

STEDMAN OPPOSED TO NATIONAL LAW ON SABBATH WORK

Fifth District Congressman 'Doesn't Believe It Would Help Morality'

GODWIN UNCERTAIN AS TO HOW HE STANDS NOW

Sixth District Representative Thinks Domestic Work On Sunday Should Be Prohibited Unless It Is Done By Men.

(By R. E. Powell, in the News and ... Bureau.)

Washington, Dec. 1.—Representative Hannibal L. Godwin is uncertain whether the proposed bill to restrict commercial activity on the Sabbath will have his support or not.

It is realized here that the now nationally known Davis resolution drafted after the Tennessee resolution and similar to the South Carolina resolution passed a few days ago is too far reaching.

Major Stedman Opposed

"Of course, I favor the proper observance of Sunday," Major Stedman said today. "I do not, however, favor the passage of a bill in which are incorporated provisions making traveling illegal and the publication of newspapers on Sunday also illegal."

"Traveling on Sunday should be avoided as far as possible," he said, "but it frequently happens that absence of a friend or relative makes it necessary. Nor do I believe that Sunday newspapers when properly edited injure the cause of morality."

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Wants Women Protected

Congressman Godwin may be listed in the doubtful column although he is frankly against the "organization" bill. Like "Farmer Bob" Doughton he would want the present draft amended but not in the same particular as the mountain statesman.

Definite plans for reform legislation will be discussed at a series of conferences beginning here early this month when representatives of the Reform Bureau, the Anti-Saloon League and church boards hold a convocation. Extension of the Volstead act to Americans living abroad is asked by the Anti-Saloon League and an amendment to this end will be pressed when Congress meets.

Bandits Escape With \$647,000 in Securities

Hold Up Two Messengers of Manhattan Brokerage Firm and Drive Away in Car

New York, Nov. 30.—Four bandits held up two messengers of the Manhattan brokerage firm of Keen, Taylor and Co. in Brooklyn this afternoon, seized a package said to contain \$647,000 in liberty bonds, fired a fusillade of shots and then escaped.

When accosted by the bandits the messengers were in front of the firm of Igoe brothers, hardware dealers and manufacturers. Three of the band thrust revolvers in the messengers' faces, while the fourth snatched the package. Then, entering an automobile which was standing at the curb, they drove away. The abandoned machine was found later on the outskirts of the city.

The bonds, in denominations of \$5,000 and \$10,000, were being carried to Igoe brothers in exchange for securities of smaller denominations, members of the brokerage firm said. All but \$60,000 worth of the securities were said to be negotiable.

OLD TRUNK BOUGHT FOR ONE DOLLAR CONTAINS \$395 GOLD

Philadelphia, Dec. 2.—An old trunk for which she paid \$1 to a junk dealer in Scranton, Pa., before she moved from that city recently has added \$395 in gold to the capital of Mrs. Alfred Bitterlin of Collingdale, Pa.

"I called that dress a crime," said Hupp Replied his storm and strife. "Stop jangling now and hook me up!" So he fastened the crime on his wife.

Small Farmers Are Ones Who Need Help

Have Never Had a Chance To Learn What Real Co-Operative Work Means

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 1.—The thousands of "little men" are the farmers who need aid, Governor Parker, of Louisiana, declared in an address today before the National Conference of Governors in session here.

"They are anxious and willing to remain on the farm," the Louisiana governor said, "because it is all they know, but if unable to make a living for themselves and their children, they will follow the current and drift to the cities."

Farmers, Governor Parker asserted, have been "stuffed so full of theory and expert book knowledge which has failed to work out practically, that many of them are disgusted and disheartened."

More economical and improved methods of marketing were urged by Governor Parker. A careful study should be made of the great markets of the country, he asserted, and a determined effort made to see that perishables especially are promptly transported and congestion obviated as much as possible.

Baltimore Banker Is In Optimistic Mood

Waldo Newcomer Says Country Is Passing Through Natural Readjustment Period

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COMING BACK TO LIFE

A perfectly good region inhabited by perfectly good people may become discouraged, despondent, decadent, owing to nothing more serious than the inheritance of obsolete traditions of agriculture and social relationships, and to discouragement due to a long continued shrinkage of population.

But just as a discouraged and morally decadent individual may come back to life and to achievement through a personal crisis of some sort—the kindling of a new friendship, religious conversion, or the breaking out of war—so a rural community which is given over to pessimism and lethargy may, by a proper adjustment of its economic life and a proper stimulus to its civic imagination, begin once more to function with as much exhilaration as the very immigrants and pioneers themselves.—Erville R. Woods, Dartmouth College.

