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THE WEEK'S EVENTS

IMPORTANT NEWS OF STATE, NATIONAL AND THE WORLD BRIEFLY TOLD

ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

A Condensed Record Of Happenings Of Interest From All Points Of The World

Foreign

The number of persons killed in the explosion on the Greek torpedo boat destroyer Leon at Piraeus is now given as twenty-one, with forty-two injured. The explosion occurred while a number of the crew were handling a submarine bomb.

The allied supreme council has approved unanimously the calling of an international economic conference to be participated in by Germany and Russia.

American Ambassador Harvey to England, who is in attendance at the meeting of the allied supreme council in Cannes, France, says he will "jump the fence" when he comes to it, which is interpreted to mean that he is merely an onlooker.

Marquis Okuma, the "grand old man of Japan," was one of the most distinguished men of the island empire during the period of the restoration until the present day. Twice premier of Japan, Okuma was in office when the famous "twenty-one demands" were made upon China, and it was following the agitation which resulted from those demands that his ministry resigned. He was succeeded by Field Marshal Count Terauchi.

The director of the American relief administration in Russia, who has been in England, has returned to Russia by way of Riga, optimistic over the twenty million dollar grain appropriation by the United States congress.

The last effort of the dall eireann in Ireland to bring about an agreement on the Anglo-Irish treaty failed. Other efforts will be made.

Princess Joachim of Prussia, daughter-in-law of the former emperor, is suing the ex-kaizer for support, contending that the laws of the Hohenzollerns entitle her to support. Her husband suicided in 1920.

Count Szabo Szechenyi has been appointed Hungarian minister to the United States. His wife was formerly Miss Gladys M. Vanderbilt of New York City.

A bomb was exploded among the crowd listening to a band in the market place at Dinkelsbuehl, Bavaria, on New Year's Eve, injuring fifty persons, twenty of them seriously. The thrower of the bomb was a youth.

Demands by the Russian Soviet government that Finland withdraw all support of the revolution in Karelia have been agreed to by the Finnish government.

Washington

The federal reserve board says that a decided improvement in European exchanges has tended to some extent to help the foreign trade situation, but extreme caution in the extension of bank credits still continues.

Purchase of over three million bushels of corn for the relief of the Russian sufferers is announced in Washington on authority of the commissioner of agriculture of South Dakota.

Continued upward movement of business and the gradual restoration of normal conditions are indicated in the comparison of reports of last month with those of the corresponding month of 1920, according to the December review of the economic situation issued by the federal reserve board.

Ex-Senator Marion Butler of North Carolina has forwarded Secretary of War Weeks an offer from capitalists whom he represents for the government nitrate plant located at Muscle Shoals, Ala., and seeks an appointment with the secretary to talk over the matter.

Hierome L. Opie, major of the third battalion, 11th infantry, who has been in the limelight for several weeks, charged with having watonly shot down American soldiers overseas, appeared before the investigating committee and vigorously denied the allegations.

Unanimous agreement has been registered by the five powers in the arms conference upon Articles I and II of the original Root resolutions (now arranged in three articles) regarding submarine warfare, with minor alterations. These resolutions, providing for an invitation to the rest of the world to follow the "big five," embrace subscription to a restatement of international law governing rules of submarine operation against merchant vessels. But by far the most important action was unanimous adoption of the original Article II, now known as Article III.

Fear that many weevils will hibernato in the weevil-infested territory in Texas and reappear in large numbers in reports to the department of agriculture, and it was said that the national agricultural conference which is to meet in Washington soon will give serious consideration to this subject.

A uniform re-discount rate in all federal reserve bank districts would be compulsory under a bill introduced by Senator Harris, Democrat, Georgia.

IRISH TREATY IS RATIFIED BY DAIL

ACTION OF THE DELEGATION AT LONDON IS APPROVED BY CLOSE VOTE.

DAY OF INTENSE EXCITEMENT

The Future Control of the Irish Republican Party Continues to be Subject of Speculation.

