

COTTON REPORT BILL APPROVED

HARRISON'S MEASURE MERELY REVISES PRENT PROCE- DURE.

Washington.—Endorsement of the crop reporting board of the department of agriculture and a number of co-operative cotton associations, was given to a bill which is to be introduced in the senate by Senator Harris, democrat, Georgia, changing the regulations of the government cotton reports.

Taking the stand that the government reports should be improved rather than abolished, the Georgia senator prepared a bill which remodeled the law. The approval of the crop board was given after a few changes in the bill were agreed upon. Believing that most of the criticism of the government reports is due to sudden movements in the cotton market caused by the uncertainty of the reports, Senator Harris' measure calls for more frequent reports.

The new measure would require the census bureau to make public daily reports of cotton ginned as received by the bureau agents with the statement of the number of bales ginned in the same territory the previous year. The cotton exchanges would be required to close 30 minutes after the semi-monthly reports are issued instead of 15 minutes after and on September 1 all abandoned acreage would be reported.

The semi-monthly reports would be issued at noon instead of 11 o'clock. Estimates of the cotton crop would be issued by states in groups of three, beginning on the fourth day of each month during the growing season beginning with Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina; on the fifth day, Georgia, Florida and Alabama; on the sixth, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana; on the seventh Oklahoma and Arkansas; and on the eighth when the regular semi-monthly report is issued the estimate of the remaining states would be included. The same procedure then would be taken up on the fifteenth of the month and carried through until the next semi-monthly report is issued.

Turkey Insists on Sovereignty.

Geneva.—Turkey will accept no decision concerning Mosul by the council of the League of Nations which involves any abandonment of Turkish sovereignty there. This pronouncement was made by the Turkish spokesman, giving the Ankara viewpoint on the dispute which divides Great Britain and Turkey and which continues to cause the utmost anxiety in Geneva. In behalf of the Ottoman delegation one of its leading members insisted that despite the ruling of the world court of justice, Turkey was convinced that the council's only role in the controversy is that of mediator and that it has no power to impose its decision on the parties to the dispute. Hence he said, the council should confine its endeavors to a mediating between Great Britain and Turkey and finding a solution acceptable to both.

At all events, he continued, Turkey would not consider herself bound by a decision to which in advance she had not given adhesion.

"The League of Nations is trying to build up international jurisprudence based on justice and equity," said the Turkish representative. "Even the league commission which went to Mosul reported that Mosul legally belonged to Turkey. It would therefore be a strange kind of justice if the council, against our will, rendered a judgment whereby the sovereignty of Mosul would be handed over to Iraq, which is under the mandate of Great Britain. The Turkish people would never stand for this."

The spokesman denied Turkey had warlike intentions. He admitted that if the council's decision was against Turkey, Great Britain would possess the advantage of being in military occupation of Mosul. But he added: "We are there, too," and continued: "That however, does not mean that peace cannot continue for some time to come."

Offer Issue of Certificates.

Washington.—Concluding the treasury's financing for the calendar year, 1925, Secretary Mellon announced an offering of \$450,000,000 in one year, three and three-quarter per cent certificates of indebtedness.

With the proceeds of the certificate sale and tax payments due December 15, the treasury will be able to carry on its operations until March 15.

Dr. Russell H. Cornwell Passes.

Philadelphia.—The Rev. Russell H. Cornwell, renowned Baptist clergyman, founder and president of Temple University, lecturer, author and philanthropist, died after a long illness. Conscious until the end, Dr. Cornwell bade good bye to his only daughter, Mrs. Anna Buttell, and several close friends who had been summoned to his bedside. He was 82 years old.

Dr. Cornwell had been failing in health for more than a year. About two weeks ago he was operated upon for cancer of the bladder.

THREE KILLED IN WRECK WHEN TRAIN HITS AUTO.

