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MONROE DOCTRINE SURE TO ENDURE

More Lasting Than the Constitution Itself Says Representative Moore at Centennial.

Williamsburg, Va., Dec. 1.—The United States "will never turn away from the policy announced by Monroe in 1823 unless it should become so helpless and hopeless as to turn away from what was declared in 1776." Representative Weston Moore of Virginia asserted today at the Monroe Centennial celebration at Williamsburg and Mary College here.

"The doctrine is not written in the Constitution but it is more fundamental than the Constitution itself.

"It has never been thrown into the form of a statute, but no statute is so authoritative and enduring."

BUSINESS BETTER DURING OCTOBER

Federal Reserve Report of Fifth District Cites Increased Price of Cotton This Fall.

Richmond, Dec. 1.—Business in the Fifth Federal Reserve District during October was fully up to seasonal average and in some lines much of the September dullness disappeared, according to the monthly review of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond issued here Friday night. According to the review the outstanding development during the month was the increase in the price of cotton which advanced approximately \$25 a bale between the middle of October and the middle of November. This price was six cents above the price of the product as of November 15, 1922, according to the figures of the report. The increase in the size of the crop is set at 31 per cent, amounting to 420,600 bales.

As a result of this improvement in the condition of the cotton producers throughout the district the general conditions have improved and the increased prosperity is noted in the increase of bank deposits.

Business failures in the district during October while showing an increase over September were fewer in proportion than in the nation as a whole. Labor, according to the report, continues fully employed at high wages and enough labor is available for all purposes except dairying and a few minor industries of the section.

The effect of the increase in raw cotton prices is beginning to be felt by textile mills which are finding it hard to continue operations at a profit due to increased cost of manufacturing goods, says the report, but as yet there has been no appreciable curtailment in production and during October more of the raw product was consumed by the mills than in September and in October of last year.

The condition of crops, especially tobacco and cotton, is unusually (Continued On Page Eight)

GOVERNOR ORDERS TROOPS TO NASHVILLE

Raleigh, Dec. 1.—Governor Morrison yesterday ordered troops sent to Nashville, this State, to be present at the resumption of the trial today of Lee Washington, negro, charged with attacking a white woman near Momeyer several weeks ago.

Winston-Salem Leads In Building Permits

Richmond, Va., December 1.—Winston Salem was leading all North Carolina cities in the number of permits issued for new building and repairs to old buildings during the month of October, according to the monthly report of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond of activities of the Fifth Federal Reserve District. In the value of new construction, however, Greensboro was leading with a total expenditure during the month of \$378,210. The number of permits issued for new construction in Winston Salem was 74 and those for repairs 119.

The value of Winston Salem's new activities ran second to Greensboro, the amount spent being \$245,835. The value of repair work at Winston Salem exceeded that of other cities in the State, the amount expended being \$44,915. Asheville came second with \$29,960.

LODGE AGAIN IS THE PARTY LEADER

Washington, Dec. 1.—All members of the Senate progressive bloc absented themselves from the Republican Senate conference today at which party organization was speedily effected with the re-election of Senator Lodge of Massachusetts as leader.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Needham of Shiloh were in the city shopping on Friday.

CROP ESTIMATES WORSE THAN WEEVIL

Washington, Dec. 1.—Readjustment of methods used in estimating the cotton crop by the government was recommended today in the resolution adopted at a meeting of the cotton bloc in Congress. A committee of five was named to draw up and present legislation to Congress to this effect. Representative Rankin of Mississippi declared that cotton growers had lost this year more through "mis-information upon crop estimates by the government than from boll weevil and other ravages."

PROSPECTS POOR FOR WINTER FISHING HERE

First-day-of-the-month winds prevail for the remainder of the month say the old sailors, and as northerly winds were felt on Saturday it is expected that northerly winds and rough weather will continue until the end of December. This bit of sea faring weather prophecy indicates that December will be another "off month" in the fishing trades.

Very few fish are caught in the fall of the year in the sound. Most of the fishing is done on the ocean where weather conditions have a direct bearing on the success of the venture. With northeasterly winds most of the fall, the fishermen have been unable to accomplish their usual amount of fishing with the result that this fall has been one of the dullest in several years, according to A. S. Daniels of the Globe Fish Company.