Dublin.—The treaty creating the Irish Free State was ratified by the Dail Eireann. By a majority of seven votes, 64 to 57, the Dail gave its approval to the document signed by its delegates at London.

Coincidentally, Eamonn de Valera announced his resignation from the presidency of the Irish republic. The news was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and the patient crowds, which had waited for hours outside the university building, in anticipation of a decision, burst into cheering, even before the official figures were announced.

Ratification of the treaty came after a day of intense excitement and heated controversy. Although the result was as had been expected, the majority in favor of the agreement was greater than had been counted on almost up to the last minute.

A tense, strained silence prevailed while the vote was being taken, and a gasp of relief went up from the supporters of the treaty when the result was announced. A dramatic scene ensued, when de Valera stood up and in a broken voice, which vibrated with emotion, declared that "the republic" must be carried on.

After voting ratification of the treaty the Dail Eireann adjourned until Monday. Before adjournment was taken Eamonn de Valera, having announced his resignation from the presidency, asked that the members associated with him should meet him at the Mansion House.

Michael Collins protested against the calling of such a partisan gathering, whereupon Mr. de Valera rose to insist on it, but broke down and resumed his seat amid hearty applause.

The situation at the adjournment of the Dail appeared to remain chaotic. There is no disposition revealed by de Valera and his followers to abandon the factional struggle.

The future control of the Irish republican army is the subject of anxious comment and speculation, as Charles Burgess, who strongly opposed the treaty, is the minister of defense.

So far as the public is concerned, Dublin seems delighted over ratification. Arthur Griffith and his colleagues on emerging from the parliament were wildly cheered and the city was in jubilant spirits.

Churchmen Drink Varnish. Grand Rapids, Mich.—Ten elders of the Seventh Reformed Church here were poisoned when they drank varnish that had been poured into a communion cup in the belief that it was sacramental wine. Two of the elders were said to be in a critical condition.

The church had been repaired and in the store room where the sacramental wine is kept in a jug several jugs of varnish used in the re-decorating had been stored. One of the officials of the church is said to have mistaken the varnish for wine when he filled the communion cup during the church service.

Pepper to Succeed Penrose. Philadelphia.—Appointment of Geo. Wharton Pepper, of Philadelphia, as United States senator to succeed the late Rolae Penrose, is expected to come from Governor Spraul unless a last minute change is decided upon.

Three Killed in Collision. Wichita, Kas.—Three persons were killed and one probably fatally injured as the result of an automobile collision here. A seven-months-old baby was hurled 100 feet, but was uninjured.

Forestry Congress to Meet. Jackson, Miss.—Means of promoting the interests of the forestry in the South, taxation of timbered and cut-over lands, forest fire protection, will take the foreground at the fourth Southern Forestry Congress, to meet here February 6, 7 and 8, it was learned.

A number of well informed speakers have been asked to outline the needs for the best protection of forestry in the South. Their talks, branching from the usual technical angle, will be presented in simple and brief manner.

Prisoners Escape Through Sewer. Frankfort, Ky.—Eight of the most desperate prisoners in the Kentucky state reformatory, including one who was serving a life term for murder, escaped from the main prison through a sewer. Seven of the men got outside the walls, but were recaptured within an hour, and the eighth was found two hours later hiding in the shirt factory.

The delivery was planned by George Miller, of Covington, Ky., serving five years for robbery.

BAPTISTS PLAN FOR CO-OPERATION

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY BOARD AND GENERAL BOARD HOLD GOOD MEETING

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NAMED

Budget For 1922 is Worked Out on a Basis of About Three-Quarters of a Million Dollars.

The Baptist general board and the executive board of the Woman's Missionary union continued their session for two days at Columbia. The main feature of interest at the meeting of the general board was the matter of co-operation between the home mission board in Atlanta and this state.

Dr. C. W. Daniel and Dr. J. F. Pursler, representing the home mission board, talked upon this subject and a full discussion was had.

