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HOPE TO FINISH UP THE MUSCLE SHOALS AFFAIR BY MIDDLE OF THE WEEK

To Consider Counter Proposals Submitted by Alabama Power Company and by Wilmington Firm.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. — Officials of the Alabama Power Company appeared today before the House Military Committee, which is conducting hearings into the proposed sale of the Government's nitrate and power projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., to present their claim to optional rights on certain portions of the property.

The Alabama Power Company claims, under a prior contract with the Government, the privilege of purchasing the Warrior plant at Muscle Shoals on as advantageous terms as may be given to any other bidder and maintains that sale of this plant to Henry Ford would be a clear violation of the contract.

S. H. Dent, chief counsel for the company, presented Thomas Martin, president of the company, and F. D. Mahoney, its commercial manager, as the principal witnesses in defense of the contract.

Mr. Mahoney testified that he was present when the contract was executed November 7, 1918, as a consulting engineer for the ordnance department. Colonel C. F. Beames, of New York, was named by Mr. Dent as the second witness to the signing. A telegram from him was read stating he remembered the day as that on which "the false report of the armistice was made" and would testify to that effect if recalled.

Mr. Martin said no representative of the Government, of the army or of Mr. Ford had taken up with the company the question of "its property rights at Warrior, Ala."

"That statement shows," Dr. Dent said, that the company has had no opportunity to express its views before the decision was made by the chief law officer of the army, holding that the contract was 'null and void.'"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. — Investigation by the House Military Committee of the offer made by Henry Ford for purchase and lease of the Government's war properties at Muscle Shoals, Ala., entered its final stages today with the probability that it would be concluded by Wednesday. The committee opened the fourth week of hearings confident that all evidence on the Ford proposal would be heard in time to begin a new series in connection with the counter proposal submitted by the Alabama Power Company not later than Wednesday.

Chairman Kahn said the committee was prepared to continue its work without interruption on the power company's offer and after that on the offer of Frederick Engstrum, of Wilmington, N. C., whose bid was referred to Congress by Secretary Weeks last week and forwarded to the military committee for study and report. Mr. Kahn was unable to predict how long it would require to conclude hearings on the three bids and submit a report on them to the House so that final action there might be started.

S. H. Dent, former chairman of the committee, was invited by Mr. Kahn to proceed today with arguments on the contract which was signed by the Alabama Power Company and War Department officials during the war for the construction of the steam power plant at Warrior, Ala. As counsel for the company Mr. Dent was selected to follow Thomas W. Martin, its president, who concluded his testimony Friday after a heated colloquy with Representative Miller, Republican, Washington, respecting the option provision of the contract.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION MARCH 11

Announcement is made by Mr. F. P. Rockett, Assistant Postmaster and secretary of the local Civil Service board, that an open competitive examination will be held in the postoffice building here on Saturday, March 11, to qualify applicants for the positions of clerk and city carrier in the local post-office. Salaries of these positions range from $1,400 to $1,800 a year, according to length of term of service. Positions are open to both men and women over eighteen and under 45 years of age. Subjects on which applicants are to be examined are as follows:

Spelling, 10 points; Penmanship, 20; Copying from plain copy, 20; Letter writing, 20; Arithmetic, 30.

Addtional information in regard to the examinations may be obtained on application at the Gastonia post-office or to the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

MANY RETURN TO WORK I NSTEEL MILLS

(By The Associated Press.)

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Feb. 27. — Several hundred of the thousands of the thousands of idle steel workers here went back to work today with increased operations in the steel mills of this district. The Trumbull Steel Company, of Warren, resumed operations on a 100 per cent basis today, the first mill in this district to reach capacity since the depression began. Open hearth steel production today reached more than two thirds of capacity, with the Carnegie Steel Company, a corporation plant, operating 14 of its 15 furnaces. More bar and plate mills are running than heretofore, with both plate mills of the Brier Hill Steel Company going at capacity. Fabricating plants also report better operations. There is no change in the blast furnace production.

