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FORDNEY TARIFF OPPONENTS LINE UP FOR A FIGHT

Proponents and Opponents of the Bill Are Preparing for the Fight in House Tomorrow.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 21.—Proponents of the Fordney emergency tariff bill and opponents of the measure were engaged today in lining up their forces preparatory to fight when the measure is called up for consideration in the House tomorrow.

Added to the house forces opposing in principal the proposed tariff on agricultural products were many representatives of urban and manufacturing districts who indicated they would oppose the measure because of its failure to include manufacturing commodities.

Long staple and Egyptian cotton are included in the list of commodities named in the bill on which high import duties will be imposed.

COTTON BODY MAKES NEW YEAR PLANS

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21.—The Georgia Division of the American Cotton Association has perfected plans for a membership campaign, and with the beginning of the new year, the work will be started in real earnest.

The cotton South is fully awake to the necessity as well as to the justice of the producer's demand for reasonable profit and better and broader living conditions.

The state association at present it is stated, is composed of the strongest agricultural and business interests in the state.

"It proposes that each farmer's cotton acreage shall be limited to that area which he and his help can properly work and speedily harvested, in order that costs may be reduced, waste minimized and better grades and more shinnable cotton produced.

"It proposes to inculcate habits of conservative, to encourage the construction of protective housing facilities in every county, on every farm (and at every gin.

"It proposes to make cotton production a safe, profitable and human occupation.

MISS. INSURANCE CO. QUIT STATE

(By The Associated Press) New York, Dec. 21.—One hundred and thirty-eight fire insurance companies are suspending business in Mississippi when their aggregate covering policies amount to approximately 1,250,000,000.

This action is the outcome of a suit filed against them by state revenue agent charging that in collecting the same rate they created a combine in restraint of trade.

Announcement of the suspension was made here today by the national board of fire underwriters. It was explained the state revenue agent contends the alleged violation of the anti-trust laws of Mississippi subjects each company to a fine of \$5,000 a day since January 1, 1908, or an aggregate penalty of two billion dollars.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 21.—Unless a compromise is reached on the garnishment feature of the state revenue agents' suit against the fire insurance companies in Mississippi, it was said today by local underwriters, cancellation of all risks would immediately follow an order suspending business.

SEASON'S FIRST BUD



DOROTHY MONDELL

The season's first debutante in Washington from Congressional circles is Miss Dorothy Mondell, daughter of Representative and Mrs. F. W. Mondell of Wyoming, who has just made her debut.

FINCASTLE, VA. NEGRO CAPTURED

Fired Into Crowd White Boys, Killing One of Them—Had Previously Escaped.

(By The Associated Press) Roanoke, Va., Dec. 21.—Edmund Thompson, the negro who fired into a crowd of white boys at Fincastle, Va., Saturday night, wounding four, one of whom afterward died, was captured about 11 o'clock this morning near Troutville, a few miles from the scene of the trouble.

Thompson was shot and wounded and was not taken until he was shot down. His capture was brought about by a white woman at a farm house. He applied to her for breakfast whereupon she gave him something to eat and then telephoned the sheriff.

The shooting of the boys occurred when Thompson became angered by the throwing of firecrackers under his feet. He fired into the crowd of boys five times. Officers arrested him but he was soon taken away from them by a mob from which he escaped and remained at large until this morning.

Attempt to Lynch Thompson. Fincastle, Dec. 21.—A posse of Fincastle citizens, headed by Deputy Sheriff Shelby Caldwell, yesterday and all last night searched with bloodhounds for Ed. Thompson, a negro, who on Sunday night made a spectacular escape when a mob here tried to lynch him from the deputy sheriff after that officer had arrested him on a charge of having shot into a crowd of white boys on a Fincastle street and mortally wounded one of them and seriously injuring three others.

Soon after the shooting, which authorities say was provoked when one of the white boys threw a firecracker at Thompson's feet, the negro was arrested at the home of his father, Charles Thompson, three quarters of a mile north of town by Deputy Sheriff Caldwell and Turner McDowell, clerk of the county court. The four wounded boys immediately were taken to a Roanoke hospital, and Peck Austin, 17, died soon after arrival there. The other boys, all of whom are expected to recover from their wounds, are James Bayne, 15; Roy Young, 16; and Roy Lee, 17.

