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DAVID YOUNG COOPER PASSES AWAY AT HIS HOME HERE AT AGE OF 73

HEART CONGESTION THE DIRECT CAUSE OF SUDDEN DEATH

Funeral Services Will Be
Held Tomorrow After-
noon At 3 O'clock At
Episcopal Church

PASSING IS SHOCK
TO THE COMMUNITY

Had Lived Long Life of
Usefulness and Played Big
Part in Upbuilding Of
Henderson and Vance
County—Was Nationally
Known Cotton Manufac-
turer.

David Young Cooper, nationally known cotton manufacturer and ex-
porter, tobaccoist, banker and
business man of wide interests, not
only in his home city but elsewhere
as well, died at his home on North
Garnett street last night at a quar-
ter of 10 o'clock. Death followed a
slight illness of three days, which
had not been regarded as serious,
but which was diagnosed by his phy-
sician as angina pectoris, or conges-
tion of the heart. He was 73 years
old on his last birthday, April 21,
1920.

Funeral services will be held to-
morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from
Holy Innocents Episcopal church, of
which he was a member, and will be
in charge of Rev. I. W. Hughes, the
rector. The active and honorary
pill bearers have not yet been an-
nounced.

As a token of esteem to him and
of their appreciation of his services
in the management of the cotton
mills, the board of directors last
spring, on the occasion of Mr. Cooper's
73rd birthday, presented to him a
handsome silver service. One of the
most elaborate that money could
buy. The inscription on the service
was as follows: "Presented by the
Henderson and Harriet Cotton Mills
to Mr. David Young Cooper on the
73rd anniversary of his birth, April
21, 1920, in grateful appreciation
and recognition of his faithful, ef-
ficient and valuable services ren-
dered by him as president of said mills
since their establishment, and with
sincere good wishes for a long, con-
tinuous, robust health, increasing
happiness and abundant prosperity."

As a mark of respect to Mr. Cooper's
untiring efforts in behalf of the
schools of the city, the pupils of the
high school and Central school will
return to the buildings Wednesday
at 2:40 o'clock, and will march in a
body to Winder street, where they
will stand at attention during the
funeral.

Later in the day the list of active
pillbearers was announced, including
superintendents and members of
the family, and overseers in the
Henderson and Harriet mills. They
are as follows: R. H. Craig, W. T.
Honeycutt, W. R. Perry, R. R. Raines,
Mr. Fowler, Stephen Hughes, R. W.
Day, W. N. Collins, J. Harry Bunn,
T. E. Rooker, W. E. Holmes, George
Lowery, Jim Rose, Ed. Langston, R.
M. Saunders, J. A. Andrews, D. T.
Clayton, H. C. Robinson, E. E. Huk-
man, D. G. Williams, P. M. Procter,
L. Joyner.

Mr. Cooper went to his home Sat-
urday afternoon suffering from an
attack of nettle rash, from which
he had suffered from time to time for
a number of years. Because of this
ailment, he did not venture out to
church Sunday, as was his custom,
but neither he nor members of his
family considered his condition as in
any way serious, not members of
his family, Dr. H. H. Bass,
discovered signs of the disease that
proved fatal, but it was thought dur-
ing the day that his strong physique
would be sufficient to overcome the
illness. He was confined to his bed
much of the past two or three days,
but sat up a good deal yesterday
afternoon, declaring that he felt
more comfortable in that posture
than when in his bed.

At the time death came, members
of his family were with him. Mrs.
Cooper, S. P. Cooper, his oldest son;
his daughter, Mrs. Claude Durham
Smith, who was here for the holi-
days; and Miss Catherine Miller,
granddaughter of Mrs. Cooper, who
was here from Richmond to spend
the holidays, were in the home at
the time. All thought his condition
was as satisfactory as could be ex-
pected. At a moment when no one
was by his bedside he was heard to
emit some sort of a noise resembling
a hacking cough, and Mrs. Cooper
rushed back to him. He gasped once
after she got into the room and
quietly passed away. He was dead
when his doctor reached him.

