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CUBAN SUGAR NOT TRUST CONTROLLED

Havemyer so Testifies Before the Committee.

NO OPTIONS ON THE CROP

Reduction in Tariff Would Not Materially Affect Him.

TRUST HOLDS NO CUBAN SUGAR LANDS

The Price of Raw Sugar in the United States, He Says, is Fixed by the Beet Market Prices in Hamburg.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 1.—The inquiry into the present holding of Cuban sugar and Cuban Sugar lands, ordered by the Senate, was begun today by the sub-committee on Cuban Relations. President Havemyer, of the American Sugar Refining Company, was the first witness and all of the members of the sub-committee, Messrs. Platt (Conn.), Burnheim and Teller were in attendance. Senator Patterson also was present. Others present with Mr. Havemyer were Arthur Donner, treasurer of the company, and Henry C. Mott, its raw sugar buyer. All of them were sworn.

"Will you, Senator Platt asked, 'tell the committee how much Cuban sugar, if any, has been purchased and is now held by your company?'"

"Since early in February last we have purchased 50,000 tons or 256,000 bags or about ten days' supply," replied the witness. "Of that quantity 26,000 tons is now in process of shipment from Cuba. The prices paid had, he said, ranged from 1.75 to 1.93, the highest price being paid on March 13 and the lowest on April 22nd.

"Where do you buy your raw sugar?" "All over the world; wherever sugar is grown."

"Does the 50,000 tons you mention represent your entire purchases in Cuba since the first of January?"

"No; we have bought, all told, 93,000 tons of Cuban sugars during the present year, or about three-fourths of a month's supply, our consumption being 35,000 tons per week."

"Do you control any sugar in Cuba other than that purchased?"

"None, whatever, in any manner."

"Have you taken any options on Cuban sugar?"

"I have not."

"Have you made any advance on any Cuban sugar?"

"None, whatever."

"So that you wish to be understood as saying that the amount you have mentioned as having purchased represents your entire interest, direct and indirect in Cuban sugar?"

"That is the statement I make."

Mr. Havemyer said the entire Cuban sugar crop is about 750,000 tons, but that much of it has been withheld from the market in view of possible tariff concessions to be made by Congress. On this account his purchases had been only about one-third of the average of other years.

Speaking of the capacity of his company he said that it refined 85 per cent of the American refined product.

He added that the percentage of this company's product compared to the entire sugar consumption of the United States was about 50 per cent. Last year his company produced 1,200,000 tons of the refined sugar, while the consumption was 2,400,000 tons.

In reply to other questions, he said that the price of raw sugar in the United States is fixed by the beet market prices in Hamburg. The price there fixes the selling price for the entire world, said Mr. Havemyer. On the subject of the price of Cuban sugars he said that his company could not determine their price. "We have," he said, "no control over them whatever; they don't belong to us."

"Cuba has to sell her sugar in this market, hasn't she?"

"No, that is not true. She can sell it in England, for instance, if she is desirous to do so. England could take the entire Cuban crop."

Mr. Platt then asked: "Suppose the United States should make a concession of say 20 or 25 per cent in the tariff rates on Cuban sugar, could not you refuse to buy the Cuban product except at your own rates and thus secure the benefits of the concessions?"

"In no way," was the reply. "Cuba would be under no obligations to sell to us, because, as I have said, the Cuban products could find other markets."

"All the duty has been taken off of Porto Rican sugar; do you get that sugar any cheaper on that account?"

"Not at all."

"How about the Hawaiian product?"

"We are under contract for the entire 350,000 tons produced in Hawaii. There is no tariff on that product but the price is not affected by that circumstance."

"It has been stated repeatedly that in the case of the suggested concession is made the sugar trust will be in a position to oblige producers to make reductions that you will secure the entire benefit of the legislation—is that true?"

"We could not oblige any reduction. In case of a concession to Cuban sugar the price might be lowered, say one-sixteenth of a cent a pound, but that would

be nothing as compared to the reduction in the tariff rate which would amount to about one-third of a cent a pound. Even so great a reduction as I have mentioned would depend on the necessity for marketing and if there should be any pressure on that account, the necessity would be that of the producers and would not be ours."

