

SENATE ONCE MORE DELAYS ACTION ON TWO NOMINATIONS

Confirmation of Linney and Johnson goes over because of Simmons' absence.

REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER LETS CAT OUT OF BAG

G. O. P. Organ at Twin City Gives Expression That Is Inferred To Mean That Linney Would Vigorously Prosecute Democratic Registrars; Overman Opposes Probe

NO FOOD SHORTAGE IN NORTH CAROLINA

Replies to Congressman Hammer Deny Pellagra Outbreak or Food Famine

Counties Have Food. Hoke as well as many other counties in the center of the cotton belt reports more than a sufficiency of food products for the county.

HATFIELD KILLED DURING GUN FIGHT

Was Former Chief of Police of Matewan, W. Va.; Five Persons Under Arrest

How Fight Started. According to persons nearby, Hatfield, with a party of friends, approached the entrance to the court house just before noon, where they met Lively and a group of companions.

CARRYOVER OF COTTON HEAVIEST ON RECORD

Secretary Hester's Figures Show Commercial Crop of 11,377,316 Bales

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Water Flowed Out of the Quarry 3:32 Yesterday; Dry By Saturday

Tunnel Opened and Natural Drainage Takes Out Million Gallons; Substitute Small Gas Driven Pump for Work; Fence Goes Up By Magic and Street Is Established By Vendors of Rations

Water began to flow from the Rock Quarry at 3:32 yesterday afternoon. A three-inch pump driven by a five horse power gasoline engine was installed purely for experimental purposes, and it worked so effectively that the plan to install the big 10-inch, electrical driven pump was abandoned and a battery of five smaller pumps will be installed this morning.

Opening of the tunnel that used to drain the quarry disclosed the fact that the surface of the water could be lowered two feet by natural drainage, and the pumps were stopped during the night while the water flowed out. Early today the five 1 1/2 pumps will be put to work again, and an aggregate flow of 1,250 gallons per minute will be obtained.

Small Pumps Cheaper. Two days of labor and \$800 will be saved by using the five small pumps instead of the one big one, in the opinion of Charles D. Farmer, superintendent of the Mechanical Division of the Highway Commission.

Fences grew about the quarry yesterday almost by magic, and the crowd that flowed thither got only as far as "Wiener Street," which sprang into being almost as quickly as the fence grew. Half dozen tents of vendors were erected during the afternoon, and visitors who go to the quarry today need not be thirsty nor hungry if their thirst can be quenched with pop and their hunger appeased with carnival rationing.

City Collects Fees. Question arose between the concessionaires on the one hand and municipal authorities on the other as to whether the vendors of meat and drink were liable for payment of license fees. The Mayor instructed the Chief of Police to collect a fee of ten dollars each from those tents, and among them were those who disputed with collector as to his right to collect the license when they were on State property.

The Board of Public Buildings and Grounds has no objection to anybody opening business there, from a shoe shine parlor to a real estate and insurance office, and has no interest in the collection of taxes. But no objection will be raised to the fattening of the city's treasury, and the Mayor is determined to have his money if business is to be done there.

Prices Swing Upward. Licensed or not, the tents are there, and appear to be going to stay there until the last of the curious have gone their way. Regular carnival tents are there to house some of the wicker emporiums, and others hold a precarious location with nothing over their but the shade of shabby, dust-covered trees. A "dope" costs ten cents, and the "wiener" had advanced to the dignity of a sandwich in price.

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PRESIDENT SPEAKS AT CELEBRATION OF PILGRIMS' LANDING

Re-Dedicates Plymouth Rock As Symbol of Brotherhood For The World Today

STRESSES PRINCIPLES OF PILGRIM FATHERS

The President Also Eulogizes Achievements of The English-Speaking Races; Modern Mayflower Carries Executive To Plymouth, Mass.; Other Prominent Speakers

Plymouth, Mass., Aug. 1.—Plymouth Rock, for three centuries a landmark of American freedom, was rededicated by President Harding today as a symbol of "real human brotherhood" for all the world.