News of his sudden passing was
telephoned to the Higdon opera
house, where practically every mem-
ber of the family and near relatives
were attending the presentation of
"Lightnin'". As the word was
whispered from mouth to mouth, and
the relatives started out, a gloom
was cast over the vast audience that

HENDERSON'S FIRST CITIZEN PASSES



DAVID YOUNG COOPER.

Virginia. This family was promi-
nent and influential. Many of its
members of won deserved recogni-
tion outside of their social circles.
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April 21, 1847. During the child-
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near his home, and when not so en-
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to them, that they might learn
industry and respect for labor. On
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and greatly contributed to his use-
fulness and success. From 1858 to
1863 he attended Horner School at
Oxford, North Carolina, after which
he served a year in the Confederate
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that time he brought out the interest
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375 MOONSHINERS AND 774 STILLS, AND BOOZE SEIZED IN NOVEMBER

(By the Associated Press.)
Louisville, Ky., Dec. 21.—Three hundred and seventy-five
alleged moonshiners were ar-
rested and 774 illegal stills,
with 3,733 gallons of liquor,
were seized in the Southern
prohibition district during No-
vember, according to a report
issued here by prohibition offi-
cials.

The southeastern district in-
cludes the states of Kentucky,
Tennessee, N. Carolina, South
Carolina and Virginia.

Those arrested for alleged
violation of the Volstead act
paid the government \$437,043
in taxes and penalties, the state-
ment said.

Thirty-nine automobiles and
ten other vehicles used in "rum
running" and valued at \$13,700
were seized by the 157
Federal agents working in the
district and will be sold under
provision of the Volstead act.
Property seized and destroyed
was estimated at \$57,649.

HIGH TARIFF PLAN WINS IN THE FIRST SKIRMISH IN HOUSE

Vote 206 To 76 To Suspend
Calendar Tomorrow To
Give Measure Of Way

LONGWORTH CALLS BILL A NECESSITY

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Ruin Some of Most Important
Agricultural Interests
of the Country—
Long Staple Cotton Is In-
cluded In Bill.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 21.—Advocates
of emergency tariff legislation won a
preliminary fight in the House today
by adopting, 206 to 76 a motion to
suspend calendar business tomor-
row so as to give the Fordney tar-
iff bill right of way.

Speaking in the House on tariff
generally, Representative Long-
worth, of Ohio, a Republican mem-
ber of the Ways and Means Com-
mittee, said the Fordney emergency
tariff measure was virtually neces-
sary "to save from utter ruin
some of the most important
agricultural interests of the coun-
try."

Long staple or Egyptian cotton is
included in the list of commodities
named in the bill on which high im-
port duties would be imposed. This
item was omitted from the list given
out last night by Chairman Fordney
because the committee had been un-
able to prepare estimates of the to-
tal revenue which would be derived
on the basis of a seven cents pound
duty imposed.

TREATY'S IRRECONCILABLES CALLED IN BY MR. HARDING

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 21.—Another
member of the irreconcilable camp
of the Senate, Senator Miles Poi-
ndexter, of Washington, today was
called into President-elect Harding's
consultations on his plan for a world
peace association.

The inference is the fourth Mr.
Harding has held with Senators who
fought for flat rejection of the Ver-
sailles League, and it is understood
that others are to be summoned later
in the day to the White House to
may add their strength to the plan
to be proposed by the next adminis-
tration.

SENATOR SMITH PUT ON BOUNDARY BODY

President Nominates Retiring Ariz-
ona Senator on International
Commission

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 21.—Senator
Marcus A. Smith of Arizona, is un-
derstood to have been selected by
President Wilson as a member of the
international joint commission which
deals with certain questions arising
between the United States and
Canada, such as fisheries and the
like.

Senator Smith's term of office as
Senator will expire next March 3
and he is expected to enter upon his
new duties immediately afterwards.
His appointment has not yet been
made, but it will be to fill a vacancy
on the high commission, of which
Charles Gardner, of Rockland,
Maine, is chairman.

After serving eight terms as a
delegate in Congress from the then
territory of Arizona, Senator Smith
was elected to the Senate in 1912
and was re-elected two years later.
He is a Democrat.

