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MR. W. L. GALLANT DROPPED DEAD THIS AFTERNOON

Accumulated to Sudden Attack of Acute Indigestion After Walking Home From Up-Town—One of Gastonia's Oldest and Best Known Citizens—No Funeral Arrangements Yet Made.

Mr. W. L. Gallant, one of Gastonia's oldest and best known citizens, dropped dead at 1 o'clock this afternoon at his home, at the corner of Marietta street and Franklin avenue. Acute indigestion caused his death, according to physicians who were immediately summoned. Mr. Gallant had been up town and had just walked in at his home when the summons came suddenly. He had been unwell for the past several days. Deceased was a Confederate veteran and had been a resident of Gastonia since its early days as a town.

No funeral arrangements have as yet been made. A sketch of Mr. Gallant will appear in Monday's Gazette.

SENATOR HARDING ARRIVED AT 6:30 THIS MORNING

Pastores Comes In Two Hours Before She Is Expected—No Officials or Airships to Welcome Him.

(By The Associated Press.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 4.—President-elect Harding and party landed here at 10 o'clock this morning, the steamship Pastores docking at one of the Newport News piers. Mr. Harding and party will spend the morning in this city and from here will go to Norfolk for the afternoon.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 4.—The steamship Pastores, bringing President-elect Harding and party from Panama, arrived off Cape Henry at 6:30 a. m. and passed in an hour later, proceeding to Old Point.

The Pastores slipped up through the dawn, more than two hours before she was expected. Mr. Harding and members of his party were standing on deck as she approached the cape. The Harding ship was recognized by men at the lighthouse, by whom the first demonstration of welcome was made in the showing of flags.

There were no official or other boats to meet the Pastores, as had been planned. Airships from Langley field, which were to join in the welcoming, by dropping news bundles to the ship's deck, also were absent.

The Pastores waited off Cape Henry for an hour before proceeding to Old Point. None of the air fleet or other vessels which were to meet her showed up during the period of waiting.

SAYS COLORED PEOPLE IN SOUTH ARE ILLEGALLY DISFRANCHISED & IMPOSED UPON

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Investigation of alleged "violent, illegal and unconstitutional disfranchisement of colored people in southern states," looking toward reduction of congressional representation in such states as provided for in the fourteenth amendment to the United States constitution, was urged upon the house committee on the census by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in a letter to Representative Isaac Siegel, chairman of the committee, made public today.

James W. Johnson, secretary of the organization, who signed the letter, requested that representatives of the association, "in behalf of 12,000,000 negroes of the United States, be allowed to appear before the committee in Washington next week to present facts.

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

COLBY AND HARDING PASS IN NEWPORT NEWS HARBOR (By The Associated Press.)

MRS. MURIEL MACSWINEY ARRIVES IN AMERICA

Hundreds of Men and Women Greet Widow of Late Irish Lord Mayor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the lord mayor of Cork, who died on a hunger strike in London's Brixton prison, stepped quietly down the gang plank from the big grey liner Celtic this morning, landing here on her long journey to testify before the committee of one hundred investigating conditions in Ireland.

The little woman, clad in mourning, was accompanied by Miss Mary MacSwiney, sister of the late lord mayor.

Outside the entrance to the pier, hundreds of men, women and children wearing mourning bands and carrying flags of the Irish republic were massed to greet the women, but they appeared from a different exit than was expected and stepped into a waiting taxicab and were well started before the crowd knew they had landed. Immediately efforts were made to form a parade to escort Mrs. MacSwiney to a Fifth avenue hotel.

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

The taxicab had reached 23d street, seven blocks from the pier, before it was halted, and welcomed fell into line. A band struck up the Star Spangled Banner and "Irish republic" airs, cheers were raised and the parade got under way after the confusion which had marked the unexpected exit from the pier sheds of Mrs. MacSwiney.

The city officially welcomed Mrs. MacSwiney through Grover A. Whalen, commissioner of plants and structures, representing the mayor. Down the bay J. L. Fawcitt, "Irish consul" at New York, and personal representative of Ramon de Valera, "president of the Irish republic," accompanied by Oswald Garrison Villard, of the committee of one hundred, met Mrs. MacSwiney, going out to the Celtic on the coast guard cutter which put customs and newspaper men aboard the liner.

Passengers on the big steamer said Mrs. MacSwiney remained in her cabin much of the voyage from Liverpool.

