

HICKORY DAILY RECORD

WEATHER

Rain tonight and Sunday, somewhat colder Sunday.

HICKORY, N. C., SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 4, 1920

PRICE FIVE CENTS

PPER READY WITH HIS BILL TO CURB GAMBLING

From Kansas Would Impose Ten Per Cent Tax on All Speculative Trading in Grain and Cotton and Says Measure Will Help Farmers and Honest Houses

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 4.—Senator Capper of Kansas today made public his proposed bill to prevent gambling in grain and cotton futures. A tax of ten per cent to prohibit future trading in grain and cotton except by actual owners or by limited trading by federal license is the basic principle of the Capper bill, which is to be presented in both houses of congress.

The 10 per cent tax would apply to options and the measure would affect grain products, as well as raw grain. "The bill will stop gambling in wheat, corn, cotton and other products," Senator Capper said. "It will eliminate gambling and the blackboard. It will put out of business wire men and curb brokers."

The bill undertakes to preserve the legitimate and hedge, but cuts out all gambling and manipulation. "Farmers and all dealers and manufacturers buying or selling grain or cotton for future delivery would not be penalized."

Penalties of 50 per cent of the proposed federal tax, a fine of \$10,000 and one year's imprisonment for violation of the bill's provisions are incorporated in the bill.

CRUTCHFIELD WAS UNIQUE CHARACTER

By the Associated Press. Richmond, Va., Dec. 4.—The death here recently of Justice John Jeter Crutchfield removed one of the most original characters in American legal annals. Justice of the Richmond police court for thirty-two years, Judge Crutchfield enjoyed perhaps the widest reputation of any man holding similar office.

Justice Crutchfield was born in Richmond September 20, 1844, and was educated in the public schools here. Possessed of an abundance of natural wit and peculiar understanding of human nature, he was immensely popular. Magazine stories were written of him and stage impersonation were made of the celebrated "One John," as he was sometimes called.

In the "old days" as the anti-dry period was called, Judge Crutchfield knew all of the "old timers" and when they began to appear on his docket too often, he would have them called before him and ask: "Guilty or not guilty?" He knew his man every time and when the prisoner would begin to mumble and minimize his offense, "Ten dollars or ten days" would end the argument.

Years ago there was a character known here as "Jimmy Jones." Reports were that "Jimmy" and Justice Crutchfield served together in the confederate army, but this was never confirmed. "Jimmy" would appear before the justice at least once a week, and when his trembling form would saunter up this dialogue would usually follow:

"Good morning, Mr. Jones."
"Good morning, Judge."
"What is the matter this time, Mr. Jones?"

"Feeling a little sick last night, and I rather expect I got a little too much Bauer, Justice."
"So?"
"Yes, sir, a little too much, your honor."
"Jimmy, I have been your friend a long time. The last time you were here I told you that if you came any more this year I would make it a year. But you and I can compromise this matter. Now what is the best you can do?"

Jones would say he thought ten days would be about right, but Justice John would hold for six months, and ask Jimmy to set another figure. Jimmy's refusal to compromise further would bring from the judge the remark that "if you won't make it a month, I will have to let you go with fifteen days," whereupon "Jimmy" would threaten to quit coming to this court. Usually he was released when he became sober.

Perhaps Justice Crutchfield was at his best when his courtroom was filled with sightseers. Then he would and many fancy touches to the days dispensation of justice.

MINIMUM ORDER GRAIN SHIPMENTS

By the Associated Press. Binghamton, N. Y., Dec. 4.—Thomas B. Cravy, financier, died here last night. He was head of the 1900 Washer Company and participated in the organization of natural gas companies in Akron, O., Kentucky and Oklahoma.

New Picture of British Royal Family



An extensive photograph of King George and Queen Mary, with the royal family, made at Buckingham palace shortly after the return of the prince of Wales from his tour. From left to right sitting: The queen; the king; Princess Mary. Standing, left to right: The duke of York; the prince of Wales; Prince Henry.

OCCASIONAL RAINS FORECAST FOR WEEK

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 4.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday include: South Atlantic and east gulf states, moderate temperature, considerable cloudiness and occasional rains.

