

STRIKE MILLION DOLLAR DRIVE PUT OVER

Robbers Are Confronted with Pitchforks in Rural New Jersey

Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 21.—Bandits attempted to rob the National Bank at Milltown and a group of thirty citizens, armed with pitchforks, attacked the robbers, capturing two. They entered the bank by digging through the wall.

OUR SENATORS IN ARGUMENT

Dial and Smith in Good Humored Colloquy on Floor of Senate

Washington, Dec. 20.—South Carolina's senators had a lively but good humored colloquy in the senate this afternoon over the question of cotton mill profits.

Senator Dial arose to remark that he had been absent some days ago when Senator Smith was quoted as saying that New England and Southern mills had paid 300 per cent dividends on an average.

Mr. Dial declared that he knows of a mill making 300 per cent per annum and doubts if there had ever been any. He could not believe that Senator Smith had been correctly informed.

The junior senator also took exception to the quoted statement of his colleague that the cotton mills had reduced the price of their goods only 1-8 per cent. Mr. Dial said that a yard which last summer sold at 25 cents and that many mills are piling up goods in warehouses without finding a market at an uprice, merely to keep their labor employed, and that mill stocks generally had taken a sharp slump.

Mr. Dial pointed out that many of the big dividends declared by the mills were stock dividends, not cash dividends, and that the value of the owner's stock which had suffered in the market decline.

Senator Smith admitted that his statement as to the mills had been in many respects inaccurate from a statistical point of view and he said that although he did not himself own any cotton mill stock he was friendly to the great cotton industry of South Carolina and had never meant to disparage or attack it.

Senator Dial called attention to the fact that this information was not later than last spring. Senator Smith admitted this, but stuck to the point which he declared he had been trying to make, namely that the mills were in a better position to protect themselves and their stockholders in a real time like this than are the farmers, who produce the raw material.

FEDERAL AID FOR HIGHWAYS

Additional Appropriations by Congress Expected This Year

Columbia, Dec. 21.—Federal aid for state highways will probably be appropriated by the present session of congress, according to Chas. H. Moorefield, of Columbia, chief engineer of the state highway department, who returned to his office today, after attending the convention of the national association of the state highway officials, held in Washington last week.

While in the national capital Mr. Moorefield and other state highway officials appeared before a committee of congress investigating the proposed appropriation of money for state highways. The highway officials urged the appropriation at this session, so that the state legislatures, thirty of which meet within a few weeks, most of these in January, would know what to count on in federal funds, when appropriating state funds for highway construction.

Mr. Moorefield says the congressional committee's comments on the situation left the impression that the appropriation would be made during the present short session.

Civil Service Employees Adopt Petition

Hamburg, Dec. 20.—Ten thousand civil service employees here have unanimously adopted a petition to the Berlin government for wage increases amounting to 70 per cent dating from October 1, for a minimum salary of 7,600 marks a year and 100 per cent increase in family allowances.

Presbyterian Educational Campaign Ends with Funds Over-Subscribed

Columbia, Dec. 21.—Announcement is made here today that the Presbyterian campaign in South Carolina for a million dollars for the four educational institutions of the denomination in the state, had gone over its goal. The campaign forces are checking up the returns today, following the close of the campaign at midnight Monday night. It is not yet known what the exact total will be, but Dr. M. E. Melvin, manager of the campaign, stated that the returns indicate easily that the million dollar goal was considerably over-stepped. The money goes to Chicago College and Columbia Theological Seminary, in Columbia, and Thornwell Orphanage and the Presbyterian College of South Carolina in Clinton. In addition to this million the people of Columbia, outside the Presbyterian church, contributed a hundred thousand for Chicago, making the total more than \$1,100,000.

