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HUGHES PLANNING NEW HUN TREATY

NOW NEGOTIATING ANOTHER PACT WITH GERMANY—NEW AGREEMENT WOULD ALLOW GERMANS WORD IN SETTLEMENT OF AMERICAN CLAIMS.

Washington, July 29.—In order that Germany might play a part in adjudicating claims of Americans based on the sinking by Germany of the Lusitania the Harding administration is negotiating a new treaty with Germany.

The fact was divulged today by Secretary of State Hughes. He declared opposition to the bill of Senator Underwood providing for the appointment of an American commission to adjust these claims on the ground that such a measure would run counter to a new treaty in course of negotiation.

Before the United States could permit Germany to have a word in passing on American claims, it was necessary that it negotiate a new treaty. The Versailles and the separate treaty guaranteed to the United States the right of adjusting these claims and compensating itself out of German funds held by the alien property custodian. In these treaties, Germany expressly agreed that the United States should proceed without hindrance.

Despite existing treaties and the agreement of Germany, Mr. Hughes says, that it would be unfair for the United States to proceed alone. As a matter of fact the negotiation of a new treaty will require considerable time and according to Senator Underwood today there is no certainty that such a treaty would be ratified.

The alien property custodian has German property to the value of \$500,000. American claims, bared to the bone, will approximate that amount. If the administration suffers Germany to make additional inroads, American claims can not be satisfied. Senator Underwood is anxious that American claims be settled and that the United States proceed under existing treaties as a conquering nation rather than one which doubts the authenticity of its victory on the battlefield.

"I introduced my bill," Senator Underwood said today, "not for political purposes but if the administration, to placate the German vote, defeats my bill and proceeds to the negotiation of a new treaty, politics will certainly be involved. The German vote may stand by the Republicans but millions of Americans will stand up and demand the reason why."

"Germany which sank the Lusitania before the United States was engaged in war, has no right to pass on the justice of American claims."

The Republicans, it is evident, would postpone until after the elections the adjudication of the claims under the guise of negotiating a new treaty which may never be ratified.

IN THE MAYOR'S COURT.

The Mayor's Court was busy Saturday morning with five cases up for gambling, who were fined \$10 each. One case for violation of the automobile ordinance, fined \$2.00, and one case up for violation of the dog ordinance.

Today there was one case of larceny, fined \$20.00 and one drunk and disorderly fined \$7.50.

TWO BEAT BOARD BILL.

Perry Shell and Charley Allen were arrested Friday in Laurens and brought back to Abbeville by Deputies Ferguson and Prince and lodged in jail. They were charged with beating their board bill, having run away from the D. H. Irwin road camp working near Calhoun Falls. They are now in jail awaiting trial and the County is paying their board.

ASSAULT MADE ON WOOL TARIFF

AMENDMENTS ON ONE PARAGRAPH DISPOSED OF—BELIEVED POSSIBLE BUT NOT PROBABLE SCHEDULE MAY BE DISPOSED OF TODAY.

Washington, July 29.—Assaults on the wool schedule of the tariff bill were continued today from both sides of the senate with proponents striking back vigorously and winning out on each of the three roll calls taken during the seven hours' session. Discussion was so extended that committee amendments in only one paragraph were disposed of but the senate was ready for a vote on another paragraph at the finish and leaders were hopeful, but not at all confident, that the consideration of the schedule could be completed today.

Senator Lenroot (Republican) of Wisconsin created something of a stir early in the day by asserting that there was unintentionally concealed protection in the schedule for manufacturers of woolen cloth, while late in the day Senator Nelson (Republican) of Minnesota made a characteristically vigorous attack on the wool rates in particular and the whole bill in general.

Onslaughts from the Democratic side were made by Senators Walsh of Massachusetts, Simmons of North Carolina and Pomerene of Ohio. Calling attention that the finance committee majority upon reaching the wool schedule had ceased to make appreciable cuts in rates as it had done with a number of other schedules, Senator Simmons said wool was "the very keystone" which had bound the Republicans together in "hard and fast compact," that if the rate on raw wool were cut down "look out for rebellion on the part of the agricultural bloc; lookout for the slaughter of your high rates upon the manufactured articles."