In reply to another series of questions, Mr. Havemyer said that his company, as such, holds no sugar lands in Cuba, but he added, that he had himself made some purchases there of a comparatively small character.

Hon. Senator Platt concluded his questions and Senator Teller took the witness, bringing out in the beginning the fact that the capital stock of the trust had been increased in recent years from \$75,000,000 to \$90,000,000.

"Are you aware," asked Mr. Teller, "that at the time your company made this increase of \$15,000,000 the newspapers stated that the increase had been made for the purpose of purchasing sugar lands in Cuba?"

The witness replied that he did not recall the fact.

"What then," asked the Senator, "was the purpose of your company in this increase?"

"The purpose was to promote our general corporate interests. The company never has directly or indirectly purchased any sugar lands in Cuba, nor have we ever contemplated the purchase of any sugar lands except in Porto Rico."

Asked by Mr. Teller whether he was still buying sugar in Cuba, he said: "We are still trying to buy, but we have not succeeded in making any purchases since April 26, when the sugar was withdrawn from the market on account of improved chances of securing the American concession."

"How do you account for the fluctuations in the price of Cuban sugar which you have mentioned as having occurred within the past few months?"

"They are due to the changes in the beet sugar market in Hamburg. There has been a constantly dropping market there on account of the increased beet product, which has amounted to about a million tons in the past year."

"You regard the beet sugar producers as competitors of yours?"

"I certainly do. There is what you might call a commercial rivalry."

Mr. Havemyer declared that while he had had no intention of driving the beet sugar industry out of the country he had put down the price to less than cost in order to secure his share of trade.

"For the purpose," he said, "I will go as far as my directors will allow me, as long as there is any money in our treasury."

Senator Teller questioned the witness as to statements that his company controlled the price of raw sugar. Mr. Havemyer said:

"It goes without saying that a company which produced 65 per cent of the refined sugar renders it impossible for any competitor to secure a higher price for its product than it gets."

MONEY TOO ILL TO APPEAR

Ris Counsel Moves to Drop the Case The Judge Will Decide Tuesday.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 1.—An unexpected move to nolle pross the three cases of alleged assault growing out of the altercation on a street car last week in which Senator Money, of Mississippi, Conductor Crpha H. Shaner and Truck Foreman James E. Hooper, of the District Fire Department, figured, resulted today in postponing the cases in the police court until Tuesday. After a protracted conference between counsel of Senator Money in District Attorney Mullowney's office it was decided by them to allow the cases to drop. The attorneys for Shaner and Hooper protested against this action.

Senator McLaurin, Senator Money's colleague from Mississippi, who, with Attorney Bell, represented Mr. Money, explained that Mr. Money had been confined to his room since Saturday and was threatened with pneumonia. Mr. McLaurin thought "it as unnecessary to state the cause of the trouble." He produced a physician's certificate dated yesterday addressed to whom it may concern, setting forth that Senator Money was suffering from congestion of the lungs and confined to his room and bed and it would be five or six days before he could leave his house. All he wanted, said Mr. McLaurin, was to relieve Senator Money from further prosecution in this case for any alleged offences charged against him.

The court stated that the only point was as to power if the district attorney to nolle pross, which he was inclined to sustain but he finally agreed to postpone announcing his conclusion until Tuesday morning.

Five Hundred Cords of Wood Burned.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Scotland Neck, N. C., May 1.—Mr. John B. Gray has lost five hundred cords of wood by fire this week. It was cut and penned in the woods near Palmvran and it is thought the fire occurred by the carelessness of fishermen.

The Carolina Telephone Company is putting up new poles along the line from Tarboro here and making other improvements. The line will be extended from Scotland Neck to Halifax and completed perhaps by the first of June.

Rev. J. E. Hertson, of Richmond, is holding a meeting in the Baptist church here this week. He has held several meetings here before and received a warm welcome by the people generally.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent.

Success covers a multitude of transactions of the gold-brick variety.

BIG FIRE AT NORFOLK TO ELIZABETH CITY

Block Threatened With Destruction. Loss \$83,000. Insured.

(By the Associated Press.)

Norfolk, Va., May 1.—Norfolk was visited by another conflagration this morning when a fire started in the building of the Virginia Candy Company on Commercial Place and gained such headway that at one time it was thought that the entire block, bounded by Commercial Place and Water street and Roanoke avenue, would be destroyed.

