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OLD AGREEMENT MAY BE REVISED

NEW TREATY POSSIBLE—REGARDING MILITARY AND NAVAL DEFENSES TO BE MAINTAINED IN INTERNATIONAL BORDER.

Washington, July 13.—A proposal that the century old agreement between the United States and Canada regarding the military and naval defenses to be maintained on the international border be revised in permanent form and in line with the agreements reached at the Washington arms limitation conference was the chief mission here today of W. L. McKenzie-King prime minister of Canada, to confer with Secretary Hughes. A new treaty modernizing the Rush-Bagot agreement probably will be negotiated between the two countries.

The agreement, which the proposed new treaty would modernize, was proclaimed by President Monroe in 1818 after having been ratified by the senate. It thus had all the force of an international convention, although not drawn in the form of a treaty.

This understanding was negotiated by Charles Bagot, British minister to Washington and Richard Rush, acting secretary of state. It is in the form of letters exchanged between the negotiators on April 28 and 29, 1819, and provides that:

The naval force to be maintained shall be confined to the following vessels on each side:

On Lake Ontario to one vessel not exceeding 100 tons burden and armed with one 18 pound cannon.

On the upper lakes to two vessels not exceeding like burden each and armed with like force.

On the waters of Lake Champlain, to one vessel not exceeding like burden and armed with like force.

All other armed vessels on these lakes shall be forthwith dismantled, and no other vessel of war shall be there built or armed.

If either party should be hereafter desirous of annulling this stipulation and should give notice to that effect to the other party, it shall cease to be binding after the expiration of six months from date of such notice.

The naval force so to be limited shall be restricted to such service as will, in no respect, interfere with the proper duties of the armed vessels of the other party.

The document is held to stand as the only forerunner in history of the naval limitation agreements reached in the recent Washington treaty and has stood the test of years without being challenged.

FRANK DuPRE IS DENIED NEW TRIAL

Atlanta, Ga., July 13.—Frank B. DuPre, convicted of the murder of Irby C. Walker, private detective, was denied a new trial in a decision today by the state supreme court. The court was evenly divided and under the Georgia law this affirmed the decision of the lower court, that DuPre must hang.

Walker was killed on December 15 last when he attempted to catch DuPre after the latter had snatched \$2,500 worth of diamonds from the center of a local jewelry store. Graham West, city comptroller, also was shot and seriously wounded by DuPre, who was arrested in December about two weeks later.

The date for DuPre's execution probably will be set this week.

OFF TO JUNALUSKA.

Miss Ethel Perry left for Lake Junaluska, N. C., Thursday and will spend her two weeks vacation at that point. Miss Ethel is the efficient stenographer in the office of Hon. J. M. Nickles.

TROOPS MADE READY TO GUARD RAILROAD TO ONE RESPONSE

FIRST STEP TAKEN TO BACK UP WARNING TO STRIKING SHOPMEN—TRUCKS AND AIRPLANES IN READINESS TO CARRY THE MAIL.

Washington, July 13.—President Harding took the first step today toward backing up with the military arms of the government his proclamation warning striking railway shopmen against interference with the transportation of interstate commerce and the mails.

Instructions were sent at the direction of the president to Maj. Gen. John L. Hines, commanding the Eighth army corps area at San Antonio, Texas, to prepare a sufficient force of troops to give adequate protection to the lines of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad which have been attacked by striking shopmen, particularly at Denison, Texas.

Coincidentally with these instructions there went forth from the war department to C. E. Schaff of St. Louis the receiver appointed by a United States court for the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, the advice that he should again call on the governor of Texas for protection for the railroad properties, the receiver having reported that previous appeals to the state executive had been unheeded. The receiver further was promised that should his appeal bring no protection from the state authorities "the federal government is ready to afford protection and will take action if necessary as soon as you have the reply from the governor."

Officials in announcing the government's action emphasized it was taken because the Missouri, Kansas & Texas was in the hands of a receiver appointed by a federal court and consequently was under the supervision of the federal government.

