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40 MEN NOW ON CHAIN GANG

7 or 8 Times as Many as Were on the Gang 2 Years Ago—Number Likely Will be Increased During Present Term of Court—New Ones "Initiated."

There are now forty men serving sentences on the county chain gang, compared with five or six men two years ago. Indications point to that number being largely increased during the two weeks' term of criminal court which convened this morning. There are 23 prisoners in jail awaiting trial and, as stated in Thursday's Robesonian, more than 100 cases appear on the calendar. Many of these are appeals from road sentences imposed by the recorders of the county for violating the prohibition laws.

When a prisoner enters the Robeson county jail he is "initiated." One negro was initiated Friday night and the "jail birds" made it hot for him. His cries were heard for some distance, it is said. Just how many degrees they administer, this reporter has not been advised.

3 Stills, 2 Alleged Blockaders Caught

2 Stills Found in Shoe Heel Section—Officers Found Still in Smiths Just After It Had Been Set Up and Arrested Walter and Boyd Quick. Robeson officers captured three whiskey stills Friday and arrested two men—Walter and Boyd Quick. Two of the stills were located in Shoe Heel section, near Maxton. These were lard-tub outfits. One barrel of beer was destroyed with these stills. The owners were absent when the officers arrived on the scene.

The third still was a 75 gallon outfit and was found in Smiths township. The still had just been set up when the officers reached it and the Quicks were tracked from the still to their home. A sack of meal found at the still had Walter Quick's name on it. A 100-pound sack of sugar was also found at the still.

Rev. J. L. Jenkins State Evangelist

Rev. J. L. Jenkins, who has been pastor of the Baptist church at Parkton, his first charge, for the past 8 years and a half, has been appointed State evangelist by the State Mission Board. He has resigned his pastorate, effective the first Sunday in August, and will begin his new work August 15th. He and Mrs. Jenkins will make their home at Riverton, R. F. D. 4 from Maxton.

Mr. Jenkins' field will be in Piedmont and Eastern North Carolina. He will be assisted by an evangelistic singer. Mr. Jenkins also will assist Dr. Maddry, secretary to the Baptist State Mission Board. Mr. Jenkins will begin at Parkton next Sunday a series of meetings in which he has invited Rev. E. A. Paul of Lumberton to assist him.

TYPHOID VACCINATION DATES

Following are the appointments of Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer vaccinating against typhoid fever: July 12—Tobaccoville, 10:30 a. m.; Reidsville, 1 p. m.; Raynham, 2 p. m.; Lumberton, 4 p. m.; Jennings Mill, Lumberton, 6 p. m. Dr. Hardin is at Red Springs today. Other dates will be given in Thursday's Robesonian.

RIOTING IN BELFAST

15 Persons Killed and Nearly 100 Wounded in Rioting Which Began Saturday Night.

Fifteen persons had been killed and nearly 100 wounded up to 10 o'clock last night in consequence of the rioting which began Saturday night and continued throughout Sunday, states a dispatch of the 10th from Belfast.

The military had to be summoned to restore order.

According to police accounts, the firing at patrols by republicans precipitated the outbreak. After that the shooting was almost continuous in the Falls district. As day break came on the tide of battle extended down the Falls road until it reached Townsend street, which became the centre of sharp rioting, with the unionists for the first time entering the fray. The Carrick hill and Millfield areas, nationalist strongholds, next became affected. The firing here was intense, alternating with the screams of the crowds as they fled from the danger zone.

Many Are Taking Typhoid Vaccination.

Many Robesonians are taking typhoid vaccination. Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, vaccinated more than 500 against typhoid last week. Typhoid is more prevalent in the county this year than last. Typhoid has been reported recently in Howellsville township, at Lumber Bridge, St. Pauls, Elrod, Buckhorn (near Parkton) and at the Jennings cotton mill, Lumberton.

