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COMMITTEE FAILS TO REACH DECISION

CANNOT DECIDE ON SALES LEVY OR ON TAX ON ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS WITHDRAWN FROM BOND—MEETS AGAIN TODAY.

Washington, Sept. 17.—The Senate finance committee failed today to reach final decisions on the Smoot tax simplification bill, embodying a manufacturers' sales levy, and on Senator Calder's proposal to impose a tax of \$6.40 a gallon on all alcoholic liquors withdrawn from bond for other than manufacturing purposes. The committee will meet again Monday.

Senator Smoot's bill was said to have been favorably received by several Senators who represented as desiring less complicated tax law than in their judgment would result for enactment of the amended house bill. The consensus of opinion still seemed to be, however, that the committee would reject the Smoot measure.

Reiterating that he would offer the bill in the Senate, the Utah Senator said:

"We will see what will happen there."

The American Automobile Association came out today in favor of the manufacturers' tax proposal, an official statement from the association headquarters declaring that such a tax would "give to the business men of the country just what they themselves feel is needed to set in motion the wheels of industry that will give employment to more than five million men now idle."

Senator Calder's whiskey amendment was discussed by the committee today, and according to the author and other members, was accepted in principle. The New York Senator said he had been asked to draft the amendment and present it again on Monday as it was feared that as originally worded it might be construed to tax industrial alcohol.

The proposed amendment goes further than the House provision, which would tax at the \$6.40 rate only alcoholic liquors diverted to beverage purposes. Senator Calder would tax liquors withdrawn for medical purposes as well.

The Calder proposal to tax 2.75 per cent beer was said to have been less favorably received as some committee men were of the opinion that it would be in conflict with the prohibition amendment to the constitution.

The Smoot and Calder proposals were taken up after the committee finally had completed its revision of the House bill. Last minute changes included a new provision requiring hotels to pay a tax of 10 per cent on the amount in excess of \$5.00 charged to transients for single rooms and on the amount in excess of \$8.00 charged for double rooms.

BUYS HOSPITAL SIGHT

New Orleans, Sept. 17.—Twelve minutes before an option on the property expired, a holding company organized today, purchased the ground intended as a site for the \$2,000,000 South Baptist Hospital. The syndicate hopes to raise, within a few days, the remaining sum of the \$100,000 purchase price. Formal offer of the property will be made to the Southern Baptist Convention next May, and it is believed the action taken assures location of the hospital here.

Moon Found Guilty.

Memphis, Sept. 17.—J. S. Moon, manager of a taxicab line here, was tonight found guilty of the murder of his wife August 24 last by a jury in the criminal court and was sentenced to electrocution.

LOSS FROM FIRE PROVES ENORMOUS

EFIRD CHAIN'S STORE IN CHARLOTTE ALMOST TOTAL LOSS. DAMAGE \$350,000 TO \$400,000. 10 PER CENT MAY BE SALVAGED

Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 17.—Less than ten per cent of the half million dollar stock of the Charlotte Mercantile Company and Efir's Department Store, combined, can be salvaged, officers of the companies estimated when they had made a survey of the damage done by the blaze of undetermined origin which early this morning wrecked the stores of the two firms in the heart of the business district of the city.

The loss will run between \$350,000 and \$400,000, according to rough estimates of the firm members. Insurance on the building will probably cover the loss, it was said, but insurance on stocks will fall short of the damage sustained on goods.

The Charlotte Mercantile Company is the holding company of the Efir chain of 32 stores in the two Carolinas and the wholesale distributors for these several stores. It was in this store that the fire is supposed to have originated and thence to have spread into the stock of the Efir Department Store in the same building.

SICK PRISONER ESCAPES FROM COUNTY HOSPITAL

John Hunter Recovers Sufficiently to Outrun Ford That Obstructed Flight to Freedom

John Hunter, negro prisoner, escaped Saturday night from the Memorial Hospital, where he had been carried for treatment following his complaint of illness. Hunter was convicted at the June term of court on a charge of violating the prohibition laws. He had served about half his term of six months.

