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RUMORS DENIED BY PROHIBITION BOSS

CALLS ON PATRIOTIC CITIZENS TO SET AN EXAMPLE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT—NO CHANGE IN SOUTH CAROLINA FORCE CONTEMPLATE

Columbia, Dec. 9.—Specific denial of rumors that changes had been made or are contemplated in South Carolina prohibition enforcement forces was made here this afternoon by Major Roy A. Haynes, federal prohibition commissioner, after he had delivered an address to the people of Columbia in the First Baptist Church, the crux of which was, that there should be strict enforcement of all laws, otherwise there would be weakening in the powers of the government.

Major Haynes told newspaper men that he invariably took the advice and recommendation of his divisional chiefs, and no advocacy of changes in the enforcement personnel in South Carolina had been made, and he contemplated no such changes in the future.

The prohibition commissioner, accompanied by Judge James G. Britt, chief counsel; Sherman A. Cuneo, assistant director and Col. L. G. Neutt, acting chief of general prohibition agents, who are making a tour of the South in tightening up prohibition forces arrived at Columbia this morning. After a conference with prohibition agents, a luncheon at the Jefferson Hotel tendered by the South Carolina anti-saloon league and the address this afternoon, the party left over the Seaboard for Washington. While here, Major Haynes had conferences with State, county and municipal peace and enforcement officers.

In his address, Major Haynes was outspoken in his appreciation of the cooperation given federal authorities in the enforcement of the Volstead act in South Carolina and he spoke feelingly of the entire South as the pioneer in the "dry" movement.

He went into a detailed description of the machinery of enforcement and said that wonderful success had been achieved in a short while.

Major Haynes pleaded with the men in the higher stratum of society to lead at example in respect for the law, asked that they not patronize bootleggers and abjured them to hold aloft their patriotic observance of all laws.

He proclaimed that obedience to the law is the fundamental of which the stability of the government must rest, otherwise there will be chaos.

IN SEARCH OF HEALTH

Emory Penney, who has gone west in search of health arrived in Prescott, Arizona, on a Sunday morning to find the men busy cutting wood and the women washing and hanging out clothes, although the ground was covered with snow. Mr. Penney stopped long enough in San Antonio to "have dinner and take a flivver ride with Bob Hemp-hill."

MONEY FOR STAMPS

About \$50,000 is being paid out by the Abbeville post office in War Savings Stamps. These are to be redeemed before January 1st and post office authorities are busy cashing in the stamps.

MR. MARTIN SICK

Mr. T. W. Martin, who runs an enterprising grocery store on South Main street, has gone to the Chester Hospital for treatment. He was accompanied on the trip by his friend Dr. Calvert.

CONDITIONS GOOD IN TRADE CIRCLE

GRAIN RATHER QUIET, BUT PRICES CONTINUE TO HOLD UP WELL—RAILROAD TRAFFIC AT EXTRAORDINARY HIGH LEVEL

New York, Dec. 10.—Reports concerning the fundamental conditions underlying the financial markets continued to be satisfactory the past week. Railroad traffic is holding at an extraordinary high level considering the season. Car loadings during the week ended November 25, totalled 955,000 cars, which represents an increase of 282,000 over the corresponding week a year ago, and 152,000 over the same week in 1920.

No cessation is apparent, meanwhile, in the steel industry's high rate of output, operations still approximating 80 per cent of war expanded capacity. Pig iron prices have declined further, but trade reports state that both buyers and sellers are now feeling for the bottom of this market. Steel prices for the present remain firm and consumers are showing slow disposition to carry reasonable stocks, feeling that another coal strike next year is not beyond the bounds of possibility. Although the total amount of coal produced was cut into by the recent holiday, it appears that the bituminous output is continuing at daily rate corresponding to 11,000,000 tons a week.

Final figures for the earnings of class one railroads during October show the total net for the month amounted to \$85,000,000, which while some \$25,000,000 below the total in the same month a year ago, when earnings were unusually good is still \$27,000,000 better than the showing in September.

