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AGREEMENT SUDDEN.

Struggle Over Tariff Question About to Come to An End.

Report Laid Before President Taft and Question Is Whether It Suits Him—Duty of \$1.40 on Rough Lumber.

Washington, D. C., July 28.—After working for nearly three weeks at what proved to be one of the longest and most anxious tasks ever experienced in tariff building, the majority members of the conference committee of the Payne-Aldrich bill brought their labors to a sudden close at six o'clock tonight.

Without a moment's delay, the Senate and House leaders whose names are carried by the bill, started away by automobile with the intention of laying their report before President Taft, who had gone to Fort Myer to see what had been intended to be the last aeroplane official flight of the Wright brothers.

All day long the conferees had struggled with the question of bringing down the House rates on lumber-firures they felt would meet with executive approval. In this ecort they failed.

Lumber was made dutiable at rates only a little below those named by the Senate bill, and there was a very slight shading from the House rates on gloves of good quality. Although it was not admitted by the conferees, the general impression drawn from the hurried trip to Fort Myer was that Messrs. Aldrich and Payne had been authorized by their colleagues to incorporate in the conference report such figures as could be agreed upon with the President, in so far as they came within range of what the leaders believe will be acceptable in the House and Senate.

Returning from the conference at Fort Myer, Messrs. Aldrich and Payne seemed to be entirely satisfied with the outcome of their mission, although neither would discuss the conclusion reached.

It was announced officially that the Democratic members of the conference committee would be called in session tomorrow.

In view of President Taft's utterances, Senate and House leaders were predicting tonight that the conference rates on gloves and lumber would not prove satisfactory to him. It required a roll to fix the rates on lumber which are as follows: Lumber, rough, \$1.40 a thousand feet. The House rate \$1, and the Senate \$5.50. The Senate differentials were adopted.

Gloves were made dutiable at rates considerably in advance of the duties by the Senate bill, which for the main part were the same as the Dingley rates.

The session today was the busiest since the bill has been in conference. Dozens of senators sought audiences and were received by the Senate members of the committee and there called also man ymembers of the House, including the committee representing the anti-free raw material insurgents. In the corridors swarmed agents of special interests, who seemed to realize that the crucial period of the conference had arrived.

JULY WHEAT ADVANCES 9 CENTS.

A Vigorous Demand Causes Grain to Go to \$1.34 Per Bushel.

New York, July 28.—The price of July wheat was advanced more than nine cents per bushel today on a vigorous demand by the traders on the short side of the market.

They finally paid \$1.34 per bushel, which equalled the high point of the season. The price of the crop of the late months advanced two cents per bushel on reports of black rust in the Northwest.

Upward of 130 loads were taken for export today.

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE.

All persons indebted to Dr. W. J. Jones are hereby notified to make immediate payment. All persons holding claims against his estate are hereby notified to present the claims duly verified before the 25th day of July, 1910, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

All bills may be presented to Mrs. Margaret C. Jones at the residence of Mr. F. E. Castez, in Goldsboro, and all payments may be made to her.

This July 15, 1909.

CLARA E. JONES, Executrix.

John W. Gates says we're on the eve of great prosperity. That ought to settle it.

SEEK UNIFORMITY IN LAWS.

Representatives of Federal and State Governments Assemble.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 29.—Well known leaders of roganized labor, executive heads of railroads and other large industrial corporations and representatives of the Federal and state governments assembled in Atlantic City today and entered upon three-day discussion of the general subject of employers' liability and workmen's compensation for injury. The call for the conference was issued some time ago by H. V. Mercer, chairman of the Minnesota employees' compensation commission. The similar commissions that exist in Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Kentucky and one or two other states have sent representatives to the conference.

The conference will discuss the European laws covering the subject of workmen's compensation for injuries, the constitutional questions involved in the passage of Federal or state laws, and the various systems proposed. Efforts will be made to formulate a plan for uniformity of state laws dealing with employers' liability and preventing, if possible, legislative enactment by any state in the future that might conflict with the laws of another state.