Much Clothing Has Been Collected. Much clothing has been collected in various parts of the county to be sent to the destitute people of Europe. Mr. L. H. Caldwell, county director of the drive, says he has already received a large supply of clothing and it continues to come in.

England and Ireland Dublin Farmers Plan to Declare Truce

It Will Take Effect at Noon Today—Shedding of Blood in Ireland May be at an End—Movement Has Turned on General Smuts as Pivotal. A truce has been declared between England and Ireland to take effect at noon today. An Associated Press dispatch of July 8 from London stated that preparations were under way to end the hostilities between the crown forces and those actively engaged in the Irish cause. Quoting further from this dispatch:

Developments leading to the truce were divided between London and Dublin. Eamonn De Valera, Irish republican leader, and his nationalist associates, renewed their conference with the southern unionists. Earl Middleton, a unionist who recently conferred with the British prime minister, read a letter from Mr. Lloyd George to the effect that hostilities must cease if negotiations looking to peace were to succeed.

Gen. Sir Nevil MacReady, British military commander in Ireland, appeared at the De Valera conference, and it was not many hours later that the announcement was made at the prime minister's official residence in London, that in accordance with the premier's offer and Mr. De Valera's reply, arrangements are being made for an immediate cessation of hostilities.

The king of England has been a leading figure in the developments up to the present, while General Smuts, the South African premier, has acted as the pivot on which the movement has turned. There is hope in London, and in Dublin, too, that peace must come out of the forces which are now engaged in seeking a settlement.

In a letter to Earl Middleton, one of the southern unionists who attended today's conference with Irish republicans, Premier Lloyd George said:

"The government fully realizes it would be impossible to conduct negotiations with any hope of achieving satisfactory results if there is bloodshed and violence in Ireland. It would disturb the atmosphere and make the attainment of peace difficult.

"As soon as we hear Mr. De Valera is prepared to enter into conference with the British government and to give instructions to those under his control to cease all acts of violence, we should give instructions to the troops and police to suspend active operations against those who are engaged in this unfortunate conflict."

Eamonn D. Valera, the Irish republican leader, has written to the prime minister, Mr. Lloyd George, accepting the latter's invitation to participate in a conference in London.

COX NOT GUILTY OF BLOCKADING

Still and Beer Found at Britts Township Man's Home Not Used or Made by Him—Blind Tiger Gets Road Sentence.

Sampson Cox was found not guilty of manufacturing malt liquors by Recorder David H. Fuller Friday. As was stated in The Robesonian at the time, a 50-gallon copper still, complete, was found in the kitchen loft at Cox's home some three weeks ago. About 40 gallons of beer also were found Cox's meat house. Cox claimed that the still was one which his deceased father owned, and that he had not used it.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis was advised by letter where he could find the still and when the search was made the still was found. Cox lives in Britts township.

Tom Faulk, negro, was found guilty of retailing Saturday and sentenced to 30 days on the roads. He gave notice of appeal to the Superior court and made bond in the sum of \$100.

Robeson County Shrine Club Organized

The Robeson county Shrine club was organized Thursday evening at St. Pauls. About 50 Shriners from all parts of the county were present at the organization meeting, which was addressed by ex-Congressman G. B. Patterson of Maxton and Mr. Jno. H. Anderson of Fayetteville. Dr. J. F. Nash of St. Pauls was elected temporary chairman and Mr. J. C. Lentz, also of St. Pauls, was elected temporary secretary.

The club will meet occasionally, the meetings to be held in different towns in the county. After the business meeting Thursday evening those present repaired to Odum's mill pond, where barbecue was served. A number of Shriners from Lumberton attended the meeting.

A Dunn dispatch states that Ed Collins was perhaps fatally injured early Thursday morning when he walked in his sleep through a secondary window of his boarding house on the outskirts of that town. He landed on his head and it is thought his spinal column was fractured.