While attempting to take their prisoner to Roanoke, the deputy sheriff and Mr. McDowell were intercepted on the road near Amsterdam, 12 miles from here, and forced by a mob of 100 men to return here. When the mob reached Fincastle, according to the authorities, dispute between the deputy sheriff and members of the mob arose over whether the prisoner should be lynched or placed in the county jail. Suddenly an unidentified man, said to have worn an army overcoat, elbowed his way through the crowd, rushed up to the automobile containing the prisoner, and exclaimed: "If you're going to lynch him, do it now," and fired a revolver at the negro's head. Confusion followed, some of the members of the mob taking refuge in nearby buildings, and Thompson, with a cry, "Oh, my God," jumped from the automobile and fled. About 20 shots were fired at him; but the negro soon disappeared in the darkness. This happened shortly before midnight. Bloodhounds in Roanoke were sent for and the man hunt began early this morning. Thompson was trailed by the dogs to his father's cabin, but a thorough search of the building failed to bring forth the fugitive.

According to authorities, Thompson is employed as a porter in a hotel at Hot Springs, Va., and was on a vacation here when the tragedy occurred. The white boys, it is said, were congregated in front of a local store when Thompson came on the opposite side of the street. One of the boys is said to have thrown a firecracker, commonly known as a "squib," at the negro's feet and Thompson immediately whipped out a .32 calibre revolver and fired five times at the crowd.

Feeling among citizens, which was at fever heat last night, appeared to have quieted down today and no trouble between the races is anticipated.

375 MOONSHINERS CAPTURED IN SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT IN NOV.

3,738 Gallons of Liquor and Thirty Nine Automobiles Taken—\$97,649 Property Destroyed.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 21.—375 alleged moonshiners were arrested and 174 illegal stills, with 3,738 gallons of liquor, were seized in the Southeastern prohibition district during November, according to reports issued here by prohibition officials.

The Southeastern district includes the states of Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

Those arrested for alleged violation of the Volstead act paid the government \$473,056 in taxes and penalties the statement said.

Thirty nine automobiles and ten other vehicles, used in "rum running" and valued at \$13,700, were seized by the 150 federal agents working in the district and will be sold under provisions of the Volstead act. Property seized and destroyed is estimated at \$97,649.

DEFENSE RESTS IN THE SHEPARD CASE

Defense Closes Its Testimony in Fred B. Shepard Murder Case at Macon, Ga.

(By The Associated Press) Macon, Ga., Dec. 21.—Evidence for the defense in the preliminary hearing into the death last June of Fred B. Shepard was closed here today with a reservation on behalf of Mrs. Annie Cutts, one of the defendants, to permit three witnesses to be called after the state has concluded its rebuttal.

Evidence for Mrs. Pauline Elmer, widow of Shepard, was closed yesterday after Dr. Chas. P. Harold, of Macon, who operated on Shepard, declared he died of general peritonitis.

Witnesses for the other defendants, Mrs. Elmer's son, Ernest Hopson, and her sister, Mrs. Iona Henry, and Mrs. Cutts, today were four who attacked the character of the state's witness, Dr. W. L. Orr, of Perry, who attended Shepard in his last illness. Dr. Orr said he had no suspicion and told of calomel and other drugs which he administered.

Evidence at the preliminary hearing before Judge Matthews in superior court into the death of Fred B. Shepard has closed and argument is set for the afternoon session of the court. Final evidence of the state consisted of efforts to boost up the character of former tenants on the Cutts plantation in Wilcox county who testified that one of the four defendants, Mrs. Annie Cutts, related to them a story of a plot to poison Shepard for his money. The testimony of state experts that poison was found in Shepard's intestines was followed by a declaration from a physician on behalf of the defense that Shepard died of general peritonitis.

PROPOSE SHORTER HOURS TO SAVE MEN

(By The Associated Press) Great Falls, Montana, Dec. 21.—Proposals that 425 employees of the Great Northern Railway shops each work shorter hours to save sixty of their number being laid off entirely were made by the men themselves today in a communication sent to Great Northern headquarters in St. Paul today. The sixty men were laid off today.

Henderson Banker Dead. (By The Associated Press) Henderson, N. C., Dec. 21.—D. Y. Cooper, Sr., a prominent banker, textile manufacturer and business man, died suddenly at his home here last night at 10 o'clock. He was 73 years old and was born April 21, 1847, in Granville County.