Speaking at the tercentenary celebration of the landing of the Pilgrims, the President declared his fervent hope that the principle of toleration and liberty for which our fathers crossed the Atlantic might soon awake a new world era in which peace and understanding would be assured among the nations. He referred in particular to the nation's effort toward disarmament, asserting his faith that the movement would succeed.

Tribute to Pilgrims. With his tribute to the Pilgrims, Mr. Harding linked a eulogy to the achievements of the English-speaking race everywhere and declared he was convinced that the mission of the race would encompass even greater things than it had yet accomplished. The leadership of the English-speaking peoples in the present world crisis, he said, could not be denied or doubted by anyone.

The President's address, delivered within a few hundred feet of the spot where Plymouth Rock has been enclosed in iron railings to preserve it for posterity, was part of an anniversary celebration in which Vice-President Coolidge and many other high officials of state and nation participated.

Earlier in the day he had headed and reviewed a parade of civic, military and naval organizations through the historic streets of Plymouth, and tonight he witnessed the tercentenary pageant reproducing the landing of the Pilgrims.

Mayflower of Today. With Mrs. Harding and a party of friends, the President reached Plymouth from Washington shortly before noon on his yacht, Mayflower named for the Pilgrim ship which entered this harbor under such widely different circumstances three hundred years ago. Three battleships and six destroyers formed an escort for the Mayflower of today. She was welcomed by a booming of the Presidential salute from a battery ashore, while a British cruiser, the Cambrian, dipped her flag at her anchorage just outside Plymouth harbor.

As a troop of cavalry formed a Presidential guard of honor and many organizations, including a unit of British marines from the Cambrian, marched in the parade which passed in review before Mr. Harding and his party.

Other Speakers. The President's hope that Plymouth Rock might become a shrine for all free nations was echoed in brief addresses by William H. DeBeaufort, charge of the Dutch legation at Washington, and Captain Sydney H. Bayley, naval attaché of the British embassy.

Secretary of War Weeks also had a place in the speaker's stand.

The exercises, indeed, were turned into an "Old Home Week" celebration when at the word of the chairman that they were to be closed, the crowd called loudly for Vice-President Coolidge, Senator Lodge, Major General Clarence R. Edwards and Secretary Weeks. President Harding first brought to the front personally the senior Senator from Massachusetts.

Leaving late tonight aboard the Mayflower the President and his party expected to reach Portland, Maine, tomorrow and there take automobiles for Lancaster, N. H., where they will spend the remainder of the week resting at Secretary Weeks' place and sight-seeing among the White mountains.

DR. A. PAUL BAGBY TO GO TO WAKE FOREST

Accepts Position On College Faculty; Will Also Have Charge of Church

Louisville, Aug. 1.—After having been pastor of the Highland Baptist Church for ten years, the Rev. A. Paul Bagby, D.D., yesterday tendered his resignation to accept an important charge with the church and college at Wake Forest, N. C., one of the leading Baptist schools in the South, and will remove with his family to that place probably early in September.

Three weeks ago Dr. Bagby for the fourth time during his residence here won the golf championship of Kentucky. He did teaching work for Dr. E. Y. Mullins in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary during the latter's world tour last year in a survey of Christian world conditions. He attended to both teaching and pastoral work and was in charge of the Y. M. C. A. work at the base hospital at Camp Zachary Taylor.

The Highland Baptist Church on Cherokee Road is reported to have made unusual progress in recent years under Dr. Bagby. All indebtedness on the church was wiped out and a large new edifice was erected in the \$75,000, 000 fund quota last year. In addition to his duties at the college Dr. Bagby will be pastor of the leading Baptist church of Wake Forest.

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No Action Taken. Late today it was learned from local representatives of insurance companies that no action against Jackson had been planned so far. It appears that the matter will be one for the local authorities, but definite steps in this direction were not taken today.

Jackson, who now lives near Greenville, announced on the streets of Ayden Saturday afternoon that he would preach in the auditorium of the seminary Sunday afternoon, and incidentally confided to a few friends his intention of making a public confession of the burning of a pressing establishment, of which he was proprietor, some years ago in order that he might collect the insurance money.

