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TRUMAN NEWBERRY DECLARED ELECTED

WAS CLEARED OF CORRUPTION
AND ALL OTHER CHARGES
BY SENATE COMMITTEE.

CASE IS NOW UP TO SENATE

On But Two of Major Issues Were the
Republicans and Democrats in
Harmony in Reports Filed.

Washington.—Opinions conflicting along party lines were presented by majority and minority members of the senate committee on elections on the Ford-Newberry 1918 senatorial election contest from Michigan.

The majority report cleared Senator Truman H. Newberry, the republican candidate, of corruption and all other charges and recommended that he be legally seated. The democratic members asserted that Senator Newberry was nominated by "corrupt and illegal methods and practices" and recommended that his seat be declared vacant.

With the filing of the reports, the case now goes to the senate for final decision, which probably will not be made for several weeks. Meanwhile, it is understood, Senator Newberry will not attend the senate sessions.

Only two major issues were the republicans and democrats in harmony in the reports filed. They agreed that Henry Ford, the democratic contestant, had not been elected to the seat from Michigan. They also agreed that too much money had been spent in the Michigan primary.

Bottlers Endorse Sales Tax.

Raleigh, N. C.—Adoption of a resolution protesting against the proposed excise tax on manufacturers of soft drinks in the new revenue act and favoring a manufacturers' sales tax on all industries featured the eighth annual convention of the North Carolina Bottlers Association here.

Emergency Measure Proposed.

Washington.—Possible emergency measures by municipalities to cut down the number of the country's involuntary idle were taken up at the public hearing before the national conference committee of the national conference on unemployment.

State Manufacturers Meet.

Chicago.—Taxes, transportation and new transportation legislation are among the matters scheduled for discussion at the sessions of the national conference of State Manufacturers' Associations, which opened here.

Former Soldier Under Arrest.

Denver.—Dr. Gilbert L. Lininger, Pueblo dentist and former army officer, was arrested at Pueblo on a charge of theft of army dental supplies during August, 1919, while stationed at Camp Jackson.

Reply to De Valera.

London.—The Sinn Fein leaders were invited by Prime Minister Lloyd George to a conference in London, October 11, on an Irish peace adjustment. The invitation was extended in Lloyd George's reply to Eamonn de Valera.

International Justice Court.

Geneva.—Professors of international law constitute a majority of the members of the new court of international justice as just elected by the League of Nations.

Trucks Ruining Railroad.

Athens, Ga.—Automobile truck competition may force the Gainesville Midland railroad into the scrap pile, according to a letter from W. B. Veasey, receiver for the road.

Grippe Attacks Babe Ruth.

New York.—Babe Ruth is confined to bed at his hotel here with an attack of grippe which prevented him from playing with the New York team against the Athletics at Philadelphia.

Ku Klux Klan Condemned.

Indianapolis.—Preceding the parade the G. A. R. delegates met in a business session and passed a resolution condemning the Ku Klux Klan. The Sons of Veterans passed a similar resolution.

Test of Charleston Harbor.

Charleston, S. C.—The heaviest draft ship to enter this port in several months was the tanker Bradford, with a cargo of 60,000 barrels of crude oil from Port Lobos, Mexico, for the refinery.

SOUTHERN SEEKS REDUCTION

Action Begun in United States Court
for Western District to Have its
1921 Assessments Set Aside.

Greensboro.—Alleging that the tax assessments of their property in North Carolina are excessive and discriminatory and that under the statutes they have no right of appeal to the State Board of Equalization or to any other state board or court, the Southern Railway company began action in the United States court for the Western district of North Carolina to have its 1921 assessments set aside.

The Southern states in its bill that it has no desire to embarrass the counties, municipalities or school districts and expresses willingness to pay, when due, whatever taxes it may owe based on a proper valuation, leaving to be fought over only the taxes on that part of the assessment which it claims is excessive.

