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BIG BOND ISSUE FOR STATE ROAD

Representative Belsler Would Have \$150,000,000 Used in Ten-year Installments—Governor Cooper Is Reticent—Figures To Prove That Expenditure Would Save Millions for State.

Columbia, Oct. 15.—That the State of South Carolina would save many millions of dollars annually by the flotation of a bond issue of \$150,000,000 for the construction of a system of permanent highways and bridges, of which \$15,000,000 would be expended each year, is the opinion expressed by R. B. Belsler, a member of the House of Representatives, in a letter to Governor Cooper.

In his reply Governor Cooper does not express an opinion as to the feasibility of the bond issue proposed by Mr. Belsler, but discusses the proposed highway bill drafted as the result of conferences between him, the members of the State highway commission and department, and Thomas P. Cothran, of Greenville, speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Governor stated that a companion measure might be drafted for presentation to the General Assembly by which the various counties would be allowed to vote on bond issues for road improvement without the necessity of a special enabling act being passed.

Would Prepare Program.

"As you know," said Mr. Belsler's letter, "I am very much interested in securing road legislation which will get us somewhere on a road-building program for the State. If we are to secure any legislation along that line at the coming session of the Legislature, it is necessary now to prepare a program and to get it before the people of the State so that the legislators may have an opportunity to get the views of their constituents on the plan proposed.

It will then be necessary in order to carry through any comprehensive plan, to conduct a systematic campaign of education to show the people of the State the desirability of systematic, permanent road construction. In other words, we will need to create a popular demand, which I know through ten years of legislative experience is the only thing that will get legislation through where a heavy expenditure of money is involved.

VOTE ON SHANTUNG TREATY AMENDMENT POSTPONED IN SENATE

Washington, Oct. 15.—The plan of senate leaders for a vote today on the Shantung amendment to the peace treaty were abandoned late this afternoon because of the number of senators desiring to speak. A vote may be taken tomorrow.

Rock Hill Fire Costly.

Rock Hill, Oct. 15.—Fire in one section of the big warehouse of the John B. Roddey Cotton Company late Sunday night partially destroyed 650 bales of cotton. The total loss is estimated at approximately \$100,000. Several hundred bales of cotton were stored in other sections of the building, but the fire was prevented from spreading to these.

COTTON MARKET.

October 16.	
Spot Cotton	35.25
New York Cotton Market	
January	34.22
February	33.77
May	33.54
October	34.40
December	34.57

RADICALS BRING DECIDED DANGER

Washington, Oct. 15.—Warning that there is "real danger that the government will fail" if it continues its attitude of "supine inaction" toward the radical elements over the country was given today in the senate by Senator Poindexter, Republican, Washington.

Referring to propaganda circulated at Gary, Ind., urging steel workers to revolt and establish a dictatorship, Senator Poindexter said there was "ample proof of the revolutionary movement, not only at Gary, but throughout the country." Many of the strikes now in effect, he added, were called "in pursuance of the revolutionists' plan to strike down all government."

The Washington senator offered a resolution asking why the department of justice had not proceeded against the circulators of revolutionary propaganda. Senator Thomas, Democrat, Colorado, questioned the need for the resolution. He said the steel strikers in his state had no grievance; that they were fighting for nationalization of the steel industry.

Senator Pomerene, Democrat, Ohio remarked that his information was that the strike leaders were holding out the inducement that the plants soon would be in the employees' hands as a means of getting the men to remain in the unions.

While the senate was discussing radicalism, the house foreign affairs committee favorably reported a resolution extending for one year wartime passport restrictions so as to exclude radicals and undesirable aliens, thousands of whom are waiting to come to this country, according to consular reports from abroad.

Before the house immigration committee, Representative Weitz, Democrat, Ohio, urged that all aliens now in the country be required to register immediately and that undesirable ones be deported without delay. He declared that recent events at Gary and Pittsburgh indicated that the government should know the character and whereabouts of all aliens in the United States.

