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GREAT BRITAIN WILL PAY DEBTS

EDDES AND BIRKENHEAD SPEAK IN LONDON—LORD HIGH CHANCELLOR DECLARES RECORD OF YEARS WILL REMAIN CLEAN.

London, July 27.—Sir Auckland Eddes, British ambassador to the United States, and Lord Birkenhead, lord high chancellor, took occasion today at the dinner of the English speaking union in farewell to the ambassador on his return to Washington, to reiterate and underscore previous ministerial assurances of the inviolability of the obligations of Great Britain of her debtors.

The lord high chancellor's reference to Anglo-American financial affairs which he termed "a delicate subject," was the only materialistic note introduced in what otherwise was a most felicitous exchange of expressions of amity and good will between "the two greatest English speaking nations."

"When we look back upon our long history we find no occasion here we ever failed to meet a bond which we had set our hand," Lord Birkenhead declared. "Honor and the ability of the finance of this country require that we should be ready to meet any proper and reasonable charge which can properly and legally be laid upon us."

"I only touch upon this delicate subject because it is proper I should say plainly for the understanding of the citizens of this country and the United States that we are today the worthy legatees of those who for generations had charge of the security and financial hegemony of the world."

The lord chancellor's declarations drew more applause than Sir Auckland's affirmations a few minutes later that far more Americans had a comprehensive view of Great Britain's problems and conditions than Britons of Americans affairs. This was attributed to the insufficiency of news of the American continent carried to the British press.

The ambassador, through his residence in America or the reading of newspapers, which he praised so highly, displayed an extensive knowledge of American slang, which he used appropriately and handily throughout his address. He also illustrated what he termed "the unbelievable ignorance of Americans existing in Great Britain," by a number of amusing anecdotes. This ignorance, however, he added, was not a one-sided affair, and he urged a campaign of education "to throw light into the dark places in the minds of citizens of the two countries to remove such colossal ignorance." In conclusion the ambassador said that at present so far official relations were concerned nothing could be more fortunate or happy than the relations between these two governments.

MR. JAMES ROCHE ILL

Friends of Mr. James Roche will be sorry to hear that he is very sick at the home of his brother, P. A. Roche. Mr. Roche has been in frail health for the past year, and has been seeking advice and change of climate for some time. He had intended to go to Asheville Wednesday but felt unable to make the trip. He has a general nervous breakdown, which is a hard thing to head when it gets good under way.

JULIA TELFORD IMPROVES

Julia, the young daughter of Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Telford who has been very sick with scarlet fever is considered better today. She has a better pulse and her fever is lower and those near her feel encouraged over her condition.

Ernest Hanvey of Troy was in town Thursday on business.

M'CUMBER MAKES SERIOUS CHARGE

BLAMES NEWSPAPERS FOR REPUBLICAN DEFEAT—DEMOCRATS CALL FOR PROOF OF REMARKABLE STATEMENT—DEMAND FOR DETAILS.

Washington, July 27.—Defeat of the Republican party in 1912 was attributed today in the senate by Chairman McCumber of the finance committee to the refusal of that committee three years previously to heed the demands of newspaper publishers that news print paper be placed on the free list in the Payne-Adrich tariff act. His declaration brought demands from the Democratic side for full details and was followed by recitals by Senators Watson of Indiana, Smoot of Utah and McCumber of incidents which they said had taken place behind the scenes of congress a decade ago.

Senator Robinson (Democrat) of Arkansas declared that if Senator McCumber's statement that the newspapers of the country, because they could not "intimidate" the finance committee into giving free news print, had turned against the Republican party and defeated it were true it was "a terrible indictment against the press of the United States, the men who own it and the men who control its policies." Asserting that he could not accept it without first having "definite and complete" information the Arkansas senator and later Senator Stanley of Kentucky demanded that Senator McCumber give the names of representatives of the publishers who had made threats to the committee.

Stating that he wanted to give the senate the "facts," Senator Smoot said the late John L. Norris, representing the Newspaper Publishers' association, had appeared before a finance committee of which Mr. Smoot was a member, had refused to compromise on the matter of a duty on news print and had stated that if a duty were imposed "the Republican party would be driven from power." The Utah senator said he supposed this was the statement from which Senator McCumber had drawn his "conclusions" and added that he did not think Mr. Norris had been authorized by the publishers to make such a statement.