The company is operating two boats, the Pompano and the Hattie Creel for fish, while the third, the Daniels, has been taking out net poles for the fishermen by way of preparation for the shad season opening in February.

A quantity of fish has been received here from Florida this fall to fill the demand as fish are so scarce in this section.

Columbus Wrote An Interesting Story

And What Christopher Did Not Tell His Son Ferdinand Finished From Log

Washington, Dec. 1.—That Benjamin Franklin's grandfather, who was a blacksmith, may have piled his trade on horses owned by the ancestors of George Washington and of John Adams and John Quincy Adams, before any members of these famous families ever dreamed of trying their fortunes in America, is an interesting possibility developed by the discovery and recent purchase and dedication of the Adams ancestral home at Floore, Northamptonshire, less than ten miles from the Washington home at Sulgrave and the Franklin home at Eton.

"Not content with being the source of Washington, Adams and Franklin families, Northamptonshire, a small inland county only a trifle larger than Cook County, Illinois, oyer which Chicago spreads, also claims that within a ten-mile radius of Sulgrave manor lived the ancestors of Henry W. Longfellow, the late Warren G. Harding, and William Penn," says a bulletin of the National Geographic Society.

"From Northamptonshire and the counties to the north, Lincoln, York and Nottingham, came the main stream of pioneer English stock to settle and make America, but few places can challenge Northamptonshire's claim as an outstanding garden of heroes and great minds.

"One counterpart to Northamptonshire in the United States is to be found in Virginia. On a clear day one can stand on the watershed of the Blue Ridge Mountains at the intersection of Rockingham, Greene and Madison Counties and see over a countryside containing the lifelong home of Madison, in Orange County, the birthplace of John Marshall at Midland, the birthplace of Thomas Jefferson at Shadwell, the birthplace of Woodrow Wilson at Staunton, the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln's father at Broadway, the birthplace of John Sevier, first governor of Tennessee near Lacey Springs, and the birthplace of Zachary Taylor near Orange.

"Within a radius of 75 miles from a point 43 miles northwest of Richmond, Virginia, were born 23 men whose names loom large in American history: George Washington, James Monroe, Thomas Lightfoot Lee, Richard Henry Lee, and Robert E. Lee in Westmoreland County; Zachary Taylor and James Madison in Orange County; Lincoln's father and John Sevier, Rockingham County; Thomas Jefferson in Albemarle County; Henry Clay and Patrick Henry in Hanover County; John Randolph in Chesterfield County; Woodrow Wilson in Augusta County; George Mason in Stafford County; John Tyler and Benjamin Harrison in Charles City County; General Winfield Scott, Dinwiddie County; John Marshall, Fauquier County; Sam Houston, Rockbridge County, and three signers of the Declaration of Independence, Carter Braxton, King and Queen County; John Penn, Caroline County, and George Walton, Frederick County.

"Ohio has produced seven Presidents but she generously distributed the honors to all parts of the state."

In His Home



Comptroller Charles L. Craig must go to jail for 60 days for criticizing Federal Judge Mayer. This photo shows Mr. Craig and his wife in their comfortable New York City home. They don't seem to be worried. Mrs. Craig says she will go to jail with her famous hubby.

AMERICA INVITED APPOINT MEMBERS

(By The Associated Press.)
Paris, Dec. 1.—An invitation to the United States to appoint members of each of two committees which are to investigate German finances has been forwarded to Washington by Col. James A. Logan on behalf of the reparations commission.

CONFESSES GIGANTIC ROBBERY OF STAMPS

Washington, Dec. 1.—Confession that he has systematically robbed the Post Office Department of stamps valued at approximately \$75,000 after nearly 25 years in its service has been obtained, according to Federal officials, from Herman Davis. Davis is at liberty under \$5,000 bond.

MAN COMMITS SUICIDE ON THANKSGIVING DAY

Washington, N. C., December 1.—King Edwards, white man, about sixty-five years of age, committed suicide Thursday morning by shooting himself with a shot gun through the head near the home of Guilford Dixon at Chocowinity. The entire load of the gun entered the head of Edwards over the eye, coming out at the back. Death was instantaneous.

Within a short while after the tragedy Edwards was found on the road dead with the shot gun with one barrel empty beneath him. No motive has been assigned for the act unless the poor health of the deceased was the cause.