TENANT FARMERS FACE RUIN IN NEBRASKA

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 4.—Unless they are aided over the present period of price depression, thousands of tenant farmers in Nebraska will be driven from the land, Governor McKelvey of Nebraska declared today before the joint senate and house committee on agriculture.

The governor's appeal over in Washington on his return from the conference of governors. Edward D. Cassell, Chicago, secretary of the farm mortgage bankers' association of America, asserted that the crops ought to be financed now in the hands of farmers, so that the farmers instead of the speculators would get the profits.

In reply to Senator Norris of Nebraska, Mr. Cassell said he believed that prices would advance during the next few months.

CANDY PRICES ARE NOW UNDER FIRE

By the Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 4.—The high cost of living committee of the city council today turned its attention to candy prices, disclosing evidence that sugar retailing at nine and ten cents is being sold at from 60 to \$1.65 a pound when made up into candy.

COLBY TO SAIL FOR SOUTH AMERICA

By the Associated Press. Newport News, Va., Dec. 4.—Secretary of State Colby and party who arrived at Fortress Monroe on the Mayflower early today spent the forenoon inspecting the fortress and Hampton school for negroes and Indians, at the latter making a brief address.

Secretary Colby's party expected to board the battleship late this afternoon in preparation for the long voyage to South America.

Georgia recently came to Massachusetts to learn about the union of science and industry. Massachusetts might now go to Georgia to ascertain how it was possible to serve a Thanksgiving dinner there for 10 cents a plate.—Boston Transcript.

WANT TO REDUCE CONGRESSMAN OF SOUTH

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 4.—Investigation of "violent, illegal and unconstitutional disfranchisement of colored people in the southern states," looking to the reduction of representation of southern states was urged upon the house committee on the census by the society for the advancement of colored people, Representative Isaac Sleight, chairman of the committee, announced today.

James W. Johnson, secretary of the organization, who signed the letter represented to be in behalf of the 12,000,000 negroes in the United States asked to be allowed to appear before the committee next week.

"The association is prepared to place before the committee evidence that colored people who desired to register in the southern states were prevented by force or chicanery or by unjustifiable delay and that colored people who had registered were by the same means prevented from casting their ballots."

SILENT WARFARE PRACTICED AT TRIEST

By the Associated Press. Triest, Dec. 3.—Fihermen's boats off the gulf of Quenaro were today the only signs of life on that body of water, about which war is fictitiously being carried on. Last night was silent and this morning there was no change in the situation.

MRS. M'SWINEY IS NOW IN NEW YORK

By the Associated Press. New York, Dec. 4.—Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the lord mayor of Cork, who died from a hunger strike in Brixton prison, stepped quietly down the gangplank of the liner Cedric this morning, accompanied by another woman companion, to testify before the committee of 109.

Quiet marked the reception of the two women who were the first to step ashore when the Cedric berthed. A reception committee surrounded with the tri-color hunting of the Irish republic greeted them.

COTTON

By the Associated Press. New York, Dec. 4.—The cotton market opened at a decline of four to 24 points under renewed selling by Liverpool and some of the spot buyers who were supposed to be hedging on yesterday's selling in the south. Prices soon firm up with active months soon several points higher.

December	Open	Close
	15.40	15.80
January	15.50	15.94
March	15.70	15.99
May	15.90	15.99
July	15.90	16.13

GARNETT NOT HELD FOR DRIVING CAR

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 4.—When the case of Representative Garrett of Tennessee, charged with operating an automobile while intoxicated and with colluding, was called in police court here today, it was not pressed on motion of the government.

ALL FIVE LOCKED UP SAFELY IN PRISON

By the Associated Press. Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 4.—Following their trial in Wayne county superior court yesterday on charges of murder growing out of the killing of Herman Jones, a white man, five negroes were brought to Raleigh on a special train guarded by members of the Durham machine gun company last night.

Two of the negroes, Harry Caldwell and Jesse Foster, were found guilty of murder in the first degree and were found guilty of murder in the first degree and were sentenced to die in the electric chair on January 7. The other three defendants were found guilty of second degree murder and sentenced to 20 years each.

FRANCE ANSWERS ARGENTINE REPORT

By the Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 4.—France does not question the constitutionality of the adherence of Argentina to the league of nations nor the competency of Argentine delegates to sit in the assembly.

This statement was prompted by reports published in Argentina that France was questioning the legality of Argentine in the league, the point being raised that adherence could not be considered legal until acted upon by the council.

