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DEMOCRATIC LEADERS UPHELD

Win On Every Test Vote—Consideration of Tariff Bill Begins Unexpectedly.

Washington Dispatch 23d.

The Senate took its first plunge into the intricacies of the Underwood-Simmons tariff revision bill today. At the end of a day of hard work, only a few paragraphs of the voluminous measure has been completed when adjournment was reached tonight. On every test vote throughout the day the Democratic leaders were upheld, in some cases receiving the support of Republicans aligned with the Progressive element.

Detailed consideration of the bill began unexpectedly when it was found Republican Senators were ready to deliver general tariff speeches. Chairman Simmons of the finance committee urged that the Senate lose no time in pushing the measure to a vote and with the consent of the Republicans, the reading of the bill line by line was begun.

Tests of strength came upon a number of relatively unimportant issues embraced in duties upon chemicals and drugs. The Democratic ranks held solidly upon each vote, when Senator Smoot opposed a reduction of the oxalic acid duty from 2 cents to 1-2 cent a pound, Senators Borah, Bristow, Crawford, Cummins, Jones, LaFollette, Norris and Works, Republicans, and Senator Poindexter, Progressive, joined the Democrats in indorsing the proposed reduction. On a subsequent vote to increase the duty on pyrogallol acid, 12 Republicans voted with the Democrats.

Democratic Senators evinced throughout the day the determination of the party managers to hold debate to a minimum. No Democratic Senator participated in general discussion further than to give information as to the reasons for reductions.

The Democrats have determined to make few speeches, and to use their efforts to minimize debate and hasten final passage of the bill.

FACES DIFFICULT SITUATION.

Turkish Reoccupation of Adrianople and Kirk-Killisseh Puts Europe on Hair Trigger.

London Dispatch, 22d.

The European concert is faced by a most delicate and difficult situation, requiring the exercise of the utmost diplomatic tact, if Europe is not to be plunged into a general war by the Turkish reoccupation of Adrianople and Kirk-Killisseh.

Bulgaria, hapless, sees the fruits of her dearly won victories snatched from her hand and while negotiations for an armistice are proceeding in a leisurely manner at Nish the Greeks and Servians continue to push their advantage.

The official announcement made at Constantinople that the Turkish troops had reoccupied Adrianople created the worst possible impression in diplomatic circles and the Powers immediately began an exchange of views to find the best means of checkmating Turkey's action, which is looked upon as a clear cut defiance of all Europe. The next few hours are likely to decide whether forces heretofore unengaged shall enter the Balkan cockpit. Russia is understood to be ready to accept the mandate of Europe to compel the Porte to respect the treaty of London and the British Cabinet tomorrow will consider whether this government shall consent to active intervention by Russia.

Neutrality Must Be Observed.

Washington Dispatch, 23d.

President Wilson has determined that no faction in the present Mexican revolution shall obtain arms or ammunition from the United States and that neutrality must be observed in the strictest sense. This was the interpretation of the neutrality law decided upon by the President today after conferences with Senator Bacon and Representative Flood, chairmen of the two Congressional committees on foreign relations.

While the Mexican rebels have been getting no arms heretofore, today's developments mean that the Huerta Administration will be deprived of the privilege previously accorded the Madero Government and that the United States will treat all sides alike in the present dispute. The situation was precipitated by the repeated complaints of Constitutionalists and their sympathizers in this country that if the United States did not virtually assist the Huerta Government by selling it munitions of war a termination of hostilities would be possible.

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FACTORY FIRE; WOMEN KILLED

Sudden Disaster Overtakes Women and Girls Employed in Four-Story Building—Many Burned to Death.

Binghamton, N. Y., Dispatch, 22d.

Fifty persons were killed according to late estimates, and as many injured, a dozen of them mortally, in a fire which swept the four-story factory building of the Binghamton Clothing Company this afternoon. The victims were chiefly women and girls.

Early tonight 22 bodies had been recovered. In the city hospital and in private institutions 30 are injured. Some two score persons are known to have escaped, as if by a miracle, from the building which burst into flame like a tinder box and became a roaring furnace in almost no time after the first alarm was sounded. About 125 persons were in the factory when the fire broke out. Those unaccounted for or most of them are believed to be still in the red hot ruins of the structure.

