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DIAL MAKES PLEA FOR COTTON BILL

CONGRESS IN FAVOR OF BEARS, SAYS SENATOR—ALL PATIENCE GONE, WILL FIGHT NOW WITH ANY WEAPON COMING TO HAND.

Washington, May 14.—Into the extraneous and sectional debate bearing on alleged illiteracy in the South and political immorality in Michigan, Senator N. B. Dial of South Carolina took occasion this afternoon to make a plea based on sanity.

He argued that for much of the poverty in the South congress, which permits the stock exchanges of New York to control the cotton market, was responsible. He pointed out that poverty meant illiteracy and readily lent itself to crime.

The South Carolina senator last year introduced an amendment further controlling the exchanges in the matter of delivery of purchased cotton. Though the senate committee on agriculture professed fondness for the Dial amendment, that committee refused and still refuses to report it. Some time ago Senator Dial moved the dismissal of the committee but at the instance of members who promised hastily to act he withheld aggressive action in support of his motion. His patience is now exhausted and he announced today that he would fight for his amendment and against the effort of its "friends" to chloroform it with every weapon on which he could put his hand.

Because of the attitude of the senate he charged that congress was in effect hand in hand with the bears of Wall street. In that connection he said:

"I charge the congress—and I realize that this is pretty strong language—with being in favor of the bears. on the cotton market, unintentionally of course. But the disastrous result to the farmers is the same. The law simply amounts to confiscation and I am making every effort in my power to get the agricultural committee of the senate to report this amendment. If it should be reported I believe there will be little objection on the floor of the senate.

"If we can get it enacted into law it would help the condition of the laboring people of the country more than anything else or perhaps everything else we could do in their behalf.

"It took exactly 30 years for congress to pass the present law. I trust it will not take quite so long to pass my amendment. If the subcommittee prefers not to report my amendment 'favorably,' I ask that it report something or just send it back. I will endeavor to take care of it on the floor and believe I can do so."

IN THE MAYOR'S COURT

There was a full docket at the Mayor's Court this morning, the following cases being disposed of:

2 cases for violation of automobile ordinance, running with one light. Fined \$1.00.

1 case of drunkenness. Fined \$5.
5 cases of gambling. Fined \$10.00 each.

2 cases disorderly conduct. Fined \$2.50 each.

1 case violation of stock ordinance, allowing a horse to run at large, fined \$1.00.

GONE TO ANNAPOLIS

Mrs. Frank B. Gary left Sunday for Richmond where she will visit for several days with her sister, Mrs. Henry Riely, before going on to Annapolis to attend the graduating exercises at which Frank B. Gary, Jr., will finish as an Ensign in the Navy.

Mrs. Gary will be in Richmond during the historical pageant in which Virginia will tell of her glories since the founding of Jamestown.

GERMANS AND POLES WILL ACCEPT TREATY

UPPER SILESIAN QUESTION WILL BE SETTLED BY PACT. AGREEMENT COMES AFTER SIX MONTHS—TWO COMMISSIONS TO SETTLE DISPUTE.

Geneva, May 14.—The German and Polish representatives attending the sessions of the council of the league of nations are ready to sign tomorrow the economic treaty agreed upon, settling the Upper Silesia question. The signing of this treaty will conclude what the league of nations considers the league's greatest political achievement. The document is longer than the treaty of Versailles, containing 601 articles, which is 166 more articles than are embraced in the Versailles treaty.

The Upper Silesian agreement follows six months work under the chairmanship of M. Calonder, former president of Switzerland, who was appointed arbitrator by the league of nations. Although the conference several times was on the verge of breaking up without an agreement, M. Calonder never had occasion to use his authority from which there would have been no right of appeal.

The Upper Silesia agreement which members of the league regard the most important settlement of a European controversy since the signing of the Versailles treaty, contains detailed arrangements for dispositions of the railways, water, electric current and coal, and postal as well as legal problems for 15 years. It is designed also to prevent an economic crisis and provides for two joint Polish-German commissions under the league of nations chairman, the first of which is to execute the treaty and the second to settle private disputes.

