

DENOUNCE CALAMITY HOWLERS

CHAMP CLARK LEAVES CHAIR TO CRITICISE OPPONENTS.

Defends the Tariff in Vigorous Speech and Declares that There Has Been No Hold-up in Business Except That Exercised Through Prudence.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Speaker Clark today left his chair in the house to challenge the patriotism of "calamity howling" Republicans after Minority Leader Mann had made a speech picturing the country in the throes of business and industrial depression as a result of Democratic tariff legislation. At the "greatest calamity howler in America" the speaker painted Senator Root of New York, Former Speaker Cannon, Chairman Hilles of the Republican national committee, Former Gov. Hadley of Missouri and Representative Mann.

Vigorously defending the new tariff law, Mr. Clark declared that if there had been any hold-up in business it was simply because prudence was being exercised. He said the wish was father of the thought with the Republican leaders and suggested that it was strange that no one else had seen signs of falling prices. "These men," continued Speaker Clark, "propose to get into the newspaper every day, day after day, that the country is going to the dogs and business is going to the deuce and people that never thought of a panic will begin to study about it. By all thinking men this will be considered a monstrous and unpardonable performance."

Representative Mann had painted a gloomy picture of the country under the Democratic tariff and the threat of political control of banking and currency:

"Throughout the country today," he said, "wherever men are congregated, there now is that quiet discussion going on, which when cold weather strikes the country, will end in a roar and a howl that will even penetrate the ears of the deaf; men on the Democratic side of the aisle. Men with wives and children willing to work, who were at work three months ago, are now seeking the opportunity. The president could do much today towards reviving confidence if he would. The Democratic side of this house could do much but they are pursuing the fatuous policies which they have talked about on the stump so many years. We are not justified in keeping silence on this situation."

SEES NOTHING IRREGULAR.

On the Isthmus No Indications of Worry or Carelessness Have Appeared.

Panama, Dec. 18.—Col. G. W. Goethals, chief engineer of the Panama canal, today issued the following statement in reference to the rumors in circulation concerning John Burke, manager of the canal commissary department, who is alleged to have received commissions from persons supplying the department:

"Certain allegations were made concerning the integrity of John Burke and an investigation on the isthmus was immediately undertaken. A report was at once made to Washington with a request for investigation thereof which could not be reached from here. I have not received any reply from Washington. But the investigations on the isthmus have failed to disclose any irregularities.

WHISKEY IS STOLEN.

Samples for Board Disappear at Orangeburg.

Orangeburg, Dec. 18.—The samples of the best liquors, wines, etc., that were furnished the Orangeburg county board of control of the dispensary were stolen last night. These goods were stored in a closet in the Bull building, adjoining a room where the board had been holding its meetings. The fact that liquor was in town was so precious a thought to some parties that they made quest thereof, possessed themselves of the right kind of a key and marched boldly into the ante-chamber and loaded up. The county board members are very anxious to apprehend the persons or persons that stole the "booze."

THE GINSENG REPORT.

This Year's Report Shows Crop Nearly Half Million More Than Last Year.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The government cotton report issued today shows 12,923,698 bales ginned from the 1913 crop against 12,439,436 last year. Sea Island 69,312 against 69,445.

UNIONS UNDER ANTI-TRUST LAW

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS ARE LIABLE FOR DAMAGE.

United States Court of Appeals Issues Finding in Famous Danbury Hatters' Case, Affirming Judgment for a Quarter of a Million Damages.

New York, Dec. 18.—The United States court of appeals today decided the famous Danbury hatters' case in favor of D. E. Loewe & Co., the plaintiff, and against the United Hatters of North America. The court affirmed a judgment in favor of Mr. Loewe and against the hatters' organization for \$252,130.

With interest and costs the judgment now amounts to \$272,000. At the first trial, held in 1909, the plaintiffs obtained a judgment for \$232,240.

Sustaining the second judgment, Judge Cox declared that it was no longer debatable "that the anti-trust act is applicable to such combinations as are alleged in the complaint," and that the act made no distinction between classes of combinations or individuals.

The court held that it clearly had been established that the plaintiffs were engaged in an interstate business, and that the defendants are members of a trades union and affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, "one of the objects of the latter organization being to assist its members in any justifiable boycott and with financial help in the event of a strike or lockout."

Judge Cox said in conclusion of his findings:

"No one disputes the proposition that labor unions are lawful. All must admit that they are not only lawful but highly beneficial when legally and fairly conducted, but like all other combinations irrespective of their objects and purposes, they must obey the law."

Alton B. Parker, counsel for the defendants, tonight announced that the case probably would be taken to the United States supreme court for review.

GEORGIA FIGHTS BOLL WEEVIL.