Major Horace C. Cooper, cashier of the Citizens' National Bank of Smithfield, was named by the Corporation Commission Friday as State bank examiner to succeed J. H. Hightower, who resigned July 1 to become president of the City Bank of Raleigh. Major Cooper is a son of Lieut. Gov. W. B. Cooper of Wilmington.

Dublin Farmers Plan to Declare Truce

At a Meeting Held Friday the Growing and Marketing of Strawberries Was Discussed—Railroad Will Cooperate With Farmers.

Farmers living in the Dublin section of Bladen county are planning to grow strawberries in abundance. A meeting in the interest of the movement was held at Dublin Friday afternoon. A number of farmers attended the meeting, which was addressed by Mr. J. Q. Beckwith, assistant to the general manager of the Virginia & Carolina Southern railroad, Mr. R. K. Craven, farm demonstration agent of Bladen, Mr. O. O. Dukes, farm demonstration agent of Robeson, Mr. L. H. Nelson, assistant State horticulturist, and Mr. G. A. Cardwell, agricultural and industrial agent of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad.

Mr. Beckwith was master of ceremonies and was the first to speak. He told of the shipping possibilities and promised the cooperation of the railroad in handling the berries.

Mr. Craven urged the importance of diversification and warned of the approach of the boll weevil, which he declared would necessitate getting out of all the all-cotton habit.

Mr. Dukes also urged the importance of diversification and getting away from the one money crop plan being followed by the farmers at this time.

Mr. Nelson, who is a strawberry expert, told how to prepare the land, plant, cultivate and harvest a berry crop.

Mr. Cardwell's address dealt largely with the marketing of strawberries. He predicted that the strawberry was fast coming back. The acreage was largely increased last year in the strawberry growing sections of eastern North Carolina and indications point to a much larger acreage for next year, the speaker declared. Mr. Cardwell thinks the sweet potato crop a profitable one, provided the farmers could keep them. He told of plans for keeping them. He does not favor a general increase in the potato acreage, but the establishing of potato curing houses to save the potatoes already being grown. Mr. Cardwell also urged the importance of crop diversification.

This was the second meeting recently held at Dublin in the interest of strawberry-growing, and judging from the sentiment of the farmers of that section, it is evident that a number of acres will be planted in berries next fall.

Mr. W. J. Ritter, agricultural agent of the Virginia & Carolina Southern railroad, is behind the movement and will assist the farmers in any way possible. Those attending the meeting from Lumberton besides Messrs. Beckwith, Ritter and Dukes, were Messrs. D. B. McNeill, H. M. Beasley, W. W. Davis and F. Grover Britt.

MONEY LOANED TO COTTON FARMERS

War Finance Corporation To Advance Five Million to Marketing Association. Washington, July 7.—The War Finance Corporation announces that it has agreed to make an advance of \$5,000,000 to the Staple Cotton Co-operative association of Memphis, Tenn., to finance 100,000 bales of long staple cotton to be warehoused by the association for export. The association has pledged to it 220,000 bales of a total average yield of 600,000 bales in the Mississippi delta, and it includes more than eleven hundred growers of long staple cotton in that delta.

Its co-operation is along the lines of the California fruit growers association, representatives of the association having exclusive control of the marketing. So far as known this is the first example of a practical organization of any group of cotton growers of the South in the co-operative marketing plan, and it is held that if the plan can be extended to the cotton and tobacco industry generally it will have a most favorable influence, upon future production. The wheat growers of the West are already at work on the same kind of a plan.—E. E. Britton in Raleigh News and Observer.

Forest Experimental Station Will be Opened Soon at Asheville

Washington, July 8.—The establishment at Asheville, N. C., of the first forest experimental station in the eastern states, was officially announced today by the department of agriculture. The department promises that the new station will be in full operation within a few days.

