

SIMMONS STRONG FOR PRIMARY LAW TO BE CONTINUED

"Wholesale Repeal" Would Be "Most Unfortunate" Senior Senator States

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"Farmer Bob" Highly Grati- fied To Secure Services of Bick- ett As Attorney; They Will File Answer To Campbell's Charges Following Confer- ence In Statesville Monday

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Of course, Mr. Hoey can't become a factor in the fight until after he lays down the mantle of office, which he will do on March 3, but he may be thought of as a "back-up" man. He is a fighter, and he will know how to fight. In the meantime, Governor Bickett will be on the job, stepping right from the office of Governor into a political legal battle that promises to prove extremely interesting if the Republican out-caster doesn't withdraw.

There is a rumor about that the necessary money to stage the contest may not be forthcoming from the Republi- can National committee, whence it was promised by Dr. Fess, of Illinois, the chairman. The story is that the stand Dr. Campbell took on the question of votes for negroes has aroused the negroes, not only of North Carolina, but of other sections of the country, until they are beginning to ask Dr. Fess and other Republicans in the National committee if they are going to sponsor the contest of a man who has been so unfriendly to the cause of political equality between the races.

HENRY MILLER GETS RAILROAD PROMOTION

Becomes Vice-President in Charge of Operations of Southern Railway

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 13.—H. W. Miller has been appointed vice president of the Southern Railway in charge of operations, succeeding E. H. Coasman, whose death occurred a few days ago. Mr. Miller has been serving the railway as vice president and the ap- pointment transfers him to the operating department.

The announcement of the appoint- ment reached Raleigh last night in a telegram to Mr. J. H. Andrews, division freight agent of the Southern Railway here, and Mr. Andrews through his files was able to give an accurate history of the railway life of the official who is well remembered here where he spent many years.

Mr. Miller entered the services of the Richmond and Danville Railroad in October, 1885, as a leading clerk at the Raleigh freight office, and as relief telegraph operator. He was promoted to billing clerk then to chief clerk and later to rate clerk in the division freight agent's office. In September, 1888, he became chief clerk and in 1891 to Col. A. B. Andrews, then third vice president.

He remained in this position with Col. Andrews when the organization of the Southern Railway Company in 1894. Col. Andrews was made second vice president and later first vice president. In December, 1901, Mr. Miller was ap- pointed assistant to the first vice presi- dent at Raleigh. In December, 1910, he was appointed vice president in Atlanta. He was later elected vice president of the Danville and Western, Falls Ridge, Augusta, Southern, Tallulah, and Hartwell Railway Companies.

In the spring of 1920 he was transferred to Washington as vice president in charge of construction, real estate and conveyances.

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REPUBLICAN WILL OPPOSE TARIFF TO HELP PROFITEERS

Certain American Business Interests Rebuked By North Dakota Representative

TIME SOMEBODY PUT ON BRAKES, HE DECLARES
Witnesses Plead With "Crocodile Tears In Their Eyes" In Effort To Hold Up Prices. Congressman Says; Senator McCumber Wants Increase In Tariff On Wheat

Washington, Jan. 13.—Certain American business interests were rebuked by Representative Young, Republican North Dakota, today during considera- tion of a tariff revision by the Ways and Means committee for asking duties which he charged would amount to licensing them to continue profiteering. He served notice on his fellow members that on this ground he

of import duties, ranging from 100 per cent to 400 per cent above the Payne-Aldrich rates.

Earlier in the day, Senator McCumber, Republican, also from North Dakota, had announced his purpose to seek an increase in the duty on wheat in the Fordney emergency tariff from 30 cents to 50 cents a bushel. The North Dakota Senator declared the higher rate was necessary to stop "enormous importations" of wheat from Canada.

Mr. Young said he was "getting tired" of witnesses coming before the committee to ask for prohibitive rates in the proposed permanent tariff and relating to the committee details of how German competition was cutting into their trade. Testimony had been given on the subject of im- portations of needles and white on that imported subject Mr. Young asserted that a lot of industries were com- plaining of the competition when "what has hurt a lot of these industries is the definite decision of the consuming public to submit no longer to war prices."

