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## CONGRESS CLOSES FOR FALL FIGHT

SENATORS LEAVE FOR CAMPAIGN GROUNDS WITH SELECTION OF MARSHAL UNSETTLED.—DYER ANTI-LYNCHING BILL CARRIED OVER.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Congress adjourned sine die yesterday with leaders generally expecting a call from President Harding for a special session November 15, preceding the regular December session.

The president was in attendance today for a few minutes before the final gavels dropped to sign the usual sheaf of eleventh hour bills. The only important measure to get thru on the last day was the deficiency appropriation bill, the administration Liberator loan bill and the Dyer anti-lynching measure going over until the next session.

The most important nomination to fail of confirmation today when congress adjourned was that of Joseph W. Tolbert, Republican national committeeman for South Carolina, to be United States marshal for the Western (South Carolina) district. Confirmation had been opposed by Senator Dial.

Lacking in the adjournment today were many of the popular features often attending the death of a congressional session. The gallery crowds were small and undemonstrative and there were few floor wrangles. After disposing of the deficiency appropriation bill the senate passed a number of minor measures and listened to a few set speeches, while house members made one minute addresses, mostly for publication during the next few days in the Congressional Record, and heard Representative Blanton (Democrat) of Texas defend Attorney General Daugherty and criticize Republicans for alleged neglect in that respect.

Speaker Gillett, after a brief speech wishing all members godspeed and good luck, banged the adjournment gavel promptly at 2 o'clock. The senate adjourned two or three minutes later, having to stop the clock briefly while necessary bills were signed for submission to President Harding, waiting in his room off the senate chamber.

A few political speeches marked the closing hours of the session—the second of the Sixty-seventh congress. Representative Mondell, Republican leader in the house, and Senator Smoot, in the senate, praised the dominant party's record, which was attacked in brief speeches by Senator Harrison of Mississippi and McKellar of Tennessee, Democrats. Leaders and rank and file now "go to the country" on the record, entering the fall campaign. Trains and automobiles leaving Washington tonight carried scores of congressmen released for the campaign.

## DEMONSTRATION SATURDAY Of Home Producers Association Was Splendid Success.

Mrs. Alma C. Gibbons, assisted by Miss Julia Stebbins, State Marketing Agent, gave a demonstration Saturday in the lobby of the Planters Bank. The exhibit consisted of products of the South Carolina Home Producers Association. Things the country women over the State are putting up and placing on the market. Several hundred interested people were served and expressed surprise at the work being done by the Association. The exhibit resembled a California Advertising Car show.

**Child Killed by Automobile.**  
Greenwood, Sept. 23.—While following an apple wagon down a residential street here this afternoon, Walker McDowell, 3-year-old son of W. T. McDowell, was run over by an automobile driven by Byrd Dorn, a farmer, and instantly killed. The child is said to have run from behind the wagon in the path of the car.

## NOT TO PROTEST FORM OF ORDER

ATTORNEY FOR SHOPMEN SO ADVISES.—REINSTATEMENT PROGRAM BEGINS THIS MORNING ON CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO.

Chicago, Sept. 24.—There will be no protest by the railway shop craft against the form of the order in the injunction case against the strikers Donald R. Richberg, attorney for the unions, announced tonight.

As a result, it was expected Federal Judge Wilkerson will accept the proposed order drawn up and presented to the court last week by the government. This would mean there would be no modification of the present temporary restraining order.

Mr. Richberg stated he would raise no objections to the form of the restraining order but would withhold all action until he appeals Judge Wilkerson's decision to the circuit court of appeals next month on the grounds that the district court did not have the power to issue such an injunction.

The case will come up in district court tomorrow simultaneously with hearing before the railroad labor board of a petition by the signalmen for an income in wages. The wages of the signalmen were out at the same time as those of the shopmen, but the former decided not to strike when they were promised a rehearing on the decreases.

**Richmond, Va. Sept. 24.—**The ranks of the striking shopmen of the Chesapeake & Ohio lines will be broken at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning when the first contingent returns to work under the settlement made last week.

