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Next to the tariff bill, the ship subsidy bill is about the worst piece of legislation that the Republicans have proposed. With both of them passed, the G. O. P. will have paid its biggest debts and paved its path to the rock-pile in 1924.

One of the first "points" made by the Turks for the peace table at Lausanne was that the deliberations should be open to the public; that the newspapers should be given free access to all the meetings. If the Turk has nothing to hide, why should the other righteous countries object?

### COLLEGE ATHLETICS

The address of Pres. Riggs, of Clemson College, at Greenville several days ago in which he sounded a warning against the dominating influence of athletics in colleges appears to us as the first noticeable sign of an approaching convulsion in athletics in the state. Dr. Riggs has taken possibly more interest in athletics than any college president in the state or in the south and when he lets it be known that he views the rising tide of athletics with some alarm it is evident that some changes are likely to take place.

There is a wide diversity of opinion, even among ardent advocates of athletics, as to the value of the present system of athletics in our colleges. To the most ardent advocates, however, it must appear plain that the athletic enthusiasm has been allowed too much free play in places and that so much time and thought is being devoted to the teams by their members and student supporters that the real object of student life is being partly lost sight of.

To our mind a great danger to result from present practices of some colleges lies in the encouragement of the idea of trickery and evasion. It is an accepted fact that athletes in some colleges are being given remuneration in indirect ways. While we cannot find fault with a boy for openly accepting pay to attend any college if he so desires, still when athletic rules forbid such practice and it is done under cover, the student body generally is aware of it and must necessarily though unconsciously be impressed by it. The ideal of winning, right or wrong, is not one that the colleges can afford to teach.

Intercollegiate athletics, when carried on with high ethical ideals, is a fine thing for the colleges and for the boys themselves. But, when athletics overshadow the class-room and when doubtful means are resorted to in order to put out a winning team, a danger point is reached. Dr. Riggs has seen this danger point and it is well that he has.

### CHARRED BODIES OF FIVE PEOPLE SHOW FOUL PLAY

Husband of One of Victims Held in Connection, Protests Innocence but Clothes are Bloodstained.  
Bristol, Va.-Tenn., Nov. 26.—James W. Smith, 50, a grocer; his wife, their two-year-old daughter, Ruby, and their niece, Mrs. Doline Burchfield, and her son, Charles, 13, were found dead here early this morning and the house in which they lived burned over their heads.

Ben Burchfield, 41, husband of the dead woman, was arrested at Johnson City this afternoon and is being held in connection with the crime. He protested his innocence but officials say his shirt and trousers were covered with blood when he was taken.

The crime was discovered about 1 o'clock this morning when the fire department was called to the combination residence and grocery store of Smith on State street. When the flames had been extinguished the charred bodies of the five were found in the ruins of the structure. They evidently had been beaten to death with an axe or some other heavy implement and the house set afire to hide any trace of the crime.

Burchfield and his wife had been separated and he is said to have made threats against her. The police say he came to them and said his wife was contemplating a divorce and he would rather see her dead than to have anyone else have her.

Burchfield was employed in a restaurant here. He had been in Bristol about 60 days coming here from

North Carolina. The family previously had lived at Johnson City, Tenn., and in West Virginia.

Officers are investigating tonight reports that Smith had yesterday sold a piece of property and was supposed to have had a large sum of money on his person. This was not found. Burchfield had about \$30 on him when arrested.

Mrs. Burchfield's son was by a former marriage.

Local authorities announced tonight that Burchfield would be brought here for a hearing tomorrow afternoon. He was brought here this afternoon to view the bodies in a local undertaking establishment.

The man showed no concern while looking at the charred remains of his wife. He calmly chewed gum through the ordeal. From here Burchfield was taken to the Sullivan county jail at Blountville.

As soon as the bodies were discovered a drag net was thrown about the city. Every road was guarded by police and deputy sheriffs.

When arrested Burchfield said that he planned to go to West Virginia and that he went to Johnson City to see a sister before leaving this section. Police say his shirt and trousers were spotted with blood. Chief of Police D. L. Heaberlin said tonight that Burchfield when arrested, was wearing a pair of trousers belonging to Mr. Smith.