WOMEN SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT CONSTITUTIONAL

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. — The woman's suffrage or 19th amendment was today declared constitutional by the Supreme Court.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALENDAR.

Monday, February 27.
4:00 p. m. Winston-Salem program committee. Rotary.
7:30 p. m. Gastonia Choral Society.

Tuesday, February 28.
7:30 p. m. Chamber of Commerce Glee Club.

Wednesday, March 1.
7:30 p. m. Textile Superintendents Club.

Thursday, March 2.
4:00 p. m. Board of Directors.
7:30 p. m. Pythian Band.

Friday, March 3.
7:30 p. m. Chamber of Commerce Gleen Club.

COURT IS TO REVERSE INCOME TAX DECISIONS ACCORDING TO GOSSIPS

Commissioner Watts and Editor Daniels Have Made Active Fight Against Exemption of Judges from Income Taxes.

(By W. T. Bost, in Greensboro News.)

RALEIGH, Feb. 26. — Vagrant bits of gossip emanating from the Supreme court picked up here and there justify the prediction that the court will reverse itself on the income tax decisions and that it will bow to the mighty wills of Colonel Hoss Watts and Editor Josephus Daniels.

Mr. Watts will receive the great credit because he has carried on the seemlier campaign. "Pop'lar" as he always has desired to be, he has been rather above the political trick of hammering the courts and browbeating them into returning verdicts to his liking. The colonel respects the forms of the law. He would not lie in wait for a jury going out to make up its verdict, tell it to do the "pop'lar" thing, nor would he campaign for a verdict if he had a newspaper; not a Democratic court, anyway.

But Mr. Daniels will be entitled to the greater credit which Mr. Watts will receive. The court hardly could have gone back on itself without stultification had Mr. Watts' order and his belief that he was doing the "pop'lar" thing been unsupported. Mr. Daniels has conducted a most skillful campaign. By covert attack, by daily insinuations that big judges are not big enough to pay a little tax, by demagogic devices such as printing income tax blanks on "royal stationery" to meet the wishes of a "privileged class," the party organ has maneuvered the court into the inevitable position. The court could have been big in standing with its big predecessors, by recognizing both state and federal constitutions as speaking unmistakably against the "pop'lar" order of Mr. Watts. The judges, who are daily held up as royalists, as "privileged classes", as tax-dodgers, as too good for the dear peepul, must be supermen if they are not humiliated and even enraged. But the debate is on no man's land, any way the ruling goes can be justified in law and in morals. The court will do the big thing, ignore the little things, forget the insinuations and as Mr. Dooley suggests, make the opinions of the courts follow the "election returns."

This is guessing, but the prophecy follows a superheated trail. The opinion of former Judge George H. Brown, of the Supreme court is cutting no figure. Justice Brown irritated even more than Editor Daniels. There was but one way to receive his honor's communication, and that was with a horse laugh. In all the naive and knave stunts of the sensual and frivolous part of mankind, nothing quite like unto the Brown somersault has been recorded. The whole of the income tax controversy may be summed up in a line: A keen mass psychologist has paid five big men a subtle compliment by holding them daily up to vulgar contempt. But the psychologist does not believe they will do the perfectly natural, the human thing, and slap his jaws. They will be generous. That, at least, is the gossip.

They Followed The Law.

The letter of Judge Brown created a bit of sensation. It was a new pose for him. He is a rich man, but nobody ever gathered the impression from the bulk on which he paid his willing tribute to Caesar. Under the administration of Franklin McNeill, chairman of the State corporation commission, the judges were asked to pay their income taxes. Wake's auditor received his instruction and levied on Judge Brown and the other four members of the court. Did his honor shell out? Well, not exactly. He highballed it down to the auditor's office and suggested that this functionary get him a lawyer to tell him what was the law. The judge was what you might call huffy about it. Not so Chief Justice Clark, as fine a gentleman as one ever meets. Both members of the high court showed to Auditor Holding the law which plainly exempted them. They so interpreted the constitution.

MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO APPREHEND SANDS.

