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THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 1921

Some statesmen are interested in what, rather than when, we get out of the Philippines.

Russia's Bolshevik leaders stand on the edge of a precipice and before long somebody is going to push them over.

Who says the Fordney tariff bill was not framed in the people's interest. Doesn't it reduce the duty from fifty to forty per cent ad valorem on such a daily household necessity as poker chips?

The greatest war in the history of the world was brought to a victorious conclusion during 18 months of the Wilson administration. At the present rate of progress will a Republican administration be able to conclude a treaty of peace in 18 years?

"Mean" temperature, as we understand it, is when the thermometer climbs to ninety-five in the shade.

The Ku Klux Klan has been disbanded in North Carolina by Bruce Craven the head of this secret order according to a statement made public by that official. Greensboro and High Point are said to have charters of the Klan and that efforts were being made by organization to place charters of the order in other town in the state.

Kinston Free Press: "We don't know anything about Ku Klux Klan officialdom. But whether Bruce was Grand Dragon or was merely suffering from hallucination, he has certainly stirred them up. He hit high and low and is drawing responses from them all."

Although Major Craven wrote an interview of about five columns for the Greensboro News, not a line, letter or comma of which we missed he found that he had not said it all and comes back again occasionally with some more dope on the Ku Klux Klan. The major's "expose" marks him as a frank sort of man, but doesn't it rather disqualify him for a judge over Israel? —Hickory Record.

The counties that made big cuts in tax values as fixed under the revaluation law are now forced to boost the tax rate. Vance county, for example, cut assessed values about 13-13.3 per cent, and the tax rate is boosted from 62-1-2 to 93-1-2. It's all a matter of taste—whether one prefers a high assessment and a low rate or a low assessment and a high rate—provided there is equality in assessment. There's the rub. The reduction was mainly on real estate and the purpose is to get back to the old system of assessing land at a small percentage of its value, which other property is assessed at a higher rate or a full value. And this system is for the benefit of owners of real estate, giving this class a special privilege over others. This might be endured while justice would be denied if the benefits went only to that class of our agricultural population who have actually suffered as a result of economic depression. But they get a very small part of it. Wealthy real estate owners in town and country are the chief beneficiaries.—Statesville Landmark.

FAILURE OF "BEST MINDS"

The "best minds" are in terrible quandary. Adding his note of warning to that of Senator Penrose Secretary of the Treasury Mellon declares flat-footedly that there can be no tax reduction by the present Congress. Rather says the chief of the nation's finances, taxes must be increased \$255,000,000 annually if the government meets all its expenditures during the present fiscal year.

During the late presidential campaign the "best minds" made the well known welkin ring with their charges of extravagance and incompetence against the Democratic administration. Elect Harding and a Republican Congress, they bawled from a thousand platforms, and taxes will be reduced and government expenditures put back on a pre-war basis.

But, alas, instead of the cost of government being reduced, expenses for July, 1921 were \$15,000,000 more than in July 1920. The "best minds" are running the government at greater cost to the taxpayers than the inefficient Democrat did.

And what is to be done about it? That is the question that bothers the "best minds," and for which they are unable to find a satisfactory answer. Plainly, from the declarations of administration heads and members of Congress close to them, it is useless to attempt to cut expenditures without impairing governmental efficiency or evading governmental obligations. The campaign promise to reduce expenditures and taxes must therefore be relegated to the limbo of

broken pledges. But where is the additional revenue to come from, since expenditures are to increase rather than diminish?

The effort now is to shift rather than lift the burden of taxation. And all the schemes proposed are about as popular as a bill collector at a clam bake. None has elicited a greater storm of disapproval than the proposed federal tax on automobiles. A million flivver drivers, already groaning under state and local taxes and burdensome upkeep, are ready to protest that the automobile is not a luxury but an expensive necessity, and that the poor man's modest car has been made the goat of taxation to the extreme limit bearable.

Wherever the "best minds" turn they meet a cool reception and a ready reminder that taxes were to be reduced instead of increased, according to their campaign pledges. The "best minds" will find the public a lot less gullible next year than it was last, and broken campaign pledges will not be easily explained away in the congressional election of 1922.