Sheriff McLane said this morning that Hunter had been complaining constantly since he was first placed on the gang. He was treated with great consideration by the foreman of the squad on which he worked. Finally he was sent to the county jail for treatment. Gradually the negro appeared to grow worse, until finally he claimed that he could not use his arms or legs and could not stand up. Examination by the county physician failed to show signs of any disease that might make him a cripple, but it was decided finally that he should be sent to the hospital for treatment.

Sheriff McLane went to Hunter's cell in the jail about 7 o'clock Saturday afternoon to transfer him to the hospital, at the request of Dr. Power and Supervisor Keller. The negro, said the sheriff, crawled out of the jail and crawled in the car. Arrived at the hospital he painfully descended to the ground. He gave every evidence of being in great physical pain. He stood up, with arms drawn in front of him, hands twitching and knees trembling. Then his legs crumpled beneath him and he collapsed. Three negro nurses came out and assisted the "sick" man to ascend to a room.

The sheriff left word that if he should be needed he was to be called. "Just as I was dozing off," the sheriff said, "the phone rang. I answered and the nurse said, 'Sheriff, that negro's done got away.'"

"Did he tell you good bye?" the sheriff said he asked her.

"No, sir. He went out a window and left his clothes. He went so fast he passed a Ford that got in his way."

Hunter left in his night clothes, furnished by the hospital. He ran toward the branch over near the Seaboard track. So far he has not been recaptured.

BETTER DAYS AHEAD FOR SHIPPING BOARD

LASKER SAYS DAY FOR ASKING BIG SUMS TO FINANCE OPERATION IS PASSING—IF BUSINESS IMPROVES DEFICIT WILL END.

Washington, Sept. 17.—The shipping board which President Harding recently stated has entailed expenditures from the treasury of approximately three and a half billion dollars, "is getting in sight of the end of the need for asking great sums," Chairman Lasker announced today.

The board chairman made his announcement in connection with submission to Director of Budget Dawes of additional estimates amounting to \$26,500,000, which he said would be needed by the board to continue operations this fiscal year. Next year, however, the chairman added, board operations should not cost the government more than \$50,000,000 one half of the amount estimated as necessary this year.

The appropriations for the two years, totalling \$150,000,000, Chairman Lasker said, should if construction were left out of consideration, tide the board over until world trade conditions improved and the provisions of the merchant marine act, are put fully into effect.

"If world business is improved," he added, "the whole operating loss sustained by the board is expected to be wiped out. In addition, as we collect back debts due the board our appropriations will become smaller until we hope there will come a time when the receipts and expenditures will balance."

Claims outstanding against the board were estimated by the chairman at between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 but to offset these, he said were millions of dollars due the board on back debts which the board is hopeful of collecting. Operations during July, he said, entailed a loss of \$5,700,000 as compared with \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 several months ago. He predicted the board would be able to operate for the remainder of the fiscal year at a loss of not more than \$5,000,000 a month.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Six Games To Be Played At Home. Two Open Dates.

With the exception of two open dates the schedule of the Abbeville High School football team has been completed. Eight games are on the list at present, six of which will be played at home.

The open dates are November 12 and 25th. These dates could have been filled satisfactorily already, but the local managers are planning to be among the final contenders for the state championship. To decide the issue it is usually necessary to play one or two games in addition to the regular schedule. As the season advances games will be played with the teams that seem to have the best chance of contending for the state honors.

Following is the schedule:
September 23—Elberton at Elberton.

September 30—Belton at home.
October 7—Laurens at Laurens.
October 14—Anderson at home.
October 21—Clinton at home.
October 28—Newberry at home.
November 4—Greenwood at home.
November 11—Greenville at home.
November 18—Open.
November 25—Open.

OPERATING DAY.

J. D. Hall of Calhoun Falls was operated on at the hospital yesterday for appendicitis. Dr. Young and Dr. Harris of Anderson, Dr. Kirkpatrick of Lowndesville and Dr. Tate of Calhoun Falls assisted in the operation on Mr. Hall and two colored patients.

325 INDICTMENTS CHARGE MURDER

LOGAN COUNTY GRAND JURY IN SPECIAL SESSION BRINGS CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT UPRISING. CHARGES OF CONSPIRACY.

