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## WHISKEY TRAFFIC CAUSES CONCERN

ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE WORKING AT FULL SPEED LARGE PROFITS CHARGED WITH BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR "BOOTLEGGING."

Washington, Nov. 28.—The law enforcement arms of the government were said by high treasury officials today to be without any plans or proposals looking to a more thorough enforcement of the Volstead Act, although the subject was gone over in detail at the cabinet meeting with President Harding Friday Secretary Mellon was represented as being unable to offer any solution to the problem while the returns from the illicit traffic in liquor continued so large.

Prohibition officials have made and are making the best use of the tools they have in checking the liquor traffic, according to the press said to have been taken by the treasury head. He was said to have declined to express an opinion as to whether a liberalization of the Volstead law would reduce the amount of "bootleg" whiskey brought into the country.

The treasury secretary was understood to believe that "complete" enforcement could not be expected under present conditions. The impression was given that he believed it would take much more money and a far greater staff of enforcement officers than now were available in order to throttle the importations and fraudulent withdrawals from bonded warehouse as well as to defeat the sale of liquor once it was in the hands of dealers.

Large profits seemed to be one of the most direct causes of navy traffic in liquor is the secretary's view. But how to break up the big profits proved another matter which Mr. Mellon was said to have declared presented, for the present, an insoluble problem.

White House statements of last Friday, according to Treasury officials, represented only the gist of discussions at the cabinet meeting. No methods for reaching the liquor traffic by expanded facilities were said to have been broached then nor since and it was assumed that the Treasury would not ask Congress for a greater sum for enforcement than was accorded in the current year. Treasury officials declined to say today whether the reported amount approximately nine million dollars—would provide money with which they could expand enforcement operations.

## DEATH RATE SHOWS DECREASE FOR 1921

Washington, Nov. 28.—Figures for practically all states within the death region area of the country, as announced today by the census bureau, reflect the decreased death rate for the total area to 19.11 as compared with the preceding year. Of the adjusted rates, figured on the differences in the sex and age distribution of the population in the various states, Montana showed the lowest 8.8 per 100,000 population and Massachusetts the highest 13.4. Four cities of 100,000 or more population the lowest adjusted rate 9.2, was reported for Akron, Ohio, while a rate of 19 for Memphis was the highest.

## SEASON FOR BIRDS TO OPEN TOMORROW

The season for hunting partridges and wild turkeys opens tomorrow morning, Thanksgiving day, and the indications are that the usual number of hunters will go forth in search of the birds during the day. The season closes after March 1.

## BIG TEXTILE MEN COMBINE INTEREST

NEW MILLS UNDER CONTROL OF AMERICAN WOOLEN CO. LARGE NUMBER OF COTTON MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS AFFECTED.

New York, Nov. 28.—Officials of the American Woolen Company, and several of the leading cotton cloth manufacturers of New England today became identified with the Consolidated Textile Corporation, when at a meeting of the organization William Wood, head of the American Woolen, was elected director general and chairman of the board of the consolidated textile.

The election of Mr. Wood and other officials of the American Woolen Company to the consolidated Textile Board brings together the big factors in the textile industry of the country.

The American Woolen interests will assume the operating management of the consolidated plants, it was announced while F. F. Ruppert, who retires as president, will act as chairman of the executive committee and in addition direct the distribution and sales end of the consolidated business through Converse & Co distributor of textiles of which he is president. Other new members elected to the board of directors of the consolidated today were Henry L. Tiffany, cotton merchant, William M. Butler, cotton manufacturers and Charles T. Main, industrial engineer.

The consolidated owns the controls cotton mills at Burlington and Shelby, N. C. Lynchburg, Va., Ky., Bonham, Texas, North Adams, Mass; and B. B. & R. Knight, Inc., with seven mills in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

The Consolidated owns all the common stock of the B. B. & R. Knight, Inc., which in turn owns all of the stock of Converse-Co., which will distribute the Consolidated's goods.

## ANDERSON SCHOOL DAMAGED BY FIRE

South Wing of High School Suffers To the Extent of About \$20,000 Tuesday Night.

Anderson Nov. 28.—Fire originating last night around 11 o'clock in a dressing room near the stage practically destroyed the South wing of the Anderson High school with a damage estimated at approximately \$20,000 and with a slight damage to the main portion of the building which suffered little, however due to a fire wall together with the bringing into play of the auxiliary apparatus of the high school.

A portion of the wall of the south wing of the building toppled shortly after the fire department arrived on the scene. The large metal beams extending the width of the building warped with the intense heat and pulled the walls of the building together. Fortunately the walls fell into the auditorium of the building which is housed by the south wing, otherwise firemen who were fighting the fire from the outside would have been instantly killed.

## COTTON GINNED IN COUNTY

Mr. S. S. Boles of Lowndesville was in Abbeville Tuesday morning. Mr. Boles is government cotton statistician for Abbeville County and states that the amount of cotton ginned in this county up to the 13th was 7,862 bales.

## Stock Dividend of 900 Per Cent

Philadelphia, Nov. 28.—The Atlantic Refining company today declared a stock dividend representing 200 per cent.

## APPEAL TO NATION TO KEEP PREPARED

PERSHING SAYS TO FACE COLD FACTS AND NOT FORGET OUR OBLIGATIONS IN BLIND HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE NO MORE ARMED CONFLICTS.

