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N. C. TO LOSE CONGRESSMAN

PLAN TO KEEP MEMBERSHIP OF THE HOUSE AT PRESENT NUMBER OF 391

LIKELY TO BE ADOPTED

Washington, Feb. 6.—Fearing that North Carolina and Virginia will each lose one member of the House if the reapportionment bill fixes the number at 391, Congressmen Hay, of Virginia; Page, of North Carolina, and other members of both delegations, are hard at work lining up votes in favor of making the number 433.

The matter is considered serious here and the outlook is not promising for the 433 plan to go through. In fact it is stated that several members, who had about decided on the 433 plan, are now in favor of holding the membership down to 391. If the latter plan is carried out, there will be no alternative other than Virginia and North Carolina each lose one member. Such a plan would cause both States to be redistricted.

The Governor of a Western State which would lose by this method of apportionment, declares he will veto any bill his Legislature may pass cutting down the number of Congressmen. Politics is at the bottom of the matter and may result in serious damage to the South, if the reduction plan is adopted.

Indications multiply that the Republican majority will be able to pass the new apportionment bill agreed upon in caucus, leaving the House membership as it now stands.

Chairman Crumpacker, of the census committee, told Congressman Page he would call up the bill this week as a privileged report. The whole Wisconsin delegation reported last week as wavering is now lined up for the bill.

Stand of Tar Heels.

Langley, Cowles and Austin are among Southern Republicans who are expected to decline to be bound by the caucus agreement, but uncertainty is felt about Grant's probable action. Congressman Morehead may be considerably embarrassed over this situation. He was a member of the census committee that reported the bill favoring increased membership, but he participated in the caucus of his party. Manifestly he must stand by his committee report and oppose the proposal to reduce representation in his own State, or bolt his party caucus.

A Possible Result.

In the event the bill passes this session, as it now seems likely, the legislature may be asked to redistrict the State at once, or, if this is not done, the dominant party in the State may conclude to postpone such action and nominate all nine candidates for Congress for the State at large, which may be done under the Federal law and which would insure the Democrats a solid delegation. Members from the two Dakotas are now elected by this method.

Taft Receives New Diplomats.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Two new members of the local diplomatic corps were formally received by President Taft in the Blue room of the White House Saturday afternoon. They are Count Johan J. A. Ehrensvard, the newly appointed Minister from Sweden, and Dr. Belisario Porras, who succeeds Senator Arosemena as minister from Panama. The usual congratulations were exchanged.

Pinehurst, N. C., Feb. 6.—Henry C. Bridgers, of Tarboro, N. C., won the final of men's singles at tennis for the February cup Saturday on the default of H. E. Avery, of Detroit.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

Beaumont, Texas, Feb. 6.—Announcement is made from the headquarters of the Southern Rice Growers' Association that because of a short crop, the price of Japanese grades of rice, one to four, would be advanced fifteen cents per hundred pounds. The advance will be effective February 13th.

La Libertad, Salvador, Feb. 6.—Reliable reports received here say that President Davilla, of Honduras, is suing for peace only for the purpose of gaining time, because war preparations in the interior are uninterrupted. Elaborate plans have been made at Tegucigalpa for resisting the revolutionists.

Jonesboro, N. C., Feb. 6.—Mr. Rover Kelly, a prominent farmer and mill man, who lives seven miles east of Jonesboro, dropped dead Saturday morning at 7 o'clock while getting one of his teams ready to do some hauling.

Missouri Capitol Burned.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 6.—The Missouri Capitol building was destroyed by fire last night. The total loss, including the structure and many records and State papers in the offices of the Governor, Secretary of State and Treasurer, is estimated at \$1,000,000, with no insurance.

Lightning, which struck the cupola of the dome shortly after 7 o'clock, spread the flames to the roof of the House of Representatives on the north side of the structure, and in less than half an hour it was apparent that the building was doomed.

Insurgent Chief Put To Death.