Steady depletion of the southern Appalachian timber supply is responsible for the location of such a station in the eastern states. Asheville was selected as the location largely through the efforts of Senator Lee S. Overman, who has been trying for several years to obtain an initial appropriation for such a venture and finally succeeded in the supply bill which went into effect July 1.—Theodore Tiller in Greensboro News.

Mr. Edmund Davis of R. 6, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Saturday.

Democrats Fighting New Tariff Bill

"Conspiracy to Benefit a Few Favorites at the Expense of All Humanity" Say House Democrats in Denouncing Administration Tariff Bill—Plan to Plunder People of United States and Oppress People of Every Country for Benefit of a Few Men.

Democratic members of the Ways and Means committee, in a minority report filed Thursday in the House of Representatives, denounce the administration tariff bill as a "conspiracy to benefit a few favorites at the expense of all humanity."

"Like every conspiracy, it has been hatched in secrecy," the report says, adding:

"We record our solemn judgment that this measure is a plan to plunder the people of our own country and to oppress the people of every country for the benefit of a few men who have succeeded in usurping for all practical purposes the taxing power of this government, using it primarily to enrich themselves, and secondarily, to finance the political party which tolerates and encourages the usurpation."

The tariff bill as drawn by Republican members of the Ways and Means committee, took top place on the House calendar Thursday, states a Washington dispatch, not to be displaced by other legislation until voted on July 21.

Democratic members held a conference, at which it was said with "half a dozen exceptions," it was agreed that the party should stand as a unit against the bill. Some of the members, it was added, declined to be bound by instructions, but leaders predicted the final vote would show but few breaks in the Democratic ranks.

Opposed to Democracy

A resolution was adopted at the conference declaring that the measure violated all principles and traditions of the Democratic party and reaffirming the party's stand against a high protective tariff.

The Democratic report declares the tariff was not an issue in the last campaign and that this is not the time to write a tariff law. They assert that the problems which "confront our people, cripple our industry, stifle our commerce and perplex an amiable administration have nothing to do with the tariff."

Criticizing the Republican majority of the committee for withholding the bill from them and from the House membership generally and for permitting only a week for its study, the Democratic members declare there has been insufficient time to draft a substitute. They do not undertake any detailed discussion of the individual schedules in the bill, confining their 27-page typewritten report to a general indictment of the whole measure and the manner of its preparation.

Effect of the Bill

Emphasis is laid upon two things—the probable effect of the bill on American commerce and the world industrial situation generally, and upon the substitution of the system of American valuation as a basis for levying tariff duties.

Pointing to the rapidly decreasing American foreign trade the report says "we need no tariff to cut off the imports and the exports of the United States." Calling attention to the foreign trade of the United States fell down \$1,188,225,441 last July to \$527,378,825 in May, 1921, the report says:

"Certainly the natural process is preferable to the infected knife of interested surgeons which by selecting the industries to protect and those to destroy can reap the harvest their campaign contributions seeded last fall. Verily, the oil men are entitled to their reward, and the lumbermen, and the woolmen, and all the others who cast their bread on the waters of a Republican tide."

Valuation of Imports

Dealing with the plan for American valuation of imports the report says:

"First among the subtle infamies that mask their way through this bill is the proposal to change the base for ad valorem duties from the actual price paid for them when purchased by the importer to a speculative, indefinite, uncertain, nebulous opinion reached by an appraiser hidden in the recesses of a custom house, consulting, if he is industrious and cannot be bewildered as to what is the alleged wholesale prices of comparable and competitive products of the United States, or in default thereof, the alleged value in the United States, of the identical imported article whether sold or not, excluding or including all or any cost, charges, expenses, including duties and also profits and commissions; in short, permitting the appraiser to place any value he may see fit on the goods and making it impossible for the importer to know what duty he will have to pay until he has actually imported and passed them through the Custom House.

"In the face of the uncertainty which this bill necessarily compels as to duties, it will be impossible for any importer to continue in business, and the result of this provision will be the destruction of the import trade

Harding Makes Move For Disarmament Meeting

Takes Definite Steps Looking to Conference of Powers in Washington—Also Suggests Discussion of Pacific and Far East Problems.