Other developments in the capital in connection with the strike during the day included the receipt by President Harding of a telegram from B. M. Jewell, head of the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor, and heads of the six striking shoprafts, replying to his proclamation and setting forth the viewpoint of the striking workers. So far as could be learned at the White House tonight the president had not determined whether the telegram called for a reply.

BOY KILLED BY AUTO

Homer Ware, Colored, Hit by Automobile and Instantly Killed.

Magistrate R. S. McComb was called to Donalds Wednesday evening to hold an inquest over the body of Homer Ware, a ten year old negro boy, killed about 7:30 o'clock by being hit by a Ford car driven by Claud Ashley. The accident happened on the public highway about half a mile from Donalds.

R. P. Kyle was elected foreman of the jury. The inquest was held about 11 o'clock Wednesday night. The verdict reached was: that Homer Ware came to his death by being run over by an automobile driven by Claud Ashley, and that the accident was unavoidable.

REV. McMURRAY TO PREACH

The Rev. John A. McMurray of Fayetteville, N. C., will preach in the Presbyterian church Sunday, morning and evening. He will be entertained at the home of Mr. Amos B. Morse while in the city.

GONE TO MONTREAT.

Miss Bessie Lee Cheatham and Miss Edna Shearer have gone to Montreat, N. C., to spend two weeks. While there Miss Cheatham will represent the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church in Abbeville at the Mission Conference now in session at that place.

ANTHRACITE MINE OWNERS WILL ARBITRATE—ANSWER FROM BITUMINOUS INDUSTRY WILL NOT REACH PRESIDENT BEFORE MONDAY

Washington, July 13.—Anthracite mine owners today submitted a response to the governments offer of arbitration in the coal situation that President Harding was said to regard as a complete acceptance. Meanwhile the miners' union and to a degree, the bituminous coal operators continued to pursue a policy which high officials declared was intended to evade or delay an immediate response and in which officials saw a disposition to reject the government's settlement plan if public opinion would approve such a course.

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, and other officials of that organization called on Secretary Davis today and were understood to be endeavoring to induce the president to make arbitration proposals to all partially unionized territory as well as the mining area shut down by the bituminous strike. "So far as the willingness of anthracite miners to settle was concerned," Mr. Lewis said, "arbitration in the anthracite field would be considered by the mine workers along with the bituminous arbitration proposals at the general policy committee meeting Saturday."

Responses from the bituminous industry it was evident, would not be in the president's hand before Monday.

SMALLER AMOUNT PAID IN TAXES

Drop From \$29,000,000 To \$11,000,000 in Taxes To Federal Government

Columbia, July 13.—South Carolinians paid only a little over \$11,000,000 in taxes to the federal government during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, as compared with approximately \$29,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, according to figures obtained from the department of internal revenue yesterday.

During the fiscal year ending last June 24,433 persons made income tax returns to the government as compared with about 33,000 for the fiscal year of 1920. The returns made this year were for 1921 incomes. Out of the 24,433 returns made this year a considerable number paid no tax.

The decrease in the total taxes paid by South Carolina to the federal government comes from the dropping off in "excess profits" and the repeal of other taxes in many instances.

SOUTHERN MAIN LINE IS CLEARED TODAY

Charlotte, N. C., July 13.—The southbound main track of the Southern Railway, blocked last night by the wreck near Spartanburg, S. C., of a freight train, was cleared at five o'clock this morning, it was announced at headquarters here of the Southern Railway lines east. The northbound track will not be cleared until this afternoon it was expected.

BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Abbeville District Bible Society will hold its annual meeting at Greenville church near Donalds, July 27th at 11 o'clock.

MRS. LONG SICK

Mrs. W. H. Long has been sick at her home on Ellis avenue for the past week.

CASH PAYMENTS OUT OF QUESTION

GERMANY CAN NOT MEET OBLIGATIONS—PRESENTED TO ALLIED POWERS THROUGH REPARATIONS COMMISSION IN SESSION IN PARIS.