Included among those who are expected to address the conference are George M. Dixon, vice-president of the United States Steel Corporation; W. E. McEwen, state labor commissioner of Minnesota; John Mitchell, former head of the United Mine Workers; Prof. John R. Commons, of the University of Wisconsin; E. E. Clarke, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and J. M. Smith, of the Lackawanna Railroad.

SPANIARDS LOSE HEAVILY.

21 Officers and 200 Men Killed in Serious Revolution.

Madrid, July 28.—The revolution in Catalonia has reached a serious stage. There is much bloodshed and artillery has been employed in the streets. The city is terror-stricken. The revolutionists are reported to be fighting desperately behind barricades.

King Alfonso hastened back to Madrid from San Sebastian and at once issued a proclamation of martial law and suspending constitutional guarantees throughout Spain. Orders have been given to the governors of the provinces to crush the revolution at any cost without hesitation and without pity.

Today marks a black chapter in Spain's history, for there was tragedy both at home and abroad. The King reached here in time to learn that part of his army at Melilla had had a bloody battle with the Moors, which, though finally a victory for the Spaniards, cost the lives of 21 officers and a total of 200 Spaniards killed or wounded.

CONFERENCE POSTPONED.

Congressman Small Unable to Be in Hyde at Appointed Time.

State Superintendent Joyner stated yesterday morning that the meeting of the State Board of Education and Congressman John H. Small with the property owners of Hyde county to confer upon the matter of draining Mattamuskeet Lake and other overflowed lands in that district will not be held next week owing to the impossibility of Mr. Small's attendance at that time. It is probable, he stated, that the conference will be held during the third week in August, although this has not been decided upon definitely.

The conference will be of the utmost importance to those owning lands in the lake area, as drainage is the paramount question with those who desire to make their property valuable or even profitable. Additional interest has been taken in the drainage proposition recently because of the incessant and heavy rains which have overflowed the cultivated lands and destroyed the flourishing crops.

No papers were signed at the meeting of the Board of Education Tuesday, when a proposition for draining the lake was submitted by Mr. John Seip, of Cincinnati, O., but his negotiations for the purchase of the lake will continue.

Biennial Institute.

The biennial institute for the public school teachers of Wayne county will be opened in this city next Monday, August 2, for a session of two weeks. The institute will be conducted by Prof. W. W. Walker, of the faculty of the University of North Carolina, assisted by Mrs. Mariana Greenman, of the faculty of the Goldsboro public schools. The law requires all public school teachers to attend the institute. The advantages to be derived from a two weeks' course of study in the institute are so great that no teacher can afford not to attend.

PULLIAM ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

President National Baseball League Shoots Himself.

New York, July 28.—Harry C. Pulliam, president of the National League of Baseball Clubs, attempted suicide tonight in his rooms on the third floor of the New York Athletic Club.

Standing in the center of the room Mr. Pulliam held a revolver to his right temple. He fired only one shot. The bullet destroyed the right eye and passed through the upper part of the left.

It is not believed that he can recover, although he continued conscious for some time after the shooting.

The sound of the pistol was not heard, but Mr. Pulliam in falling to the floor apparently dislodged the receiver of the telephone, which was standing on a table nearby so that help was soon at hand.

His wound were carefully dressed, but the physicians had little hope of saving Mr. Pulliam's life.

Coroner's physician Sprady, who arrived about half an hour after the shooting, assisted Dr. Higgins in attending to the wounded man's needs. Both of them attempted to get some explanation of the baseball president's attempt to kill himself, but he was too dazed to give intelligible answers.

The sight of both eyes was destroyed by the bullet, the physicians said. Although the course of the bullet was not traced it appeared evident that it had entered at least the covering of the brain, and it seemed more than likely that the injury to the brain itself was enough to cause death.

Although Mr. Pulliam's act at this time was entirely unexpected some of his friends said that at the time of his recent illness he suffered from severe attacks of melancholia.

Since his return to New York in June he had apparently been in excellent spirits.

PRESIDENT PULLIAM DIED

AT 8 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING

New York, July 29.—Harry C. Pulliam, who shot himself last night, died shortly after eight o'clock this morning at the New York Athletic Club.

WHAT KEEPS THE SOUTH POOR.

