

REMEDY IS NOT LIKELY TO COME IN LEGISLATION

Enough Testimony Taken in Investigating Tariff Commission to Show How the Wind Blows

UP TO PRESIDENT Mr. Coolidge Can Reconstitute Tariff Commission Without Additional Legislation

By DAVID LAWRENCE
Washington, April 9.—Enough testimony has been taken by the Senate Committee investigating the Tariff Commission to show that remedial measures are not likely to come through new legislation but through President Coolidge in the exercise of his power under existing law.

The question of whether a commission is doing its job well has always been either a matter of the power given by a law or the personnel executing the law. Mr. Coolidge is not convinced that the idea of a flexible tariff law is wrong and he is supported by testimony from members of the commission. But the chief difficulty is that some of the men appointed to the commission by the late President Harding did not believe in the flexible provisions of the law and have had difficulty reconciling their own theories of economic policy with the clear intent of the law.

Mr. Coolidge can reconstitute the tariff commission without additional legislation. The commission consists of six members who serve 12 years each. Two men have not been confirmed by the Senate as yet, in fact Mr. Coolidge is reported to be holding the nominations of Messrs. Bessard and Baldwin because of a fear they would not be confirmed by the Senate. The term of commissioner Glasie, Democrat, expires this year. There is a controversy going on now as to whether his activities on the commission would entitle him to re-nomination by Mr. Coolidge and the President is reported to be hesitant about a reappointment because of the possible attitude of the Democrats who say Mr. Glasie has consistently stood with the Republican protectionists as the minutes of the commission disclose.

With the power, therefore, in the President's hands to appoint three new members and with Messrs. Costigan and Denis admittedly anxious to make the flexible tariff provisions work, there would be at least five men in sympathy with the President's purpose.

Commissioner Dennis, a Democrat, has said that Mr. Coolidge whom he has known personally for 26 years was really anxious to see the flexible tariff provisions applied. Mr. Costigan a progressive Republican from Colorado, has voted consistently with Mr. Dennis. If, therefore, the idea of a flexible tariff is not rejected by a repeal of the law, the Senators especially on the Democratic side are going to fight until personnel is chosen which will occasionally reduce a duty when the facts warrant it.

Entirely apart from the intersection of economic theory in the workings of the commission is the problem of what constitutes cost of production. Evidence has been adduced showing that the cost of transportation has been in many cases ignored in making up the total cost of delivering an article in competition with the American producer. Several members of the commission have held that in the case of straw hats manufactured in Italy the cost of shipping these hats to America should be added to the cost of production and then the proper duty should be applied in order to give the American manufacturer an advantage in competitive field with foreign made goods. By ignoring the cost of transportation the commission, by majority vote recommended a duty of 112 per cent instead of 80 per cent which would have been sufficient in the opinion of the minority. When the protection given is excessive, the argument of men like Commissioner Dennis is that the producer in America raises the prices of straw hats to the domestic consumer up to the limit of the tariff wall, thus charging more for the product, and making a larger profit out of the American consumer than would be possible if the tariff were held just above the competing price of the foreign dealer. Questions like these are coming up frequently in the tariff commission and the President is being asked to decide most points through the Department of Justice.

Petty Thieves Still Making Hay While Sun Shines

This city's epidemic of petty thefts is continuing without abatement, in spite of strenuous efforts on the part of the police to curb it by arresting and convicting the thieves.

Last night, an unidentified visitor paid an unannounced visit to an automobile parked back of the Southern Hotel, and belonging to W. L. Garcelon, representative of the Southern Cotton Oil Trading Company, of Norfolk, and stole about \$10 worth of accessories and other articles. The haul comprised a Brownie No. 2 camera, a spotlight, dash light, trouble extension lamp, tools, a small quantity of Snow-drift lard in one-pound cans. Additional thefts of automobile tires have been reported in the last few days, but thus far no arrests have been made. Handicapped by a limited force, and without funds to hire additional men, Chief of Police Holmes nevertheless is working steadily to break up the wave of petty crime, and offers hope of making one or more arrests in the next few days.

On the whole the investigation by the Senate Committee is not as partisan as would be supposed and there is an apparent effort to get at the facts of the constant wrangling inside the commission. Socks will last longer if you leave them off and wear your trousers.

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Seven years ago Frank R. Patterson went to Detroit with a college degree and just enough money to rent a small office and go to work as a civil engineer. Now he has just paid a \$20,000 premium on a million-dollar life insurance policy. He is head of one of the largest construction firms in Detroit.

"KEMPY" PROVES UP TO THE MARK

Bright Comedy Gives Proof That High School Boys and Girls Can Act

Lively comedy, with enough of a plot to sustain the interest of the audience in the development of the story, marked the presentation of "Kempy," a decidedly frivolous drama in three acts, at the High School last night by members of the school dramatic club. Above everything else, the play offered proof that Elizabeth City High School boys and girls can really act. It was far and away better than the usual run of student plays of other years.