Charging that Senator Gooding (Republican) of Idaho was "the master mind" in connection with the wool schedule, Senator Simmons declared, "he forced terms upon the Republican party in the senate and he is not going to let them out."

Defending the protective duties proposed on cloth Chairman McCumber of the finance committee said they were lower than the tariff commission and other experts had calculated would be necessary to equalize conversion costs in this country and abroad.

WORK BEGINS ON BATH HOUSES

Work will begin tomorrow on the bath houses at the new swimming pool. These bath houses will be equipped with showers and sewerage connection.

The Hospital Auxiliary is following out instructions of Health Officer Filby, of Columbia, and it is their purpose to furnish the young people of Abbeville with a perfectly sanitary swimming pool. Mr. Filby did not condemn the swimming pool but assisted those in charge of the enterprise in their efforts to make it a wholesome place for the young folks of the city to go in swimming.

\$100,000 MONUMENT TO BASEBALL IN WASHINGTON

Chicago, July 29.—Ban Johnson, president of the American league, announced today that the league had appropriated \$100,000 to erect the monument to baseball in East Potomac Park, Washington.

Designs will be sought immediately from leading sculptors of the United States.

HERE FROM WASHINGTON

Miss Sallie White, who holds a responsible position in Washington arrived in Abbeville Saturday and will spend her vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. George White.

DEPUTY SHERIFF SLAIN BY NEGRO

HUNDREDS OF MACON PEOPLE SEEK FUGITIVE—THE MAN SOUGHT KNOWN TO EVERY POLICE OFFICER IN THE GEORGIA CITY.

Macon, Ga., July 30.—Hundreds of people, headed by sheriff's deputies and the police are combing the negro sections of the city, the river banks and the railroad yards tonight for "Cocky" Glover, a sporty negro, who tonight shot and killed Walter C. Byrd, deputy sheriff.

Byrd was shot in the back after deputies had searched a negro pool room in quest of a negro criminal. In a free for all shooting affray that followed three negroes were wounded. Glover escaped through a window but was trailed to the river bank. Every police officer in Macon and every deputy knows him and his arrest is expected before morning.

Numerous arrests have been made; an entire city block was closed, it being declared forbidden ground to negroes. There have been spasmodic outbreaks in several sections of the city but the police have averted general rioting thus far.

The shooting occurred at a negro pool room adjoining a negro theater on Broadway, a half block from Cherry street, the principal business street. Byrd and Deputy Raley and a negro deputy, Will Jakes, entered the pool room at 6:10 o'clock.

Byrd passed through the room and stood at the rear door, when he is said to have been shot in the back by a negro. In an instant general firing began. When the smoke cleared away Byrd lay dying outside the door and three negroes lay wounded on the floor of the pool room.

Byrd died as he was placed in an ambulance.

Police and sheriff's deputies rushed to the scene and blocked the exits. A number of arrests have been made.

TO NAME MEMBERS OF RESERVE BOARD

Three Men Being Mentioned For This Place—Governor To Be Appointed.

Washington, July 29.—President Harding is preparing to make soon two appointments to the federal reserve board to fill the expiring term of Governor W. P. G. Harding and to fill a new place authorized by Congress and urged by agricultural interests as a position for a "dirt" farmer.

In the consideration for the latter position, three men were said today to be prominent—Milo Campbell, of Michigan; President, Howard, of the American Farm Bureau, and W. P. Houston, a Missouri farmer. Any of the three were said to be acceptable to the agricultural contingent in Congress. The President was said to have high personal regard for Mr. Houston, who was considered for Secretary of Agriculture, it was said, when the President's cabinet was being formed.

The reappointment of Governor Harding was said to be still undecided. Republican members of the Senate agricultural bloc are known to oppose him as well as some Democratic Senators who have made a campaign against him. Some Senators today said that his confirmation would be doubtful, while others declared that he could be confirmed only after a long fight. Agricultural bloc members were reported to have urged appointment of Comptroller Crissinger in Governor Harding's place.