A recession of about 2 per cent in the ratio of reserve of the combined federal reserve system brings that figure down to 74.3 per cent. This is slightly lower than any other figure recorded this year, but is still high enough to demonstrate very ample supplies of commercial credit. The decline in ratio is very largely a reflection of a further increase in rediscounts which in turn measures the sustained industrial movement and the preparations for the holiday trade. Money rates remained steady and no material disturbance is expected to attend the large government transaction centering around the tax date.

With the census reporting cotton ginnings to December 1, at 9,318,000 bales, the trade is more than ever inclined to view that the crop will amount to slightly less than 10,000,000 bales, instead of the 9,000,000 bales which were discussed a few weeks ago.

VISITING AT THE SHOALS

Miss Eugenia Swetenberg and Miss Marnie Reese spent Saturday and Sunday at Ware Shoals with Miss Margart and Dick Swetenberg. They enjoyed the sights of the city.

"MISS MAY" SICK

Miss May Robertson has succumbed to the prevailing flu and has been confined to her home since Friday. Miss May is a general favorite in town and everyone wishes for her a speedy recovery.

VISITING MISS BRADLEY

Mrs. B. I. Childs and son, Mr. James Childs, visited over Sunday with Miss Irene Bradley at the home of Mrs. Tutt.

Roman custom forced a son of a dead man to conduct the funeral service.

DRYS IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF HOUSE

WETS ARE ABLE TO MUSTER ONLY SEVEN VOTES TO CRIPPLE ENFORCEMENT ACT FRIENDS OF PROHIBITION MAKE CLEAN SWEEP

Washington, Dec. 9.—Friends of prohibition, in complete control in the House, made a clean sweep today in knocking out amendments to the prohibition section of the treasury supply bill which they claimed were designed to weaken enforcement of the Volstead law.

Standing alone at times, Representative Hill, Republican, Maryland, sought to limit the money spending activities of the prohibition unit, but his proposals were thrown out bodily after thirty minutes of bitter debate, in which the manner of the law's enforcement was commended and condemned. Numerous references were made to the annual address to Congress delivered earlier in the day by President Harding, and there was vigorous applause when members recalled that the President had said the eighteenth amendment was here to stay.

The bill stood like a stone wall against attacks by Mr. Hills group, which often included only himself. It had not reached the point of passage tonight because of an agreement to defer until tomorrow action on a provision for substituting fast power presses for hand presses which the government's money long has been printed at the Bureau of Engraving.

The biggest vote against the prohibition group was seven, that number of members supporting an amendment by Representative Tinkham, Republican, Massachusetts, providing that men employed in enforcement work should be appointed from the civil service, against fifty-six in opposition.

GOVERNOR IN ABBEVILLE

Abbeville was honored Friday afternoon by a visit from Governor and Mrs. Wilson G. Harvey. They came as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Brown and while here were shown many of the sights of the city.

Mrs. Harvey as Miss Waring visited in Abbeville and one of the chief points of interest to her was the Anerum house where in days gone by she had attended many pleasant dances. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson were charmed to have them call and Governor Harvey and his wife enjoyed seeing the handsome residence. Mrs. Harvey, while on the square, renewed many pleasant acquaintances.

Abbeville was glad to have the Governor for even so short a visit.

BOARD MEETING

Dr. C. C. Gambrell leaves tonight for Columbia where he goes to attend the last meeting of the State Board of Health for this year.

WITH THE DOCTORS

Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Neuffer left today for Pinehurst, N. C., where they will attend the meeting of the Seaboard Surgeons. They will enjoy several trips visiting Norfolk, Lynchburg and Richmond.

CALLED AWAY

Miss Reep was called to Cheraw last week to attend the funeral of her friend, Miss Irby. She returned to the city today.