The police boats "Patrol" and "John F. Hylan" carried welcoming delegations down the bay with representatives of a number of organizations of Irish sympathizers. Mrs. Peter MacSwiney and Mrs. Annie MacSwiney Dixon, cousins of Mrs. MacSwiney, shouted a welcome from the Patrol. An extra coast guard cutter was pressed into service to carry the unusual number of reporters and photographers.

Mrs. MacSwiney and her sister-in-law, however, made no statement to reporters, and declared they would have nothing to say until they had talked to the Committee of One Hundred.

REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL MEET AT COLUMBIA, DEC. 13.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Dates for the remainder of the 12 regional conferences on education arranged by the bureau of education, the first of which was held at Chicago November 29, were announced today by the bureau. In addition to a conference scheduled to open at Portland, Ore., today, others announced for this month include, Columbia, S. C., December 13, for North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

The purpose of the conferences, as announced by Commissioner of Education Claxton, is to discuss the "most important and pressing needs of education from the standpoint of the citizens who own, support and use the schools rather than from that of professional educators."

MUCH AMERICAN COAL BEING SHIPPED TO EUROPE.

(By The Associated Press.)

PARIS, Dec. 3.—Large arrivals of American coal at French ports are causing much comment in the coal trade of France, especially among the English coal interests here.

"England is losing her privileged position in the world as a coal exporter," the Paris edition of the Daily Mail quoted S. Samuel, of Instons & Co., a coal firm, as saying with reference to this situation.

American deliveries, says the newspaper, are now being made at \$14 a ton, against \$29 two months ago. It sums the situation up thus:

"England is threatened in the world's coal industry. America is aiming at obtaining control, and foreign consumers will benefit from this free competition."

GOVERNOR HARDING SAYS BANKS WILL DO THEIR PART BY FARMERS

Views of Other Government Officials Will Be Sought For Relief of Farmers.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Views of other government officials on possible means of relief for the nation's farmers from the effect of falling prices were sought by the joint congressional committee considering the problem on re-summing hearings here today. There had been no advance announcement, however, of the officials listed to appear.

In discussing the question before the committee yesterday, neither Secretary of the Treasury Houston nor Governor Harding, of the federal reserve board, were optimistic that any specific solution of the problem of falling markets as it affects the farmer might be found. Secretary Houston expressed the opinion that re-establishment of the war finance corporation alone would not insure increased exports of surplus farm products to Europe, unless there was an increase in the purchasing power of European countries.

Denying that the federal reserve board has urged any restrictions on the re-discount of agricultural paper, Governor Harding declared the farmers could fully rely upon the banks to do their part in carrying over loans on staple crops for which there is no market, provided they would make a fair statement of their condition to the bankers.

INVESTIGATING HIGH PRICES OF CANDY.

(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 10 cents a pound is being sold at from 65 cents to \$1.60 per pound when made into candy.

"One store charges \$1.25 for a box of the same goods sold at the other store for \$1.50, while still another sells one brand for 65 cents that retails at 85 cents for the fourth place," said Secretary E. J. Poole.

Candy makers are paid \$55 a week, said one manufacturer, in explanation when on the examining stand.

LIVING COSTS WILL DROP FAST EARLY IN NEW YEAR

Government is Determined That No Artificial Means Shall Be Resorted To in Effort to Keep Up Prices, and Predicts Quick Drop in Cost of Living—Business Must Take Its Losses and Prepare For a New Era.

(David Lawrence, in Greensboro News.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Practically every class of business or agricultural enterprise which has been hit by the drop in prices has appealed to the government at Washington for aid in some form or other. And while proposals for relief are being urged upon Congress through the political influence of the various business groups affected, the executive branch of the government has taken a determined position, viz., that intervention by the government to stop the fall in prices means a maintenance of the high cost of living.

The government view is that business of all kinds had been warned repeatedly since the armistice that a crash in high prices was coming sooner or later and that caution should be exercised. Those who refused to heed the admonition and have been holding their goods for high prices are suffering the consequences. Opinion in government circles inclines to the view that in most commodities the bottom has been reached in the price curve but that the consumer has not felt the drop in prices materially because so many retailers have naturally enough sought to get rid of their goods at prices somewhere near their original cost.

Retail Prices Coming Down.

Nobody in the government blames the retailer for his human desire to get back what he paid for goods on his shelves, but at the same time officials point to the strike that the consumer himself initiated against high prices. For months people have been refusing to buy until prices came down to reasonable levels. Government officials think the Christmas shopping will naturally help out the retailer in clearing his shelves for new purchases after the first of the year.