The big outstanding fact of the catastrophe is its suddenness. In this the disaster bears a strong resemblance to the Triangle Waist Company fire in New York City, where 147 lives were lost, when the inflammable material upon which the employes were working and the waste littering the floors blazed up with inconceivable rapidity and set the imprisoned workers jumping from the windows to their death. The parallel here fails only in the lesser height and different construction of the building and in the length of the list of dead and injured. Another resemblance to the New York disaster is that the fire today is believed to have been started by the careless throwing of a cigarette butt or match.

Exact Number of Those Who Perished May Never Be Known.

Binghamton, N. Y., Dispatch, 23d.

The exact number of persons who perished in the fire in the factory of the Binghamton Clothing Company yesterday may never be known. The list of employes is in the ruins. Only a half dozen of the bodies recovered have been identified.

A careful estimate today places the number of those in the building at the time the fire started at 111. Of these only 53 are known to have been saved. Six dead have been identified; 15 bodies charred beyond recognition are at the morgue; seven injured are at the hospitals; 46, several slightly injured, are safe at their homes. Eleven have been reported by relatives as missing and 26 others are unaccounted for. One of the women who suffered terrible burns about the head died today and another of the injured women is not expected to recover.

City officials estimate the death toll at 50, but admit it may reach 60. Physicians express the belief that the bodies of several of those lost in the center of the building would never be found.

PREVATT BEGINS SENTENCE.

Slayer of Emory McNeill Taken to Penitentiary Yesterday — 15 Years for Murder in Second Degree.

Barfield Prevatt, found guilty of murder in the second degree in Superior Court two weeks ago for killing Emory McNeill in Lumberton March 29 last and sentenced to 15 years in the State prison, was taken to the penitentiary by Sheriff R. E. Lewis yesterday. He was taken to Pembroke early yesterday morning by Sheriff Lewis and Rural Police-man Eli Phillips in an auto driven by Mr. Ira Bullard, this being a courtesy shown by the sheriff to the family of the prisoner, who hired the auto and made special request that this be done. Sheriff Lewis and the prisoner were joined at Pembroke by the prisoner's father, Mr. W. D. Prevatt, and Mr. Stephen McIntyre, one of the attorneys who defended him.

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AUTO TRUCKS ON JOB.

Two Enterprising Lumberton Concerns Have Them—One Turns Turtle.

Lumberton has two auto trucks.

The Robeson Soda Water Company bought one Saturday and the John T. Biggs Company bought one Tuesday. They are nice trucks and are being used in delivering goods. The Biggs Company had the misfortune of getting its truck turned turtle at the Lumberton Cotton Mill yesterday afternoon, but no serious damage was done to either the occupants or the truck. While driving the truck in front of the mill the driver in some way lost control of the machine and with four occupants, including the driver, and some merchandise, etc., went over the embankment into the Seaboard railroad cut. The railroad cut through the bill in front of the mill, where the truck went over, is about 6 or 8 feet deep and it is a great wonder that some serious damage was not done. The front axle of the truck was bent and a fender was broken, which is about all the damage done to the machine.

The purchase of these trucks is just one of the evidences of Lumberton's ever-increasing business. These trucks were purchased through the International Harvester Company's Charlotte office.

THE BIGGEST AD EVER?

Not by Two Whole Pages — Messrs. White & Gough of Lumberton Beat it in The Robesonian Two Years Ago.

Under the caption, "The Biggest Ad Ever. Parks-Belk Co. Have Four Whole Pages in This Paper Today," the Concord Times has the following: "What we believe to be the biggest ad. ever run by a mercantile firm in North Carolina appears in this paper today. It occupies four whole pages, and appears in both The Times and The Tribune. While these papers before carried some heavy advertising, we have never had more than two pages from any one firm in a single issue."