(By The Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27.—Practically all other leads to a solution of the murder of William D. Taylor here February 1, have failed, the police declared today, as they prepared to concentrate their further efforts upon a search for Edward F. Sands, Taylor's missing former secretary.

It was planned to assemble new data on Sands, including even his mannerisms, it was said, and to compile a special bulletin for distribution to virtually every peace officer in the United States. The police frankly state they believe Sands can supply a clue to Taylor's death.

STRIKE SITUATION IN PAWTUXET VALLEY IS WITHOUT CHANGE TODAY

Thin Picket Lines Appear Around Mills Despite Heavy Snowstorm — Military Forces Are Still on Duty in Strike Areas.

(By The Associated Press.)

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 27.—With strike committees and manufacturers' associations considering acceptance or rejection of the state mediation board's proposal for settlement, the strike situation in the cotton mills of this state was without change today.

Word had gone out a day or two ago that mill owners of the Pawtucket valley intended reopening their plants today under the protection of the military forces which occupy Arctic, Nyack, Pontiac and other mill villages.

As a result thin picket lines appeared at several places. But the men and women strikers patrolled in a heavy snowstorm and the mills showed no change from the inactivity of the past month or more. Because of the understanding that both sides would make their position on the proposed arbitration clear by tomorrow, the mill managements were said to have decided not to force the issue by an attempt at reopening today.

Pawtucket, with several plants operating in part, was as quiet as the inoperative Pawtucket valley mill towns to the south. Pickets appeared in the snow there also, but beyond the lines of the military forces, and without developing any instances of solicitation of working operatives that called for attention by the guards.

The immediate proposal for settlement of the statewide controversy is that mill owners and strikers put the issue of a 20 per cent wage reduction solely in the hands of Judge J. Jerome Hahn, chairman of the special mediation board, allowing him to set a temporary scale of wages under the former schedule of 48 hours, resume work and accept without retroactive effect whatever, any wage award he may hand down.

AMERICAN RELIEF WORKER SHOT IN MOSCOW

J. B. Murray, of Woburn, Mass., Slightly Wounded by Supposed Highwaymen.

MOSCOW, Feb. 27. — J. B. Murray, of Woburn, Mass., connected with the American relief administration, suffered a slight flesh wound when fired upon in the street early yesterday. He was accompanied by a Mr. Callahan, of Fall River, Mass.

Whether the shot was fired by a highwayman or by street patrols who misinterpreted the actions of the Americans, has not been determined.

Murray and Callahan were homeward bound from a concert when they saw a sleigh ahead of them halted, the occupants with their hands in the air.

Thinking it was a holdup and they would be the next victims, the Americans jumped from their sleigh and ran. Several shots were fired at them, one hitting Murray, who, however, was able to continue running and reached a nearby house, where a crowd quickly gathered.

Neither one understands Russian, but they succeeded in making the patrols, who quickly arrived, understand that they were Americans and were assisted home.

American relief administration employes family with Moscow are inclined to the theory that street patrols had halted the sleigh ahead of the Americans and fired at the Americans to stop them for investigation.

BEEF CATTLE TO BE FEATURED AT COUNTY FAIR

Famous Harrison or Morrison Herd Will be Exhibited Here in October — Gaston County to Have Exclusive Premiums.

Beef cattle exhibits at the Big Gaston County Fair have attracted especial attention for the past two years and assurance has been given that the exhibit this year will surpass anything in the past. Stalls have already been reserved for a large exhibit of fine blooded beef cattle.

The Gaston county herds will have some attractive exclusive premiums to contest for but will also be allowed to enter against the outside stock in the open-to-the-world contests wherever the owners desire.

Either the famous Harrison prize winning herd of Black Angus from Salisbury or the Morrison herd from Lincoln county will be here, thus assuring the outside representation in the beef cattle show. Both of these herds are already being shaped up for show next October.

Executive Secretary Fred M. Allen, of the Big Gaston County Fair conferred with J. Graham Morrison in Lincolnton Saturday. Mr. Morrison recently became county agent of Lincoln and is making a wonderful record in the work. Lincoln county will have a fair this year and a good one but as it will be on different dates the usual Lincoln interest in the Gaston event will be as strong as usual.

