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NAT'L BODY TO MOBILIZE U. S. INDUSTRIES IN TIME OF WAR

THIS IS PROPOSED IN BILL INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN HAY

WILSON APPROVES

Council Would Make Survey Of Industries For Immediate Concentration

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 23.—The creation of a national council to mobilize the industrial resources of this country in time of war was proposed in a bill introduced in the house today by Chairman Hay of the military committee. The bill has been approved by President Wilson.

The measure provides a council of seven members of the cabinet with power to nominate for the approval of the president an advisory commission of seven members, especially qualified to make a survey of the industries of the country and make them ready for immediate concentration. An appropriation of two hundred thousand dollars would be asked for the first year.

BUSINESS GOOD AND WILL BECOME BETTER

South In Midst Greatest Prosperity Known For Years

Atlanta, May 23.—In spite of the injury to crops throughout five southeastern states, this section is now in the midst of the greatest prosperity it has known for years, and similar conditions will prevail throughout the continuance of the European war and will grow better when the war is over, according to the agents of a mercantile agency, which met here yesterday for their annual session.

Georgia, Alabama, Florida, South Carolina and Tennessee were represented at the meeting, and all of the agents reported that extreme dry weather over several weeks has done serious injury to the crops. The strawberries of Tennessee, the cotton crop in Alabama, the truck and fruit crop in Florida, the peach crop in South Georgia and the cotton in middle and north Georgia, and the cotton in South Carolina—all have felt the effects of long continued drought.

But the south, unlike the rest of the country, has sustained and supported herself since the outbreak of the war, as shown by the reports of the agents, and when cotton goes to 25 cents a pound or better when the war is over, prosperity will, over-extend this section in greater abundance than the south ever experienced before.

Drawbridge Fell In

Beaufort, N. C., May 23.—No Norfolk & Southern railroad trains will enter Beaufort for several days as the result of an accident to a drawbridge near here. The bridge was being repaired and in some way the draw got away from the workmen and plunged overboard. Mail, passengers and freight will have to be ferried here.

Discount Rates Reduced

Tokyo, April 23.—The bank of Japan has announced a reduction of its interest rate discount rate by two per cent, to one-fifth of an American cent. The decision is believed to be due to the desire to extend greater facilities to the promotion of industrial enterprise.

BRYAN FOR PRESIDENT TO SAVE PROHIBITION

Washington, May 23.—When the national convention of the Democratic party is held in St. Paul, Minn., in August, Bryan will be the only candidate for president who has been elected to the office of president of the United States.

Chicago, May 23.—Prohibition party leaders here today expressed the belief that William Jennings Bryan might consent to become a party's candidate for president in the Democratic national convention to be held in St. Paul, Minn., in August.

Confessed Poisoner of Wealthy Father-in-Law On Trial For Life



DR. ARTHUR WARREN WAITE

New York, May 23.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, the young dentist and tennis player who was placed on trial yesterday before Justice Shearman and a jury in the criminal branch of the supreme court, charged with the murder of his wealthy father-in-law,

John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids, Mich., not only administered deadly disease germs and poison to his victim, but applied chloroform to his nostrils until he died, it was alleged by District Attorney Swann in his opening address for the state.

Censorship Of Neutral Mails Chief Protest In Note To Great Britain

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 23.—A complete new draft of the note to Britain protesting against the interference with neutral mails was sent to state department today by President Wilson. It will probably go to London

tomorrow. The note is said to protest especially against the British practice of taking neutral ships to British ports and submitting the mails to a British censorship. The note declares vigorously such practices must cease.

KING OF FIDDLERS IS BEHIND PRISON BARS

Fiddlin' John Forgot To Pay For Night's Lodging

Atlanta, May 23.—On the charge of forgetting to leave a rim of money belonging to Miss Dora Smith, of 27 Pratt street, on taking his departure after spending the night, Fiddlin' John Carson, champion fiddler of the Old Fiddlers convention which meets in Atlanta every year, and famous for his music throughout the Blue Ridge mountains of Georgia, past Tennessee and North Carolina, was bound over yesterday by District Judge Johnson of Atlanta, and held under bond for the city court.

Fiddlin' John was very much hurt when the recorder bound him over. He figured that Judge Johnson ought to turn him loose because the judge is exceedingly fond of the fiddle and the bow and regularly attends the Old Fiddlers convention.

But the recorder, although he felt for Fiddlin' John, was obliged to put aside his personal inclinations and be guided by the evidence.

Now Fiddlin' John declares that when he gets out of this scrape he's going to cut his fiddle and bow in the box and leave Atlanta never to return, not even for the next Old Fiddlers convention.

TIRED BUSINESS MAN WORKS GARDEN NIGHTS

String of Electric Lights Enable Him To See

Atlanta, May 23.—Gardening at night has become the popular diversion of the tired Atlanta business man and they do say it's one of the finest little diversions ever invented. One plants his turnips and his tomatoes and his beans, and then he strings electric wires on poles and puts in electric lights. After supper when one feels a craving for rest and recreation he goes out and switches on the lights and takes his hoe in his hand and knocks out the weeds.

