

WANT EMBARGO ON IMPORTATION OF MANY FARM COMMODITIES

Western Senators Appeal to President Harding for Immediate Embargo on Importation of Cotton, Wool, Hides, Meat, Etc.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—President Harding had under advisement today an appeal from western senators and representatives that he place an immediate embargo on the importation of a number of farm commodities, including cottonseed oil, lemons, wool, hides, meats and butter, represented as most keenly affected by foreign competition. When the request was made in conference late yesterday President Harding, after being told that many producers in those lines faced ruin unless relief was forthcoming, indicated that he desired to confer with certain members of his cabinet before acting on the appeal.

Adhering to its program for rushing through at the special session of congress an anti-dumping bill, together with an added American valuation measure, possibly to be combined in one bill, the house ways and means committee referred to treasury department officials today its resolution adopted yesterday requiring them to frame a rough draft for its consideration.

With the committee also still holding firmly to the view that a permanent tariff bill should have priority over tax revision on the legislative program it was initiated by Chairman Fordney that the actual work of writing the tariff measure might be begun when the committee met today. Meanwhile, there had been no indication as to whether President Harding, who expects to confer in a day or two with western members of the committee favoring tariff priority, had approved the program agreed upon at the recent conference between representatives of the house committee and the senate finance committee.

At the treasury department, although Secretary Mellon publicly has expressed no views on the question of priority. Tariff or revenue revision, officials of ready have begun the formulation of a tax revenue policy. A detailed survey of revenue sources and the extent to which each might be drawn upon for federal income is under way in order to have all necessary tax data ready to early submission to congressional committee should they call for it.

GASTONIA TO GIVE ITS FIRST CONGRESSMAN A ROUSING SEND-OFF

Plans Are Under Way to Give Congressman-elect Bulwinkle Public Ovation When He Leaves for Washington.

Major A. L. Bulwinkle, Gastonia's first congressman, will be given a rousing send-off when he leaves for Washington, it was decided at the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce held at the offices Thursday afternoon. A committee consisting of Mayor R. C. Carter, J. W. Watson, Fred D. Barkley and E. G. McLeod was named to make the necessary arrangements.

It is expected that the send-off will take the form of an ovation at the station when the major leaves next week. It is believed that, regardless of party affiliations, the people of Gastonia would like to show the major their appreciation, having a citizen in the halls of congress. This will be scheduled for some time in April.

Tentative plans call for a committee get together sing with several short speeches, plenty of music, etc.

CITY LETS CONTRACT FOR FILTER PLANT

Costs \$9,000—Will Have Two Million Gallon Capacity—21 Miles Iron Used in Erection.

At a recent meeting of the city council the contract for the construction of Gastonia's new filter plant was let to Tucker & Lawton, of Charlotte, for \$9,000. The new plant will be erected on the city's property on the corner of Falls and Page avenues. It will be of two million gallons capacity every 24 hours. It represents the latest work in sanitary construction and arrangements. The building will be of reinforced concrete. Twenty-one miles of reinforced iron will be used in the building.

The awarding of this contract practically completes the city's program of \$40,000 worth of improvements in the water system outlined more than a year ago. Small water mains throughout the city have been replaced with large 12 inch mains, and all outgoing sections have been furnished with an adequate supply of water.

WEATHER.
North Carolina, fair and cooler tonight; Saturday cloudy.

Employees Lay Before Railroad Board Eleven Basic Fundamental Principles

CLARA SMITH HAMON IS FREED OF MURDER CHARGE ON FIRST VOTE

CHICAGO, March 18.—Eleven basic principles satisfactory to labor and to which labor would be willing to negotiate agreements, were laid down before the United States railroad labor board today by R. M. Jewell, president of the railway employees department of the American Federation of Labor.

"These fundamentals, upon which the national agreements are based, consist only of those elementary principles and safeguards which enlightened public opinion has sanctioned and officially declared necessary to the well-being of the men and women employed not only in the transportation industry, but in all basic industries," Mr. Jewell said.

Arguments upon the proposal of the railroad executives to advocate the national agreements has occupied the attention of the board since January 21 when the request was submitted by W. W. Atterbury, vice president of the Pennsylvania railroad.

The fundamentals which are the basis of the national agreement are as follows: Mr. Jewell said:

The eight-hour day; proper overtime rates for work in excess of eight hours; arrangement of working shifts for reasonable living arrangements by employees and their families; definition of the work on each shift to be performed by mechanics and helpers; formulation of apprenticeship rules; four years apprenticeship requirement; but neither the right of the majority of each shift to determine what organization shall represent them, nor the right to elect a committee to handle grievances; limiting of craft superiority to local shops and not permit interchange of seniority with other jobs of crafts; and right to organize without discrimination.