Victor S. Bryant at Unveiling of Monument to Professor Shurley.

Twenty-five years ago Mr. Shurley realized (what we all now know) that ignorance and poverty go hand in hand, and the best investment a state or community can make is to tax itself to educate the young. Had some one asked him, "Are we not too poor to tax ourselves for schools?" he would have answered: "You are too poor not to tax yourselves. A dollar properly invested in education will bring a hundredfold in return."

Mr. Shurley knew and taught that as long as the Southern laborer earned 50 cents a day, and the New England laborer \$2 a day, so long would the South remain poor and New England prosper. That so long as North Carolina sells the labor of her young men at ten, fifteen, twenty, or thirty dollars a month, and imports young men from Massachusetts to earn one hundred, five hundred, or one thousand dollars per month, so long will one state remain near the foot and the other at the top of the ladder of wealth. But he also knew and taught us that the Southern laborer would earn as much as the New England laborer whenever he could do the same work, and his abiding faith in his own people, made him believe the difference not in natural endowment, but a difference in training. This training was the work of the school—the work of education. Although his opportunity to teach it was poor, he knew the hand should be trained with the head. He taught us self-reliance, diligence and persistence.

EVIDENCE AGAINST BREESE.

Secured People to Sign Notes That Were Without Means.

Asheville, N. C., July 28.—C. B. Leonard, formerly of this city, but now living at Chattanooga, was the star witness of the Breesse-Dickerson bank case today. He stated that in 1891 Major Breesse wanted to borrow some money from his (Breesse's) bank and not being able to do it under his own name, asked Leonard if he would not lend the use of his name on notes. Leonard said he signed seven blank notes for amounts ranging from \$500 to \$800. He paid nothing on the notes, nor was he asked to pay anything. At Mr. Breesse's request Leonard said he had secured other people of no means to sign notes he delivered in bank to Breesse.

It's the little things that count, says Rockefeller—and the little dividends.

IN SCHOOL DAYS.

Still sits the school-house by the road,
A ragged beggar sunning;
Around it still the sumachs grow,
And blackberry vines are running.

Within, the master's desk is seen,
Deep scarred by raps official;
The warping floor, the battered seats,
The jack-knife's carved initial;

The charcoal frescoes on its wall;
Its door's worn sill, betraying
The feet that, creeping slow to school,
Went storming out to playing!

Long years ago a winter sun
Shone over it at setting;
Lit up its western window-panes,
And long leaves' icy fretting.

It touched the tangled golden curls,
And brown eyes full of grieving,
Of one who still her steps delayed
When all the school were leaving.

For near her stood the little boy
Her childish favor sitting;
His cap pulled low upon a face
Where pride and shame were mingled.

Pushing with restless feet the snow
To right and left, he lingered—
As restlessly her tiny hands
The blue-checked apron fingered.

He saw her lift her eyes; he felt
The soft hand's light caressing,
And heard the tremble of her voice
As if a fault confessing.

"I'm sorry that I spelt the word;
I hate to go above you,
Because,"—the brown eyes lower fell—
"Because, you see, I love you!"

Still memory to a gray-haired man
That sweet child-face is showing,
Dear girl! the grasses on her grave
Have forty years been growing!

He lives to learn, in life's hard school
How few who pass above him
Lament their triumph and his loss,
Like her—because they love him.

—John G. Whitteer.

Of Interest to Automobileists.

Raleigh, N. C., July 15, 1909.
Hon. J. Bryan Grimes,
Secretary of State.

Dear Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 14th instant, enclosing clipping from the Charlotte Observer in which you ask my opinion as to those duty it is to prosecute violators of the automobile law.

The act referred to, which is chapter 445 of the public laws of 1909, provides that "Any police officer of any city, any marshal, deputy marshal or watchman of any incorporated village or any sheriff or deputy sheriff of any county or any constable of any township shall have full power and authority, etc., to arrest any person violating the provisions of the act. Section 2877 of the Revised Code of 1905 provides: 'It shall be the duty of the sheriff of each county to make diligent inquiry as to whether or not all license taxes provided for by law shall have been paid and, upon the failure of any person to pay on demand and license tax for which he is liable to swear out a warrant before some justice of the peace in such county, and the procedure thereon shall be as in other criminal actions. Provided, the payment of the tax and all costs accrued at any stage of the action shall be a bar to further prosecution.'

