

PRISON INQUIRY WILL NOT RECEIVE RECOGNITION HERE

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TIME FOR UNINTELLIGENT AGITATION PASSED, SAYS HE

Governor States That He is Simply Declining Official Status To "Self-Appointed Guardians At So Much Per Guard." Beasley Explains Present Prison Work

While Governor T. W. Bickett was making it plain that the findings of the agent of the Prisoners' Relief Society, in the so-called investigation into prison conditions in North Carolina will have no weight in this State, Mr. Beasley, State Commissioner of Public Welfare, was explaining "that there is nothing to be concealed and nothing for Mr. Dudding or any other unintelligent agitator to get in his time wasting about."

Governor Bickett yesterday read the News and Observer's Washington correspondent's interview with Earl Dudding, head of the Prisoners' Relief Society in which Dudding stated that the Governor was two weeks late in his opposition to an investigation, the inquiry already having been made, and the society just waiting for the complete report.

"There is nothing to prevent anyone from visiting State prison institutions," said Governor Bickett. "There are regular visiting days for the State Prison and the county convict camps are open to the world. Some of them are not even screened against flies. What I am doing is to refuse any official recognition of self appointed guardians at so much per guard."

Declaring that Dudding gets his information by the very existence of a law in the State that does not exist everywhere, the right of correspondence given to prisoners, Mr. Beasley went into some detail in a statement issued yesterday on the prison work being done in the State now.

"We have sense enough to know," he said, "that we have passed the period of mere unintelligent agitation in the State."

Beasley's statement follows: "While there is no particular call for me to add anything to what Governor Bickett and the daily press said about the allegations of Mr. Dudding—his somewhat frequent allegations, in fact—regarding prison conditions in this State, still I feel it would be helpful at the moment for me to say a word or two as to what is being done in the State at this time in regard to present and ultimate handling of not only persons who are imprisoned but as to the general problem of law breaking. There is nothing to be concealed and nothing for Mr. Dudding or any other unintelligent agitator to get in his time wasting about. In an attempt to treat these matters intelligently and in the light of the best thought now current in the United States, no one that I know of is anything to conceal. With the investigation and the thoroughly up-to-date law passed in 1917, those of us who have not only a legal responsibility, but have also assumed a moral responsibility over and above the legal one if possible, recognized that the period of unintelligent agitation was passing, and that the time for knowledge and intelligence to be added to humane sentiments had come. And this is the line along which we are trying to work. No half-cocked prison reformer can understand why all things are not done immediately when he says it should be done, whereas we know that these questions have so many ramifications that rapid-fire methods are wholly useless.

Officials Study Problems

"For five weeks now more than twenty public welfare officials of the State have been at the State University studying under the most skilled instructors that the great American Red Cross, the University's Chair of Public Welfare, and the State Department of Public Welfare, can provide, the multitudinous problems of public and social welfare, including crime, reformation and treatment of prisoners, prison institutions, etc. One of the notable instructors who has been here is Dr. Glueck of New York, who is recognized as one of the big students of the questions in the country. Since Dr. Glueck spent two years conducting a psychiatric clinic at Sing Sing where his findings have been recognized as of great scientific social value, and is the author of several books of recognized standing on the subject, Mr. Dudding, even in one of his greatest brain storms, could hardly accuse us of proceeding blindly.

"More than this, there are two respectable organizations in this country for the purpose of prison administration and reform and these organizations embrace in their membership possibly every one of the big men of the country in this line. There are: the National Prison Association first, Supt. Cellis, Chairman Varner and myself and from time to time, others in the State, regularly attend the national meetings of this body, and seek in every way possible to discover anything helpful and to interest the members in our State.

Makes Study of Conditions. The other organization, The National Committee on Prisons and Prison Labor, has at our request, made an extensive study of North Carolina prisons and conditions. This committee was organized during the war by President Wilson and in relation to their field contributed valuable service during the war. Their purpose is the social and individual rehabilitation of prisoners through better business and occupational therapeutics, a better under-

TARIFF REVENUE MORE THAN ANY OF SOUTHERN STATES

Internal Revenue Taxes Exceed Nearest Southern State by Sixty-Six Millions

FIGURES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30

North Carolina Forwarded \$169,306,007.77 To Federal Treasury During Past Year; Total of Five Billions Collected Largest Since The Bureau Was Established

News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg. By R. E. POWELL. (By Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, July 26.—Of the more than five billion dollars in internal revenue taxes collected and deposited during the fiscal year ending June 30 last, North Carolina forwarded to the Federal treasury 169,306,007.77, nearly sixty-six million dollars more than any other Southern State.