"If machinery can be successfully established for the general settlement of disputes," said Mr. Jewell, "then fundamental principles are not only necessary, but necessary."

"We have no doubt that the railroad labor board will consider these fundamental principles," said Mr. Jewell, "and we know the public will support them when it really knows the truth."

"Our reason for summarizing these fundamentals at this time is to demonstrate how far we have been from the railroads being invited to meet with those who have been selected and installed by the rank and file of railroad employees to adjust the whole matter of national agreements."

"Well rounded and smooth running machinery would mean an operation independent on railroads and good will between management and employees would prevail where now exists growing distrust, dissension, dissatisfaction and increasing combats of a fast approaching, costly and vicious conflict."

"Even now if the representatives of the railroads were sincere in their attitude and engaged in a sincere effort to back national agreements, all questions of national agreements and national adjustment boards could be quickly settled."

ELNA BIVENS FACES TRIAL FOR MANSLAUGHTER

White Woman Who Deserted Infant Ten Days Ago Committed to Jail This Morning—Deserted Child Died in City Hospital.

Charged with manslaughter, Elna Bivens, the young white woman who deserted her infant boy on the night of March 7, was committed to the county jail this morning in default of an \$800 bond to await trial at the April term of the Superior Court for the trial of the case.

The child died at the city hospital Tuesday, the 15th, after a long illness. The child was born at the city hospital on the night of March 7, and after the physician and nurses had exhausted every means at their disposal to save its life. The preliminary hearing was held before Judge Jones in the city court this morning. The testimony was as follows:

Alleging from a Southern town here on the night of March 7, the Bivens woman, who is about 20 years of age, deserted a couple of colored women, who were standing at the station to hold her baby a few minutes, when she stepped to a restaurant. They succeeded in finding her, but she would not return to them. She had to be held up by their force to get her back to the city hospital, where it was found to be suffering from pneumonia, and probably to expire. Finding the outcome of the child's chance, the mother took a great interest in the little fellow and all hoped that he would live.

This case is a tragic one. The mother is a woman of the world and is believed to have escaped from her husband in the police court. She had a child in her life in and around Gastonia.

FREIGHT RATES BY WATER REDUCED 20 CENTS

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 18.—L. C. Boushield, general agent here for the Southern Pacific Company, announced today that, effective March 21, freight rates on cotton by water from New Orleans to New York, would be reduced from 66 to 46 cents a hundred pounds and effective April 21, rates on similar shipments from New Orleans to the Atlantic seaboard, would be cut 15 cents a hundred pounds.

ASK HERBERT HOOVER FOR REPRESENTATION FROM TEXTILE INDUSTRY

Gastonia Chamber of Commerce Will Memorialize Head of Department of Commerce to Give South, and Possibly Gastonia, Place on Advisory Board Regarding Foreign Trade.

Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce in President Harding's cabinet, will be memorialized by the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce to give the South and, if possible, this section, representation on an advisory board to be selected by him later from the textile industry, to advise with him regarding proposed developments by the department in the upbuilding of foreign trade.

Information came to the board of directors at their regular meeting Thursday afternoon that Mr. Hoover plans a complete reorganization of his department with the special development of foreign trade in view and that he plans to name advisory boards in leading industries interested in export trade. The textile industry in the South has assumed such proportions, Gastonia leading the nation except for New England countries, that it is believed he will not overlook this section in making the board for the textile industry, especially if the development of the industry in this section is called to his attention.

The board strongly favored the establishment here by the Kings Mountain Free, history of a home for motherless children and named a committee consisting of J. O. White, S. N. Bovee and A. J. Berry to appear before a committee from the President's Saturday afternoon to urge the location in Gastonia of the home.

The jury was given the case at 1:30 p. m. and returned to the courtroom 40 minutes later. B. F. C. Langridge, 27-year-old negro, said only one bullet was taken, a secret one, confined by a ring wire.

Clara Hamon obtained the information fully seven minutes before the verdict was rendered in open court and sat, surrounded by members of her family, half smiling, half afraid to believe the most of assurance that were lent toward her.

When Judge Thomas W. Champion mounted the bench and received an affirmative response to his question "Gentlemen, have you reached a verdict?" her eyes followed the motions of the jury as they returned the verdict from Mr. Langridge and handed it to the clerk to read.

Clara Hamon gasped audibly in the vicinity of the courtroom, dropped forward in her seat only to be seized from behind by her younger brother, "Johnnie," who spoke violently and kissed Clara's name to her eyes and the other members of her family cried with her as she gazed to the standing jurors and indignantly thanked them for their verdict.