BARNWELL BABY VERY ILL

Edward Francis, young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Barnwell, continues seriously ill at their home in the city.

CIVILIZATION GOES IF LEAGUE FAILS

REPRESENTS ONLY HOPE, SAYS LLOYD GEORGE—MORE TERRIBLE MACHINES BEING CONSTRUCTED THAN THOSE USED IN LATE WAR.

London, July 29.—"More terrible machines than used in the late war are being constructed," said Prime Minister Lloyd George at a luncheon given by 300 prominent Free churchmen today.

"What for?" he asked and continued:

"To attack cities and main, destroy and burn helpless women and children. Keep your eyes on what is happening. If the churches of Europe and America allow that to fructify, they had better close their doors. We reduced our armaments and if other nations follow the example, there will be no serious menace to peace, but it is difficult for a nation to remain defenseless while others are preparing for war."

Mr. Lloyd George said that the next war, if it came, would be a war on civilization itself. Speaking of the suddenness in which war came, he said:

"The war germ is like any other germ—you do not know that you have it until it has got you. It is of no use arguing with an epileptic when the fit is on him. There is that atmosphere in the world now and the explosive material is scattered over the face of Europe."

"When a match is dropped it is too late to wave the covenant of the league of nations. It is the new spirit that is wanted. Lock up the explosives and especially lock up those given to dropping matches. The churches must promote the new spirit which is necessary."

The prime minister said that he attached high hopes to the league of nations. He said that civilization would be safe if the league succeeded. If it failed, civilization was doomed, he thought.

REACH AGREEMENT IN ONE COAL FIELD

Five Thousand Miners in Kentucky and Tennessee Area Come To Terms.

Knoxville, July 29.—A wage agreement affecting 5,000 miners in 25 operations in the Kentucky-Tennessee field was negotiated at Cincinnati today between union officials and operators of the Kentucky-Tennessee Coal Operators' association, according to a statement here tonight from headquarters of District 19, United Mine Workers.

The agreement effective August 1 will virtually end the coal strike in these fields, the advices said.

Another meeting will be held at Middlesboro Thursday when it is believed another agreement will be effected regarding that field.

TO BE CANDIDATE

John Gary Evans Offers for House At Spartanburg.

Spartanburg, July 30.—John Gary Evans, former governor of South Carolina and national Democratic committeeman, today announced his candidacy for the house of representatives from Spartanburg county.

The entry lists for county officers do not close until Monday and last minute announcement, it is thought will still further swell the list of candidates for various county offices.

CAMPERS FROM COLUMBIA

Theofilo Bradley and Charlie Suddam came up from Columbia Monday and joined the campers at Martin's Mill for the week.

Drs. Neill and Simmons of Greenwood were in Abbeville today on professional business.

HUGHES BLUNDERS, SAYS UNDERWOOD

ATTEMPTING TO TAKE PREROGATIVE OF CONGRESS. AMERICAN CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY DISPOSED OF IN PREVIOUS NEGOTIATIONS

Washington, July 30.—Charles E. Hughes, secretary of state, in declaring that the Underwood bill creating an American commission for the settlement of American claims against Germany would embarrass the administration, blundered more palpably than any other man who has ever occupied his position.

Instead of congress embarrassing the administration, the administration in attempting to negotiate a new treaty with Germany is unwittingly stealing a prerogative of congress. Existing treaties, negotiated by Mr. Hughes, expressly declare that congress shall have jurisdiction in the settlement of American claims.

Senator Underwood, in a statement this afternoon, made that point clear. He attributed the blunder of the secretary to the fact that he is an exceedingly busy man. "I do not criticize the secretary," said the senator, "but I wager my head that he has forgotten that his own separate treaty declares that congress and not the state department shall have charge of adjusting American claims."

Senator Underwood is quietly awaiting the report of the committee to which this bill has been referred. If the committee reports the bill he will be governed accordingly, but should the committee at the instance of the administration kill the bill, as is likely, he will carry the fight with great force to the floor.

