

THE WEATHER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Forecast for North Carolina: Cloudy Monday; Tuesday fair, with rising temperature.

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LATEST FROM PARIS

In the Realm of Fashions is given in the daily fashion news in the Citizen, with illustrations of the new creations.

British Formally Deny Effort To Influence Congress On Subsidy

REPORT PRINTED NORTH CAROLINA IN CAPITAL PRESS MAN IS HELD IN BRINGS A ACTION MURDER OF FIVE

Sir Auckland Geddes Personally Assures Hughes Story Is False.

RENEW SHIPPING BILL FIGHT TODAY

Opposition Says Administration Will Need Every Vote Available.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The British Embassy, taking formal notice of published reports that the British Government was attempting to influence Congress on the administration of the shipping bill, issued a statement tonight declaring no such attempt had taken place.

"The Embassy," said the statement, "denies emphatically that there is any truth in this allegation."

A similar assurance is understood to have been given to Secretary Hughes informally during the day by Sir Auckland Geddes, the British Ambassador.

The statement was directed particularly at a Washington dispatch printed today in various Hearst newspapers, but did not go into detail regarding it.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Butler and forth by three days of general debate the administration shipping bill tomorrow will enter what is generally agreed to be its real trouble zone in the House. It will be taken up under a rule permitting consideration of any germane amendment and indications are that a multitude of such proposed changes will be offered and disposed of before the final vote Wednesday night.

The real fight over the measure is expected during the next three days. Chairman Campbell of the Rules Committee having announced that the rules permitting amendment will be made with the specific purpose of giving the House an opportunity to pass the sort of shipping bill it wanted and on which it would be willing to stand.

Notwithstanding the prospect of continued efforts to change the bill, Representative E. M. Edwards, Republican, has assured President Harding that it will pass the House by a comfortable margin and that the measure has expressed the belief that it will go through without material modification. Those opposed to the measure, however, are taking the administration leaders will need a full attendance Wednesday to avoid defeat.

Representative Edwards, Pennsylvania, ranking Republican on the foreign affairs committee, has announced that he will move to strike out the section giving the shipping board jurisdiction over coastwise trade pending a hearing on the question, and Representative Dickinson, Republican, Iowa, has prepared an amendment.

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Early Sunday Fire Closes Crime, Victims Being Beaten to Death.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE GLEANED

Knoxville Newspaper Man Falls in Airplane, Going After Account.

BRISTOL, Tenn., Nov. 26.—Ben Burchfield, aged 41 years, was arrested about noon today charged with the murder of five persons whose charred bodies were found by firemen early this morning in the ruins of a small frame building on West State Street. The dead are Mr. and Mrs. James W. Smith, both about 50 years old; their daughter Ruby, two years old; Mrs. Ben Burchfield, 39, and her son, Charles Burchfield, aged 13 years.

The crime was discovered about 4 o'clock this morning when the fire department was called to the combination residence and grocery store of Smith on State Street. When the flames had been extinguished the charred bodies of the five were found in the ruins of the structure. They evidently had been beaten to death with an axe or some other heavy implement and the house set afire to hide any traces of the crime.

Burchfield and his wife had been separated and he would have made threats against her. The police say he came to them and said his wife was contemplating a divorce and he would rather see her dead than to have any one else have her.

Burchfield was employed in a restaurant here. He had been in Bristol about 60 days, coming here by the body to the family previously had lived at Johnson City, Tenn., and in Western Virginia.

Officers are investigating tonight reports that Smith had yesterday sold a piece of property and was supposed to have had a large sum of money on his person. This was not found. Burchfield had about \$30 on him when arrested.

Mrs. Burchfield's son was by a previous marriage. Local authorities announced tonight that Burchfield had been brought here for a hearing tomorrow afternoon. He was brought here this afternoon to the measure of property and was taking establishment in a local under the name of Burchfield. The man showed no concern while looking at the charred remains of his wife. He calmly chewed gum through the night. From here Burchfield was taken to the Sullivan County Jail at Blountville.

As soon as the bodies were discovered a drag net was thrown about the city. Every road was searched.