BOMB EXPLOSIONS REPORTED IN SPAIN

By the Associated Press. Madrid, Dec. 4.—Bomb explosions are reported in many sections of Spain considerable damage being done at various cities last evening.

At midnight an infernal machine exploded on the window sill of the palace occupied by the archbishop of Seville.

The flour mills of this city were shattered by explosions in this city last night, the outrage being attributed to striking bakers. Reports from Verona tell of violence in that city.

SENATOR HARDING AGAIN LANDS ON AMERICAN SOIL

President-elect Given Welcome by People of Virginia Cities and by Craft in Harbor—Colby's Boat Dips Flag—Makes Several Short Speeches

By the Associated Press. Newport News, Dec. 11.—Returning to American shores today from his vacation voyage, President-elect Harding received a rousing welcome from the Virginia tidewater cities as he set forth again on American shores.

Final abandonment of sectionalism and a rebirth of fearless nationalism furnished the theme of several speeches on his program tour in Newport News and Norfolk.

He declared that although the trip away from home had furnished him many pleasant experiences, it had served to increase his love for America.

The steamer Pastores on which the President-elect and Mr. Harding made the return voyage, came into Hampton Roads at daylight this morning.

The presidential yacht, Mayflower, which brought Secretary Colby to the Roads on the first leg of his journey to South America, dipped her flag as the Pastores passed and the battleship Florida, waiting nearby to take the secretary aboard, manned her rail to honor the president-elect. Big and little harbor craft joined in a thundering chorus of sirens and fog horns.

Tanned by the exposure of tropical suns and salt air, came down the gangplank of perfect health and Mrs. Harding, who had been ill most of the time since November 18, also looked well.

By the Associated Press. Newport News, Va., Dec. 4.—President-elect Harding landed here at 10:45 o'clock this morning, the steamship Pastores docking at one of the piers. Senator Harding left later for Norfolk.

VIRGINIA LAW IS BEING CONSIDERED

Raleigh, Nov. 4.—Suggestion has been made that the Virginia workmen's compensation law as recently passed be used as a basis for similar law now being proposed for North Carolina.

This recommendation will be made to the special legislative committee, named at a special session of the general assembly this summer, when the committee meets here on December 14. The meeting is called by Chairman Lindsay Warren, of Beaufort county, to give persons interested an opportunity to approve or oppose the legislation before a tentative bill is drafted and submitted to the regular session of the legislature next January.

TWO ARMED BANDITS GET \$12,000 PAYROLL

By the Associated Press. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 4.—Two armed bandits shortly before noon today held up Paul Handorf, paymaster for the Thompson-Sorrett Construction Company, and escaped with a bag containing \$12,000 in pay envelopes for the men. Less than an hour later a bank cashier was wounded by three bandits.

WILSON IS READY FOR CONGRESS TO MEET

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 4.—President Wilson has informed congressional leaders that he will receive Monday the committee to be appointed by the senate and house to notify him officially that congress is in session.

He has not, however, made known whether he will deliver his message in person, as was his custom before he became ill.

It was said today at the white house that the president's message was practically complete, but there was no information as to what specific recommendations the executive would make.

ROBERSON LEADS IN NUMBER OF BALES

Raleigh, Dec. 4.—Col. James R. Young, state insurance commissioner is in New York City this week attending the annual meeting of the national convention of insurance commissioners. Colonel Young is a member of the executive committee on laws and a special committee on profits of insurance companies. The sessions will continue through Monday.

A report of the number of bales of cotton ginned North Carolina for 1920 up to November 22, shows 501,219. This figure is somewhat under that for 1919 as for the same length of time last year 602,384 bales were ginned.

The following listed counties are in their order as to the number of bales ginned: Robeson, 46,513; Johnston, 31,938; Scotland, 28,507; Anson, 21,107; Harnett, 19,289; Mecklenburg, 14,840; Wake, 13,803; Durham, 108.

Although there is a surplus of labor in North Carolina the number of registrations with the Raleigh office of the federal employment bureau for the week ending November 27, do not substantiate the facts. There were only 40 who applied to Director H. L. Shipman for employment and of this number 32 were placed in positions as follows: Skilled laborers, 26; unskilled, 6; clerical and professional, one.