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Big Tobacco Companies Quake Over Inquiry

THE IMPERIAL and American tobacco companies, fearing the eye of the Government, are procuring resolutions by boards of trade and chambers of commerce procuring them good fellows.

Of course, the average board of trade, when something is presented which has the semblance of business, jumps in line just as quick as a bunch of cramed dogs at the crack of a circus lash. They are not different from other folks in that matter, for everybody seems to swallow everything that comes along without investigation.

The plan followed by the American and Imperial companies seems to be to get some of their employees or close friends to go before the trade board with a line of soft sentiment mixed with endearing terms about what good fellows they are and get resolutions and have copies sent to them and to the Federal Trade Commission.

The real facts would start the fellows who are down in the field sowing tobacco seed and preparing the land to produce a crop, while the big companies in question are figuring to manipulate the prices for this fall. The powers of the Government are offered both sides to see that justice is done. The companies don't want the investigation, which is sufficient testimony in itself to condemn them.

The investigation of the large tobacco companies operating in this country by the Federal Trade Commission by authority of a resolution of the Senate on August 9, 1921—being Senate Resolution No. 129, Sixty-seventh Congress—gave conclusive proof that the American Tobacco Co., F. Lorillard Co., Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., all in conjunction with the Tobacco Products Corporation, Bloch Bros. Tobacco Co., and Scatten-Dillen Co.—did practice unfair methods, both to keep down the price on the farmers' tobacco and to keep up the price of manufactured tobacco. Neither the Imperial Tobacco Co. nor the Export Leaf Tobacco Co. were investigated, as they were foreign corporations.

At the same time the commission commended the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. for its frankness in assisting in the investigation and found no evidence of any conspiracy to keep prices of manufactured tobacco up.

The commission found that the reports made by the American Tobacco Co. to the Government for the years 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, and 1920 were false, that their claim was that they had made only an average net earning for the five-year period of 10.2 per cent annually, when, as a matter of fact, it was found with only a portion of the books available, that they had earned 14 1/2 per cent. Liggett & Myers had reported 9.4 per cent, when it was found they had made 14 per cent. F. Lorillard reported 11.2 per cent; they had made 14 per cent. The R. J. Reynolds Co. reported 17.3, and they had actually made 21.8 per cent.

The four companies, as a whole, had reported and paid taxes on a net income of 11.3 per cent. The commission found that they had earned 15.8 per cent net, or more than 5 per cent more than they had reported.

And yet boards of trade are being induced to pass resolutions that are false in fact.

Reference may be had to a decision of the United States Supreme Court rendered some years ago in which it stated that the methods of the American Tobacco Co. were unfair, dishonest, and oppressive, and declared the company an outlaw—and yet they seek respectable company.

When it comes to the Imperial Tobacco Co. we are dealing with a foreign company that is in all respects a member of the great system, that buys its percentage by agreement, while the companies over here show them the courtesy of letting them have their percentage. Who disputes that the prices are all fixed around one big table in New York City every year?

The Imperial company, being a foreign corporation, has been picked to deal the death blow to the farmers' organizations, which are the only hope the people have. They have acted in such a manner that they do not want their acts uncovered to the eyes of the people.

One of the most amusing things in the whole picture is to see a board of trade or chamber of commerce passing complimentary resolutions emphasizing their honesty and goodness, and then to look out on the streets of that same town and see farmers with sad faces in wonder as to how they will be able to get fertilizers for their fields and food for their families this year. They have grown tobacco for 25 years, mortgaged their farms, teams, and tools, and the tobacco companies don't want them to know who is responsible!

NOTICE

To Sam Hart his heirs, assigns, and all other persons claiming under, through, or by him:

You are hereby notified that I purchased 29 acres of the Bill Dawson land listed by you in Goose Nest Township, on the first Monday in June, 1924, at a sheriff's sale for taxes due for the year 1923.

You are further notified that unless you redeem the certificate of sale within one year from this date I shall demand a deed from the said tax collector for the said 28 acres of Bill Dawson land.

This 7th day of March, 1925. m13 4tw D. G. MATTHEWS.

NOTICE

To J. K. Leggett, his heirs, assigns, and all other persons claiming under, through, or by him:

You are hereby notified that I purchased 71 acres of the Croft land listed by you in Goose Nest Township on the first Monday in June, 1924, at a sheriff's sale for taxes due for the year 1923.

You are further notified that unless you redeem the certificate of sale within one year from this date I shall demand a deed from the said tax collector for the said 71 acres of Croft land.

This 7th day of March, 1925. m13 4tw D. G. MATTHEWS.