League experts believe the treaty will remove possible sources of war between Germany and Poland and France and that it so pools Silesian resources as to prevent either German or Polish industries from suffering.

The Germans still are dissatisfied with the territorial divisions based on the plebiscite but feel that they are compensated by the economic arrangements. Settlement of the long pending Silesian problem was referred to the league by the allied supreme council.

A TUBERCULOSIS SCHOOL TO BE CONDUCTED AT OTEEN

Washington, May 13.—A tuberculosis school similar to that held last year will be conducted by the United States public health service from June 1 to June 30 at the government sanatorium in Oteen, N. C. The class will consist of 30 medical officers and 30 nurses, who will be drawn for the most part from other service hospitals. A few others who are identified with tuberculosis work in different parts of the country, although not employed by the government, will be admitted.

ATTEND SMITH REUNION.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Smith, Jr. and children, Joel S. Morse and Miss Oney Morse also attended the Smith reunion at Stony Point last week. These names were inadvertently omitted in our last issue.

AN EXPLANATION

The proof-reader of the Press and Banner last week, in giving an account of the dinner served the Confederate Veterans allowed the story to describe the "boys of the sixties" as "the boys in blue." There is a reason. The proof reader is color blind.

Mrs. Ernest Neill of Batesville, Arkansas, is in the city on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. Richard Sondley.

FLOW OF CHARGES ON TARIFF BILL

ANOTHER ROW PRECIPITATED IN SENATE—DEMOCRATS CLAIM REPUBLICANS ARE ATTEMPTING TO USE STEAM ROLLER TACTICS

Washington, May 13.—Republican and Democratic leaders in the senate got into another row today over the tariff, the controversy centering around the attacks of Republican newspapers on the measure and the duty of ten cents a gallon proposed on wood alcohol by the finance committee. There were charges of a filibuster from the majority side and flat denials from the Democratic side with counter charges that the members of the committee were refusing to give the senate information about the rates on which it could act intelligently.

The editorials were presented by Senator Simmons of North Carolina, who concluded a general assault on the bill with the prediction that if it were passed in its present form it would lead the business of this country into a "debacle from which it will take us a quarter of a century to rescue it and the dire consequences of which to the American people can not be measured in words or figures."

Senator McCumber (Republican) of North Dakota in charge of the bill countered with a charge that the editorials were a part of a "propaganda" and the assertion that the prediction of Senator Simmons as to the result of the passage of the bill was not "one-half as startling as would be the dire results" if the Underwood tariff law remained in effect for another year. He added that the Republicans were going to put a "protective tariff bill" on the statute books and would "take the consequences."

Asserting that there was a "combination" on the Republican side to put the bill through without "even considering the schedules" Senator Hitchcock (Democrat) of Nebraska said that if there are no Republican senators who would stand up and fight this bill as did Senators Doliver, Beveridge and others when the Payne-Aldrich measure was up, the Democrats would make the fight and would continue to make it until the bill was passed.

Senator Borah (Republican) of Idaho remarked that if the Democrats could present reasonable rates in substitution for the committee rates "you will get some votes on this side." He added, however, that those on the Republican side would not "vote for free trade."

PLANS NOT CHANGED

Governor Cooper Will Retire About June 1, He Thinks.

Columbia, May 14.—Governor Cooper said yesterday that his early confirmation by the senate Friday night had not altered his plans for retirement from the governor's office and he will likely resign about June 1, when Wilson G. Harvey, lieutenant governor, will become governor. The chief executive expects to get his personal affairs in shape and retire as early as he can conveniently do so. Lieutenant Governor Harvey will be here on the day the chief executive resigns and will assume the duties of governor immediately after taking the oath.

BACK HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Armour spent Sunday in town with Mr. and Mrs. John Armour. Mrs. Armour will remain here and set up house-keeping in the little bungalow recently built in front of the hospital on Cherokee street. Mr. Armour returned to Greenwood last night but expects to come back to Abbeville within the next sixty days and set up a piggy-wiggy store.