The department says this represents the greatest annual tax collection since the revenue bureau was established in 1862. The cost of collection will approximate 87y-87c cents for every \$100 collected.

Income and Excess Profits.—The income and excess profits tax netted the treasury \$3,944,535,737.93 and from miscellaneous taxes \$1,465,739,136.97 was received. Respectively, North Carolina furnished \$45,052,367.56 and \$124,173,630.21 of the grand total.

Texas, with collections slightly above 103 million, is the only Southern State that approaches North Carolina. The second New York district, which includes the old third New York district, is the only New York district ahead of North Carolina. The Chicago, Boston, Detroit, Cleveland, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh districts are the only ones in the country that pass the North Carolina mark.

The combined total collections in the Southern States, as reported, are: Alabama \$12,533,377.50 Arkansas 25,500,235.92 Florida 15,236,535.56 Georgia 45,783,792.53 Kentucky 47,783,023.50 Louisiana 50,384,323.50 Maryland (including Delaware and D. C.) 120,732,457.53 South Carolina 56,423,541.59 Texas 103,054,254.50 Tennessee 39,139,127.50 Virginia 32,139,248.50

Of more than passing interest in connection with the report just released by the department is a statement from the Comptroller of the Currency showing that there is a deposit account in North Carolina for one in every ten persons in the State. This applies to National banks only and does not include State institutions.

The population of the State, according to the 1919 estimate, is 2,497,565 and there are 285,000 bank accounts, making a fractional difference in the ratio of bank accounts to people. There are 87 National banks in the State.

Foreign Trade Figures.—Another interesting statement concerning the financial condition of the United States, just released, follows: Eight billion one hundred and eleven million dollars represents the total value of all exports shipments from the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1920. The greatest value in the history of the country's foreign trade. This is an increase of \$799,000,000 over the exports of \$7,320,000,000 during the fiscal year 1919, according to official figures issued today by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce.

The imports of \$2,520,000,000 in the fiscal year ended June 30, exceeded by \$2,143,000,000 the imports of \$3,056,000,000 in the fiscal year 1919. Imports in June totaled \$533,000,000.

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JOHNSON OPENS FIGHT TO ESCAPE SENTENCE

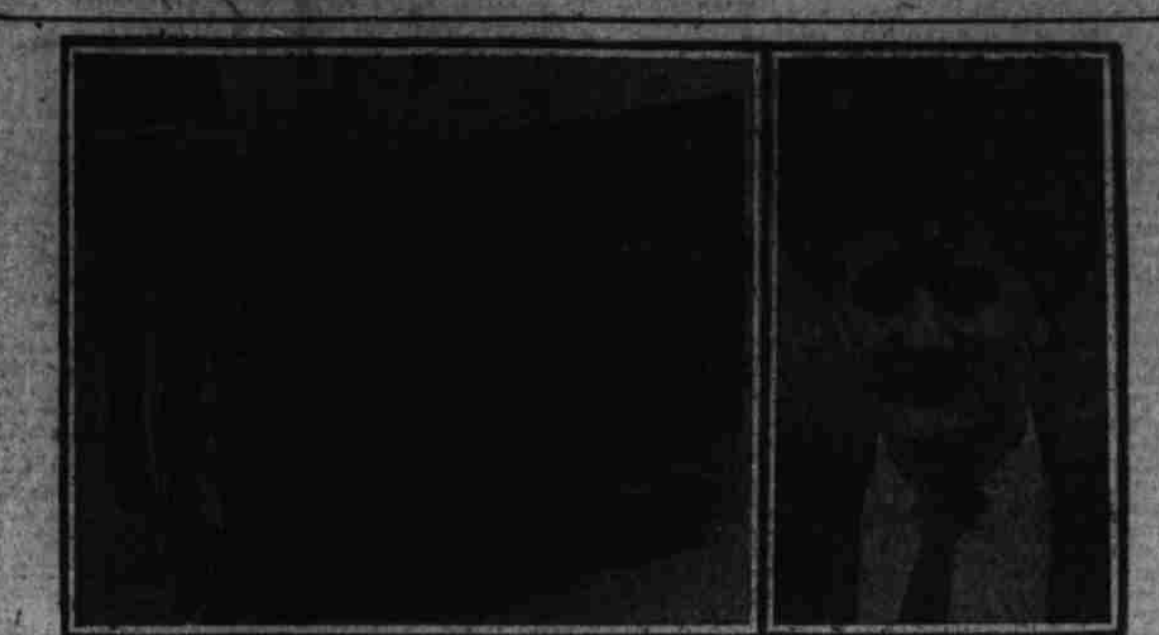
Attorneys For Negro Pugilist Make Motion For Acceptance of Bail