Citizens of Bibb County Form Association to Push War on Cotton Pest.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 18.—At a mass meeting of citizens of Macon and Bibb county here this afternoon an organization was perfected to prepare for and fight off the invasion of the boll weevil. The organization is under the wing of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and will have headquarters in this city.

According to President C. J. Hadden of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, an educational campaign is being planned throughout the cotton-growing section of South and middle Georgia. Farmers will be taught the necessity of diversification of crops.

The campaign is to be carried into every school house, church and home in the State.

A good sized sum of money for the campaign was raised at the meeting this afternoon. By Monday it is expected that \$3,500 will be on hand to start the work.

NEGRO INJURED BY TRAIN.

Howard Slater Has Arm Broken by Northwestern Train Friday Afternoon.

Friday afternoon Howard Slater, a negro carpenter, had his arm broken and was badly bruised in a collision with the Northwestern passenger train as it was coming in on the western edge of town. Slater was given surgical treatment and was said not to have been dangerously wounded.

CONFERENCE ON CURRENCY BILL.

Committee Will Begin Work Immediately—Will Be Ready for President's Signature Wednesday.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The conference committee will immediately begin work on the currency bill which passed the senate last night. It is expected to go to the president by next Wednesday. The committee consists of Senators Owens, Overman, Reed, Pomeroy, Shafer, Hollis, Nelson, Bristow, Crawford and Congressmen Glass, Korbly, Hayes, Democrats, eight; Republicans four.

Battleships Arrive.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 20.—The crippled Vermont arrived today. The ship will immediately be overhauled.

SOME REPUBLICANS PROTEST.

RAISE HOWL AT BEING CROWDED AWAY FROM PINE COUNTY-ER.

They Object to Having Representation Reduced in National Convention, Since That is the Only Profit-Producing Feature in Being Republican Politician.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The Southern members of the Republican National Committee today planned a strenuous fight against reducing their representation fifty-nine votes in the national convention. The committee's action yesterday in reducing Southern representation forty to sixteen per cent is admittedly illegal, but the committee declared they are "confident the next convention will ratify their move."

Before the change can be presented to the convention it must be ratified by States holding a majority of votes in the electoral college.

The States losing delegates are: Alabama, nine; Arkansas, three; Florida, four; Georgia, ten; Kentucky one; Louisiana, seven; Mississippi, eight; North Carolina, three; South Carolina, seven; Tennessee, three; Texas, fifteen; Virginia, nine; others losing delegates are Northern States.

STATE DOG LICENSE.

Measure is Suggested to Lessen Danger of Rabies.

Columbia, Dec. 20.—E. A. Coward, M. D., bacteriologist, State board of health, has supplemented his annual report with a few recommendations, which, it is believed, will, if carried out, greatly reduce the number of cases of rabies. A State dog license act is suggested and the establishment is urged of a 90-day quarantine for possibly infected dogs and muzzling ordinances. He urges that the State board of health take steps to procure the passage and enforcement of the following regulations:

- "1. Passage of a dog license act to cover the entire State, not excepting any counties whatever, at least \$1 to be charged for said license, the rule to hold good through the entire year and licensed dogs to be indicated by a suitable prominent badge or tag. This rule to be enforced in the rural districts by rural policemen or sheriffs or constables until the necessity of special inspectors is realized. All unlicensed dogs to be destroyed after a reasonable length of time is permitted for reclamation.

- "2. That the properly constituted authorities of incorporated towns and cities be advised of the advantages of establishing 90-day quarantine for possibly infected dogs, and muzzling ordinances to be effective for a like period of time following the appearance in their communities of rabid dogs or other migratory rabid animals."

EXEMPT FROM CIVIL SERVICE.

Assistant Postmasters to Be Removed from Provisions of Law.

Washington, Dec. 19.—All assistant postmasters will be exempted from the civil service under the postoffice appropriation bill today completed by the house committee on postoffices and to be immediately reported after the holidays' recess. The Democrats of the committee voted to put into the measure a provision substantially similar to the one in the sundry civil bill under which deputy collectors and deputy marshals were exempted from civil service.

The bill carries approximately \$303,000,000, a cut of about \$3,000,000 from the estimates submitted by the postoffice department.

MANY CONSPIRATOR'S ARRESTED.

Prominent Mexicans Plot to Betray Capitol to Rebels.

Mexico City, Dec. 20.—Many prominent Mexicans were arrested today charged with plotting with revolutionists to betray the capitol. The government charges that the conspirators plotted to have a part of the garrison revolt on Christmas day.

OLANTA LIQUOR FIGHT.

Sheriff Closes Dispensary. Hearing January 6.

Olanta, Dec. 17.—Sheriff Burch, of Florence County, came to Olanta Tuesday afternoon and closed the dispensary, which was opened Tuesday morning. The dispensary will remain closed until January 6, 1914, the date set for the hearing.

ZAPATA SPREADS TERROR.