The Baptist budget for this year was worked out on a basis of about three-quarters of a million dollars.

Each of the four commissions composing the general board, the missions, education, Sunday school and benevolence, made recommendations for its particular work for the year, all of which was adopted by the general board. The Rev. A. L. Pickens, of Easley, was elected rural field secretary in the place of J. L. Corzine, who leaves for Greenville January 15.

The executive committee was appointed as follows: Dr. John E. White of Anderson, Chairman; Dr. T. C. Skinner, J. J. Lawton of Hartsville, the Rev. S. P. Hair of Fountain Inn the Rev. George P. White of Darlington, D. M. Dew of Latta, the Rev. E. S. Reeves of Union, I. H. Hunt of Newberry, Dr. W. J. McElhoolin of Greenville.

A committee of five was appointed to make a thorough survey of the state in regard to mission work and to report at the next meeting of the board. The committee is as follows: The Rev. W. C. Allen of Dillon, Dr. J. E. White of Anderson, the Rev. R. C. Granberry of Gaffney, the Rev. J. E. Bailey of Charleston, Dr. T. C. Skinner of Columbia, Dr. W. T. Darius of Columbia will co-operate with this committee.

The Woman's Missionary union discussed plans for the year's work and appointed committees to make plans for the Baptist assembly in Greenville in the summer and also to attend the inter-racial conference which will be held in Columbia January 19-20. This last committee is as follows: Mrs. J. D. Chapman of Anderson, Mrs. Edwin Carpenter of Florence, Mrs. W. J. Hatcher of Johnston, Mrs. G. E. Davis of Orangeburg, Mrs. T. B. Clark of Gaffney, Miss Bessie Major of Anderson, Mrs. J. S. Harris of Troy, Mrs. C. D. Bobo of Laurens, Mrs. T. T. Hyde of Charleston, Mrs. E. W. Masters of Anderson and Mrs. W. L. Griggs of North.

Plan \$5,000,000 Road Bonds. Laurens.—At the regular monthly meeting and banquet of the Laurens Business league last week, the proposed plan to raise \$5,000,000 for roads by bond issue and other measures was discussed, the subject having been introduced for the purpose of giving the plan indorsement. However, after the considerable talk it was suggested that R. Goodwyn Rhett of Charleston be invited to the next meeting to explain in detail the full import of the scheme.

The league had as its specially invited guests for the meeting Representatives C. D. Nantz, C. M. Babb and T. A. Willis of the Laurens delegation to the legislature and it is the intention to have the entire delegation present when Mr. Rhett comes.

Laurens Sells Bonds. Laurens.—City council has sold two bond issues amounting to \$55,000 for 98 1/4, the proceeds of which are to be used in sewerage extension and street improvements. The bonds were bought by a Cincinnati firm, through A. H. Montieith of Columbia. The bonds were authorized in an election held several months ago. One issue was for \$20,000 and the other for \$35,000.

Florence Invites State Legion. Florence.—The Fred H. Sexton Post No. 1 of the American Legion at its recent meeting decided to invite the state convention of the American Legion to hold its fall meeting in Florence. Should the invitation be accepted it is expected that at least 200 ex-service men will spend at least two days in Florence as delegates, during which time they will be entertained in the homes of citizens. All of the local organizations are co-operating with the local post and it is hoped that the invitation will be accepted.

Boy Dies From Wounds. Greenwood.—From wounds received when he was accidentally shot while rabbit hunting the day after Christmas, Wesley Perry Vaughan, a 16-year-old boy of Ninety-Six, died last week at his home. Death was due to gangrene. Young Vaughan was accidentally shot by Wade Elkins, with whom he was hunting. As Elkins handed him a gun a shell exploded, the lead passing through his right leg and entering the left leg. The wound was believed not to be serious at the time but became infected.

SLIGHT DECREASE FOR AUTOMOBILES

FIGURES COMPILED BY SECRETARY OF HIGHWAY COMMISSION SHOW DECLINE.

