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## SUPREME COURT GETS SHIP CASE

**EARLY DECISION EXPECTED FROM HIGH TRIBUNAL.—TWO BRITISH BOATS TAKEN BY DRY NAVY OUTSIDE 3 MILE ZONE BRINGS ACTION.**

Chicago, Sept. 30.—Early decision by the United States supreme court upon the question of federal jurisdiction over foreign vessels engaged in illegal activities outside the three mile limit, was forecast in government circles today after information had been received that Federal Judge James M. Morton at Boston had "certified" that question to the highest tribunal in the case of the schooner Grace and Ruby.

With the October term of the supreme court opening next Monday the government is prepared to ask for expeditious consideration of the question as constituting the crux of the prohibition enforcement campaign along the coast lines of the United States. It is the custom of the court to grant such requests and government officials expressed hope today that a basic ruling soon would be had from which they could proceed in dealing with matters now in controversy with foreign governments as a result of effort of prohibition agents to stop the flow of smuggled liquors.

Necessity for early action was increased today by information that the British government was about to request the release of all vessels of British or dominion registry, which have been seized beyond the three mile limit, unless they were captured while engaged in traffic with the shore through the medium of their own boats. The British decision was based, it was said, on recent instructions from President Harding to Prohibition Commissioner Haynes and to officials of the customs service that they must confine their operations against foreign shipping to the marine limit fixed by international law.

Judge Morton, in sending the Grace and Ruby cases to the supreme court, set forth that the question, which he desired to have ruled upon, was whether his court "had jurisdiction of libels for forfeiture and for penalties against a British vessel seized by a coast guard cutter on the high seas," under the circumstances which obtained in the case of the Grace and Ruby.

The case has been selected by the department of justice as a test for the several cases which have arisen since Commissioner Haynes began to pay special attention to the rum runners of the sea. Officials here said the selection was deliberately made because the facts as stipulated by the government and the defense in the trial at Boston were specifically in line with the argument on which the government must rest its claim to jurisdiction.

## GERMAN MILLS NEED COTTON

**Low Buying Power of the Mark Blamed for the Crisis.**

Washington, Oct. 1. German cotton mills are facing a shut-down through inability to buy raw materials, said a report to the commerce department today from Edward T. Pickard, chief of the textile division, who is in Europe making a survey of the textile situation.

Heavy depreciation of the buying power of the German mark abroad he declared, has made it almost impossible for German cotton mills to expand their working capital sufficiently to cover their raw material obligations.

## TO INSTALL AB. ALLEN CAMP

Orlin K. Fletcher of Augusta, Ga., is expected in Abbeville tomorrow to install Camp Ab. Allen. Mr. Fletcher will be accompanied by six comrades from Camp Archie Butt of Augusta, Ga.

## ZAIMIS WILL HEAR NEW GREEK CABINET

**FORMER MINISTER WHO HEAD-ED GOVERNMENT WHEN CONSTANTINE WAS EXPELLED IS CALLED BACK TO AUTHORITY BY REVOLUTIONISTS.**

Athens, Sept. 30.—Alexandre Zaimis, who was premier when Constantine was expelled from Greece in 1917 and whose father headed the Greek cabinet when King Otho I was dethroned by the revolution of 1862, has been selected to head the new ministry, which is composed of independents, Venizelists and military officers.

It is now stated that Constantine plans to reside in Palermo, Italy.

A favorable impression was created by the proclamation of the revolutionary committee that the arrested political and military leaders shall remain in prison, but that the manner of their trial shall be left to the future national assembly.

The French and English ministers emphasized to the committee that trial of these persons before a revolutionary tribunal would create a bad impression throughout Europe and suggested they be given a trial such as was accorded former Premier Gaillaux of France.

The revolutionary committee's determination to sit in supervision over the acts of the cabinet until a government founded on the will of the people, as expressed by elections, can come into being seems to be based on the idea that the vital interests of the nation demand such procedure.

The army backed by the navy, stands ready to push on the war effectively in Thrace, but its leaders believe that their past experiences justify prudent control in Athens by military representatives until a genuine people's government comes into power.

The arrest of a number of former government leaders is described as being due to a desire to impose justice as an example to future possible offenders. One allegation put forward is that, while in power, the leaders refused to listen to the advice of England that so long as Constantine was allowed to remain on the throne, the cause of Greece was hopeless.