The Southern alleges that the assessment of its property in North Carolina at above \$96,000,000 is more than \$30,000,000 in excess of its true value. It states further that, should this assessment stand, its taxes in North Carolina will be increased more than \$180,000 over last year as the result of the action of the counties in reducing the assessments on real estate and increasing the tax rates.

Kinston.—The establishment of the first commercial rabbitry in this section at LaGrange may mean the beginning of a considerable industry in the territory, according to federal animal husbandry men. W. J. Brothers is responsible for the innovation. Brothers will breed Guinea pig and white mice as well as hares and rabbits.

Greenville.—Some two hundred odd

farmers from every section of the country attended a mass meeting of cotton and tobacco growers held at the court house here relative to plan for canvassing the county in the interest of the co-operative marketing association.

Congressman Hallet S. Ward,

Washington, delivered a stirring appeal in behalf of the organization.

Asheboro.—The water situation in

Asheboro has become so acute that the mayor is urging the people to avoid any waste of water in any public places, and that housekeepers see to it that no water is wasted in the homes. A very deep well used by one of the factories has been tapped and will supplement the town's supply for the present.

Fayetteville.—When J. M. Liles,

local photographer, went to his room at his boarding house on Maiden Lane, the picture that greeted him was that of a big 10-pound possum lying comfortably in the middle of his bed. Bill was yawning sleepily as Mr. Liles entered the room. The captive is now being fattened for an old-time possum supper.

Tarboro.—The Tarboro high school

has organized four literary societies for the coming year, for the training of pupils in debating, declaiming, reciting, etc. Two of the organizations are for the eighth grade, one for the boys and one for the girls. The other two are for the ninth, tenth and eleventh grade boys and girls.

Sanford.—Mayor W. H. Flitts tendered

the Carolina Power and Light company 25,000 gallons of water daily so long as available in order to enable the company to operate its Raleigh steam plant, thus furnishing power with which to operate the numerous enterprise dependent upon it.

Charlotte.—The opening of foreign

port so that Southern textile goods may go into all parts of the world will be the hobby of Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle while he is in the House of Representatives, he told Charlotte Citizens in addressing them at their luncheon in the chamber of commerce assembly room.

Rockingham.—The boll weevil is

now to be found in every part of Richmond county, and has been and is still doing serious damage to the crop. This with the drought will cause this county's 1921 crop to be scarcely 9,000 bales, and is in striking contrast to the 23,676 bale crop of 1920.

To Wind Up Affairs and Quit.

Tarboro.—Realizing that the large capital and surplus of the First National Bank and Farmers Banking and Trust company give the public ample banking facilities; and the fact that the Pamlico Savings and Trust company under present conditions cannot make money; the board of directors have authorized the liquidation of the bank, according to announcement. On and after Tuesday, September 27th the bank will not receive deposits, but will be kept open for the purpose of paying checks.

FAIR WARNING TO COTTON GINNERS

COMMISSIONER GRAHAM CALLS
ATTENTION TO A RECENT
ACT OF LEGISLATURE.

THE TAX MUST BE COLLECTED

The Law Imposes a Fine of Five Dollars Per Day on Every Ginner who Operates Without a License.

Raleigh.

As there are a number of cotton ginner who have not complied with the law requiring them to take out license to operate, Major W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, has issued notice warning delinquent ginner.

Major Graham's notice of warning follows:

"There are a number of cotton ginner in the state who have not yet applied for license to operate a cotton gin during this season. Their attention is called to the fact that the last session of the legislature passed a law requiring that all ginner make application for license to the Commissioner of Agriculture and that such ginner collect for the next two years a tax of twenty-five cents per bale on all cotton ginned, remitting this monthly to the Department of Revenue.

"The law imposes a fine of five dollars per day on all ginner who operate without securing state licenses. Therefore, it is directed that ginner who have not yet secured their license to operate write the Commissioner of Agriculture requesting a form of application for license which should be filled out and forwarded immediately.

Denies State's Jurisdiction.