Constructing the statutes together it will be seen that it is expressly made the duty of the sheriffs of the several counties to see to it that these automobile licenses are paid, and I suggest that you write letters to every sheriff in the State to this effect.

Very truly yours,
T. W. BICKETT,
Attorney-General.

By G. L. Jones, Law Clerk.

Annual Meeting and Picnic Confederate Veterans.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting and picnic of Thomas Ruffin Camp Confederate Veterans will be held jointly with the Daughters of the Confederacy at Camp Ham (H. D. Ham's springs) three miles north of Goldsboro, on the second Thursday in August, 1909, it being the thirteenth day. All friends of the Veterans are invited, and requested to bring big baskets well filled. All who attend are expected to contribute, as it is a basket picnic, and this is the only way of furnishing the dinner and if you don't bring it with you cannot expect to participate. Let all who come bring a bountiful supply.

All Veterans are urged to be present, as it is the regular annual meeting and election of officers.

A. B. HOLLOWELL,
Adjutant Thos. Ruffin Camp U. C. V.

Deep down in his heart, John D. still thinks Standard Oil is the best investment.

250 MILES IN A CANOE.

Two Young Men Had Fine Trip From Chapel Hill to Wilmington.

Wilmington, N. C., July 29.—After traveling an inland water route from Chapel Hill, N. C., to Wilmington, a distance of fully 250 miles, in a canoe, Messrs. Duncan MacRae, of Chapel Hill, and Elden Bayley, of Springfield, Ill., two graduates of the University, arrived late Tuesday afternoon and report their novel trip a most successful and enjoyable one.

The young men are spending their vacation in this manner and left Chapel Hill on the thirteenth of the month in a canoe of their own and made their way through creeks and rivers, which they found all navigable for a small craft of the type used. The trip began on New Hope creek in Orange county, between Durham and Chapel Hill, and from there they finally drifted down into Haw river and then after a long stretch came into the Cape Fear.

They made several stops en route, the principal one at Fayetteville, where they remained a day or so to obtain provisions. They experienced fine weather most of the time and the water route was as interesting as it was successful. This is the first trip of the kind on record for the season. Messrs. MacRae and Bayley are spending some time here and at Wrightsville Beach.

STILL A MYSTERY.

No Clue to Murderer of Old Woman in Guilford County.

Greensboro, N. C., July 29.—The murder of the aged Lydia Newman, whose mutilated body was found near her home in Sumner township on Saturday morning, continues to be a baffling mystery it was at first sight. Despite close investigation, the authorities have been unable to find the slightest clue of the murderer, but they have by no means abandoned hope.

That the murder was a peculiarly cold-blooded and deliberate one is now fully developed. After cutting the dogwood sapling with which the old woman was beaten to death, the murderer, from evidences found, had apparently sat down and waited for a favorable opportunity to waylay the old woman. There are evidences of a severe struggle, despite her extreme age—seventy-six—and after the murder, her body was dragged, the perpetrator holding her feet to a thicket some 300 yards away.

It was then that the cold-blooded criminal ransacked the house. Every drawer, every possible place of concealment was gone through. It is impossible to say now if any money was secured, as the old woman was so secretive about her affairs and lived so entirely alone and out of communication with her neighbors that it is not known if she had, but it is very probable that if there was any, the sum was comparatively trifling.

Death of Mrs. Hanff.

New Bern Journal.
Mrs. Margaret Miller Hanff died at her summer home in Morehead City on Tuesday, July 27, after lingering for several months from the effects of a paralytic stroke.

Mrs. Hanff was seventy-nine years of age, and had been a resident of New Bern most of her life, although she had homes at Raleigh, Goldsboro, and Morehead City also, where she passed part of the time in her later years. She was the widow of the late Prof. John Hanff, a noted musician of his day, who preceded her to the grave more than twenty years ago. Four sons of this union survive, John F. and Robert L., of this city, Alexander M., of Raleigh, and William M., of Norfolk.

