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FOOD IMPORTS SHOW DECREASE

Effects Of Emergency Tariff Bill Shown By Decreasing Imports

WASHINGTON, August 23, 1921.—The Fordney Emergency tariff law which took effect May 27th, last was a measure designed mainly to protect the farmer in his production of foodstuffs. The effect of that bill may be inferred from the fact that during the first full month of its operation, that is June, 1921, we imported \$19,000,000 worth of foodstuffs in crude condition and food animals, compared with \$48,000,000 for the month of June, 1920. Manufactured foodstuffs imported during June 1921 totaled \$21,000,000 in value, compared with \$177,000,000 for June, 1920.

Panama Tolls 1921.

The tonnage passing through the Panama Canal during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, exceeded by 23 1-2 per cent all previous annual records. American ships carried 45 per cent of the 11,599,214 tons of cargo, and British vessels next with 32 per cent. The tolls collected amounted to \$11,276,889, almost three million dollars more than in any previous fiscal year, but still far short, of course, from paying an adequate return on the \$400,000,000 that the United States has invested in the enterprise. Some people have declared the Canal was a money-making proposition merely because operating costs are met, but judged by ordinary business standards that is far from the truth. The real value of the canal is the aid it gives to American commerce from coast to coast, and as a part of our national defense system. Judged from that viewpoint the project justifies itself every day.

Industrial Wastes.

A committee of the engineering societies of America has recently completed a report on waste in various industries. The figures covering the building industry are truly startling. It finds that the 3,000,000 persons employed work only an average of 189 days out of a possible 2275, and that \$100,000,000 is lost each year in preventable accidents. The situation in the various trades is reviewed in detail, and a condition disclosed that would not be tolerated for a moment in a manufacturing establishment. It is recommended that winter production be stimulated that repair work be done in off months, that wages and profits be adjusted so that the owner will not have to pay more for work done in cold weather, that tearing down be done in advance of the rush season, and that the public be educated not to construct shabby steel structures to concentrate its orders in a peak period. By so doing it is declared that the morale of the working force will be greatly increased, and that if half of the present irregular employment can be abolished a yearly saving of \$200,000,000 will result.

Inland Engines

Many prominent shipping men are of the opinion that success of the American merchant marine depends upon the development and use of internal combustion engines instead of the reciprocating type now found on practically every American vessel. The American-Hawaiian Steamship Company now has under construction in an eastern yard two 11,000-ton freighters that will be equipped with Diesel engines. The suggestion is made by some that the Government should remove the big reciprocating engines now in its steamers and substitute the new type of motive power. When that is done a ready sale for the ships will be obtained, it is declared, and they can be operated successfully in competition with foreign ships in which the labor cost is much lower than in the American vessel.

New Orleans, Aug. 22, 1921.—The wheat movement to Europe through this port is now at its height. About 300 cars of wheat are passing through here each day, or more than double the amount handled at this time last year.

GRADED SCHOOL WILL OPEN ON THE 12TH

Summer is drawing to a close and soon bathing, crabbing and baseball will be over for the year and the school bells will begin to ring. A meeting of the board of trustees was held Tuesday evening and the decision reached to open the Graded School here on September the 12th. All the teachers have been selected except one for the commercial course which will be done very soon in all probability. Superintendent Pittman is here on the job getting things in readiness for the opening. The list of teachers follow:

Primary.
Misses Eva Thomas, Annie Morton, Male Gibbs, and Rena Privett.
Grammar Grade.
Misses Leslie Arrington, Ettie Mason, Ivy Modlin, and Clara Goode.
High School.
Mrs. John Chadwick and Mrs. Guy Potter, Jr.
Music.
Miss Annie Lee Webb.

LUMBER MILLS START WORK

The sound of the big whistle of the Carteret Lumber Company rings like music in the ears of many people here after the long shut down which the plant has had. The mills at present are running only two days in the week, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, but their logging department also runs two days on Thursdays and Fridays and considerable employment is being furnished to those who might otherwise have nothing to do. The company has kept its retail sales department going right along all the time and also sells some lumber at wholesale although the demand is slack. There seems to be some building throughout the country but it has not yet reached its normal proportions.

C. F. FOREMAN HURT

On Monday afternoon Mr. C. F. Foreman who is a member of the county's road force was seriously hurt while engaged in his duties. He was riding on a scoop when it overturned and caught him underneath it, breaking his right forearm, bruising his left hand and hurting his head. Mr. Foreman was brought to town and carried to Dr. Swindell's office where the necessary medical attention was given. He is now getting along very well.