Pensacola, Fla.—Three persons were almost instantly killed when Louisville and Nashville train number five struck an automobile at a crossing near Atmore, Ala., 40 miles north of here, it was learned. The dead: Ed. Carter, driver of the automobile, of Monroe county, Ala., Miss Ethel Mason, and Miss Estelle Mathews, of Atmore. Miss Mathews was a daughter of the postmaster at Atmore.

AIRMAN KILLED AS PLANELOCK

WERE TRAVELING OVER HUNDRED MILES AN HOUR AT TIME OF ACCIDENT.

San Diego, Calif.—Colliding head-on 1,500 feet above San Diego bay while their Voight airplanes were traveling faster than 100 miles and hour, Captain Harry H. Shepherd and Lieutenant John D. Christian attached to the marine corps aviation squadron at North Island, were killed.

The airplanes, their locked wings and fuselages parting after dropping 1,000 feet plunged into the bay about four miles south of Coronado Tent city. Lieutenant Christian's plane fell near shore and the aviator was breaching when he was pulled from the wreckage. He died en route to the naval air station dispensary.

Captain Shepherd remained caught in the wreckage of his ship until the wrecking barge hoisted the demolished plane from the bay bottom. His body was found huddled over the shattered steering stick.

A dramatic touch to the ill-fated maneuver in which the two aviators lost their lives was added when it was discovered that both men evidently had sensed their danger and for a fraction of a second had tugged at their parachutes, which were opened but still tied securely to the bodies of the dead pilots.

Captain Shepherd was married three months ago. His widow resides in Coronado. During the world war he commanded a machine gun company of the fifth marine battalion. He graduated from the Pensacola naval air station in 1921.

Lieutenant Christian was born in Halthorpe, Maryland, February 12, 1900. He was married. He was graduated from the United States naval academy at Annapolis and subsequently left the service, being appointed a lieutenant in the marine corps in 1914 and in May of last year was sent to the Pensacola naval air station for flight training.

Tax Reduction Bill Complete.

Washington.—Reaching an agreement on inheritance and automobile taxes—two of the main controversial items in its tax reduction bill—the house ways and means committee sent the measure to the printers carrying provisions drawn by cut the annual federal tax burden by about \$330,000,000. In return for a provision allowing a rebate to automobile dealers of the difference between the old and new taxes on cars which they have on hand when the latter becomes effective, the committee received a pledge from automobile manufacturers not to urge complete elimination of the passenger car tax. The bill would cut this rate from 5 to 3 per cent.

The provision in the bill allowing a retroactive reduction in inheritance tax rates was eliminated, although the revised inheritance schedules for the future were retained.

The committee also voted to repeal the tax on deeds and conveyances, amounting to 50 cents on each 100 transaction, the 10 per cent stamp levy on voting proxies and the 25 cent stamp tax on papers granting the power of an attorney.

Chairman Green was instructed to introduce the bill at the opening session of the house Monday, and he intends to ask that it be taken up for consideration on the second day of the session—a record breaking program for speed on a measure.

Danish Sailors Adrift on Barge.

Charleston, S. C.—Two Danish sailors names not known here, are adrift in a barge off the coast of North Carolina, according to a story told here on the arrival of the tug W. H. Hoodless, from Philadelphia, from which the barge broke adrift. The Hoodless, its two barges in tow, was on its way from Philadelphia to Miami, Fla.

The tug left Morehead City, N. C., Monday, and one of the barges broke away. After a desperate battle with the angry sea the tug finally managed to get the barge once more in tow.

Johnson Helping Sweden Go Dry.

Stockholm.—Sweden's prohibitionists have temporarily received American reinforcement through the presence of "Pussyfoot" Johnson, who is making a lightning tour of the southern and central parts of the country and drawing large crowds everywhere. On Sunday he was admitted to the pulpit of the historic Blasieholm church in the heart of Stockholm.

As against the present restrictive system of liquor distribution in Sweden, he presented the case for the total prohibition policy.

FIVE KILLED IN BOILER EXPLOSION

ACCIDENT HAPPENS AT SMALL SAW MILL IN FLORIDA; THREE INJURED.