The little plants smile up at you in their sleep, and the stars twinkle way up in the sky, and the moon shines the scene in a flood of light.

Law says that's the dope the tired business men, in a number of instances, are handing out in Atlanta just now.

PLANTER TAKES FIRST RIDE ON A RAILROAD

Franklin County Farmer Becomes Progressive at 65

Atlanta, May 23.—An Atlanta railroad man is author of the story, C. H. Driskell, a prominent planter of the Blue Ridge section, two miles from Gadsden, 65 years of age, made his first trip on a train recently and was a enthusiastic and pleased by a boy of 10 years.

MEXICO TO SEND 30,000 TO THE LINE

Reports Indicate That Carranza Will Push Campaign Against Bandits While Americans Remain Quiet—New Note From Mexican Government Not Expected For Week Yet

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 23.—Reports at the state and war departments today indicate that Carranza has ordered thirty thousand men toward the border to push the campaign against the bandits, while American troops remain quiet. General Treviño's forces are said to be moving into northeastern Chihuahua to scour the territory recently evacuated by the second American punitive expedition which returned to the United States after chasing the bandits who raided Glenn Springs in Texas, Big Bend country. Secretary Baker said tonight that the Sibley-Langhorne expedition did withdraw from Mexico on orders from Washington. It is believed here the retirement was due to losing a "hot trail" of bandits and officers thought no good could come from remaining in Mexico. The state department said it hardly expected the new note being prepared by Carranza for a week yet.

A Special Rule In Final Vote On Naval Bill

Appropriation Measure Up For Passage Not Later Saturday Next Week

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 23.—Democrats decided on a special rule today for the naval appropriation bill which will bring the measure to a final vote in the house not later than Friday or Saturday of next week. A special rule will be brought in the house next Monday and will provide for night sessions and a limited period of general debate. Application of the rule was decided after heated argument on the floor today between Majority Leader Kitchin and the minority leader. Kitchin declared the republicans tacitly agreed to accept this plan and democrats will now use force by a special rule. Mann maintained no understanding had been reached.

HIS DESPOTIC SWAY HAS WORKED AGAINST CHINA

President Kai Willing For Cabinet To Take Charge

Peking, May 23.—Yuan Shi-kai has issued a mandate in which he authorizes Hou Shih-chang, the secretary of state, to organize a responsible cabinet and makes the administration of the affairs of state by himself has been responsible for the unhappy conditions in which China finds itself today. This is one of the vital forms demanded by the revolutionists, who have stoutly opposed the reestablishment of the monarchy, and insist that the republic must have a cabinet which is not dominated by the chief executive and a parliament which is honestly elected and permitted to engage in legislative work without the chief executive's interference. Yuan Shi-kai's supporters are still hopeful that the cancellation of the monarchy and the creation of a responsible cabinet will make it possible for the president to retain office.

NEW BOARD TO HANDLE FOOD PROBLEM BERLIN

Will Be Directly Responsible To The Imperial Chancellor

London, May 23.—Advices from Berlin say officials announced that the federal council authorized the imperial chancellor to establish a new board which will handle the entire food problem and be directly responsible to him. This board is believed to be the result of the "food dictator" plan forecast some time ago. The president of this board will be empowered to dispose of all foodstuffs, raw materials, and articles necessary to supplying food for animals. He will control imports and regulate maximum prices.

Birmingham, May 23.—The alleged use by women of the telephone and especially of "news" and "radio" for the purpose of spreading the "red" propaganda is being investigated by the Birmingham Presbyterian community. The report advocates severe restrictions.

Administration Loses Fight In Behalf Rublee

To Vote In Senate Ends Contest To Retain Him On Commission

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 23.—The administration's efforts to have the senate reconsider its refusal to confirm the nomination of George Rublee of New Hampshire, as a member of the federal trade commission failed today by a vote of 38 to 39. This ends the fight to keep Rublee on the commission, where he has been serving for fifteen months as President Wilson's ad interim appointee. He will probably continue in the office to near the end of the present congressional session, although he can draw no pay for either past or future services.

TEXTILE INDUSTRY IN THE SOUTH IS GROWING

Statistics of Cotton Consumption Show a Continuous Increase

Washington, May 23.—"The statistics of cotton consumption issued by the United States census office from month to month show the continued growth of the cotton textile industry of the south," said President Harrison, of Southern Railway company, today. "The latest report issued shows that in the month of April, 1916, southern cotton mills consumed 493,186 bales, an increase over last year of 31,268 bales, or 7.68 per cent, while mills in all other states consumed only 27,918 bales, a decrease of 5,561 bales, or 1.5 per cent, as compared with last year. For the nine months ended April 30, consumption in southern mills increased 17.43 per cent over last year, while in all other states this increase was only 15.06 per cent."

COLONEL ROOSEVELT A WITNESS RIGGS TRIAL

Former President Testifies In Case Against Bankers

Washington, May 23.—Colonel Roosevelt testified today in the perjury trial of three officers of the Riggs National bank. He was character witness for C. C. Glover, bank president. He has known Glover since 1889 and said Glover's character and standing were of the highest. Roosevelt reached the court room ten minutes before court convened and stood by the witness stand. Glover was frequently a guest at the White House, and the Roosevelt children were often guests at the banker's home.