The remains were brought up from Morehead City yesterday morning and placed in Centenary Church, from which the funeral will be held this morning at ten o'clock by Rev. R. C. Beaman. The interment will be in the family plot in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

PARIS HONORS BLERIOT.

French Capital Takes on National Holiday Appearance.

Paris, July 28.—Louis Bleriot, who made a successful flight across the English Channel Sunday, was given an enthusiastic reception today on his return to Paris from London.

The city was decorated with flags as if for a national holiday. M. Barthou, the minister of justice, and M. Millerand, minister of public works, presented the government's congratulations to the aviator at the railroad stations, and M. Bleriot's employers presented him with a souvenir and the flag with which M. Lafontaine signalled to the aeronaut to descend in the Northfall meadows near Dover.

The municipal council and the Aero Club will tender a banquet to M. Bleriot.

MOORE'S CREEK TODAY.

Many Wilmington People Will Attend the Celebration.

Wilmington Star.

A large number of Wilmington people will go to Moore's Creek today to attend the annual celebration of the Battleground Association. They will leave here on the 8:40 o'clock train, arriving at Currie at 9:25 a. m. Some will return on the evening train, while others will come back on the freight train in the afternoon. The Coast Line has announced a special round trip rate of 60 cents. A special train will be operated over the Coast Line from Fayetteville to Currie, leaving Fayetteville at six o'clock this morning and returning in the evening. It is expected that this train will be crowded with people from the upper Cape Fear section. President James F. Moore, of the association, confidently expects an attendance of upwards of 5,000.

The unveiling of the monument to the Scottish Highlanders will be one of the special incidents of the day. The monument will be formally presented to the association by Prof. M. C. S. Noble, of the University of North Carolina, and will be accepted by President Moore. The orator of the day will be State Auditor B. F. Dixon, who arrived in the city last night from Raleigh, and will go to Currie this morning.

ASSAULT WAS JUSTIFIED.

Case of Senator Stone for Slapping a Negro Porter Dismissed.

Baltimore, Md., July 28.—Senator William J. Stone, of Missouri, appeared in the central district police court here this afternoon to answer to the charge of assaulting Lawrence G. Brown, a negro waiter on a Pennsylvania Railroad train on which the senator was traveling from Philadelphia to Washington yesterday evening. Counsel for the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Pullman Company stated to the justice that those companies did not desire to push the charge, and desired that it be withdrawn. Brown, the complainant, however, refused to acquiesce and the case against Senator Stone proceeded.

Justice Grannan, after hearing the evidence, which included a statement by Senator Stone, decided that the assault was justifiable and dismissed the case.

CONDITION COTTON CROP 71.7.

Lowest Ever Known at This Season of the Year.

Memphis, Tenn., July 28.—The crop condition report on cotton, up to July 25 was issued this afternoon by the National Ginners' Association. It gives the general average as 71.7. The average by states follows: Alabama, 70; Arkansas, 76; Florida, 85; Georgia, 79; Missouri, 81; North Carolina, 73; South Carolina, 77; Oklahoma, 79; Tennessee, 77; Texas, 66.

The report says: "This is the lowest condition ever known at this season of the year and indicates a crop around 11,000,000, and unless good rains fall in the next week, through out almost the entire belt, but more especially in Texas, southern and western Oklahoma and Mississippi, the crop will be under that figure."

DISCUSS CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

Convention of Delegates Appointed by the Governors.

Seattle, Wash., July 29.—The character of the criminal, his reformatory or penitentiary treatment, and the steps necessary to reform him and reinstate him in society are the vital subjects to be discussed at the convention of the American Prison Association to be held in Seattle next month. The convention will be attended by delegates appointed by the governors of practically all of the states of the Union.

