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NORTH CAROLINA TO COLLECT TAX

JUDGE CONNOR DECIDES AGAINST RAILWAYS—CASE IS EXPECTED TO PROCEED NOW TO UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

Raleigh, N. C. Nov. 14.—Judge H. G. Connor, in the United States district court, today filed a decision holding that the four railroads operating in this state must pay the state of North Carolina \$145,000 annually in contested income taxes and railroad attorneys immediately set about preparations to file a petition for an appeal to the United States supreme court.

The decision of Judge Connor noting the difference between the assessment of the state and the contention of the railroads shows the Southern assessed at \$71,522.06; admitted \$18,703.95 Atlantic Coast Line assessed \$41,680.95, admitted \$9,996.15; Norfolk Southern assessed \$19,616.40, admitted nothing. The opinion of the court is contained in one paragraph, the remainder of the decree being devoted to a presentation of the contentions and the law bearing on the subject. By arrangement of counsel the necessity of a three judge court was eliminated in the income tax cases and the cases were heard by Judge Connor on the final hearing.

The suits were brought by the railroads on the contention that the tax imposed by the state is discriminatory and applied upon the gross receipts rather than upon the net income.

Seven contentions were made by the railroads in support of their contention that the general rule had been applied to the railroads but the practical question involved was whether or not the railroads should be entitled to deductions for sums paid in interest and rents.

The state contended that the only discrimination imposed upon the railroads is that made necessary by the character of their business and that for practical purposes all taxpayers had been divided into three classes, individuals public services corporations required to keep records according to the accounting system adopted by the interstate commerce commission and all other corporation.

ABBEVILLE DELEGATES

Governor Wilson G. Harvey, Monday appointed over a hundred delegates to represent South Carolina at the annual convention of the Southern Commercial Congress to be held in Chicago November 20th. From Abbeville county he named the following delegates: A. S. Kennedy, Due West, Dr. G. A. Neuffer Abbeville and A. R. Fowler, Due West.

DE LA HOWE KIDS.

Saturday afternoon the De la Howe kids are coming to Abbeville to see "The Bachelor Daddy." They will be the guests of Manager Verchot of the Opera House. There will be 108 of them and anybody desiring to help get them from the De La Howe school to Abbeville town will please communicate with Mr. J. M. Nickles or Mr. Verchot what transportation they can offer. There are many ears in Abbeville and most any of the High School boys would drive out and get the children for the show.

FREE TICKETS.

All of the girls and boys having exhibits at the Corn Show will be presented with free tickets to the Matinee at the Opera House Saturday afternoon. The show will be "The Bachelor Daddy," and is a fine show.

REICHSBANK TO ASSIST GERMANY

PREPARED TO ADVANCE 500,000,000 GOLD MARKS—REPARATIONS COMMISSION FAILS TO AGREE—DEADLOCK IS THREATENED.

Berlin, Nov. 14.—German Government tonight forwarded a formal note to the reparations commission in Paris, informing the commission that the Reichsbank is prepared to advance the German Government 500,000,000 gold mark toward a loan to stabilize the mark, said an equal amount is forthcoming from abroad and subject to the condition proposed by the foreign financial experts who recently visited Berlin as essential for the success of the stabilization project.

Paris, Nov. 14.—The reparations commission at 8 o'clock this evening, after three hours of discussion of Germany financially and economically, as viewed under the commission's recent visit to Berlin found itself just as far from agreement as when the session began. The American unofficial representatives, Roland W. Boyden and Col. James A. Logan, Jr., participated in the session.

A deadlock in the commission again seems imminent although it is reliably reported that M. Barthou, the chairman, has been favorably impressed with the proposed solution contained in the report of the foreign experts who recently went to Berlin to study the situation. It is stated that premier Poincare insists upon the imposition upon Germany of rigid guarantees before everything else.

It is suggested in one quarter that the reparations problem, might be left in suspense until the inter-Allied conference at Brussels on the question of reparations and inter-Allied debts is held but those members of the commission who can see no good in delaying the decision by the commission. The fear of the collapse of the present government in Berlin is also considered a factor which it is argued should hasten some conclusion on the reparations question.