Pensacola, Fla.—Five men were instantly killed and three were seriously injured when the boiler of a small sawmill at Ponce de Leon, Fla., exploded, according to word received here from De Funiak Springs. The dead:

E. P. Creel, 45, of Bonifay, Fla., owner of the mill; Walter Redmond, 55, mechanic; William Jenkins, 35, laborer; Deeds Smith, 35, laborer; Theodore Martin, 15-year-old orphan, of Ponce de Leon; Claude Redmond was badly bruised about the head and his condition is critical while Elbert Whitehead also was injured about the head. Edgar McDonald received a broken arm and a fractured foot.

The cause of the explosion has not been ascertained. The sawmill had been set up in the afternoon and preparations for a trial run were being made when the explosion occurred. The force of the blast tore the top from a giant oak tree 50 yards away and shattered window panes in nearby houses.

Twenty Entombed in Mine.

Nederland, Col.—More than 100 men fought feverishly to gain entrance to the Fairview Mining company's silver, gold and lead mine, near here, where 20 miners were entombed. A fire caused the mine portal to cave in and destroyed the buildings about the tunnel mouth.

The rescue workers were engaged in a double task—that of sinking a 20-foot shaft into the top of the mine tunnel and that of clearing away more than 20 feet of debris that blocked the passage way when the fire burned the timber supports.

H. K. Lidstone, mine superintendent, expects a shaft to be sunk, thereby enabling rescue workers, equipped with gas masks, to enter the workings.

The cave-in of the mine portal followed a fire in the compressor when fresh air is driven into the mine which spread to the buildings about the mouth and attacked the timbering.

Mine officials have expressed fear as to the safety of the entombed men, who may have been suffocated by the dense smoke that filled the mine. However, a ray of hope was seen because of length of the main tunnel that extends for more than 3,000 feet into the mountains.

Government to Sell Land.

Washington.—Five old military reservations on the South Atlantic coast, "suitable for country estates, hunting and fishing clubs, and as deep water terminal sites," have been advertised for sale by the war department, bids to be opened January 5. Some date back to revolutionary times and others to civil war days. They are:

Fort Fremont, Port Royal Sound, S. C., scene of a Scotch-Irish colonial settlement under Lord Cardross in 1684 and of the British southern campaign in 1778-79. The fort lies across Beaufort river from Paris Island, the marine corps recruiting station, and the site of civil war forts that figured the various engagements are nearby.

Hilton Head, south entrance to Port Royal sound, 803 acres, bought up by the government at a tax sale in 1863, but never garrisoned except for a small detachment during the Spanish war.

Bay Point, Phillips Island, north side of Port Royal sound, 126 acres, also acquired on tax sale.

Beacon Island, N. C., once a Confederate fortified post, demolished by a detachment from the U. S. S. Pawnee in 1861.

Prohibition Conflict For Congress.

Washington.—The conflict that has enveloped prohibition enforcement ever since its inception, and has gained new momentum in the last few days, was headed toward its original battle ground—the floors of Congress. With the opening of Congress only a few days away, both wets and drys are forming their lines for attack and defense. Recent developments indicate that, while some breaches exist in the ranks of the prohibitionists, the wets are counting on strong support.

Among various proposals to be presented to Congress, outright repeal of the Volstead act will be sought by Representative Dyer of Missouri, ranking republican of the house judiciary committee and one of the wet leaders, who heretofore had contended merely for modification of the law.

Fatal Prison Mutiny.

Rangoon, India.—Nine persons have been killed and 24 wounded in a jail mutiny at Pyrapur, lower Burma. Led by a murderer under death sentence prisoners overpowered the guards and seized arms. Police surrounded the jail and the prisoners surrendered after a pitched battle in which five prisoners and four guards were killed and twenty prisoners and four guards wounded. The leader of the mutiny was among those killed.

NOTED HISTORIAN TO SPEAK AT UNVEILING.