MR. HARDING DECLINES THE PRESIDENT'S OFFER

Washington, Dec. 2.—Senator Harding declined today President Wilson's offer to place the presidential yacht Mayflower at his disposal next Saturday on his arrival at Norfolk to carry the President-elect to Washington.

It was necessary, the senator said in a radio message to Secretary Daniels, who transmitted the offer yesterday to the steamer Pastores, that he should make the trip by rail. The senator's message, as made public by the navy department, follows:

"Please thank the President for Mayflower tender. Am obliged to travel to Washington by rail. My gratitude to you. (Signed) 'Warren G. Harding.'"

N. C. STILL FOURTH IN ROLL OF STATES IN FARM PRODUCTS

Commissioner of Agriculture Makes Annual Report To State Board

MAINTAINS POSITION IN SPITE OF LOWER PRICES

Recommends Re-Establishment Of Farmers' Institutes, And Committee Considers State-wide Tick Eradication Bill.

Despite disasters that have come to the North Carolina farmer in the demoralization of prices, the State still retains its position of fourth from the top in the value of its agricultural products, and but for these disasters would have been first, according to the annual report of the Commissioner of Agriculture submitted to the Board Wednesday by Commissioner W. A. Graham.

Nature has dealt kindly with the farmers and to their hands has come the greatest crop of everything that has ever been grown in North Carolina. The Commissioner omits exact figures from his report this year, but makes the general statement that the crops are the biggest. Everything has gone on well with the farmers except prices, but despite these things, they are in excellent condition.

The semi-annual method of the Board convened yesterday morning for a two-day session. Most of the day was spent in hearing the Commissioner's report, and in the discussion of a proposal to re-establish the Farmers' Institute in the State and the disposal of the prevalent agitation for a state-wide tick eradication law. Both these matters went over to committees for consideration and recommendation to the Board at its further sittings today.

Eradication 124-Year Old Re-establishment of farmers institutes was recommended in the Commissioner's report, with a citation of the law that makes them mandatory. The committee will report on this matter today. No report was made in the report as to the eradication of ticks.

That the first tick eradication measure in the world was introduced in North Carolina in 1794, just 100 years before the Federal Government instituted its campaign against the tick. Severe criticism of the management of the State Fair was included in the report from the animal husbandry section, and approved by the Commissioner. Criticism arises from the allegation that midway attractions were so numerous that they overran the space allotted to them and scattered through the section a lot of exhibitors. One exhibitor, it is said, complained bitterly because his hog had to compete with a woman make charcoal who pitched her tent beside the pen where his swine were on show. No cognizance has been taken of this section of the report.

McMillan Acquitted By Federal Jurymen

Young Man Arrested Here Last Spring Pleads Innocent Of Liquor Charge

When he pleaded not guilty to the charge of transporting illicit liquor, E. C. McMillan, a Fayetteville automobile dealer, was adjudged not guilty in Federal court at Raleigh.

At the time of his arrest McMillan was accused of disorderly conduct and was confined in city for a few hours when he is alleged to have resisted arrest. As soon as Judge Godwin could be gotten to give him a hearing he was liberated. Immediately afterward he was arrested on a Federal warrant issued by Commissioner Aldredge Lee at the instance of Chief Page. His companions were also named as defendants in the warrant.

Friends of his family here furnished bond at that time. The car in which the party was traveling, however, was seized and given into the custody of Deputy Marshal Matthews. It was later recovered when another member of the party acknowledged ownership of the liquor and assumed responsibility for its presence in the car.

MR. KELLUM, OF NEW HANOVER SUCCEEDS SOLICITOR LYON

Raleigh, Nov. 30.—Governor Bickett today appointed Woodus Kellum, of New Hanover, solicitor to succeed Homer Lyon, who was sent his commission as representative-elect from the sixth. Mr. Kellum represented New Hanover in the 1913 general assembly. He won today over a large field.

Colby Leaves Washington Today Washington, Dec. 2.—Secretary Colby plans to leave Washington tomorrow on the first stage of his voyage to South America to return the recent visits of the president-elect of Brazil, Epitacio Pessoa, and President Baltasar Brum, of Uruguay, and be the guest of the Argentine government at Buenos Aires. He will sail from Norfolk on the battleship Florida Saturday, according to the present plan.

One Killed In Labor Riot

Five Negroes Wounded

Wagon was storn the house with a mob of five negroes. Sheriff and a guard were shot and killed. There were about 200 men in the storming mob. It is not reported whether the mob. The company has been ordered to leave the town.

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Other cases from Dunn were those charging Carson Lee and J. Stewart with the possession of illicit liquor. Two gallons was alleged to have been found in Mr. Lee's automobile. About the same quantity was alleged to have been found on Mr. Stewart's premises. Judgment in their case, as well as that in Tody Smith's, was suspended upon payment of costs.