Early Thursday morning Edwards arose and after eating his breakfast at the home of Guilford Dixon took his gun and left. This was the last seen of him alive.—Mr. Dixon says that while he heard several guns fire near his house, he paid no attention to it as it was Thanksgiving and quite a number were hunting. A few minutes after eight o'clock he was notified that a white man was lying in the road about 500 yards from his house dead. Investigation followed, the dead man proving to be King Edwards came to his death at his own hands with a shot gun.

DENBY'S ACTION WAS ENTIRELY APPROVED

Washington, Dec. 1.—The proposed transfer of naval oil reserves to the supervision of the Department of the Interior was submitted by Secretary Denby to the Navy Department council and unanimously approved, according to testimony before the Senate public lands committee investigating the leasing of the Teapot Dome reserve to the Sinclair oil interests. Denby had testified that he did not consult the department heads on the transfer.

COTTON MARKET

New York, December 1.—Spot cotton market closed steady today, with an advance of 30 points. Middling \$7.65. Futures, closing bid: December, 37.10; March 36.74; May 36.88; July 35.88; October 29.40.

New York December 1.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: December 36.65; January 35.95; March 36.10; May 36.25; July 35.30; October 29.95.

CHINESE CONDEMN WHITE TO DEATH

(By The Associated Press.)
Harbin, Manchuria, Dec. 1.—For the first time in history, the Chinese courts today condemned a white man to death.

The sentence was the result of the trial of the noted desperado, Korndorff, an educated Russian of good family charged with several murders and robberies and to whom have been imputed a variety of exploits of almost motion picture sensationalism.

The court's finding is regarded as indicative of a lowered state of white prestige here.

ARMY CUT BELOW ITS VITAL NEEDS

Secretary Weeks in Annual Report to Congress Gives Urgent Warning Against Further Cutting

Washington, Dec. 1.—An urgent warning "against the slightest cutting of the budget" for the Army is contained in Secretary Weeks' annual report to Congress.

The Army not only is "cut below our vital needs," the Secretary said, "but increased appropriations for national defense soon would be necessary due to the consumption of war stocks."

"We are not able even now to make the progress which is necessary to insure the fulfillment of the purposes of national defense," the report continued. "Since 1921, the total number of individuals under military training, or in military organizations has decreased from 519,941 to 504,010. This does not spell progress, but rather reaction."

"I am convinced that our people as a whole are in accord with the constructive policy under which we are endeavoring to operate. I believe that they will deeply approve the constructive statesmanship which demands that this policy be fulfilled even at the expense of the natural complaints on the part of the taxpayers."

In specific terms, Secretary Weeks reaffirmed his recommendations of former years that the enlisted strength of the regular Army be increased from its present limit of 125,999 men to 150,000 men "at the earliest possible date."

Mr. Weeks recommended repeal of the law requiring proof of age for Army enlistments, which he said obstructed efforts to recruit the Army and tended "to discredit the service which symbolizes our country and our flag." He urged also an increase of the commissioned strength of the regular Army to 15,000 as compared to 12,000 the present limit.

BLEACHERY PROJECT SEEMS IN PROSPECT

Asheville, Dec. 1.—Announcement that the sale of 600 acres of land to Joseph Haneroff and Sons, a company of Wilmington, Delaware, would be completed today at Old Fort, was made here today by persons who said they arranged the sale.

A bleachery project involving a final expenditure of a sum said to be \$30,000,000 or more was declared to be in prospect.

TO ESTABLISH BUREAU WELFARE FOR NEGROES

Raleigh, Dec. 1.—Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, commissioner of public welfare, announced yesterday that the next development planned by the welfare board of the State is the establishment of a welfare bureau for negroes with a competent negro at its head.

Policy Is Consistent With Monroe Doctrine

Philadelphia, Dec. 1.—The American foreign policy today whether with relation to conditions in Europe, Latin America, or the Pacific, squares consistently with the Monroe Doctrine, declared Secretary Hughes here last night.

GET PRIEST FROM CHINESE BANDITS

Peking, Dec. 1.—Father Frederick, a priest held captive by bandits in Siantung Province since November 13, was rescued last Wednesday, according to official report.