The loss will aggregate \$83,500 but it is fully covered by insurance. The estimated damage is as follows: Virginia Candy Company, \$20,000; R. W. MacDonald, \$2,500; M. Hofheimer & C., \$4,500; L. P. Roberts & Co., \$5,000; Dispatch Printing Co., \$4,000; Old Dominion Paper Co., \$1,500; other firms, \$2,000. Damage to buildings, \$44,000.

On the Diamond. A Row on the Field. American League Games.

(By the Associated Press.)

Baltimore, May 1.—The game today between Baltimore and Boston ended in a row, which but for the interference of the police, might have resulted seriously for Umpire Sheridan. In the last inning, Mr. Sheridan refused to allow McGraw his base after having been, it was claimed, hit by a pitched ball. The vigorous protest offered by the manager of the Baltimore team resulted in his being ordered to the bench, at which the occupants of the bleachers took exception. At the conclusion of the game the crowd surged onto the field and surrounded the umpire menacingly. One man threw a brick which went wide of its mark and cut the face of a policeman who was trying to protect Sheridan. He was finally escorted from the grounds without sustaining bodily harm.

Score. R H E Baltimore... 2 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 4 12 3 Boston... 1 1 2 0 0 1 0 0 1 6 12 0 Batteries: Howell and Joberson; Sheen and Criger. Time: 1:55. Umpire Sheridan. Attendance 2,500.

(By the Associated Press.)

At Detroit: R H E Detroit... 1 0 0 0 0 2 1 4 7 2 Cleveland... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 9 0

At Washington: R H E Washington... 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 3 9 4 Philadelphia... 0 0 0 0 2 4 0 0 6 7 2

At Chicago: R H E Chicago... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 8 1 Cincinnati... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 0 Game called on account of darkness.

At St. Louis: R H E St. Louis... 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 8 3 Chicago... 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 2 10 1

National League Games.

(By the Associated Press.)

At Pittsburg: R H E Pittsburg... 0 2 1 0 3 0 2 2 18 19 5 St. Louis... 0 0 0 0 2 3 0 1 0 6 9 6

At Boston: R H E Boston... 0 1 0 0 0 4 0 0 5 11 0 Brooklyn... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 2

At New York: R H E Philadelphia... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 2 New York... 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 3 8 2

Davidson College claims the championship of the college baseball teams of the Carolinas.

Weldon Climbs Over Wake Forest.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Weldon, N. C., May 1.—Weldon and Wake Forest had another exciting game today in which the visitors went down to defeat.

Score: R H E Weldon... 4 0 0 0 2 0 0 1 0 7 6 5 Wake Forest... 1 0 0 0 0 1 2 1 0 5 7 Batteries: Charters and Hicks; Dunn and Caddell. Umpire, Joyner.

NEGRO PRISONER FAINTS.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Thomas Fort Escapes Verdict of Rape and Gets Thirty Days on Roads.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Fayetteville, N. C., May 1.—In the case of Thomas Fort, the young white man, charged with attempted rape on Mrs. James Driver, the jury found a verdict of simple assault and Fort was sentenced to thirty days on the roads. He has been in jail eighteen months.

Tom Blue, a negro merchant of Raeford, is on trial for shooting at his nephew, fainted when Judge Robinson said that if found guilty he would sentence him for two years and wanted his counsel to submit. Andrew Blue, whom he shot, is one of the Blue desperadoes of Quawhiffle township, two of whom were outlawed Saturday.

Cutlery Company Employs Strike

(By the Associated Press.)

Norfolk, Va., May 1.—The employees of the Norfolk Cutlery Company, whose factory is located at Lambert's Point, are on strike. The trouble was brought about by an effort of the company to work a nine instead of eight hour day. Experienced men have been engaged to take the places of the strikers and R. B. Fentress, president of the company, says that no serious inconvenience will be occasioned by the walkout.

TEACHERS' ASSEMBLY MEETS AT MOREHEAD JUNE THE 10TH

Governor Aycock Will Lead a Grand Educational Rally on June the 12th. Large Attendance Expected.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Durham, N. C., May 1.—The executive committee of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly has decided that the Assembly will meet this year at Morehead City. The date for the meeting is June 10-15. The program will be sent out about May 10th.