Colonel Gonatas, head of the revolutionary committee, has announced that the national assembly is regarded as dissolved and that new elections probably will be held in November.

## DEATH OF S. F. CROMER

S. Foster Cromer died this morning, Oct. 2, 1922 at 9:30 o'clock at the residence of his niece, Mrs. W. Frank Nickles with whom he made his home. He had been sick about three weeks and was in the 74th year of his age and was the son of Philip and Dorothy Ann Cromer. He was born near Abbeville and has lived in this county all his life.

Mr. Cromer never married. He was identified with the business and farming interests of the county and had accumulated considerable property.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday morning at the residence by Rev. C. E. Peele, the pastor of the Methodist church of which he was a member. Interment will be at Long Cané cemetery.

Mr. Cromer is survived by two brothers, Lindsay Cromer of Clinton and T. T. Cromer of Greenwood county, and one sister, Mrs. Jane Boyd of Emmet, Ark.

## MCCORD BARN BURNS

The barn of W. F. McCord near town on the Greenwood road burned to the ground Thursday night. He lost one bale of ginned cotton, several hundred bundles of fodder and other farm produce. The loss was complete no insurance being carried.

## COTTON REPORTS NOT FAVORABLE

**AVERAGE CONDITION PLACED AT ONLY 52.5 PER CENT—DESPITE INCREASE IN ACREAGE, YIELD WILL NOT BE MUCH GREATER.—THIS STATE LOW.**

New York, Oct. 1.—Reports of the cotton crop for the month of September are not favorable and indications point to still another cut in yield. According to the latest returns, gathered under an average date of September 24, estimates of percentage condition have been lowered 7.5 to 52.5 per cent.

This figure, which represents the opinion of more than 1,600 competent correspondents of the Journal of Commerce, compares with 44.7 the low record figure established a year ago, and a ten-year average of 62.4 per cent. The September, 1920, per cent. condition was estimated at 63.9; 56.8 the year before and 58.1 in 1918. It is, in fact, the lowest level, with the exception of last year, in more than twenty years, although not the largest drop.

At this time in 1921 the per cent condition had fallen 10.4; the year before there was a decline of 8.7 per cent and in 1919 8.1 per cent. In view of the above it has again been necessary to revise estimates of production and a condition of 52.5 following the government's method of calculation and using the government acreage of 34,852,000 indicates a possible yield under normal conditions of approximately 10,533,600 bales. This compares with last year's actual yield of 7,953,641 bales, 13,439,603 bales in 1920, and 16,134,930 bales in the banner year 1916. Other private estimates of cotton condition range from 49.0 per cent to 52.4 per cent.

An examination of the foregoing shows losses were far less drastic than last month. For instance, the Oklahoma condition declined 12 per cent, against a previous loss of 20.4, Mississippi, 6.3 against 15.7 and Texas only 6.8 against 15.3. Next to Oklahoma the largest reduction was Tennessee which fell 11.1 with Arkansas a close second at 10.3. The smallest loss was reported in Alabama, namely, 5.1. South Carolina with a decline of 7.4 shows the lowest condition report, 41.6, while the highest is Missouri at 10.0.

## MEETING HELD SATURDAY

**In Court House to Discuss Tobacco Raising Well Attended**

About seventy-five farmers and business men met in the Court House Saturday to discuss tobacco growing in Abbeville County as a money crop. County Agent C. Lee Gowan, presided and introduced J. N. McBride, Assistant General Development Agent, of Florence; E. L. King, Tobacco Specialist of the Southern Railway and A. D. Robertson of Hamlet, N. C., Development Agent for the S. A. L. who made short talks. These men think that Abbeville has some fairly good tobacco soils; but the farmers would need a man trained in the growing of tobacco to instruct them.

Another meeting will be held next Friday at 2 o'clock at the farm of W. J. Quick on Little River. Mr. Quick is interested in the growing of tobacco in this section as a money crop; having cleared over a thousand dollars on six acres in tobacco this year.

A good many Abbeville County farmers will plant an acre or two in tobacco next year to try it out. Working along this line are such farmers as S. J. Wakefield of Antreville and S. G. Thomson of Abbeville.

## Calhoun Falls Visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Bosler, Aleene and Edgar Bosler and Miss Addie Lathan, accompanied by Henry Manning of Spartanburg, were in Abbeville from Calhoun Falls Saturday.

