

Full Program Faces Solons

Tariff, Budget, Bonus, Taxation Among Big Problems Confronting Congress—67th Session Convenes Monday—Fordney Bill to Be Introduced—Expected to Be Passed by Middle of Week

(By the United Press) Washington, April 9.—The program of the 67th Congress today had not taken concrete shape. It is still in the hands of the leaders of the House and Senate.

Too Loose-Fitting Windows Run Up the Coal Bill for Many

(By the United Press) Washington, April 8.—Stopping up cracks around doors and windows is an important factor in cutting down the coal bill and keeping the rooms comfortable, according to Farmers' Bulletin 1394, "Operating a Home Heating Plant," just published by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Egg of Passenger Pigeon is Worth a Thousand Dollars

(By the United Press) Urbana, Ill., April 8.—How would you like to buy a dozen eggs, guaranteed stale, for \$12,000? With prices of ordinary "hen fruit" fluttering back to near reasonable levels, \$1,000 seems high for any egg, but that is the estimated value of a single egg in the Natural History Museum of the University of Illinois here.

ACQUITTED OF MURDERING TWO JAPANESE SEAMEN.

Norfolk, April 8.—Four local men charged with killing two Japanese seamen here Christmas eve were acquitted last night. The jury was out 24 hours. The men were alleged to have slain the Japanese in a fight on board the steamship Kaisho Maru.

CABLE SHIP AT MIAMI: FURTHER PLANS OBSCURE.

Miami, April 8.—The Western Union cable ship Clowry, halted a few weeks ago in an attempt to connect the Miami-Barbadoes cable at this port, is here again. She came up from Key West. Local officials of the Western Union said the crew complained because "they could not get what they wanted to eat at Key West."

GREAT BRITAIN ON VERGE OF BIGGEST INDUSTRIAL FIGHT

Conference at Premier's House Believed to Have Been Resultless

TWO MILLION WILL QUIT

But Half of Workers Are Expected to Stay by Their Jobs—Men at Liverpool and Some Other Points Refuse to Walk Out

(By the United Press) London, April 9.—With Great Britain tottering on the verge of the greatest industrial war in history the government continued its efforts today to avoid the plunge into the abyss.

Fish Ducks Will Make the Niagara a Fishless Stream

(By the United Press) Niagara Falls, N. Y., April 8.—Fish in the Niagara River will soon be a thing of the past and the famous river will be known as fishless.

Plan Rifle Matches.

Washington, April 8.—Rules and regulations to govern the national rifle and pistol matches this year were completed at the War Department yesterday. The matches will be held at Camp Perry, O., in August.

PELL'S OPTIMISTIC OVER BETTER TRAIN SERVICE SOUTHERN

Believes North State Flyer Will Be Put on Between Eastern Carolina and the Mountains—Reduction of Time East to West

(By MAX ABERNETHY (Special Capital Correspondent) Raleigh, April 9.—Corporation Commissioners Pell and Maxwell returning to the city from Washington in the reverse order with one day intervening, disagree over the prospects of a through train from Goldsboro to Cincinnati by way of Greensboro, Salisbury and Asheville.

Artist Salesman on Trip to Take Him Around World

(By the United Press) New York, April 9.—An artist can be a salesman, too. J. Monnickdam, from Holland, is out to prove it. He arrived in New York the other day on a trip around the world, on which he is to make his own expenses—traveling and living—as he goes, by selling his own pictures.

MIKADO WILL SEND DELEGATION TO U. S. DURING SPRING

Friendship Mission Will Arrive in May, Washington Understands

BE MEMBERS OF DIET

Japanese Ruler Hopes to Bring About Better Relations Between Powers at Both Ends of Pacific. Program Comprehensive

(By the United Press) Washington, April 9.—Japan is about to make a number of important gestures to strengthen relations between that country and the United States, it was learned today.

Rotarians Gather at Norfolk for 7th District Meet

(By Rotarian J. A. Parham) Charlotte, April 9.—During the next 48 hours Rotarians between 1,500 and 2,000 in number, representing 40 local clubs in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, will be packing their bags and getting off to Norfolk for the Seventh District conference, which will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

SAYS SOUTH BELONGS TO METHODISTS AND BAPTISTS.

Roanoke, Va., April 8.—A declaration by Dr. Henry Snyder, president of Wofford College, that the "entire South belongs to the Methodists and Baptists," and a statement by Rev. E. B. Chappell, Nashville, Tennessee, Sunday school editor of the church, that the "world now is facing moral as well as financial bankruptcy," marked the opening session here today of the 137th annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Dr. Snyder, who is assistant director-general of the Christian educational movement of the church, added that "other denominations may be accomplishing something in this territory, but that preponderance of numbers of Methodists with their 2,250,000 members and Baptists with their 4,000,000 members, justifies the statement that the future of the South depends on the Methodists and Baptists."

BULLETINS

BIG BOUT WILL TAKE PLACE IN JERSEY.

New York, April 9.—Tex Rickard today announced that the Dempsey-Carpenter fight will be held in New Jersey July 2.

WOULD SELL ARMY SURPLUSES IN EUROPE.

