

NOT BOUND TO OPPOSE IT

BEVERIDGE TAKES FIRM STAND

Senator Blackburn Says if the Republicans Vote Down His Provision to Discharge the President's Brownsville Troops...

Washington, Jan. 18.—Senator Beveridge to-day notified the Republican leaders in the Senate that under no circumstances would he be bound to vote against Senator Blackburn's amendment to Senator Foraker's Brownsville resolution...

Senator Warner, of Missouri, announced himself in hearty accord with the Indiana Senator's views. From that time on the scene was dominated by the Republican side of the Senate chamber and other Senators took position in favor of the Blackburn provision...

In the absence of Senator Aldrich, Senator Crane took charge of the forces in the Senate in opposition to the Blackburn amendment and when the day closed he expressed himself as confident of the success of a motion to lay the Blackburn provision on the table...

MUCH INTEREST IN POSITION. Much interest attached to Senator Lodge's position because it is generally felt that, if he should see his way clear to vote against the Blackburn provision, strong friends of the President would follow his example...

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TO PROBE "LUMBER TRUST"

IT CONTROLS THE INDUSTRY?

Senator Kittredge, Author of the Resolution Providing for the Investigation of the Lumber Trust, Says in Far-reaching Effects There is No Combine to Compare With It—Contemplates Increase of Price of Products at Stated and Frequent Intervals Without Regard to Consumers' Interests—Labor and Report Findings to Congress or the President.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The Senate to-day agreed to the Kittredge resolution instructing the Secretary of Commerce and Labor to investigate the "lumber trust."

Addressing the Senate in advocacy of the passage of the resolution, Senator Kittredge declared that the "lumber trust" completely controls the lumber industry.

"Continuing he said: "In its far-reaching effects there is none to compare with it. It is remorseless in its grasp on the people and the only change which it contemplates is to increase the price of its products at stated and frequent intervals without regard to cost."

To show that the profits of the trust are enormous, Mr. Kittredge said that it costs \$10 to manufacture the lumber at the mills and yields to the trust at least 200 per cent. According to the last census of the United States, the value of lumber products in 1900 was \$556,600,000. From this the enormous profits accruing to the trusts are apparent.

"The methods by which this trust has obtained control of the lumber business of this country are no longer a secret. It not only arbitrarily advances the prices of lumber, but resorts to drastic and unscrupulous methods to crush independent dealers."

As to the effect on the prices of lumber he said: "Within the past five years the prices of lumber and timber products have been arbitrarily advanced from 100 to 500 per cent. This is nothing better than robbery and is, in fact, the plunder of a commercial outlaw."

The resolution calling for an investigation provides as follows: "That the Secretary of Commerce and Labor be, and he is hereby authorized, to investigate and report to Congress, or to the President, when Congress is not in session, from time to time as the investigation proceeds, as to the lumber trade or business of the United States, which is the subject of inter-State or foreign commerce, and make full inquiry into the cause or causes of the high prices of lumber in its various stages of manufacture from the stump to the mill, and the said investigation and inquiry shall be conducted with the particular object of ascertaining whether or not there exists among any corporations, companies, or persons engaged in the manufacture or sale of lumber any combination, conspiracy, or agreement or contract intended to operate in restraint of lawful trade or commerce, or to increase the market price of lumber in any part of the United States."

NEW HANOVER COURT MONDAY. Judge Long Will Attack Docket Containing 100 Criminal Cases, Four for Murder—McKanna Club Reception.

Wilmington, Jan. 18.—New Hanover Superior Court Judge Long presiding, will convene Monday and remain in session two weeks for the trial of criminal cases of which there are more than a hundred on the docket, this being the first term since before the holidays. Four murder cases are on the docket, the defendants being young Lonnie Smith, the brewery clerk, charged with the killing of W. L. Williams, a traveling man in a house of ill fame last fall; Joe Murphy, colored, charged with murdering Benjamin, who died later in Florence, S. C.; Frank Jones, colored, charged with cutting the throat of a negro woman at Eleventh and Market streets about Christmas; and William Ash, a rice field negro, charged with the murder of his paramour in Wilmington last summer. It is expected that the full docket will be required to dispose of the cases on the docket.

The McKanna Club, composed of a class of the Redville treated successfully by the Redville man, whose name the club bears, gave a public reception at the First Baptist church last night, assisted by the ladies of the congregation. There were more than 500 present and an evening of music, readings and the like was enjoyed. The ladies served refreshments. Mr. McKanna's treatment seems to have been quite successful in Wilmington as evidenced by the progress of the club here.

Wilmington saloon men were greatly interested this morning in the proceedings of the General Assembly from Raleigh, in which the city of Wilmington was declared dry by legislative enactment in the face of repeated bond-option elections in which the "wet" vote prevailed. Not a few prominent men here say that they would not be surprised to see a state prohibition law passed on at least a year's postponing State prohibition to a vote of the people.