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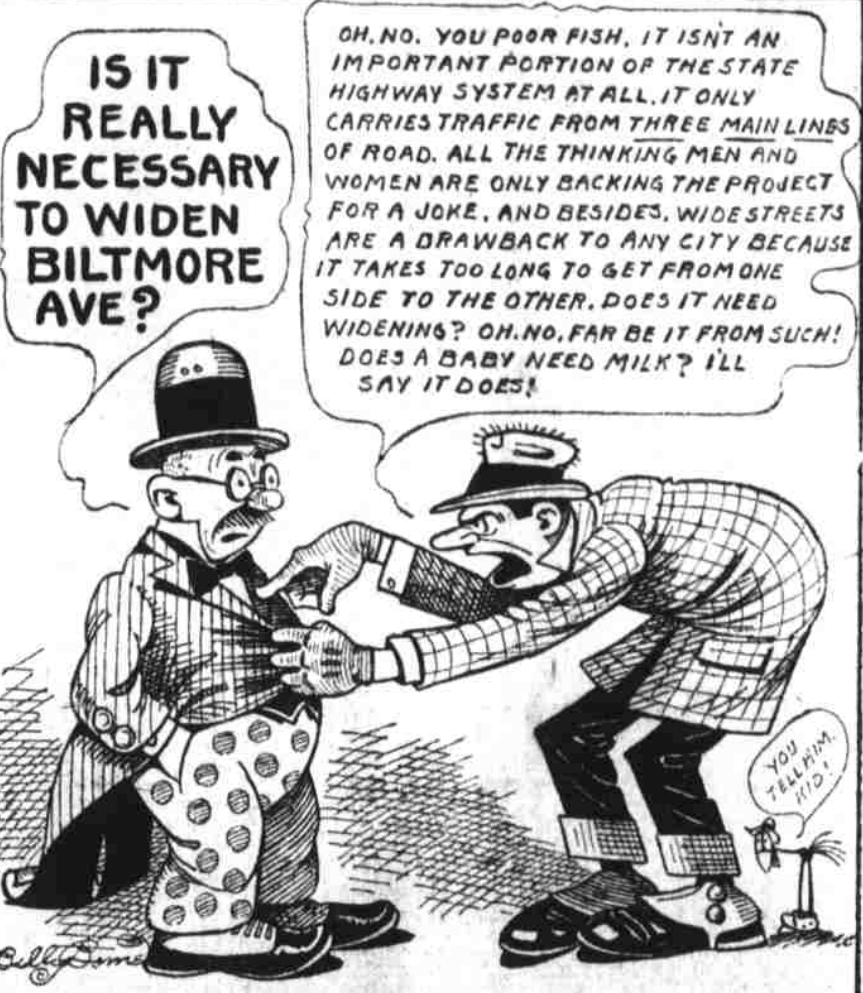
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FOOLISH, FOOLISH QUESTIONS

BY BILLY BORNE



FOOLISH QUESTION - NO. 190,516,013

MISS MACSWINEY CITY EXTENSION GALLIHER PLANS IS ADVISED FAST PLAN WILL SOON BUSINESS USE OF BILTMORE TRACT NOT TO BE BROKEN BE THRESHED OUT

Sister Here Cabled Both in Ireland Are Happy in Fight for Justice.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—A dispatch to the Daily Express from Dublin says a sister of the late Michael Collins is taking the lead in preparing a petition for the release of Mary MacSwiney. It adds that the petition has been so widely supported that it is expected to be presented to the provisional government may succeed to the request.

DUBLIN, Nov. 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—Anne MacSwiney still is fasting outside the Mount Joy prison. Since she was ejected from a position at the inner gate of the prison late Thursday night by the military she has occupied a position on a public platform.

A constant stream of sympathizers passed her cot today, stopping a moment before the screen concealing the stretcher on which she lies to offer prayers, which might, or to offer prayers.

Miss MacSwiney says a military officer gave her an order to move but she declined to do so and declared that if the military force declared the officer later made a declaration because of a fire in the roadway near her cot which her friends had built.

Miss MacSwiney today sent a reply to a cable dispatch received from a sister in North Carolina who begged her to abandon her fast in thanksgiving for Mary MacSwiney having received the sacraments.

"It is impossible," said Miss MacSwiney in answer. "You don't understand. The fight is for justice against inhumanity. She (Mary) is very low. She is very happy. We are."

