

SHIP BONUS MEASURE STILL IN A DEADLOCK

Farm Credits Leaders Fail to Make a Move While Subsidy Men Cannot Budge.

LEADERS STANDING FIRM

Washington, Dec. 20.—Five hours of debate and parliamentary maneuvering in the senate today served only to tighten the deadlock which has existed for three days between two opposing and almost equal groups, one fighting to keep the administration shipping bill before the senate and the other to displace that measure.

Three separate and distinct efforts were made during the day to break the deadlock through a unanimous consent agreement to vote at a designated time upon the pending motion to lay aside the shipping bill and to take up the Norris agricultural financing measure, but each time an objection nullified the attempt. After the unsuccessful result of these efforts the debate ran far afield, ranging from a discussion of the disposition of Muscle Shoals to charges that Ambassador Harvey at London through his recent statement on the European situation had endeavored to affect the cotton and grain markets in the United States.

Shipping and agricultural relief legislation were discussed at lesser length and when the senate adjourned administration leaders were frankly pessimistic over the possibility of a vote within several weeks upon the ship bill. General belief was expressed that the Christmas recess would come and go without a break in the struggle for dominance between those trying to keep the ship bill before the senate until rural credit legislation can be reported from the banking and currency committee and those members of the alliance formed between foes of the ship bill and advocates of the Norris agricultural bill.

The initiative in the effort to bring the question involved in the deadlock to an issue was made today as on yesterday and Monday by Senator Jones, Republican, Washington, in charge of the shipping bill, who proposed an agreement to vote at 3 o'clock today on the motion before the senate. Unanimous consent was refused by Senator Fletcher, of Florida, leader of the Democratic opponents to the shipping legislation, and Senator Jones thereupon proposed a vote at 4 o'clock.

This was objected to by Senators King, of Utah, and Williams, of Mississippi, Democrats.

JUST KIDS—Weasel Jones' Nephew

By Ad Carter



CARD OF THANKS.
We take this means to express our gratitude and appreciation to our many friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and their words of sympathy and the many beautiful floral designs during the sickness and death of our darling son and grandson, Bernard Apple. We would also like to make mention of the faithfulness and untiring efforts of Dr. W. J. Meadows, who treated the case. May God's richest blessings rest on each one who helped to make our burdens lighter in this great trial.
G. W. APPLE AND FAMILY AND MRS. JNO. A. APPLE AND FAMILY.
—Adv't.

OPEN MARKET SYSTEM HAS HAD A GREAT YEAR

Thus Far Over \$62,000,000 Has Been Paid Tobacco Growers By Auction Houses.

AVERAGE IS AROUND 30.50

(Special to Daily News)

Wilson, Dec. 20.—R. W. McFarland, special correspondent of the New York Tobacco Trade Journal, writes his paper as follows:

"Through the courtesy of the crop reporting service of the commissioner of agriculture for North Carolina, compilation made by Miss Catherine Haig, we learn that the auction tobacco markets of the state sold for producers this season up to December 1, 168,800,589 pounds of tobacco at an average of \$36.78. This means that in the new belt, commonly known as eastern North Carolina, up to that period was sold 99,928,944 pounds and in the old belt (central and western North Carolina) up to the same period was sold 67,871,645 pounds of tobacco. While no government figures can be issued, on account of the report not being sent to the parliament at Raleigh for December sales until in January, yet your many readers might now be interested, inasmuch as the markets of eastern North Carolina have all closed for the holidays and those of the old belt will close Wednesday, knowing something as to the quantity sold thus far on the auction markets of this state. From best information obtainable, your correspondent is of the opinion that the total pounds will run between 202 and 203 million at an average around \$30.50. This means that in the tobacco producing counties of the Old North State, the patrons of the open markets have been paid thus far around \$62,000,000. It is therefore no small wonder that the banks located in the counties are literally running over with money and a general air of prosperity prevails.

"Your correspondent further estimates that in eastern North Carolina, 95 per cent of the tobacco crop has been sold and in central and western North Carolina around 80 per cent. Using this hypothesis as a basis, the total auction sales of tobacco for the 1922 crop will be between 236 and 256 million pounds. As has been frequently stated, by more than one writer, the Co-operative Tobacco association declines to make any reports of their receipts, although earnestly requested by the government department to do so. But, knowing how a subtraction well as to add, we have only to deduct this 235 or 236 million pounds sold by the auction houses from what the government estimates the entire North Carolina crop of tobacco, and the answer is as follows: Government crop estimate, \$28,720,000 pounds; auction houses (estimated as to December and January) 235,500,000 pounds; leaving for the "Co-ops" 74,220,000 pounds; not quite 25 per cent of the production.