Denying that it is a citizen of the state, and pitching its fight on practically the same basis adopted by the Southern railway, with the omission of the franchise tax, the Atlantic Coast Line railroad entered the Federal Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina seeking an injunction to prevent the collection of taxes levied upon it in the thirty counties in which its lines are operated.

Postmasters Commissioned.

Washington, (Special).—Postmaster have been commissioned as follows:

Meigs, Arnes S. Bush; Ringwood Jesse A. Harris.

Postoffice inspectors are making investigations with a view to appointing postmasters at Bushnell and Pinehall.

Metts Marshal at State Fair.

Col. John Van B. Metts, adjutant general of North Carolina, has been appointed chief marshal of the sixtieth state fair by Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt, president of the North Carolina agricultural society, according to an announcement by Col. Jos. E. Pogue, secretary.

Reduction for Cannon Mills.

Reduction of nine per cent from the values placed upon the Cannon chain of mills in Cabarrus county by the local authorities was granted by the State Board of Equalization. Approximately \$12,000,000, less the 25 per cent horizontal reduction the county commissioners ordered on all property in April.

Road Contracts are Awarded.

Contracts awarded by the State Highway Commission for the construction of 49.43 miles of road in the Ninth Construction district indicate still further decline in the cost of road building.

The total of the four contracts awarded was \$94,248.

State Notes Sell Readily.

Five millions of North Carolina notes were sold in New York by State Treasurer Lacy, according to advices received here, and the paper was handled for 5.95.

Man With Many Wives.

One hundred deserted women are claiming to be the widows of K. L. Carson, he of seven abases, who died at the Montrose Sanitarium in Weaverville, September 4.

J. Seroop Styles, attorney for Dr. J. M. Crawford who was appointed administrator for the deceased, needs another clerk to attend to his mail, since the news of the demise of the "man of mystery" became public.

Women from Maine to California have written their claims to widowhood.

U.S. CONFEREES ARE ANNOUNCED

HUGHES, LODGE, UNDERWOOD
AND ROOT SELECTED BY
PRESIDENT HARDING.

NO GOUGING OF THE VISITORS

Steps Already Taken to Prevent
Profiteering in the Capital—Far
East Questions Likely to Precede
Armament Discussion.

By EDWARD B. CLARK.

Washington.—It has been announced by President Harding that the American members of the forthcoming conference on limitation of armaments and Far East problems will be Charles Evans Hughes, secretary of state, Republican; Henry Cabot Lodge, United States senator from Massachusetts and chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations, Republican; Elihu Root, former secretary of state and one time senator from New York, Republican, and Oscar W. Underwood, senior United States senator from Alabama, Democrat.

Recently it was declared that the Washington officials felt the conference would not be so long drawn out as at first it was believed must be the case. In fact, one or two of the officials have said that they believe agreements well can be reached within a limit of three months. There has been a change in this feeling within a few days. It is now thought to be certain that the conference will go well into the spring and that perhaps early summer still may see the conferees at work.

President Harding and Secretary of State Hughes have found it necessary to call attention to a matter which already has been discussed by the present writer. The necessity of brevity in newspaper headlines has caused the coming conference frequently to be called a disarmament conference. The President and the secretary of state desire particularly that the country should know that it is nothing of the kind, but is a conference called to discuss and to agree on "limitation of armaments."

Visitors Not to Be Gouged.

Washington has been much upset by the stories which have gone abroad of the intended gouging by local landlords and local merchants of the foreign visitors and the vast throng of American visitors who will be here during the conference. The real estate board has taken up the matter and the various commercial bodies here also have taken it up. It is now declared that there will be no profiteering in Washington while the visitors are here, and that any attempt at it properly will be checked and that if any one succeeds in the actual act of gouging, and it can be proved, he will be promptly and properly punished.

It took only one known instance to start the crusade against profiteering in the capital. The representatives of one foreign embassy found a

house which they knew would be suited to the purposes of their conference delegation. They asked the owner of the house what rent he would ask for it for a period of six months. He promptly said that he would give it over for \$3,000 a month. This meant that the rental would be \$18,000 for the six months.