NOTICE

To Keys & Ellis and B. A. Critcher, their heirs, assigns, and all other persons claiming under, through, or by them:

You are hereby notified that the County of Martin purchased 50 acres of Griffin Ellis and Heath land in Jamesville Township, listed by you, on the first Monday in June, 1924, at a sheriff's sale for taxes due for the year 1923.



all other persons claiming under, through, or by him:

You are hereby notified that I purchased 150 acres of Johnson land listed by you in Hamilton Township on the first Monday in June, 1924, at a sheriff's sale for taxes due for the year 1923.

You are further notified that unless you redeem the certificate of sale within one year from this date I shall demand a deed from the said tax collector for the said 150 acres Johnson land.

This 7th day of March, 1925. m13 4tw D. G. MATTHEWS.

NOTICE

To Nathan Staton, his heirs, assigns, and all other persons claiming under, through, or by him:

You are hereby notified that I purchased a lot listed by you in Hamilton Township, on the first Monday in June, 1924, at a sheriff's sale for taxes due for the year 1923.

You are further notified that unless you redeem the certificate of sale within one year from this date I shall demand a deed from the said tax collector for the said lot.

This 7th day of March, 1925. m13 4tw D. G. MATTHEWS.

NOTICE

To Robert Williams, his heirs, assigns, and all other persons claiming under, through, or by him:

You are hereby notified that the County of Martin purchased 1 residence in Williamston Township, listed by you, on the first Monday in June, 1924, at a sheriff's sale for taxes due for the year 1923.

You are further notified that unless you redeem the certificate of sale within one year from this date the Martin County Board of Commissioners will demand a deed from the said tax collector for the said residence.

This 2nd day of March, 1925. m13 4tw Sheriff, Martin County.

NOTICE

To Leah Francis, her heirs, assigns, and all other persons claiming under, through, or by her:

You are hereby notified that the County of Martin purchased 40 acres of the Davis land in Jamesville Township, listed by you, on the first Monday in June, 1924, at a sheriff's sale for taxes due for the year 1923.

You are further notified that unless you redeem the certificate of sale within one year from this date the Martin County Board of Commissioners will demand a deed from the said tax collector for the said 40 acres of Davis land.

This 2nd day of March, 1925. m13 4tw Sheriff, Martin County.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust made and executed by J. C. Ross and wife, Charity Ross, to the undersigned trustee, and bearing the date of September 1, 1921, and of record in the public registry of Martin County in book G-2, at page 363, said deed of trust having been given to secure the payment of a certain note of even date therewith, and the terms and conditions therein contained not having been complied with, and at the request of the holder of said note, the undersigned trustee will on Saturday, the 11th day of April, 1925, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the Bank of Oak City, Oak City, N. C., offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash the following described property, to wit:

All that certain piece, parcel, or tract of land containing 223.98 acres more or less lying, being, and situated on the Oak City and Speed road about 2 1/2 miles west from the town of Oak City, Goose Nest Township, Martin County, N. C., having such shapes, metes, courses and distances as will more fully appear by reference to a map thereof made by T. Jones Taylor, surveyor, on the 14th day of December, 1920, and bounded on the north and northwest by the Hobgood and Oak City road and the lands of E. L. Glover, on the west by the lands of Hanly Council, on the south by the lands of Smith and Green, and on the east by Clair Davenport and W. E. Davenport heirs land and the lands of Lettie Brown, and being the same two tracts of land conveyed to said J. C. Ross by B. A. Critcher and A. R. Dunning, commissioners, by deed dated October 2, 1916, and B. A. Critcher, commissioner, by deed dated December 31, 1916, and of record in Martin County Public Registry in book G-1, page 365, and N-1, page 10, respectively.

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This 6th day of March, 1925. m13 4tw Sheriff, Martin County.

NOTICE

To Leah Francis, her heirs, assigns, and all other persons claiming under, through, or by her:

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You are further notified that unless you redeem the certificate of sale within one year from this date the Martin County Board of Commissioners will demand a deed from the said tax collector for the said 40 acres of Davis land.

This 2nd day of March, 1925. m13 4tw Sheriff, Martin County.

NOTICE

To J. W. Crisp his heirs, assigns, and all other persons claiming under, through, or by him:

You are hereby notified that I purchased 29 acres of the Bill Dawson land listed by you in Goose Nest Township, on the first Monday in June, 1924, at a sheriff's sale for taxes due for the year 1923.

You are further notified that unless you redeem the certificate of sale within one year from this date I shall demand a deed from the said tax collector for the said 28 acres of Bill Dawson land.

This 7th day of March, 1925. m13 4tw D. G. MATTHEWS.

NOTICE

To Keys & Ellis and B. A. Critcher, their heirs, assigns, and all other persons claiming under, through, or by them:

You are hereby notified that the County of Martin purchased 50 acres of Griffin Ellis and Heath land in Jamesville Township, listed by you, on the first Monday in June, 1924, at a sheriff's sale for taxes due for the year 1923.