Cape Haitien, Feb. 6.—General Monreuil Guillaume, who was one of the strongest supporters of ex-President Nord Alexis, and was implicated in the executions at Port-au-Prince in March, 1908, was captured by the government troops near here yesterday morning and shot to death.

To Mark Graves of French Soldiers.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 6.—Neglected for over a century, the grave of the French soldiers and sailors, allies of the United States colonies against Great Britain in the revolution, who fell in battle at Annapolis, Md., are to be marked by an appropriate memorial. On April 18th a bronze tablet will be unveiled near the United States Naval Academy grounds.

The ceremonies will take place under the auspices of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution, which will hold its triennial meeting in Washington April 19th. The Daughters of the American Revolution will hold their annual meeting on the same date.

A Great Combination.

Randall—What do you do when you meet an irresistible talker?
Rodgers—I introduce him to an immovable bore.—Life.

Mr. J. R. Barnes, of Lucama, was in the city today.

COTTON MARKET

The New York cotton market today opened much lower: February, 14.15; March, 14.26; May, 14.45; July, 14.45; August, 14.34; October, 13.20.

At twelve o'clock the market was still lower: March, 14.19; May, 14.39; The market closed lower: March, 14.14; May, 14.24; July, 14.43; October, 13.00.

Spots in Wilson, 14 1-4.
Receipts in Wilson, 5 bales.

WEEKLY COTTON REVIEW

NEW YORK BROKERS SAY MARKET IS GROPING INTO SELF-CONFESSED PERPLEXITY

TONE OF TRADE BETTER

The cotton market is groping in self-confessed perplexity, the speculators contending the price is too high, yet the bales are moving rapidly into consumption at full prices.

To those who take a long range view of the situation rather than present stagnant speculative market conditions, a statement of the actual spot situation may be an index of the future. Assuming a commercial crop of 12,000,000 bales, there will come into sight from now on 2,382,726 bales, there will come into sight from now on 2,382,726 bales, and if to this we add the net port and interior stocks, there will be 3,813,785 bales in America available for the balance of the season. If from this we deduct an amount equal to the exports and takings by American mills after this date last year, viz.: 3,595,040 bales there will remain only 218,745 bales, and this makes no allowance for the census statement that American mills hold in stock 250,000 bales less than last year, and it can hardly be expected that curtailment will be as drastic as it was during the latter part of last season.

It is fair, however, to note the contention of the bears is that the strong statistical position is apparent to every one and yet it does not attract speculation at current prices; but on the other hand with bearish sentiment and short selling so prevalent prices recede very little, because the cotton is all being absorbed by the trade.

The tone of the cotton goods trade in this country is distinctly better, and more business is being done than the published reports indicate. Business on the Continent is improving and they are now taking cotton more freely. In Lancashire, all reports are to the effect that the business is the largest on record, with mills heavily under contract.

It has been said that a speculator might as well be wrong as to be right too soon, and perhaps that spirit detters many from entering the market at the present level of prices through fear of a serious break, but such a break in prices is not imminent in a market devoid of a scattered speculative long interest, and supported by an insatiable demand for spot cotton, and with the supply and demand situation growing stronger each week.

The developments in the western part of the belt are being closely watched. The deficiency in rainfall has become a most serious question. The official rainfall reports for January are not yet available, but very little rain has fallen during the month, and in much of the territory the ground is too hard for plowing. It is expected that heavy rains during February will relieve the deadlock and cause the spot holder to loosen his grip on the remnant of the crop; on the other hand, a continuance of the dry conditions will strengthen the whole situation, broaden the demand for goods, and finally attract speculation, even at higher prices.

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 6.—The management of the Greensboro baseball team has signed Frank Boyle, for two seasons second baseman of the Roanoke, Va., club, to be manager of the Greensboro ball team in the Carolina Association. A goodly sum was paid Roanoke for his release from the team there. Boyle will report March 1st, and begin organizing his team.

Mr. Steve Anderson left for Sharpburg this morning.