SUPERINTENDENT WELFARE APPOINTMENT HELD UP

Mr. Ray M. Brown Field Agent for the State Welfare Department was here Tuesday on a business trip. The object of his visit was to look into the matter of the appointment of a County Superintendent of Welfare. Readers of the News will remember that at a joint meeting of the boards of education and commissioners here on the first Monday Mr. James Wallace Mason was elected to this office. The board of commissioners voting for him and the board of education against him. There seems to have been some opposition to Mr. Mason's appointment and his confirmation by the State Superintendent of Welfare has not yet been made. Mr. Brown came here to look into the situation. After his return to Raleigh which will be in a day or so announcement will be made as to what the State Department proposes to do about the matter.

MRS. E. D. ARTHUR OF MOREHEAD CITY DEAD

Funeral services were held Sunday morning at 10 o'clock over the remains of the late Mrs. E. D. Arthur from the home on Arundell street.

The deceased has been an invalid for the past ten years as the result of a paralytic stroke and the third one which occurred about ten days ago proved fatal. Mrs. Arthur lingered for several days and quietly passed away at eight o'clock Saturday morning.

She is survived by her husband, a daughter, Mrs. E. F. Ellen, of Lenoir, N. C. and two sons, Mr. Bryan Arthur, of Durham, and Mr. Cecil Arthur, of China. Mrs. Arthur's family is among the most prominent in the city being some of the oldest residents.

AUDIT MADE OF TOWN'S BUSINESS

Mayor Be Employed For a Auditor Recommends Mayor Be Employed Whole Time. Action Deferred

A called meeting of the board of town commissioners was held last night at the City Hall. The object of this meeting was to hear a report of the town's affairs which was made by auditor W. L. Stanell. The audit was for the fiscal year ending May 31st, 1921. It showed that the General Fund had received up to that time the sum of \$22,101.07 and that it had a bank balance at that time of \$44.98. The audit goes into the details of the city's business very thoroughly and as a motion was passed ordering the report published in the News it will be open for the inspection of the public next week.

Mr. Stanell has put in a new system of accounting for the town which it is thought will be an improvement over that in use heretofore. He recommended that the Mayor be paid a sufficient salary to enable him to give his whole time to the city's affairs. On motion of Commissioner Gardner the report was accepted except as to the recommendation in regard to the mayor. Action on this matter was deferred to the regular meeting of the board next month. Those present at the meeting last night were Mayor Bushall, Commissioners Duncan, Ford, Gardner andewis.

SKARREN-JONES

A wedding of such interest occurred here Wednesday morning when Miss Carrie Lee Skarren daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Skarren, became the bride of Mr. Howard Cole Jones.

The marriage took place in the attractive home of the bride's parents at six-thirty A. M. It was solemnized in the parlor which was softly lighted with candles, and decorated with beautiful flowers.

Reverend R. F. Bumpus performed the ceremony in his usual simple yet impressively eloquent manner. Immediately afterward the newly wedded couple left for Raleigh, High Point, and Washington, D. C. where they will spend their honeymoon.

The bride wore a handsome dark travelling suit of tricotine with gloves and veil of contrasting color. She is one of Beaufort's most charming young ladies whose unusual musical talent and winsome personality has won the admiration of all who know her. The groom is one of the most popular and prominent young business men here. His friends are glad to know that he and his bride are planning to make Beaufort their home.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following realty transfers have been recorded recently at the office of the Registrar of Deeds:

Percy M. Marshall and wife to C. K. Howe 1/2 acre on Taylor's Creek, consideration \$40.

C. K. Howe and wife to C. S. Maxwell 1.24 interest in tract known as the "Hall" land in Beaufort township, consideration \$650.

S. F. Hancock and wife to W. H. Ramsey, lot 19, old town, Beaufort, consideration \$1,400.

H. C. Edwards to Leon A. Mann lot 161 by 216 feet town of Newport, consideration \$100.

S. J. Rowland and wife to D. W. Garner, lot 8 in square 109 Morehead City, consideration \$125.

Ben Tillman and wife to Cape Lookout Development Co. right, title and interest in all Cape Lookout land, consideration \$50.

J. B. Gaskins and wife to Geo. J. Brooks and Jas. V. Caffrey 25 acres in Straits township, consideration \$1,000.

Missie Sailer to Murray Lynch 2 acres on east side of North River, consideration \$40.

Murray Lynch and wife to Corbin Lawrence 2 acres on east side of North River, consideration \$50.

Detroit, Aug. 22, 1921.—More savings accounts are being increased than diminished in this territory. About 500 new accounts exceed those withdrawn. Up to August 1, the opposite was reported.

