

Peagra Information Comes From Officials

State Health Officers of Southern States Are Invited to Washington.

Dr. Goldberger Was in Asheville Few Weeks Ago to Investigate Scourge.

PELLAGRA IS NOT EPIDEMIC IN REGION Asheville Physician Cognizant of Activity Not Surprised at Development.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Acting with the approval of President Harding, Surgeon General Cummings of the United States public health service...

Senators Deny Peril. About the same time a dozen senators presented in the senate denials of reports of a pellagra peril in their states.

Surgeon General Cummings issued the invitations for the Washington conference after presenting a report to President Harding in response to the President's request Monday for a survey of the situation as found by the public health service and the Red Cross.

The President in his talk with Dr. Cummings today is understood to have called the attention of the surgeon-general to statements by health officers in the southern states challenging the authenticity of the public health service reports.

Representative Byrnes said he would endeavor to call his resolution up for consideration within the next few days.

Protests are Read. Mr. Byrnes said in commenting on his resolution that reports from the health authorities in the south fail to show any such "alarming conditions" as were laid before the President and that there was "neither reason nor basis for the information on which the President acted was obtained and from whom."

Protests from officials of Florida and Georgia concerning reports of the spread of pellagra in the south were read also in the house.

Sanitary Inspector Is Discharged by the City Commissioners.

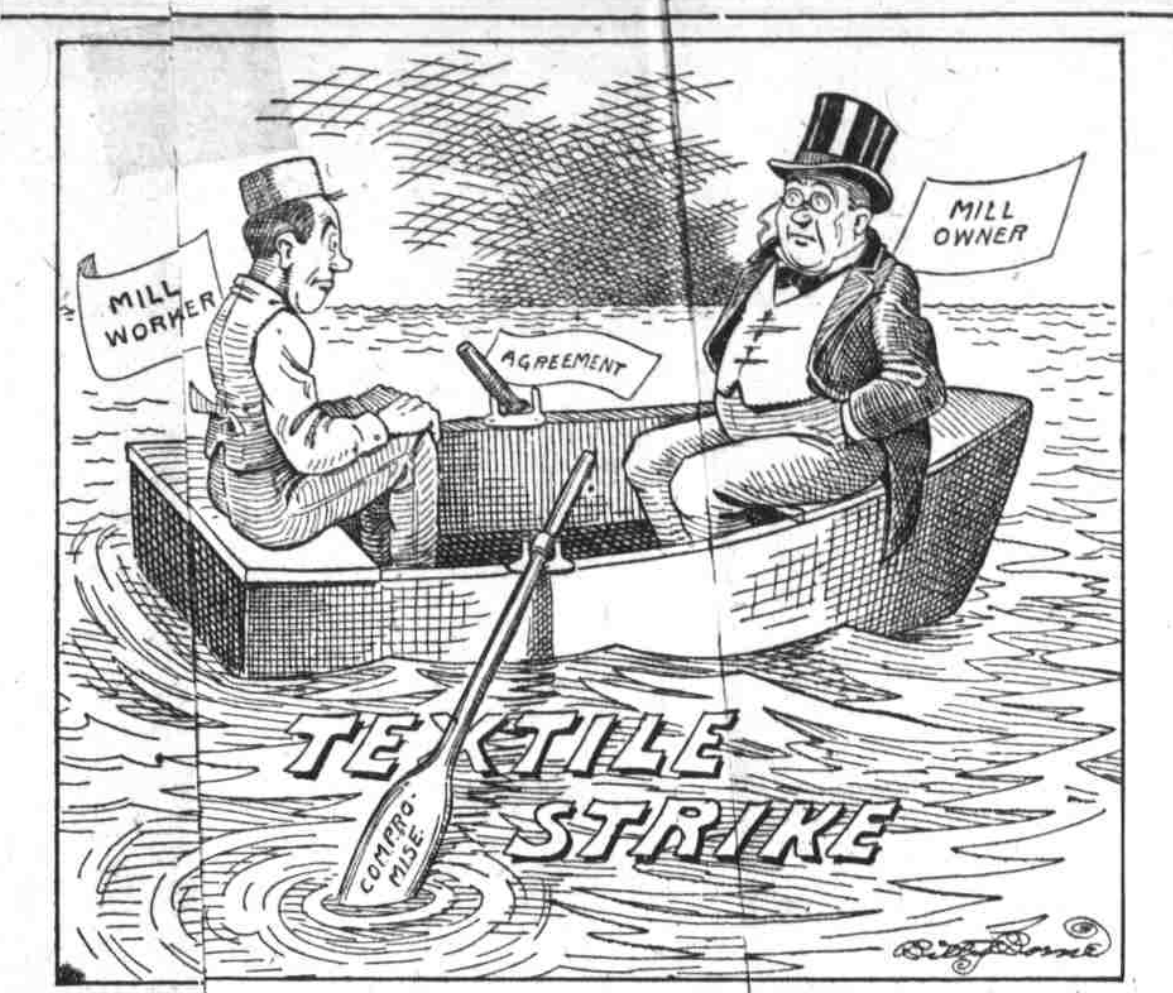
It's close blackmail, was the statement made to a representative of The Citizen last night by A. J. Lyman when interrogated regarding his transaction with William H. Bird, city sanitary inspector and wampy of the city for more than a score of years.