BUSINESS DEMANDS AND MUST HAVE REVISION OF TAX LAWS, KAHN SAYS

New York Financier Tells Committee Present
Law Defeats Purpose Intended—Sales
Tax Is Considered

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 21.—Business of
the country is demanding and must
have revision of the tax laws if it is
to continue a healthy growth, Otto
H. Kahn, New York banker, told
the House Ways and Means Com-
mittee today in the course of a state-
ment in which he denounced the eco-
nomic aspects of the treaty of Ver-
sailles and declared for a continua-
tion of income surtaxes.

The excess profit tax "must go,"
Mr. Kahn said, Mr. Kahn said, ad-
ding that while it was theoretically
sound its disadvantages outweighed
its advantages.

Continuation of the income sur-
taxes, Mr. Kahn explained, was a so-
cial and economic necessity, but he
warned against excessive levies on
the higher incomes on the ground
that they did not produce the maxi-
mum of revenue for which they were
designed. He said also that he op-
posed any exemption under income
tax provisions.

Employment of a sales tax as one
of the means of raising the four
billions of revenue needed annually
by the government is being consid-
ered by some of the members of
the committee, Chairman Fordney
declared today just before the hear-
ings was opened. He said other mem-
bers were in favor of "some kind"

of a sales tax.
"It seems a sensible tax," said
Mr. Fordney. "But we do not want
a sales tax that will be multiplied
and pyramided into a burden on the
consumer. We want to avoid a law
which will cause to be passed on
to the consumer a levy which nets
more profit to the merchant than
tax to the government."

The Chairman added the tender
some of the present taxes, mer-
chants adding under the guise of tax-
es much more to the price of articles
than the tax levy justified. He con-
tended that this was one of the prob-
lems which Congress must solve in
revising revenue laws.

Governor-elect Harwick of Geor-
gia, representing bottlers of Carbon-
ated beverages told the committee a
sales tax should not burden the con-
sumer to the extent that an excess
profits tax or a tariff levy would.
With respect to the tariff, Mr. Har-
wick declared that that sort of a tax
meant that the government would
get only a tax proportionate to the
amount to the quality of the com-
modity imported while the particu-
lar article assumed if manufactured
in this country would pay no tax.
This same commodity however, he
asserted, would be increased in price
to the consumer to the same extent
that an import duty had been levied.

AMENESTY IS ASKED TO ALL PRISONERS

Labor Leaders In Congress
Support Bill Freeing
political Criminals

FRANCE PROPOSES IT

Maryland Senator Introduces Bill,
Which Declares For Relief For
Violators of Espionage Meas-
ure

Washington, Dec. 21.—Passage
by Congress of the France resolu-
tion asking immediate amnesty for
prisoners held by the government for
violations of the Espionage act
was asked of the Senate Judiciary
Committee today by Senator France,
author of the measure and labor offi-
cials, headed by Samuel Gompers,
president of the American Federation
of Labor.

The resolution holds "further
prosecution and imprisonment of
these prisoners is contrary to democ-
ratic ideals and the fundamen-
tal traditions of freedom. It recom-
mends 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."

Mr. Gompers said the American
Federation of Labor at its conven-
tion unanimously adopted resolu-
tions asking amnesty for prisoners
held for using "spoken or written
words." He said Senator France,
of Maryland had been asked to in-
troduce the resolution to make ef-
fective the sense of the convention.

Senator France told the commit-
tee 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."

Release of Eugene V. Debs was
specifically urged by Mrs. Champ
Clark, wife of the former speaker of
the House of Representatives; Mrs.
Lucy Robins of New York, executive
secretary of the General Labor bod-
ies; and other women who comforted
prisoners, and others.

Chairman Sterling announced af-
ter the committee session today that
opponents of the France resolution
would be given an opportunity later
to express their views.

Greenboro, N. C., Dec. 21.—An
unidentified man and woman were
instantly killed and another woman
seriously injured today when the au-
tomobile in which they were riding
was struck by Southern passenger
train No. 16, near Brown Summit,
according to local railway officials.
The party was believed to have been
from Burlington.

