

REAPPORTIONMENT BILL IN CONGRESS

Fight in Congress on Number of Seats—South's Total to Remain as at Present

Washington, Jan. 17.—Lines were sharply drawn tonight for a fight tomorrow to defeat the reapportionment bill which would increase the membership of the house of representatives from 435 to 485.

TAX RETURNS ON MERCANTILE STOCK

Commissioner Harris Issues Report on Year's Business

Columbia, Jan. 18.—Every merchant in South Carolina is this week receiving from the state tax commission, with offices in Columbia, a blank form on which to make a report of the value of the stock of goods carried.

WOMAN PROBATE JUDGE

Greenville County Elects Mrs. Fannie C. Scott to Succeed Husband

Greenville, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Fannie C. Scott, widow of Probate Judge Walter M. Scott, who was killed in an automobile accident on December 26, is the only candidate in the election to be held in this county tomorrow to elect a successor to the late Walter M. Scott.

Greenville, Jan. 18.—The first woman in South Carolina elected to public office was elected here today.

Father Damien, a Belgian priest, devoted his life to the spiritual care of the lepers on the Hawaiian island of Molokai. He died from leprosy.

IMMORAL AND DISHONEST

A Vicious and Ignorant Attack on the Emergency Tariff Bill

(Manufacturers Record). The New York Herald is not usually grotesquely uninformed on the subjects it undertakes to discuss. It does not always reason well, but in general it takes the trouble to find out something about the facts in any situation.

The American long staple market was broken a few months after the armistice when this government permitted Egyptian cotton to be imported by the hundreds of thousands of bales.

When the Herald says that cotton was king on the basis of 7-cent cotton, it is equally stupid. Wild ducks sold at 76 cents the dozen in southern markets at one time.

Columbia, Jan. 18.—Up to the middle of January the state highway department has collected for 1921 motor vehicle licenses, more than one-third of the total amount collected last year.

The island of Cagayan in the Philippine group was sold by Spain to the United States in 1900 for \$100,000, having been inadvertently excluded from the terms of the treaty of peace.

PRICES OF COTTON GAIN DURING WEEK

Improvement in Dry Goods Situation Regarded as Constructive Move

New Orleans, Jan. 17.—It was a week of advancing prices in the cotton market, mainly because of the strength of the January position and the marked improvement in the market for finished goods.

MADE A MASON AT SIGHT

Columbia, Jan. 18.—Bishop William A. Quary, of the Episcopal diocese of South Carolina, was made a Mason at sight here today at an occasional lodge.

"But They Rode." Last spring when cotton was selling so high, you could see some farmers "flocking" in the sky.

They rode in sun, They rode in rain, Some even rode in an aeroplane.

They rode all night, They rode all day, They kept on "riding" till the devil's to pay.

If it wasn't an auto, It was a blamed old mule, They rode on "riding" till they've cut the root.

Some rode hard, Some rode well, But they kept on "riding" till they've sure played h—.

Some doctors spent the whole year, Distributing pills, And can't collect enough money To pay their gasoline bills.

Some rode fast The dust rose like a morning fog, They tell us that his true name was old Rent Hog.

The real estate business Was the best of all, But blame my skin if I didn't fall.

Some bought Fords, But carried them back, And (promised) the difference For a Cadillac.

The farmers and merchants Are broke, that's true, (And it looks mighty like The banks are too.)

The above was written Just for a joke, But damn my hide if the country ain't "Broke."

Reform Bills in Legislature. Columbia, Jan. 18.—Representative M. R. Cooper, of Beaufort, introduced in the house today a bill to prohibit the exhibition of certain carnival shows at any point in the state.

Mexico City, Jan. 18.—Call for a special session of the Mexican congress beginning February seven is issued by President Obregon.

Topoka, Jan. 18.—Husbands are to be placed in the status of employers with wives as employees in their homes and permitted to recover damages for injuries received while performing household duties.

Purported copies of correspondence between Abgar, fourteenth prince of Edessa, in Mesopotamia, and Jesus Christ came to light in 1900.

MANUFACTURES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

State Tax Commission Sending Out Blanks to All Merchants in South Carolina

Columbia, Jan. 18.—The manufactured product of all industries in South Carolina increased fifteen per cent in 1920 while wages increased more than thirty per cent.