New York Stock

Wall Street, May 23.—Reading continued its spectacular movement opening at 11 1/2 to 1 1/4 against previous record of 10 1/4 yesterday. It then fell back a point but recovered. There were heavy trading in other rails. Reading fell to 17 1/2 in the afternoon. The balance of the railway list was moderately affected. Speculators moved higher.

First Woman Delegate To Arrive in Chicago



Mrs. Louise F. Lusk of Missoula, Mont., is the first woman delegate to the National Republican convention to arrive in Chicago. She is the wife of a wealthy ranchman of Montana. She is the only woman in the Montana delegation which has been instructed for Senator Cummins of Iowa. "I am an old-fashioned republican" she said.

On One Vote Hinges Pass Of Brandeis

With 9 of 10 Democrats in His Favor Vote Will Be Made Today

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 23.—Louis D. Brandeis' nomination to the supreme court will be passed on tomorrow by the senate judiciary committee, which has had it under consideration since January. It is predicted that nine of ten democratic members of the committee will vote for a favorable report. Senator Shields, of Tennessee, was the only democratic member whose attitude tonight was regarded as uncertain. He is out of Washington, but is expected to be back for the meeting. Many republicans probably will vote solidly against Brandeis and about Shields vote against him, the committee will be tied.

STORES OCCUPIED BY SALOONS FIND RENTER

Property Owners Not Hurt By New Prohibition Law

Atlanta, May 23.—Atlanta property owners who opposed the enactment of Georgia's new prohibition laws because they objected to losing the rent money of saloons and locker clubs, have found that the law is not hurting them nearly so bad as they feared. Statistics given out yesterday by the local real estate exchange showed that stores formerly occupied by beer saloons, which became vacant on May 1, are filling up rapidly, while second floor places and upper floors of office buildings that were used for locker club quarters are being taken by business concerns that pay just as much rent as the tenants who were forced out of commission by the new dry laws.

Rubber Sent by Mail

London, May 23.—Fourteen parcels of rubber which were taken from the first class mails in the Dutch steamer Georia while en route from south America to Holland were condemned in the prize court. The parcels were said to be destined for Germany.

FILIBUSTER BLOCKING VOTE ON RIVERS BILL

Washington, May 23.—Consideration of committee amendments to the Rivers and Harbors bill had been completed by the senate today after two weeks of debate, the only important change being the restoration of the two hundred thousand dollars appropriation for improving the river in New York in the Brooklyn navy yard.

BRISK RESPONSE BY GERMANS TO NEW OFFENSIVES AT DOUVAUMONT

FRENCH HOLD RE-CAPTURED POSITIONS DEPITE FIERCE ONSLAUGHT

ITALY IS LOSING

First Anniversary Of Entry Into War Finds Italians Forced Into Own Territory

(By Associated Press.) Germans have responded to the French offensive in the Douaumont region with heavy assaults and fighting is still in progress northeast and northwest of Verdun. The French, however, thus far have held their newly captured positions in Fort Douaumont against all German onslaughts, although the Germans have gained a footing on positions on Dead Man's hill, after a series of heavy infantry attacks the French drove them out with counter-charges.

Italy's first anniversary of her entry into war found her troops in the sector of southern Tyrol, forced to their own territory by the great Austrian offensive. Rome admits that between Astico and Brenta rivers and in Sugana, Italians have fallen to their main line defenses. Vienna says that in the retreat from Borgo the Italians were forced across the border by the Austrians and Austrians advanced as far as the head of Lake Garda.

In the Pripet region, on the Russian front, the Russians drove the Germans across Voslujna river and destroyed their trenches. Southwest of Trebizond, Asiatic Turkey, Russians have repulsed the Turkish attempt to advance. The Russians have occupied Serbecht in their advance towards Mesopotamia. The house of commons passed the credit bill of a billion and a half, bringing the British war credits to a total of eleven billion, nine hundred and ten million.

SUITABLE JOBS FOR DISABLED CANADIANS

Arrange For Industrial Survey of All Large Cities

(By Associated Press.) Winnipeg, Canada, May 23.—With a view to finding suitable occupations for disabled Canadian soldiers who have returned from Europe, arrangements have been made for an industrial survey of Winnipeg and many other large cities of Canada.

At a joint meeting here of the Returned Soldiers' association, the military hospitals' commission and the Industrial Bureau for Trade expansion, it was decided to have made teachers from the industrial and technical schools make the survey. Places are to be found not only for men who are disabled by the loss of limbs, but for those who have suffered shattered nerves and are unfit for shop work. Many of the malmen soldiers are handicapped by the lack of education. The officials are trying to overcome this by establishing schools at the various convalescent homes.

New York, May 23.—Cotton opened steady one up to four cents. Liverpool did not advance early, but the market held steady. A break in the eastern belt drought, combined with less favorable peace laws led selling. The demand was not active, but the prices eased off under scattered liquidation and local pressure. Failures of four or five followed, then offerings increased, sending prices close to ten cent lower.