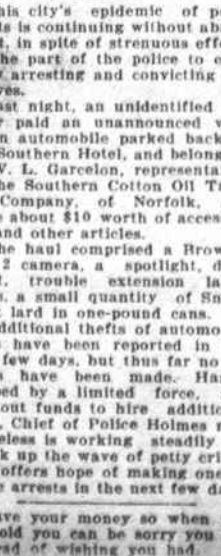
The play dealt in the main with the literary and dramatic aspirations of Katherine Bence, and as portrayed by Miss Anne Mellick. Miss Bence left nothing to be desired. One suspected that Anne herself, might have cherished similar dreams, so well did she fit into the part.

"Dad" and "Ma" Bence supplied most of the comedy. These characterizations were taken by Andrew Bailey and Miss Mary Lee Jackson, and both "did their stuff" in a way that demonstrated real talent. Both were outstandingly good.

The other characters in the play were Miss Jeanne Houtz, as Ruth Bence, flapper sister of Katherine; Eleanor Phipps, as Jane Wade; Joseph Kramer, as Ben Wade; Gerald Shannonhouse, as Duke Merrill, rich snob of Katherine; and Tom White as "Kempy" the plumber-architect who weds Katherine most unexpectedly, and lives to regret it. These other formed an excellent supporting cast for the principals.

All in all, "Kempy" was worth while, giving as it did such evidence of the dramatic ability of these modern high school players. The High School Orchestra saw to it effectively enough that the intermissions didn't become tiresome. These popular melodians were up to their usual standard, which is the same as saying they kept the audience fully entertained between the fall and rise of the curtain.

Defender



MANN DEVELOPS PNEUMONIA AT LOCAL HOSPITAL

Automobile Mechanic Shot Down on Newland Highway Suddenly Takes Turn for Worse

REWARD INCREASED Pasquotank Tribe of Red Men Offer Additional \$100 for Apprehension of Assailant

Tommie Mann, young automobile mechanic living here, who was shot down mysteriously on the Newland Highway, five miles from here, late Sunday night, took a sudden turn for the worse Friday at the Elizabeth City Hospital. Dr. John Saliba, surgeon in charge, reported. In the last 24 hours, Mann has developed localized septic pneumonia in the region of the left lung pierced by the bullet.

Mann was wounded in the stomach also by the bullet which entered slightly below the heart and took an upward course, lodging finally under the left armpit. He was very weak today. Dr. Saliba stated, adding that his chance for recovery was slight, although there were some grounds for hope through the fact that peritonitis had not set in.

There is a growing impression here that Mann, if he would, could tell more about the shooting than he has done thus far. This impression is founded largely on the wounded man's reticence in regard to it.

Supplementing the reward of \$250 offered Monday by the Pasquotank Board of County Commissioners, Pasquotank Tribe 8, Red Men, of which Mann is a member, Thursday night offered \$100 for information leading to arrest and conviction of his assailant. Thus far, the State has taken no action toward increasing the reward, as had been hoped for.

Sheriff Charles Carmine, who is heading the investigation into the shooting, reports that little or no further progress has been made. Other than that discrepancies have been discovered in the statement of several of those questioned regarding it. He did not state what those discrepancies were, or whether they had a material bearing on the case. Thus far, no arrests have been made.

"If we had had a bloodhound, we could have cleared up the mystery the day after the shooting," the sheriff declared. "We could have tracked Mann's assailant without any trouble. But I wasn't notified of the shooting until the next day, and by the time we could have brought a hound here, the trail would have been cold."

Continue To Battle Against The Flames

San Luis Obispo, Cal., April 9.—Men today continued their two day battle against the flames that were consuming about eight million and a half barrels of oil stored by the Union Oil Company on two California tank farms.

Lecture Tonight On "The Enchanted Wand"

Dr. Howard L. Stewart, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Norfolk, will deliver a lecture tonight at 8:30 at Blackwell Memorial Baptist church on "The Enchanted Wand."

No admission will be charged and no offering will be taken, announces the pastor, Dr. J. H. Hayer. The public is cordially invited.

Here's Sample of That 3.75 Tonic



Is it a beverage? No, it's a tonic—according to the taste. Fred Pabst, head of the Pabst Brewery Corporation (right), samples a glass of the 3.75 malt extract that his firm has been permitted to sell, while Dr. A. J. Schebler, chief chemist of the corporation, lifts him a toast.

