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GOVERNMENT MIGHT RETAIN THE SHOALS

Norris Will Offer Bill Providing For Government Operation Of Nitrate Plant.

OPPOSITION IS CERTAIN

Members of House Military Committee Who Have Been Investigating Offers Decline to Comment on Plan to Create Government-Owned Corporation.

Washington, March 13.—Members of the house military committee, which has been investigating offers for the government's war projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., declined to comment on the announcement in the senate today by Chairman Norris of the senate agricultural committee that he was drafting a bill to create a government-owned corporation to develop and operate the power and nitrate plants.

Some of the members, however, professed to see in the Nebraska senator's announcement several features which they said might not be in harmony with the administration's policy of keeping the government out of private business. Senator Norris in making the announcement explained it was not his intention to favor government operation as against private operation of the plants, but that he considered his proposal worth the senate's study.

Another development today was the decision of senate leaders, made public by Senator Norris, not to make their trip to Muscle Shoals until after a vote on the four-power treaty. The prevailing opinion was that the visit would be delayed about 10 days or two weeks on that account.

Chairman Kahn of the house committee also declared he would not go to Alabama to inspect Muscle Shoals. He said the trip would not be of assistance in visualizing the various proposals the committee has been studying nor did he conceive how it would help in adjusting the legal complications the committee has revealed in contracts executed by the war department with the Alabama Power company and the Air Nitrates corporation, giving these concerns optional rights on the Warrior Power station and nitrate plant No. 2, in the event they were ever sold by the government.

The committee confined its efforts today to an examination of Col. John W. Joves, of the ordnance bureau war department, who defended the contract executed with the power company, contending it was a reasonable and just contract, otherwise he would not have approved it. Senator Norris' announcement came after Senator Heelin, Democrat, Alabama, had spoken of the offer of purchase and lease of the shoals properties made by Henry Ford, and had charged that Chairman Kahn's statement advocating the creation of a commission to take charge of Muscle Shoals development, by lease or sale, was a move to delay development of the project.

The Nebraska senator said he had not put his scheme into writing and the details were not ready for publication.

GERMANS THANK QUAKERS FOR FEEDING STARVING CHILDREN

Berlin, March 13.—The German physicians' association comprising 40,000 members, has issued a resolution of thanks to the Quakers of the United States, for feeding German children. The resolution urges "our American friends not to grow weary, for need remains and your work should continue until the German people, particularly children and students receive sufficient nourishment."

Large numbers of the physicians have worked with the Quakers during the period over which the feeding has been in operation.

VIRGINIA HOUSE PUTS HUGE BOND ISSUE UP TO PEOPLE

Richmond, Va., March 13.—The house of delegates today, by a vote of 54 to 42, passed the measure providing for a bond issue of \$12,000,000 for highway construction during the next two years. The bill carries with it a house amendment providing that the bonds will be issued subject to approval of the people registered at the general election next fall.

"Vast Conspiracy" Exists Among Labor Leaders to Place Themselves Above Law?

Chicago, March 13.—Declaring that some Chicago labor unions are ruled and controlled by professional criminals, Chief Justice Scanlan, of the criminal court today charged a special grand jury to investigate what he termed "gross miscarriages of justice" in recent trials of labor leaders here.

"Now we have reached a time in Chicago when we are to determine once and for all," he said, "whether this land of gunmen are going to rule this community and destroy law and order in our midst, or whether

IZZY EINSTEIN, HUNTER OF RUM, COMPOSES NEW SONG

Unable to Get "Goods" on Cabaret in Any Other Way She Poses As a Noted Musician.

New York, March 13.—Izzy Einstein, New York's most versatile rum hunter, announced today he had added another to the current series of "blue" songs.

It is called "Those Revenue Blues" and, according to Einstein, it proved a veritable knockout in one Brooklyn cabaret where he first produced it.

Izzy, the best hated of all the city's force of bootlegger chasers, had been trying to think of a scheme for "getting the goods on" that particular cabaret for several weeks, when a violin case, seized as a liquor "transporter" gave him the inspiration.

Tousseling his hair and thinking himself into a musical frame of mind, he strode into the cabaret, set his violin case tenderly on a chair beside him and ordered dinner—"with."

A cautious waiter communicated the illicit part of his desire to the proprietor.

"Sure—that's Jake the Fiddler. He plays in the orchestra down at that vaudeville house on Flatbush avenue. Give him anything he wants," said the proprietor.

Then he hurried to Izzy's table to make him welcome and bespeak for his guests one selection from "Jake the Fiddler's" famous fiddle.