Logan, W. Va., Sept. 18.—Three hundred and twenty-five names were included in a blanket indictment, charging murder, returned by a Logan county special grand jury today. The indictments followed an investigation of recent disturbances on the Logan-Boone county border. Among the names are those of C. F. Keeney and Fred Mooney, president and secretary, respectively, of District No. 17, United Mine Workers of America, and W. H. Blizzard, also a United Mine Workers official. In addition, 200 indictments charging insurrection and "pistol toting" were returned.

The blanket indictment charging those named with being principals and accessories to the killing of John Gore, deputy sheriff of Logan county, was based on an alleged violation of the Redman act. The act classifies such deaths as murder in the first degree.

Gore was killed August 29th in an exchange of shots between armed men and sheriff's deputies in the eastern part of Logan county during the attempted march across that county of a number of men who had announced their intention to proceed into Mingo county and there protest state martial law invoked several months ago.

The special grand jury further held in the indictment that a "conspiracy to inflict bodily harm and punishment," had existed and that as "the result of such conspiracy, Gore had come to his death."

The remainder of the indictments charged "conspiracy to ferment revolution and insurrection," and "the carrying of weapons in violation of the Johnson law."

It was believed generally the cases will be taken up at the October term of the circuit court.

Apart from these union officials the names of those indicted were not made public.

NEW TRUCK DRIVER

Grover Wilson Succeeds Bond With Fire Department

Grover S. Wilson of this county has been elected to succeed E. M. Bond, Jr., as chief truck driver of the Abbeville fire department. Mr. Bond has formed a partnership with W. R. Golden of Ware Shoals and they will open up a garage in one of the rooms on Trinity street formerly occupied by the Abbeville Motor company. The new firm will be known as the Dixie Garage.

Mr. Wilson, the new fire department man, comes with excellent recommendations. He was for a time member of the Camp Jackson fire department under the civil service, being relieved there by the order, placing soldiers in all positions in army posts.

MAY OPEN TEA ROOM

Mrs. Rachel Minshall, until recently postmistress at Abbeville, announces that as soon as a suitable location can be found she will open up a tea room. She regrets that there is not vacant now some desirable place. Mrs. Minshall feels that such an establishment is needed in Abbeville and that it will pay.

In the meantime Mrs. Minshall will serve meals at her home to a few table boarders.

AT HALL'S.

Frank Smith of Donalds is a new employe of the Hall Investment Company. He will be here through the fall and winter.

LABOR FEDERATION PLANS TO FIGHT

MOVE TO ESTABLISH 48-HOUR WEEK AND HIGHER WAGES FOR TEXTILE WORKERS IN SOUTHERN MILLS.—GENERAL MEETING CALLED

New York, Sept. 17.—Organizers of unions in the American Federation of Labor will meet representatives of the United Textile Workers of America in Washington next Tuesday to make plans for a campaign to establish the 48 hour work week and increase wages of textile workers in southern mills.

This announcement was made today by Thomas F. McMahon after his election as president of the Textile Workers at the convention here.

The meeting has been called by the Federation's executive council and the 110 international unions affiliated with the Federation have been urged to aid in the campaign. After the Washington meeting, the Textile Workers and organizers of the other unions, will go to Charlotte, N. C. and establish campaign headquarters. "We will also work for the abolition of child labor in the cotton mills," Mr. McMahon said, "and will demand sanitary working conditions for thousands of men, women and children, who do not have them."

He declared that the cotton workers in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama had been affected by wage reductions ranging from 37 1/2 to 70 per cent, and bonuses running as high as 120 per cent, had been wiped out. He said the union would try to re-establish a "living wage."

DEATH OF MRS. PARKER

Estimable Woman Passes in Baltimore After Operation.

Mrs. Emma Harris Parker, wife of L. C. Parker, died at the Union Protestant hospital in Baltimore last night, following on operation last Thursday for tumor of the brain. Advice from Mr. Parker the day following the operation were to the effect that Mrs. Parker had stood the operation well and her friends hoped that she was on the road to recovery. She had been under treatment at the hospital about a month. The news of her death this morning came as a surprise, bringing a shock to her hundreds of warm friends in Abbeville. Funeral arrangements will be made tomorrow following the arrival of the remains from Baltimore.