FINISHES RACE IN SPIRE OF INJURIES

Sioux City, Dec. 1.—Paul Ellis of Dunlap, Iowa, finished the four-mile cross-country race yesterday, although he fell in the start and fractured his leg.

Closes For Repairs
The Linden, the Womans Club Tea Room, will be closed for repairs Monday. The date of reopening will be announced later.

AMERICA WILL NOT TAKE PART

Unwilling to Participate in Restricted Inquiry in German Finances, Reply to Latest Invitation.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The American Government still is unwilling to participate in a restricted inquiry into German finances and "so informed Col. James Logan, American observer with the Reparations Commission in Paris, today.

The communication outlining the Government's position was sent to Col. Logan after he had informed the State Department that the Reparations Commission favored American membership on the two committees created by it to investigate and report on the state of German finances as related to the ability of that Government to pay reparations.

COUNTRY SCHOOLS FIGURE IN COURT

Saturday is usually a dull day in the recorder's court, but the first Saturday in December proved an exception.

It was two country schools of the County that took the center of the stage early in the session and between them held that position until nearly 1 o'clock.

A school entertainment in each case was the occasion of the trouble. In the case of the Corinth school the entertainment was the one given at the close of the session last May. Refreshments were served and some ice cream was left over. It was carefully packed, and the building closed, but next day, apparently, a window had been forced open and the ice cream had been disposed of.

Four mature young men of the community were charged with trespass in connection with the affair; but they were acquitted by a recorder's court jury Saturday morning.

A social affair at the Newland High School during the present session, about two weeks ago, was the occasion of a moonlight affray between Edison Granger and Logan Sharber, two 18-year-old high school students, in which a pocket knife and a spark-plug wrench played a part. Granger used the knife, but there was no evidence that Sharber, who had the wrench in his pocket when the difficulty started, brought it into play. Sharber, however, did have the wrench handy and struck the first blow; and both were adjudged about equally guilty. They would have been given stiff fines, probably, but when the youngsters shook hands in court, the prosecuting attorney united with W. L. Coohoon, attorney for Granger, in asking that the defendants be let off with the costs, and Assistant Trial Justice Markham complied with their suggestion.

Nelson Felton, colored, for operating a motor car with a defective muffler, was let off under suspended judgment on payment of costs.

THE 1923 EDITION IS UP TO THE MINUTE

"Far surpassing anything ever produced by local talent in this city will be the Elk's Minstrels, 1923 edition," it is predicted, "which takes place at the Alkrama on the evenings of December 19 and 20.

Rehearsals for this show start Monday night and judging from the talent on hand it looks like it will stand out as the best of all the good shows the Elks have staged here.

Besides special scenery which has been engaged for this production, the music is all new and catchy. The latest Broadway song hits will be used as well as a few old time ballads. The cast this year will be composed of forty men and twenty girls all chosen because of their ability.

Within the next few days, F. F. Gosden of the Joe Breen Production Company, will arrive and will assist in the directing of the show. Mr. Gosden will also be an end man in the production. Besides assisting in the directing of the show, Mr. Gosden will also be an end man in the minstrel.

As is the custom, the proceeds from these shows are to be used for charity.

RADIO SALESMAN IS ARRESTED AT EDENTON

Edenton, Dec. 1.—Charging embezzlement of \$100 funds of the United Klansmen of America C. Lyman of Tarboro, who has been installing radio machines here, was arrested Friday by Sheriff Goodwin on a Washington County warrant. Bail in the sum of \$200 was furnished by local men, for his appearance in recorder's court Monday.

ANOTHER FORD TO BANKS

As part of her cargo to Avon and Buxton the Schooner Missouri loaded a brand new shiny Ford roadster in Elizabeth City Friday. If there are Fords on the banks, the tin lizards are practically ubiquitous, in the of the average Bectonian. However, those here who have lived or visited on the banks say that residents can drive a Ford along this beach all the way to Norfolk between tides.

NEW CABIN FOR RAY

A cabin on the top deck is being constructed for the "Ray" of the Matthews Boat Line. This arrangement will allow more space for freight on the lower deck and will give passengers between this city and South Mills more comfortable accommodations.

W. J. Broughton, who was taken very ill on Wednesday, is today improving slightly.