"It is time somebody put on the brakes," he continued. "Here and now, I serve notice I shall oppose any such duties as these witnesses are asking. They are pleading with crocodile tears in their eyes for import duties ranging from 100 per cent to 400 per cent above the Payne-Aldrich rates. I am going to fight with all of the power I have against such penalization of the consumer."

"The war is over and the consuming public is asking why those prices also are not gone. If we grant the rates most of these interests are seeking, we will simply be licensing a continu- ation of profiteering, filling the pockets of the manufacturer, who gets the pro- tection, with the involuntary contribu- tions of the consumer."

HARDING DEVOTES DAY TO INCIDENTAL MATTERS
The Settlement of Cabinet Ap- pointments Still As Much As Sea As Ever

Marion, Ohio, Jan. 13.—With his confer- ences here regarding a conclusion, President Harding devoted today to discussion of a long list of incidental public questions. The day's confer- ences revealed no development in regard to cabinet appointments nor any of the other important problems await- ing solution.

Speculation here regarding the cabi- net now centers about the question of whether Charles Evans Hughes, of New York, is willing to accept the post of Secretary of State. There is no evi- dence that a formal offer of the ap- pointment has been made, but it is un- derstood that some time ago feel- ings were put out to "test the waters."

CUBA FACED WITH PARALYSIS OF ITS LAWMAKING POWER

Confronted With Ad Interim Provincial and National Administrations

GENERAL CROWDER IN STATEMENT TO PUBLIC
Electoral Boards Function But Cuban Judiciary Fails To Act On Contested Election Cases In Some of Provinces; Central Court and Board Giving Patriotic Co-operation

Havana, Jan. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Major-General Enoch Crowder, special representative of President Wilson, investigating conditions in Cuba, in a statement to the public today, referring to the failure of the electoral board and courts to function within the prescribed limit, declared:

"If these agencies continue to fail, Cuba, in due course of time, will be confronted with an ad interim provincial and national administration. The first Monday in April next with a total paralysis of the legislative power."

General Crowder until tonight has maintained absolute silence ever since his arrival here on the cruiser Miami a week ago. His statement, which sets forth "what has been accomplished thus far, at the instance of the President," follows:

"As President Menocal has so force- fully stated in his admirable letter to the Central Electoral Board, the urgency of the present electoral situa- tion lies in the fact that already, through the failure of the electoral board and courts to function within the prescribed time limit, we have to- day an ad interim provincial and municipal administration in a majority of the municipal districts of Cuba."

"If these agencies continue to fail, Cuba, in due course will be confronted with an ad interim provincial and national administration, and after the first Monday in April, next, with a total paralysis of the legislative power, due to the fact that at that date one-half of the seats of the Congress will become vacant."

"The electoral boards have functioned and posted their provisional returns. What is lacking is the action of the Cuban judiciary on the con- tested election cases of which there are a great number, involving prac- tically all of the colleges of Oriente and Matanzas, and a large number of the colleges of Santa Clara, including whole municipal districts and a smaller number of colleges in other provinces."

"What has been accomplished thus far at the instance of the President is a patriotic cooperation of the Supreme Court and Central Electoral Board in the issue of proper instructions and regulations, and the patriotic co-opera- tion of political parties in the waiving of certain provisions of the legal pro- cedure of Cuba; all of which means a most expeditious procedure for the courts in deciding these numerous ap- pealed cases."

"The electoral code of Cuba makes a special appeal to the judiciary of Cuba in such a situation as now exists. It should be the attitude of every one to assume that the Cuban courts will be in the situation and discharge their full responsibility. They have the man- datory duty of decreeing the nullity of the elections in any college or col- lege inclusive-mentioned in Article 242 of said code and the authority to invali- date elections for other causes where it shall be established by proper proof that there has been suppression of the vote or a failure of the scrutiny and canvass through intimidation, force or fraud or other causes."

LAW AFFORDS AMPLE REMEDY.
"I point to these provisions in order to remind all the contestants that the law as drawn gives them an ample remedy, and to express my belief that the courts will be courageous and fair in the application of the law to the several appeals which have been taken, and of course, this means courage to grant an appeal, and, as well, the courage to deny one; in other words, fair- ness to both parties."