The house committee voted favorably on the passport restriction legislation after hearing testimony by Secretary Lansing and other state department officials who presented to the committee reports of American diplomatic and consular agents and military and naval attaches in Europe all of whom joined in urging continuance of the control.

TRADING IN OCTOBER DELIVERY OF COTTON SEED OIL HELD UP

New York, Oct. 15.—Trading in the October delivery of cotton seed oil on the New York produce exchange was ordered suspended today by the Board of Managers. Inability to make deliveries on October contracts due to the port strikes was given as the reason for the order. The closing price of October 14 remains in force for margin purposes, pending the suspension.

GERMANY INVITED TO HELP COERCE BOLSHEVIKI

London, Oct. 15.—In connection with the report from Germany that England had invited Germany to cooperate in the coercion of soviet Russia, the correspondent of the Associated Press learns that a communication of this nature was made to Germany by the peace conference.

Look-out Girls!

Davis Kerr has been made a sergeant at B. M. I. and is making the other fellows step up lively these days. He has nothing on Father Kerr, who has for many years been a Corporal.

Attends Supreme Court.

Chief Justice Eugene B. Gary left this week to preside at the October term of the Supreme Court.

GOMPERS' ILLNESS LATEST BLOW TO INDUSTRIAL MEET

Washington, Oct. 15.—These are critical moments in American history, and nervous exhaustion has now taken its second victim—Samuel Gompers, the foremost spokesman of labor. President Wilson lies ill at the White House. Capital and labor needed his inspiration to bring about agreement. Now the head of the labor movement is suddenly subtracted from the conference, Rudderless and still without a strong enough feeling of compulsion to take the initiative in vital questions, the industrial peace conference moves on partly on hope, partly on a blind confidence that more discussion will bring something concrete, but mostly because of fear of what the public would say if the conference died collapse.

Every important conference has its ups and downs. The trouble with the industrial peace conference really is not an altogether too steadfast clinging to respective viewpoints, but a feeling of ignorance concerning the extent to which concessions can or will be made. The big steel strike was in the background of the minds of the delegates when they got here. Labor is disappointed that its simple request for a committee to investigate the strike situation was refused. It seemed for a while as if labor would lose all confidence in the conference because of that refusal. But something tangible has been offered which must keep labor in attendance at the conference as heretofore. That something is a definite promise to get to work immediately upon a set of principles, including a court of conciliation, to which the steel strike, the coal strike and other industrial difficulties may be brought for adjudication.

SECRETARY WILSON IS MEDIATOR IN COAL STRIKE CONTROVERSY

Washington, Oct. 15.—Secretary of Labor Wilson announced tonight that he had assumed jurisdiction under the law as a mediator in the controversy between the coal miners and operators of the central competitive fields, which has resulted in a call by the United Mine Workers of America for a strike on November 1.

Secretary Wilson said that both John L. Lewis, acting president of the United Mine Workers, and Thomas F. Brewster, president of the Coal Operators' association, had accepted his invitation to confer with him and that the conference would be held here Friday.

ABBEVILLE TO PLAY CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL

The Abbeville football team will play the Clinton High School eleven this afternoon at the Ball Ground at 3 o'clock. The local team under the coaching of Neil Swetenburg has developed into an excellent team and the news from Clinton is that that team is above the average High School team.

BELIEVE JOE TURNER HAS BEEN CAUGHT

Greenville, S. C., Oct. 15.—Information was received here at police headquarters here today of the arrest at Salisbury, N. C., of a negro answering the description of and believed to be Joe Turner, the negro gambler wanted here for killing two Greenville policemen October 5, following a raid by the officers on a gambling game.

FORMAL RATIFICATION IN PARIS TO BE DELAYED

Pars, Oct. 15.—The formal ratification of the peace treaty with Germany, making that instrument effective, will not take place this week, as had been expected, it was announced tonight by the American delegation to the peace conference. There has been indefinite postponement of this step, it was stated.