In order to promote business next year, buying is expected to be resumed after New Year with intensity yet with conservatism. Manufacturers who have had orders cancelled because retailers were holding their goods in a vain effort to compel the consumer to buy are expected to adjust their prices to fit the new conditions and the prediction here is that the cost of living will come down even more in the first months of 1921 than ever before.

While there is sympathy for the farm-

REPORTS BIG ORDERS COMING TO COTTON MILLS

Greenville Man Predicts Substantial Orders and General Picking Up of Business After December.

(By The Associated Press.)

GREENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 3.—Cotton mills in Greenville and other big industrial centers of the south, which have experienced stagnant business several months, are beginning to receive substantial orders that will enable them to resume full operation after December, according to a statement issued today by W. J. Thackston, prominent manufacturer, based on reports he has received from leading manufacturers of the south and commission merchants.

Substantial orders for cloth that have come to southern mills in the past few days is said by local manufacturers to be responsible for the slight improvement in the cotton market. One manufacturer announced today that he had received and accepted orders for print cloths that would enable him to run his plants without much curtailment of hours, but with a reduction of wages to something like normal. Another large manufacturer said he had some orders in hand which he could supply from goods already made from high priced cotton, that would show considerable loss, but the prices would be an even break on present prices of cotton, and lower wage costs.

As to the cotton situation, a special committee of the state manufacturers' association today received a letter from United States Senator Dial, who reported that "there is a tremendous demand for cotton if the foreign parties desiring it could furnish the security."

Senator Dial said he "had a call from a delegation yesterday from one country and they want to arrange to get three hundred thousand bales of cotton. They offered mortgages on their mills, he said, with endorsements of banks, guaranteed by the government to agree to hold the cotton in trust to pay the debt."

HEAVY SUBSCRIPTIONS TO FRENCH LOAN.

(By The Associated Press.)

PARIS, Dec. 3.—Unexpectedly heavy subscriptions from the provinces to the new French 6 per cent loans, which closed November 30, were said today to have raised the total beyond yesterday's estimates of something over 26,000,000,000 francs. Unofficial figures today estimated the total at about 30,000,000,000 francs.

PHI BETA KAPPA SOCIETY CELEBRATES 144TH BIRTHDAY WILLIAMSPORT, PA., DEC. 4.—

The 144th anniversary of the founding of the Phi Beta Kappa society, oldest and largest of the Greek letter fraternities, brought many visitors to William and Mary College here today, including Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador, who will be initiated as a fraternity member tonight and make the anniversary address.

Secretary Payne, Rear Admiral Grayson, physician to President Wilson, and an alumnus of William and Mary, and Norman Davis, under secretary of state, were among the visitors from Washington. The initiates include in addition to Sir Auckland, P. P. Claxton, federal commissioner of education; Don C. Seitz, New York World; William Pulitzer, New York; Professor Charles L. Raper, Syracuse, N. Y., and a number of distinguished Virginians.

The initiation of Sir Auckland Geddes brings to fourteen the number of prominent Britons taken in by the Alpha, or mother, chapter of the fraternity. Former British Premier Arthur Balfour and 12 members of the British mission who accompanied him to the United States after American entry into the world war, were initiated here during their visit.

NEGROES ARE BROUGHT TO RALEIGH BY SPECIAL TRAIN

(By The Associated Press.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 4.—Following their trial in Wayne county superior court at Goldsboro yesterday on charges of murder growing out of the killing of Heman Jones, a white man, five negroes, for whom mobs made two unsuccessful attempts to obtain possession, were brought to Raleigh by special train guarded by members of the Durham machine gun company and placed in the state penitentiary here late last night.

FAVOR RE-ESTABLISHING WAR FINANCE CORPORATION

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Senators from cotton growing states met today in the office of Senator McKellar, Tennessee, and decided to support the resolution which will be introduced by Senator Calder, of New York, re-establishing the war finance corporation. At the same time Senator Smith, of Georgia, will introduce a bill to amend the federal reserve act regarding the rediscounting of cotton factors paper.

SENATOR CAPPER WANTS TO STOP GAMBLING IN COTTON AND FOODSTUFFS

Would Impose Tax on All "Future" Dealing in Cotton, Corn, Grains, Etc.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Senator Capper, of Kansas, today made public his proposed bill to stop gambling in foodstuffs and cotton.