EXHIBITS POURING IN FOR CORN SHOW

Which Comes Off This Week—Exhibits May Be Entered Until 2 O'clock Tomorrow.

Entries for the Corn Show which takes place Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, will not close until 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon the 16th. Exhibits are pouring in this morning in unusual numbers and it is far from the closing time. If exhibits continue to come in this way until 2 o'clock tomorrow, Abbeville will have the best Corn Show that has been held in the State.

The judging will be done Friday morning by Prof. C. P. Blackwell, Chief Agronomist, Clemson College, who is considered the best judge of corn in the state. Henry S. Johnson, of Aiken, District Agent, will also act as judge.

Dr. W. W. Long, Director of Extension Work for South Carolina will be here Saturday to see what Abbeville County can produce.

The Corn Show is being held in the Planters Bank Building under the direction of County Agent C. Lee Gowan, and under the wing of the Planters Bank.

The show will be open Friday, Friday night, Saturday and Saturday night to visitors. A large crowd is expected from the neighboring towns Saturday is a special day for the

PLANS FOR CAMPAIGN AGAINST BOLL WEEVIL

**BULLETINS SENT OUT BY STATE PLANT BOARD OF FLORIDA
DETAIL METHOD WORKED OUT BY ENTOMOLOGIST.
CALLS FOR ACTION EARLY IN CROP YEAR.**

Gainesville, Fla., Nov. 14.—Bulletins were being sent out today by the state plant board of Florida detailing at length the "improved method of controlling the boll weevil" as evolved by Dr. George D. Smith, assistant entomologist of the board, and announced Saturday night by Dr. Wilmon Newell, director.

While expressing confidence that Florida growers of upland cotton by following the new method are assured of at least 90 per cent. of a normal crop, Dr. Newell points out at the outset that Dr. Smith's experiments were made under Florida conditions, and the method evolved is adapted to this state, but there seems to be no reason "on theoretical grounds at least" why the method can not successfully be adapted to all sections of the cotton belt.

The substance of Dr. Smith's plan is to clear the fields of weevil infestation early in June and then give the staple free growth until August when the annual immigration of the weevil sets in. The staple has grown, however, to such an extent by this time, that harm from the weevil then is inconsequential.

In this state, the bulletin points out, the crop is usually "made" by August 15.

Dr. Smith recognized in the beginning of his experiments that the boll weevil could be effectively poisoned before it reached the "squares" or flower bracts of the plant. His investigation therefore had to do with ridding the plant of the last of the over-wintering weevils which appear later and deposit their eggs on the squares.

His plan evolved meets this obstacle by the simple process of removing the early squares, and then thoroughly disinfecting the boll itself with poison. His experiments disproved the belief that removal of the early squares would lower the cotton yield.

In this state, the bulletin continues by removing the squares early in June and cleansing the boll, the plant then has almost as long a period in which to set fruit as it enjoyed in a normal season prior to the coming of the weevil.

"At first thought," the bulletin continues, "it may appear that a

considerable amount of cotton would be destroyed or lost by removing of the first few square, say an average of about two large squares to the plant throughout the field. It has been demonstrated that the cotton plant normally sheds about 60 per cent of its fruit during the growing season. Therefore a loss of two squares to the plant, on the average, should not affect the yield."

Noting that the planter has attached great importance to these first squares, considering them the substance of his early cotton crop, the bulletin says:

"Removal of the early squares in our experiments was followed by a remarkable reaction on the part of the plant itself. In all cases, removal of the squares was followed by a rapid increase in the height of the plants and this was closely followed by a profuse development of new squares. So pronounced has been this acceleration of stimulation of fruiting, that it seems highly probable that even with no weevils, present removal of all squares early in June would actually result in increasing the yield of cotton."