The report here is that the stretch of road from Hickory to Maiden will be among the first in this part of the state to be hardsurfaced, the money for this job having been loaned to the state to get this road immediately.

A special election has been called to be held in Shelby Saturday August 29 on the question of paying Mayor T. T. Gardner \$125 per month for his full time in the office, or continue the present rate of \$25 per month for performing the usual headship duties as mayor.

GERMANY'S TAKINGS OF COTTON.

The business between the United States and Germany seems to be rapidly getting back to the pre-war basis, and so far as the German demand for raw cotton is concerned, this appears to be particularly true. So far during the present year—and the big fall months' demand is yet to come—Germany has bought \$104,000,000 worth of our cotton. These figures may surprise, but they are supplied by so good an authority as the National City Bank of New York, whose statement goes further to say that the quantity of cotton sent to Germany during the past 12 months is greater than to any other country in the world, except the United Kingdom. It totals 576,000,000 pounds, against 210,000,000 pounds in 1920.

The National City Bank's statement goes into general details of the German trade with the United States, and it adds, as one "especially interesting point," that in this quick return to Germany to her former trade habits with us in the growth in our exports to that country, while to practically all other countries exports show a big decline in the closing months of the year under consideration. The total exports to Germany in June, 1921, were in round terms \$31,000,000 against \$9,000,000 in June of last year, an increase of over 50 per cent, while to Europe as a whole the June exports are 40 per cent below those of the same month of last year.

In our imports from Germany, adds the bank's statement, the tendency to return to pre-war conditions has been less strongly marked, the total imports from Germany in the fiscal year just ended having been but \$91,000,000 against \$190,000,000 in 1914, while for the very latest month June, the total \$7,600,000, is slightly less than in June of last year when it stood at 8-1-2 million dollars. The 1921 imports from Germany follow along lines similar to those prior to the war, including gloves, decorated china, laces and embroideries, fertilizers, chemicals, toys and limited quantities of colors and dyes, though much less in quantity and value than prior to the war.

NEGRO ATTACKS WHITE WOMAN IN CUMBERLAND

Fayetteville, Aug. 5.—Jim Harp, a negro living near Linden, is in the Hoke county jail charged with attempted criminal assault on a white woman at Linden yesterday. The alleged assault occurred at the home of the victim, Mrs. Hair, when a negro entered her house with a bag over his head at 11 o'clock in the morning. In the struggle that followed the bag was torn from the assailant's head and by this means he was identified by Mrs. Hair when arrested by Deputy Sheriff D. C. Cameron. Harp was brought to this city by Deputy Cameron and turned over to Sheriff N. H. McGachy, who carried him to Raeford, where most of Cumberland county's prisoners are now kept.

When the negro entered the house Mrs. Hair was alone. She was thrown on a bed but fought desperately and foiled the brute's attempt. The furious barking of a dog in the house attracted the attention of a negro boy who passed the house and reported the disturbance to several white boys who hurried for the deputy sheriff. When the deputy and other men reached the house the negro was gone. They followed him into Linden and arrested him at a negro house.

HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY THERE'S NO TUBERCULOSIS IN THIS STATE

Washington, Aug. 5.—Health officials from 12 southern states, in conference here with Surgeon General Cumming regarding the pellagra situation today were drafting a report of conditions in the south and recommendations of what should be done. Preparation of the report was in the hands of a committee of five and was to be adopted by the conference before it was made public. Dr. James A. Hayne, South Carolina health commissioner, a member of the committee, said the report would hold there "was not a scintilla of truth in charges that near famine existed in the south or that pellagra is increased there to any appreciable extent."

LONG SHOALS ITEMS.

Quite a number of people from this section attended the reunion at the home of Mr. J. D. Stroupe last Sunday, all reported a nice time. Miss Alda Spencer spent Saturday night with Miss Violet Friday. Miss Chassie Spencer, spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Pearl Rhyne. Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rhyne, spent Sunday in Newton. Mr. John Rhyne and family, Mr. C. A. and Alda Spencer and Mr. Paul Kiser motored to Greenville, S. C. to visit Mr. Spencer's mother. Miss Zelma Huffstetter spent Saturday night with Miss Mary Wren.

