

SUGAR CONTROL NEEDED BADLY

Members of Congress Before Committee

BILL NOT ADEQUATE

McNary's Proposed Measure Does Not Go Far Enough to Solve Question

Washington, Dec. 15.—Complete government control of prices and distribution of sugar is necessary for the protection of consumers from profiteers, members of congress declared today before the house agriculture committee. At the same time George A. Zabriski, president of sugar equalization board advised the committee that continuance of the board would be useless unless it were given control over prices and distribution. These powers, President Zabriski pointed out in a telegram to the committee, are not included in the pending McNary bill.

Chairman Haughen said formal action would be taken tomorrow under a plan calling for early action by the house. Leaders, however, were doubtful whether the bill, if amended could be finally disposed of by congress before the holiday recess.

Simultaneously with the meeting of agriculture committee, the house interstate commerce committee tomorrow will meet to consider a bill proposing an embargo on all sugar exports. Advocates of board government control as well as the purchase of the Cuban crop told the committee that "high prices" were threatened and that the purchase of the Cuban crop only would aid profiteers by increasing the supply.

For the first ten months of this year, almost 1,250,000,000 pounds of sugar have been exported from this country, said Representative Balingier, Republican, of Massachusetts citing the equalization board as authority for his figures. The only gen-

eral opposition to the bill was voiced by Representative Martin, Democrat, of Louisiana, who declared it was "unnecessary" and blamed the shortage to congressional agitation for purchase of the Cuban crop and the recent longshoremen's strike which delayed deliveries.

CONGRESS TURNS TO NEWSPAPERS

Bill Proposes to Limit Size of Publications Using Second Class Mail Privilege

Washington, Dec. 15.—Provisions of the Anthony bill which would limit to 24 pages daily newspapers and periodicals using the second class mail privilege in order to conserve newsprint paper were commended and opposed by more than a score of news paper and magazine publishers today before the house postoffice committee. Opposition to the measure came chiefly from the representatives of the larger newspapers who declared that restrictions on the size would do little to remedy the situation resulting from the shortage of paper and would serve only to work a great if not fatal hardship on the large newspapers of the country.

The bill was supported by publishers of small newspapers, who declared they would be forced to suspend publication unless something were done. In opening the hearing Representative Anthony (Kansas) author of the bill, declared that from 2,500 to 5,000 small newspapers face suspension and perhaps extinction should the present shortage of newsprint paper continue. The shortage, the Kansas representative charged was due to the action of the great publishing concerns in buying up practically the entire available supply.

Suggestions that an embargo be placed on coal to Canada until Canadian newspapers which he said were using all the newsprint they desired, agreed to submit to the same conservation program forced on the newspapers of the United States was made by H. L. Rogers business manager of the Chicago Daily News. This action could be justified, he added by the fact that Canadian pulp mills used American coal in making their product. The prospective shortage of print paper for 1920 was estimated at 200,000 tons by Frank P. Glass publisher of the Birmingham, Ala., News and president of the American Publisher's association. He predicted,

however that relief from the shortage would come within six months.

TWO NEGROES SHOT TO DEATH

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 15.—Two negroes, accused of murdering J. Meek, a resident of Island Creek, Logan county, were taken from a train at Chapmanville today and lynched, according to reports reaching here tonight. The bodies were then thrown into Guyandotte river the reports say.

The negroes, Ed Whitfield and Earl Whitney, were charged with killing Meek, a construction foreman for the Island Creek Colliery company during a quarrel at Monitor, Logan county, Sunday night, according to reports. Upon being arrested today the men were placed in jail at Logan, W. Va., Crowds surrounding the jail were kept from entering it with difficulty by the sheriff and his deputies and it was decided to take the prisoners to Huntington in a special train.

The mob about the jail becoming larger and more insistent in its demands for the prisoners, the negroes were handcuffed and put aboard a hand car in an effort to spirit them away. Deputy sheriffs got them as far as Chapmanville where they were placed in the caboose of a freight train. Before the train could pull out a crowd of men from Logan and its vicinity in automobile overtook the party. The deputies were overpowered, the negroes taken from the caboose, lined up beside the freight cars and shot to death. The bodies were then thrown into the Guyandotte river. That of Whitfield was taken from the river tonight but Whitney's has not been found.

MOTHER DENIES STORY

Atlantic, City, N. J., Dec. 13.—Confined under police guard in the city hospital, where she is slowly recovering from what physicians say are the effects of a habit forming drug, Mrs. James M. Blake, charges with the murder of her five-year-old mute son, James (Bunny) Blake, still sobbingly denies that she threw the curly headed boy into the ocean.

However, according to Dr. R. L. Souder, Atlantic county physician, Mrs. Blake is getting slowly away from the story that two negroes kidnapped the child.

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