud and boisterous on the streets of Dunn and having evidence of being drunk, was found guilty of carrying loudly, and was fined the costs. She was also advised by the court that if she came up a gain for a similar offense she would be sent to the county jail for thirty days. Three negro girls testified against Annie, declaring that she cursed them on Broad street, but there was evidence of some little quarrel between them.

Ed Womack and George Brown, rival bootleggers of the two Broad street bars, were up for trouble alleged to have occurred Sunday. George was charged by his competitor with striking him with a knife in an attempt to assault. Ed had previously attacked George for transportation of whiskey. These two cases were continued.

In the case of the alleged assault of George on E. judgment was withheld and continued on account of incomplete evidence and the other case to come up. Ed claimed that George ran him with the knife and threatened to cut him up.

Jasper Strickland, another negro was charged with fornication and adultery. Due to the absence of the city attorney and lack of evidence on both sides, the case was continued for two weeks.

ADVANCE MONEY TO HOLD COTTON NOW

Head Of Richmond Reserve Bank Says Credit Furnished On Stored Cotton

Washington, Aug. 5.—There is no warrant in the assumption that the circular letter of last July 23 issued by the Richmond Federal Reserve Bank is an indication that no loans will be made by that bank as being made on cotton already produced. Deputy Governor Charles A. Peble said in a letter received today by Representative Byrnes, Democrat, South Carolina.

Governor Peble said that a considerable portion of the \$46,000,000 already discounted for the member banks of North Carolina, and South Carolina, consisted of advances made on cotton already gathered and in storage.

"Our policy in this respect" the letter said, "is, or ought to be well known throughout the whole district. It has been and is one of the greatest possible liberalities. We are forbidden by law to discount paper, the proceeds of which have been or are to be used for investments of a purely speculative character, and we, therefore, could not take or offer to take paper secured by cotton being delivered to hold for no other purpose than to force up the price of cotton on the market, particularly when there are no buyers."

Peble said that a considerable portion of the \$21,000,000 loaned by South Carolina banks, and the \$25,000,000 to North Carolina banks represented money loaned to farmers for planting, fertilizing and cultivating the growing cotton crop. He added that the circular of July 23 was issued for the purpose of reassuring member banks of the cotton states of the Richmond district, and through them the cotton growers, that such further assistance as might be needed and could be represented by paper eligible under the regulations of the Federal Reserve Board, would be made regardless of previous advances and present debts, except, of course, in such cases "in which produce would be sold."

"On the other hand, we have the right, which we have exercised, fully and freely to make advances for the purpose of enabling the producers of cotton to market it in an orderly manner and not to be forced to dump it on the market, particularly when there are no buyers."

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The Fairmont market has sold over two million pounds so far this year at an average of \$2.20 per hundred. Sales totaling a million and a half pounds are expected next week. Farmers generally are pleased with the prices. The outstanding feature is that there is a great demand for the better grades of tobacco.

The big sale in the price average at Fairmont is attributable to the increased percentage of good tobacco being offered. The average price at the opening day of the season was around \$1.70 per hundred.

SPACE MUST BE SECURED EARLY IN FAIRGROUNDS

Directors Say That The Lunch Counter Men Are Applying Rapidly

PLANS FOR FAIR ARE NOW BEING FORMED

Three Great Speeches, A Magnificent Array Of Exhibits, Some Fine Horse Races, And A Twenty Car Carnival Are Some Of Attractions Offered At Fair.

Fairground space, for use during the third annual Harvest Agricultural Fair, October 11-12 through the 15th is being rapidly called for and rented, and T. L. Riddle requests that all those who want space during fair week will have to see him as early as possible before all is rented. The fair will feature a magnificent array of exhibits, some fine horse races, and a twenty car carnival are some of the attractions offered at the fair.

Plans for the fair are rapidly assuming shape, and the directors of the fair association are convinced that the fair is being neglected, and the fair directors promise to exhibit in each hundreds of agricultural exhibits as well as various other kinds. Thousands of people will be here to take a look at the fair exhibits and take a glimpse of the various other features and attractions of the fair. On Saturday, the closing day of the big event, the town will be crowded as never before with thousands of people anxious to hear Howard Hoover, who will deliver the fair address.

Mr. Hoover's speech will come on Saturday, and he will be introduced by some other well known and prominent person in the county or state. Mr. Vandebilt of A. M. J. has been extended an invitation to introduce the subject of "The Cotton Crop," but he has declined. Mr. Vandebilt can be here, but his presence will bring hundreds more to the fair, especially among the Indians, all of whom will wish to hear the famous North Carolina speech.

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Simmons Supplies Statement On

Head Of Ku Klux Klan Declares Trinity Lawyer Held Off

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 5.—The statement of Bruce Craven, of North Carolina, who is not an officer of the Ku Klux Klan and never has been, Col. J. Simmons, Imperial Wizard of the Grand Dragon of the United States, issued an additional statement here tonight denying the reports made by Craven, who is reported from Greensboro said he had ordered in North Carolina which he said he was "supremacy" in that State.