BETTER FREIGHT SERVICE PROMISED

Southern Railway Makes Traffic Arrangement With Clyde Line

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 20.—Fast rail and water freight service from New York and Boston and tributary territory to points in South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and the southwest will be established by the Southern Railway system in connection with the Clyde Steamship company on January 15th, 1921. Clyde Steamship company will bring freight to Charleston and Jacksonville from which ports the Southern will run fast freight trains handling through package cars to twenty-two of the principal commercial centers and distributing points in the south. Freight for Atlanta and points beyond will be handled via Columbia and Spartanburg. The Clyde line operates their sailings weekly from New York and one from Boston. Ships leave New York at noon Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, arriving Charleston Monday and Jacksonville 7 a. m. Fridays, Sundays and Tuesdays. Ships leave Boston 3 p. m. Fridays, arrive Charleston Mondays and Jacksonville Tuesdays. Package cars will be operated from Charleston arriving Augusta, Columbia, Spartanburg and Greenville third day after sailing from New York, Atlanta and Athens 4th day, Birmingham, Selma, Meridian, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Columbus, Ga., and Montgomery 5th, Mobile, New Orleans and Memphis 6th day. Little Rock 7th day and Oklahoma City 8th. From Jacksonville, package cars will be handled giving 4th day delivery in Valdosta, Cordelle and Macon.

HOME RULE BILL BECOMES A LAW

House of Lords Agrees to All Amendments by Commons

London, Dec. 20.—The Irish home rule bill now is safe and will be placed on the statute book this week in a form only slightly amended from the shape in which it first left the house of commons. The house of lords today, after a brief debate, agreed to all the amendments made to the bill by the commons.

The only amendment discussed by the lords today was that adopted by the lower house providing that if either area in Ireland refused to set up a Parliament the executive could not make the order a second time unless within three years after June 1 next both houses of the British parliament adopted a resolution asking for it.

Owing to a slight modification made in the house of lords today at the suggestion of Lord Kirkenhead, the lord chancellor, the bill again will have to be submitted to the house of commons as a formality, and it probably will be tomorrow before the royal sanctions is given.

SENATE PASSES WAR FINANCE BILL

Washington, Dec. 21.—Legislative enactment of the joint resolution directing revival of the war finance corporation as a measure of relief for farmers against falling prices, was completed today when the senate, without a record vote, concurred in house amendments eliminating the section suggesting that the federal reserve board extend liberal credit to farmers. The resolution now goes to the president.

Senators and representatives were divided today in their opinion as to a possible veto. Some believe the president would veto the measure, while others were inclined to the belief that the elimination of advice to the federal reserve board, approval of the executive would be given the measure.

Leaders who were responsible for the final enactment of the resolution, however, expressed confidence of their ability to override a veto both in the house and the senate. They were assured, they said, of votes from Southern members in such a contingency.

Knoxville, Dec. 21.—The machine shops of the Louisville and Nashville railroad were totally destroyed by fire early this morning; the damage is estimated at several hundred thousand dollars.

NO HIGHER TAX LEVY

Gov. Cooper Says He Will Recommend Reduction in Appropriations

Columbia, Dec. 21.—"I will recommend a reduction in appropriations," said Governor Cooper today in discussing the 1921 state budget with newspaper men. He also stated that he expected the total state levy to be lower next year than for this.

The question of taxes will be uppermost with the legislature which convenes January 11. Many legislators have already made known their views on the subject. A reduction of the tax burden by more evenly distributing it will be the chief aim of the solons.

The budget commission has received requests from various departments of the state government for appropriations totalling nearly ten million dollars. Already a howl has come up from the entire state, and it is freely predicted that the senators and house members will come to the capitol in January, "with their hatchets out," prepared to cut all appropriations to the bone.

"No time for governmental advances," they say. The aim of the legislative leaders will be to produce additional sources of revenue, but to cut, if possible, the tax levy, and to prevent additional appropriations.

"I have not yet completed my study of our 1921 budget in all of its details," said Gov. Cooper in discussing the situation; "but I will recommend a reduction in appropriations from the year 1920, with the exception of the appropriation for the public schools. I am satisfied further, that with other recommendations which will be submitted to the legislature, the levy for 1921 can and will be materially reduced. I expect to discuss the whole question in detail in my annual message."

DIRE NEED FOR HELP

Conditions in Near East Relief Appalling Beyond Belief

Columbia, Dec. 20.—E. O. Black, treasurer of the Near East Relief, has received a telegram from Henry Morgenthau, former ambassador to Turkey, telling of the deplorable conditions now existing in the Near East and making an earnest plea to the people of the United States to abandon the little orphans who are now being taken care of by the contributions of the people of this country.