"Sure, I'll play," said Jake, "temporizing until he got his evidence." "What kind of music do you like?"

"Well," said Izzy, reaching for his violin case as the waiter hustled in with the merry-merry, "I'll play—"

Adroitly he extracted a large mouthed bottle from the violin case, poured in the evidence, and concluded:

"Those Revenuer (correct) Blues."

"You could have knocked him over with a feather," Izzy concluded.

But the musician is only one of the many roles that Einstein, the man of many disguises, had played since he started his quest, of the illegal rum bottle as a member of the federal prohibition enforcement staff for New York state.

He has played everything from the opulent evening-clothed man about town to grimy coal heaver on the New York waterfront.

Scores of rum purveyors have newspaper pictures of him posted up in conspicuous places but none has "pegged" him yet, for Izzy manages to look different every time he appears.

Others have tried to scare him off the job with threatening letters, embellished with daggers and other murderous weapons rampant in souls of blood. But he laughed at them, and in at least one case used such a letter as a clue which led to an arrest for violation of the liquor laws.

Einstein seldom works on assignments from his chief, Ralph A. Day, prohibition director for New York state. Most of his raids and arrests result from free lancing activities.

this city, calling itself the most wonderful city in the world, is able to master these miscreants just as it mastered the anarchists."

Judge Scanlan declared that "a vast conspiracy" existed among the labor leaders to place themselves above the law.

"The reign of terror created by these labor criminals has so intimidated Chicago citizens that a species of yellow men has sprung up," he said. "It remains to be seen whether they are able to conquer red-blooded Americans."

and drove it right aboard the Albany night boat.

Einstein, who had been sitting next to her friend, got off at the next stop, hailed a taxi and caught the night boat just as the gangplank was being pulled up. Liquor, automobile and "Jack" were taken into custody.

A truckman who boasted about the big wages he earned hauling "baled" rags to a freight station, furnished the tip on a large liquor shipment to Cleveland.

Another truckman, who Einstein hired to haul the seized goods to a storehouse, mistook him for an opulent bootlegger and garrulously unfolded the story of a moonshine distillery in Brooklyn which was raided the same night.

Recently Einstein put the efficiency of his disguise to a stern test when, with his partner, Moe Smith, he made up as a negro, took his place in a line of colored men in the Harlem "Black Belt" and bought "canned tomatoes" and "canned beans" in a delicatessen store for \$2 a can. The tomatoes proved to be whiskey, the beans gin.

He spent two nights recently in a cemetery, digging graves, and got the "dope" that enabled him to raid a still with 150 gallons a day capacity.

SEVEN LOSE LIVES IN GEORGIA TRAIN WRECK

Broken Wheel Causes Car to Plunge Through Trestle—Thirty Others Injured.

Atlanta, March 12.—Seven persons were killed and 16 injured this morning when a passenger coach of an Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic train, en route to Fitzgerald, was derailed 15 miles from Atlanta and sent crashing into Camp Creek, 50 feet below.

Approximately 30 persons were in the coach, the last of the train, when a wheel on the first truck burst, sending the car bumping over 100 yards of ties before the trestle was reached and almost crossed, when it suddenly turned over. The coach tore away from the preceding car as it fell and was almost completely demolished when it dropped into the shallow creek.

The seven persons killed, six men and one woman, met instant death, their bodies being badly mutilated. All of the injured are expected to recover. From 8 o'clock until noon scores of other passengers and crews from nearby towns, spurred by the cries of the injured, worked in the wreckage, releasing those imprisoned and removing the dead.

Ambulances and physicians were rushed from Atlanta, and the injured and dead removed to hospitals and morgues here.

RAILROAD STRIKERS CLAIM ILLEGAL WAR

Say Court Official Is Using Powers Of Government In Interest Of Road's Receivers.

Atlanta, March 13.—A review of the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic strike history and a protest against what is alleged to be an illegal war on the striking employes through misuse of the powers of the government in aiding their adversaries, are embodied in resolutions adopted by the joint union officers committee handling the strike, copies of which were made public here today by J. M. Larrisse, chairman of the committee.

These resolutions, it is said, will be forwarded immediately to Attorney General Daugherty, members of the interstate commerce commission, the railroad labor board, senators and representatives from Georgia and Alabama, and to Albert B. Cummins, senator from Iowa.

CONTRACT LET FOR BIG ELECTRIC PLANT

\$3,000,000 Station to Be Erected at Mountain Island on Catawba River.

TO PRODUCE 80,000 H. P.

Plant Will Be Second to Wateree Plant Which Has Capacity of 85,000 Horsepower—Will Require Two Years For Construction of Development.

