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BAKER URGES U. S. TO RETAIN SHOALS

Grant of Vast Power to Individual Would Put Industry at His Mercy, He Says

Washington, April 19.—Former Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker is strongly opposed to having the Government turn over Muscle Shoals to Henry Ford. A protest from Mr. Baker has been sent to the Committee on Agriculture which begins hearings on the question Wednesday.

"To grant Muscle Shoals to any individual or company for a hundred years, or even fifty years," Mr. Baker stated, "grants to such company or individual industrial dominance for that period of the whole Southeastern portion of our country."

"Every other industry will be at the mercy of that water power, while on the other hand, if the Government preserves and operates the dam it will be able to feed its current into super-power lines and so dominate the electric power situation as to compel equality of treatment to all the vast manufacturing interests of the Southeastern section."

"If I were greedy for power over my fellowmen I would rather control Muscle Shoals than to be continuously elected President of the United States and in the nature of the case nobody can now be wise enough to foresee, or adroit enough to forestall, all the ways in which private control of this immense power source will be prejudicial to the general public interest and profitable to a private interest."

THE HEAVY TAX ON TOBACCO

Uncle Sam Collects Five Times As Much As The Grower Gets For His Crop

The government of the United States takes in revenue from the bright tobacco grown by the farmers of Virginia and the Carolinas five times as much as they receive for their product.

To prove the truth of this statement regarding the revenue paid the United States government during the year from January 1, 1923, to December 31, 1923, it is conservatively estimated that the output of cigarettes in the United States, covering this period was sixty-five billion, these cigarettes not weighing more than three pounds per thousand, for which the government collects a tax of three dollars per thousand. It is obvious therefore that on sixty billion cigarettes at three dollars per thousand the government collects a revenue of \$180,000,000.

It requires three pounds of leaf tobacco in green order to manufacture 1,000 cigarettes, therefore it is evident that the government is already collecting \$1 per pound tax on the leaf tobacco which is manufactured into cigarettes in the United States and its possessions.

Records of the gross auction sales for the present season—1923 crop—show that in South Carolina, Eastern Carolina and the Old Belt the average to the grower will be approximately 20c, per pound gross. Thus it is evident that the government is already collecting five times the amount which has been paid to the grower of this tobacco for his product.

While it is said that the grower and the manufacturer, wholesale dealer and retail dealer pass the tax on to the consumer, it has been the custom in the past—and always will be—that when this commodity is taxed heavily it finally ends in coming out of the grower's pocket.

Germans Are Drinking Much Water

Berlin, April 18.—Before the war the average per capita consumption of coffee in Germany was five pounds annually, and in 1923 it fell to about one pound. The consumption of beer is only about one-half what it was before the war, and the use of tea and cocoa has fallen off in about the same proportion as coffee. The drinking of milk in the big cities ranges from one-tenth to one-fifth of pre-war days.

To the above extent the people of Germany are becoming drinkers of water.

Big Apple Crop For Virginia This Year

Richmond, Va., April 15.—Prospects for a good apple crop for Virginia according to George W. Koerner commissioner of agriculture, Mr. Koerner said that the buds were reported numerous and large throughout the state and that up to this time the weather had been very favorable to the production of fruit. What the season will hold in store for the apple producer, Mr. Koerner refused to predict, stating it was hard to say just when the last danger from frost was passed. He called attention to the fact that much fruit was killed last year by an unusually late frost coming on May 10.

Thirty-Six Missionaries Are Consecrated at Tampa

Tampa, Fla., April 15.—Thirty-six missionaries, 12 of whom will go into foreign fields, were consecrated at a service held by Bishop W. B. Beauchamp here tonight in connection with the convention of the women's mission council of the Methodist Episcopal church, south.

A solemn service, during which each of the young women told of her inspirations for mission work and of the trials and struggles which attended her education fitting herself for such duties was held, at the conclusion of which Bishop Beauchamp delivered a brief address and conducted the consecration.

The session, which has attracted an attendance of several hundred, will continue through Wednesday.

To Resell The Plant of Bailey Bros. Inc.

Winston-Salem, April 15.—The tobacco plant and real estate of Bailey Brothers, Inc., which was sold at public auction last month, following a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, filed with the Federal court in Greensboro last November, will be resold, a 5 per cent upset bid having been placed on the real estate, machinery, trade-marks and good will of the business. The bidding at the next sale, which will take place next month, will start at \$261,502.50, which is the bid of the above named parties creditors of Bailey Bros.

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Therefore there is every reason why closer planting should be practiced. This is a point that every sweet potato grower should keep in mind, whether growing for shipping, for local markets or for home use. The average distance that most growers set the plants varies from 15 to 24 inches. This should be reduced to 8 to 12 inches, in order that the desired quality and size may be obtained. Progressive Farmer.

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