Senator Robinson said at the conclusion of the recitals that the Republicans had been holding "an experience meeting—not a revival, but a confession," and, he added, had failed to make out their case.

JUNIOR ORDER MECHANICS MEETS HERE AUGUST 8-9

First Meeting Will be Held Tuesday Afternoon in Court House—150 to 200 Delegates Expected

The State Council of the Junior Order of the United Mechanics will meet in Abbeville Tuesday and Wednesday, August the 8th and 9th at the Court House. The first meeting to be held at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Between 150 and 200 delegates will be in attendance, and it is desired to find homes for those who cannot be accommodated at the hotels. Those in a position to take any given number of delegates will notify T. M. Miller or J. S. Cochran of the fact. Their entertainment will be paid for.

The following program will be in order:

Address of Welcome from the City by Mayor Mars.

Address of Welcome from the Chamber of Commerce by Hon. J. M. Nickles.

Address of Welcome from the public by Hon. J. Howard Moore.

A Response will be made by Dr. S. F. Killingsworth, State Councillor of Columbia.

Two addresses will be made on "The Objects and Aims of the Order" by A. B. Langley of Columbia, and Rev. L. W. Blackwelder, State Vice Councillor, of Union.

SAWYER ISSUES REPLY TO CHARGE

DENIES THAT DISABLED VETERANS ARE NEGLECTED.—PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL PHYSICIAN SAYS HE CAN NOT BE STAMPEDED OR CAJOLED.

Washington, July 27.—Replying to charges that as chief coordinator of the federal board of hospitalization he had delayed and obstructed the government's program for care of disabled war veterans, Brigadier General Sawyer, President Harding's personal physician, in a formal statement today declared "facts certainly show that the United States government is doing every consistent thing possible for the disabled veterans; and for the length of time at its disposal everything has been achieved which human agency could accomplish."

General Sawyer's statement was in reply to the charge made public yesterday in Chicago by A. A. Sprague chairman of the national rehabilitation committee of the American Legion that the president's physician was standing in the way of hospitalization work.

In his statement General Sawyer declared that "it is the determination of the administration to give to the disabled World War veterans the very best of hospital service that can possibly be provided."

"It should be my constant effort and my policy," the statement continued, "to proceed with reason, efficiency and economy in carrying out such of its affairs as come to the attention of the federal board of hospitalization. From this position I will not be forced, cajoled or stampeded."

Declaring that the American public should know the hospital situation as it really exists at the present time General Sawyer said it could then be determined whether the government is making efforts to take care of its disabled war veterans and whether the charges by Mr. Sprague were just.

"At present under government control and operation," his statement continued, "there are in the United States of America 99 government hospitals with a capacity of 28,413 beds, 10,191 of which are at the present time unoccupied."

"When the hospitalization plan of the government for the care of the former service men shall have been completed as now contemplated—and which is being hurried to early completion—it will represent in all of the departments a total expenditure of approximately \$800,000,000"

MCCALLA BROS. GET CONTRACT

To Build Road from Due West Via Ashley Store to Kay Place.

At a meeting of the Highway Commission held in the Court House yesterday the road from Due West by way of Ashley's Store and Keowee church to the Kay place, a distance of about nine miles, was let to McCalla Brothers of Lowndesville for \$22,196.99.

The following were the contractors bidding on the work:

Johnson Construction Co., Seneca, \$26,553.56; M. T. Holder and B. A. Havird, Newberry, \$25,463.28; H. W. Garrison, Easley, \$27,619.97; J. M. H. Ashley, Honea Path, \$22,289.84; McCalla Brothers, Lowndesville, \$22,196.99; R. P. Kyle, Abbeville, \$23,585.78; C. R. Willard & Son, Spartanburg, \$23,332.95.

J. M. H. Ashley of Honea Path was second lowest bidder and C. R. Willard & Son of Spartanburg, was third lowest bidder.

The following members of the commission were present: Messrs. J. R. Lomax, J. A. Gilliam, R. L. Barmore, Joseph Hicks, S. J. Wakefield, Dr. Kirkpatrick, J. Claud Ashley, Dr. G. A. Neuffer, L. W. Keller and J. S. Stark.