On Thursday, June 12th, there will be a grand educational rally, led by His Excellency, Governor C. B. Aycock, Dr. Charles D. McIver, State Superintendent Joyner and others. Many distinguished speakers from home and abroad will be present during the session.

The indications point to an immense meeting to plan great things for the cause of education.

Very low rates over all the railroads and at the Atlantic Hotel have been secured.

BREAKS IN BERRY PRICES.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Col. Morton Candidate For Legislature Bankers to Meet at Savannah.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wilmington, N. C., May 1.—The North Carolina Bankers' Association will hold its annual meeting at Savannah with the Georgia and Virginia associations on June 17th and 18th. Separate halls will be provided for the meetings of the three organizations.

From twenty to twenty-five refrigerators of 300 crates of strawberries each are now going forward daily from the trucking section. About 3,000 crates are shipped daily by Southern Express. Formerly the first week's shipments brought all the way from 30 to 50 cents per quart but already sales are being reported from Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York as low as 16 cents.

Col. George L. Morton, chief of Governor Aycock's naval staff and member of the State Senate at its last session, has announced his candidature for the Legislature from New Hanover county.

The Wilmington League Team.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wilmington, N. C., May 1.—Supporters of the Wilmington State League baseball team appear to be very well satisfied with the players whom Manager Bear has signed, and the men are rapidly getting into fine fettle. Monday, upon the occasion of the opening of the league season here with Raleigh, arrangements have been made for a trolley parade by the two teams with the Second Regiment Band. At the park other exercises will mark the formal opening of the series.

Bingham Defeats Newton.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Newton, N. C., May 1.—The Bingham ball team, under the leadership of Capt. L. G. Beall came to Newton Tuesday and crossed bats with the first nine of Catawba College. The game was close and exciting from the start, though the fifth inning the score was 5 to 2 in favor of Newton, then, by bad playing on the part of Catawba, and some good strokes by Bingham, the score advanced to 7 to 7. At the close of the game the figures were 8 to 7 in Bingham's favor.

A Second Primary Ordered.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Fayetteville, N. C., May 1.—In the contest of Mr. J. D. McNeill against Mr. D. M. Fairley for the Democratic nomination for alderman from the fourth ward the executive committee decided that it was a tie and ordered another election to be held tomorrow afternoon. Each had received twenty votes, but Mr. McNeill claimed that Democrats who wanted to vote for him were denied. The committee decided they had no right to vote, as they had not qualified to vote in the city election on Monday.

Hon. Locke Craig Orator.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Shelby, N. C., May 1.—Hon. Locke Craig, of Asheville, has accepted an invitation to deliver the memorial address here on Saturday, May 10th. His brilliance as a public speaker and the fact that he is one of the leading candidates for the United States Senate will attract a large crowd.

State Veterinary Association.

(Special to News and Observer.)

To the Editor: The North Carolina Veterinary Association will meet in Charlotte, May 20th, 1902. All members and those interested in the welfare of the dumb brutes of the State are cordially invited to be present, as there is business of importance to be transacted. Yours truly, DR. J. W. PETTY, Sec. Greensboro, N. C., May 1.

Northern Pacific Quarterly Dividend.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, May 1.—A quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent on Northern Pacific stock was announced today. This is the first dividend declaration since the stock was turned over to the Northern Securities Company.

He Will Plead Insanity.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Fayetteville, N. C., May 1.—A well known citizen of Eutaw, this county, Mr. John D. Smith, has been arrested and tried on a charge of obtaining goods under false pretence. The hearing has been continued and his brother guarantee his appearance for trial. A plea of insanity will be entered.

PROOF THAT FACTS ARE SUPPRESSED

A Letter From Root Placed in Evidence.

A CALL FOR AGUINALDO

He Should be Allowed to Appear and Defend Himself.

FORAKER OPPOSES CARMACK'S DEMAND

Resolution Calling For Information as to Recent Orders Issued in the Philippines Adopted, Tillman Joins in the Call For Aguinaldo

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 1.—Aguinaldo, the Filipino leader, was the special subject of discussion in the Senate, today. As soon as the Philippines government bill was taken up Mr. Carmack (Tenn.), resumed his criticism of the Philippine committee, because of its refusal to call Aguinaldo and other Filipinos as witnesses. He maintained that as reflections by witnesses has been cast upon the character of Aguinaldo, he ought to be permitted to appear before the committee to defend himself.