Washington, Nov. 14.—Officials of the department of agriculture, which has been actively fighting the boll weevil for more than 20 years, are greatly interested in the announcement of the method evolved by Dr. George D. Smith, associate entomologist of the Florida state plant board, for controlling the boll weevil, which has caused a loss averaging, it is estimated, \$300,000,000 annually during the last four years.

Dr. Smith formerly was in the employ of the federal bureau of entomology and spent sometime in the study of the boll weevil while in the federal service. Effective work, department officials declare, is being done especially at the federal experiment station in Louisiana. The use of calcium arsenate in dry-dust form in controlling the boll weevil, the department adds, has been gradually developed during the last seven years and has proved fairly successful. During the present season, according to officials' use of the dusting method on one 14,000 acre plantation in Mississippi was very effective at a cost of about \$3 an acre.

NIGHT SCHOOL GROWING.

The night school being held at the cotton mill school house two nights each week by Supt. J. D. Fulp and assistants, is rapidly growing. Last evening nearly 20 new pupils were enrolled and the work was begun in earnest. Rev. M. R. Plaxco has been secured to assist in the work and was on hand last night.

Arithmetic, spelling, writing and business English are the most popular studies among the pupils.

A textile arithmetic is being used in the school. This text prepared under the supervision of officials of the Victor-Monaghan mills, Greenville, deals with problems met with in the every day life and work of the mill employees, and is a valuable text in the night school.

ENTICING LABOR

Sheriff F. B. McLane has three negroes in jail charged with enticing labor out of the state. The men are Henry McIntosh, Albert Wardlaw and Fred Tate of the Calhoun Falls section. One had a ticket for himself and five, one for himself and two, and one for himself and one other. Another negro with a gang of twenty escaped and got off with the goods.

school children as well as the club girls and boys.

DEATH OF MR WM. McNEILL

Mr. William M. McNeill, a prosperous farmer of the Sharon section, died at 4 o'clock a. m. November 15, 1922, after an extended illness. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Sharon church, conducted by Rev. J. B. Kilgore assisted by Rev. C. E. Peele.

Mr. McNeill was born in Ireland and was in his 74th year. He had been married twice, his first wife being Miss Knox. To this union was born five children, all of whom are living, they are: Dr. Robert McNeill of Danburg, Ga., Mrs. Ben Cade Washington, Ga., Mrs. Janie Dickerson, Columbia, Tom McNeill, Macon, Ga., and Miss Nora McNeill of Jacksonville, Fla. His second wife was Miss Fannie Palmer, who with five children survive: W. W. McNeill, Sharon, Mrs. Rosa Boles, North, Frank McNeill, Abbeville, Mrs. J. E. Cochran, Watts and Donald McNeill, of Clemson College.

Mr. McNeill was a member of the Methodist church and has lived a long and useful life in this community. He leaves behind him the heritage of a life well spent.

The following will act as honorary and active pall bearers: Honorary: W. F. Nickles, P. A. Roche, W. T. Magill, Dr. G. A. Neuffer, R. W. Knox, and J. A. Gilliam.

Active: W. O. Graves, John E. Riley, A. B. Bosler, G. S. Wilson, C. T. Schram and Frank W. Wilson.

COTTON CONSUMED SHOWS AN INCREASE

OCTOBER COTTON CONSUMPTION IS MORE THAN SEPTEMBER, ALSO LARGER THAN FOR SAME MONTH LAST YEAR—CENSUS REPORT REVEALS.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Cotton consumed during October amounted to 533,950 running bales of lint, and 62,406 bales of linters, compared with 494,817 of lint and 65,560 of linters in October last year and 495,344 of lint and 59,893 of linters in September this year, the census bureau announced today.

Cotton on hand October 3, was held as follows:

In consuming establishments 1,379,770 bales of lint and 82,169 of linters, compared with 1,398,138 of lint and 157,870 of linters a year ago.

In public storage and at compresses, 4,329,902 bales of lint and 16,812 of linters compared with 4,984,831 of lint and 212,887 of linters a year ago.

Active spindles numbered 33,859,076, compared with 34,206,179 in October last year.

Statistics for cotton growing states:

Consumed during October 346,435 bales, compared with 297,101 in October last year.