Mr. Bird admits he received compensation to the amount of \$500 in the form of a check, until last Tuesday. He hastily investigated the charges against Bird, the mayor said, and upon finding them to be true, drew upon a resolution, unanimously passed by the board, dismissing Bird from the city's employ.

Asked whether or not Mr. Bird had given a public hearing by the board of city commissioners, the mayor stated he could not answer at this time, as he would first consult the city council.

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STILL DRIFTING BY BILLY BORNE.



ARMAMENT LIMIT CONFERENCE DATE BEING NEGOTIATED

American Government Suggests Date Be Not Later Than Armistice Day.

BRITONS WILL HOLD PRELIMINARY SESSION Invitation to Be Extended Them to Conduct Conferences in Asheville.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Informal negotiations over the date for the disarmament conference were begun here today with the American government suggesting selection of a time not later than Armistice day, November 11.

Definite replies are yet to be received, but unofficial information here seems to indicate that some of the other powers will prefer a later date than that suggested by the United States.

The question of a meeting time, now the next immediate concern in the conference preliminaries, was discussed by Secretary Hughes during the day with the British and Japanese ambassadors and the Italian charge d'affaires.

It is emphasized that there will be no disposition to press for a decision until each of the parties to the conference has had time to study the situation thoroughly.

The British ambassador, Sir Auckland Geddes, is understood to have suggested that a date later than November 11 be selected unless a preliminary conference is to be held, at which the dominion powers would be present.

Japan is said to feel at disadvantage because of the time that she would require for her delegates to reach Washington, but officials here believe she will consent to the November date if the other powers find it agreeable.

ASHEVILLE SEEKS THEM. With the cable dispatch last night to the effect that British officials are in favor of holding a preliminary conference in Asheville, the city is looking for the British and Japanese delegates.

PREMIER TO HEAD DELEGATION LONDON, July 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—It was stated in official circles here today that a preliminary conference on disarmament and far eastern problems, to be held within six weeks at some Canadian city or a city in the United States other than Washington, was virtually a certainty, although it was admitted that the attitude of Washington on such an arrangement was as yet unknown in London.

The program of the Washington conference would be arranged at the preliminary meeting.

Mr. Lloyd George, the prime minister, plans to head the British representatives, while Premier Hughes of Australia and Premier Massey, of New Zealand, also would attend the meeting on their way to their homes.

It is realized here that to bar British ships from American ports as the board has authority to do under the shipping act, might lead to a serious international incident and the impression is given that such a recourse stands well in the background even though it never is lost sight of as a possibility.

BABE BURNETT NOW ON TRIAL CHARGED WITH KILLING ROSE

Former Prohibition Officer Beck Sole Witness First Day of Trial.

Special Correspondence The Asheville Citizen. BRYSON CITY, July 28.—Charles J. Beck, former prohibition agent and the only eye witness of the death of prohibition agent Hol Rose was the first witness introduced for the state in the trial of Babe Burnett which began here today.

Beck testified he and Hol Rose in company with Deputy Sheriff J. M. Welch went to the home of Babe Burnett on Brush creek on the morning of the 25th of last October and that after speaking to Burnett and his wife they found two barrels of apples under an apple tree near the house and said that Babe Burnett stated that it was for the purpose of making vinegar.

He said they continued their search, finding some more barrels of punice and two kegs, one of which he declared contained a small quantity of brandy.

At this point, the witness stated, he left Rose and Welch and went to a nearby house while he and Rose returned to the house to arrest Burnett.

Upon approaching the house, the witness said, they saw the defendant running from the crib toward the barn and that they ran after him, were pursuing him and just rounded the corner of the barn when a shot was fired from a straw stack he turned facing away from Rose.

Rose exclaimed, the witness said, "Babe, you have killed me." The witness said when he heard Rose fire his pistol, and turning again saw him fall dead.

He stated that immediately thereafter he saw Burnett running up the road and that he opened fire upon the fleeing man, emptying his pistol at him.

Draws Diagram. The witness drew a diagram upon the floor before the jury, and described each alleged movement, showing positions of places, objects and persons throughout the entire alleged transaction.

Upon cross-examination he stated that he did not see who fired the shot, nor did he know who did the shooting that resulted in the death of Rose.