Mr. Carmack's contention was sharply combated by Mr. Foraker (Ohio), Mr. McComas (Md.), and Mr. Burton (Kan.) Mr. Culberson (Texas), in support of a statement by Mr. Carmack that the War Department suppressed information and falsified the situation concerning the Philippines, presented a letter from the Secretary of War, which, he thought, was proof of the Tennessee Senator's assertion. The Secretary stated in the letter that it was impracticable to supply the information requested because no special account was kept of Philippine war expenses and it would require the service of a large force of clerks to work out the information desired.

Mr. Tillman (S. C.), insisted that "deceit demands that Aguinaldo be brought here to testify in his own defense."

A resolution offered by Mr. Culberson (Texas), calling for information as to recent orders issued in the Philippines was adopted.

Both the Rosebud reservation bill and the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill were under consideration but no action upon them was taken.

BURLESON RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 1.—The House gave most of the day to the District of Columbia Appropriation Bill, which was not completed. Under the latitude of general debate several speeches were made on general subjects, one by Mr. Shattuc (Ohio), on industrial conditions and another by Mr. Gaines (Tenn.), in criticism of conditions in the Philippines.

The Burleson resolution calling upon the War Department for copies of all orders to the commanding officers in the Philippines bearing upon the operations in Samar under General Jacob M. Smith was adopted.

Bills were passed for the removal of the part of entry in the Albemarle, N. C., collection district from Edenton to Elizabeth City; to authorize the United States and West Indian Steamship Company to construct a bridge across the Manatee river, Florida.

Events at Greensboro.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Greensboro, N. C., May 1.—Mr. W. I. Underwood, who for the past eighteen months has conducted the press correspondence of Greensboro, for the News and Observer and other leading papers, North and South, left for Charlotte this morning, to take editorial charge of a leading textile industrial review. The people of Greensboro universally regret the loss of this valuable young citizen. Mr. Andrew Joyner, of Winston-Salem, succeeds Mr. Underwood as correspondent at this place.

Sheriff Jordan today settled in full with the State Treasurer for all taxes due from Guilford county, receiving a clear receipt for \$25,236.85.

The criminal term of court meets next Monday, to run for one week. Judge Walter Neal presiding. There are now 138 cases for trial on the docket, and in view of the impossibility of disposing of the docket in one week, application for a special term to begin June 2nd has been granted by the Governor.

Col. J. Van Lindley went to Southern Pines today to attend a meeting of the supervising committee of the State Experimental Farm.

Dr. J. B. Weathers left for Durham, where he will be joined by his mother, who goes to Johns Hopkins Hospital for medical treatment.

POSTMASTER AT DURHAM.

(By the Associated Press.)

Patrick J. O'Brien Has Been Appointed by the President

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 1.—The President today sent the following nomination to the Senate: Postmaster: North Carolina—Patrick J. O'Brien, Durham.

FOR THE BAPTISTS

Asheville Prepares to Entertain 4,000 Delegates.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Five Special Trains Will Bring Them From Southern Points. Other News From Asheville.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Asheville, N. C., May 1.—Chairman Tucker, of the Baptist convention committee, received word today that five special trains will be run to Asheville from Southern points for the convention, two of the trains via Spartanburg, two by Hot Springs and one from Salisbury. Preparations are being made to accommodate four thousand delegates.

James Atkins and others, owners of the Asheville College property, have levied an attachment upon all the property of Prof. Jones, president of the college, who recently decided to close the school. The affidavit for the attachment states that the defendant is indebted to plaintiff over six thousand dollars.

The new dairy on Biltmore estate, said to be the finest in the world, is nearly completed.

W. J. BROTHERS FOUND GUILTY.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Kingston, N. C., May 1.—W. J. Brothers, of Fort Barnwell, formerly Institute, was found guilty in the Federal court at New Bern today of tampering with letters while he was postmaster at Institute. He was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and \$100 fine. He is now in jail at New Bern. The prisoner is a prominent merchant, known throughout Eastern Carolina.