HEADS OF RAILWAYS TO MEET TUESDAY

GATHER IN NEW YORK TO CONSIDER PLAN FOR SETTLING STRIKE, BUT "NO DEFINITE BASIS" FOR AGREEMENT HAS BEEN FOUND.

Washington, July 27.—A meeting of executives of the 148 major railroads of the United States will be called in New York next Tuesday to consider a plan for settling the strike now in progress, T. DeWitt Cuyler, chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, announced tonight after a conference with President Harding.

Mr. Cuyler added, however, that "no definite basis" for a strike settlement was ready to be placed before the meeting. His conference with the president tonight, he said, had been devoted to a general survey of the situation.

While Mr. Cuyler was positive in his statement that the basis for the proposed settlement of the strike had not been definitely drawn up, earlier reports indicated that at least a tentative plan had resulted from the conferences held during the day between President Harding and leaders of the various railroad's labor groups.

President Harding has made no specific request to the railroad executives, Mr. Cuyler said when asked if the question of seniority rights had been brought forward at the conference with a view to influencing some railroads to reconsider their stand against returning these rights to striking shopmen.

The executives' chairman said he was unable to foretell whether action in the strike situation would be held in abeyance until the New York meeting. The four day delay was necessary, he explained, in order that representatives of railroad management might all get to the meeting place.

Tentative proposals for the settlement of the railroad shopmen's strike were drawn up today after a series of conferences between President Harding and labor leaders headed by B. M. Jewell of the shopmen's union.

It was understood that the suggested plan for settlement—details of which were withheld by those participating in its formulation—would be submitted later to executives of the railroads.

The settlement proposals apparently had reference to the seniority issue, which it was generally agreed was the sole remaining bar to conclusion of the railroad war—or at least of an armistice in the struggle.

CONDITION OF BANKS

Given in Statement by Bank Examiner Bradley.

Columbia, July 27.—Total resources of state banks amounted to \$149,048,997.21 at the close of business June 30, according to the called statement of the condition of all banks as of the close of business on this date. The statement giving the resources and liabilities of the 372 state banks, 16 branches and private banks was issued yesterday by W. W. Bradley, state bank examiner.

The total capital stock of the banks is \$17,299,811.16 and the individual deposits subject to check total \$44,650,890.63. The savings deposits amount to \$36,399,951.60.

OUT IN FULL FORCE.

Abbeville was present with a strong delegation at the meeting of the District Bible Society at Greenville church Wednesday, the following being in attendance: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thomson, and Mrs. Lucy Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Lyon, Mrs. W. F. Nickles, Richard Sondley, Roy Power, R. B. Cheatham, Mrs. Joe T. Evans, Mrs. E. E. Peele, W. M. Barnwell, Mrs. C. R. Thomson, Fred Cason, G. A. B. Morse, J. L. Hill and Judge Jones F. Miller.

FAVORABLE WEEK IN COTTON BELT

WEATHER ON WHOLE HAS BEEN GOOD—TOO WARM AND DRY IN WEST AND EXCESSIVE RAINS IN SOUTH—SOME FEW EXCEPTION.

Washington, July 27.—Summary of weather and crop conditions for the week ending July 25:

The last week was another rather favorable one for cotton. Temperatures were normal generally, except above the seasonal average in the western portion of the belt. There was too much rain in some Atlantic Coast sections, but it was too dry in the western part of the belt. Showers were mostly light to moderate elsewhere.

Cotton made very good progress in the Carolinas, except in eastern portions where it was too wet. Progress continued mostly very good in Georgia and considerable improvement is reported from Alabama. Cotton made very good progress generally in Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas except fair in northeastern Arkansas where there was rather too much rain. Dry weather is becoming unfavorable in Texas and Oklahoma, especially in western Oklahoma and to late planted cotton in Texas, although progress in those states was mostly fair to very good. High temperatures and dry weather were favorable in checking weevil in the western part of the belt, but cloudy, wet weather favored increase in the more eastern portion.

ACCEPTS CALL TO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. John A. McMurray to Become Pastor of Presbyterian Church Take up Work Sept. 1st.