WILL FIGHT AGREEMENT

NATIONAL GRANGE AND OTHERS WANT CANADIAN RECIPROCAL TREATY DEFEATED

TO GREAT A REDUCTION

Washington, Feb. 6.—That the Canadian reciprocal agreement must stand or fall as a whole in the House Committee on Ways and Means was made clear Saturday by Chairman Payne during the progress of hearings that occupied the entire day.

Notwithstanding this fact, the pressure brought to bear on the committee has resulted in the granting of hearings to all persons who appear in Washington prior to 5 o'clock next Thursday afternoon, February 9th.

Farmers, lumbermen, barley raisers and manufacturers of barley-malt were given hearings Saturday. The spirit of the committee was such however, that the witnesses had difficulty in making a serious impression in presenting their arguments against the Canadian government.

The barley malt interests were represented by Brun E. Fink, of Milwaukee, who said that it would mean the wiping out of the Northwestern malting and barley-raising industry.

Mr. Fink explained that the climatic conditions of eastern Ontario would at once capture the barley market.

Representative George R. Malby of New York, attacked the reciprocity agreement of its agricultural items and its lowering of duties on lumber and wood-pulp and paper. He declared that the tariff board had spent months accumulating all facts bearing on the paper-making business, but that paper was put on the free list by this treaty without any reference to what the tariff board had found out.

New York, Feb. 6.—The machinery of the National Grange, an organization claiming a membership of 1,000,000 farmers in thirty States, has been started to defeat the ratification by Congress of the Canadian reciprocity treaty. The legislative committee of the Grange at a special meeting at the Hotel Manhattan, adopted a resolution protesting against the enactment of the reciprocity bill, called upon the membership to exert pressure upon Congressmen from their various districts to vote against the measure, and decided to go to Washington to map out a campaign there.

The legislative committee is composed of ex-Governor Nathum J. Bachelder, of Concord, chairman; Aaron Jones, of South Bend, Ind., and T. C. Atkeson, of Morgantown, West Virginia.

"We are not opposed to a general reduction of the tariff," Mr. Atkeson said, "but do it all at once, and not by a reciprocal treaty with a country which exports agricultural products almost exclusively. Remove the tariff on steel and iron and manufactured articles along with farm products and we won't object."

"Acting along these lines, we have decided to oppose the enactment of the bill. The committee issued a statement which will be sent to every one of the 7,500 Grangers in the organization. These have a membership of from 50 to 1,000 farmers. We shall ask every member to write his Representative to Congress asking him to vote against the bill. I think we can defeat it in this manner, but we are not going to take any chances and the committee has decided to go to Washington and work for that end."

Rev. F. L. Lucas, of Lucama, was in the city today.

TO-DAY IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MONDAY AS USUAL A DULL DAY—CONNOR INTRODUCED WILSON COUNTY PRIMARY BILL

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 6.—Representative Connor arose in the House this afternoon and asked to be allowed to make a privileged statement.

In justice to the negroes of Wilson county he desired to testify to their good qualities generally as citizens, who are as law abiding as in any county of the State.

That the murder of the officers in his county is not chargeable to them because the crimes were committed by negro criminals who were only temporarily in Wilson, while tramping through the country.

Mr. Connor today introduced a bill to "Define political parties and nominate candidate for offices in Wilson county." Mr. Connor told me it not only provides for legalized primary in the county, but is designated also to better safeguard the honest ballot and prevent election frauds.

Ewart presented a supplemental bill to strengthen the prohibition law. It makes a buyer of votes liable to punishment when a seller reports him if convicted just in the same ground a purchaser can indict and punish a seller.

The committee will take up the bill this evening.

Among the new bills today are:

To create a State Board of Trade.

To regulate fares collected on trains.

For the relief of members of military companies.

LLEWXAM.

Regret We Omitted His Name.

We regret we failed in the rush of copy to mention Saturday the fact that Mr. W. F. Woodard was called on by Colonel Bruton and made a few remarks at the good health meeting in the Methodist church Friday night when Dr. McCormack delivered his splendid address on conserving the health of the people. We expect to see that meeting bearing good fruit and we also desire to congratulate the local physicians and the Chamber of Commerce, of which Col. Bruton is president, for their progressiveness in having Dr. McCormack to visit and address us on the most important of all matters.