Chicago, July 26.—Jack Johnson, former heavyweight champion, began a legal fight today to escape serving a one-year prison sentence for violation of the Mann act when his attorneys gathered before Judge Alschuler of the Circuit Court of Appeals and made a motion that bail be accepted for his release pending appeal for a new trial. Johnson, who has been a fugitive for eight years, was not in court, as he was in jail at Joliet, Ill., pending the outcome of his fight to obtain bail. He was taken off the train at Joliet yesterday after 2,000 negroes had gathered at the station here to give him a welcoming demonstration.

When Judge Alschuler learned that Federal Judge Carpenter was in the city he refused to hear the motion. Judge Carpenter heard the motion for bail before Johnson fled for Europe in 1912. Judge Carpenter is recovering from a minor operation at his home, and efforts will be made by Johnson's attorney to have him hear the motion. Although Johnson forfeited a bond of \$20,000 when he fled from the country, his attorneys said today they were prepared to furnish bond up to \$50,000 to bring about Johnson's release.

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TRUNK IN WHICH BODY OF YOUNG WOMAN WAS FOUND AT NEW YORK AND THE MAN WHO DISCOVERED IT



At the left is the trunk in which the nude and mutilated body of a young woman was found in the warehouse of the American Railway Express Company at New York City. Detroit detectives working on the case have reason to believe the woman was Mrs. E. Leroy, who was Miss Katherine Jackson, of Mississippi, before her marriage. The gruesome contents were shipped to New York from Detroit, and the scene of the investigation has been shifted to the latter place for solution. The trunk was undisturbed and remained in the warehouse for more than a month. David Demarest, at the right, an employe of the warehouse, opened the trunk and made the discovery.

Begin Nation-Wide Search For Man In Trunk Mystery

Chiefs of Police in All Large Cities Looking Out For Eugene Leroy

POSITIVELY IDENTIFY WOMAN AS LEROY'S WIFE

Detective Leaves For Birmingham To Get A. A. Tatum, Involved in Case

Detroit, Mich., July 26.—Search for Eugene Leroy, whose wife's mutilated body was found jammed in a trunk shipped from Detroit to New York, assumed nation-wide proportions today. Police in every large city of the country were asked to aid in the search after Patrolman Leo Trumbull, of the Detroit police department, had failed to identify a man giving the name of Key Millie and held by Chicago authorities pending investigation as a suspect.

That jealousy and revenge played a part in the supposed murder in the reported contention of Allan A. Tatum, now in Birmingham, Ala., and who told the police there he knew Mrs. Leroy intimately in Detroit several months ago. Tatum's name was written on the trunk that contained the murdered woman's body. He expressed the belief it is said, that Leroy may have killed his wife through jealousy, when he learned that she had been in Tatum's company and that Tatum's name was used on the trunk with revenge as the motive.

A Detroit detective left today for Birmingham to bring Tatum to this city, if possible, in an effort to throw light on Leroy's whereabouts. A second trunk believed to have been sent to New York and thought to contain the vital organs of the murdered woman is being sought.

Positive identification of the dead woman was obtained, the police say, by Patrolman and Mr. Trumbull and others, who recognized clothing found in the trunk with the body as having belonged to Mrs. Leroy. A sweater which Mrs. Trumbull once had borrowed was among the clothing.