Greenwood, S. C.—The marker which is to be placed at Old Combridge, near Ninety Six, at the site of the Star Fort, of Revolutionary war fame, by the Star Fort chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will be unveiled within the next two weeks, according to announcement by officials of the chapter.

James Henry Rice, native of Ninety Six and widely known historian, has been invited to make the address and it is hoped the state regent, Mrs. W. B. Burney, also will be present. An appropriate program is being arranged by a committee of citizens of Ninety Six and a committee from the Star Fort chapter.

FLORIDA SWEEP BY BLAST

WIND AND RAIN STORM SWEEPS OVER ENTIRE WEST COAST.

Tampa, Fla.—Wind-lashed and rain-soaked Tampa and other cities along the west coast of Florida are shaking off the effects of a 52-mile wind and rain storm which swept this section. The weather bureau here described the storm as "phenomenal" and the worst winter-season blast in 36 years.

A 20-mile wind and a drizzle of rain were sweeping Tampa's streets, and out in the gulf steamers were reporting to local wireless stations that stiff breezes were causing a high running sea.

The toll from the storm in Tampa stood at four known dead, four missing, and 18 seriously injured in hospitals. All of the dead, missing, and injured were said to be negroes.

The total amount of damage to property along the west coast could not be estimated, officials said. Conservative citizens said it would reach well into a million dollars.

Communications with all important points had been established. Lakeland, Clearwater, St. Petersburg, Bradenton, Sebring, Avon Park, Sarasota, Fort Myers and other cities reported damage by wind.

C. C. Commander, general manager of the Florida Citrus exchange, reported that the citrus crop as a whole suffered little damage. This statement, he said, was based on reports received from Polk, Manatee and Volusia counties. Other sections have not yet been heard from. Mr. Commander said. The storm surprised Tampa and the west coast. Throughout the day a drizzle of rain fell, which for this time of year, "unusual." This disturbance was laid to the heavy rains falling on the east coast and centering over Miami.

War Secretary Makes Report.

Washington.—Secretary Davis of the war department has the unique distinction of having before him for approval a report signed by himself on his own activities as assistant secretary of war. The document is his annual report as assistant secretary to the secretary, and was signed by Mr. Davis before Secretary Weeks' resignation, although the former secretary did not act upon any of its recommendations, leaving that to his successor.

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WHISKEY RINGS OFFICES RAIDED

HAD SECRET SERVICE COMPLETE AS UNCLE SAM'S, ALLEGED.

New York.—Half a hundred prohibition agents, deputy United States marshal and special patrolmen raided the offices of a liquor ring which prohibition agents said was the largest in the history of prohibition and was "the backbone of rum row."

A syndicate which controlled eight ocean steamers in the liquor trade, bribed coast guard officers wholesale and had its own secret service system for watching the movement of federal officers was said to have been broken up by the raiders, whose first round up of the day netted 20 men and whose principal captive was "Bill" Dwyer, alleged head of the syndicate.

The ring's activities were said to have been responsible for bringing millions of dollars worth of liquor into this country annually. Dwyer, arraigned before Judge Goddard on a specific charge of conspiring last July to bring 4,038 cases of liquor into the country hidden in the bunkers of the steamship Augusta, was held in 40,000 bail.

U. S. Attorney Buckner said he had been informed that Dwyer was an owner of the Mount Royal race in Montreal. The raids were carefully planned after warrants had been issued by Federal Judge Thomas Thatcher. At a signal, detachments of agents went to different parts of the city where members of the alleged syndicate were known to be gathered. The chief point of attack was a suite of offices in the East River National Bank building in Times Square, where leaders of the ring were arrested.

Immediately after the raid, Major Walton A. Green, chief assistant of General Lincoln C. Andrews, dispatched the following message to his chief:

"Beg to report capture of Dwyer and his principal assistants. Forty-one warrants out and biggest round up in history of prohibition enforcement still in progress."