"The declaration of the National Co-operative associations held last week in the city of Washington, we learn, the conference in its formal declaration of policy held that the co-operative associations should ask nothing from the federal government other than enactment of legislation to permit farmers and their organizations the same access to the federal system that all other industries now possess. A noble declaration that every one should endorse. It is, however very hard to reconcile such a declaration of policy with the farmers co-operative act passed by the general assembly of North Carolina, for while the aforesaid act may upon its face have looked like the "hand of Esau" yet it has turned out to be that of a Jacob. With 75 per cent of the farmers of North Carolina preferring the open market system of selling tobacco regardless of the number alleged to have signed, when the general assembly met at its state capital in January, there will evidently be a 'hot time' in that old town, not for a night, but for some time."

HEALTHY CONDITIONS REFLECTED BY REPORT

Figures in Bureau Statement Show Local Labor Situation is Satisfactory.

Unemployment has virtually ceased to be a problem in Greensboro. There is no excuse for idleness, according to those familiar with labor conditions, for anyone wishing to secure employment should have no trouble in obtaining a situation.

During the week ending December 18, 23 persons were aided in securing work through the local branch of the state and federal employment bureau at the chamber of commerce, according to figures given out Wednesday by Miss Dorothy McDowell, superintendent of the bureau.

A report received from the office of the director of the United States employment service, with state headquarters at Raleigh, shows persons placed in positions at other bureaus of the state as follows: Asheville, 22; Charlotte, 89; Raleigh, 79; Wilmington, 117; and Winston-Salem, 51.

The emergency employment office established at New Bern for fire sufferers reported to the Raleigh headquarters as follows: Registrations: Men, 224; women, 20; total, 244. Requests for help: Men, 263; women, 25; total, 291. Placed, men, 191; women, 19; total 210.

When anything goes wrong in the Philippines everybody knocks Wood.

MISSION OF TROOPS AT MER ROUGE A MYSTERY

Observers Believe Soldiers Will Drag a Lake For Two Missing Men.

FIVE PERSONS KIDNAPED

Monroe, La., Dec. 20.—The purpose of the movement of a company of Louisiana national guard into Morehouse parish by Governor John M. Parker yesterday afternoon, tonight continued to remain a mystery to all except a handful of officials.

The passing of the day failed to lift the mystery screen. Those in a position to speak would say nothing. The governor, attorney general and others remained in rigid silence.

Late today a detachment of 25 men under the command of the company officer, hastily departed from the camp established in the heart of the little town of Mer Rouge. The men said they did not know where they were going. The officer would not speak.

Close observers offered the opinion the men were en route to one of the lakes in the vicinity of Mer Rouge, where it is believed the bodies of two men, weighted down with wagon wheels are resting, the victims of hooded kidnapers.

In the event the bodies are recovered, open hearings, discussed by Governor Parker and other state officials, probably will be instituted at Bastrop, the parish seat. Under this method the state would hope to obtain evidence upon which to convict members of the band of 50 or more hooded riders on horseback and in motor cars who swooped down upon a party of five prominent Mer Rouge citizens last August.

Prominent Mer Rouge citizens, re-

turning from a celebration, carried them off into the woods and severely flogged them. Two of the victims, Watts Daniels and Thomas Richards, failed to return to their homes and in spite of a search by officials and their families, have not been located. Many are persistent in the opinion the missing men were murdered.

The victims that returned told of terrible experiences but declared they could not identify any of the kidnapers, as they were clothed in masks and robes. One declared the men "looked what we know of the Ku Klux." Another said some of the automobiles parked at the punishment ground bore Arkansas and Tennessee license tags.

Noted Irishman Killed.
Dublin, Dec. 20.—(By Associated Press.)—James Dwyer, who was secretary of the peace committee appointed by the second Dail Eireann to arrange a truce between the Free State and the party of James de Valera, was shot dead today in his shop at Rathmines.



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Constructing Cable.
Washington, Dec. 20.—A contract has been signed in London by President Carlton, of the Western Union Telegraph company and Dr. Giannini for the Italian government, according to advices received in Italian quarters here, for the construction of a cable between Genoa and the Azores as the first link of a line that eventually will connect Italy with South America. The Genoa-Azores line will cost \$5,000,000.

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