Cotton on hand October 31, in consuming establishments, was 855,981 compared with 774,848 and in public storage and at compresses 4,125,598 bales, compared with 4,677,202.

Cotton spindles active during October 15,831,959 compared with 15,391,959 in October last year.

The largest monthly consumption of cotton since June 1920, occurred during October a total of 533,950 bales of lint having been used by manufacturers. The census bureau announced that this was an increase of 38,600 bales over September consumption and about the same increase over last year.

Consumption in cotton growing states was almost 50,000 bales more than in October, a year ago.

U. D. C. TO RAISE \$30,000 ADDITIONAL

To Complete Jefferson Davis Monument—When Completed it Will Be 351 Feet High

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 14.—Efforts will be made at the convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy which opens here tonight to raise the remaining \$30,000 necessary to complete the Jefferson Davis monument at Fairview, Ky., according to Mrs. Jacksie Daniel Thrash-Morrison, chairman of the monument committee.

Pledges will be taken from the floor in an effort to raise the remainder of the funds, it was reported.

The obelisk is now 216 feet high, according to the plans.

The work of raising the remainder of the funds has been placed in the hands of the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Jefferson Davis Home association, of which General William B. Haldeman, of Louisville, is president. Undaunted by the action of Governor Morrow in vetoing an appropriation of \$15,000 granted in a bill passed by both houses of the Kentucky legislature, the Daughters announced their determination to raise the remaining necessary funds at this convention.

Has Sick Daughter.

Mr. Walter Price has a young daughter, the oldest of his three girls, very sick at his home in the country with scarlet fever.

AN UGLY SITUATION IN TURKISH CAPITAL

REQUIRES UTMOST SKILL TO PREVENT OUTBREAKS—ANGORA GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING POLICY OF DEFIANCE TOWARD ALLIES

London, Nov. 14.—Now that the Lausanne conference has been postponed to November 20 the question most urgently asked here is whether it will be possible to maintain peace in Constantinople in the interim. Restoration of communications has revealed such an ugly situation there that it is evident the utmost tact and skill will be necessary to prevent outbursts.

All reports coming to London concur in saying that the extremists are dominating the Angora government, which, through its agents in Constantinople is following the policy of defiance toward the allies and terrorism among the local population.

Residents of Constantinople are described as being in a state of extreme alarm, while the position of the allied troops is respected as one which soon may become untenable.

An incident which sharply shows the total change in the situation from conditions which have prevailed during the past year is reported by some correspondents whose dispatches say that an English book merchant who became involved in a street squabble was seized by the Turkish police, taken to the Galata police station and whipped. The correspondents maintain that the establishment of martial law alone can make Constantinople safe.

Complete agreement among the allied and a display of unity in the nature of granting full authority to their commanders in Constantinople to co-operate in any emergency would remove anxiety. It is contended, and guarantee stability during the discussions with the Turks at Lausanne. Without such complete co-operation, it is argued the conference had better not be held.

Commentations in London generally insist strongly upon the necessity for the allied representatives to meet together, before talking to the Turks at Lausanne in order to decide a common policy. Unless this is done some observers feel it will be impossible for Great Britain to be represented at Lausanne at all.

FOOTBALL FRIDAY.

The football game between Abbeville and Saluda high schools will be called promptly at 3:30 on the New Field Friday afternoon. Reports from Saluda say that the boys from the swamps are fit and in fine mettle and declare that Abbeville shall not even score on their team, let alone win another game.

It will be a different game from the Edgefield game and Saluda will know that they have played real football no matter what the outcome be.

MISS REEP REMAINS.

Miss Blanch Reep has reconsidered her resignation as Superintendent of the Abbeville Memorial Hospital and will remain at the head of that institution. This will be good news to the many friends of Miss Reep who could not even accept the idea of her leaving Abbeville.

COTTON MARKET.

Cotton brought 26½ cents on the local market today. Futures closed
Dec. 26.18
Jan. 26.07
March 26.00
May 25.83
July 25.49