BANDIT CHIEF LAYS WASTE WITH FIRE AND SWORD.

Riots in City of Mexico and Death and Destruction Reign in Federal District—Twelve Villages Wiped Out and Hundreds Killed by Rebels.

Mexico City, Dec. 19.—Although Dictator Huerta signed the decree for a bond issue of twenty million pesos, the finance ministry has a hard task in finding the market for the bonds. Serious rioting occurred today when a big crowd swamped the Banco Central with banknotes demanding their redemption in coin. The rurales dispersed the mob.

Zapata spies infest the city, keeping the Rebels informed of the movement of the Federal troops.

Twelve villages and hamlets have been wiped out within twenty-five miles of the capital. Fifty non-combatants were killed, houses burned and the Federals lost one hundred in a battle near Saltillo. Movas, State of Sonora, has been burned and fifty Federals were killed. The Federals have been defeated at Igual Aguerero.

Presidio, (phoned via Marefa, Texas)—Dec. 19.—Answering a stern warning against armed Mexican soldiers crossing the boundary General Marcado, the Federal commander at Ojinaga today send word to the American commander that a patrol would be established to prevent the recurrence of the shooting affray yesterday when Luis Orozco, a Federal, was shot to death by American soldiers after he started the shooting.

It is reported that mutiny has started among the Federal troops at Ojinaga. The soldiers' pay is two months in arrears.

Mexico City, Dec. 20.—Reports today indicate that the Federal troops are being worked in the second battle that is now raging around Tampico. The Rebels have captured the outskirts of the city. The Rebels number eight thousand against five thousand Federals.

Dictator Huerta is now doing everything possible to preserve amicable relations with the United States.

MEXICO WANTS GREENVILLE MAN.

Ray D. Gould, American Owner of Mexican Ranch, is Held in South Carolina.

Greenville, Dec. 19.—Ray D. Gould, an American owner of a ranch in Mexico, who is now held in the Greenville county jail on two minor charges, is said to be wanted in Mexico to the extent of \$1,000 reward offered by Huerta government. Sheriff Rector wired the Mexican department of justice today and also wrote the Mexican embassy and department of State at Washington.

Gould came to Greenville about two months ago.

He took quarters at the Y. M. C. A. and joined the Greenville band. A week or more later he left the city for Spartanburg, being brought over from that city by a deputy sheriff on a warrant charging breach of trust. Gould is said to have killed three Mexican soldiers when they surrounded his ranch. He was wounded in the leg, and escaped on his horse. He says he has no property except his possessions in Mexico, which by this time may have been confiscated by rebels. Gould says the federals surrounded his place after finding a large quantity of dynamite buried on his ranch.

OFF FOR CHARLESTON.

Battleship Ohio Sails From Guantanamo, Cuba.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Reports to the navy department today from Guantanamo, Cuba, where the battleship Ohio recently landed smallpox patients and suspects on her arrival from a Mediterranean cruise, said the number of cases had increased to 11, and that four probable and eight suspected cases were being watched.

With four exceptions, the stricken men are only mildly affected. The Ohio today sailed from Guantanamo for Charleston, S. C.

The Tomato club girls, some of them at least, are already preparing their land for next year's crop. The Sumter Tomato Clubs made a very fine record for the first year and next year the results should be even better. One member of the club obtained the largest yield of tomatoes from one-tenth of an acre reported in the Southern States.

RAILROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

STATE COMMISSION TELLS IN ANNUAL REPORT OF VARIOUS BETTERMENTS MADE.

Heavy Rails Laid; Ballast Put Down—Steel Used More Than Formerly in Rolling Stock—Trestles are Filled.

Columbia, Dec. 20.—General information concerning the railways of South Carolina is contained in the annual report of the railroad commission, which has been prepared by John G. Richards, Jr., the chairman, and approved by the other members. He says that practically all of the roads have made great improvements during the past year in the physical condition of their properties. He says that 173 miles of 85-pound rails have been laid and that 200,000 yards of ballast have been down on the various lines. He reports that there has been some improvement in the condition of the stock. Steel frame cars, he says, are being operated on several of the main lines.

Two years ago the commission issued an order requiring the railways to fill in all trestles where possible and to replace wooden bridges with steel structures within six years. During the year, according to reports submitted by the railway companies, 2,250 feet of trestles have been filled in and the work is going steadily forward. The biggest improvement noted is that of a trestle of steel, 3,360 feet long, which has been constructed across the Savannah river by the Seaboard Air Line railway. The Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Railroad company has reported the completion of the steel trestle across Broad River above Columbia. This trestle is 2,219 feet long and has been accepted by the commission.

"Accidents on the several railroads operating in the State have been more frequent than last year," says the report of the commission. Taking the figures from the reports of the railways, five passengers were killed during the year in wrecks. This is an increase of four over 1912. Many trainmen were killed and many were injured but the statistics on these have not been prepared.