PRESIDENT WILSON HAS GOOD NIGHT AND STILL IS IMPROVING

Washington, Oct. 15.—President Wilson had a good night's rest, and continues to show improvement, despite a slight headache, said a bulletin today by his physicians. The bulletins, issued at 11:55 a. m., follows:

"The president had a good night's rest, enjoyed his breakfast, and, aside from a slight headache, continues to make improvement. The condition which caused the restlessness of Monday night, and about which Dr. Fowler was consulted, gave no trouble during the night."

No serious consequences are expected from the gland swelling which has caused President Wilson much restlessness in the last thirty-six hours, according to officials at the White House this morning.

The ailment, it is believed, will not interfere with the general progress of recovery.

Five physicians are now in attendance on the president. Dr. H. A. Fowler, of Washington, was called in connection with the gland swelling late yesterday. The president is responding to Dr. Fowler's treatment.

The cabinet will continue to meet each Tuesday during the president's illness and to plan to carry on the operations of the government.

At the meeting yesterday, Secretary of Labor Wilson was assigned the task of averting the threatened coal strike.

MEETING OF PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION TO BE HELD TUESDAY

The first regular meeting of the local Parent-Teacher association will be held in the High School building Tuesday afternoon, October 21, at 4:30 o'clock.

Quite an interesting program has been prepared for the meeting and includes some special exercises by representatives of the three lower grades, a paper on "Obedience" by Miss Mary Burton, one on, "What Mothers can do for Education," by Miss Gantt, and a vocal solo by Mrs. J. D. Fulp.

Those who have not yet joined the association should do so at this meeting, for the nature of the next program depends upon the number of members who join the association.

CASE AGAINST CITY WON BY DEFENDANT

The suit of Mrs. Mary Blackstone in the Court of Common Pleas against the City for \$2,999.99 for personal injuries sustained when she fell in a hole at the side of the foot-path on South Main street was decided Thursday for the defendant. This is the second time this case has come to trial, the first trial resulting in a hung jury.

The case of Barnes vs. Campbell was decided for defendant.

The case of James Haddon, Administrator for Maria Giles, colored, vs. Southern Railway Company, was decided for the defendant.

There will be no court here next week.

COTTON MARKET BRISK IN ABBEVILLE WEDNESDAY

About 550 bales of cotton were sold on the Abbeville cotton market Wednesday, most of which brought more than 35 cents per pound. The market Thursday was also good.

Mr. Alvin Williams Very Ill.

The many friends of Mr. Alvin Williams will learn with regret that his condition is still very serious. Mr. Williams has been sick for several weeks with typhoid fever. His little son died Wednesday morning.

Painful Injury.

Mr. Harve Cochran was in town Wednesday wearing a black patch over one eye. He is suffering an abscess on his eye, brought on by a particle of grit in his eye.

CLEMENCEAU WINS FIGHT IN CHAMBER

Paris, Oct. 15.—The Clemenceau ministry was sustained in the chamber of deputies this afternoon by a vote of 324 to 132. The premier thus victoriously emerged from the bitterest and best organized assault which the ministry has ever faced. The chamber adopted the cabinet's policy on the chronological order of the elections, placing the legislative elections first, on November 16, and the national and municipal elections in that order.

For the first time Aristide Briand, the former premier, came out openly in leading the opposition forces, but M. Clemenceau's majority was the largest he had ever received when the question of confidence was presented.

Preparations had been going on for months for this test of strength, the opposition awaiting the ratification of the peace treaty to make a definite onslaught on the ministry.

Premier Clemenceau had a bitter oratorical duel with M. Briand. The result of the vote makes it positive that M. Clemenceau's platform will go before the people, his opponents' avowed intention of forcing a postponement of the mandate of the chamber having failed. In his speech M. Clemenceau never was in better form.

FARMER BADLY SCALDED.