A four-page ad is pretty good, to be sure, but that lacks two whole pages of being up to the record made by The Robesonian nearly two years ago when Messrs. White & Gough of Lumberton ran an ad. of six whole pages in one issue of this paper. That six-page ad beat the record for North Carolina, as was noted in The Robesonian and several other papers throughout the State at the time, and the 4-page ad. carried by The Times last week is the nearest any other paper has approached to that record. —and the ad. in The Times was only two-thirds the size of the record-breaker in The Robesonian, at that.

Opposition to Order Reducing Parcel Post Rates.

Washington Dispatch, 22d.

Concerted opposition has developed in Congress to Postmaster General Burleson's order reducing parcel post rates and maximum size packages to be handled in the service. The order was issued today to become effective August 15, and today the Senate Post-office Committee requested Mr. Burleson to appear before the committee next Thursday with an explanation for the authority of his action.

This was the first step in what promises to be a bitter contest. When the Postmaster General has been heard, the committee is expected to have withdrawn before August 15 any authority he may claim Congress has given him to change rates and sizes. It was contended in committee that the proposed changes would entail an enormous loss to the Government, and some of the members complained strenuously that the Postoffice Department had failed to furnish Congress with data concerning operations of the parcel post.

Apparently there was no difference of opinion as to whether the Postmaster General should change the rates, Democrats and Republicans agreeing that only Congress ought to have this power.

—Messrs. B. Tolar and A. C. McGougan of Rennert, school committeemen of their district, passed through town this morning enroute to Marietta, where they will examine the Marietta school building with a view to erecting one like it at Rennert.

When baby suffers with croup apply and give Dr. Thomas Eclectic Oil at once, Safe for children. A little goes a long way. 25c and 50c. At all drug stores.

TOOK GREAT RISK; SEVERELY INJURED

Aged Indian Woman Tried to Cross Trestle Ahead of Train and Narrowly Escaped Death.

As a result of trying to cross the Ten Mile swamp on the V. & C. S. railroad track Tuesday about noon just ahead of the Lumberton-bound freight train No. 5, Helon Canady, Indian, about 86 years old, is in the Thompson hospital suffering from several severe injuries. Her left leg is broken in two places between the knee and the ankle, the bone being badly shattered and the flesh right much lacerated. Her right leg is also badly lacerated between the knee and ankle. She sustained a bad bruise on the left thigh and several other bruises about over the body.

Immediately after the accident the woman was placed on the train and hurried to the hospital, where she received medical attention, and she is getting along as nicely as could be expected. A Robesonian reporter went yesterday afternoon to the hospital to see her and she seemed unusually bright, especially for one of her age and suffering from such injuries. She said that she had been across the swamp on the north side, to see some neighbors and was returning home when the accident occurred. Her home is on the south side of the swamp within 25 or 30 yards of the railroad track. There are two trestles in the swamp. She crossed one and heard the train coming, the bell ringing and the whistle blow, but thought she could cross the last trestle before the train would overtake her, and in trying to do this, when within about one step of being off the trestle, her heart gave out, she tripped and a foot caught between the cross ties. Realizing that the train was close on her she tried to fall off the track and as she fell she thought the train struck her. She fell on the left side of the track on her face.

The engineer, Mr. William Allred, said that he saw the woman on the track. He blew his whistle and rang the bell. The woman got off the track after crossing the first trestle and was walking beside the track on the embankment, and as the train was coming down the grade on the swamp the woman started to cross the last trestle. He tried to stop the train and brought his engine to a standstill within about 25 or 40 yards after passing where the woman fell. The woman fell off the track and he didn't know whether the train struck her or not.

It seems to be a case where a woman took just a little too much risk. "Aunt" Helon is a good woman and she has a host of friends among the white folks, as well as her own race, that will regret to learn of her misfortune. Her condition today is as favorable as could be expected.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC.

East Lumberton Methodist Sunday School Expects to Have a High Time at High Hills Saturday.

The East Lumberton Methodist Sunday school will picnic at the High Hills, on Lumber river about three miles below Lumberton, Saturday afternoon. Following is the program: Leave East Lumberton auditorium at 1 p. m., arrive High Hills 1:45; refreshments; foot race by boys; foot race by girls; jumping contest; balloon ascension; bag race; potato race; refreshments; search for nickles in bags of bran; wheelbarrow rolling; climbing slick pole; leave grounds at 5:15; ball game on Dresden diamond, 6 to 7:30.