"I am the happiest woman in the world," she said.

She used a secret passage from the courtroom to escape the crowds which thronged to overwhelm her with congratulations.

Though her plans for the future were incomplete, she and members of her household of six afterwards said. She is considering a number of business propositions, according to Walter Scott, of Port Waltham, Texas, one of her counsel but what she shall do in the immediate future is undetermined.

Her father, J. L. Smith, is wealthy of El Paso, Texas, and it was said she might return there to live with him in the last days of what is termed an illness which may be fatal.

Name of the members of the family of J. L. Smith is in the courtroom when the jury returned its verdict. Mrs. Hamon, the widow, and her two children, Jake and John, left when the case was called on the jury. Mrs. Hamon said that she was in tears.

Mr. Hamon attempted all weapons of the law to delay and in doing so, he was kept sitting directly opposite Clara Bivens, in his own way.

Not only during the entire trial, which began a week ago today, did the two women appear to become conscious of each other, but on the faces they testified when each regarded the other closely.

Thought of the lower line of Mrs. Jake Hamon, it was said that she had not been back of the verdict and that she would not be held responsible because of her mental and emotional condition. Jake Hamon said that if his mother was given the opportunity of this appeal after which he had considered by the jury, it would result to show her into a public in the charge of which she is right now.

MITCHELL COUNTY MAN KILLS FIVE-YEAR-OLD GIRL

BAKERSVILLE, N. C., March 18.—Judge Anderson, Mitchell county, was under arrest here today in connection with the death of the five-year-old daughter of his brother-in-law, Charles Buchanan, alleged to have been killed by a bullet fired by Anderson at Buchanan's 16-year-old son who was wounded by a stray bullet in an exchange of shots between the two men, it was said. Trouble over a business transaction, police explained, caused the shooting.

American Legion To Stage Big Patriotic Demonstration Tonight

NEW YORK, March 18.—Five hundred policemen have been detailed to handle the 30,000 or more persons expected to turn out tonight for the American Legion's all-American meeting in Madison Square Garden, the auditorium with a seating capacity of about 13,000.

Applications were received for more than 100,000 tickets, and 30,000 have been issued by the legion. First arrivals will get the seats.

Arranged as a protest against the recent "horror on the Rhine" meeting, held in the same hall, legion officials declared that the gathering tonight would express disapproval of all "hyphenated propaganda" and that they hoped to make it the greatest patriotic demonstration since the close of the war.

General Pershing will be principal speaker at the meeting, over which F. W. Galbraith, national commander of the American Legion, will preside. Among those invited to sit at the speakers' table are Major General Robert Lee Bullard, Rear Admiral Harry McCL. Huse, William Howard Taft, George W. Wickersham, James W. Gerard, Henry L. Stimson, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Alton B. Parker, Miss Anne Morgan, Carrie Chapman Catt, and leaders of various patriotic societies.

THREE AMERICANS ARE WOUNDED IN SKIRMISH MEXICAN SMUGGLERS

INSPECTORS BELIEVE THAT MEXICANS WERE TRYING TO SMUGGLE OVER LIQUOR OR DRUGS.

EL PASO, Texas, March 18.—United States officers and immigration officers early today were patrolling the Mexican border here, where from 10 o'clock to 11 o'clock a. m. they had exchanged shots with a party believed to be Mexican smugglers, in which three Americans were wounded.

The Mexicans opened fire on three American immigration officers who discovered early today the Mexicans forcing the Rio Grande, which is about 50 yards wide at that point. The return fire of the immigration officers apparently wounded one of the three Mexicans wading the river, and two immediately answered by rifle fire commencing in bushes on the Mexican side.

Two more inspectors and 100 soldiers of the 10th infantry from El Paso responded to a call for assistance and for more than an hour the firing continued here, the Americans firing at the Mexicans from the Mexican side. An occasional scream of pain from the Mexican side indicated that the American fire was not without results.

At 11 a. m. the Mexicans' fire died down, and a dim light was visible north of about on the Mexican side.

C. A. Perkins, inspector in charge, and he believed the Mexicans were attempting to smuggle over liquor or drugs.

The three Americans wounded were Private M. J. Koller, Company D, 10th Infantry, shot in left arm and scalp wound; Private Teropki, shot through his forehead; and Joseph Thomas, immigration inspector, scalp wound.

REPORT VOLSTEAD LAW WILL BE TIGHTENED UP

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Reports that prohibition leaders in congress were again pressing for the Volstead law to be made more stringent, and for its enforcement to be made more strict, were today introduced at the state session in a committee.