Paris, July 13.—Germany served notice on the allied powers through the reparations commission today that she could no longer meet cash obligations of any sort, whether growing out of the Versailles treaty stipulations undertaken by acceptance of the London ultimatum of May 5, 1921, or arranged by the schedule of payments drawn up by the reparations commission on March 21, 1922.

The depreciation of the mark on foreign exchanges is given as the reason for the impossibility of Germany to pay, and for her request that she be relieved of cash engagements, including the payments of \$2,000,000 gold marks on Saturday, as well as all subsequent payments in 1922, '23 and 1924.

The German note admitted to the commission makes no mention of Germany's intention regarding cash payments after 1924, but asks that the negotiations for a foreign loan interrupted at Paris last month, which Germany blames for the continued fall of the mark, be resumed at the earliest possible date, or a financial, economic and social catastrophe in Germany is likely to develop.

The reparations commission will decide today whether Germany must meet the July 15 payments, but will make no ruling as to a further moratorium until it receives the report of the committee on guarantees now in Berlin.

SPECIAL REPORT ON BOLL WEEVILS

Department of Agriculture Will Give Information in August Cotton Statistics

Washington, July 13.—A special report by the department of agriculture as to the damage wrought in the cotton states by the boll weevil will be made under a resolution by Senator Smith (Democrat) of South Carolina, adopted today by the senate. The information is to be given in the August cotton crop report of the department.

The secretary of agriculture is directed under the Smith resolution to confer with agricultural commissions, county agents and others in the cotton belt and obtain information regarding the area of weevil infested fields and also estimates of the money damage. The information is to be published in detail by states.

TO PUT DOWN PAVING

Spartanburg City Council Awards Contract

Spartanburg, July 13.—City council has awarded a contract to the Southern Paving and Construction company to lay approximately 9,800 square yards of paving at a cost of \$27,000. The paving will begin on Connecticut avenue, at Otis boulevard and run to the city limits and thence to Ezell spring. The paving from the city limits to the spring will be paid by S. B. Ezell and a group of property owners, headed by Prof. B. O. Huchison.

COTTON MARKET

Cotton brought 23½ cents on the local market today. Futures closed:

July	22.50
Oct.	22.47
Dec.	22.31
Jan.	22.03
March	21.91

Futures closed yesterday:

July	22.68
Oct.	22.72
Dec.	22.57
Jan.	22.27
March	22.18

FIGHT OF WEEKS ON TARIFF BILL

SENATE DISPOSES OF AGRICULTURAL SCHEDULES—CONSIDERATION OF COTTON, WOOL, LINEN AND SILK WILL PROVE EXTENDED.

Washington, July 13.—Completing consideration of committee amendments to the agricultural schedule after two weeks' work, the senate launched today into what promised to be a several weeks' fight over tariff duties on textile—cotton, wool, linen and silk. The cotton schedule was the first in order, but only one amendment was disposed of, this providing for a duty of seven cents a pound on Egyptian cotton designed to protect the growers of long staple cotton in Arizona and southern California.

A flood of amendments to some sections of this schedule were offered by Senator Smoot (Republican) of Utah on behalf of the finance committee majority, these representing the work of the committee in rewriting rates. Senator Smoot explained that the reductions approximated 4 per cent. on thread and fabrics and much larger decreases in the duties on hosiery and gloves, representing a cut of 50 per cent. in the case of the cheaper grades in gloves.

Under questioning from the Democratic side Senator Smoot said the committee majority also would propose some reductions on woolen goods but said that these could not exceed more than 5 per cent. A sharp controversy over the woolen schedule is forecast.

The seven cents a pound on long staple cotton was approved only after a long fight and unsuccessful efforts by Senators Cameron (Republican) and Ashurst (Democrat) of Arizona to have this figure increased first to 15 cents and then to 10 cents. Supporting the higher rates, Senator Ashurst told the senate that while he was a Democrat believing in the policy of a tariff for revenue only, he would be untrue to his trust if, when a protective tariff policy was to be written into the statute books, he sat idly by and permitted discrimination against the interests of his state.