The reinstatement program is expected to extend over a period of 15 days, and by that time both company and union officials hope to have the 8,000 craftsmen who walked out in the nationwide movement July 1 back at work.

## MAY HAVE TO FINISH LIFE SENTENCE

Jesse Valentine Whose Parole Expired September 1st May Have to Serve Life Sentence.

Governor Harvey has asked the Supervisor of Abbeville County for a report on Jesse Valentine, whose parole expired the first of September 1922.

Jesse Valentine and Henry Lindsay were sent up for life from Abbeville county in February 1913 by Judge Prince on a charge of murder. Henry Lindsay had his sentence commuted and has served his time. Jesse escaped and went west where he remained for a number of years, finally returning to this county where he was arrested at Calhoun Falls. He claimed to have been shot in a row out west and suffering from a bullet imbedded near his heart. He was then paroled in order to get medical attention. His parole expired Sept. 1, and as he had not reported to Governor Harvey an investigation was ordered.

Dr. Neuffer and Dr. J. R. Power, of Abbeville, were asked to examine the prisoner. They found on X-Ray examination no bullet imbedded near the heart as claimed. And Jesse Valentine will probably be sent back to the penitentiary to serve the remainder of his sentence, which is life. Henry Lindsay did the shooting, and Jesse was present and implicated. Jesse escaped. Former Gov. Blease commuted Henry's sentence. If Jesse has to serve out his life sentence this will bring out some of the queer twists of justice.

**Condition Critical.**  
The condition of Mr. Foster Cromer is announced as critical this morning.

## CHILDREN BURIED BY FALLEN FLOOR

ONE KILLED AND MANY INJURED IN ACCIDENT.—LITTLE GUESTS AT THEATER HURT WHEN CEMENT SUDDENLY GIVES WAY.

Pittsburg, Sept. 23.—Fifty chattering school children, most of them less than 12 years old, were mashed in the lobby of the Strand, a new motion picture theater in the east Liberty district late today, awaiting admission to a free show, when the concrete floor cracked from end to end and dropped the little ones into the basement.

The body of eight year old Madalyn Kunkle dressed in holiday garb was removed from the debris. The injured 38 children and the theater proprietor were placed on cots in a nearby hospital at approximately the minute the performance should have started.

Sol Selzenick, theater owner who fell with his guests, and four of the children were in a serious condition tonight. A dozen boys and girls were unconscious when they were dug from the powdery mass of stone and cement. Some were bleeding profusely. Others vaguely realizing what had happened whimpered and cried for their parents.

Physicians at the Pittsburg hospital rendered first aid to the injured before the institution was reached by a score of hysterical mothers. Victims who escaped grave injuries were permitted to go home.

The crash and cries of the frightened youngsters were heard two blocks away. Policemen and civilians who made the first rescues said some of the children were buried "three deep."

Three jagged chunks of concrete were lifted from the unconscious form of a girl about 8 years old. Underneath was a bleeding, crying boy. Firemen lowered ladders through clouds of dust. The district chief was first to go down. At the bottom he noticed a frame, under which several children were pinned. He called for a rope and the frame containing a poster was dragged to the surface. It advertised "The Trap," the film the kiddies were invited to witness.

## WELCOMING SERVICE

Held by the Churches Sunday Evening for Rev. McMurray.

A welcoming service for Rev. John A. McMurray by the churches of Abbeville was held at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening. A large congregation was present and joined in the service. Music was furnished by members from each of the different choirs and Mrs. Margaret Hardin sang a beautiful solo.

Rev. M. R. Plaxco of the A. R. P. church, as chairman of the Ministerial Union, introduced the different speakers who made addresses in the following order: Rev. H. L. Weeks, Baptist church, Rev. C. E. Peele of the Methodist, Rev. G. M. Telford of the Long Cane Presbyterian church and Rev. M. R. Plaxco.

Mr. McMurray replied to the welcome in a splendid talk expressing himself as being pleased to take up the work in Abbeville.

## GOING TO EMORY.

Jack Bradley leaves this afternoon for Emory University in Atlanta where he expects to take a Ph. D. course. He was accompanied from here by Mr. James Dombrowsky senior at Emory.