In the sale of the effects of Col. James T. Roberts of Anderson, who died from the effects of an automobile injury, are listed forty well trained fox dogs.

STERN CAMPAIGN ON BOLL WEEVIL

LARGER SCALE FOR NEXT SEASON—PRICES OF CALCIUM ARSENATE AND SUPPLY ENGAGING ATTENTION OF GOVERNMENT.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Next season's campaign against the boll weevil promises to be on a larger scale than in any season heretofore. Plans of the department of agriculture as outlined by its cotton council, are being widely developed. Among the methods for control of the boll weevil which will be used next season is that recently announced by the Florida state plant board which the cotton council has recommended be given a thorough trial throughout the cotton belt.

The present price of calcium arsenate is engaging the attention of the government, an attempt will be made to increase the supply for next season's fight on the boll weevil.

A meeting for this purpose will be held in New York next Wednesday. It will be attended by government experts, including Dr. J. K. Haywood, chairman of the insecticide and fungicide board of the department of agriculture, and other officials of that department; C. R. Delong, formerly of the chemical division of the department of commerce and now head of the dye and chemical division of the tariff commission, and by officials of the departments of interior and commerce. The meeting will be held after a two day session of insecticide manufacturers and a large number of experts in the industry will attend the calcium arsenate conference. The main topic for discussion at the conference will be the amount of white arsenate available for the manufacture of calcium arsenate and whether by any means the production of this essential in fighting the boll weevil can be stimulated and enlarged.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS

Automobile accidents were the order of the day Saturday, about one o'clock a Ford driven by D. Ferguson run into a tree in front of the Baptist church and Mr. Ferguson had his face cut on the windshield.

Mr. Bob Simmons ran into a negro's buggy Saturday night and scattered the pieces around the marker square and Sunday Mrs. Gullede struck an electric light pole near the Baptist church and broke it off. Mrs. Gullede was not hurt.

Saturday afternoon a car full of boys had a smash up near the Seaboard shops and left a turned over car in the road.

STILL LEAVING

The whole sale immigration among the negroes continues, twelve men and women leaving on Saturday for Chicago and twenty leaving Sunday for the same destination.

IN GREENVILLE

Miss Mary Milford and Gottlob Neuffer went up to Greenville Saturday and saw the "show" at the Opera House. Mrs. Minshall and Misses Rachel and Susan Minshall went with them. The home trip furnished all the troubles usual when driving a car.

RESPECT FOR JUDGE GARY

Among other marks of respect shown Judge Frank B. Gary, was that of the Abbeville Telephone, Co., which closed down for five minutes while the funeral service was in progress at the Methodist church.

COTTON BELT SHOWS THE BEST RECOVERY

AGRICULTURAL SITUATION IS SLIGHTLY IMPROVED.—ABNORMAL MOVEMENT FROM FARMS TO TOWNS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The general agricultural situation in the United States has improved slightly as indicated by the monthly agricultural review of the department of agriculture. Cotton and live stock products prices, as well as prices of things farmers have to buy, have risen slowly, the October price index on ten farm products being 110 compared with 100 for 1913.

"This has put a little money into the pockets of some farmers, put heart into many more, and has done both for those who carry farm products through the channels of trade," the review says.

The price farmers pay for other than food products, according to the wholesale price index, has risen to 169 compared with 100 to 1913. Thus a unit of farm products will purchase 35 per cent less of other commodities as it would in 1919.

November figures indicate an abnormal movement of population from farms to towns.

Agricultural conditions in the east are in relatively poor shape. Potato, apple, hay and truck growers are thoroughly discouraged, the report says. Some poultrymen are doing fairly well, but most dairymen are having all they can do to break even.

The cotton belt shows the best general recovery of any region as a whole. Cotton is very poor in many areas, but those having cotton to sell fairly good at present prices. General business has been much stimulated.