So far as the evidence has developed it appears that the attorney for the defense will make their case on three major propositions: That it cannot be proved for a certainty that Burnett did the shooting, and that therefore the state must depend upon circumstantial evidence; that the officers were without their rights either in searching the premises of Burnett, or in attempting to arrest him, as the claim will probably be made that they had no warrant, and that if Burnett did the shooting it was in self defense as the two officers were pursuing him armed and Rose with his loaded pistol in his hand at the time the shooting occurred.

The state is of course insisting that the crime was premeditated murder and that Burnett seeing the approach of Rose and Beck, angered at the search that had been made in the morning, ran to the barn, secured his shotgun, and hiding behind the straw stack, fired upon Rose and killed him as he again came in sight.

CONGRESS EXPECTS TO RECESS ABOUT AUGUST 20 TO 25

Congressmen Are Dinner Conference Guests of Harding at the White House.

WORK OF REST OF SESSION OUTLINED Vacation in House Is Deemed Likely to Last About Six Weeks.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Passage of the shipping board appropriation and railroad legislation before the suggested summer recess of the house was understood to have been urged on house leaders by President Harding tonight at the White House dinner conference.

The recess, under the legislative scheme on which there was an apparent agreement is scheduled to begin between August 20 and 25. The President was told, it was said, that it would be possible to clear up the calendar of the legislation on which he urged speed by the latter date at the outside and that by pressure, the house might clean up its work and start a rest at the earlier time mentioned.

The vacation of the house was deemed likely to last about six weeks or until near the first of October. By that time, it was said, the President believed, the senate will have got through with either the tax or the tariff bill and conferences to adjust differences between the houses could be started.

Always and means committee members at the dinner were reported to have informed the President that they would have the tax bill in the hands of the house on or before August 15, and that they figured it could be passed in five days at most.

It was understood that democratic members already had begun marshaling forces for a drive on the tax bill when it appears, and because of the bitter fight expected, the committee leaders said they could not be too sure of the time required for passage of the measure.

The conference lasted until after midnight, having begun around 8:30 o'clock in the evening. Although few of the guests would discuss what went on the great state dining room at the executive mansion, it was gleaned that foreign affairs as well as senate legislative problems did not enter into the discussion.

For the association, the return to the state "The Old Codger" and that fictitious characters offering the "Harmless Rooster" Mr. Shipman would not recognize the legitimacy of the old codger's son, whose filminations appear in "The Hurricane Harrier," the cartoon, drawn by John Parka, of the Raleigh Times for improvement.

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After the stirring rhapsody of state glorification everybody went to ride on the water to take a look at Fort Macon and pay a pop call to Editor Giles Morehead's town of Beaufort.

American Ships Must Be Given Every Chance for Competition in Carrying

CAROLINA EDITORS IN SESSION PLEDGE TO PROMOTE STATE AGGRESSIVE POLICY IS ADOPTED TO GET RIGID TREATMENT

Annual Convention Breaks Lose From Formalities to Inspired Meeting.

SEEING CAROLINA TOUR MAY BE MADE

Head of Journalism School Urges Home Talent Be Won to Profession.

[Special Correspondence The Asheville Citizen]. MOREHEAD CITY, N. C., July 28.—The North Carolina press association today liberated itself from some old fashioned shackles. It smashed an idol or two during the day and at the hotel beheld beautiful maidens smashing all kinds of idols. Nobody talked shop but everybody talked about North Carolina.

It is a convention full of pep, as the sport writers say. There are about one hundred of the newspaper men here and they came without the traditional pad and pencil, the relation score card and the advertising copy. They have nothing to inspire conversation besides the gentle zephyrs that blow this way from other countries, but, on the whole, it is a most talkative lot of folks.

President Hurley started the ball rolling for this innovation when he worked out a snappy program and the brothers of the craft have been industrious in their labors to make the annual summer meeting a grand and glorious success. Plans have been partially worked out with representatives of the railroads for the "Seeing North Carolina" tour in the fall.

The convention is whole heartedly behind the "Made in Carolina" export which is to be held in Charlotte in September. The tribe has determined to explore and explain the state and it went to work this morning.

Daniels is Heard. Editor Josephus Daniels, of Raleigh, discussed North Carolina and his newspapers this morning and invited Martin of the Winston-Salem Journal, told the craft how to carry the story of the state to the readers.

Mr. Graves, new head of the school of journalism at the university, begged the co-operation of the newspaper men in winning to the profession the talent born in Carolina.

The speakers all talked of the rapid strides of the state in education and roads and health and many other vital ways. Mr. Graves this morning made the observation that the old state, after struggling nigh on to 40 years to hold buckle and tongue together, has within the last 15 taken the lead in the development of the south.

He discussed the high point of view of the northerner, though a native of the state, and his observations were refreshing.