"America won the admiration and gratitude of the Near East by disinterested altruism and philanthropy during the past four years. Peace and order have not been restored. These people are still helpless. Their land has again been the battle ground of contending forces. Their efforts to maintain independence have partially failed owing to the superior forces of their neighbors.

"Large numbers of refugees have been dispossessed of their temporary homes. Recent cables state that the roads leading to various places of safety are crowded with refugees. A hard winter has begun. The snow is knee deep in many places. These helpless refugees are again thrown upon our mercy. Unless we heed their cry they will perish this winter by the thousands.

"The situation today is worse than it was last year. The Near East Relief is the only organization whose funds are used for this work. Hundreds of these people are living today who would have perished had it not been for American relief. Large numbers of orphans now in the more than two hundred orphanages maintained by the Near East Relief are totally dependent upon the Near East Relief for the simplest necessities of life. They must not now be left to perish after being rescued by us. No matter where these people are or which faction claims the right to govern them the refugees are homeless orphans and helpless. Their faces are turned toward us in despair and expectancy. They are the Tiny Tins of the holiday season."

All contributions should be sent to E. O. Black, Treasurer, Near East Relief, No. 211 Liberty National Bank Building, Columbia, S. C.

TAX NOTICE

I will attend personally or by deputy at the following named places and on the dates given for the purpose of receiving tax returns for the fiscal year 1921:

- Privateer, Tuesday, Jan. 4th.
- Levi Siding, Wednesday, Jan. 5th.
- Wedfield, Friday, Jan. 7th.
- Claremont, Tuesday, Jan. 11.
- Bazood, Wednesday, Jan. 12.
- Rembert, Thursday, Jan. 13.
- Datzell, Tuesday, Jan. 18.
- Brogdon, Wednesday, Jan. 19.
- Mayesville, Thursday, Jan. 20.
- Pleasant Grove, Tuesday, Jan. 23.
- Shoh, Wednesday, Jan. 26.
- Norwood X Roads, Thursday, Jan. 27.

Returns should be made on all personal property, poll and road tax.

R. E. WILDER, County Auditor.

NOTICE. All persons indebted to and all persons holding claims against the estate of Alex Nofal, deceased, will please make settlement with

W. G. BAROODY, Special Administrator.

BANDIT HUNT IN NEW YORK

Police Armed with Rifles Make Systematic Search For Criminals

New York, Dec. 21.—Armed with repeating rifles, 20 sharpshooters of the New York police force tonight scoured the city in automobiles in a hunt for bandits.

Each sharpshooter, a picked man from the police rifle squad, was accompanied by three detectives and a uniformed patrolman. Under orders to shoot every suspect who attempted to escape them, the men searched the highways and byways of the city throughout the night.

Other drastic measures to curb New York's crime wave which today swept beyond the city's border into nearby New Jersey towns were launched by police officials and judges. Removal of Police Commissioner Enright was proposed in a resolution introduced at a meeting of the board of aldermen. The resolution was tabled, however. Similar action was taken on a resolution to appoint a special committee to investigate the police department and report to Governor-elect Miller and on another to request the police commissioner to furnish the board with information concerning all arrests made in New York city during 1921.

An increase in the police force of 769 men was authorized by the board of estimate and in order to provide funds for paying the extra patrolmen an issue of special revenue bonds in 1921 was approved. Judge McIntyre of the court of general sessions ordered 150 persons now on bail of from \$1,500 to \$10,000 on robbery charges to appear tomorrow when he said, their bonds will be increased. In five cases today men previously released on bail for similar charges were held in \$25,000 each.

New Jersey police, aroused by today's crimes—a man attempted bank robbery in Milltown, the chloroforming and robbing of a girl and two holdups—gave an order that all take stations and ferries at Jersey City be kept under guard to prevent the influx of criminals driven from New York.