TO VISIT SCENE WHERE MURDER WAS COMMITTED.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Feb. 27. — A visit to the cottage in Beverly Glen, near here, where J. Belton Kennedy was shot to death the night of August 5th, last, was expected to be taken today by the jury which is trying Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain, for his murder.

When the trip is made, Mrs. Obenchain will accompany the jury, and will it is expected, be taken over all points which have been mentioned in the testimony given in the case.

SUCCEEDS KENYON AS SENATOR FROM IOWA.

Charles A. Rawson, of Des Moines, has been appointed by Gov. N. E. Kendall, to succeed Willmsa S. Kenyon as U. S. Senator from Iowa. Senator Kenyon, who was head of the agricultural bloc in Congress, resigned to become a Federal judge. Mr. Rawson was born in Des Moines in 1867, is engaged in the manufacture of bricks and tilings, with many financial side lines. He was named chairman of the Iowa Republican State Central Committee in 1912 and has served constantly since. The new senator, it is understood, will serve only until a successor is elected at the general election in November.

CAPT. S. B. DOLLEY IS OUT FOR THE SOLICITORSHIP

Former Postmaster, American Legion Commander and Prominent Gaston Attorney Throws His Hat in the Ring —Will Stand for Democratic Nomination in Democratic Primaries in June.

Capt. Stephen B. Dolley, who today announces himself a candidate for the solicitorship of the fourteenth judicial district, subject to the action of the primaries, is a prominent member of the Gaston county bar. His announcement is of peculiar interest both in Gaston and Mecklenburg counties inasmuch as this is the first time that he has offered for public office.

A native of Virginia, Capt. Dolley came to Gastonia in 1915 to cast his lot in this progressive and growing county. An A. B. graduate of Randolph Macon College, he took his law course at Washington & Lee University, receiving his LL. B. degree from that institution.

In 1918, after having been rejected five times, Capt. Dolley entered the army as a private and went overseas where he served for a year, returning to Gastonia in September, 1919, to resume the practice of the law. He was one of the first post commanders of Gaston Post No. 23 American Legion, was for two years field agent in North Carolina for the American Red Cross, in which capacity he spoke in every town of any size in the Western half of the State, has served the city as assistant recorder and assistant prosecuting attorney and for two years as acting postmaster.

Soon after his return to the city the adjutant general of North Carolina requested Capt. Dolley to organize a National Guard company. This he did, the company being known as the Howitzer Company, 120th Infantry, which is recognized as one of the crack military organizations of the State.

Capt. Dolley's announcement that his hat is in the ring for the solicitorship will be of unusual interest to his large number of friends not only in Gastonia and Gaston county but also in Mecklenburg county and throughout the Western half of the State where he is already well known.

HAD PROPOSED MASSACRE OF CHILDREN AND AGED

Community of Universal Brotherhood Now Says That It Was Only Theoretical — Protest Against High Taxes.

(By The Associated Press.)

NELSON, B. C., Feb. 27. — The Doukhobours of Canada, otherwise known as the Christian Community of Universal Brotherhood, merely expressed a theoretical advocacy of massacre of their children and aged, according to the explanation now offered by Peter Verzegin, president of the band, in a letter to The Daily News here. In his letter he expresses some alarm at the apparent indignation of Canadians over the announcement of the sect some days ago that the members were contemplating migration to escape taxation, in which event it might be found necessary to kill off children and aged persons who impeded the progress of the wanderers.

After apologizing to the Canadian public, particularly the women, the Doukhobour chieftain explains that the children of the colony are on the verge of starvation, being deprived of milk through the forced sale of cows in 1920 for the payment of taxes. He protests against income tax collections totalling $4,000 claiming earnings of individual members to be within exemption limits.

The letter concludes with a plea for official inquiry to the end that the Doukobours be reimbursed for the roads they have built, and asks for a $50,000 loan to spent in irrigation.