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DOINGS IN THE TAR HEEL STATE

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA TOLD IN SHORT PAR- AGRAPHS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Burlington.—The Alamance County Bar passed resolutions at the close of the two weeks' term of Superior Court for the trial of civil cases praising Goldsboro.—Goldsboro went over the top in the final drive with the community chest budget with three thousand dollars in excess of the allotted amount of \$25,000.

Walnut Cove.—The huge hydro electric power plant on Dan river, a distance of six or more miles from here, commonly referred to as the pioneer power development in Stokes county, is now giving entire satisfaction, furnishing sufficient electric power for lighting purposes in the entire town and power for running numerous mills in this vicinity.

Monroe.—Clifford Holmes, 15-year-old son of F. C. Holmes, of Marshville, was rushed to the Ellen Fitzgerald Hospital, Monroe, with a thumb tack in the lower part of his throat as a result of holding tacks in his mouth while sticking pictures on the wall.

Wake Forest.—In coming through the entire season without the loss of a game to a freshman team in the State, the young Demon Deacons upheld the record established by former first-year teams of Wake Forest and showed up some excellent material for next year's varsity.

Greenville.—A very largely attended district meeting of the women of the Episcopal church in this district was held at the Church of the Advent, Williamston, Rev. C. O. Pardo, rector.

Raleigh.—E. E. Asher, well known traveling salesman, of Atlanta, Ga., fell to the ground just as he had bought a ticket to the State Theatre and died within a few moments. He was between 35 and 40 years old and his home was at 400 North Boulevard, Atlanta, according to papers found on him.

Madison.—After a chase that started at Ridgeway, Va., and ended at Rocky Springs, N. C., a distance of more than 25 miles a man named Holt, a Hudson speedster and 123 gallons of liquor were captured by Jim Riddle, federal officer, and George T. Martin, Madison police chief.

Charlotte.—Permit for the erection of the Southern Railway's office building on West Trade street across the tracks from the Southern's passenger station, was issued Thursday. The cost of the building will be \$200,000. The building will be three stories and will contain 66 offices.

Danville, Va.—After a separation of 14 years John D. Jones and Mrs. Augusta C. Jones were remarried by Rev. J. C. Holland. They had been divorced but affection between the two had, it developed, never completely ceased. Mrs. Ora Daniel, their only child, was a factor in the reunion.

New Bern.—Trial of a suit against the City of New Bern, brought by David H. Willis for \$25,000 for damages growing out of the death of his brother, Mitchell Willis, who lost his life last April when he drove a Ford coupe into Trent River off the foot of Craven street, has been started in Superior Court.

Chimney Rock.—The soapstone deposit, plant and equipment of the National Soapstone Company, partially in Ashe county, has been sold to Roanoke capitalists, among whom are C. M. Armes, C. C. Haims and J. A. Jamison. This is one of the largest deposits of soapstone in the country.

Greensboro.—Fire starting in the Leftwich Arcade, a building on Elm street, in the center of the business district, was the fourth fire that has started in the place within a year. The interior was rather well gutted by the blaze and damage done by water that it was necessary for the firemen to pour into the place.

Washington.—Susan Phyllis, the 11-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stephenson, of Wanoa, was strangled to death. She was left in the crib to sleep, and when the mother returned the child had been dead presumably 30 minutes. The baby's head had in some way gotten between the spokes of the crib which resulted in choking her to death.

Concord.—Harry Johnson, Harry Hager and Frank Willauer, youths from Chester, Pa., who were arrested several days ago in Spartanburg, S. C., with an automobile stolen from this city, will be sentenced next Wednesday. They were taken into police court here and asked the court to notify their relatives of their predicament before passing sentence on them.

Henderson.—Permits for new building enterprises in Henderson during the past month amounted to \$22,350, according to Fire Chief J. E. Parks. A store and a residence made up the larger part of the money consideration shown in the investments.

Rocky Mount.—A ministerial in the case against M. H. Byrum, former superintendent of the Rocky Mount road district prison camp, was ordered by Judge E. H. Cranmer in Nash county superior court at Nashville after the jury had been out and failed to reach an agreement.

Judge L. M. Carlton

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