PENSION BILL SHOWS DECREASE

Appropriation Bill Carries Fourteen Million Less Than Last Year

Washington, Dec. 21.—Carrying fourteen million dollars less than appropriated last year, the annual pension bill was reported out by the house appropriations committee. It totals two hundred sixty-five million, five hundred thousand dollars.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Charges of excessive and "exorbitant" costs made by American shipyards for repairs to vessels owned by the United States shipping board and private firms, were made here today by Comdr. R. B. Gatewood, head of the board's repair and construction department.

Excessive cost of repairs, ranging as high as 250 per cent, above the "set price," Comdr. Gatewood said, were working a serious handicap on the successful competition of an American merchant marine with foreign flag vessels. He appealed for cooperation of the ship owners in efforts of his department to bring these prices down to "reasonable" figures.

2,000 WEEVILS CAGED

Experiments to Be Made by Clemson Authorities

Florence, Dec. 21.—A batch of 2,000 boll weevils in hibernation were put into a huge cage today on the Pee Dee Experiment station to test out the percentage of survivors of the winter cold under the direction of C. B. Nichols, assistant entomologist of Clemson College, who arrived in Florence this morning. These weevils are hibernated in various types of materials, including straws of various kinds, moss, pine straw, grass and other stuff which afford water harbor for the boll weevil.

JACKSONVILLE NEGRO POPULATION

Census Bureau Reports Number To Be 41,479

Washington, Dec. 22.—The negro population of Jacksonville is announced by the census bureau to be 49,479, an increase of 12,186.

WAGES CUT IN WEST VIRGINIA

Martinsburg, W. Va., Dec. 22.—The Inter-Woven mills today announced a twenty per cent wage reduction and the re-opening of the plant in January.

FIGHT ON EMERGENCY TARIFF

Washington, Dec. 22.—A bitter fight was forecast when the house took up the emergency tariff bill in an effort to dispose of the bill before adjournment.

LOOKING FOR THREE

Two Bales of Long Staple Cotton Stolen in Hartsville.

Chief Barwick is in receipt of a telegram from the police in Hartsville to be on the lookout for a party with two stolen bales of long staple cotton. The bales were missed in Hartsville yesterday and it is supposed that they were headed in this direction.

TWO BILLION FARM LOANS

Gov. Harding of Federal Reserve Banks Estimate Rediscunts on Products

Washington, Dec. 22.—Nearly two billion of dollars worth of paper on production and sales of farm products have been rediscouted by the federal reserve banks this year, Governor Harding of the federal reserve board, estimated in a special report to the senate agricultural committee.

SHIPPING BOARD SHOWS PROFIT

Earnings Not So Great as Would Have Been Case if Owned Privately

New York, Dec. 21.—More than \$1,000,000,000 in gross revenue has been earned by the government controlled merchant fleet since it began operations, Chairman Benson of the shipping board declared tonight in an address before the Municipal club of Brooklyn.

While the board can not show a profit as large as would have been the case if the fleet had been privately owned, Chairman Benson said this billion dollars stayed in this country and but for the possession of a fleet built by the government would have been sent for the use of foreign bottoms. Had there been no national able to take up Germany's position when her maritime power was wiped out he asserted, "Ocean carrying tonnage would have been monopolized by Great Britain, whose existing trade needs naturally would have come first."

A great deal of dissatisfaction arising from recent developments will disappear, the chairman declared, through realization that the country has a great fleet of vessels profitably employed in spreading the products of America to all parts of the world.

Chairman Benson went on record as unalterably opposed to government operation of the fleet and declared it was most encouraging when congress laid down the law that the fleet should be privately owned and controlled.

RAILWAY WRECK IN RUSSIA

Several Hundred Reported Killed in Smash Near Petrograd

London, Dec. 22.—Several hundred persons are reported killed or injured in a railway accident near Petrograd, due to overcrowding of the train.

DEFENDANTS FREE IN SHEPARD CASE

Accused in Poisoning Case Discharged

Macon, Ga., Dec. 21.—All four of the defendants charged with poisoning Fred B. Shepard, of Houston county, for his money were discharged here today by Judge H. A. Mathews, of superior court. The judge held that even granting that Shepard was poisoned, the state had not presented sufficient evidence to connect them with the deed. He also declared testimony of experts regarding the alleged poisoning was conflicting.