CITIZENS WANT BETTER SCHOOLS

School Election Carried in Four Precincts. Lost In One

A number of school elections have been held in the last few weeks and in every instance save one, the elections have carried in favor of the proposed bond issues or special taxes. The shining exception to this rule was Harlowe township where on Tuesday an election was held on the question of a \$12,000 bond issue and a 30 cent maintenance tax. The result of the election in Harlowe, due mainly to the influence of Dr. C. N. Mason, and one or two citizens, so it is said, was 51 for the proposition and 73 against it.

Also on Tuesday elections were held at Stacy, Sea Level, and Harker's Island and all went affirmatively. The Sea level election was on the question of voting \$3,500 worth of bonds and the result was 132 for and 8 against. Stacy voted on the question of a special school tax of 30 cents on the \$100 and 87 voted in favor and none against the proposition. Harker's Island voted on a building tax of 20 cents and a maintenance tax of 30 cents, the result being 118 for and 4 against. The News did not get the figures from Davis but understands that the proposition of a \$3,500 bond issue and special tax carried by a good majority.

Professor M. C. S. Noble, of the State University, Superintendent M. L. Wright and Mr. C. R. Wheatly made speeches at Harlowe favoring the bond issue but their efforts were in vain.

There is no other school election scheduled for the immediate future but one will be held before a great while in White Oak township on the question of a bond issue and maintenance tax. It is thought likely that at the next meeting of the Board of Education the date for this election will be settled.

Carteret county will soon have a Rural Supervisor of Schools which is a new thing for the county. This official will be Miss Ethel Kelly, of Carthage. Miss Kelly is a graduate of the State Normal College in Greensboro and has spent eight years in school work in Northampton county. She comes well recommended. Her salary will be paid mainly from the State equalization fund.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Isaac J. Campbell (col.) of Brunswick, Ga., and Mary L. Simmons, of Beaufort.

Howard Cole Jones and Carrie Lee Skarren, of Beaufort.
Geo. M. Bunting, of Jacksonville, and Grace Chadwick, of Gloucester.
Charlie Buckmaster and Beatrice Holland, of Swansboro.

ROCK PARTY IN MOREHEAD CITY

Misses Lina and Fannie Wade entertained at a Rock party Monday afternoon from the hours of 4:30 to 6:30 o'clock in honor of Miss Helen Canfield, the event being a shower for the bride-elect, whose wedding to Mr. Richard Guthrie of New Bern, takes place in a few weeks.

Miss Lucy Wallace won a prize for making the highest score and Miss Canfield won the booby prize.

At the close of the game an ice course was served.

WORK AT THE POWER PLANT.

The necessary preparations for installing the new engine and dynamo at the city power plant is going ahead and when the new machinery arrives everything will be in readiness. Workmen are engaged in laying a concrete foundation and this will soon be finished. The building is hardly large enough for all of the machinery though and the room where the engine and dynamo are put will be badly crowded. The new machinery will be shipped from Fort Wayne, Indiana, but at this writing it has not yet been started on its way.

FIRST SERIES WON BY BEAUFORT CLUB

Beaufort won the first series of five games with Morehead City last week and has gotten one game on the second series; Morehead City has also won a game on the second series. The two teams are to play the third game here today and the fourth at Morehead City tomorrow. The last game will be played at one place or the other and will depend upon the flip of a coin. In the first series Beaufort won three games and Morehead City two.

Yesterday's game was won by the club across the river with a score of 4 to 2 and while not errorless was nevertheless a very interesting contest. Sumrell and Coward constituted Beaufort's battery and Fifer and Thornton, Morehead City's.

One of the best games played on the local diamond this Summer was that pulled off here Tuesday. The features of the game were the pitching of Mehan, or Williams as he was called, a pitcher from Wilson, Shipp's fielding and Thomas' hitting. Mehan allowed three hits, walked one man and struck out 9. Whenever he got in a tight place he put on a little more steam and came out of danger. Shipp handled every ball that came his way in big league style. Thomas was at bat four times, struckout once, walked once and got two hits, one of which was a two-bagger. Smith for Morehead City pitched a fine game until the sixth when he weakened under the attack of Beaufort's batsmen. He struck out 7 men in six innings when he was relieved by Salter, he walked two men and allowed three safe hits. The game was played in an hour and forty minutes and was one of the fastest played here this year. A large crowd from Beaufort and Morehead City witnessed the contest and were greatly interested in it.

ROAD PATROLLING BETTER THAN REPAIR GANG SYSTEM

The road patrol system used in Grant County, Wash., is pointed out by the United States Department of Agriculture as an illustration of how highways can be maintained most successfully and economically. Other counties in the State use the "gang" system, assigning to each gang a long section, upon which they make repairs at intervals, seldom reaching all the necessary points. In Grant County the plan is to prevent a road from getting into bad condition rather than to make repairs.