## SUGGESTS CHANGE IN PRESENT LAW

**HIGGINS WOULD RECLASSIFY RAIL EMPLOYEES—EXECUTIVES OPPOSE CLAIMS OF UNIONS AS TO STATUS OF CHIEF DISPATCHERS.**

Chicago, Sept. 30.—Enactment of an amendment to the transportation act to reclassify employees of carriers entitled to its benefits was suggested today by John Higgins, president of the Western Association of Railway Executives. He made the statement near the close of a hearing by the United States railroad labor board of rules disputes involving 39 carriers and subsidiaries and the American Train Dispatchers' association.

Two main issues were involved—two weeks' vacation with pay and the status of chief dispatchers, J. G. Luhrs, president of the union argued that chief dispatchers are subordinate officials and as such work under rules applicable to trick dispatchers—namely, the eight hour day, relief and overtime agreements.

Mr. Higgins, supported by Dr. C. P. Neal, representative of Southeastern roads and John C. Walber, heading the Eastern group, opposed the union's claim declaring that chief dispatchers have been delegated the power of division superintendents and therefore, under rulings of the interstate commerce commission should not be included in the scope of the transportation act.

The transportation act provides that subordinate officials and employees shall come within its scope, while officials are excluded. The term subordinate officials interpreted one way by the union and in another manner by the carriers caused the dispute between the carriers and the train dispatchers over the status of chief dispatchers. In order to eliminate dissension in the future, Mr. Higgins stated the transportation act should be amended to clearly define officials and employees.

Minor rules at dispute were taken up by orders of the labor board members and the hearing partly finished. They will be resumed next week.

## LAND SALES TODAY

**Master Sells Several Tracts of Land This Morning.**

Sales were made in the following cases this morning by the Master of Abbeville County:

Bank of Donalds vs. Jefferson Mattison, et al, 17 3-4 acre tract. Bought by E. C. Donald for \$300.00

Reynolds Meschine and others vs. Louise M. Clinkscales and others, 660 acres, sold to J. M. Nickles as attorney for Mrs. Louvania W. Shelor, for \$2350.00.

In the case of Frank Fetzer vs. O. E. dewlin, et al, 183 were sold to R. F. Davis, attorney for \$1100.00 and the 136 acre tract was also sold to R. F. Davis, attorney, for \$1300.

## VALENTINE GOES BACK

Jesso Valentine, has been taken in custody on the order of Governor Wilson G. Harvey, and will be returned to the Abbeville County chain gang and will have to serve the remainder of his life sentence.

## SEEING FLORIDA VISITORS

Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McMurray, John and Otis McMurray, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Lyon, Elizabeth, Estelle and Branny Lyon, Leon and Julian Ellis motored to Bellevue Sunday to see Mr. and Mrs. Bates of High Springs, Florida, who are in Abbeville County renewing old friends. Mrs. Bates was Miss Fanny Lites before her marriage to Mr. Bates.

## FEDERALS BATTLE REBELS IN JUAREZ

**TEN PERSONS KILLED IN BRIEF CRASH.—ONE BATTALION REBELS, IMPRISONING OFFICERS AND RELEASING PRISONERS IN JAILS.**

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 30.—Ten persons were killed and more than a score wounded in a clash between rebels and federals in Juarez today, following the revolt of the Forty-third battalion, a part of the Juarez garrison. The clash between the loyal federal troops and the rebela was a surprise and lasted but a few minutes, ending when the rebels exhausted their supply of ammunition.

In a public exhibition this afternoon Gen. J. J. Mendes took away the colors of the battalion. Army officials declared this to be the greatest disgrace possible for a body of troops, Loyal members of the regiment will be transformed to other units. General Mendes declared.

Army officials said the uprising was purely local in character and that while the men sympathize with General Murguia, they expect no further outbreaks.

The revolting soldiers of the One Hundred and Forty-third battalion about the prisoners stationed at the Mexican city released all prisoners from the city jail, imprisoned their officers and took possession of the town looting starting shortly after 3 o'clock in the morning. Police and custom guards were stunned by the sudden rebellion and offered but little resistance.

A number of American men and women were among those released from the jail. Other prisoners included those sentenced on charges of murder.