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R. & S. RAILROAD MEN MEET HERE WITH OFFICERS

Some Had Cold Feet But Cap'n Tilghman Disperses Gloom

DIRECTORS MEETING IS CALLED DECEMBER 16

Nearly \$10,000 Lended To The Crowd After Meeting—Road Will Be Started By Next Fall, It Is Believed By Promoters Here.

In spite of the stringency of the times promoters of the Roanoke and Salem Railroad are determined to put the project through. This was evidenced yesterday when nearly one hundred of the stockholders appeared here to discuss with Jesse Franklin Wilson and Jim Royal, officers of the company, prospects of the undertaking. The outcome of the meeting is that the Directors have been called to meet at the Bank of Salem, at Salemburg, Thursday, December 16.

Yesterday's meeting was an important affair. Some of the stockholders who have been hard hit by the low prices of farm products were developing a case of cold feet. They were afraid that building of the road would make a too serious inroad upon their capital. They gathered together a large number of others and headed for Dunn to have a talk with the fellows.

Jim Royal, who is president of the concern as well as one of Sampson's leading merchants and best men came along with them. He was with Jesse Frank when the crowd came. The fellows wanted to know what had been done and what was going to be done. Cap'n Tilghman was called to the rescue. He told them some facts. Mr. Tilghman is not an officer of the company, but he is a stockholder and one of whom the leaders of the project look for advice in all matters. He talked for about thirty minutes, telling the stockholders a little of the needs for such a road as they are going to build. He pointed out that it would be possible to subscribe a little money, begin work and then sell bonds to complete the road and buy equipment. This plan, he said, would probably see the road in the hands of the bondholders within a few months.

He, however, was of the opinion that enough money could be gotten from people in the effort to put the road through. He did not want to see a train run until the whole thing had been paid for with local capital. Then the road would be owned by home people and operated in the interests of home people.

His remarks were greeted with enthusiasm by all of the stockholders. Any case of cold feet had been warmed by the talk. Immediately afterward practically \$10,000 worth of stock was issued to those present.

Officers of the company are much encouraged by the spirit shown during the little meeting. They are now certain that next fall will see the project well on its way.

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Hosiery Mill Workers Cut Their Own Wages

Vote To Operate On Fewer Work Days As At a Reduced Rate of Pay

Durham, Dec. 1.—The congress of workers of the industrial democracy of the Durham hosiery mills here today voted wage reductions and a curtailed program of working hours, including a Christmas vacation of slightly more than two weeks.

The five Durham hosiery mills here, and other mills of the state, including that of Dunn under control of the Durham hosiery mills will close December 16, Thursday for the Christmas vacation, reopening January 2.

For this week and next the mills will operate on a four-day week, 10-hour day, schedule at a reduction of 15 per cent on the new wage schedule, for a total reduction of close to 25 per cent on the present scale. At the end of that week, Thursday, December 16, the mills will close for the holidays.

Opening on January 3, the mills will operate four days a week 10 hours per day at the same scale in effect at the time of closing.

Officials are unable to anticipate what may take place after January 1, but it is hoped conditions at that time and industrial readjustment will be at such a stage as to insure plenty of work for the mill employes.

Red Cross Christmas Seals Now On Sale

Graded School Children Will Put Over Campaign In Dunn This Year

Red Cross Christmas Seals are now on sale. President Ellis Goldstein, meeting with members of the Women's Club, yesterday set in motion the forces which are to dispose of Dunn's allotment during the holiday season. Children of the Graded Schools are to be the sales force, and a prize is to be given the child who leads all others in the campaign.

Red Cross Christmas Seals are the little stamps that the anti-tuberculosis society sell every Christmas season to help fight the white plague. They sell for one cent each and are used to seal Christmas letters, parcels and presents. Annually thousands of dollars are raised in this way, affording the society a substantial fund for the maintenance of its tuberculosis sanatorium.

THE CORY ALTAR OF THE GRADE CROSSING

The Greensboro Daily News, which from time to time wages war on the grade crossings, may editorially:

"A thickly-populated and highly civilized commonwealth cannot afford to endure the murderous grade crossings. The affair at Reidsville is just another of those occurrences that are becoming so appalling common that the newspapers no longer regard them as sensational news, unless some person of unusual prominence is involved. Scores of lives and thousands of dollars' worth of property are sacrificed every year in North Carolina on the gory altar of the grade crossing—accidents which are easily preventable.