Opposing any rate on the staple Senator Stanley (Democrat) of Kentucky declared it would be a blunder for the government to advance millions to reclaim the arid lands of the Southwest so cotton could be produced and then impose a tax on all of the people of the country so that the cotton might be grown. This brought a fiery reply from Senator Ashurst, who told of the great consumption of Eastern made goods by the people of the Southwest to show that reclamation of the land had benefitted the whole country.

INCOME TAX FUND

Over Half Million Already Collected By State

Columbia, July 13.—A total of \$552,911.72 has been collected from the state tax on incomes, including figures up through the 10th of July, the tax commission announced yesterday.

Taxes to be paid at the end of extensions and by corporations at the close of their fiscal years will bring the total amount for the year to approximately \$700,000, the commission estimates.

The gasoline tax has already brought in over \$200,000 and this, with the corporation license tax, makes a total of around \$900,000 already in "new revenue."

A HOME COMING

Judge and Mrs. Thos. S. Sease, of Spartanburg and Miss Frances Calhoun of Decatur, Ga., are expected in the city today for a visit of a few days at the home of Mr. L. C. Haskell.

R. E. Henry of Columbia was in town with Mr. W. H. Cobb Thursday.

ADVANCES MADE TO COTTON GROWERS

WAR FINANCE CORPORATION TAKES FAVORABLE ACTION. TEN MILLION DOLLARS FOR COTTON GROWERS ON DELIVERY OF STAPLE.

Washington, July 13.—Advances totalling \$24,000,000 to assist the marketing of cotton have been tentatively approved by the war finance corporation, it was announced today by Director Meyer. The two Carolinas are to share the major portion of the sum, the advances providing \$10,000,000 for the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative association and \$1,000,000 for the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative association. Of the other, \$3,000,000 will be allotted to the Alabama Farm Bureau Cotton association and \$1,000,000 to the Arkansas Farmers' Union Cotton Growers' association.

In announcing the approvals, Director Meyer said it is expected that only a portion of the amounts authorized will be advanced by the corporation and that the banks in the interested districts will do the greater part of the financing for the associations named.

Columbia, July 13.—The war finance corporation at Washington yesterday approved an advance of \$10,000,000 to the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative association. Announcement of its action was made after a hearing in Washington yesterday morning at which were present H. G. Kammer of Gadsden, president and general manager of the association; L. D. Jennings of Sumter, member of the executive committee; W. Rogers Scarborough of Bishopville, treasurer, and J. Pope Matthews of Columbia. Harold C. Booker, secretary of the association received a telegram yesterday afternoon from Mr. Kammer stating that the application had been approved.

The \$10,000,000 will be used in making advances to members of the association on the delivery of their cotton. Each member will get 60 per cent. of the current market value of the grade of cotton delivered to the association at the time of its delivery it was announced yesterday at the offices of the association.

Great satisfaction that the war finance corporation had seen fit to approve the loan was expressed by officials of the association last night. They anticipate no difficulty in financing the association.

ANOTHER FAMILY WIPED OUT AT GRADE CROSSING

Greenville, Pa., July 13.—A family party of five, traveling by automobile from Altoona to Erie, to attend a wedding tomorrow was wiped out near here today when the machine was struck by a train on the Bessemer and Lake Erie railroad. Among the dead was Miss Edith Schultz, who was to have been the bride.

Harry Schultz, Mrs. Mary Schultz, Florence Schultz, age four, Miss Edith Schultz and John Hamer, age eighty father of Mrs. Schultz all of Altoona are dead.

The automobile was dragged almost a quarter of a mile.

Mr. Bell Has Boll Weevil Blues.

E. L. Bell of Antreville is in town this morning and has a well developed case of the boll weevil blues. He has 60 acres of the finest cotton in this part of the country. The boll weevil made his appearance two days ago, and Mr. Bell claims at the present rate of destruction they will clean him out inside of a week. He is not going to poison he says and believes the boll weevil a special dispensation of Providence.

Claude Gambrell, Allen Edwards and Donald Harris motored to Greenwood today on business.