BROUGHT TO GREENSBORO. Jack Williams and Doc Wilson Arrived Over to Greensboro's Chief of Police. Tried on Charge of Theft.

Greensboro, Jan. 18.—Jack Williams and Doc Wilson, the boys arrested here several days ago and committed for carrying concealed weapons, and who were to have been tried next week as suspicious characters, are now in the hands of the chief of police of Greensboro, N. C., who identified a lot of knives and razors found in their possession as the property of the Gulfport Hardware Company of Greensboro. The boys are glibly denying any part in a profitable offense in his State. He left for home during the day with his prisoners.

HODGES KEEPS HIS NERVE

SAYS HE IS ALL READY TO GO

Condemned Murderer, Who Will Hang Friday for a Crime He Has Done, Remains Calm and Says He Has Read to Him Three Times by Fellow Convicts—Looks Forward to Execution as to Christmas—A Woman He Loves, Friends—Jones, on the Contrary, is Stupefied.

Durham, Jan. 18.—As the time draws near for the execution of John H. Hodges, the wife murderer, his nerve of iron remains with him and he does not show the least sign of fear. He talks in the same way, and says that when the 8th day of February arrives he will step on the scaffold without a tremor and meet the punishment without fear. Several weeks ago he made a profession of religion and now almost daily he is visited by a minister and he talks a great deal about his future. Hodges cannot read, but during the last few weeks fellow prisoners have read the Bible through to him three times. In addition to this the ministers have read considerable to him. He says that he is prepared to meet his end and knows that his terrible sin has been forgiven him.

Speaking of the execution Hodges said that he did not fear the end, and that he was looking forward to it much as a small boy looks forward to Christmas a few weeks before that time. "I am all ready to go," he said, "and if the time for the execution were nearer at hand, while speaking of this he said that he knew the sunlight outside was pretty and refreshing, but he added that he was not going to be in the sunlight any more. His race is run, he said, and now he was perfectly willing to meet the demands of the law."

TALKS OF CRIME. He has told something of the crime. He says that he did not break the lock on the back door, as was suggested by the crowd, but that he opened the door unlocked and walked in. He said that when he went to the house that night he did not go there for the purpose of killing his wife, but that he was full of whiskey and when he was in the room he saw the troubles of the past came up before him and the deed was done before he could stop himself. The little daughter, Mattie, was his only friend in the household, he said, and he said to her: "Papa is all right, and will fix you a pallet. I love you." He was in a frenzy and the murder followed.

Hodges has made a good prisoner, and since his conversion he has done much toward getting other prisoners interested in their future. His constant companion is a cat that he has in the jail. This cat and the condemned murderer are good friends, and each night they sleep together. "I am all right," he said, "and will fix you a pallet. I love you." He was in a frenzy and the murder followed.

He has requested that his body be shipped to his old home in Danville and be laid to rest beside the remains of his mother, who died many years ago. His niece, who also lives in Virginia, and who has stood by him in his trouble and in an effort to save him from the gallows, has directed an undertaker here to see that this is done.

VAST DIFFERENCE AS TO JONES. There is a vast difference between Hodges and the other murderer, Jones, named, who burglarized the home of Mrs. Jack Barker, in East Durham, and is sentenced to die on the same day that Hodges is to die, sits as if in a stupor. He will also go to the scaffold with Hodges, but he is not in the least bit of a hurry. He sits in the corner of his steel cage and gazes away into nothingness. When spoken to he answers in monosyllables. "Are you ready for the end?" "Yes, that's all. You've got to go again. He does not seem to understand, or if he does his understanding is not acute."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. To-night there was an important meeting of the Durham chamber of commerce. At this meeting plans for the future of Durham were discussed, and some changes were made in the by-laws of the chamber, so as to make it more effective. Under the old by-laws it required 25 for a quorum, and this was at times hard to get in the winter months, as the chamber is so small. The changes now constitute a quorum. The chamber is to become active and will do much to advertise the advantages of the city.

Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION. The Young Men's Christian Association of the city will hold a convention at the city college, to be held on the 20th. The meeting, if held here, will be in the Y. M. C. A. Hall at Trinity Park.

DEATH OF A YOUNG MAN. Louis Allen Ayers Passes Away at His Home at Nevin—Funeral This Morning.

Louis Allen, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ayers, died at the home of his parents at Nevin, Thursday night. The funeral will take place at the residence this morning at 9:30 o'clock, the services being in charge of Rev. William Durham. The interment will be at Greenwood. The death of this young man was peculiarly sad. He suffered with a strange malady for months, being twice carried to the hospital for treatment. Nothing availed to stay the disease, and he had to be carried home to die. He passed away two days after his return.

UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED. President's Action in Dismissing Negro Soldiers Approved by Arkansas Legislature—Bill for 2-Cent Rate.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 18.—Senator Leggett, the only Republican member of the Senate, presented a resolution to-day, which was unanimously adopted, endorsing the action of President Roosevelt in dismissing the companies of the Twenty-fifth Infantry for participating in the Brownsville rioting.

The lower branch of the Legislature passed a bill fixing a maximum rate of 2 cents a mile for first-class passenger fares in the State.

GOV. ELECT SMITH SPEAKS

N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE SCORNS

Cotton Buyers Influenced Largely, in Prices They Voluntarily Offer by Government Reports and Publications Which Go All Over the World From the Exchange—Urges Necessity for Organized Agency to Ferret Out and Expose Unfair Methods in Depreciating Market Value of Staple, and Says This Must Be Done by People of the Cotton Growing States—Ex-Governor Heyward, of South Carolina, Speaks on Same Subject.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 18.—The Southern Cotton Association this afternoon in convention adopted a resolution unanimously endorsing President Roosevelt in dismissing the negro troops at Brownsville. A special dispatch will be sent to the President to this effect.

Speeches by two distinguished Southern Governors were the features of the sessions of the association to-day. Governor-elect Hoke Smith, of Georgia, spoke during the morning, and his words urging united effort in seeking to control the cotton situation were enthusiastically received.

Former Governor D. C. Heyward, of South Carolina, spoke this afternoon along the same line, although as president of the Southern Immigration & Industrial Association, his remarks were more general than those of other speakers.

In view of the recent controversy between the New York Cotton Exchange and the Southern cotton growers, Mr. Smith's remarks were given close attention. There were two reasons, he said, why cotton has not sold for its real value. First, the use of unfair means by outsiders to depreciate the price; second, the failure of farmers to use business-like methods to maintain the price.

"Cotton buyers," he continued, "are largely influenced by the prices published by the New York Cotton Exchange, which they voluntarily offer for cotton by government reports and by the publications which go all over the world from the New York Cotton Exchange. If government reports are manipulated to show a larger production than the real crop, the price is depressed and the farmer is the loser."

Every man throughout the land should be made to know that the prices published by the New York Cotton Exchange do not represent the market price of midland cotton, but only represent the market price of inferior cotton gathered together to protect the seller, and until that cotton is sold to the buyers of the New York Cotton Exchange. He said there were honest men on the exchange, strange as it might seem to some of his hearers, but he added that there were also human vultures upon these honest men's shoulders upon whose interests were entirely selfish.

The mass sessions of the convention close to-morrow, although it is probable that the executive committee will remain several days longer.

COUNTY ASSESSOR WAYLAIID. J. W. Coulter, of Lenoir, S. D., Assessor of Standard county, related the following: "I was waylaid by a combination of throat and lung troubles, bronchitis, asthma and a terrible cough, which rendered me a helpless invalid. I was pursued to try Dr. King's New Discovery Relief came almost immediately, and in a short time permanent cure resulted." No other medicine compares with it as a sure and quick cure for coughs and colds. It cures after all other remedies have failed. Every bottle guaranteed at all drug stores. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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CELEBRATE LEE DAY.

Graded School at Salisbury Will Hold Interesting Exercises Under Auspices of U. D. C.—Merchants to Close at 7 P. M.

Salisbury, Jan. 18.—The graded school, under the direction of the Daughters of the Confederacy, will to-morrow morning observe a very interesting and appropriate memorial day to General Lee. The exercises open at 11 a. m., and Mayor Boyden will preside. Capt. John A. Ramsay will relate a personal incident to the battle of Sharpsburg, and Col. John S. Henderson will make a brief speech. Miss Bessie Henderson is to read Lee's Farewell Address and recite Mrs. Nelson Taylor, a devoted Pennsylvanian with a lovely voice, will sing "The Conqueror's Banner," and 25 of the best voices in town will sing the Southern songs, a male quartette also singing two numbers.

When Mr. S. Wittkowsky, of Charlotte, comes here next Thursday night to organize a local building and loan association, he will be met by the ladies and best men of the city. Mr. L. E. Heilig, the moving spirit in the cause, has asked one representative of each of the four banks to go through the crowd and take the names of the stockholders. It is the plan to begin with \$6,000 and it does not appear that this is going to be hard to do.

The Merchants' Association last night decided that many will in the future close their places of business at 7 p. m. This custom has been practiced for several years with generally favorable results. The clerks are on duty 12 hours daily with concessions from the clerks' union on Saturday nights, and the three nights about the Southern's pay day. Several petitions were ordered circulated for signatures and they will have to do with railroad rates, express rates and the homestead laws.

The De Koven Male Quartette, under the direction of the graded school, gave a concert in the auditorium to-night that greatly pleased the people. The best crowd that has attended the lyceum course so far came out. These singers are here under the chautauqua course of the Radcliffe Bureau at Richmond. All of the attractions thus far offered have been most excellent. This was the first that has paid.

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