CONSIDER FURTHER DEFERMENT OF TAX ON 1920 INCOMES

Committee May Alter Original
Decision On Settle-
ment Made For Earn-
ings

PENALIZING WOULD BE DELAYED WHILE

Not Only On Deferred Set-
tlement This Year, But All
Previous Years Would Be
Included, According To
Proposals In Committee
Appeal.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 21.—The House
Ways and Means Committee today
recommended for further considera-
tion the Edmonds bill which
provides for a deferring of the date
when the penalty becomes effective
for failure to pay federal taxes.
Chairman Fordney in bringing up
the question in committee said there
had been an oversight in the draft-
ing of the measure and he recom-
mended that the committee again discuss
the bill.

Representative Green, Ripon, Wis.,
explained that as the bill was
reported to the House, it not only
would defer the assessment of a pen-
alty on uncollected taxes for the
present year, but also all prior years.
He declared also that the present
draft would defer the collection of a
penalty on all taxes this year, when
it was intended that the deferred
penalty apply only to taxes on in-
come and profits.

After the committee had voted to
recommit the bill, Representative
Garnier, Democrat, of Texas, said that
this instance ought to serve as a
warning to the committee that "it
should not report out imminent leg-
islation without giving
them the necessary consideration as
those which appear to be important."
He added that there were too many
jokers in the committee bills for the
committee to act hastily.

IRISH WOMAN WAS DENIED PASSPORT

Tells Committee Here of
Examination by Ameri-
can Consul In Eng-
land

TELLS OF CONDITIONS

Describes Life In Ireland, And Says
Soldiers Sent Over By British
Feel They Are Among En-
emies

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 21.—Mrs. An-
net E. Robinson, of Manchester,
England, secretary of the British
branch of the Women's International
League, declared today before the
committee of the House of Represen-
tatives investigating conditions in
Ireland, that American Consul Wells,
at Manchester, had attempted to
prevent her from coming to America
to testify before the committee by
refusing to give her passport on De-
cember 6.

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

After visiting the American Em-
bassy and the office of the American
Consul-General in London, Mrs.
Robinson said she applied again at
Manchester for a visa of her pass-
port and obtained it, but only after
she had promised not to "engage in
propaganda nor to give interviews to
the American press."

As a result of this verbal promise
she said, her "lips are closed to the
newspapers while she was in Amer-
ica."

Mrs. Robinson declared there
were much stronger "influences in
Britain working to obtain some re-
cognition of national spirit in Ire-
land" than the Americans appear-
ingly realized. These "influences,"
she added, are not confined to one class,
but include the "intellectuals,"
as well as the workers.

Little provision is made for the
education of Protestant children in
Belfast, Mrs. Robinson, adding that
Catholic children gave good educa-
tional advantages, with the result
that there is an illiterate Protest-
ant class, "very easily manipulated
by shrewd politicians," who stir up
religious hatred to serve their own
ends.

"The Orange politicians are more
and more becoming a supporter of
capitalism as against labor," she said,
adding that fear of increased gov-
ernment from Dublin rather than re-
ligious reasons caused opposition to
Irish self-government.

Mrs. Robinson told of atrocities
which she declared were committed
by British soldiers and police against
the Catholics in Belfast. She de-
scribed herself and the other
women who comforted the investigation
as Protestants.

"The young soldiers under mili-
tary orders to do these things are to
be pitied," she declared. "They are
brought straight from home to Ire-
land with no knowledge of life, and
think they are surrounded by an en-
emy population."

COLBY ARRIVES IN BRAZIL FOR VISIT

(By the Associated Press.)
Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 21.—Bel-
mont College, the American Secre-
tary of State, arrived here this
morning on board the battleship
Florida from the United States.
Mr. Colby, who is accompanied by
General Crankshaft and Admiral Har-
ratt, representing the United States
Army and Navy, respectively, came
on board to return the visit of Presi-
dent Fournier to the United States.
The Florida sailed from Newport
News, Va., December 6.