HOTEL BOOMING IN STATESVILLE

Capacity Doubled After 1st Year; Nearly Property Values Rising

Remarkable success of a community hotel erected in Statesville several years ago, under a plan almost identical with that employed here, was described Friday by Paul Leonard, secretary of the North Carolina Retail Merchants, who was here to address local business men Friday night. His home is in Statesville. "We built a 65 room hotel to start with," Mr. Leonard declared, "and outgrew it the first year. The second year, we doubled the size of it, the men who originally financed it putting up without any trouble. But I wasn't notified of the shooting until the next day, and by the time we could have brought a hound here, the trail would have been cold."

The 1920 census gives Elizabeth City's population as more than 1,000 greater than Statesville's, the figures being 8,925 and 7,895, respectively. Mr. Leonard addressed the local executive committee at their regular session at campaign headquarters Friday morning at 10 o'clock. In the course of the session it was brought out that the patronage of the new hotel in Goldsboro has increased so rapidly that its owners have decided to complete at once 48 additional rooms which were left unfinished when the hotel was opened. This hotel in less than a year, old, members of the committee stated.

Charge Storage For Express Shipments

P. F. Walston, agent of the American Railway Express Co., announced today that the express companies plan to establish a system of charges for the storing of express shipments refused when tendered for delivery or uncalled for.

A docket outlining the proposal has been issued for information of the public, and, in due course it will be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission as an addition to the Express Classification to become effective on or about May 1. The rules and charges will apply to business of this character which the local office has to store owing to the refusal of the consignee to accept it when a tender of delivery is made or which for any other reason not the fault of the express company cannot be delivered. "Three days 'free time' will be allowed after which the storage charge will be 10 cents for the first day, five cents for each of the next eight days with a maximum of 50 cents a month for each shipment weighing 100 pounds or less. There will be a regular monthly charge thereafter of 50 cents per month or fraction thereof.

Peaches Unable Attend Court



"Peaches" Treman, intet Cinderella of Millionaire Brownie, is still confined to her bed from the effects of mysterious acid thrown on her nearly two weeks ago, and unable to appear in Children's Court, New York City, where the matter of whether her mother is a fit guardian for her is under investigation. Meanwhile the New York legislature is endeavoring to pass a law prohibiting the marriage of rich old men to pretty young girls.

Labor Makes Plea For Modification

Washington, April 9.—A challenge to dry leaders to join in the movement for a nation-wide referendum on light wines and beer was issued today before the Senate prohibition committee by a spokesman for the American Federation of Labor. Mr. Roberts was the first witness for the wets at the fifth day of the Senate hearings. The drys will begin their presentation next week. Appearing as a witness for the wets and speaking as a personal representative of President William Green of the Federation, William Roberts told the committee that the "present uprising of those opposed to the Volstead Act is stable and solid." "I sincerely believe those who oppose light wines and beers realize that a referendum would de-

TRYING ASCERTAIN IF BANK WAS ROBBED

Concord, N. C., April 9.—Auditors today were checking the Midland Bank near here to ascertain what loss if any was suffered in the robbery early yesterday when the bank was burned and the cashier rendered unconscious by dynamite. New York, April 9.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 19.30, points unchanged. May 18.79, July 18.24, Oct. 17.48, December 17.13, Jan. 17.13. New York, April 8.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 19.30, points unchanged. May 18.79, July 18.24, Oct. 17.48, December 17.13, Jan. 17.13. declare in favor of modification of the Volstead Act," he said. "If this were not true, why do they fight a referendum so strenuously?"

HERE'S ANOTHER BOOST FOR THE DAILY ADVANCE

Editor of The Advance, Dear Sir:—Our ten day sale which ended Saturday was the most successful that we have ever put on. We want to let you know this for we feel that The Advance played a big part in making it such a success. Your paper was the only medium of advertising used as we used no circulars or road signs at all this time and we think we can safely say that we had customers from every county in our entire trade territory to refer to our special offerings in The Advance. We thank you and want you to know that we consider The Advance as one of the best friends our business has. Respectfully yours, T. T. TURNER & CO. By R. M. SAWYER.

BUREAU MEETING HOUR IS CHANGED

All Merchants Invited to Conference at Chamber Tonight

A change in the place and hour of the merchants' meeting scheduled for tonight is announced by J. C. Sawyer, president of the Merchants' Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce. Originally scheduled for 6:30 o'clock at the Woman's Club Tea Room, the session instead will be held at 7:30 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Sawyer states that the change was made on account of a possible conflict with the Norfolk-Syracuse baseball game, to be played here this afternoon, beginning at 3:30 o'clock. Many of the merchants had intended to attend the game, and, on the off chance that it might last until 6 o'clock or later, asked that the hour of the meeting be changed. The Luncheon feature also has been dropped, many preferring to have supper at home before attending the meeting. No cost will be attached to it.