Washington, April 9.—Secretary of War Weeks today announced that he had recommended to the chairman of the Senate and House Military Affairs committees the authorization of his department to sell surplus army food supplies to European countries by act of Congress. A ban now exists on selling army food to Europeans.

LOST BALLOON BELIEVED FOUND IN GULF MEXICO.

Pensacola, Fla., April 9.—A balloon thought to be the one aboard which five aeronauts from the naval station here were blown to sea more than two weeks ago was found floating at sea 20 miles off Panama City last night, reports here today stated.

Schooner in Distress.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 8.—The Spanish schooner Santa Eulalia has arrived here in tow of a British vessel after losing her rudder and sustaining other damage in a severe gale. The craft was bound from a Cuban port to Spain.

SHRINERS OF CITY HOLD BANQUET AND PLAN BIG TEMPLE

Lot of Wits Make Merry and Festive Board Groans With Table French

VISITING NOBLES TALK

And Some Local Ones Too Much—Song Artists Trill Lays—Felix Harvey's Parley Vous Trimmings for Good North Carolina Eats

The Kinston Shrine Club held its first annual banquet Friday night in the Kinoca Club rooms, 150 or more nobles and ladies participating in the festive and joyous occasion. A program full of merriment and pep and good-fellowship, spread over two or three hours, served to drive away all care for the time being at least of those who enjoyed the hospitality of the occasion.

Plans for the erection of a commodious Masonic home which will house all the branches of the fraternity here were revealed and it was declared by several speakers that before another year rolls around a substantial start to that end will be made.

The biggest feature of the occasion, aside from President Felix Harvey, Jr.'s success as toastmaster, John Michaelson's debut as a "chorus director" and "Lish" Lewis' address of welcome, was the successful launching of a movement to bring the 1922 spring ceremonial of Sudan Temple to Kinston. Potentate William R. Smith, of Raleigh, affectionately referred to by his fellow nobles as "Bill," was present and aside from making a fine speech, gave approval to Kinston's plans for entertaining the ceremonial. Dr. Joseph F. Rhem of New Bern, recorder of Sudan Temple and Mrs. Rhem were honored guests. Noble Rhem responded to some of Noble Lewis' remarks in a happy vein saying he would always be on hand when there were eats. Nobles William T. Hill of New Bern, F. B. Crowson of Goldsboro and F. M. Bridges of Wilson were present and told of their pleasure at being so. A number of local nobles were recalled on by Toastmaster Harvey, who kept the "pot boiling" with felicitous introductions. Among those who spoke was Noble E. B. Lewis who addressed the gathering: "Ladies and what you brought with you," following up his salutation with a cordial address of welcome. Noble W. F. Harding offered the invocation. Noble John Michaelson introduced as an "Asia Minor bass," and Noble Ely Perry, who was designated as the "Whiskey Tenor" were asked to sing a duet. John got out of the ordeal for all concerned with a monologue account of his "success on the operatic stage" while Ely shifted the burden to the shoulders of four other nobles "who didn't respond." After reciting the first "stanza," John called on the gathering to stand and join with him in singing the second. They did, while John beat time with a cabbage bouquet, which had been "hurled" at him.

Nobles Guy Elliott and M. M. Happer, successful aspirants for recordership and mayoralty honors in the recent primaries, were given an opportunity to speak. Elliott, as secretary of the Shrine Club, told of some of its activities of the past year. Happer admitted that he had been speaking pretty strenuously for the past 30 days and asked to be excused from a lengthy address, but expressed appreciation for the honor that had been bestowed upon him by the city and promised an administration that would bring some surprises. Noble C. F. Harvey, Sr., and the new president of the club, Fred I. Sutton, also responded to the toastmaster's call.

The following delightful menu was served by the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church: "Fruit cocktail a la Rhem, Chicken salad vous la Smith, Chees straws s'il vous plait Bradham, Pickles and beaten biscuit encore Anderson, ice cream and cake et el Dunn, coffee avoird fais Divan, smokes n'es ce par Nobles," with the notice: "Please don't blame the committee for the above—we don't know what it means BUT ask Felix Harvey—confidentially, he wrote it!" After the speech-making and banquet, the hall was cleared and turned over to the young people for dancing.

The new officers of the Kinston Shrine Club are: Fred I. Sutton, president; Dr. Mercer Parrott, vice-president; W. F. Harding, treasurer, and Guy Elliott, secretary.

JESSE JAMES BROUGHT UP TO DATE BY PEONS.

(By the United Press) Buenos Aires, April 8.—The southern part of Argentina is being ravaged by bushrangers who use methods that would do credit to Jesse James. It is estimated that more than 1,000 bandits were in the saddle at one time recently.