NORTH CAROLINA BANKS START SUIT AGAINST THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

Want Permanent Injunction Against Richmond Federal Reserve Bank From Dishonoring Checks Drawn For Which Clearance Fee Is Charged.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Feb. 27. —Trial of the suit brought by more than 200 North Carolina bankers and trust companies for a permanent injunction restraining the Richmond Federal Reserve Bank from dishonoring checks drawn upon them for which a clearance fee is charged, opened today in Union county superior court at Monroe. A temporary injunction was granted by the court last spring after the reserve bank had insisted upon the clearance of checks at par despite an act of the state legislature authorizing the state banks to charge a clearance fee.

The reserve bank, following the passage of the act, which it opposed, pointed out that it did not require the state banks to charge exchange on checks but merely permitted them to do so and that such a course was contrary to the fixed policy of the Federal reserve system.

ROLLER SKATING CARNIVAL TO BE STAGED SOON

Community Service Planning Interesting Event for Young Folks—List of Events, Regulations, Etc.

The Gastonia Community Service in cooperation with City Manager Alexander, is planning a real treat for the children in a roller skating carnival to be staged in the near future. This is to be one of the finest entertainments for the youngsters Gastonia has had for many years. It is the hope of those in charge that many of the grown-ups will take this opportunity to get on roller skates and get in on this carnival.

The plans include roping off two streets and electric lighting them and to have the events of the carnival take place on these roped off areas.

In order that those interested may know the rules of the contest as planned Gastonia Community Service has arranged the following program and the following rules have been adopted:

All entries must be filed with the Community Service recreational leader, Miss Heiserman, by a certain date on an official entry blank, giving the name, address and telephone number of the entrant, with his age and also approximate height.

Prizes will be awarded under the merit system of scoring.

The highest individual point scorer of each class shall be awarded first prize upon the decision of the officials.

The following system of point scoring shall be used in the scoring of each skater:

50 points for sportsmanship.
30 points for first place.
20 points for second place.
10 points for third place.
20 points for reliability.

Note: Team races—each member of the team shall be scored according to the place his team and points awarded as for individual races. Thus, members of the three-legged race winning first place, shall be awarded 30 points each, and the decision of the officials shall designate his scoring in sportsmanship and reliability.

By sportsmanship is meant conduct of participant at any time during the process of races; use of profane language; unsportsmanslipllke tactics during participation, such as tripping, crowding, pushing, elbowing, crossing with clean competition. Reliability is interpreted to mean prompt appearance to the call of the officials and the faithful carrying out of rules regarding eligibility before the date of the races.

GROUPINGS.

The contestants are to be divided into different classes.

CLASS "A".

Under 11 years of age, and under 4 feet and 7 inches in height.

1.—50-yard dash.
2.—Coasting for distance.
3.—50-yard single-skate race.
4.—Partners 50-yard dash.

CLASS "B."

Under 13 years of age, and under 4 feet and 10 inches in height.

1.—50-yard dash.
2.—Coasting for distance.
3.—50-yard single skate race.
4.—Three-legged race.

CLASS "C."

Under 15 years of age, and under 5 feet 3 inches in height.

1.—100-yard dash.
2.—Coasting for distance.
3.—100-yard single skate race.
4.—Sculling backward, 50 yards.
5.—Three-legged race.

CLASS "D."

Over 15 years of age and over 5 feet 3 inches in height.

1.—100-yard dash.
2.—Coasting for distance.
3.—100-yard single skate race.
4.—Sculling backwards 50 yards.

RELAY RACES.

200-yard single skate relay; four man team. Class C.

100-yard single skate relay; four girls to relay. Class C.

100-yard single skate relay; four man team. Class B.

Scuttle relay—200 yards; four man team. Class D.

100-yard single skate relay; four girls to team. Class B.

50-yards single skate relay; four boys; four girls to team. Class A.

Appropriate prizes will be awarded to the winners. Now is the time for all the boys and girls interested to start practicing and getting teams together to compete in the relay races.

For further information regarding the above call the Gastonia Community Service, Telephone 345.

WIRELESS TELEPHONE PROGRAM FOR TONIGHT

7:15 p. m.—A short talk by Milton Nobles, who is starring in "Lightnin," appearing at the Nixon theater this week.

