

COTTON LEAK BILL KILLED

WOULD STIGMATIZE CONGRESS.

By Vote of 107 to 66, House Sent to Junk Heap Measure Making it a Misdemeanor for Government Employees, Including Members of Congress, to Give Information Likely to Affect Markets—Attacked by Messrs. McCall, Grosvenor and Gardner as Placing Stigma Upon Congress—Defense by Mr. Burleson.

Washington, May 19.—By a vote of 107 to 66, the House today refused to pass the "anti-graft" bill, so-called, dealing with cotton leaks and other matters of a confidential character which, should they become public, might have a tendency to affect markets, because the conferees had recommended that members of Congress be included within the scope of the bill, which makes it a misdemeanor for anyone to give information to be given out by any officer or employee of the government that would tend to exert an influence or affect the market value of any product grown in the United States or to affect the value of stocks and bonds.

The conferees of both Senate and House recommend that the penalty prescribed for officers of the government who violate the code created by the act should apply to members of Congress.

AS IF MEMBERS WERE CROOKED. Mr. McCall, of Massachusetts leading the opposition against making members of Congress amenable to the penalties of the measure, said the clause of the bill sought to be incorporated was an advertisement to the world that the members were crooked. He said members of Congress were neither collectors nor the guardians of secret governmental statistics. They are representatives and can have no secrets from their constituents.

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FAIRBANKS AT ATLANTA

SPEECH CAPS 12-BUSY HOURS

Strenuous Round of Entertainment is Given the Vice President and His Wife During Stop-Over on Their Return From Birmingham to Washington—Banquet, Speaking Event, the Vice President Dwelling Upon the Spirit of Re-United Country as Shown by Spanish War and San Francisco Calamity and Complicated Affairs of the Secretary.

Atlanta, Ga., May 19.—Vice President and Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks on their return from Birmingham to Washington, spent 12 strenuous hours in the hands of their Atlanta friends today. From noon till midnight, the party arrived, a few moments before a round of entertainment tendered by personal and official friends.

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CHURCH OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Scarcity of Ministerial Candidates a Matter of Virtual Concern—Dr. Henry Louis Smith, Addresses General Assembly on Christian Education—Special Committee Appointed on Articles of Agreement—Report of Committee on Closer Relations Referred to Special Committee—Night Session of the Assembly.

Greenville, S. C., May 19.—Barring the interest in the case of Rev. William Caldwell, if it should come before the Assembly for discussion, there is no subject probably that will elicit the interest that will be shown in the discussion of the cause of education which will be resumed Monday, and that on the report of the special committee on the articles of agreement. It is very evident that these two subjects are much in the minds of the commissioners and that both will receive careful and, if possible, lengthy consideration.

The Assembly convened at 9:30 o'clock this morning and Rev. D. M. Sweets, of Kentucky, conducted the devotional exercises. He read as the morning lesson a portion of the writings of the Rev. J. M. McPherson, who the vice presidential salute of 19 guns was fired and a review of the troops at the post and a reception for the officers and men of the 10th Cavalry, U. S. Army, at Fort Ord, California, during the Seventeenth Infantry. At 6 o'clock a public reception was given and more than a thousand persons greeted the vice president and his wife.

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TO HONOR AVERY EDITORS

COMMERCIAL CLUB DINNER

Banquet Last Night Tendered Editors of "Idle Comments"—Mr. J. W. Bailey Being the Only Absentee—After Dinner Speeches by Dr. Edwin Mims, Dr. Alphonso Smith, and Rev. Plato Durham—Emphasizing Different Points, the Speakers Acrose in Praise of Mr. Avery and His Work and of the Spirit of Its Promoters to Put It in Permanent Form—Notes of the Speeches.

Last night Dr. Alphonso Smith, professor of English at the University of North Carolina, and Rev. Plato Durham, of this city, were guests of the Commercial Club at a dinner given them as editors of the late I. E. Avery's "Idle Comments."

Mr. J. P. Caldwell, another of the editors, was present as a member of the club, and Mr. J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh, also one of the editors, could not attend.

Speeches were made by the three guests of honor. Dr. Alphonso Smith, of the work done by him last year, nothing had afforded him so much pleasure as his part in the selection and preparation for the press of the writings of Mr. Avery. He said he had read a great many times the material which makes the book and now constantly refers to it and its merit has grown upon him.

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BANK OFFICIAL A SUICIDE

TRAGEDY AT NEWPORT NEWS

President Tucker, of the Savings Bank of Newport News, After Interming Cashier Shows the Savings Bank Through His Head as Chief of Police—He is Entering His Bachelor Apartments With Warrant—Shortage Not Less Than \$10,000 and May Amount to \$20,000, But Will be Covered by Life Insurance for \$30,000.

Tucker, president of the Savings Bank of Newport News, Va., committed suicide in his room over the bank in Newport News today just as Chief of Police Reynolds, of that city, opened his door to arrest him upon a warrant charging him with defaulting in the sum of \$10,000 Tucker heard Chief Reynolds ask the negro porter on the outside as to the location of his room, and standing in front of a mirror, put a bullet through his right temple as the door was thrown open.

The first suspicion that Tucker was a defaulter was received this morning in a note written by the suicide himself. This note was found shortly after the doors of the bank were opened today, it having been placed on the door by the porter. Tucker admitted that he was short in his accounts and said if any attempt was made to arrest him he would commit suicide. Immediately the doors of the bank were opened together and a hurried examination resulted in the issuance of the warrant. It was suspected that Tucker had left Newport News and the police of Norfolk and of neighboring cities were asked to look out for him.

Chief Reynolds then went to make an investigation of Tucker's bachelor apartments over the savings bank, where the tragedy occurred. An examination of a safety deposit box in the savings bank revealed the fact that Tucker's life was insured for \$30,000, which will cover all of his alleged defalcation.

The Savings Bank of Newport News was largely patronized by the laboring class of Newport News. President Tucker was about 40 years of age. He was a former Mayor John S. Tucker, of Norfolk, now a retired lawyer of Washington, D. C.

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OVERMAN'S BILL FAVORED

TO EXTEND TRADE IN ORIENT

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BLACKBURN TO GET FURTHER RECOGNITION

REPORT COME FROM THE POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT

Report Come from the Postoffice Department to-day to the effect that Congressman Blackburn will soon secure some further recognition by the administration. This is the effect that the commission of Postmaster Ramsey of Salisbury, Va., has already been signed by the President and that the papers will be transmitted to the Senate the first of the week. This nomination, together with the other nominations by the department, will be reported to the Senate long before the trial of the Congressmen. Department officials do not apparently subscribe to the established principle that law that innocence is to be assumed until guilt is proven.

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