In The Recorder's Court.

J. V. Oxendine, Curtis Jones and Governor Bell, all Indians, are charged with being in a drinking bout and fight near Sheriff Lewis' farm, five miles from town on the Fayetteville road, Monday night. Bell was tried before Assistant Recorder R. A. McLean Tuesday and taxed \$10 and costs. Oxendine and Jones will be tried tomorrow. Bell was not hurt. Jones has some bad knife cuts on his face and Oxendine received a blow on the head with a stick.

H. M. Beasley, charged with hitting Jack Collins with a stick last Saturday night, paid \$2.50 and costs. Collins was charged with taking a horse from Beasley Bros. livery and riding it at night, which led to the assault.

—Mrs. A. T. McLean returned yesterday morning from Atlanta, Ga., where she had been to consult a specialist with regard to a throat trouble from which she has been suffering for some time.

SMALL CHILDREN SHOT.

Jack Edmund Uses Shot Gun When His Dog Gets Worst of Fight—Legs Peppered and Small Girl's Forehead Grazed—Jack Claims Was Shooting at Dog While Children Think They Were the Targets.

As a result of a dog fight three small children are nursing hurts caused by shot from a shotgun in the hands of Jack Edmund, a small boy, who did not like the way the fight was going.

Monday afternoon between 5 and 6 o'clock Stephen Croft and his little sister Frances, children of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Croft, who live about 5 miles from town on the Carthage road, and their little cousin Ben Dore of Charlotte, who is visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Croft's, were on their way home from town in a buggy driving a mule. A little dog owned by the Croft children was following along, and in passing the home of Mrs. Agnes Edmund, who lives in the North-western part of town, a dog ran out and started a fight with the Croft dog. It is said that the Croft dog seemed to be getting the better of the Edmund dog, and Jack Edmund, about 13 or 14 years old, son of Mrs. Edmund, who was watching the fight ran into the house and got a gun and shot it, part of the load taking effect on the children in the buggy. The boy contends, it is understood, that he was shooting at the dog, but hit the children, Crofts and Dore, contend they were shot at.

After the gun was shot the children drove on in the direction of their home, but before they had gone far Mr. R. W. Williams, who had been to the country to his farm, met them. He noticed that the children were crying and were a little bloody and learning the trouble he brought them back to town and carried them to the Thompson hospital, where they received medical attention. One shot struck the little girl on the forehead a glancing blow, breaking the skin and causing some bleeding. The boys were each struck on legs and feet by a number of shot. It is understood that the gun was loaded with No. 8 shot.

The children only remained at the hospital a short time, going from there home, and it is said that they are getting along all right. It is not thought that they will suffer any serious results.

There will be a hearing of the affair Monday before Assistant Recorder McLean.

TAR HEEL TOPICS.

Crops Benefitted by Rains—Protracted Meetings—Personal and Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Tar Heel, July 21—The crops in this section are looking much better since the recent rains.

Mr. Ed Smith returned to his home in Raleigh today after spending a few days here.

The pastor, Rev. Mr. Biggs, is conducting a series of meetings at Purdie Methodist church this week.

Mr. J. L. Wilson was in Lumberton one day last week.

The writer with several others attended children's day at Bethel last Sunday and enjoyed it fine. Messrs. Gough and Barnes of Lumberton and Bullard of Tolarsville made eloquent addresses.

Mr. Emmett Kinlaw of Dublin was in town last Saturday.

The protracted meeting begins at the Baptist church here Monday after the first Sunday in August.

Mr. Western Young went to Fayetteville on business last Saturday.

This section was visited by heavy wind and rain last Saturday afternoon.

Woodmore Leaflets — An Old Coin Found.

St. Paul's, R. F. D., July 22—Mr. Lonnie Baxley came home sick from South Carolina, but is improving.

A meeting of days will commence at Rozier's church the 1st Sunday in August.

Mrs. Ophelia Butler of Henderson spent a few days here with relatives and friends.

That was the heaviest rain that we have seen fall this year that fell here Sunday evening.