There will be a birthday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ross on Saturday evening August 13, in honor of Mr. Ross' fiftieth birthday. Miss Alda Spencer and Miss Violet Friday are spending the week with Miss Buna Stroupe, and Miss Ruby and Detro Carpenter, near Cherryville.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY SATURDAY AT BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

There will be a Sunday School rally Saturday at Bethel Lutheran church in the county, beginning at 10:30. Exercises by the Sunday school and an address by Hon. Bismark Capps of Gastonia. Dinner served on the grounds at the noon hour. After dinner the time will be spent in a social way. Public cordially invited. Come and bring well filled baskets. On Sunday at Bethel there will be preaching at 11 a. m. and holy communion services will also be held. Dinner on the grounds Sunday also, with preaching in the afternoon.

COL. NOLAN DEFENDS THE KU KLUX KLAN.

High Point, Special to The Observer. Aug. 10.—Principles of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan were defended by Col. J. Q. Nolan, of Atlanta, in an address before several hundred members of the local Klan here last night. High Point newspaper men accepted an invitation to attend the meeting and learn something of the activities of the organization here.

Colonel Nolan's address was the outstanding feature of the meeting. He made little reference to Bruce Craven's interview of last week, but declared that it would have been a violation of the constitution of the order to have commissioned a grand dragon in North Carolina in view of the fact that the constitution permits the commissioning of such an officer only after 40 Klans are in operation. At the present there are not 40 organizations, he said. That statement was a follow-up of the declaration made by Craven that he had been grand dragon but gave up the office.

SENATE VOTES CONFIRMATION OF F. A. LINNEY

H. E. C. Bryant in Charlotte Observer. Washington, Aug. 10.—The nomination of Frank A. Linney, republican state chairman of North Carolina, to be federal attorney for the western North Carolina district, was confirmed today by the senate, after opposition had been voiced over his position on the question of negro voting. The vote was said to have been 31 to 17. Nine republicans and eight democrats voted against him, while 29 republicans and two democrats voted for him. There was a general mix-up and confusion over the vote. It had been announced by some one that a vote would not be taken today, and many democrats left.

4 YOUNG PEOPLE HURT IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT

Lenoir, Aug. 9.—Miss Pansy Barber and Miss Lethia Griffin, John

Sudderth and Clark Downs were slightly injured yesterday afternoon when their automobile turned off the road about a hundred yards beyond the concrete house on the Jones hill. John Sudderth, who was driving, and Miss Barber were more seriously hurt than any of the other occupants. The car is said to have been completely turned over three times in its descent down the hill. In turning it dislodged a large rock which rolled over Sudderth, mashing his head into the ground. The parties in the car say that they were forced off the road by another car which they were meeting. The other car did not give them any road whatever.

LIMESTONE FOR COURT HOUSE WALL.

The New Lincoln Court House building wall is to be composed of limestone is the decision of the County Commissioners. The board made this decision at their meeting held last Monday in this city. At that time the board let the contract for the limestone and price named in the contract for this stone is understood to be in round numbers \$63,000, and the delivery of the stone will begin within three weeks.

The work is being delayed on the building this week waiting for a car load of granite from Mt. Airy. The first six feet of the courthouse wall is to be composed of granite, limestone being used for the balance of the wall.

Some date in September it is expected to lay the corner stone, however, no definite time has been set yet. The County Commissioners have invited the Masonic order to take charge of the cornerstone laying ceremony, and committees have already been named to work out plans as soon as the date can be determined. Grand Lodge officers of the state are expected to be here for the corner stone ceremonies, and the occasion will be one of interest not only to Lincoln County but also throughout this section of the state.

J. O. WHITE DIES IN AUTO CRASH

Prominent Gaston Citizen Killed Instantly.