ELECTRIC SHOCKS TAKE THREE LIVES

SUPERINTENDENT OF EASLEY POWER PLANT AND ASSISTANT MEET INSTANT DEATH. NO EYE WITNESSES TO TRAGEDY

Greenville, May 14.—Clifton D. Bolt, superintendent of the Easley Water and Light plant, and his assistant, A. C. McMahan, were killed by electricity in some mysterious way this afternoon at the Easley pump station, near Easley, these making the third death from the electricity in Easley today. The other death was that of Miss Ollie Brown of Glenwood mill village who was instantly killed about 2 o'clock while standing in her room in her residence when a bolt of lightning hit the transformer outside the house.

Messrs. Bolt and McMahan had gone to the city pumping station, supposedly to fix something that had got wrong with the plant. About three-quarters of an hour later a passer-by saw the bodies of the two men and immediately reorted it to citizens of Easley, who went out to the scene. The body of Mr. Bolt was lying on the ground just outside the door of the building while the body of Mr. McMahan was inside the building in a corner in a sitting posture with a crow bar in his hand.

McMahan's body showed bad burns, but there was no mark of violence on Bolt's body, although the indications were that he had writhed on the ground before dying. The pumping station is operated by a 300 volt current, and the supposition is that McMahan first came in contact with electricity in some way and that Bolt, coming to his rescue, was also electrocuted.

A severe electrical storm passed over this section during the afternoon and it is thought that a bolt of lightning may have been conveyed to the pump house while the men were in it by one of the wires. An electrician, who arrived on the spot immediately after, warned the crowds to stay away from the building, saying it was "charged with electricity," and discontinued the station from the electric lines. An investigation is going forward.

Miss Ollie Brown was standing in a room with several other persons beneath an electric light and with her hand on an iron bed when a bolt of lightning struck the transformer, she fell dead, although no one else in the room was hurt.

Mr. Bolt was 33 years old and Mr. McMahan was 25. Miss Brown was 20 years old.

METHODIST MEETING CLOSES

Sunday Evening—Rev. Jones Pleas-ed Large Congregations.

The revival in the Methodist church closed Sunday night after a very successful meeting. The Rev. E. S. Jones, presiding elder of this district, which is the Cokesbury district, conducted the services and made a splendid impression on those who heard him preach. He is a good speaker, a fine christian gentleman, and large crowds were in attendance on the meetings.

Excellent music was furnished by the regular choir assisted by the choirs of the other churches in town.

ATTEND BAPTIST CONVENTION

Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Weeks left today for Jacksonville, Fla., to attend the Southern Baptist Convention. They made the trip through the country in their car.

LADDER CLIMBERS

Messrs. J. L. Anderson and David Wood are thinking about going into the step-ladder business. A \$75,000 factory of this kind is soon to be erected at Greenville.

MUST APPROPRIATE TO MAKE REFUNDS

INTERNAL REVENUE—CONGRESS MAY BE ASKED TO PROVIDE AS MUCH AS TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS

Washington, May 14.—Congress may be asked for an appropriation to enable the internal revenue bureau to make refunds of approximately \$20,000,000 as a result of the recent decision of the supreme court in the Schwab case, Commissioner Blair announced tonight.

The decision in that case, he explained, was to the effect that a transfer made in contemplation of death prior to September 8, 1916, was not to be included in the gross revenue estate of a decedent under the provisions of the revenue act of 1916.

There has been much speculation Mr. Blair declared, as to the amount of money the government will have to refund as a result of the decision and one New York attorney was quoted in a published statement as placing the estimate between \$100,000,000 and \$200,000,000.

However, he stated it has been determined by a careful survey that the amount to be refunded was approximately \$20,000,000 and while it is found necessary to do so, congress will be asked for appropriation to permit the bureau to make the refunds, it will not be necessary for estates to file claims, as the refunds will be automatically due as soon as funds are available.

BISHOP RUSSELL HERE

Class of Six Confirmed Saturday At Catholic Church.

Confirmation services were held in the Catholic church Saturday night and a class of five girls and one boy was confirmed. Bishop Russell was here from Charleston and the occasion was a notable one among the local Catholics.