The house actually is worth only \$15,000. So it can be seen that the renters in six months would have paid about \$3,000 more than the value of the property. This matter was brought to the attention of the State department, and the owner of the property in question will continue to occupy it himself. This proved instance of attempted profiteering has been of service, for it has forced a campaign here which will stop like things in the future.

The questions of limiting armaments and of solving Far East problems first will be taken up in the conference, because until they are settled it will be almost impossible to take any action along lines of armament limitation.

Far East Problems.

There are conditions in the Far East which might make for war. China looms large as a perplexing subject; so does Siberia, and so do some of the islands of the seas. What are called spheres of influence must be considered; mandates under the League of Nations must be considered, and many other things must come in the category of necessary consideration.

When all these things are fixed, and the conferees agree, the matter of navies probably will be taken up. The countries chiefly interested today in navy limitations are the United States, Great Britain and Japan, although of course Italy and France are to some extent interested.

As the country already knows, probably pretty definitely, the question of how big an army each nation may keep for defensive purposes will form one of the chief matters of discussion. It is a pretty fair prediction that when the conference is over it will be found that France will be allowed to retain a larger force of soldiers than is any other country. France fears future aggression from the East.

One out of every twenty-five farms in the United States is operated by a woman.

Work for Unskilled Problem.

Increased activity in textile and lumbering industries has brought continued improvement in the unemployment situation in North Carolina according to M. L. Shipman, State Director of the Employment service. Placements through the five offices maintained in the state totaled 252 during the past week. Tobacco factories are also operating nearer to normal, and employing more men and women.

Most of the trained workers have got jobs; the problem is finding work for the mass of unskilled workers.

Shriners' Hospital Sites.

Atlanta.—Locations of six of nine free hospitals for crippled children which the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine are to establish in various parts of North America at a cost of \$2,000,000 have been decided upon by the trustees.

MAKE APPLICATION FOR HALF MILLION

FARM OWNERS OF LENOIR AND
ADJACENT COUNTIES ARE
APPLYING FOR LOANS.

NO DIFFICULTY IS EXPECTED

The List of Applicants to the Local
Farms Loan Association for Loans
is Steadily Increasing.

Kinston.—Farm owners in eleven townships in Lenoir and counties have applied for about \$500,000 in government loans to be estimated by officers of the local loan association. The list of applicants is increasing. It is expected that no difficulty will be encountered in securing the entire sum.

The majority of the members of the association are residents of Lenoir county, and the bulk of the money to be expended within that county.

While tobacco in the eastern belt is bringing an average price of less than 25 cents a pound, hundreds of market reports tell of superior grades selling for sums ranging from 40 cents to nearly \$1, indicating that the 1921 crop fully up to the standard of which the region is capable and average would be considerably higher.

Greensboro.—The election of C. A. Reynolds of Winston-Salem, chairman, was the only happening of any note at the call meeting of the executive committee of the republican party in North Carolina, which was held here.

Woman's place in the committee and the party was gone into, but nothing of a definite nature was done, the committee deciding it best to wait the state convention next year.

Charlotte.—An unusual case, perhaps the first of its kind ever tried in Mecklenburg county, involving the prosecution of a minister or justice of the peace for neglecting to file a marriage license with the register of deeds within the prescribed time, occurred.

Rev. C. M. Graham, a well known negro minister of Charlotte, was tried on this charge before Magistrate F. B. Alexander, convicted and fined \$200 and costs.

Charlotte.—Pledges and cash totaling \$30,000 were received in a campaign to raise funds for the construction of the proposed Dilworth Methodist church.

The total amount in sight is now \$100,000. This is composed of a gift of \$50,000 made by J. B. Duke, the \$30,000 raised Sunday and about \$30,000 to be realized from the sale of the church property. The new church will cost about \$300,000.

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