The mileage situation is reviewed in the report. It is stated that the same rules apply as last year and that there has been no change. The mileage matter is submitted to the general assembly for action.

The commission again urges the passage of an act providing for an inspector of railways. A bill to provide for the official is now pending in the senate and will be called up at the next session of the legislature.

It is pointed out in the report that all grade crossings are dangerous and that the commission has been working to eliminate the crossings and to have the proper safeguards placed. It is stated that the crossings in Columbia are very dangerous and that the question of the right of the commission to order the proper safeguards is now being tested in the supreme court. The commission commends the interurban railway in the Piedmont section of the State for its efforts to eliminate grade crossings.

BATTLE SHIPS TO VERA CRUZ.

Leave Guantanamo to Relieve Ships Off Mexican Coast.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The United States Battleships Connecticut and Kansas left Guantanamo, Cuba, for Vera Cruz today to relieve the Louisiana and New Hampshire, which will go to New York when relief arrives. The Hospital ship Solace has been ordered from New York to Vera Cruz to care for invalid refugees and to carry supplies.

MUST FILE RATES.

Express Companies Cannot Keep Public in the Dark.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today ordered the express companies to file in each state capital and one hundred of the principal cities a full directory of their rates and charges on all kinds of express matter. In the smaller towns an abridged rate book must be kept, containing references where complete rate book is on file.

Changes in Army Commanders.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Major General Leonard Wood will succeed Major General Barry as commander of eastern division with headquarters at Governor's Island, it was announced today by Secretary Garrison. Barry goes to Philippines to succeed Major General Franklin Bell.

REPORT ON WHALEY CASE.

CHAIRMAN POST WILL SUBMIT IT SATURDAY OR MONDAY.

Fear, One of Two Opponents of Dismissal of Charges, to Fight it Out—Will Oppose Majority Report on Floor.

Washington, Dec. 18.—It was learned here today that the report of the majority in the investigation of the charges brought by Mayor John P. Grace of Charleston against Representative Richard S. Whaley of the First congressional district, in which the views of the majority will be set forth, has just been sent by Chairman Post of the house elections committee to the public printer to be into proper form for submission to the house either Saturday or Monday.

When Mr. Post was asked about the matter by The State's correspondent he showed a bulky batch of manuscript which was then just being sent by him to the government printing office. He said that he expected to get it back in printed form in time to be submitted to the house not later than Monday.

This report contains the views of the chairman of the committee and the other six members who voted to dismiss the charges filed by Mr. Grace. The report goes into the matter at considerable length, it is understood, and discusses with much freedom political conditions in Charleston and in the First South Carolina district.

Until the report is formally submitted to the house for such action as it may be desired to take on it, its full contents will not be made public, as it would be manifestly against the rules of the house to give advance information before the report has gone to the proper authorities.

It is also learned that as soon as this majority report is submitted Representative Fear, one of the two members of the minority,

the charges, will make a minority report and that he may also address the house on the subject.

While it is not yet known exactly how deeply Mr. Fear will go into the matter the fact that he has decided to oppose the majority report on the floor gave an interesting turn to the situation here today.

WILSON MAY VISIT AIKEN.

Second District Representative is Enthusiastic Over Possibility of Visit.

Washington, Dec. 19.—It became known here today after a visit of Representative Byrnes to the White House that President Wilson has settled on two places, one of which he will choose for his recreation point within a short time—these places are Aiken and Gulfport, Miss.

Mr. Byrnes has been in constant touch not only with the president but with Secretary Tumulty and Dr. Cary Grayson, the president's physician, in regard to the place where the president will go, and while Mr. Byrnes told The State's correspondent today that a definite decision had not yet been reached in the matter, it is entirely likely that Aiken will be chosen. As between Aiken and Gulfport, Mr. Byrnes is understood to have told the president, there is no comparison. At Aiken there is not only the best climate in the world, the most hospitable people, golf links without limit and every accommodation that modern times afford, but in addition to this, the president has been assured that if he will go there he will be allowed free of cost a house with 15 rooms already furnished and ready for his occupancy any moment he may get there. Gulfport, on the other hand, appeals to the president, who is seeking recreation because of its isolated location. There he would be largely removed from the visits of public men and office-seekers, and this probably is the reason why he has been considering going there.

Mr. Byrnes is most enthusiastic about the president's trip, and he feels much assured, he said today, that the claims of Aiken will win.

BAD WEATHER FOR CHRISTMAS.

Weather Forecaster Says That Day Will Be Unsettled.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Christmas weather is likely to be unsettled, the government forecaster tonight said. While they are not able to predict exactly whether Christmas day will be cold or warm, stormy or calm, the experts are reasonably certain that over most all the country there will be a change next week from the pleasant weather which has been prevailing during the past ten days.

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