Famous American Ace Married. (By The Associated Press) St. Augustine, Fla., Dec. 21.—Eddie Rickenbacker, famous American ace, was quietly married here yesterday afternoon to Miss Frances G. Hannon, of New York, it became known today.

Miss Edna Edwards, county demonstration agent, has gone to Asheville to spend the Christmas holidays. Miss Edwards will also take a course in home demonstration at the North Carolina College for Women, together with other demonstration agents of the State, before returning here the first of February.

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GERMAN GOV. EMPLOYEES PETITION WAGE INCREASE

Hamburg, Dec. 21.—Ten thousand civil service employees here have unanimously adopted a petition to the Berlin government for wage increases amounting to 70 per cent dating from October 1, for a minimum salary of 7,000 marks a year and 100 per cent increase in family allowances.

All other German government employees have been urged to unite and force the granting of the demands by a strike if necessary.

The petition says that the need is urgent not only for an increase of salaries but for a general revision by the government of the cost of living which is endangering the nation's economic existence.

"We find ourselves in the predicament where we must either have government aid or try to endure the impossible living conditions," the petition states.

AMNESTY ASKED FOR PRISONERS HELD BY GOVT

Author of Resolution and Samuel Gompers Plead for Adoption of the Resolution by Congress.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 21.—Passage by congress of the France resolution asking immediate amnesty for all prisoners is contrary to democratic idealism and the fundamental traditions of freedom. It recommends also that congress request the president, the attorney general and the secretary of war to grant immediate amnesty to all prisoners held under the act.

Senator France told the committee that he acted principally on the realization that the welfare of the "working man is bound up in the question of civil liberty."

"The espionage act is offensive to all men who know what freedom means," Mr. Gompers said, "and grates on the man who believes in American principles. I refer to the common interpretation of the law," he said.

\$350 FINE IMPOSED IN LIQUOR CASE

Jake Brown Pleads Guilty to Having Liquor in Possession—Takes Oath to Refrain from Handling Intoxicants.

In the county court this morning the case against Jake Brown charged with having a quantity of liquor in his possession, plead guilty and threw himself upon the mercy of the court. The state presented evidence showing that Sheriff Kridler and Revenue Officer Talbort had made a search of the Brown home some days ago and as a result of this search a keg containing about two and a half gallons of liquor was found in a cotton patch near the residence, and also there was one witness who testified that he saw the defendant carrying a keg away from the house while officers were on the inside.

Attorneys for the defense did not offer any testimony in behalf of their client but did have him take an oath that he would refrain from in any manner engaging in the handling of liquor, and then made a plea asking for the imposing of a reasonable fine with the understanding that any further violation by him of the prohibition laws would bring forth more severe punishment. Prosecutor McCubbin asked for a fine and a suspended judgment but the latter was opposed by the defendant's attorneys.

Judge Furr then imposed a fine of \$350 and costs, the giving of a bond with two sureties in the sum of \$750 that the defendant would not engage in the sale, handling or transportation of intoxicants for a period of eighteen months, and also required said defendant to appear before the court every three months and show that he has carried out the court's order, and prayer for judgment is continued pending the fulfillment of the court's verdict in the case. Mr. Brown furnished the bond immediately upon adjournment of court.

In connection with this case Wiley Click and wife, who were indicted for interfering with officers at the time of the visit of the sheriff and revenue officer to the Brown home, were adjudged guilty and were taxed with the costs in their cases.

INDEPENDENT STEEL MILLS PLAN HEAVY WAGE CUT

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—Executive officers of the principal independent steel companies here tonight, when informed of the 25 per cent wage reduction in the mills of the Cambria Steel Company at Johnstown, frankly stated that while the rate of pay had not yet been touched in Pittsburg mills, drastic reductions would be announced for the beginning of the new year.

They took the position that while production costs were on the present basis there could be no stability in the steel market, and it was proposed to bring about the complete readjustment of wages as soon as possible.

Independent mills, they said, were operating about 50 per cent of capacity and they expressed the opinion that with the new wage scale in force, buyers would no longer stay out of the market.

Wage reductions affecting 8,000 men were announced in the Wheeling, W. Va., steel district during the week.

The mills of the United States Steel Corporation, it was stated here, were operating above 80 per cent of capacity. There have been no rumors here of a new scale of wages in the steel corporation plants.