GREENVILLE COUNTY IN LEAD

More Motor Trucks in Richland County—Sale License Tags Amounted to \$741,144.79 For 1921.

Columbia. During the past year South Carolina had 83,349 automobiles and 7,197 trucks as compared with 93,843 automobiles and trucks in 1920, according to complete figures for the year just closed, compiled by L. H. Thomas, secretary of the state highway commission.

This total of 90,546 for the year is a decrease from 1920 of 3,297 machines. A significant fact here also is that only 75,000 automobiles, auto trucks, motorcycles and bicycles were returned for taxation throughout the state in 1921, indicating that some machines are "missing in action" or fallen by the wayside.

Greenville county leads in the total registration with 6,834 automobiles while Richland county comes second with 5,734 and Spartanburg is a close third with 5,518.

Richland leads with trucks, having 837 as compared with Charleston with 756. This county also takes first rank in the number of motorcycles with 188. Bamberg, Barwell, Calhoun and Jasper have no motorcycles, according to the registration figures.

Only 59 trailers were registered during the year while 669 dealers produced licenses.

Total receipts from the sale of licenses for 1921 reached \$711,114.79. Of this figure \$587,056.07 went back to the counties under the 80 per cent clause. All of this fund has already been distributed except the last quarter total of \$5,525.88, which is being sent to the counties this week.

The average price for licenses was \$7.26 for automobiles and \$18.71 for trucks.

The county of Greenville leads in the amount received from the license collections under the eighty per cent clause with \$49,552.38 returned to that county while Richland comes second with \$46,186.43 and Spartanburg is third with \$39,226.46. Charleston drew a total of \$38,399.87 and Anderson \$36,099.64, while Orangeburg received \$33,629.76.

To Discuss Weevil Menace. Special from Sumter—Arrangements were completed here for a meeting to be held on January 21 for a discussion of ways and means of growing cotton under boll weevil conditions. F. H. Jeter, representing the soil improvement committee of Atlanta, spent the day here and at Manning arranging for meetings. These are to be part of a series to be held through the central part of the state, the first to be at Aiken January 16.

E. I. Reardon, secretary of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, and A. E. Tiedals will have charge of planning for the meeting in Sumter. Dr. E. S. Booth, president of the Chamber of Commerce, will preside. The meeting will be held at the court house at 10 a. m. January 21.

At Manning plans were made for the meeting on January 23 at 10 a. m. C. R. Sprout, A. L. Luce and F. M. Shope, editor of the Manning Times, will assist in the plans.

Dr. George A. Maloney, government boll weevil expert of Tallulah, La., Dr. J. N. Harper, of Atlanta, and other prominent southern agriculturists will take part in each program.

Meetings to be held in South Carolina and the dates are as follows: Aiken, January 16; Blackville, January 17; Barnwell, January 17; Allendale, January 18; Denmark, January 18; Orangeburg, January 19; St. Matthews, January 20; Sumter, January 21; Manning, January 23; Bishopville, January 23; Florence, January 24; Darlington, January 24; Cheraw, January 26; Bennettsville, January 27; Dillon, January 27; Marion, January 28.

State Gets Government Money. Special from Washington.—Government money amounting to \$7,533,073 was poured into South Carolina last year prior to January 1, as aid in the holding, moving, marketing and exportation of agricultural products. Announcement was made by the war finance corporation to Representative James F. Byrnes. The money was loaned through the local committee at Columbia. Mr. Byrnes was gratified to learn that South Carolina had received more than its pro rata share in consideration of cultivated acreage.

Letters on Tax Program. C. W. Coker, president of the South Carolina Taxpayers' association, and John I. Rice, secretary, are sending out letters to all the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs in the state, Chambers of Commerce, commercial organizations of all kinds and to prominent citizens calling their attention to the program of tax reform that the association is trying to put over and asking their co-operation in the work. Resolutions in favor of the program will materially assist in getting the program through the legislature.