Gastonia, Aug. 10.—J. D. White, prominent citizen of Gastonia and one of the leading cotton manufacturers of Gaston county, was killed instantly tonight about 9 o'clock in an automobile accident at Landrum, S. C., according to information received here by telephone.

The meager information received did not disclose the nature of the accident. It occurred however while Mr. White was returning from Sugar Loaf mountain near Hendersonville, where he went this morning to take Mrs. White travelling in his seven-passenger touring car driven by Oscar Cox, colored, chauffeur, whose leg was broken in the accident.

Mr. White was a pioneer in the textile industry in Gaston county, having been associated with Capt. J. D. Moore in the Gaston Cotton Manufacturing company in the early days of the industry in this section. In late years he had been interested in numbers of mills in Gaston and other counties of the piedmont section, having only a few months ago retired from active management of a group of four mills at Lenoir. At the time of his death he was president and general manager of Modena mills here and the Morowebb mills at Dallas.

Decensed was about 50 years of age. He had no children.

FOR SALE—One Buick Automobile, newly painted, good mechanical condition, also good tires. A good car and price right. One Ford Roadster 1918 Model Good Casings, and runs fine just the thing for small truck. Both bargains. Write or see S. S. Spargo, or C. B. Woolley, Crouse N. C. aug11-21*

BARBER FOUND DEAD: MAN WITH HIM KILLED ON WAY TO INQUEST

Newton, Aug. 10.—Jabs B. Honeycutt, well-known barber, was found dead near the street in North Newton at 5 o'clock this morning, and Jesse Combs, the last man with him last night, fell from a motor truck while enroute from North Newton to attend the inquest at a local undertaking establishment and sustained a fracture of the skull from which he died a few minutes later.

Honeycutt, who was 36 years of age, was a well known in this section. He is survived by a wife and four children, and also by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds. Coroner J. W. Shuford, of Hickory, was summoned and the jury found that Honeycutt came to his death from alcoholic or drug poisoning. Combs, aged twenty-one and unmarried, had been summoned to attend the inquest. He boarded a motor truck driven by Ed Sherrill, colored, for the undertaking establishment. About half way from the place the driver made a quick turn and Combs fell off and struck the hard pavement with his head, causing a fracture of the skull. Death was almost instant. Persons in automobile heard the heavy thud.

SYDNEY KINCAID TOOK ONE DRINK TOO MANY

Morganton News-Herald.

It is said that at the July meeting of the Board of Burke County Commissioners, when the jury list for the August term of court was drawn, the commissioners were discussing the costs of courts and that Sidney Kincaid, then a member but now in jail on the charge of murdering his wife remarked that at any rate there was no big murder trial to add to the county's expense. Little did he think then that he would be tried for his life before that court and on the grave charge of wife murder. Rum changed him from a respected county citizen to a criminal before the bar of justice. Like all other men who tamper with the stuff he thought he would drink a little now and then and that no one would know anything about it. To his everlasting sorrow Sidney Kincaid took one drink too many. He can never get away from the memory of the consequences of that drink.

GOVERNOR SMALL NOW OUT ON \$50,000 BOND



Springfield, Ills., Aug. 9.—Governor Len Small, of Illinois, shortly after 5 o'clock tonight, submitted to arrest on charges of embezzlement while state treasurer and accompanied Sheriff Mester to the courthouse to give bond. The arrest was made at the executive mansion. The governor was placed in the sheriff's automobile and rushed to the courthouse where bonds for \$50,000 were arranged. Bondsmen for the governor are Roy and Harry Ilex and C. H. Jenkins, director of the state department of public welfare.

WANTED—Hens, 20c lb.; Young Chickens, up to 2 lbs, 20c lb; old Roosters, 8c lb; Turkeys 25c lb; Butter, 20c lb; Hams 32c lb; Eggs, 32c, doz.; Veal, fat large size 5c lb. Bring me your produce and get the cash. I always pay more. A. L. Mauney, Crouse, N. C.

THERE WILL BE A Sale at home of Dorous Thornburg's on Aug 20th, at 10 a. m. Household and personal property to be sold at auction. L. A. Thornburg. all-21*

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