SHIPPING BOARD REJECTS COAL BIDS

Washington, Dec. 22.—All bids for furnishing bunker coal for merchant ships at Atlantic and Gulf ports were rejected by the shipping board.

JAIL GETTING CROWDED

One person who belongs to that crowd which is yet a little rebellious over what happened on July 1st, 1919, is reported as saying that he envied anything which was full at this time, even the moon, he said. Now the point arises, does the jail come within that class? There is almost a capacity crowd in the jail who are to enjoy their Christmas dinner in that locality. There are thirty negroes in the colored department which leaves room for only two more. Applications for those two places should be made early. Arrangements are a little better in the white side.

To prevent a cold take 666.—Advt.

Four Peach, N. Y., Dec. 21.—The body of a well dressed young woman was found half buried in the beach here, with a bullet hole in her forehead. The police are investigating the matter.

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REBEL IRISH PUT UP FIGHT

Bloody Battle Fought in Tipperary—Royal Troops Ambushed

Dublin, Dec. 21.—Heavy fighting has taken place between large forces of civilians on one side and soldiers and police on the other in the section lying between Callan, County Kilkenny, and Glenhower, County Tipperary. The military and police were ambushed at not less than three different places yesterday and numerous casualties resulted on both sides. These included Sergeant Walsh, Royal Irish Constabulary, killed, some soldiers, number unknown, killed, 10 or 15 civilians killed, and Sergeant Shannon and several soldiers wounded. About 30 civilians were wounded or captured.

An official communication issued by general headquarters tonight estimates the casualties among the attacking forces at 16 and gives the military casualties as one private severely wounded. No police casualties are mentioned. The statement says that the details are still in doubt and that no information has yet been received regarding the ambush of police reinforcements from Clonmel.

The inhabitants of the countryside are in a state of terror and many are fleeing from their homes.

WILSON WILL ESCORT HARDING

Usual Inaugural Custom Will Be Observed on March 4th

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Wilson plans to accompany President-elect Harding from the White House to the capitol on March 4th and back again to the White House for luncheon in accordance with the usual inaugural custom. President Wilson will retire to his new home to resume the life of a private citizen, after eight years in the White House. Secretary Tumulty said that the president's health has improved and he is in good spirits. He also said he expected that Mr. Wilson will write a history of the world war.

LABOR RIOTS IN BOLSHEVIKI LAND

One Hundred and Five Riotous Workmen Executed in Petrograd

London, Dec. 22.—Press dispatches say that a labor riot in Petrograd caused the execution of one hundred and five laborers.

BLUE RIDGE R. R. TAKES OFF TWO TRAINS

On the Petition of the Blue Ridge Railroad, the South Carolina Railroad Commission Today Issued an Order Allowing the Blue Ridge to Take off Two Trains, Between Waltham and Anderson. This was due to the loss of traffic, freight and passenger, but it is only temporary, it is said.

This will necessitate an adjustment of schedules on the Columbia and Greenville branch of the Southern, to make connections with the Blue Ridge at Belton. Train No. 17 will leave Columbia forty minutes earlier. Train No. 16 will leave Greenville so as to connect with Blue Ridge trains at Belton. The change will allow connection between Blue Ridge train and both Southern trains at Belton at the same time.

Changes will also be necessary in the schedules of the Ware Shoals and Abbeville branches of the Southern.

ORANGEBURG RAILROAD TO BE JUNKED

Columbia, Dec. 22.—Whether or not to grant the request of the owners to be allowed to tear up and move away the rails of the Orangeburg Railroad, between Orangeburg and North, is a question that is now puzzling the South Carolina Railroad commission. The commission is in receipt of a letter from the interstate commerce commission, the same having been sent also to Governor Cooper, in which these state officials are asked if they know any reason why the petition of the owners of the property should not be allowed to junk it. The commission conferred with Governor Cooper regarding the matter yesterday afternoon, but as yet no decision has been reached. The commission desires to protect the public, and at the same time it recognizes the fact that the little road has never had sufficient traffic to warrant its operation.

The Orangeburg railroad ceased operations a month ago. It has operated at a loss all during its existence, according to the showing made. The trackage is the property of the Seaboard.

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