McCormick, Oct. 14.—Joe M. Talbert, a farmer, living about six miles from McCormick, was seriously burned here yesterday when, as manager of the Planters' Gin Company, he undertook to tighten or adjust the blow pipe on the boiler which burst, throwing a large volume of steam and scalding water directly on him. He was immediately given medical attention and the exact extent of his injuries could not be ascertained, but he was burned or scalded all over and his suffering was intense. The Planters' Gin Company is a new concern just organized a few months ago and has been running about one week.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR ABBEVILLE CHAPTER OF AMERICAN RED CROSS

The annual meeting for the election of officers of the Abbeville County Chapter, Red Cross, was held Wednesday afternoon and the following were elected: Dr. G. A. Neuffer, chairman; H. G. Clark, vice-chairman; Mrs. C. C. Gambrell, secretary and treasurer.

The officers elected will meet today and appoint the chairmen of the standing committees.

At Bedside of Mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Perrin are here from Meridian, Miss., to be at the bedside of Mr. Perrin's mother, Mrs. Mary Perrin, who is still seriously ill. Mrs. Perrin's friends will regret to learn that she shows no signs of improving.

A Captain.

Arthur Manning Klugh, who is at Wofford Fitting School, has recently been promoted to Captain of his Company. Abbeville friends know he bears his honors with great dignity and grace.

Abbeville at Brenau.

Misses Ruth Howie and Edna Bradley have had honors conferred on them at Brenau. Under the new honor system now in vogue at the college they have been made monitors of their respective dormitories.

Gone North.

Mr. L. C. Parker left Wednesday afternoon for Baltimore and New York, where he goes to buy goods. Being an advertiser in the Press and Banner he has to go after goods between seasons.

DIRECT BUYING IN FIELDS IS URGED

Growers Move to Estimate Middlemen—Plan Warmly Cheered By British Spinners—Planters Would Have Spinners Agents Come Direct to Grower to Buy Cotton.

New Orleans, Oct. 15.—British cotton spinners were urged today to send representatives to the fields of the South, buy cotton from the farmer direct, bale the staple as they see fit, eliminating all middlemen and reducing the cost of the raw material to the spinner, at the same time increasing the price paid to the producer.

This proposal, along the lines of the systems used by the British tobacco manufacturing interests in Kentucky, was made at a meeting late today of a special committee of world cotton conference delegates, composed of ten foreign spinners, ten American spinners and twenty American cotton growers.

It was the first time in fifty years, it was stated, that American cotton producers and British spinners had met in formal conference.

Declare Success Assured.

The meeting, which brought both ends of the cotton industry together, assured the success of the conference, leaders stated tonight.

Speakers agreed that no arbitrary price could be fixed for any given period for cotton, owing mainly to the tremendous fluctuations in the amounts of cotton picked in relation to the amount planted in different years.

Conditions of weather and of insect deprecations made is impossible, it was stated, to set an advance price on the staple, as the growing costs cannot be estimated until the crop has been garnered and ginned.

It was agreed by speakers, however, that profits were being made by middlemen who had no direct interest in the growing, spinning or manufacturing branches of the industry, the consumer having higher prices to pay for the finished article than would be necessary under strict regulation of the industry.

Norwood Graydon Dies.

A telephone message from Columbia late Thursday afternoon to Mrs. J. L. McMillan, brought the news of the death of Norwood Graydon, son of W. N. Graydon, former prominent citizen of Abbeville. Particulars of his death were not available at time of going to press. It is only known that he has been ill and that Wednesday an operation was contemplated.

Death of Baby.

The two-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Williams died at his residence Wednesday morning. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. E. E. Williams, the Rev. Louis J. Bristow conducting the services, assisted by the Rev. H. D. Corbett. Interment was made in Melrose cemetery.

Honor Pupils.

The following names were unintentionally omitted from the Honor Roll of the City Schools for the past month and should be published:

Third Grade: Mary Chalmers and Sarah Smith; Fourth grade: Martha Calvert and Estelle Lyon.

In Interest of Red Cross.

C. S. Mason, campaign manager of the Red Cross, will be here Saturday and will speak in the interest of the campaign for funds to be held in November.

Allan King, Charlotte, was here Thursday to attend the funeral of his nephew, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Williams, who died Wednesday morning.