Miss Margaret MacSwiney, who is one of the faculty of Saint Genevieve-of-the-Pines, recently visited her sister abroad, returning to the Asheville institution to resume her duties and it is known that she has attempted to influence her sister, Mary MacSwiney, from fasting, since she first took her stand by the gates of Mount Joy prison.

While abroad, Miss Margaret MacSwiney visited the tomb of her brother, Terence MacSwiney, who died as a result of fasting and is believed at St. Genevieve, according to reports, that nothing will influence the two sisters to break their fast.

J. LINDSAY PATTERSON DIES IN STATEVILLE

WINSTON-SALEM, Nov. 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—Jesse Lindsay Patterson died this evening in a hospital in Stateville after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Patterson was 64 years old. He was born in Winston-Salem and lived here all his life. He was a successful lawyer and a winning wide note for his legal knowledge.

In the gold and silver campaign of 1916 he was the sound money advocate in this District of North Carolina.

WANT PROHIBITION UNIT UNDER CIVIL SERVICE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The national civil service reform league announced today that during its annual convention here December 8 it would ask President Harding to recommend to Congress placing the entire prohibition enforcement unit under civil service rules as means of obtaining better enforcement of the Volstead Act.

Legislative enactment of a bill to provide extension of the corporate limits of the City of Asheville may be an important matter to face the next term of the General Assembly, which convenes in January, as the City Commissioners have been requested to pass necessary ordinance preliminary to having such a bill advocated, following resolutions passed by the Kiwanis Club and Central Labor Union. The same resolutions will probably come before other civic organizations at an early date.

The resolutions also requested the City Planning Commission to determine the extent to which the corporate limits should be extended and the State Senator and members of the House of Representatives to take such actions as necessary to enact the law.

With a mass meeting of voters scheduled for early in December, with the representatives in the General Assembly to hear from the voters on subjects of interest, it is planned to invest around \$15,000 in the spur track and in the development of eleven acres of undeveloped land in the heart of the industrial section of Biltmore Village, is being planned by Morris J. Galliher, who recently purchased the property, and approximately \$40,000 will be expended, according to present plans.

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PRESIDENT WILL BE CONCILIATORY TO PROGRESSIVES

Bold Front Following Election Changes to One of Currying Favor.

G. O. P. WAS NEVER MORE DEMORALIZED

Such Is View of Senator Overman on Result of the Election.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Administration leaders are just beginning to realize the full significance of the recent election. They are beset with trials and tribulations. Immediately after the returns were in, the White House presented a bold front and stood for the "progressive" side of the insurgent waves good and hard, but the President and his advisors have come down off of their high horses, are currying favor with the "progressive" side of the old party. They want to put through a legislative schedule and the high horse business does not take well in the Borah and LaFollette campaign. Conference this week will show where the two factions expect to stand during the remaining days of the present Congress. The two sides are sparring for position.

In this fight, the Democrats are taking no sides. Here and there one finds a Democrat who takes sides with Senator LaFollette but they are few and far between.

The President will adopt a conciliatory attitude, for that is the only course open to him if he would make any headway with his legislation.

"I have never seen the Republicans more demoralized than they are now," said Senator Overman. "They do not know which way to turn. They were all shot to pieces by the election. They will pass the ship subsidy bill but it will be defeated in the Senate."

Overman is opposed to Any Extra Session.

Mr. Overman thinks that Congress should get through its work and go home after March 4. He is opposed to an extra session.

"If the Republicans undertake to pass the anti-lynching bill," said he, "they will not succeed. I shall stand with other Senators to defeat that wicked measure aimed at the South. It was written to please or play politics with negroes."

It has been made plain by Senators Borah and LaFollette and others that the wavering of the party line will cause the administration to lose its support. The time for definite and creditable action is past. The measure and other contemplated legislation is so short that any open issue would make progress impossible.

President Harding will talk with leading Senators this week with a view to settling a line of action in the Senate. He is willing to urge the passage of a farm bill, but he is not willing to placate the farmers who are opposed to the farm program. This may be the first step to quell the spirit among insurgent Congressmen who are ready to start trouble.