ONLY 24 APPLICANTS FOR LAW LICENSE HAVE FILED NAMES.

Associate Justice W. R. Allen Will Enter on His Duties and on Tuesday the Cases From the First District Will Be Called.

The Supreme Court of North Carolina convened this morning at ten o'clock for the spring term, and the first business was the examination of applicants for law licenses.

Associate Justice William R. Allen, of Goldsboro, elected in November, entered upon his duties as one of the members of the court, the other members being Chief Justice Walter Clark, of Raleigh; Associate Justices Platt D. Walker, of Charlotte; William A. Hoke, of Lincolnton, and George H. Brown, Jr., of Washington.

Only twenty-four applicants for law licenses have been filed.

Mr. Cecil Hales, of Spring Hope, who spent the day in the city yesterday, returned home this morning, spent the day in the city yesterday, left for his home in Nashville this morning.

THE WEATHER

Washington, D. C., Feb. 6.—For North Carolina: Rain tonight or Tuesday; warmer tonight; moderate to brisk east winds becoming variable Tuesday.

WEST SEEN NEAR KENLY

SHERIFF WITH SQUAD OF SOLDIERS GO TO SELMA WHERE NEGRO IS HEADED

JIM SIMMS ARRESTED

All clues as to the whereabouts of Louis West, the negro who murdered Deputy Sheriff George Mumford Friday evening, and who it is believed perhaps fatally shot Chief of Police O. A. Glover, have failed to lead to his arrest, and he and Dave Young and Wade Williams, the other two thieves the officers went to arrest, are still at large.

Saturday night it was thought that West had been located near Kenly, but this proved to be a mistake. Last night a telephone message from Fayetteville stated that West had been seen at his home a few miles from that city, but if so nothing more has come of it.

Yesterday it was reported that a negro answering the description of West had been seen in Spring Hill township, but this morning a contrary report was received from Macclesfield, in an opposite direction that West had been seen there. Sheriff Sharpe notified the officials of both sections this morning to get possession and start on a hunt and to kill him if seen. West was outlawed in Cumberland county Saturday and in Wilson county today.

Last night Jim Simms, a Wilson county negro, was placed in jail. It is said that he was in the house of Mary Young when the shooting occurred. Simms denies it, but the officials have good reasons to believe he was there. Simms recently was pardoned on condition of good behavior after serving six years for killing another negro named Dempsey Poole at a dance with an axe in this county seven years ago.

Several other witnesses are in jail.

Negroes were arrested in Rocky Mount for robbery, having automatic pistols (the kind the thieves wanted here stole at Dunn), but thus far they have not been connected with the murder here.

Demos Harris, the negro who made the remark Saturday that he was glad Mumford was killed, was this morning sent to the roads for thirty days.

Will Young, said to be a brother of Dave Young, is also in jail. He is a Fayetteville negro.

The squads of the Wilson Light Infantry have been searching all trains passing Conetnea junction for members of the gang, but without success. The operator in the tower there stated that Saturday morning as a freight passed there he saw a negro run out of the bushes and attempt to get on the freight but failed and that the negro ran off rapidly through the field.

Chief Glover's condition is considered better today, states Dr. Dickinson, of the Wilson Sanatorium. He added that Mr. Glover is resting well.

The total rewards now offered amount to about \$1,700: State, \$250; County, \$250; City, \$250; Citizens, \$800.

All points in large radius have been notified of the crime and furnished descriptions of negroes and stolen pistols, and it believed that their arrests will follow.

The following from the Fayetteville Observer shows the character of West:

"Lewis West, and his band of desperadoes, who, it is thought, robbed the Huske Hardware House, carrying away many rifles and pistols, and who, on Thursday afternoon, terrorized the negro colony near the waterworks plant, and were trailed form

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