The attendance will include distinguished jurists, educators, sociologists, clergymen, physicians, penitentiary wardens and others interested in prison and reformatory work. Foremost among those who are slated to address the gathering are Carlos Garcia Veloz, Cuban minister to the United States; Judge E. B. Lindsey, of the juvenile court of Denver; Rev. Aloys M. Fish, chaplain of the New Jersey state prison; Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, of the department of justice, Washington, D. C.; R. H. Underwood, assistant superintendent of Texas penitentiaries; W. A. Gates, secretary of the California state board of charities; J. C. Sanders, warden of the Iowa state penitentiary at Fort Madison; Joseph F. Scott, superintendent of the reformatory at Elmira, N. Y.; John E. Hoyle, warden of the California penitentiary at San Quentin, and Frank L. Randall, superintendent of the Minnesota state reformatory.

Panama is said to be in need of a spanking. Spank, but not enough to hurt the canal.

HE DIDN'T SEEK FIGHT

Kennedy Substantiates Contention of Mrs. Sutton.

Tells a Frank, Straightforward Story of Incidents Before and After the Shooting—Said He Had Been Ordered to "Keep Quiet."

Annapolis, Md., July 26.—Today's session of the board of inquiry at the Naval Academy which is investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Lieut. James N. Sutton, of the Marine Corps, who was mysteriously shot two years ago, afforded some surprise in the testimony given by Charles W. Kennedy, now a private in the Marine Corps, at Norfolk, and Surgeon A. D. McCormick, U. S. N.

Kennedy dropped into the situation like a bolt from a clear sky and told a frank, straightforward story of some of the incidents prior to the shooting which had not been mentioned by any of the young officers who have already testified. Though an eye witness to the earlier encounter between Sutton and Lieutenant Adams on the night the former was shot, Kennedy's name has not been mentioned by the witness concerned in the affair. His testimony supported the contention of Sutton's mother and sister that Sutton did not seek the fight with Adams and the other officers. In attacking his credibility, Major Leonard, the judge advocate, showed he had been disciplined on several occasions.

Kennedy said he had been reluctant to mention his part in the affair because Lieutenants Utley and Adams, his superiors, had admonished him to "keep quiet." On his way to relieve a sentry he had come upon Sutton, Adams, Osterman and Utley in an angry argument.

"Adams, if you want to fight, I'll fight you," he heard Sutton say, the witness testified. They fought hard for a few minutes and Sutton's face was bloody, when Lieutenant Utley interfered. A second time he saw Adams and Sutton come together as he was going away to his post, Kennedy said. Half an hour later Kennedy heard the shots from his post at the naval hospital. Soon after Adams appeared and told Kennedy that Sutton had shot himself. Utley also told him that Sutton had killed himself, the witness said. Next morning they both cautioned him not to say anything about the affair. On the following morning the witness said he saw Lieutenant Utley go to the edge of the parade grounds and pick up a 38-calibre Colt service revolver.

Kennedy's testimony was not shaken by the cross-examination of Adams' counsel, Mr. Birney, nor by that of Major Leonard.

Dr. McCormick was present at the autopsy held on Sutton's body and examined the bullet wound, he testified. He located the wound back of and slightly above the right ear, while Dr. Pickrell testified it was near the top of the head.

There are no other navy witnesses on hand, and it is expected Mrs. Sutton and her daughter will testify tomorrow.

To substantiate Kennedy's testimony, Lawyers Davis and VanDyke, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Parker and several newspaper men went to the parade grounds after the adjournment and took the various positions from which the witness said he saw and heard the fights. Lawyer Davis said afterward that their case would rest principally on the testimony of Kennedy and Mrs. Parker.

Gifts for the Cruiser Salem.

Salem, Mass., July 27.—As a feature of the old home week celebration here there were presented this afternoon to the scout cruiser Salem a handsome silver service and a bronze seal of the city, both of which were paid for by popular subscription. The ceremony of presentation took place on the city common and was witnessed by thousands of spectators. Mayor Hurley made the presentation speech and Captain Key, of Salem, accepted the gifts in behalf of the United States navy.

The silver service is of colonial design and consists of seventeen pieces. On the punch bowl is etched a reproduction of the frigate Essex, built by merchants of Salem at an expense of \$95,000 and presented to the United States government.

A Record Sized Pumpkin.

Mr Grady West is contesting all honors for the largest pumpkin raised in Wayne county, which weighs 182 pounds and is 36 inches in circumference. It is 24 inches in height and 28 inches across beam.