Charlotte, N. C., March 13.—Contract for the building of the 80,000 horsepower hydro-electric plant of the Southern Power company at Mountain Island has been awarded to the Rhinehart-Dennis company of Charleston, W. Va., at a price to aggregate around \$3,000,000, officials of the company announced Friday afternoon in an authorized statement from local offices.

The construction work is already under way. Houses have been erected for officials of the contracting company, and other preliminary steps have been taken.

The building of this plant represents the most colossal contract undertaken yet started by the Southern Power company, with the exception of building the impounding plant at Bridgewater. It is to be the second largest power development which the company has ever constructed, its production to be 80,000 horsepower of electrical energy, or exceeded only by the capacity of the plant which the company built and maintains now at Wateree, S. C., which has a capacity of 85,000 horsepower. The dam at Mountain Island will have "head" of 80 feet.

The site of the development is almost on the spot formerly occupied by the Mountain Island cotton mills, swept away in the floods which caused the Catawba river in July, 1916, to work damage of millions through Carolina territory. It is three miles from Mt. Holly from which place a spur track has already been built and is now being operated in getting construction materials to the site of the development.

It is estimated that it will require two years for the construction of this development, although company officials have let the contract content know that they desire the plant to be turned over for occupancy as quickly as possible.

The company proposes also to begin at an early date the development of another plant at Great Falls, S. C., where an additional 60,000 horsepower will be developed.

SEEKING TO DEVELOP PLANS FOR ASSEMBLY

Associate Reformed Presbyterians To Hold Assembly At Newly Acquired Bon Clarken.

Greenwood, March 11.—Directors of Bon Clarken, the summer assembly grounds of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian synod for the southern states, situated near Flat Rock, N. C., met here Wednesday to discuss means of financing the summer assembly during the coming session. Under the present plans of the directors, the assembly grounds will open in June and continue through the vacation months. Plans are being made to have noted speakers and teachers to give lectures during the summer at Bon Clarken.

Bon Clarken is the name which has been given the old Heidelberg school property, which was acquired last year by the directors, who now have it in charge and who plan to turn it over to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian synod.

Members of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church from all sections of the south are expected to attend the summer assembly, directors declared. There are two well equipped buildings and it is planned to add many conveniences, it is stated.

"Darwinian Cult" Is Forbidden.

Columbia, S. C., March 13.—The teaching of "the cult known as Darwinism" as "a creed to be followed" is prohibited in all state-supported public schools and institutions of higher learning by a proviso attached as a rider to the general appropriation bill by the senate Friday.

RADIO MAN HURLS JEST AGAINST GALE

Adds Jokes to Appeals For Help as Norwegian Steamer Goes Down.

RELIEF COMES TOO LATE

"Looks Like We're Going on a Picnic," He Flashes—"We're Coming," Relief Ship Radio; He Answers: "Sorry, Can't Wait, Pressing Business Elsewhere."

New York, March 13.—The grim humor of a wireless operator, who laughed at death and flashed striking bits of wit into the ether as his ship, the Norwegian steamer Grontoft, allowed and slowly sank during a mid-Atlantic hurricane last Thursday, was recorded on the radio log of the Danish steamer Estonia, arriving today.

Each detail of the ship's plight, each call for aid, was supplemented by the jesting comment of the radio man, whose identity is still unknown. He talked as if he were going on a lark in port, instead of to the bottom of the sea. His last message, a disjointed one, was a series of witticisms—with death as the butt of the joke.

The Estonia, herself hard hit in the 119-mile gale, made a valiant but unsuccessful effort to reach the Grontoft, which first sent out calls for aid at 10 o'clock last Thursday morning, reporting her position as about 700 miles east of Cape Race, The Estonia at that time was 48 miles west of the disabled Norwegian and steaming in an opposite direction. Captain Hans Jorgensen ordered his ship about and she steamed toward the Grontoft.

Meanwhile, Radio Operator Hans Jorgensen engaged the operator of the Grontoft in conversation. The latter sent out first the following, a stereotyped irony of the seas:

"God pity the poor sailors on a night like this." Then followed a series of "Ha, ha's."

"And say," he continued, "the old man thinks this calm will be over by nightfall. We sure need some breeze."

Later an urgent call for aid was sent out by the Grontoft; her operator jested again.

"Well, the steward is making sandwiches for the lifeboats. Looks like we were going on a picnic."

Again a half-hour later he sent: "The old wagon has a list like a rundown heel. This is no weather for a fellow to be out in without an umbrella."