7:30 p. m.—Music and Uncle Wiggley's bedtime story.

8 p. m.—Letter received from E. A. Pilgram, Pittsburgh representative of Roger W. Babson, economist and business authority. "Experiences of a Woman Reporter," by Miss Gertrude Gordon, feature writer of The Pittsburgh Press.

8:30 to 9:30 p. m.—Music. . . . . .

9:55 to 10.—Arlington time signals. Music selection (8:30 until 9:30.)

Selection—Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes, Silver Star orchestra, Joseph S. Doyle, president.

Violin and Piano—Flower Song: Clarence Runselman, violin; Miss Evelyn Daniels, piano.

Piano Solo—Meditation, Miss Evelyn Daniels, piano.

Soprano Solo—Carry Me Back to Old Virginia; Miss Hilda Ritter.

Cornet Solo—Sextet from Lucia, John C. Doyle.

Selection—Kiss Me Again, Silver Star orchestra.

Baritone Solo—Down the Trail That Leads to Home, Lester Y. Diamond.

Violin Solo — Souvenir, Clarence Kunselman.

Violin Solo—Humoresque, Joseph De Fino.

Selection — Valve Violette, Silver Star orchestra.

Selection — 'Tucky Home, Silver Star orchestra.

Soprano Solo—I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen; Miss Hilda Ritter.

Selection—A Night In June, Silver Star orchestra.

FAMINE CONDITIONS MAY MAKE CHANGE IN SOVIET'S DEMANDS AT GENOA

If Big Reconstruction Loan Can Be Secured, All Concessions Will Be Granted — Attitude Toward American Relief Agencies Has Changed.

MOSCOW, Feb. 27.—The soviet delegation at Genoa will carry instructions to grant all concessions demanded, provided a big reconstruction loan can be obtained. If this loan cannot be arranged, then, from the Russian point of view, the conference has only the moral value of recognition of the present government.

The basic reason for this attitude is the famine. It is only within the last few weeks that the leaders of the soviet have realized just how desperate is the food situation. So long as the famine starves to death the peasants and the remaining bourgeoise, though it be on a scale of millions, the soviet leaders are untouched and rather indifferent.

But the famine now is slowly and surely encircling their stronghold—Moscow—and soviet representatives sent to every part of Russia food, report there is less and less to be had, that beginning with March the favored red army will begin to starve, and that each succeeding month will be worse, until July, when harvests, more or less scant, may relieve the situation.

What may happen between now and the summer months is troubling the soviet leaders. If a big loan is arranged, the situation can be saved. If not the hundred million or so dollars in the soviet treasury will have to go for food, and even that may not save the country from anarchy.

The frightened attitude of the soviet is shown by its daily changing attitude towards the American relief administration. When the Americans first came in September, they were received with scant courtesy, but with each month they have been better treated, until now they are not only permitted but asked to direct food shipments.

If the Moscow leaders do not obtain outside help, they realize that their power is doomed. Already the Ukraine has shown its independence and has flatly refused to let any of its food be drained off to Moscow or for the red army stationed elsewhere.

The Caucasus has some food but its attitude is doubtful. In the Kuban, where also is food, hostility to outside shipments has been active since last summer.

The Soviet government's fears are indicated in another direction. For the time its entire Oriental policy has been thrown overboard. The recent conferences of far eastern peoples, called by the Third Internationale for the purpose of stimulating communism in Japan, China and elsewhere, was given but the scantiest attention in Moscow. The delegates were poorly housed and turned over to foreign office clerks.

RADIO STATIONS MAY ACCOUNT FOR GHOSTS.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 27. — The proximity of radio stations is the latest explanation of Antigonish county "spooks," which have driven Alexander MacDonald and family from home and baffled investigators. Fire underwriters are discussing suggestions that the mysterious fires have been due to electric phenomena, caused by the powerful wireless stations at Glace Bay. Several other families in Antigonish county are now reported to have been driven from their homes by mysterious fires during the last dozen years.