"If the state highway commission is given any real power by the coming legislature, especially if, as seems probable, it is given power over the location of highways, one of the first problems it should attack is the elimination of the grade crossing. A vast number of railroad crossings in North Carolina might be abolished altogether, for they serve no real need. In some places it appears that road engineers have taken a positive delight in switching highways back and forth across railways as frequently as possible. The result is a gory altar of grade crossings. The construction of a highway system for the county will afford a convenient opportunity for such re-location as appears to be necessary, and the substitution of underpasses and overpasses for grade crossings where it is absolutely necessary to cross a railway line. One of the best features about the county highway from Greensboro south is the fact that, although the main line of the Southern is crossed twice, the road passes under the tracks in both instances. One of the most important things to be done toward the improvement of the Greenville road is the elimination of one villainously bad grade crossing.

"But the whole state must bestir itself. There is nothing to be said for a policy of callous indifference to a condition that is so tremendously costly, both in lives and in money. Such indifference is both wicked and foolish.

Magyar Cabinet Resigns Budapest, Hungary, Dec. 2.—The cabinet headed by Count Paul Telyi as premier resigned today. The ministry was formed on July 20, last.

MURDERER KILLS SELF IN WAKE JAIL AFTER TRAGEDY

Charles E. Davis Commits Suicide Out of Remorse For Drunken Act

FOUND HANGING TO BARS OF CELL BY UNDERSHIRT

Prosperous New Light Farmer Takes Own Life As Soon As He Is Free From Surveillance of Other Prisoners; Shadrick Being Watched.

Within twenty-four hours after he had killed his wife in a period of drunken dementia, Charles E. Davis, a prosperous farmer of New Light township, in Wake county, hanged himself by his undershirt in his cell in the Wake county jail Wednesday morning, did not recover from his stupor sufficient to realize that his wife was dead until Tuesday afternoon. When informed of the tragedy by Jailer Jordan, Davis expressed great surprise and remorse. Within a few hours he attempted to hang himself by his suspenders, but this attempt was frustrated by other prisoners.

At the first moment he was free from the surveillance of the four men detailed by Jailer Jordan to furnish him medicine and watch him, he hitched his undershirt to the bars of his cell at about the height of his waist, and, trying the garment around his neck, lowered his body until he was in an almost prone position. The body was found by Charlie Patterson, a prisoner, at 8:15 yesterday morning.

The coroner's jury yesterday expressly exonerated Jordan of negligence in connection with Davis' death. Sam F. Shadrick, a former inmate of the State Hospital for the Insane, who also about his own wife at his home near Wake Forest Monday morning, is being closely watched to prevent a similar occurrence.

"I would do the same thing if I had nerve enough," was Shadrick's statement yesterday morning, but he afterwards denied any intent to commit suicide. Davis' body will be removed to his home from a local undertaking establishment today and will be buried in the family burying ground this afternoon at 1 o'clock.

AT CONTINENTAL JUNCTION

Wilson, Dec. 1.—At Continental Junction a white man and a negro were torn limb from limb by the Northbound express section of train No. 80. They were walking between tracks watching the approach of a southbound freight train and stepped in front of the north bound train. It is said both parties lived in this city but their names have not been ascertained.

TARIFF ON RICE, WHEAT AND COTTON URGED

Chicago, Dec. 1.—A protective tariff on cotton, rice and wheat was advocated before the National Association of Commissioners, Secretaries and Representatives of Departments of Agriculture today by Harry D. Wilson, of Louisiana, who declared that although he was a Democrat, he favored protection for the farmers.

Court Concludes Its Inquiry Of Killings

Over 1,900 Natives Slain Since Intensive Campaign Against Bandits Began

Port Au-Prince, Haiti, Dec. 1.—A total of 1,142 Haitians met death since the beginning of the intensive campaign against the bandits of the island approximately two years ago, it was developed by the Naval court of inquiry during its three weeks' hearings just concluded here into the activities of American Marines in Haiti. This total includes the 100 natives alleged to have been killed by ex-Corporal Fretman Lang and Sergeant Dorcas Williams.

Outside the ten deaths charged against Lang and Williams, all the dead accounted for during the hearings fell in the 5,198 actual battles that occurred, including the attack on Port Au-Prince in January, according to the testimony.

SOUTH CAROLINA CITIES JOIN IN FIGHTING PHONE RATES

Greenville, S. C., Dec. 2.—Foreas of all cities in the state that are interested in opposing the proposed increase in telephone rates, will be united at a meeting to be held in the offices of the South Carolina development board, in Columbia, on the night of December 7, according to announcement made here today by the joint committee in charge of the fight against the rate increases. A hearing on the proposed increases is to be held before the state railroad commission on December 8.

JUDGE PRITCHARD IS STILL VERY SICK BUT IS IMPROVED

Ashville, Dec. 2.—The condition of Judge J. C. Pritchard, of this city, presiding officer of the fourth circuit, United States circuit court of appeals who is ill at a local hospital is reported improved tonight. He is still said to be very sick, but hope is held out by relatives that he will recover.