American troops were posted at the international bridge and along the border of the city. Upon the retirement of the rebels they gave Americans permission to cross the bridge.

## FARMS UNWEILY

**Farms Should Be Made Smaller in Many Places.**

Large tracts of land in Abbeville County should be cut up and sold to dirt farmers. We have too many large and unweildy farms. Abbeville has 79 farms with over 500 acres; 19 with over a 1,000 acres and one farm with over 2,000 acres.

Greenwood has 103 farms containing over 500 acres; 23 of the Greenwood farms have over 1,000 acres and two have over 2,000 acres. Laurens has 111 farms with over 500 acres to the farm; 29 of these have over 1,000 acres and four farms in Laurens county have over 2,000 acres to the farm.

About five good dirt farmers on one of these five hundred or a thousand acre tracts now owned by one man would make business hum.

## TO WINNSBORO BY AUTO

Mrs. T. J. Raycroft, Mrs. Henry Pressly and the two Pressly children left today for Winnsboro. They went through the country, Mrs. Pressly driving, and will stop over tonight in Columbia and spend the night there with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bradley, and make the trip to Winnsboro tomorrow morning. They expect to return to Abbeville about Thursday.

## COTTON MARKET.

Cotton brought 21 cents on the local market today. Futures closed:

Oct. ....	20.18
Dec. ....	20.51
Jan. ....	20.35
March ....	20.42
May ....	20.37

D. H. Hill and J. M. Nickles spent Friday in Lawrens on business.

## RAIL EXECUTIVES HEARD BY BOARD

**DISCUSS STATUS OF CHIEF DISPATCHERS—SCOTT ANNOUNCES EVER GROWING LIST OF LINES TO AGREE TO PEACE PLAN.**

Chicago, Sept. 30.—Arguments on the status of chief train dispatchers—whether they are officials or their right to inclusion in the wage and rule agreements between carriers and the American Train Dispatchers' association, occupied the United States railroad labor board today.

While the board was hearing arguments by the roads' executives, John Higgins of the Western roads John G. Walber of the Eastern carriers and Dr. C. P. Neal of the Southeastern group. Ben W. Hooper chairman of the board, was closeted with D. B. Robertson, head of the railroad firemen's organization. President Robertson asked for the conference with Chairman Hooper to discuss pending rules disputes with all the 202 class one carriers of the United States. They have been before the board for several months. The two main issues in dispute are the union's request for two firemen or automatic stokers on all engines of over 200,000 pounds and expenses while away from the home.

At the same time John Scott secretary of the federal shop crafts announced that B. M. Jewell had signed agreements with additional road conferences arranged by Mr Jewell, assisted by Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio, were pending, Mr. Scott said.

All representatives of the railroads before the board today opposed the demands of the dispatchers' organization for two weeks' vacation a year with pay and the classification of chief dispatchers as subordinates. Under the terms of the transportation act subordinate officials are governed by its provisions, while officials are not.

The question of vacation was overshadowed in importance by the controversy over the status of chief dispatchers. Most of the day was given to arguing the duties and powers and whether they are sufficient to class them as officials.

President Robertson's visit with Chairman Hooper today was regarded as an effectual sincerity of any rumors that the Big Four brotherhoods are attempting to dodge the labor board. The rules he discussed with Chairman Hooper were first placed before the carriers in 1919 later taken up by a mediation board during federal control and subsequently carried to the labor board in 1920.

## SEE CLEMSON-CENTRE GAME

Abbeville was well represented at the Clemson-Centre game Saturday. Among those who attended were:

W. M. Langley, R. E. Cox, George Cann, Joe Hale, L. W. Keller, Willie Keller, Earl Graves, Allen Haskell, Clinton Link, Walter Winn, Marshall Leach, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Barnes, Misses Gladys and Sara Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Smith, Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Neuffer, Frank, Hoppoldt, and Claude Neuffer and Willie Bowie, E. W. Gregory, Frank Harrison, Gottlob Neuffer, Wm. P. Greene, Bill Greene, Tom Howie, Frank Thornton

## COAL DIGGING ON BIG SCALE NOW

Washington, Sept. 30.—Coal mined during the past week was estimated at about 11,000,000 tons today by the Geographical Survey. The week's hard coal productions will amount to between 1,800,000 and 1,000,000, the report said and the softcoal output will be from 9,600,000 to 9,900,000 tons.