SHIP SEARCHED FOR "IRISH PRESIDENT"

(By The Associated Press) Southampton, Eng., Dec. 21.—A thorough search was made of the steamship Aquitania which landed here this morning but no evidence was found to lend color to the recent rumors that Edmond de Valera, "president of the Irish republic," was aboard the liner.

Uncle Joe Helps the "Baby"



"Uncle Joe" Cannon is shown here giving the "Baby of the House," Representative Clarence J. McLeod, 25, a few tips. "Uncle Joe" is the oldest member of the House in point of service. He was battling on the floor before McLeod was born. "Uncle Joe" predicts a great future for the "baby congressman," remarking that "he was smart enough to come to the right place for pointers."

REVISION OF TAX LAWS IS URGED

Otto Kahn, New York Banker, Says This is Essential to Healthy Growth of Business.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 21.—Business of the country is demanding and must have a revision of the tax laws if it is to continue a healthy growth, Otto Kahn, New York banker, told the house ways and means committee in the course of a statement in which he denounced the economic aspects of the treaty of Versailles, and declared for the continuation of income sirtaxes.

The excess profits tax "must go," Mr. Kahn said, adding that while it was theoretically sound its disadvantages outweighed its advantages. Continuation of the income sirtaxes, Mr. Kahn explained, was a social and economic necessity but he warned against excess levies on higher incomes on the ground that it would not produce a maximum of revenue for which it was designed. He also said that he opposed any exemption under the income tax provisions.

WHITE TALKS OF DEMOCRATIC PLAN

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 21.—Democratic reorganization plans were discussed by George White, chairman of the Democratic national committee, with party leaders in congress today and progress was reported toward meeting the party's treasury deficit. Requests that state committees aid in liquidation on a pro rata basis was the plan said to be most favored.

Mr. White is also said to have effected a reorganization of the New York under-Washington headquarters.

No immediate meeting of the national committee is contemplated, Mr. White said prior to his departure for his home in Marietta, Ohio, to spend Christmas.

TELLS OF ILLICIT STILL IN CHURCH

(By The Associated Press) Raleigh, Dec. 21.—While the Rev. A. A. Pippin, pastor of Hepzibah Baptist church, 22 miles from Raleigh, was severely criticizing persons who allow the liquor laws to be violated without reporting the matter to the proper authorities one member of the congregation became so affected that he whispered into the ear of a prohibition officer seated in front of him that he knew where a blockade still was located and as a result of this information there is one less illegal whiskey manufacturing establishment in Wake county, North Carolina today.

Accompanied by his informer the officer located and destroyed the still a few miles from the church, evidence found indicating that it had been operated the night before.

L. & N. SHOPS IN TENN. DESTROYED

(By The Associated Press) Etowah, Tenn., Dec. 21.—Fire of unknown origin totally destroyed the machinery of the Louisville & Nashville railroad shops here between one and two o'clock this morning. The loss is estimated at more than \$100,000, included in this are two large locomotives which workers were unable to get out of the building.

Mr. T. J. Maupin, who has been confined in the Whitehead-Stokes sanatorium for several weeks, left the hospital yesterday and is now at home.

BICKETT LIEKLY TO PARDON MANY THIS CHRISTMAS

Democratic Leaders Will Oppose Dedistricting of N. C. So As to Give the G. O. P. a Seat.

(By MAX ABERNETHY) Raleigh, Dec. 21.—Governor Bickett will this week grant a number of pardons and paroles to the State's prisoners in time for them to reach home on Christmas Day.

No intimation has been made as to how many will be released but the governor has had under consideration for some time will be acted upon, and in line with the plan adopted he will extend clemency to some prisoners who are known to deserve attention but who have not even appealed directly for pardon. The governor will himself take a hand in their cases because he believes they have been sufficiently punished.

The pardons and paroles he will make this week will likely be the last ones during his term of office and they will be "Christmas gifts" to citizens who "strayed from the straight and narrow."

If North Carolina is to be given additional representation in congress as the result of the increased population Democratic leaders will vigorously oppose any action looking to the redistricting of the State so that a Republican congress may be sent to Washington.

There are, of course, some Democrats who will sit as members of the 1921 session who will vote to redistrict the state so the Republicans may be the beneficiary of one Congressman. This representative, they think, should come from the far western counties. But aside from voting it is unlikely that any Democrat will make a fight for the minority party.