The session was arranged in order to give all Elizabeth City business men, regardless of affiliation with the Merchants' Bureau, an opportunity to discuss their problems with Paul Leonard, of Statesville, secretary of the State Retail Merchants' Association. Mr. Leonard arrived on the early train today, and spent most of the day visiting Elizabeth City merchants, getting acquainted with them and discussing the general business situation.

In view of the fact that Mr. Leonard has recently completed a trip through several states in the interest of the association, it is anticipated that he will have many helpful suggestions to offer at the meeting tonight. The session will take the form of a round table discussion, Mr. Sawyer stated this morning.

Continue Task Of Seeking Sailors

New Orleans, April 9.—Searchers today continued their task of searching for the bodies of more than 35 sailors who are believed to have lost their lives in two Mississippi River disasters in the New Orleans district yesterday and last night. Authorities believed it possible that the death list will not be as large as had been expected. Thirty members of the crew of the Dutch steamer Silvannus which crashed with the oil tanker Thömas H. Wheeler were unaccounted for. Five men were officially reported missing, the result of five oil explosions aboard the Standard oil tanker O. T. Warning which occurred in dock.

In Hoosier Race



POTATO OUTLOOK IS ENCOURAGING IN THIS SECTION

Pasquotank Growers Undismayed by Evidences of Rot and Indications Crop Will be Late

PRICES HOLDING UP

Maine Season, Drawing to Close, Most Successful in History; Florida Spuds Selling Well

Pasquotank County's early potato outlook is decidedly encouraging this year, despite the fact that the crop is probably destined to be late, and there has been more than the usual percentage of rot, according to Kenyon Bailey, manager of the firm of R. C. Abbott, commission merchants. Mr. Bailey quotes recent favorable market quotations as the chief basis for his optimism as to the potato crop, together with news dispatches declaring that the Maine potato season has been the most successful on record. Sales of Maine potatoes, both for seed purposes and for consumption, passed the record mark of \$10 a barrel achieved in 1919, and are still up. New York market reports Monday, quoting sales at \$30 to \$10.75 a barrel. At this time last year, they were selling at \$2.50 to \$3 a barrel.

The acreage in Pasquotank is 15 to 20 per cent higher than last year's Mr. Bailey estimates, explaining that the actual number of bags, or barrels, planted probably exceeds that of 1925 by 10 per cent, and the other 5 to 10 per cent is accounted for by the fact that the potatoes, as a rule, were smaller. The crop last year was short, and a curtailed yield usually means small potatoes. In planting, the small potatoes go farther than the large ones.

More Money Tied Up Fertilizer was about the same in price this year as last, except that the cash retail figure was a little lower; but seed potatoes were considerably higher, and as a result, the farmer has more money invested in his crop, acre for acre, than he had last year. Mr. Bailey explains.

The potato yield in Pasquotank was exceedingly small last year, on account of the exceedingly dry growing season. "Already, with the potatoes not even out of the ground," this commission merchant declares, "I am convinced we have had more rain than we did in the entire growing season last year."

While admitting that there probably is more rot in the fields this year than ordinarily, Mr. Bailey expresses the opinion that the extent of it has been overestimated considerably, and that when the crop as a whole has come up, the loss from that source will be found not to exceed 5 per cent of the potatoes planted. At present, due to cold, wet weather at planting time, since it would allow potato growing sections farther South to clean up their yields before shippers here begin digging on an extensive scale.

New Potatoes At \$18 The market this week on new potatoes shipped in from Florida is exceedingly encouraging. Government quotations issued Monday show, for instance, that they were bringing \$18 in Pittsburgh, and \$17 to \$17.50 in Philadelphia, with none quoted in New York. These are early shipments, and mainly of small and poor stock. Mr. Bailey says, predicting that heavy consignments will begin about the middle of next week.

Except that the Government grading of potatoes will be resumed this year, after a highly successful (tryout last season, there are no particular developments affecting the marketing of the "crop" this spring. It is indicated that substantially more potatoes than ever before have been planted on a share basis, due to the high cost of seed, and hence the farmers as a whole will benefit to a lesser degree than usual from favorable prices, if these materialize. On the other hand, if the season falls out as usual, Continued on page 4.

DR. VANN GETTING ALONG WELL AS CAN BE EXPECTED

Friends in Elizabeth City have received news from Dr. R. T. Vann, now in a Raleigh hospital, that Dr. Vann is getting along as well as could be expected, following a fall last Saturday when he broke his left arm and hurt his right shoulder. It is expected that he can leave the hospital today or tomorrow for his home in Raleigh. Besides other attending physicians, his daughter, Dr. Elizabeth Vann, has been with him. As most North Carolinians know, Dr. Vann lost his left arm just below the elbow and his right arm just below the shoulder in an accident at a cane mill when a small boy. Dr. Vann was formerly president of Meredith College and is now one of the secretaries of the Baptist Education Board of the State.