MEDICAL LICENSE BEFORE MARRIAGE REQUIRED IN BILL

Bellamy Offers Measure Requiring Both Men and Women To Be Examined

BOTH SENATE AND HOUSE HOLD BRIEF SESSIONS
Senate Gets Measure To Insure Solvency of State Banks; Retiring Lieutenant Govern- nor Presented With Hand- some Gold Watch; Artillery- men Thanked In Resolution

A quarter of an hour sufficed to ac- complish the brief business that came before the House yesterday morning, and the introduction of new bills was postponed until the afternoon ses- sion.

Neither man nor woman is ex- cepted from the provisions of the Bellamy bill. Men would be examined to determine whether they were infected with venereal, tubercular or mental diseases, and women would be examined to determine infection with tubercular or mental disorders. The only distinc- tion made between the sexes in the measure would be the exemption of women from the requirement as to venereal infections.

Some months of study, and the in- vestigation of similar legislation in other states have gone into the prepa- ration of the measure, Mr. Bellamy says, and he is confident that it will receive the endorsement of the General Assembly. He has consulted with the heads of State institutions charged with the care of these diseases, and their co-operation and influence is claimed for the measure.

The Bellamy bill was the only mat- ter of State-wide import or interest except the resolution offered by Rep- resentative Crisp thanking the Com- manding Officer of Camp Bragg, and the officials of State College for their contributions to Wednesday's festivi- ties incident to the induction of the new administration. Half a dozen other local bills were offered, and one passed, relative to validating a bond issued in Wilson county. The House ad- journed at 11:15 to meet at 11 o'clock today.

Senate Session Brief.
A bill designed to permit the State Banks in North Carolina to disregard the ruling of the Federal Reserve Board, requiring clearances to be made at par was introduced in the Senate yesterday. The bill, which was drawn by the legislative committee of the State Bankers' Association, sponsored by Senator B. M. Oates, of Henderson, chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency.

Heretofore, non-member State Banks have been obliged to adhere to the ruling of the Federal Reserve Board because of the lack of any specific legisla- tion on the subject. Senator Oates stated yesterday that similar laws have been found effectual in other states.

Measure Has Teeth.
The teeth in the proposed law are found in a section which makes it un- lawful for a notary or any other officer to protest a check for non payment when said non payment is due alone to refusal to clear at par and declares that there shall be no ground of action in such a case in law or equity.

The measure provides an exchange charge of one-eighth of one per cent with a minimum fee of ten cents. It is also provided that all checks are pay- able in exchange, unless otherwise di- rected or the face of the paper by the maker. It is made a misdemeanor, pun- ishable by a fine of \$200 for any other person to write or stamp such directions on a check.

Present Watch to Gardner.
The Senate indulged in another brief session yesterday, the only business transacted being the presentation of a handsome Swiss watch, suitably engrav- ed to its retiring Presiding Officer. On motion of Senator Bragg, of North- ampton, seconded by Senator Varner the Senate adopted a resolution ordering that a special messenger be sent to in- form the Ex-Lieutenant Governor his presence was desired in the chamber.

WAREHOUSEMEN VOTE TO RE-OPEN BURLEY MARKET

Representatives of Growers Launch Movement To Cut Out 1921 Crop Entirely

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 13.—All 100,000 leaf tobacco markets throughout the Burley district of Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio, closed for more than a week because of unsatisfactory prices offered by buyers will open January 17, it was decided at a meeting of warehousemen here late today. The vote was thirty warehouses for opening and twelve for remaining closed. Aurora, Ind.; Brook- ville, Ky.; Mayville, Ky.; and Wil- son, Ky., voted solidly against re-open- ing while two out of three Carlisle warehouses voted to open and one to remain closed.

Growers' representatives, however, in a prior meeting had authorized forma- tion of an organization for holding the 1920 crop until April 15 and cutting out the 1921 crop entirely.

A committee of one man from each tobacco growing county in Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana and from four Ten- nesees counties, was appointed to work out the plan of organization which calls for signed pledges by growers that they will carry out the agreement. De- cision of the warehousemen to re-open the markets, is contrary to action taken at meetings here January 7, when grow- ers' representatives, working first with warehousemen would back any decision taken by growers. Practically all markets of the state were closed January 4, when growers refused to ac- cept prices offered by buyers and many hauled their tobacco back to storage.