John Taylor, surveyor, on the 14th day of December, 1920, and bounded on the north and northwest by the Hobgood and Oak City road and the lands of E. L. Glover, on the west by the lands of Hanly Council, on the south by the lands of Smith and Green, and on the east by Clair Davenport and W. E. Davenport heirs land and the lands of Lettie Brown, and being the same two tracts of land conveyed to said J. C. Ross by B. A. Critcher and A. R. Dunning, commissioners, by deed dated October 2, 1916, and B. A. Critcher, commissioner, by deed dated December 31, 1916, and of record in Martin County Public Registry in book G-1, page 365, and N-1, page 10, respectively.

This 6th day of March, 1925. m13 4tw Sheriff, Martin County.

By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the superior court of Martin County in the above entitled action

I will on Monday, the 6th day of April, 1925, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the courthouse door in the town of Williamston, sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said execution the following described real estate, to wit:

Beginning at a lightwood stub on the road, thence running 73 yards south to a lightwood stub; a corner; thence east to a stub, a corner; thence north to the old road; thence across the said road at the end of a ditch, thence along said ditch nearly north to a tagged pine, a corner; thence along the line of chopped trees nearly east to two large short-tagged pines, a corner; thence along the line of chopped trees nearly north to a sweet-gum in a small drain, thence nearly northwest with a line of chopped trees to a maple on the main run of Keepers Branch, thence down the various courses of said branch to the mouth of Flag Pond Branch, thence up said branch to the Noah Godard line, thence with said Godard line of old chopped trees to the aforesaid old road; thence along said old road to the beginning, said to contain 51 acres more or less. Being the same land deeded to the Bank of Jamesville by Henry Moore and wife, Sadie Moore, by deed dated February 27th, 1922, and recorded in book E-2, at page 565.

This 6th day of March, 1925. m13 4tw Sheriff, Martin County.

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of M. R. Collins, late of Martin County, North Carolina, all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same for payment within one year from this date or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make immediate payment of same.

This 22d day of January, 1925. m13 4tw HUGH G. HOKFON, Administrator, C. T. A.

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of M. R. Collins, late of Martin County, North Carolina, all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same for payment within one year from this date or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make immediate payment of same.

This 22d day of January, 1925. m13 4tw HUGH G. HOKFON, Administrator, C. T. A.

North Carolina, Martin County, in the Superior Court.

Notice of Execution Sale

By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the superior court of Martin County, in the above entitled action, I will on Monday, the 6th day of April, 1925, at 12 o'clock m., at the courthouse door of said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said execution all the right, title, and interest which the said W. M. Sitterson, defendant, has in the following described real estate to wit:

Situated on the McCaskey Road, adjoining the lands of Nicholson and others, and known as the Joe Sitterson Farm, containing 140 acres.

This 6th day of March, 1925. m13 4tw Sheriff, Martin County.

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Sarah F. Roberson, all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same for payment on or before the 4th day of February, 1925, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make immediate settlement of same.

This 4th day of February, 1925. m13 4tw ARTHUR C. ROBERSON, Administrator.

Attachment

North Carolina, Martin County, in the Superior Court.

Farmers & Merchants Bank, a corporation, vs. J. L. Wynne, Maggie Wynne, J. G. Godard, and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co.

Eleven hundred and thirty, (\$1,130) with interest from Jan. 1, 1925, due

ly note. Warrant of attachment against the property of the defendant, Maggie Wynne, returnable before J. J. Peeli, clerk of the superior court of Martin County, at his office in the town of Williamston, North Carolina, on the 20th day of March, 1925, when and where the defendant Maggie Wynne is required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint.

Dated this 20th day of February, 1925.

R. J. PEEL, Clerk Superior Court.

SALE OF VALUABLE FARM

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a deed of trust executed by J. Lass Wynne and wife, Maggie Wynne, on the 18th day of February, 1920, and recorded in book U-2, at page 24, in Martin County, we will on Saturday, the 4th day of April, 1925, at 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door in Williamston, sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder the following land, to wit:

All that certain tract, parcel, or piece of land containing 299 acres, more or less, situate, lying, and being on the road leading from Spring Green Church to Williamston and Everett Road, about two miles east of the town of Everett, Poplar Point Township, Martin County, North Carolina; adjoining the lands of Sam Taylor, Tom McLaren, and Jesse Leggett on the north, the lands of Sam Taylor, Mamie Kaynor, and the A. Thompson land on the west, J. E. Barnhill on the south, and the lands of Julius James and Jack Mills on the east, and being the land conveyed to the said J. L. Wynne by J. A. Whitley by deed dated January 1st, 1906, and of record in Martin County public registry in book 000, page 280.

This sale is made by reason of the failure of J. Lass Wynne and wife, Maggie Wynne, to pay off and discharge the indebtedness secured by the

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