A tax of 10 per cent, designed to be prohibitive, on "future" trading in grain and cotton, except by actual owners or a limited class of traders under federal license, is the basic feature of the Capper bill, which is to be introduced in the senate next week by the author and in the house by Representative Tinker, republican, of Kansas. 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 farm products," said Senator Capper. "It will eliminate the wheat pit and the blackboard. It will put out of business the thousands of wire houses and bucketshops *** by making it impossible for gamblers and speculators to deal on boards of trade."

"The bill undertakes to preserve the legitimate 'hedge' but cuts out all gambling and manipulation."

Farmers, dealers and manufacturers buying or selling grain or cotton for actual delivery would not be restricted by the proposed law, Senator Capper said.

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

Sellers of grain, grain products and cotton who at the time of sale would be owners of the "actual physical property," and traders regularly engaged in growing, dealing in or manufacturing and registered with the internal revenue bureau would be exempt from the ten per cent tax. Such traders, however, would be limited in their dealings to three times their actual transactions during the preceding year, and would be required to report all dealings to the internal revenue bureau.

ANTI-VIVISECTION GETS SWAT FROM THE DOCTORS.

(By The Associated Press.)

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 4.—Efforts of anti-vivisectionists to prevent experiments upon animals by qualified surgeons was denounced at the first public meeting of the clinical congress of the American College of Surgeons in session here today. Dr. John B. Deaver, professor of surgery, University of Pennsylvania, said that vivisection is carried out as carefully as any human operation.

"Anyone who promotes legislation designed to hinder the battle against human disease deserves to die a premature death," Dr. Deaver said.

Dr. Franklin M. Martin, secretary-general of the College of Surgeons, also condemned the opponents of the practice. It is, he said, "either a case of experimentation upon animals or children."

DAVIS AND MONTAGUE TO RUN FOR SWANSON'S SEAT

(By The Associated Press.)

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 4.—Following a statement by Governor Westmoreland Davis that he will be a candidate for the United States senate to succeed Claude A. Swanson, who is to seek re-election, it is authentically announced today that former Governor Andrew J. Montague will be a candidate for the same position in case Mr. Swanson does not enter the race. Senator Swanson's health is improving and it is said he expects to conduct a most active campaign. The election takes place in 1922.

TO REFRESH A WOMAN'S MEMORY A SINGING RING HAS BEEN INVENTED WITH A CHIME OF COLLOIDS ON WHICH MEMORIES CAN BE WRITTEN.

(By The Associated Press.)

To refresh a woman's memory a singing ring has been invented with a chime of colloids on which memories can be written.

ARGENTINA CEASES TO PARTICIPATE IN LEAGUE

(By The Associated Press.)

GENEVA, Dec. 4.—An amendment to the covenant to the league of nations eliminating Article X, the most mooted section of the pact, was introduced in the assembly of the league today by Charles J. Doherty, Canadian minister of justice. The amendment will probably be referred to the committee on amendments.

Honorio Pueyrredon, the Argentine foreign minister, today handed Paul Hymans, president of the league of nations assembly, a letter announcing that the Argentine delegation had ceased its participation in the league.

ARGENTINA'S DELEGATION FAILS TO SHOW UP.

(By The Associated Press.)

GENEVA, Dec. 4.—Argentina's delegation to the assembly of the league of nations did not appear during the first hour of today's meeting.

Honorio Pueyrredon, head of the delegation, refused to deny that Argentina was withdrawing from the league.

"I cannot discuss the matter at this time," he said to The Associated Press at his hotel.

The Argentine representatives were in conference when Senor Pueyrredon was seen today. The Argentine foreign minister declared he would probably go to the assembly meeting later, but up until noon he had not appeared.

MARKET SHOWS A STEADIER TONE THIS WEEK

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The market for securities displayed a steadier tone this week, additional elimination of speculative accounts strengthening the technical position and inspiring a degree of confidence among investors.

This latter development was evidenced by the issuance of new capital offerings approximating \$50,000,000, which were readily absorbed, but other credits and loans, including several foreign negotiations, remained in abeyance.

Trading in stocks again was fairly extensive and the further retrogression in trade and industry, as reported from virtually all sections of the country, effected additional depreciation of quoted values.

Publication of the terms of the much discussed Southern Pacific "melon" as represented by the formation of a company to take over its oil properties seemed to cause disappointment in speculative quarters, Southern Pacific shares being among the few high grade rails to react. The money market was relatively easy, but hopes of pronounced relaxation before the end of the year were dissipated by the announcement of the treasury department, calling to the government large requirements in the immediate future.

Foreign exchange again denoted the world-wide unsettlement of economic conditions and the low record liability reserves reported by the Bank of England bespoke increased pressure in that important quarter.