JAPAN CLEARS UP DEATH OF SAILOR
Full Amends and Explanation Made To American Govern- ment For Occurrence

Washington, Jan. 13.—Notification that the Japanese commanding officer at Vladivostok has given orders that hereafter sentries must not challenge Americans and the formal expression of regret by the Japanese government went far today towards adjusting the situation which has arisen over the fatal shooting by a Japanese soldier at that port of Lieut. W. H. Langdon of the Cruiser Albany.

The action of the Vladivostok com- mander, General OI, was reported to the Navy Department by Admiral Gleaves, commander in chief of the Asiatic fleet, who was on his way to Vladivostok to conduct a personal investigation. The admiral added that the report had been sent him by radio and that in view of developments he had abandoned his trip of inquiry.

Ambassador Shidehara, of Japan, called upon Acting Secretary of State Davis today and expressed the deep regret of his government that such an incident should have occurred. Earlier he had received from the Japanese for- eign office a version of the shooting which differed from an earlier and equally official version issued in Tokio in that the embassy's account agreed with Lieutenant Langdon's ante-mortem statement that the sentry was the first to fire.

The attitude of the Japanese govern- ment was also indicated in the commu- nication to Admiral Gleaves, which said that high officials of the Japanese force had expressed their sorrow and regret.

The sentry, who shot the American when he was returning to his ship, was characterized in the communication forwarded to Admiral Gleaves as "very ignorant" and in one of the messages received by Ambassador Shidehara it was stated he had already been placed under arrest and would be tried by court-martial.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels who had called upon Admiral Gleaves for a report, conferred with Secretary Davis today in an effort to expedite so far as possible, the gathering of the facts in the case. The latter immediately instructed Consul McGowan, from whom the first official news of the incident had come to supplement his report and de- clared that if the facts warranted an immediate and energetic protest would be made to Japan. Later developments, however, are understood to have in- clined officials to believe that the situa- tion is in prospect of final adjust- ment.

COTTON FARMERS PLEDGE REDUCTION OF ACREAGE IN 1921

Endorse Commodity Plan For Marketing Cotton Similar To Tobacco Plan

FIVE HUNDRED ATTEND STATE MEETING HERE
L. S. Tomlinson, of Wilson, Is Elected President; Governor Manning, of South Carolina, Aaron Sapiro and C. I. W. B. Thompson Speakers In Audi- torium

Endorsement of the commodity plan for the marketing of cotton similar to the one adopted by North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. American Cotton Association re- quested to call meeting of execu- tive committee to consider south- wide plan for the marketing of cotton along the lines proposed for this State.

Continuation of present cotton tax of 25 cents a bale for another two years.

Endorsement of American Prod- ucts Export and Import Corpora- tion.

Amendment of State law so to provide for organization of NON- CAPITAL marketing associations.

Designation of January 31st as "Acreage Reduction Day."

Cotton storage warehouse for every cotton growing county in the State.

These recommendations adopted with- out a dissenting vote by five hundred earnest cotton farmers from fifty counties in North Carolina at the annual convention of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Association in Raleigh yesterday resulted from a pledge of liberations that such leaders as Dr. B. W. Kilgore, director of the Agri- cultural Extension Service, declared represents perhaps the most momentous agricultural movement undertaken in a generation.

L. S. Tomlinson, Wilson business man, who has led the cotton growers of the State with such signal success during the past year, was unanimously re- elected as president, and John E. Peter- son, of Clinton, and Dr. B. W. Kilgore, of Raleigh, were elected as vice-presidents. They were elected together with a representative from each of the several district farm the executive committee, which was authorized to work out the plan for the organiza- tion of a co-operative association.

Notable Speakers Attend.
The association had the privilege of hearing several notable visiting speak- ers. Former Governor Richard I. Manning, of Sumter, S. C., president of the American Products Export and Import Corporation, explained the im- portance of this company and Aaron Sapiro, of San Francisco, outlined the principles of the California plan of marketing farm products.