## BUILDING PROGRESSING

R. E. Cox is building a home on North Main street on the vacant corner lot next to the home of his mother Mrs. Jennie Cox. It is a modern brick bungalow and will add greatly to that end of town.

## MILLION DOLLARS PAID TO MEMBERS

THE SOUTH CAROLINA COTTON GROWERS' ASSOCIATION PUT OUT APPROXIMATELY \$100,000 A DAY LAST WEEK IN ADVANCE.

Columbia, Sept. 24.—The South Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative association has paid over \$1,000,000 to its members in advance officials of the association said last night. An average of approximately \$100,000 a day was paid out last week and the volume of cotton coming is expected to materially increase this week.

One railroad brought 50 carloads of cotton to Columbia Saturday for the association. This cotton came from points in the state in which the association has no subsidiary warehouses. Columbia is one of the three concentration points, the other two being Greenville and Spartanburg. The association has subsidiary warehouses over the state in which much other cotton is being stored. Heavy incoming shipments were reported from the association's concentration warehouses at Spartanburg and Greenville Saturday also.

The greater bulk of the deliveries up to this time of course has been from the lower part of the state, but deliveries are expected to pour in from the upper part of the state during the coming week.

The distribution of over \$1,000,000 in the lower part of the state should have a decidedly stimulating effect on business, officers of the association think. This money represents the first advance by the association to members who have delivered their cotton. This payment was made on the basis of 12 cents a pound on short staple and 18 cents a pound on long staple. Additional payments will be made as the cotton is sold out of the various pools into which it is classed according to grade and staple.

Up to this time the association has had no complaints of violations of the contract or attempted violations. Loyal members of the association are on guard in every county, officials said, and prompt action will be taken in the case any member attempts to violate it.

## ABBEVILLE WINS 2ND PLACE

In State Canning Contest Held in Columbia Last Week.

Mrs. Alma C. Gibbons received a wire Saturday afternoon stating that Abbeville County had won second place in the State Canning Contest held in Columbia that day. Richard county won first prize. Misses Lucia Vandiver and Eunice Fisher of Antreville were the contestants from this county, and went to Columbia Friday. If Columbia delegates are unable for any reason to attend the Southeastern Fair in Atlanta in October then the Abbeville girls will have that honor.

## HELD FOR STORING LIQUOR

Josh. M. Ashley from near Honea Path, who lives at the old Branyan place in the Keowee section, was in Abbeville this morning to make bond for his appearance later on the charge of storing liquor. Deputies Ferguson and Prince of Abbeville and revenue officer Wright, stationed at Spartanburg, raided his place Saturday and found three quarts of whiskey stored in his smoke house.

## George Cann Will Fire.

George Cann expects to fire on the Seaboard Air Line and will begin his work tomorrow. He is bound to make good and any one who has ever seen him tackle a line in football can rest assured he will put them over the grades from here to Atlanta.

## STATES MUST FIX PRICES FOR COAL

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS NO JURISDICTION—LOCAL AUTHORITIES CONTROL SALE OF FUEL TO CONSUMERS, SAYS SPENS.

Washington, Sept. 24.—The major responsibility for the price at which coal is sold to consumers by the wholesalers or retailers within the states must rest with the state authorities, Federal Fuel Distributor Spens declared tonight in a telegram to the governors of the various states.

The federal government, he informed the governors, can exert its influence on distribution and restrain extortion only so far as concerns coal that may be transported from one state to another.

"It has," he said, "no jurisdiction as to coal produced and sold within the state of its production retail or wholesale margins or handling coal within the states. Responsibility as to these features must rest with the state authorities and if profiteering in coal is to be prevented except as to coal that may be moved across the state lines at extortionate prices the proper remedy must be applied by the state authorities."

Upon the federal authorities, he explained, falls the duty of determining in which part of the country there is a shortage of coal, where coal production is to be distributed the prices usually charged for such coal and whether current prices considering the costs of production and distribution, are just and reasonable and what consumers should receive priority in transportation.

It appears necessary, he said that state organizations be created where they do not exist which will invite cooperation in meeting the emergency and will fix reasonable margins for retailers and wholesalers.