Rev. John A. McMurray has accepted the call to the Presbyterian church at this place and will move to Abbeville with his family in the near future. Mr. McMurray was born in Corsicana, Texas, but spent his boyhood days near York, S. C. He is the son of Rev. John A. McMurray who was for many years pastor of different churches of the Southern Presbyterian Church, and for a long time was a trustee of Davidson College.

Rev. Mr. McMurray was a classmate of Joel S. Morse of the city, having graduated from Davidson College in 1909, and afterward from the Columbia Theological Seminary. One of his first pastorates was Bethesda, of which the late Dr. J. Lowrie Wilson was pastor before coming to Abbeville. From Bethesda Mr. McMurray went to Princeton and took a post-graduate course. He then accepted a call to the Highland Memorial church at Fayetteville, N. C., where he has been for the past five years.

Mr. McMurray married Miss Beaufort Brand of Sumter and they have one little daughter, who is about eight years old. The Presbyterians are delighted with the acceptance of Mr. McMurray, and feel sure they will have in him the pastor they have wanted, especially as he comes to Abbeville recommended by such men as Dr. Reed, of Columbia, Dr. Thornton Whaling of Louisville, Ky., and Dr. F. W. Gregg of Rock Hill.

The other churches of the city and the public at large extend to Rev. Mr. McMurray and his family a cordial welcome.

J. C. MILLER SUFFERS STROKE

J. Chauncey Miller of Columbia suffered a stroke of paralysis yesterday at his home in Columbia and is in a very serious condition. Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Pressly have gone down to be with him.

T. J. Anderson of Greenwood was in Abbeville yesterday on business and to see the ball game.

DIAL AMENDMENTS MEET OPPOSITION

TO BE REPORTED UNFAVORABLY BY COMMITTEE—SOUTH CAROLINA SENATOR WOULD SECURE RECORD VOTE ON SENATE FLOOR.

Washington, July 27.—The senate committee on agriculture determined formally today to report amendments to the cotton futures act, proposed by Senator Dial of South Carolina, unfavorably.

The committee is composed of senators thought to be partial to the cotton producers of the country. The amendments, according to Senator Dial, were designed further to restrict cotton exchanges in their opportunity to prey upon the producers. It was his contention that the amendments would give purchasers of exchanges an even break, whereas now exchanges can deliver to purchasers any one of ten tenderable grades.

The determination of the committee was reached by consent but not by a record vote. The remarkable feature connected with the committee's action was the granting of the request of Senator Ransdell of Louisiana that he be permitted to prepare the report. Senator Ransdell, in respect to the Dial amendments, moves openly and admittedly in behalf of the cotton exchanges of New Orleans which, he declares, would be ruinously affected were the Dial amendments to prevail.

The Dial amendments grew from similar amendments proposed two years ago by B. B. Comer, then a senator from Alabama. The Comer amendments were put through the senate practically unanimously, the only opponent having been Senator Ransdell. At that time, and since, up to the present moment, cotton factors and cotton exchanges have fought the effort further to control their operations.

On the committee on agriculture are some of those Southern senators who repeatedly declare themselves the particular friends of the cotton producer. Among them are Senator Smith of South Carolina, Senator Heflin of Alabama, who has expressed in speeches willingness to "cut off the heads of the exchanges;" Senator Caraway of Arkansas, who has a bill providing for the abolition of the exchanges and Senator Harrison of Mississippi. With the exception of Senator Ransdell no member of the committee has openly declared himself opposed to the Dial amendments. As the action of the committee was ordered without record vote, no other senator has yet declared opposition.

Senator Dial said tonight, however that all of them would be put on record.

DEATH OF MISS IRENE MCCAIN

News was received in Abbeville this morning of the death of Miss Irene McCain, daughter of Dr. J. I. McCain and Mrs. McCain of Due West.

Miss McCain has been, for several years, a Missionary in China. She returned home sometime ago on account of sickness and since that time has been in a hospital in a northern city. Lately she is understood to have had more serious trouble which accounts for her death.

THE COTTON MARKET

Cotton brought 22 1-4 cents on the local market today while futures closed:

Oct.	21.47
Dec.	21.40
Jan.	21.28
March	21.27
Futures closed yesterday:	
Oct.	21.26
Dec.	21.22
Jan.	21.08
March	21.05