There are 13 patrol sections, each from 4 to 10 miles long, in the 87.83 miles of county highways. Each section is in charge of a patrolman, who works constantly on his piece of road, feeling that he alone is responsible for its condition. While these men work under the direction of the county engineer, the details are left largely to their judgment.

A specially constructed light road machine, called locally a "road fixer" is used. It has a long wheel base and two cutting blades rigidly connected with the carrying frame of the machine. The rear wheels are on separate axles, controlled by separate levers. The patrolman carries the necessary small tools for clearing weeds, trimming shoulders, cleaning ditches, and for handling surfacing material. He makes his own repairs in the county repair shop under the direction of a skilled mechanic.

The annual cost of this system, states the Bureau of Public Roads, averages \$223 a mile, which is less than other counties pay where roads receive attention "only when they need it." Grant County has gravelled roads second to none in the State, and its people are enthusiastic supporters of the patrol system.

U. S. IS SOLVENT AND SOUND

"The international prospect is more than promising and the distress and depression of home are symptoms of early recovery. Solvent financially, sound economically, unrivaled in genius, unexcelled in industry, resolute in determination and unwavering in faith, these United States will carry on."—President Harding at tercentenary of Pilgrimage landing.

HEAVY REDUCTION COTTON, TOBACCO

Increased Planting of Staple Food and Feed Crops Offset More Than Half of Loss

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The Cotton Belt has this year recorded an unprecedented change in the ratios of the acreage devoted to leading crops. A change of 8 per cent in the country-wide acreage of a major crop is unusual, 10 per cent is rare, and 15 per cent is unknown except under extraordinary circumstances, such as arose during the war, or in the case of fall-sown grains when severe winter killing may result in extreme changes.

Cotton Acreage Cut 28 Per Cent

The 10 leading cotton States, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas, have cut their cotton 10,194,000 acres, or 28 per cent, from last year, according to figures compiled by the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates, United States Department of Agriculture. In addition they reduced rice 450,000 acres, or 39 per cent, and tobacco 262,000 acres or 32 per cent, a total reduction for these three crops of 10,906,000 acres. These reductions, which were due to the unsatisfactory prices for last year's crops resulting from financial deflation, coupled with heavy stocks and lapsed buying, are partly offset by increases in the acreages of staple food and feed crops in these States.

Corn shows a gain of 4,521,000 acres, or 13 per cent; wheat 667,000 acres, or 10 per cent; oats 740,000 acres, or 13 per cent; hay 413,000 acres, or 5 per cent; sorghum and cane 79,000 acres, or 10 per cent; and potatoes 123,000 acres, or 10 per cent; a total increase in these six crops of 6,483,000 acres. Further offsets to the remaining difference of 4,423,000 acres exist in increased planting of cowpeas, soybeans, velvet beans, and other less important crops. Alabama alone reported increased plantings of 834,000 acres of the three crops named, but these are largely planted in with corn and are therefore included in the acreage of that crop.

Cultivate More Land Than Before War.

The larger part of the 4,423,000 acres unaccounted for has gone back into pasture or is left idle. The land in cultivation during the past few years has been considerably in excess of the plantings in the prewar period, the area under cultivation in the United States in 1920 having been about 10 per cent greater than the average acreage tilled for the years 1910-1914. The net reduction in the cotton States still leaves in cultivation a larger acreage than before the war.

BIG AIR SHIP DESTROYED

The News heard last night a report which came from the office of the Western Union here that the big airship bought some months ago in England by the United States had been destroyed in an accident and that thirty-two men had lost their lives. Details of the accident were not learned. This was the largest airship in the world and she was expected to sail for America in a few days.

THE WHEELS OF JUSTICE

On last Monday in Justice of the Peace M. C. Holland's court Victor Gaskill, Sterling Dickinson, Largo Styren, and Floyd Gaskill, of Sea Level, were tried on the charge of trespassing on the premises of Edward Taylor. As a result of the hearing Victor Gaskill, Sterling Dickinson and Clem Gaskill were convicted of disorderly conduct and let off with a fine of \$1 and costs and a promise of good behavior. The other defendants were discharged.

On Wednesday in the same court W. H. Gillikin who lives in the Otway neighborhood was tried on the charge of disposing of mortgaged property. D. H. Lewis being the prosecutor. Mr. Gillikin was bound over to Superior court. Attorney C. E. Whately appeared for the defense and E. W. Hill for the prosecution.