## SYNODICAL MEETS IN GREENWOOD TUESDAY

Ninth Annual Convention to Be Held Beginning Tuesday, Continuing for Three Days.

The program of the ninth annual meeting of the Woman's auxiliary synodical of the synod of South Carolina, Southern Presbyterian Church, has just been announced. This meeting will convene in the First Presbyterian church of Greenwood tomorrow evening at 7.30 o'clock and a large attendance of representatives from all sections of the state is expected.

The synodical is composed of eight presbyteries, 187 auxiliaries and 7,000 members, with the following efficient officers: Mrs. F. L. Mayes president, Greenwood; Mrs. A. Bramlett, vice president, Rock Hill; Mrs. Leslie Stribling, secretary, Seneca, and Mrs. A. B. Morse, treasurer, Abbeville.

The following delegates will attend the meeting from Abbeville: Miss Bessie Lee Cheatham, Miss Louise Brown, Mrs. A. B. Morse and Mrs. P. A. Cheatham.

## FIRE DESTROYS HOME.

Fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Williams near Pendleton last night about 2.30 o'clock. A. M. Mr. and Mrs. Williams and three small children barely escaping with their lives. The household goods were a complete loss, no insurance being carried. Mrs. Williams is a daughter of Mr. A. M. Erwin of Antreville.

## BUYS LOT

J. C. King bought the lot in front of the R. L. Mabry home on Chestnut street and expects to erect a bungalow home in the near future.

## PLAN CONFERENCE FOR NEAR FUTURE

BRITISH AND AMERICANS TO HOLD PARLEY.—QUESTIONS OF PROHIBITION NAVY'S ACTS AND NEAR EAST TO BE DISCUSSED.

Washington, Sept. 24.—A number of important international problems, including the activities of the prohibition navy and perhaps the question of the Near East disturbances, are to be discussed here in the very near future between representatives of the American and British governments.

Coincidentally with the adjournment of congress, leaving President Harding to devote greater attention to foreign relations, and with the return of Secretary Hughes from Brazil, Sir Auckland Geddes, the British ambassador has come back to Washington from his summer embassy quarters at Bar Harbor, Me., and is understood to be prepared for a series of conferences with American officials early next week.

The intimation is given in official quarters that the situation in the Near East is of such widespread concern that it scarcely can be mentioned in these discussions. So far as is known, there is no intention on the part of the British government to appeal to America to participate in physical measures in Asia Minor and European Turkey, but at the same time the British are said to feel that they have a right to expect at least the moral support of this government in so much of the British policy as involves keeping the Dardanelles open to the world. In British quarters it is declared that in the Paris peace negotiations America fully supported the decision to internationalize the straits and other declarations of purely American policies touching China, Mesopotamia and other sections of the world, all declaratory of the "open door," are regarded in British circles as laying down principles in accord with the British Dardanelles policy.

The activities of the American prohibition agents involving seizure of British ships outside the three mile limit have reached a stage where it is indicated they will no longer fail to receive treatment diplomatically. The British government is expected to seek at once to come to some understanding with the state department on that subject. Canadian pressure for a change of policy is becoming very urgent, nearly a dozen vessels under dominion charter having been seized or searched outside of territorial waters.

There also are a number of features of the new tariff law which are looked upon abroad with apprehension, and representations in connection with them are expected to come to the state department from several foreign governments in the near future.

## MR. GAMBRELL TO SERVE

At a meeting of the Confederate Veterans held in the office of Probate Judge Miller Saturday afternoon. Mr. J. M. Gambrell was elected to fill the vacancy on the pension board caused by the death of Mr. J. H. Barksdale.

## Miss Wright Resigns.

Miss Ila Wright has resigned her position as a teacher in the grammar school on account of ill health and has returned to her home in Elberton Ga.

## COTTON MARKET.

Cotton sold on the local market today for 21 3-4 cents a pound. Futures closed:

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| Oct. ....  | 20.91 |
| Dec. ....  | 21.19 |
| Jan. ....  | 20.96 |
| March .... | 21.07 |