The committee to prepare has consisted of several members, but the prohibitionists and their supporters. The law is now being considered in the interest of the prohibitionists, and it is believed that the law will be made more stringent.

RUDISILL, SECRETARY TO BULWINKLE, IN GASTONIA

Mr. Joseph A. Rudisill, of Maiden, N. C., secretary to Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle, arrived in Gastonia this week, and has already entered upon his duties in the office of Major Bulwinkle. Mr. Rudisill is a graduate of Lehigh College and of the Wake Forest law department.

GOVERNOR MORRISON HERE FOR MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL

GOVERNOR MORRISON, of the State of North Carolina, is in Gastonia today on his first visit to the city since assuming the duties of the governorship. He is here to attend a meeting of the board of directors of the N. C. Orthopaedic Hospital held at 1 o'clock this afternoon in the directors' room of the First National Bank.

Dr. Oscar L. Miller, of Atlanta, a noted orthopaedic surgeon, formerly associated with Dr. Michael Hoke, who will be in charge of the N. C. Orthopaedic Hospital, will also meet with the directors. Dr. Miller has been selected for this position after a careful search by the directors for the best available man to be found. He leaves soon after the meeting for New York where he will spend several weeks in an intensive study in some of the more prominent orthopaedic hospitals of the continent and England.

The members of the board of directors are as follows: P. C. Harlow, chairman; Cameron Morrison, vice-chairman; R. R. Ray, J. L. Johnson, W. C. Hixson, Archibald Johnson, M. B. Spivey, Geo. R. Cantor. The late Col. S. W. Armstrong was absent member of the board.

STATE OF TENNESSEE BUYS TAILOR HOME OF ANDREW JOHNSON

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 18.—A belated little building at Greeneville, in Eastern Tennessee, upon the front of which are hanging the signs "A. Johnson, Tailor," and which was the place where Andrew Johnson, the man who succeeded Lincoln as President of the United States, began his business career, will be bought and preserved by the State of Tennessee.

A bill was passed today in the Tennessee legislature providing for the purchase of the building and its maintenance as a state relic. The building has been in the hands of the Johnson family since the death of Andrew Johnson, who was born in Raleigh, N. C., emigrated at the age of eighteen. Having served his apprenticeship to a tailor, Johnson opened his first shop in Greeneville. After a year he was married to Miss Eliza McCallie, to whom it fell to teach her young husband to write and undertake other educational preliminaries as Johnson knew only his letters when he became head of his own house, having never attended school a day in his life.

Johnson's political career began as a member of the Tennessee legislature. He then served as mayor, was elected to the lower house of the legislature, then state senator, afterward to congress, became governor of Tennessee, serving two terms, United States senator, military governor of Tennessee, was elected as vice president of the United States and became president upon the death of Lincoln. His final political office was that of United States senator from Tennessee.

Johnson, while governor of Tennessee, was named his constitutional lieutenant. He had formed a strong friendship in the Tennessee legislature for W. W. Peppercorn, of Springfield, a staunch Whig and once a backslider. Despite their tremendous political growth, the personal relations of Johnson and Peppercorn were excellent. Peppercorn became one of the most influential men in 1841 and after a visit to Johnson, then governor, set about making a present to his friend, furnishing a shawl which he sent with a note explaining it was intended as a memento of a friendship that was proof against all political differences.

Johnson, to show his appreciation of the shawl, took Peppercorn to a mill and made him a hood made of wool cloth which he presented to Peppercorn. It was a splendid piece of workmanship, probably the best of that kind of work Johnson ever did and exists to this day, the property of W. W. Peppercorn, of Springfield, who arrived in Tennessee in 1842. Peppercorn, who made about eleven shawls before Johnson died, the White House and the museum to preserve his shawl, had in Tennessee the legislative record of his record that story of the shawl.

HUGHES' TESTIMONY WILL FIGURE LARGELY

MADISON, Mo., March 18.—The government in the case against 72 men on trial of 81 indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of conspiring to rob the American Railway Express Company of merchandise in transit, valued at more than \$1,000,000, will base its case principally on the testimony to be given by W. A. Hughes, former express messenger, who took the stand late yesterday, it was learned today.

It was at first indicated that Hughes would be on the stand for about four days, but indications today were that he will be under examination and cross examination for a week or more.

When on the witness stand yesterday Hughes named nearly all of the defendants as persons with whom he conspired, according to his testimony, to rob the express company.

CHICAGO, March 18.—Qualifying rounds in the 140 yard and 880 yard events of the Big Ten Conference indoor meet are on the program for tonight at Northwestern University gymnasium.

CHICAGO, March 18.—The reorganized White Sox face their first real competition today, playing the second game of the "New York Giants."