"It is not proper," he continued, "to suffer Germany to sit as a judge on the Lusitania case. The American people won't stand for it. And there will be widespread disgust if settlement is postponed until after the elections under the specious plea that a new treaty is being negotiated which the senate will never ratify."

The congress is embarrassed, for the Democratic leader has the Republican majority in a hole. There is no question, also, but that the administration is embarrassed, for very rich Germans have very intelligent lawyers at work endeavoring to recover their property which the government holds for American citizens.

PITCHER ALLEN IMPROVES.

Pitcher Allen, the star slabman of the Abbeville team, has about recovered from the injury received in Friday's game. He was out yesterday, looking fit for battle, and he will likely be heard from either today or tomorrow.

Mr. Allen escaped serious injury from the blow which he received only because the ball was not one of Henderson's hot ones. He was struck immediately behind the left ear and was carried from the field as limp as a dish-rag, but he soon came around, though feeling the effects of the blow.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGED WILLINGTON POSTMASTER

Augusta, Ga., July 29.—Postoffice Inspector Tafel, who returned today from Willington, S. C., reported the arrest there of Archie B. Kennedy, postmaster, on a charge of embezzling \$780.00 of government funds. Kennedy was given a preliminary hearing at McCormick, S. C., yesterday and released on bond of \$1,000.

X-RAY MACHINE ARRIVES.

The new X-Ray Machine has arrived at the hospital and an expert will be here in a few days to install it. This will be a great addition to the equipment of the Hospital.

NATION TO CONTROL COAL DISTRIBUTION

GOVERNMENT TODAY TO PLAY ROLE OF GIGANTIC MIDDLEMAN.—INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION GIVES FUEL PRIORITY.

Washington, July 30.—The government with the cooperation of the state will assume tomorrow the duties of a gigantic middleman passing on the coal from the producing mines to the industries and localities which in the eyes of the government need it most.

The organization of the government's emergency coal distribution agency was pronounced tonight to be nearly complete and tomorrow Henry B. Spencer, the federal fuel distributor, his committee and advisory subcommittees as designated by order of President Harding will begin active functioning.

Just how much coal the government can count on remains a matter of speculation. The first test of the response to President Harding's invitation to the mine owners to open their properties was revealed today in the weekly report issued by the geological survey, which showed an estimated production of bituminous for the week ending yesterday of 3,900,000 tons as compared with 3,700,000 tons the week previous.

"The increase is due," the reports said, "partly to more men at work in Pennsylvania, partly to improved car supply in southern West Virginia and partly to heavier shipments from Alabama and the Far West. Production of anthracite remains practically zero."

Bituminous loadings on the first day of last week went up to 13,083 cars, figures assembled by the survey showed. This was 417 cars above the loadings for the preceding Monday but 3,664 cars below the last Monday before the shopmen's strike. Loadings of last Tuesday and Wednesday declined but a slight recovery was made on Thursday. Reports for the last two days of the week have not been finally compiled.

The non-union fields prior to the railroad strike, records of the survey show, were producing as much as 5,363,000 tons a week.

The total production for the past week of 3,900,000 tons of bituminous and 27,000 tons of anthracite is compared by the survey with a normal production at this season including anthracite of from 9,500,000 to 12,000,000 tons. Normal consumption at this time of year is 8,000,000 tons of coal a week.

TWO NEGROES KILLED

Struck by Lightning While Standing Under Tree.

Allendale, July 29.—Two negroes Simon Pattern and William Robinson, were killed by lightning near Ulmers yesterday afternoon, according to information reaching Allendale today.

The two negroes with two other negroes, who were knocked unconscious by the bolt, were working in a field when the storm broke and thinking that it was to be only a passing summer shower, took refuge under a tree. The lightning struck the tree, killing two of the four negroes and stunning the others.

Ansel Putman of Due West was in town Saturday.

THE COTTON MARKET

Cotton brought 22 cents on the local market today. Futures closed:
Oct. 21.42
Dec. 21.36
Jan. 21.21
March 21.18
Futures closed Saturday:
Oct. 21.22
Dec. 21.20
Jan. 21.04
March 20.97