Williams Gets Life Sentence

Proprietor of "Death Farm" Saved From Death Penalty by Jury's Recommendation—Murderer of Eleven Blacks on Peonage - System Plantation Breaks Down—Counsel Moves for New Trial

ANNUAL CLEAN-UP MOST THOROUGH IN HISTORY OF CITY

Women Deserve Most Credit for Big Results—May Take Another Inspection to Determine Winners of Prizes Offered in Campaign

In spite of the inclement weather, and the excitement of the town primaries, annual Clean-Up Week this year has been more thorough than ever before in the history of Kinston. The members appointed by the civic department of the Community Club to direct the campaign and to make suggestions are loud in their praise of the splendid cooperation and willingness manifested by every woman to elevate the standard of hygiene in this city. The officers of the Health Department are surprised at the immense improvement wrought in the appearance of alleys and back yards wherever they have made their examinations. Homes and yards never looked so tidy and well cared for as they do now. Kinston is one of the healthiest and cleanest towns to be found anywhere. Indeed judges find it very hard to single out the homes entitled to prizes offered for the cleanest premises and best kept lawns; and another final inspection may have to be had to determine the prize winners.

All the credit for results must be given to the members of the gentler sex. Upon them alone rests the responsibility for making homes more attractive, and upon them alone fell the burden of the work in removing the rubbish and accumulations of refuse. They have succeeded wonderfully well in their efforts to make Kinston a far cleaner, healthier and more attractive town to live in. They worked heroically and demonstrated their ability to accomplish extraordinary results.

REVALUATION WILL SOON BE DEAD IF CHOPPING KEEPS UP

Raleigh Sees Action of Commissioners Many Counties as Menace to Bickett's Ambitious Scheme—Higher Taxes Are Coming

(By MAX ABERNETHY (Special Capital Correspondent) Raleigh, April 9.—Revaluation advocates about the capital today are not tickled to death over the way county commissioners have been slaughtering the Bickett tax law throughout the State in horizontal reductions in assessed valuations, and wonder when it will end.

Their opinion is that unless it reaches an end soon little will be left of revaluation. Frankly, there are but few who do not already see that the 1921 General Assembly in putting its foot back in the hands of the counties, in reality repealed the law. This was what the Republicans of the State demanded. They have been given by indirection what they asked for by direction.

Cotton

Table with 3 columns: Futures quotations Saturday were: Open, Close. Rows for May, July, October, December, January. Prices today were about 11 1/4c downward.

(By the United Press) Covington, Ga., April 9.—John S. Williams was found guilty of the murder of eleven negroes killed on his "death farm" by the jury at 9:50 this morning.

A sentence of life imprisonment was immediately imposed by the judge. Williams' attorneys moved for a new trial. Williams was stoical for a time, but finally broke down and cried. One small daughter of the defendant fell from her seat and was carried out. In rendering its verdict the jury recommended mercy, which automatically fixed the sentence at life imprisonment. Williams is the owner of the plantation on which it is alleged peonage was maintained, negro laborers being required to work as virtual slaves. Federal and State investigators found eight bodies buried and three in nearby rivers. Clyde Manning, Williams' negro foreman, was the principal witness for the State. Manning is to stand trial as an accessory.

Declarer Innocent. Covington, Ga., April 9.—"I am innocent of the charges," was the only comment Williams would make. It was stated today that an effort will be made to indict Williams for the murder of three or four additional negroes whose deaths had not been revealed previous to his conviction.

Aldermen to Look Into Finances of Recorder's Court

The City Council will hold an executive meeting Tuesday night to go into the matter of an apparent shortage in the funds of the Recorder's Court and has asked Clerk Kenneth F. Foscoe of the court to appear before the meeting. A rumored shortage of about \$3,000 is involved. City and county officials interviewed Saturday said they were confident that unpaid jail fees and other monies would account for a part of the money. The chief of police, county officials and members of the Board of Aldermen generally felt uninclined to hold Mr. Foscoe guilty of any irregularity until the matter was proved to the bottom. Foscoe told The Free Press that "every cent of it was in uncollected fines and costs and he did not see that the sole responsibility was upon him," he denied a report that he had refused to appear before aldermen investigating the matter.

Select Seed Sweet-Potatoes With Care to Increase Yield

(By G. A. CARDWELL) Wilmington, April 8.—To check sweet-potato disease care is necessary in choosing and treating seed potatoes, preparing hotbeds and crop potatoes. Sick sweet potatoes are dangerous as seed; do not plant them. Ten million to fifteen million bushels of sweet-potatoes are lost every year through diseases. That means that the 1920 average farm value from \$11,000,000 to \$17,000,000 out of the American farmers' pocketbooks.

Most of this big loss can be prevented. Save your share of the crop and the money by fighting disease. Start fighting by planting seed from only the potatoes that you know are safe and sound.

- Eight Rules to Be Guided By. Following are eight rules to be observed: 1. Select seed free from spots or rots of any kind. 2. Treat seed with a solution of bichloride of mercury (1 ounce in 8 gallons of water) for ten minutes. 3. Replace old soil in seed beds with new soil, or preferably sand, from a high place in the woods or from where sweet-potatoes have not been grown. 4. Disinfect after old soil is removed the bed and surrounding area with a solution of formaldehyde (1 pint formalin to 25 gallons of water).

5. If bed is temporary move it each year to where sweet potatoes have not been grown for at least eight or ten years. 6. Don't use manure in beds or fields from stock to which sweet potatoes have been fed unless the potatoes were previously cooked.