Bill to Create Movie Censorship Board

Columbia, Jan. 19.—A bill to provide a moving picture censorship in South Carolina, with a board of review, was introduced in the senate today by Senator Rogers, of Spartanburg.

Violation of the law would be considered a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for from ten to thirty days, or by fine or from ten to one hundred dollars.

Bill to Allow Women Full Suffrage. Columbia, Jan. 19.—A bill to confer on the women of the state the right to vote in all elections was introduced today in the house of representatives by Representative Claude N. Sapp, of Columbia.

Columbia, Jan. 19.—The South Carolina Railroad commission today requested Attorney General Wolfe to take legal action to force the Southern Railway to erect an overhead bridge 74 Mile Post No. 40, three miles from Chester.

The invention of beer is ascribed to Cambrius, a mythical king of Flanders.

SUGAR GROWERS NEED PROTECTION

Appeal Comes From Puerto Rico Along With That From Louisiana

Washington, Jan. 18.—Criticism of the government's methods of sugar distribution during the war together with a practically unanimous appeal of cane sugar growers for a protective duty marked consideration by the house ways and means committee.

Mr. Fitzgerald declared that the government's policy during the sugar shortage last year had been such as to penalize the whole nation in order to favor Louisiana producers.

Columbia, Jan. 19.—The tenth annual convention of the South Carolina Life Underwriters' association came to an end here today, after Frank Bridgman, of Columbia was re-elected president and Wilson Gibbs secretary and treasurer.

Bill to Enlarge Service Commission Authority.

Columbia, Jan. 19.—The already heralded bill to enlarge the powers of the Public Service Commission, giving it authority to regulate rates and also service of public utilities, was introduced in the house of representatives by Representative J. B. Atkinson, of Spartanburg.

San Francisco, Jan. 19.—The naval seaplane NC-5 which was wrecked during its flight from San Diego to the Canal Zone has been sunk by gunfire, according to a radio received here.

Brazil to Expand Naval Power.

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 19.—The committee on naval and military affairs of the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies wants a bigger navy. It has called upon the president to present to the next session of congress a program of naval construction drawn up by the general staff of the admiralty and to be carried out for a term of years.

SENATE NOT RUNNING WILD

Committee Makes Unfavorable Report on Bills to Reduce All Salaries

Columbia, Jan. 19.—In senate today unfavorable committee reports were heard on Senator Wrightman's bill to abolish the state tax commission and to reduce the salaries of all state and county officers.

Senator Wells introduced a resolution urging congress to reopen the federal land banks.

Representative McDavid of Greenville today introduced a bill to regulate traffic on the highways. He would have the general assembly elect a traffic commissioner to receive a salary of three thousand, to enforce traffic rules. The bill also contains rules governing the use of brakes, horns, cut-outs and speed of motor vehicles, and making regulations regarding crossings, the care of persons injured in accidents, and the like.

UNTERMEYER MAKES CHARGE

Wants Department of Justice and Alien Property Investigated

New York, Jan. 18.—An immediate congressional investigation of the department of justice and the office of the alien property custodian was recommended by Samuel Untermeyer, in an address today at a testimonial dinner to Nathan Hirsch, prominently identified with the campaign against rent profiteering here.

"But," he added, "if a fraction of what comes to me is true, and I believe much of it to be true, such an investigation will disclose to the world a series of the most mortifying scandals that has ever befallen our country."

Mr. Untermeyer declared that "fortunes in patronage are believed to have been squandered among favorites in the form of lawyers' and directors' fees taken out of the pockets of citizens and aliens whose properties were seized, or unfortunately came under the control of the government."

SEAPLANE IS SUNK BY GUNFIRE

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Sumter County Highways.

Sumter and Sumter county have received a great deal of valuable advertising in The American City, a world-wide known magazine published in New York city through the courtesy of that publication giving a detailed account of the two and a half million dollar hard surfaced road bond campaign successfully carried out in Sumter county last year.

The editor of that magazine wrote Secretary Reardon of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce requesting information as to the methods adopted in Sumter county that put over that proposition so successfully.