Inquiries received here indicate a small army of American newspapermen is preparing to follow Dr. Walter Franklin Prince, director of the American Institute for Scientific Research, who has accepted an invitation to undertake an investigation of the mystery.

MONDELL AND FORDNEY DISCUSS SOLDIER BONUS WITH PRESIDENT HARDING

Fordney Had Also Conferred With Hanford MacNider and the Two Will See the President — American Legion Is Opposed to Any Furthed Delay.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. — Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, Republican House Leader, and Chairman Fordney, of the House Ways and Means Committee, are understood to have discussed the soldiers bonus situation with President Harding today at the White House. They were said to have informed the President of the rejection by the special subcommittee of the sales tax proposal suggested by Mr. Harding in his letter last week to Representative Fordney.

Before seeing the President Mr. Fordney conferred with Hanford MacNider, national commander, and oJhn Thomas Taylor, legislative agent of the American Legion. Mr. MacNider and Mr. Taylor called at the White House to see the President but were informed that Mr. Hardin's engagement list for the forenoon was filled. They said they would return later in the day.

Mr. MacNider said the legion was opposed to any further delay and indicated that it was his desire to present his view to the executive. The reiterated that the legion would not be drawn into any discussion of ways and means for raising the necessary bonus indicating that it was interested only in the speedy passage of the legislation.

On leaving the White House both Mr. Mondell and Mr. Fordney said the House would pass a bonus bill at this session. Mr. Mondell stated that he could not say whether a measure without means of raising the revenue could be put through the Senate.

Asked as to ways of financing the adjusted compensation, the republican leader again referred to expected savings in the next fiscal year, but he would not give an estimate as to want this amount would be. He indicated that the question of the refunded foreign debt as a means of financing the bonus had been brought up at the White House conference, but declined to say what views the President had expressed.

SAYS HE WAS ORDERED BY LORD TO FAST

(By The Associated Press.)

BLOOMINGTON, ILLS., Feb. 27. — For obeying what he declared to be the voice of the Lord ordering him and his family to deny themselves the ordinary comforts of life, and to fast, Robert A. Schlossher, of Pontiac, Ills., has been committed to a hospital for the insane, it was learned today. Schlossher's three children are in a hospital, one of them in a precarious condition, due to fasting.

Local authorities hearing of conditions in the Schlossher home and found the family near starvation and the house bare of furniture, stoves, plumbing and electric fixtures. Mrs. Schlossher, after being taken to the hospital ward of the county jail, consented to take nourishment.

Schlossher was taken before a lunacy commission on Saturday and ordered to the state hospital.

TRINITY STUDENTS WATCHING FOR FIRES.

(By The Associated Press.)

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 27.—Thirty students, working in four shifts, are watching the Trinity college building day and night, because of incendiary fires. They are armed with searchlights at night and have been ordered to keep especial vigilance over Seabury Hall, where three professors and their wives reside. The student patrals have also been ordered to refrain from putting their hands on surfaces in case of another fire, in order that finger prints may not be obliterated.

TY COBB BUYS SHARE IN AUGUSTA CLUB

(By The Associated Press.)

AUGUSTA, GA., Feb. 27. — Marvin Wolfe, owner of the Augusta baseball club of the South Atlantic League, announced today that he had sold the team to a group of well known local men, among the number being Tyrus Cobb, manager of the Detroit Tigers.

Others of the group are Frank Barrett, Thomas Barrett, Bland Goodwin and Ed Stellings.

The consideration was not made public, although it is understood to be in the neighborhood of $10,000. Ty Cobb is said to have purchased a considerable interest in the club.

Plans of the new owners have not been announced other than that Cobb will secure a man to pilot the team. He is understood to be already in communication with a well known player in the east.

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, cloudy and somewhat colder tonight, probably rain on the coast; Tuesday cloudy and colder.

Cotton Market

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET

(By The Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 27. — Cotton futures closed firm.

March 18.44; May 18.14; July 17.44; October 16.71; December 16.53; Spots 18.75.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Strict to Good Middling 18c
Cotton seed $19