President Harding has taken definite steps looking to a conference in Washington of the principal allied and associated powers to discuss limitation of armament.

He has also suggested to the interested nations that there be at the same time a discussion of Pacific and far eastern problems with a view to reaching a common understanding with respect to principles and policies in the far east.

This announcement states a Washington dispatch of the 10th, was made last night by the State Department "by direction of the President." The statement said:

"The President, in view of the far-reaching importance of the question of limitation of armaments, has approached with informal but definite inquiry the group of powers heretofore known as the principal allied and associated powers, that is: Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, to ascertain whether it would be agreeable to them to take part in a conference on this subject to be held in Washington at a time to be mutually agreed upon. If the proposal is found to be acceptable, formal invitations for such a conference will be issued.

"It is manifest that the question of limitation of armaments has a close relation to Pacific and far eastern problems, and the President has suggested that the powers especially interested in these problems should undertake in connection with this conference, the consideration of all matters bearing upon their solution, with a view to reaching a common understanding with respect to principles and policy in the far east. This has been communicated to the powers concerned and China has also been invited to take part in the discussion relating to far eastern problems."

Mr. Pink Campbell of R. 3 from Lumberton was among the visitors in town this morning.

Mr. J. B. Humphrey of Saddletree was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

Another Weak Spot

Another effect of the American valuation system, the report contends, is the same duty will be imposed upon "the intelligent high cost production of Canada that we are to impose upon the cookie labor of India, China and Japan."

Asserting that it is proposed by this bill "to declare a savage commercial war upon the whole human family," the Democratic minority says it is doubtful if "in the history of our affairs a measure so irredeemably and universally vicious has ever been submitted to the law-making power of a civilized society."

"Its adoption," the report goes on to say, "will be established by the United States of an economic boycott against the civilized world. The countries that fought with us in the late war will be victims of its savagery in exactly the same degree as those who fought against us while at the same time it will oppress grievously our people; who would indeed be its chief victims were it not that nations reduced to extremity of distress through the most destructive war ever waged will suffer still more severely from its operations, because all efforts to restore their industrial life to normal conditions will be grievously impeded, if not wholly frustrated, by the drastic restrictions on trade which it imposes."

Bill Prepared "Outside"

Charging that the bill was prepared outside of the Ways and Means committee the minority report says the manner of its making up "cannot be defended."

"Its last-minute changes whispered to a favored few," the report continues, are in keeping with the intrigue and secrecy which inspired its covert subtleties, its concealed in-direction; framed its newly-invented schedules, cast its complex and compound rates, and fixed its unascertainable and incalculable duties with the trickery which has transmuted schedules, hidden jokers, transplanted items, changed its nomenclature and made it impossible to compare it with any of its predecessors.

"Cunning has made difficult, if not impossible, a comparison by printing it in deadly parallel with previous law. This conspiracy has required since last December, or six months, to hatch its monstrosity."

Wanted Treasury's Advice

The Democrats say in their report that they vainly sought to have the committee refer the bill to the Treasury Department with a view to obtaining information as to the probable amount of revenue to be derived as well as the economic effect upon the country.

They also say that they sought to obtain action through the committee from which he rates and classifications in the mill might be compared with the Underwood and Payne-Alldrich laws. "It seems," the report says, "that the majority prefer to give information to the House touching the provisions of this bill and this is a very natural position for them to take since if the membership of the House, or the country, really know the meaning and effect of its classification, rates and general provisions, they would repudiate it in the most pronounced fashion."

TRouble NOTICE

Owing to trouble in the electric wiring of a linotype machine it has not been possible to set the usual amount of type today, hence some correspondence and other news matter that would have appeared in today's paper must be held over for the next issue. It is hoped and expected that repairs will be made in time not to interfere with Thursday's paper.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 10 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

The Woman's Club will meet Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock with Mrs. N. A. McLean.