Other new evidence is said to have been worked up this evening by the police, but was not made public.

### ANOTHER ATTACK ON CLEMENCEAU

Senators Continue Fire on Tiger. One Odd Incident.

Washington Nov. 27.—The Tiger of France again came under fire in the senate today when his utterances on his tour of the United States were the subject of a conflicting debate, which was enlivened by an interruption from the galleries by a negro soldier.

Senator Hitchcock (Democrat) of Nebraska, former chairman of the foreign relations committee, led off in the debate with an attack on M. Clemenceau and of French policies and was joined in the criticism by other senators, while Senator Myers (Democrat) of Montana came to the defense of the aged French statesman. Senator Owen (Democrat) of Oklahoma also expressed sympathy with M. Clemenceau's mission to America but criticized French policies.

It was during Mr. Hitchcock's attack upon the war time premier in connection with alleged atrocities with black French colonialists in Germany that the negro soldier, who later gave his name as Lucius Jones a patient at a government hospital near here, rose in the gallery and sought to question the senator. Vice President Coolidge banged the gavel and senate attendants rushed forward and restrained the man, so that the question was never asked, but excitement prevailed in the senate.

The negro soon left the galleries, but returned, for the rest of the debate while Senator Heflin (Democrat) of Alabama, incensed at what he termed was an "insult" to the senate, demanded the man's expulsion. There had been discrimination, the Alabama senator shouted, declaring that in the past white women had been ejected from the galleries of both the senate and house for interrupting debate, while this time the disturber was permitted to remain.

Senators Curtis (Republican) of Kansas and Hitchcock, however, expressed the belief that the negro had acted through ignorance, and no action was taken in the case.

Senator Hitchcock especially criticized the statement of M. Clemenceau in reference to the quartering of French "black troops" on the Rhine, declaring that the former premier's denials of the use of these troops had been disproved. He also attacked the French reparations demands on Germany.

Senator Myers in defending M. Clemenceau deplored Senator Hitchcock's criticism of the French statesman and commended French policies toward Germany. Senator Owen, although criticizing French policies, expressed sympathy with M. Clemenceau's mission, saying the visitor was "making a pathetic appeal to America."

He declared, however, that Clemenceau was largely responsible through the Versailles treaty for present European difficulties and predicted that the American people would not cooperate with France while she continued her present policies.

Nevertheless, he added, he believed the "visit of M. Clemenceau will be of great value in the discussion frankly, honestly, fearlessly" of matters under public discussion as a result of the former premier's utterances. At the same time, he said, he keenly sympathized with the French people and their sufferings.

Senator Hitchcock replying particularly to M. Clemenceau's statement that no black troops remained in Germany, presented figures to show that

23,000 black colonialists were in Germany last month. The Nebraska senator also said the reparations demands upon Germany were "impossible."

Senator Myers declared he resented having M. Clemenceau "rebuked and assailed" and added that he was in complete agreement with M. Clemenceau's argument that America erred in not joining the league of nations. The Montana senator also deplored what he said were "expressions of sympathy for Germany" by Senator Hitchcock.

"Every dollar laid on Germany in reparation should be collected and I have no sympathy with the whining of Germany against France," said Senator Myers who pictured the former kaiser as "feasting and making merry because the allies have been lenient" with Germany.

"There is no manner of doubt that Germany is preparing to wage another war on France," he asserted.

Senator Owen expressed sorrow that Clemenceau, Lloyd George and others at the peace table had "wrung concessions" from former President Wilson and caused resentment in this country with sentiment, resulting in rejection of the Versailles treaty.

"The French leadership is slowly the sympathy of the world," he deplored from the French government declared "in spite of the fact that the American people have felt a great and sentimental friendship for the people of France."

Senator Owen said M. Clemenceau's visit might "open the door" to a better understanding between European nations and the United States and he suggested inviting French, British and Italian leaders to this country for a conference.

Declaring that M. Clemenceau "ex-torted much" from Woodrow Wilson in the making of the Versailles treaty, Mr. Owen said America would not support "a policy of greed, brute force and injustice between nations" and that America could not cooperate with France in the present status of affairs.

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