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SWEET POTATOES MUST BE GROWN IN THIS SECTION

So Says Mr. Riddle, Who Wants To Diversify The Crops

FARMERS WILL SOON REALIZE POSSIBILITIES

Sweet Potato Has Many And Varied Uses, And If Grown On Large Scale The Farmer Will Get The Benefit—Riddle Has Encouraged Growing All Along.

"Plenty of 'taters' ought to be the slogan of farmers in this section during the coming seasons," says T. L. Riddle, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who is active in helping the farmers, the merchants, the city, and everything else in the city toward normalcy. Sweet potato growing is coming into its own, and Mr. Riddle believes that the time has now come when the farmers will realize what wide and possibilities lie in this type of farming.

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Negro Charged With Attack On Woman

Carried By Officers To Hebe County Jail Following His Arrest

Fayetteville, Aug. 5.—Jim Hays, a negro living near Linden, is in the Hebe county jail charged with attempted murder on a white woman at Linden yesterday. The attack occurred at the home of the victim, a Mrs. Hair when the negro entered her house with a bag over his head at 11 o'clock in the morning.

In the struggle that followed the bag was torn from the assailant's head and by this means he was identified by Mrs. Hair when arrested by Deputy Sheriff D. C. Cameron. Hays was brought to this city by Deputy Sheriff H. H. McGeachy, who carried him to Hebe, where most of Cumberland county's prisoners are now kept.

When the negro entered the house Mrs. Hair was alone. She was thrown on a bed but fought desperately for her honor and foiled the brute's attempt. The furious barking of a dog in the house attracted the attention of a negro boy who passed the house and reported the disturbance to the deputy sheriff. When the deputy and other men reached the house the negro was gone. They followed him into Linden and arrested him at a negro house.

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MANY KILLED IN SINKING OF SHIP AFTER COLLISION

Alaska, Bound For San Francisco Sinks With Large Number Of Casualties

FORTY EIGHT ARE LOST WHEN SHIP COLLIDES

Steamer Sinks Thirty Minutes After Crash Into Rocks Of Blunt's Reef, Forty Miles South Of Eureka, California; Great Heroism Shown By Men On Board.

Eureka, Cal., Aug. 7.—Forty-eight persons, 36 passengers and 12 crew were lost last night when the steamer Alaska, of the San Francisco and Portland Steamship Company, south bound from Portland, Oregon, to San Francisco, sank thirty minutes after crashing into the Rocks of Blunt's Reef, forty miles south of this city.

The survivors, numbering 166 persons, were brought here today by the rescue ship Anxox, the first vessel to reach the scene of the wreck in response to the Alaska's radio signals.

The coast guard tug Ranger, dispatched early today from Eureka, returned to port with the bodies of 12 men. Eight were members of the crew and four were passengers. Captain Harry Hoby, master of the Alaska, is still unaccounted for and is believed to have gone down with his ship.

Of the survivors landed by the Anxox, thirty were more or less seriously injured and received medical treatment at local hospitals.

The Alaska struck the reef how-on in a dense fog, according to the survivors, and immediately began to list. The work of launching life boats was accomplished without delay or accident. Three of the boats successfully reached the shore, but the fourth boat exploded, throwing its occupants into the sea. The greatest loss of life, the survivors said, resulted from this mishap. A few who were life belts succeeded in clinging until picked up.

Captain Hoby, when the last of the life boats had been sent over the side of the wreck, threw a life belt to the stern of the vessel and he was there when it started its plunge to the bottom.

According to the stories of survivors, three lifeboats were launched. The last was but a few feet from the wreck when the Alaska, suddenly righted and then plunged bow first.

The steamer Anxox, towing a barge to Vancouver, was twelve miles distant when the first S. O. S. signal of the Alaska flashed out.

Within an hour the Anxox arrived at the wreck and with order that she had won high praise from the survivors the crew of the Anxox speedily picked up those who were drifting in life preservers or in life boats.

Through the night other ships joined in the rescue work.

Twelve bodies were found which with the arrival of the Anxox and a tug bearing the bodies have left the wreck. The bodies have left the wreck and four members of the crew.

The Alaska of the San Francisco and Portland Steamship Company left Portland, Oregon, last Friday with 151 passengers of whom 123 were in the cabin and eight in the steerage. The majority of passengers were summer tourists.

The Alaska hailed from the home port of Port Townsend, Washington, its net tonnage was 3,700 and its length 327 feet. Her normal crew numbered 45. She was built at Chester, Pa., in 1910.

Blunt's Reef is forty miles south of Eureka and 197 miles north of San Francisco. Ship accidents were frequent at that point, years ago, until a lightship was built in 1901. The only notable wreck since was the sinking, about 15 years ago, of the Steamer Columbia with a heavy loss of life. The owners of the Alaska, incidentally, also owned the Columbia.

Fog has prevailed along the Washington, Oregon and Northern California coasts for two weeks and several shipping casualties have occurred, the most notable being the wreck of the Canadian government steamer Canadian Exporter, off South Bend, Washington, last week.