Farmers in the corn belt are somewhat encouraged at the rise in grain prices. A heavy fall run of hogs to market, as well as heavy movements of feeder cattle and sheep to farms, is reported. Wheat belt shippers have been hampered by an almost unprecedented shortage of freight cars. Winter wheat stands are reported generally fairly good. Sheep men in the range country feel fairly good at sheep, lamb and wool prices and the outlook for next year is generally considered favorable.

MISSIONARY TO MEXICO.

Rev. Henry E. Pressly is giving up his work in Tampa, Florida, as a minister of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church and will leave shortly after Christmas for Mexico, where he will enter the Missionary field.

Mr. Pressly is the youngest son of Rev. Neil E. Pressly, and he was born and spent the greater part of his youth in Tampico. Dr. Neill Pressly served the church in the Mexican field for nearly forty years and it has long been the ambition of his son to follow in his footsteps. Rev. Henry Pressly knows the Mexican, he knows his language and his home life and he has a sympathy and an understanding of his shortcomings. Returning to Mexico is like going home again and his friends all over the state wish him success and his family happiness in their new home.

Rev. and Mrs. Pressly will come to Abbeville for a visit before leaving the states.

GREENWOOD DOCTORS

Dr. Neal and Dr. Scurry were over from Greenwood Monday operating at the hospital on a patient brought over on Friday.

Here For Funeral.

Hon. and Mrs. Melvin J. Ashley came down from Honea Path Saturday and attended the funeral of Judge Frank B. Gary at the Methodist church.

COAL COMMISSION TO CALL MEETING

BEGINNING OF ENDEAVOR TO PROCURE MUTUAL CONCESSIONS IN INTEREST OF COMMON GOOD—WOULD REACH BASIS

Washington, Dec. 9.—Taking cognizance of conditions which indicate the possibility of another national coal strike in the bituminous mines after April 1, the United States Coal commission today announced that mine operators and miners' union officials concerned would be invited to meet with it in Washington next week.

The session would mark the beginning of an endeavor to "procure mutual concessions in the interests of the common good," the announcement said, and was necessary because of "grave danger that another paralysis of the business of the country" is impending. Action by the commission followed the adjournment this week of a joint committee of mine operators and union officials, which met at Chicago but failed to achieve a satisfactory preliminary arrangement for wage negotiations which would assure continuance of operations after April.

Representatives of the United Mine Workers of America in Washington were later informed that John L. Lewis its president, would not be able to respond to the commission's invitation before Thursday. It is expected that conferences on the subject will be taken up then, and that the commission will proceed to executive consideration of the situation.

Wage agreements, which now fix pay scales and working conditions in the unionized coal fields, were made at Cleveland last summer and run only to April 1, but contain a paragraph providing for joint committee meetings of the bituminous employers and the union to consider terms of a wage contract which might run after that date. The committee created included for the employers Phil Penna, representing Indiana operators; T. H. Watkins for central Pennsylvania; H. N. Taylor for Southwestern operators and others, while Mr. Lewis, Philip Murray, vice president of the union, and William Green, its secretary, represented the men.

MARY PARROTT INJURED

Had Both Legs Cut Off by Seaboard Train No. 6 Today at Athens
Mary Parrott, colored, of Abbeville, was run over and both legs cut off in Athens today at about 11 o'clock as the Seaboard train No. 6 was passing south of Barrow street. Engineer Snipes and Fireman Fuller attempted to warn the woman and Engineer Howie stopped his train with his driving wheels still pinning the woman to the track. She was conscious and was hurried to a hospital for treatment.

The accident is greatly regretted by the Seaboard people.

A SICK CHILD

Everett Bosler, the five year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Prescott Bosler of Watts is very sick of pneumonia. The child has been sick for a month and has been under the care of a nurse. Pneumonia has developed in both lungs and the child is seriously ill.

COTTON MARKET.

Cotton on the local market today brought 25 1/2. Futures closed
Dec. 24.85
Jan. 24.90
March 25.00
May 25.07
July 24.72