The White House has already named leaders of the House and Senate that any plans to raise the tariff through pork barrel bills will not have his support or meet the approval of the President.

The Administration has indicated that it will do nothing to rub the insurgents the wrong way. It will continue to make no mention of shipping bill and other pressing matters.

The Anti-lynching bill is giving Senators and House members concern because they promised during the campaign to press for its final passage. These campaign pledges confronting Senators Lodge, McLean and Johnson, who are under obligations to vote for it, are a serious matter. In a general way the President is interested in measure but it is part of his program for the year.

After a canvass of the House and Senate administration leaders are doubtful as to the wisdom of bringing up proposed amendments to the Esch-Cummings Transportation Act this Congress.

After his conference with friendly Senators this week, the President will outline his message to the short regular session of Congress that convenes December 4, but he will not put the finishing touches on it until he knows the results of the LaFollette insurgent conference Saturday.

The President would hold the Republican members of the insurgent movement in the G. O. P. camp. He fears that a split would result in a serious rupture in the majority in Congress.

Mr. Harding is expected to recommend changes in the immigration laws and the Volstead Act and a final disposal of the Muscle Shoals issue. All of these controversial questions are full of dangerous possibilities. The House and Senate are full of trouble and cause delay in the congressional program.

The bonus bill, reintroduced, threatens to become a monkey wrench in the legislative program.

CHILD SERIOUSLY BURNED IN EASTERN CAROLINA

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., Nov. 26.—Flora Crank, the four-year-old daughter of Mrs. K. K. Crank, was seriously and perhaps fatally burned at her home here this afternoon. It is stated that the child ran into the house with her clothing ablaze, and as there was no fire about the premises, it is supposed that she had been playing with matches.

American View As To Turk Capitulations Reflected By Allies

Slated to Lead Dem. Minority On Senate Floor



Senator F. M. Simmons.

Senator F. M. Simmons of North Carolina has been named as the minority leader of the Senate by the Democrats. He will be in line for the office when the next Congress convenes next December. Senator Underwood, who held the minority chair announced before the recent election he would not be a candidate to succeed him.

It seems likely that France will propose the establishment of judicial guarantees as a substitute for capitulations touching on judicial privileges enjoyed by foreign residents. France has a large Moslem population in their North African colonies which was loyal to France in the great war, and she has reasons for insisting upon equitable treatment for the Mohammedan population at present.

At the Lausanne conference, the United States, however, France probably will not submit to having her citizens tried by Turkish courts which are essentially founded on Moslem laws.

When it comes to the taxation of foreign property and the fixing of customs duties, France probably also will be found ranged beside the American position. France will undoubtedly propose some plan whereby foreign property in Turkey will be subject to contribution some revenue to the Turkish state and an impartial international examination of the Turkish customs tariff problem, the growth of the Washington conference.

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POSITION TO BE LIKE THAT OF ENGLAND, FRANCE

Powers Will Follow Lead in Demanding Foreign Tribunals Set up

SPEECH OF CHILDS DWARFS ALL ELSE

Open Door Utterance Still Looked on as Biggest Thing in Conference.

LAUSANNE, Nov. 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—The position of the United States on Turkish capitulations will probably be found to be not essentially different from the French and English point, particularly the French where the time comes to discuss that delicate topic. To avoid wounding Turkish national pride a movement is under way to abolish the distasteful word "capitulations" altogether as applied to Turkey, which dislikes anything that savors of a public admission indicating surrender of national administrative rights.

All the great powers will undoubtedly follow America's lead in insisting that foreigners accused of crime shall come to trial before foreign courts in Turkey and that foreign or at least mixed tribunals, shall have jurisdiction in property disputes involving foreigners.

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23 DAYS FOR CHRISTMAS SHE PING

CONFERENCE OF NEGROES OF WORLD IS PROPOSED

MOSCOW, June 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—A conference of negroes of the world either at Moscow or somewhere in the United States for the purpose of bettering themselves and asserting their rights was proposed before the Third International, which has devoted several days to the question of the negroes. A sub-committee, which dealt with negro affairs, recommended the calling of a negro congress, but the international has not yet approved the report.

Two of the negroes, an American and a Cuban, addressed the international. The latter asserted that a form of slavery actually exists today in the Southern States.