Farmer Killed by Accident. Belton.—A distressing accident happened on the Pepper place, two miles west of here, which resulted later in the death of Charles F. Taylor. It seems Mr. Taylor was demonstrating a stump-pulling machine when the lever broke and struck him in the head, crushing his skull. He was brought to Belton at once, where doctors, after examining him, rushed him to the Anderson hospital. Shortly after his arrival there he died, having been unconscious from the time of the accident.

MEETING FOR EVERY COUNTY

Committee Outlines Plans For State-wide Organization and Work To Be Done.

Columbia.—Decision to call meetings in every county in the state to get the tax program of the state of South Carolina taxpayers' conference before the people and the appointment of various sub-committees to work for the tax program were the more important actions reached by the executive committee of the South Carolina taxpayers' conference here. This committee was chosen at the statewide tax meeting here December 14. Need for immediate action being apparent, the executive committee decided to hold meetings in each county in the state, and with that in view directed each member of the state executive committee to appoint a chairman of the counties in his district, who will be expected to arrange for and hold the meeting, at which meeting some one will explain to the taxpayers the program for their approval.

The program, which will be proposed to the legislature will suggest ways and means by which the state property tax may be reduced from 40 to 50 per cent, and at the same time equalize the burden of taxation, so that the tax burden on property will be gradually reduced.

Acting under instructions from the Taxpayers' association, the executive committee is prepared to suggest to the taxpayers the following program for new sources of revenue: Gasoline tax, \$600,000; occupation tax, \$350,000; inheritance tax, \$250,000; increase in the corporation license tax, \$250,000; increase in the public service corporation franchise tax, \$300,000; income tax, \$1,000,000, and luxury tax, \$150,000. If the general assembly will enact the above tax laws, it will produce approximately \$2,900,000 the committee says.

The gasoline tax will be applied to road maintenance and will take the place of the two mill property tax for roads. The occupation tax will be placed on occupations and professions not otherwise taxed, such, for instance, as brokers, etc. A graduated inheritance tax, the details of which will be worked out by the legislature, will raise considerable revenue. An increase in the corporation license tax from one to two mills was recommended, and also an increase in the public service corporation franchise tax from three to five mills. The committee favors a luxury tax.

In studying the tax situation, the committee is convinced that one of the causes of complaint is due to the fact that the people themselves have voted special levies for local purposes, which, in many instances, far exceed the amount necessary for state purposes. Therefore, the committee earnestly recommended most rigid economy in county expenditures.

Methods to Destroy Boll Weevil. Greenwood.—An entirely new method of ridding cotton of boll weevils has been proposed by a planter of this section. The plan has few complications, one merely feeds the weevils to the pheasants. Of course, the weevils and the pheasants must be brought together so that the latter may consume the former, but that is a mere detail, the originator of the scheme declares.

Using pheasants to rid cotton of boll weevils is not a mere idle dream. A practical farmer, a planter who knows how to turn the undeveloped resources of a farm into profit, has proposed the new scheme. He is Eugene Barmore, who, with his brother, R. L. Barmore, operates one of the most diversified and profitable plantations in this section. Their plantation is situated between Donalds and Ware Shoals.

English ringneck pheasants have been raised at a profit by Mr. Barmore for several years. The birds are easily raised and demand fancy prices as breeding stock, he says. The birds are ravenously fond of boll weevils and will keep a cotton field clear of the pests. By clipping the last joint of one wing, the birds are prevented from flying and may be kept in any field enclosed with woven wire, according to Mr. Barmore. They do not eat crops and both cotton and pheasants may be grown at a profit on the same land, the planter declares.

Bridge at Florence Completed. Florence.—Supervisor Phillips announced that the iron bridge over Jeffreys creek on the concrete roadway between Timmonsville and Florence has been completed and that the road is now open for travel. The only point at which a detour must be made is at Lake Swamp, where a new bridge is being built. The road has been completed to within one mile of Timmonsville and travelers now have the advantage of hard surfaced roads for a distance of nine miles.

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