"Hold on," returned the Estonia's wireless, "We'll be alongside soon." The Grontoft did not reply until 40 minutes later. Then:

"We are sinking stern first. The boats are smashed. Can't hold out any longer."

"The skipper dictated that—he ought to know—where did I put my hat—sorry we can't wait for you; pressing business elsewhere."

"S—"

The Estonia's operator quoted in reply these lines:

"What dam of lances brought thee forth."

"To jest at dawn with death?" But there was no answer.

Six hours after picking up the first call from the Grontoft, the Estonia reached her reported position and though she cruised about for four hours, failed to find even a trace of wreckage.

Aged Cotton Man Dead.

Albany, Ga., March 13.—A. W. Muse, 73 years old, leading cotton warehouseman of this city, and vice president of two local banks, died suddenly this morning at the wheel of his automobile while driving along a crowded block of a downtown street. Passersby saw him collapse and slip down under the wheel, and as he did so the car swerved to one side and crashed into the rear of another automobile standing at the curb. He was rushed to the hospital, but to no avail, as death was probably instantaneous.

Negro Hard to Electrocute.

Little Rock, Ark., March 13.—After 11 attempts by an inexperienced electrician to electrocute James Wells, 18 year old negro had failed, the 12th was pronounced a success and the murderer's life was snuffed out in the state prison today. The prisoner was examined between shocks.

SESSIONS COURT IS GRINDING ITS WAY

Convened Yesterday Morning With Judge Bowman, of Orangeburg Presiding.

SOLICITOR HENRY IS ILL

R. E. Wylie Takes Place of Veteran Prosecutor But Only Minor Cases Have Come Before Court—One Murder Case Set for Wednesday. Cases Disposed Of.

Court of general sessions for Lancaster county convened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, Judge I. W. Bowman, of Orangeburg, presiding. Solicitor Henry is ill at his home in Chester and R. E. Wylie substituted for him yesterday as the state's prosecutor. Mr. Henry is expected to be at his desk today.

Some members of the grand jury failed to answer when their names were called, and were reported sick at their homes. Four new jurors were drawn as follows: F. G. Cobb, W. H. Small, P. M. Lathan and J. T. Wylie.

The first case brought up by Acting Solicitor Wylie was state versus William Falle, the charge being violation of the liquor laws. Mr. Wylie explained that after the arrest of Falle, Sheriff Hunter took a surveyor to the scene, which was near the Kershaw county line, and it developed that the alleged crime was committed about 150 yards on the Kershaw county side. The witnesses were ordered dismissed and the papers sent to the Kershaw authorities.

Five indictments for violation of the liquor laws and one for house breaking and larceny were given the grand jury after a twenty-five minute charge by the judge. Half an hour later the grand jury filed in and reported true bills as follows:

Anthony Cunningham and Maggie Cunningham, violation liquor laws.

Haskins Harris and Charles Harris, violation liquor laws.

Leonard Kennington, house breaking and larceny.

Joe Barnes, violation liquor laws.

Henry Massey, violation liquor laws.

Ernest Swicegood, violation liquor laws.

The docket of cases brought over from the last term of court was sounded, but most of the cases were left open until the arrival of Solicitor Henry. One murder case, that of Ella Hayes, negress, was set for Wednesday morning.

The first case called for trial was state versus Anthony Cunningham and Maggie Cunningham, charging violation of the liquor laws. They had no counsel, and when the judge asked if they desired to plead guilty, Anthony answered, "Yassir, I will plead guilty as far as I am guilty," but refusing to enter a plea in the usual manner, a jury was selected and the trial begun.

Judge Bowman's charge to the grand jury was a pointed one as to the duties of the jurors during the year. He stressed to them the need of good roads and good schools and outlined the duty of the jurors in regard to these public matters. He spoke of the "searchlight of public opinion" and told the jury to bring public matters out in the open. He made no reference to a new court house and jail.

Cases disposed of up to noon today are as follows:

Anthony and Maggie Cunningham, violation liquor law; guilty as to Anthony with a sentence of three months on the public roads or fine of \$50. Maggie was granted a new trial.

Clayton Rodgers, assault and battery with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapon; guilty, with a sentence of \$250 or seven months on roads.

James Roweling plead guilty of obtaining goods by false pretense and was given six months on roads.

Jim White plead guilty to house-breaking and larceny and received a sentence of nine months on the public roads.

Joe Barnes plead guilty to violating liquor law and was given a sentence of six months on roads or fine of \$100, sentence to be suspended to November 1 when fine must be paid.

Louis Sowell, assault and battery

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The Cotton Market
Cotton on the Lancaster market today is 18 cents a pound