Tells Whole Story. Yesterday afternoon, in the presence of a large crowd, Jackson, with a voice almost choked by emotion, recited the details, telling how he took his rifle near the midnight hour and left home, fully intending to kill anyone who happened to see or recognize him.

He said he poured gasoline on the floor of the pressing club building and then ignited it. The blaze rapidly spread. The Ross hotel was also destroyed and a residence nearby was badly damaged.

Jackson, who says he was converted last fall during the revival meetings, conducted by "Cyclone" McLendon at Greenville, told his hearers he had been unable to rid his mind of the crime, and asserted that God told him he must confess his sins before he could be forgiven. Jackson preached his remarks with the text "That every knee must bow and every tongue confess."

Squared Himself. None who heard Jackson doubted his sincerity, and it is now a question of what action will be taken in the matter by the insurance companies. Jackson says this is a matter of no concern to him, as he wanted to square himself with his Maker, adding that after he had prayed earnestly over it God directed him to come back here and tell all about the crime.

The sympathy of those present was with the man who bore his life in obedience to the text and many went up to shake hands with him at the conclusion of his talk and congratulate him upon his manly stand.

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SMALLEST COTTON CROP IN QUARTER OF CENTURY

Further Threat of Damage, Says Department; Condition In N. C. 75 Per Cent

Washington, Aug. 1.—The boll weevil played havoc with the South's cotton crop during July, heavy rainfall aiding in the destruction by promoting a rank growth of weeds and grass, and as a result a prospective production of 8,203,000 bales was forecast today by the Department of Agriculture, basing its estimate on conditions existing July 25. That is a loss of 2,500,000 bales compared with the production forecast a month ago.

The crop declined 4.5 points during the month, much more than the average decline, bringing condition to 64.7 per cent of a normal, the lowest July 25th condition on record with one exception that of 1886, when it was 64.1.

As unpromising is the present condition of the crop throughout most of the belt, there is still very serious threat, the Department experts say, of continued and increased damage from the boll weevil, while grass and weeds are exhausting much of the crop that remains.

Summary of Condition. Summarizing conditions, the department issued a statement saying: "Cotton suffered more than the usual decline during July, being damaged particularly by the boll weevil, especially in the newly invaded territories in South Carolina, eastern Georgia, southern and eastern Oklahoma and southern Arkansas. Damage from the insect throughout the belt has been heavy and the threat of continued and increased damage is very serious. In many sections it promises to take all new growth."

"This condition results largely from the heavy July rainfall, which has also leached out much of the scanty supply of fertilizer and encouraged a heavy growth of grass and weeds which is exhausting much of what remains."

"Farmers are unable to give a final dressing of fertilizer in most instances, as has been the custom. Through most of the belt the present condition of the plant is unpromising, since it faces on the one hand the danger of drought and on the other increased damage from the boll weevil."

"Conditions are favorable only in the fringes of the belt in western Texas, western Oklahoma, along the Mississippi River from northern Mississippi through Tennessee and into Missouri, in Virginia and North Carolina, and in the delta section of Mississippi, where the plants are well rooted and sturdy with a good set of first crop bolls."

Comparative Conditions. The condition was 74.1 per cent on July 25 last year, 67.1 in 1919 and the ten year July 25 average is 75.4. Last year's crop was 12,365,754 bales, that of 1919 was 11,420,763 bales, in 1915 it was 12,040,532, in 1917 it was 11,302,375 and in 1916 it was 11,449,930.

The condition by states follows: Virginia, 82; North Carolina, 75; South Carolina, 62; Georgia, 59; Florida, 60; Alabama, 58; Mississippi, 61; Louisiana, 59; Texas, 52; Arkansas, 71; Tennessee, 75; Missouri, 80; Oklahoma, 68; California, 81; Arizona, 89. All other states 88.

FOUR PERSONS KILLED WHEN TRAIN HITS AUTO

Jacksonville, Fla., Aug. 1.—Four persons were killed when a Florida East Coast Railroad train struck an automobile across the river from here, according to reports received at police headquarters.