While at work in a new ground last week Mr. Miles S. Baxley, Jr., dug up what is said to be a British silver dollar. It is the same size as our silver dollar and has the British crown upon it. It is 120 years old and looks about as new as it did when it was made. The boy has been offered 30 dollars for it.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Cotton today, 12 cents.

—The Presbyterian Sunday school picnic at Page's Mill, S. C., was enjoyed by a large crowd of young folks.

—There will be an ice-cream supper at the Methodist church at Buie Tuesday night of next week, the 29th inst. Everybody is invited.

—Mr. W. K. Brown of Birmingham, Ala., visited his mother, Mrs. Amanda Brown, at Philadelphia, near Red Springs, last week. Mrs. Brown's condition has improved very much. Mr. Brown spent a few days at Wrightsville Beach in company with his sister Miss Maggie, returning home last Wednesday.

—The boxes of all who are due Mrs. Normont for rent prior to the time Postmaster French took charge of the local postoffice have been discontinued and will not be reinstated until Mrs. Normont has been paid. Those who are in arrears will have to do without the convenience of a box until they come across.

—At a special meeting of the county board of education Tuesday in the office of County Superintendent J. R. Poole the treasurer's books were checked up to July 1st. It was the intention to select attendance officers at this meeting but owing to lack of time this was continued till the regular meeting on the first Monday in August.

—Mrs. J. E. Lilly and small daughter, Elizabeth, of Tatum, S. C., who had been in Lumberton since Wednesday of last week, Elizabeth undergoing treatment at the Thompson hospital, left Monday evening for Roper. Mr. Lilly was also in town Monday, going Monday night to Wrightsville Beach. Mr. and Mrs. Lilly formerly lived in Lumberton.

—The Chief's Blanket," a Biograph Western, and "The Counts" and "Weary Willie Starts Things in Pumpkinville," Vitagraph two pictures on one reel, will be the picture shown at the Pastime theatre this evening. Tomorrow evening another benefit show will be given for the Methodist church organ fund. Every dime over actual expenses of running the show will be given this fund.

—Mr. Arch. McDuffie, who was in town yesterday, informs The Robesonian that during the storm Sunday night the residence of Mr. Jno. Regan, who lives near Mr. McDuffie on route No. 2 from Lumberton, about 8 miles from town, was struck by lightning and the inmates slightly shocked, but no serious damage was done—unless Mr. Regan counts as serious damage the fact that a dog was killed.

—It must not be supposed that the brief reference in Monday's Robesonian to the fact that the streets were sprinkled early Monday morning, notwithstanding copious rains the night before, was intended as a criticism. It was meant to show that a rain is not seized upon as a pretext for neglecting this important work. As a matter of fact Elm street needs sprinkling within a very few hours after the hardest rain.

—A party of Lumberton folks left yesterday morning to spend a few days at Wrightsville Beach. In the party were the following: Misses Florence Jackson, Sallie Thompson, Mary Pope, Ethel Williams, Maggie Pitman, Daisy Edwards and Mesdames M. F. Caldwell, D. D. French, C. V. Brown, Jr., Mesdames Caldwell, French and Brown are chaperones for the party. They are all stopping at the Oceanic hotel, and expect to return Monday.

—It was stated in Monday's Robesonian that Mrs. T. N. Higley was sick at Rockford, western part of the State, where she was visiting relatives of her son-in-law Mr. M. N. Folger. Mrs. Higley is now at Rural Hall. Mr. Higley received a message yesterday to the effect that there was not much change in her condition. If there is no change for the worse Mrs. Higley and her daughters Misses Ina and Emma, who are with her, will return home Sunday.

—A warrant has been issued for one DeBarry Watts, who is charged with assaulting Mr. Joe Flowers of Charlotte near the High Hills one day last week. Mr. Flowers, who has since returned to Charlotte, was on a visit to relatives and was fishing with a cousin. He had gone a little distance away from his cousin to find bait when Watts came along and asked for some bait, and upon his request being refused he is said to have knocked Flowers down with a limb and to have struck him again when he was down. When Flowers' cousin came up in response to his call Watts had departed.