Mrs. Hal V. Brown of Fairmont underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Baker sanatorium this morning.

License has been issued for the marriage of Fred Hornbuckle and Leona Britt; Lane Morgan and Lizzie Deas.

Mr. T. L. Bissell of R. 1, Orum brought a load of 140 fine cantaloupes to town Saturday. He sold them readily at a good price.

Called communication of St. Alban's lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) evening at 8:15 for work in the 3rd degree.

Mr. Jeff T. Davis, who lives near Lumberton, brought a tobacco curiosity to town Friday—two large twin leaves connected at the stem.

The condition of Mr. Ambrose Pre-vatt of R. 5, Lumberton, who has been critically ill at the Thompson hospital for several days, is reported as slightly improved this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Glover of Tallahassee, Fla., spent Wednesday and Thursday here visiting Mr. Glover's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Glover, Water street. They made the trip from Tallahassee in Mr. Glover's auto.

J. B. Bruton, Jr., small son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bruton, suffered an ugly gash in the back of his head early Saturday morning when he fell while playing with another boy on the sidewalk on West Fourth street.

The recent electrical storms and the atmosphere have affected the street lights and it will take several days to remedy the trouble. New lamps will have to be installed in several instances, according to Mr. John L. McNeill, superintendent of the light and water plants.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. C. Fuller and their 4 children returned Saturday night from Hendersonville, where they spent a month. They made the trip in their car and returned by way of Black Mountain and Hickory.

Mr. H. K. Ivey, who lives near Raynham, says the boll weevil is playing havoc with his cotton. He has found as many as five punctured "squares" on one stalk and the ground is covered with punctured "squares," he says. He has found a number of weevils in his cotton field.

Rev. Paul T. Britt of Bolivia, Brunswick county, passed through town today en route home from Hope Mills, where he held a week's revival at the Baptist church at that place. He reported a good meeting with a number of additions to the church. Mr. Britt is a native Robesonian.

One Robeson county man, Tilman C. Britt of Orum, was among the 49 applicants who passed the examinations of the North Carolina Board of Medical Examiners and will be granted license to practice medicine and surgery in the State. The examinations were held in Raleigh beginning June 20 and names of successful were given in a dispatch from Greensboro yesterday. Eighty-two applicants took the examination.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS

Funeral of Mr. Bell Robeson Yesterday Afternoon—His Death Saturday Came as a Surprise and Shock to the Community.

The funeral of Mr. H. Bell Robeson, who died Saturday morning at 7:30 at the Baker sanatorium, was conducted from the Robeson home, East Second street, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, and was attended by a large crowd, many of whom accompanied the remains to their last resting place in Meadowbrook cemetery. Music was rendered by the Lumberton male quartet, composed of Messrs. Frank Gough, C. B. Skipper, Ed. B. Freeman and J. Popo Stephens. The pall-bearers were Messrs. E. J. Britt, James D. Proctor, F. A. McLeod, E. L. Hamilton, W. G. Pitman and Ira B. Townsend. The floral offerings were most beautiful and completely covered the grave.

Deceased was about 58 years old and survived by his widow and one daughter, Miss Hazel Robeson. While he had not enjoyed good health for several months, his condition was not considered serious until Thursday. He was on the streets Wednesday of last week. The immediate cause of his death was acute nephritis and complications. He was known for his cheerful disposition, which resulted in a large acquaintance and many friends. Deceased had been employed by the town as superintendent of streets for several years until recently, when the town board cut off several employees as a result of the financial stringency.

Col. Dan Hugh McLean of Lillington Passes.

A Fayetteville special of the 10th to the Wilmington Star states that Col. Dan Hugh McLean, "one of the ablest and best-known men of the Upper Cape Fear country," died at his home in Lillington yesterday morning.