The altar of the church was made lovely with vases of sweet peas and within the chancel rail were several pot plants and ferns. The little girls confirmed were: Misses Gladys Breazeale, Angela Roche, Margaret Flynn, Nelle Flynn, and Norma Flynn and Edward Roche. The girls were dressed in white and wore short veils and carried in their hands bouquets of white flowers.

Bishop Russell preached a short sermon to the class, admonishing them to be faithful to their religion, to do good and to love their enemies. What he had to say was impressive to the class and to the people who attended the service.

Father McElroy was here from Greenville and assisted the Bishop. During their stay they were the guests of Mr. James Roche on Magazine street.

SHERIFF GOES TO ANDERSON

Sheriff McLane went to Anderson yesterday and brought back Robert Chiles, the negro supposed to have knocked George Dusenberry in the head sometime ago at his home near Due West. The negro Chiles has been gone ever since the trouble.

GIVEN SEVEN MONTHS FOR \$10,000 SHORTAGE

Augusta, Ga. May 13.—Leland C. Adams, who a year ago is said to have confessed to a shortage of \$10,801.24 in the accounts of the Sea Coast Fertilizer Company of New York, of which concern he was the local sales manager, pleaded guilty to the charge in superior court here yesterday afternoon and was sentenced to seven months in jail.

GOES TO FLORIDA

Mrs. C. E. Williamson has gone to Graceville, Fla., to spend sometime with her sister, Mrs. Dr. Grace.

PART IN DEBATE FOR UNDERWOOD

TO PENALIZE PEOPLE—INCREASE IN DUTY ON INK, WHICH WAS APPROVED, AND CAUSES ARGUMENT BETWEEN SENATORS

Washington, May 13.—Republican proponents of the tariff today were charged in the senate by Senator Underwood of Alabama, the Democratic leader, with "penalizing the American people in their efforts to secure knowledge, education and the advantages that grow of educational development." He was discussing a 5 per cent increase in the present duty of 15 per cent ad valorem on ink, which the senate approved.

Senator Smoot of Utah, ranking Republican on the finance committee defended the 5 per cent increase, saying that it was necessary because provision was made in the bill for increasing the protection on the ingredients of ink. He gave it as his opinion that the increase would not be borne by the ultimate consumer, but probably would be taken care of by local competition. This view was disputed by Senator Underwood.

"In this bill," said Senator Underwood, in discussing the schedule, "the majority are raising the taxes on paper of all kinds; they are raising the tax on printers' ink; they are raising the tax on everything that goes to make a book or a newspaper. It may be said that it is only a cent or two; that it is only a small amount, but when the tax is increased on every item in a bill which covers 4,000 articles a burden of taxation is imposed to a point where men of moderate means in the United States are deprived of the advantages of life which they are entitled to have because prohibitive taxes are levied at the custom house for the benefit of special interests, that are already prospering and growing rich.

"It seems that those who believe in a protective tariff now have reached the point where they demand a protective tariff and so far as they are able they propose to build up a tariff wall so high that no importations can come in and that the American manufacturer may have a monopoly behind the tariff wall and exploit the American people to his heart's desire."

Senator Hitchcock (Democrat) of Nebraska offered an amendment to continue the Underwood rate on ink but it was rejected 31 to 15.

COTTON MARKET

Cotton on the local market today brought 20 cents. Futures closed as follows:

May	20.95
July	20.40
October	20.38
December	20.38
January	20.21

Saturday futures closed as follows:

May	19.84
July	19.48
October	19.52
December	19.52
January	19.42

CLEMSON BOYS HOME

Hal Taggart went to Clemson Saturday morning and brought the following Clemson boys home to spend Sunday: Bill Hughes, Truman Reames, Frank Thornton, Maxey Johnson, Dick Swetenburg, Ned Salley and Daniel Boone.

CHAS. F. OWENS DIES

W. E. Owens received the news of the sudden death of his brother, Charles F. Owens, in Salisbury, N. C., and left Saturday to attend his funeral. He was joined at Rock Hill by Miss Lydia Owens, who is attending Winthrop College.