SECRETARY MELLON SUGGESTS METHODS FOR RAISING MONEY

Proposes Flat License Tax of Ten Dollars on All Makes of Automobiles

WOULD LEVY TWO CENTS TAX ON ALL BANK CHECKS

Three Cents First Class Postage Rate and Added Levy on Cigars, Tobacco and Cigarettes Among Suggestions Made To Raise Four Billion Dollars Next Year

Washington, Aug. 1.—A tax of two cents on bank checks, a flat license tax of \$10 on all automobiles, irrespective of cost or horse-power, an increase of first class postage rates to three cents and an added levy on cigars, tobacco and cigarettes are understood to have been among tax revision suggestions presented today by Secretary Mellon to the House ways and means committee, meeting in executive session.

Other suggestions were said to have included: "A reduction of 50 per cent in transportation taxes, both passenger and freight, next year and their elimination the year following."

Repeal of the taxes on soda fountain drinks and ice cream.

Repeal of the excess profits tax and elimination of the \$2,000 exemption on corporations' incomes.

Increase of the normal income tax on corporations from the present ten per cent to fifteen per cent.

Elimination of the income surtax brackets above 40 per cent with the surtax rates on incomes ranging from \$6,000 to \$50,000 increased.

Would Raise Four Billions. The revenue bill as revised in accord with these suggestions would be designed to raise approximately four billions of dollars next year, it was said. Mr. Mellon's memorandum embodying his views was withheld, but Chairman Fordney promised to make it public tomorrow.

Representative Garner, of Texas, ranking Democratic member of the committee, attacked the Treasury Secretary's proposals, declaring that every one of them constituted a "shifting of the tax burden from the masses to the masses."

Mr. Mellon was said to have estimated government expenditures for next year at \$4,675,000,000, but Chairman Fordney said this was dependent upon how much of the \$500,000,000 due the railroads would have to be advanced out of the Federal Treasury, the cost of operating the government merchant fleet, and the size of expenditures for the army and navy.

Customs Receipts. Aside from internal taxes, the Treasury Secretary was understood to have estimated customs receipts for next year at \$450,000,000 and miscellaneous receipts, including salvage at \$350,000,000. He was said to have figured that the \$10 license tax on automobiles would bring in \$100,000,000 and that an added levy on cigars, tobacco and cigarettes an additional \$25,000,000. Increased postal rates have been estimated to yield another \$75,000,000, but the estimate as to the income from the proposed tax on bank checks was not disclosed.

The loss of revenue through reduction of the transportation taxes has been placed at approximately \$150,000,000.

After the committee had heard Mr. Mellon, Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair, Dr. T. S. Adams, treasury tax expert, and other fiscal officers of the government, Chairman Fordney reiterated his statement of last Saturday that he believed the nation's tax bill could be cut \$500,000,000 and the government run for four billion dollars a year.

Garner Urges Economy. Representative Garner said that government expenditures in excess of that sum next year would be a "wicked, wicked waste of public funds, wholly indefensible." He asserted that the Federal establishment could be run for \$3,500,000,000, adding that Representative Madden, of Illinois, the new chairman of the appropriations committee, had declared in an address that this sum should be sufficient.

Before the committee heard the Treasury experts, the Republican members were in conference with Mr. Madden for a discussion of expenditures next year and more particularly the needs of the Shipping Board, the army and the navy.

Examination of the Treasury officers concluded the committee's hearings on the revision measure and the Republican members plan to draft to work tomorrow on a final draft of the bill. Chairman Fordney reiterated that the committee probably could not complete the measure under three weeks.

BAYBORO CITIZEN ENDS LIFE WITH A PISTOL

New Bern, N. C., Aug. 1.—Leaving a letter giving instructions regarding his funeral, naming the man to dig his grave and the kind of coffin he desired, E. A. Hough, 72, prominent retired business man of Bayboro, near here, ended his life at Bayboro early today by firing bullet through his head. Ill-health is believed to have been the cause.

CLOUDBURST IN VIRGINIA CAUSES DAMAGE OF \$20,000

Dasville, Va., Aug. 1.—A cloudburst caused damage estimated at \$20,000 at Dasville, a small town near here, late Saturday night, according to advices reaching here today. Rain came down in torrents and as the culverts were unable to carry off the water it backed up in the streets, damaging stores and residents.