A paper written by Earl Godbey, editor of the Greensboro News, and read by E. B. Jefferies, secretary of the association, attracted the most attention of the members. Mr. Godbey, writing in an intimate way about the state, warned the newspapermen to view with some alarm the disposition of the press to praise the things close at hand and criticize the things far away.

More striking perhaps, in his paper was his reference to the mushroom growth in North Carolina of the Ku Klux Klan. He summoned the brethren to take up their cudgels against an organization spreading over the state like wildfire.

History is Recounted. Labor Commissioner Mitch Shipman read the history of the association for the past twelve months, recounting with due diligence the work of the hands saw to the plant of the Morgan News Herald and the change in politics of the Asheville Times.

He welcomed to the association, the return to the state "The Old Codger" and that fictitious characters offering the "Harmless Rooster" Mr. Shipman would not recognize the legitimacy of the old codger's son, whose filminations appear in "The Hurricane Harrier," the cartoon, drawn by John Parka, of the Raleigh Times for improvement.

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London Press Declares "Ultimatum" Is Given British Shipping Lines.

CLAIM THREAT MADE FOR AN OPEN MARKET

Retaliatory Measures Under Jones Shipping Bill May Be Made Weapon.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Aggressive measures have been adopted by the shipping board to insure fair treatment for American merchant ships in the award of trading privileges in foreign ports.

Although but partially revealed by negotiations now in progress, the board's policy is understood to rest on the proposition that other nations must give every proper opportunity to ships which fly the stars and stripes or else run the risk of encountering the retaliatory measures placed within the prerogative of the board by the new shipping act.

There is every indication as revealed by officials here that the squarely behind such a program, and has every confidence that it will succeed, without serious opposition in placing the American merchant marine on a proper level in international trade.

A situation which has brought the board's policy into prominence exists at Alexandria, Egypt, in relation to contracts for the carriage of Egyptian cotton to the United Kingdom and the United States. In the view of the board officials, the British shipping interests have taken an unreasonable attitude toward admission of American vessels to that trade, and strong representations have been made which confidently are expected to have the desired result.

There is no disposition here to regard the Alexandria problem as constituting a serious disagreement in itself, but there is a feeling that it will set a significant precedent.

The negotiations which have led up to it really are concerned with the broader subject of admission of the shipping board's representatives into the conference of shipping interests which will control such matters at Alexandria, and the general recognition of the board as a factor in shipping decisions.

Just what steps have been taken by the board agents in Great Britain dealing with the Alexandria situation has not been made known here, but officials here said today they had no information to bear on press dispatches that an "ultimatum" had been delivered to the British shipping lines. The same dispatch mentioned a possibility that retaliatory measures against British ships in American ports might be adopted, should the American protest fail, but the officials here described these negotiations as too delicate to permit of comment at this time.

BILL FOR FUNDING ALLEED DEBT GETS FAVORABLE REPORT

Measure Granting Blanket Authority for Action Probably Will Go Over.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—The administration bill to give the treasury department blanket authority to fund the ten billion dollars of Allied debt and interest was reported favorably today by the senate finance committee. The vote was 9 to 5. Republican leaders said consideration of the bill probably would go over until after the recess of congress.

The administration draft of the bill was approved with only one amendment, that offered by Chairman Penrose requiring funding to be completed within five years. There was no recorded opposition to the amendment, but further efforts to revise the bill were defeated.

In contrast to the action of the committee, negotiations were reported proceeding between republican and democratic committee members toward an agreement under which the authority granted the secretary of the treasury would be restricted. Such a change was considered as likely to bring to the support of the bill many senators who declare their intention to oppose it in the present form.

Senator Walsh, of Massachusetts, predicted today that unless the bill was materially amended it would precipitate on the floor of the senate the most bitter fight of the session.

Prior to the committee's action, Secretary Mellon in person, presented a memorandum, called for by the committee in which he declared that in view of the action of his predecessors "this government is committed to the postponement of the interest for two or three years" and "to the spreading over subsequent years of the payment of the postponed interest installments." He stated that this postponement is contingent, however, upon such foreign government carrying out with reasonable promptness, after this government is ready to proceed, a satisfactory funding of its existing short time obligations to this country.

FEET DEGENERATE BY WEARING SHOES

Osteopath Claims One Class Mental Defectives Curable.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 28.—Thousands of children become mental defectives from injury to the neck at birth, Dr. Raymond W. Bailey, of Philadelphia, declared in an address at the 25th annual convention of the American Osteopathic association here today.

All of these cases can be cured by osteopathic adjustment of the neck, he said, adding that nothing else can cure them.

Osteopathic clinics for the free treatment of these cases are to be established all over the country, Dr. Bailey announced.

BANKER IS ARRESTED

FARGO, N. D., July 28.—T. L. Betaker, of Fessenden, N. D., head of a string of banks and heavily interested in other business activities, submitted to arrest in Fargo today on a charge of violating the federal bank laws.