The majority of the Democratic members are expected to stick to the gerrymander and send a solid delegation to Washington. This course is being pursued in the northern Republican States, they will point out, and should be followed in North Carolina.

If it is seen that a redistricting cannot be done so as to elect only Democratic members it will then be urged that the additional member or members should be elected at large.

Six members of the Czech-Slovak ministry of health having spent three days in North Carolina observing public health methods or work carried on under the direction of Dr. W. S. Rankin, left Raleigh yesterday for New York or the return trip to their far away home. There they will put into effect many of the health ideas they have observed in this State.

North Carolina was recommended to the visitors as the State where public health work has reached its most advanced stage.

DEPT JUSTICE AGENT IS HERE

Special Agent France of Raleigh Comes to Salisbury to Investigate the Prints Case.

Special Agent France, of Raleigh of the department of justice arrived in the city this morning and at once called upon Chief of Police Kester and Sheriff Kridler to make some inquiries regarding the case of F. F. Prints, the man who was yesterday given a preliminary hearing in the county court before Judge Furr and bound over to the superior court, having been arrested on a charge of securing money falsely from relatives of deceased soldier boys in a portrait scheme which he was working.

Prints is said to have contended that he represented an uncle in Asheville whom he thought represented the government which was alleged to be interested in furnishing portraits of deceased soldiers, and Prints was securing money from parties upon whom he called. The fact that the government was said to be interested caused the sending of a special agent here to make an investigation.

MRS. ROBINSON SAYS CONSUL INTERFERED

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Annie E. Robinson, of Manchester, England, secretary of the British branch of the Woman's International league, declared before the commission of the committee of one hundred investigating conditions in Ireland, that American Consul Walls, at Manchester, had attempted to prevent her coming to America to testify before the commission by refusing to give her passport on December 6th.

"We are not encouraging inquiry in America into state affairs in Ireland," Mrs. Robinson said she was told by the consul.

Irish Home Rule Bill Adopted. (By The Associated Press) London, Dec. 21.—The Irish home rule bill, as slightly modified by the house of lords, was adopted by the house of commons today.

measure now needs only the royal signature to become law.

Belief is That Many Will Be Forced to Give Up Education for the Present at Least.

(By MAX ABERNETHY) Raleigh, Dec. 21.—The present financial depression is expected to play its part handsomely in regard to efforts that are now being made to persuade the 1921 session of the General Assembly to provide adequate appropriations for all of the State's educational institutions.

That the outlook is disheartening at this time for generous appropriations for this call is admitted, opponents of the movement are even now predicted that scores of students now in college will, following the Christmas holidays, give up their rooms and return home simply because the financial storm has been felt back home. Having surrendered their places at Chapel Hill, West Raleigh and Greensboro, so the story goes, these erstwhile students will join the ranks of the wage earners at least until the financial sky has cleared.

And this prediction, whether it is founded upon facts or not, is now being offered and will be heard whenever any attempt is made in the 1921 session to secure appropriations for the State's biggest asset. "Our colleges are not now so crowded," the reactionaries are expected to say, "as they were when the movement for higher education was started. We think it best that no action be taken on this matter until the next biennial session."

This anticipated wail has preceded the legislators to Raleigh by two weeks. It is doubtless being heard elsewhere at this time, but friends of the movement who have undertaken the task of showing the general assembly just how niggardly the state has been in the past with its educational facilities intend to meet any and all such argument with the facts.

SMITH SELECTED ON JOINT COMMISSION

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 21.—Senator Marcus A. Smith, of Arizona, is understood to have been selected by President Wilson as a member of the International joint commission dealing with questions arising between the United States and Canada, such as fisheries and the like.

Senator Smith's term as senator will expire March 3rd next and he expects to enter upon his new duties immediately afterward. The appointment has not been made but he will fill a vacancy on the high commission of which Obadiah Gardner, of Rockland, Maine, is chairman. He is a Democrat.

EMERGENCY TARIFF WINS FIRST FIGHT

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 21.—Advocates of emergency tariff legislation won a preliminary fight in the house today by the adoption, 206 to 76, of a motion to suspend the calendar business tomorrow so as to give the Fordney tariff bill right-of-way.

Speaking in the house on tariff generally Representative Longworth, of Ohio, a Republican member of the ways and means committee, said the Fordney emergency tariff measure was vitally necessary "to save from stark and utter ruin some of the most important agricultural interests of the country."