Mrs. Parker was a native of Courtland, Ala. She received her early education in the schools at Courtland, going later to the Alabama State Normal college at Florence, where she graduated with high honors. Following her graduation she taught in Abbeville for two years, preceding her marriage. She married Mr. Parker about 15 years ago. She was a member of the Episcopal church.

Surviving Mrs. Parker are her husband, L. C. Parker, two sons, Dick and Lawrence, her mother, Mrs. J. H. Harris of Courtland, Ala., two sisters, Mrs. R. S. Link, of Abbeville and Mrs. R. E. Simpson of Colorado Springs, Colo.; five brothers, R. N. Harris of Town Creek, Ala., O. B. Harris of New Orleans, J. J. Harris of Courtland, Ala., T. J. Harris of Anniston, Ala., and F. S. Harris of Decatur, Ala.

With her at the time of her death were her husband, her mother, her sister, Ms. Link, and three brothers. All of the brothers and sisters, will attend the funeral tomorrow or Wednesday.

REV. W. E. DAVIS TO PREACH

The Rev. W. Emmet Davis of Clemson College will preach at the Presbyterian church here Wednesday evening at 7:30.

GREAT SHORTAGE OF GOOD COTTON

D. R. COKER GIVES DEMONSTRATION AT CHARLOTTE. HARTSVILLE MAN'S ADDRESS FEATURES DAY'S PROGRAM OF SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION.

Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 17.—An address by D. R. Coker of Hartsville, S. C., director of the federal reserve bank, featured the afternoon session of the semi-annual convention of the Southern Textile association meeting here today.

Mr. Coker exhibited samples of cotton which he said, he picked from fields on his way to Charlotte, and directed attention to the fact that bolls gathered from near the top of the plant contained cotton of much shorter staple than bolls gathered from near the bottom of the plant, indicating, Mr. Coker said, that while the early pickings of cotton will be of fairly good grade, the later pickings will be of materially lower grade from the spinners' standpoint. He suggested that the conditions were indicative of a greater shortage of good cotton than the country yet suspected.

The association closed a busy day with a visit to the "Made in Carolina" exposition tonight following a cabaret dinner tendered by Charlotte textile interests. Following Mr. Coker's address, F. Gordon Smith of Lancaster, S. C., led a discussion of technical subjects in line with the slogan of the convention, "Better cotton goods."

About 400 representatives of the cotton manufacturing industry from all the textile states of the South are in attendance. The convention will close tomorrow.

At the opening session this morning William H. Harris of New York, spoke on "Defects in Cotton Cloth," and there were addresses by Rogers W. Davis and R. M. Mauldin of Charlotte and others.

POPLAR GROVE SCHOOL IN STATE AID CLASS

One of Few Negro Schools in State To Be Accepted in State System

The negro school, Poplar Grove, was last week accepted by the State Department of Education as a state-aided high school. High school work through the tenth grade will be offered. This is a forward step for the colored folk of Abbeville and so far only about a dozen other cities in the State have had their colored school accepted as state high schools.

Several changes of more or less importance in the lighting and seating arrangement of the two high school rooms in the Poplar Grove building will be made this week.

J. W. Lee, principal of the high school, is making a canvass among patrons of his school for money with which to purchase an additional acre of land adjoining the present site and it is expected that in the near future a new building for the negroes will be erected on this additional acre.

The main objective in view is to have sufficient facilities to give the colored pupils manual training shops and domestic science work.

Superintendent Fulp first took the matter up with the state superintendent of education who sent his representative here last week to go into the matter with Major Fulp. Upon the representative's return to Columbia a report was made to the state superintendent. His approval was received by Superintendent Fulp last week and the recommendation that the local board of trustees fulfill the requirements was unanimously carried at a special meeting of the board Saturday morning.

The entire salary of the extra high school teacher will be paid by the State.