Police investigation today indicated that Mrs. Leroy had been married previously to her marriage to Leroy. According to information in the hands of the police, she was the divorced wife of a Southern pugilist named Jackson. Her maiden name is said to have been Katherine Dixon, and her home was in Starville, Miss.

Description of Leroy.—Leroy's description, as sent today to police departments in all large cities, follows: Age, 23 or 24; height, 5 feet 10 1/2 inches; weight, 145 pounds; smooth face, swarthy complexion; jet black hair, combed straight back; scar on left leg; teeth good even.

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Planned to Leave Leroy.—Mrs. Leroy had planned several times to leave her husband, Mrs. Trumbull told the police today, but was deterred by the fear that Leroy might use violence. On one occasion, Mrs. Trumbull said, Mrs. Leroy told her her husband had brought home a dagger.

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TATUM SAYS HE IS EAGER TO GO TO DETROIT A ONCE.—Birmingham, July 26.—A. A. Tatum, the Birmingham linotype operator, who had figured prominently in the Detroit trunk mystery, said today that he was eager to go to Detroit at once and give any information he could about the case.

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GOV. COX GETS TO WORK ON ADDRESS FOR NOTIFICATION

Democratic Nominee Makes Considerable Progress On Acceptance Speech

UNABLE TO CARRY OUT HIS SECLUSION PLAN

Says His Address Will Be Just Long Enough To Tell The Story; Judge Johnson Says Democratic Chances in The West Are Good; Receives Other Visitors

Dayton, Ohio, July 26.—Governor Cox made considerable progress today on his address for August 7 accepting the Democratic presidential nomination. The governor found, however, that he was unable to carry out his plan for "looking himself in his library to work on the speech, but between several visitors, the candidate put in some good hours in drafting his address.

The address the governor said will be "just long enough to tell the story," but because of its embryonic stage he could make no definite predictions as to length. He is to send it in installments as subjects are completed to his newspaper office here for composition and then he promised "to use the blue pencil vigorously" on proofs to eliminate every unnecessary word.

Between shifts at his address the governor today conferred with Judge J. G. Johnson, of the Ohio supreme court, who made the Cox nominating speech at the San Francisco convention. It was their first meeting since the convention and Governor Cox thanked the judge for the successful outcome of his efforts.

West Is For Democrats.—"The Western people seem to realize that Governor Cox is one of them, in their ideal and aspirations," said Judge Johnson, who toured the West on route to his home at Springfield. "They believe Governor Cox is for the people. They refer to him as 'Jimmy,' like the adored Roosevelt was called 'Teddy.' It indicates a feeling of personal interest and regard, as I believe Cox is the first presidential candidate since 'Teddy' whose first name is being popularly and generally used."

Other Callers of the Day.—Another caller of the Governor's was Oscar E. Bradford of Xenia, Ohio, of the Ohio Farm Bureau and a director of the Federal Farm Bureau as well as a former member of President Wilson's industrial commission. Agricultural affairs were the principal topic of his conference with the Governor, who also had a social call today from John D. Spreckles, Jr., of California. Senator Pomeroy, Ohio member of the Senate committee investigating campaign expenditures, is to see the Governor tomorrow regarding continuance of the inquiry during the campaign.

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But the breath of wind that had given the committee sufficient hope to start the race had died out by this time and the aloops fairly drifted until the match was declared off.

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CALL OFF DECIDING RACE BECAUSE OF A BREEZELESS OCEAN

Shamrock And Resolute To Have It Out Today, If The Weather Permits

RESOLUTE LEADING BY TWO MILES AT THE END

Twenty-Five Mile Gale of Saturday Had Departed, However, Taking All Little Sandy Hook Zephyrs With It, And Race Was Not Finished Within The Six-Hour Limit

Sandy Hook, N. J., July 26.—The 36-mile Sandy Hook gale that drove defender Resolute and her British challenger Shamrock IV back to shelter last Saturday went into retirement today, taking all the little Sandy Hook zephyrs with it, and the fifth and decisive race for the America's cup was called off after four and a half hours in a virtually breezeless sea.

The third attempt to run the race that will settle 1920's yachting supremacy will be made tomorrow, wind and weather permitting. The course will be the same that the rivals tried to cover today—fifteen miles to windward and 15 miles to leeward.

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