Minneapolis, Nov. 28.—An appeal to the nation to "look cold hard facts in the face and not forget our obligations in blind hope that we may not again engage in armed conflict," marked an address delivered here today by General Pershing under the auspices of the American Defense Society.

"At present, we do not see definite indications, but none of us can tell whether we shall have war in five, ten or twenty years," General Pershing said.

"If we knew now to a certainty that armed conflict would come in twenty years there would be an immediate demand for preparations. Yet that is the approximate interval that we have had in the past between major wars. There is no reason to think that the immediate future will bring about a cessation of war, even though it was said that we entered the world war to bring about the end of war."

General Pershing devoted most of his address to discussing the value of military training as a school of good citizenship, making reference to this connection to the findings of the recent educational conference in Washington. The conclusions of that conference, he said were that the training given in the reserve elements of the army and at civilian training camps, "constitute an effective machinery through which much can be done not only to benefit the individual from the standpoint of his physique and self-discipline, but from the standpoint of his relations to the government that protects him and which he is under obligations to defend."

The chief of staff stressed again draft statistics that show fifty per cent of the young men called out during the war to have been physically sub-normal, largely due to defects curable by proper training; that one-fourth of the persons examined were "unable to read and write our common language and that more than ten per cent cannot even successfully speak English."

## DEATH OF MR. EDWARD SMITH

Mr. Edward Smith died at the Abbeville County Memorial Hospital Wednesday evening, Nov. 22, after an illness of five weeks, and was buried at Smyrna cemetery in Lowndesville at 11 o'clock Friday. Mr. Smith was in his seventy-second year and is survived by one sister, Mrs. O'Bryant of Iva, two daughters, Mrs. Edna Baskin of Lowndesville, and Mrs. Tom Baskin of Iva, and four sons, J. S. Smith of Detroit, T. W. Smith of New Bern, N. C., C. S. Smith of Jacksonville, Fla., and R. C. Smith of Lowndesville.

## HOME FROM SPARTANBURG.

Misses Maria Neuffer and Elizabeth Thomson are at home from Converse College for the Thanksgiving season. They came down from Spartanburg with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Thomas and children who will visit Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hill on Magazine street.

## Breaking In The Season.

Thanksgiving day is the beginning of the open season for quail in South Carolina and the following hunters will be out early to get a shot. John Lomax, Lowrie Wilson, Arthur Link, Frank McNeill and Curtis Wilson.

South Africa, one of the world's greatest gold producing regions, has never had a mist.

## BIG COOPERATIVE CONFERENCE SOON

SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION TO BE REPRESENTED—COOPERATIVE COMMODITY ASSOCIATIONS PLAN NATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

Columbia, Nov. 28.—L. D. Jennings of Sumter, A. R. Johnston of St. George and E. Wallace Evans of Bennettsville, will represent the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative association at the national conference of commodity cooperative association to be held in Washington, December 14, 15 and 16. All three are members of the board of directors of the South Carolina association.

The conference at Washington has been called for the purpose of forming a national organization of the commodity marketing associations. Judge Robert W. Bingham of Louisville, Ky., representing the tobacco associations, will be chairman of the meeting and Carl Williams of Oklahoma, representing the cotton associations, will be the vice chairman.

Representatives of the 160,000 cotton growers belonging to cooperative marketing associations will attend the conference. Delegates from five big tobacco growers' organizations that handle the sale of some two-thirds of the entire crop will speak for the 200,000 members of those organizations. Representatives from something like 15 state wheat growers' organizations will be in attendance. Dairy producers' organizations from the Atlantic to the Pacific, orange growers from the West to the East, vegetable and melon growers' organizations from every district in the country, the producers of California dried fruits, the cooperative poultrymen and members of numerous other cooperative associations will be represented.

More than \$1,000,000,000 worth of farm products, it is estimated, will be marketed by cooperative associations this year. Among these products are cotton, tobacco, wheat, alfalfa, peanuts, milk, eggs, fruits, maple sugar, raisins, prunes, rice, tomatoes, live stock and many others.

The South Carolina delegates will be able to report tremendous growth of the cooperative marketing idea in this state.

## GOOSE, FLY HIGH!

A lot of wild geese gather in the forks of Little River and Savannah near Lowndesville and the boys of that section get a great deal of sport hunting them. Calvin C. Boles, son of S. S. Boles, of Lowndesville, was out hunting last Saturday morning early, hiding himself in what is called a "blind" by hunters, he waited a short while when a flock of geese came near, circling around. Young Boles waited until he could get a good shot, and fired one barrel of his shot gun. When the smoke cleared away he found he had killed five geese weighing from seven to nine pounds. He says he would have killed three or four more if he had not become excited and forgotten to fire the other barrel of his gun. His gun contained a good load of number one shot.

## PRICE OF RADIUM HAS DROPPED NEARLY ONE-HALF

Denver, Nov. 28.—Radium has dropped \$50,000 a gram in price and the Standard, Chemical company has been forced to close its cernote properties in Paradox Valley in Western Montrose country Colorado throwing 250 men out of work, according to an announcement by company officials today. Discovery of vast deposits of pitchblende in the Belgian Congo is said to be responsible for the decrease. Radium is said to sell for \$70,000 a gram now, compared with \$120,000 a gram formerly.

## SENATE HEPPLESS BEFORE DEMOCRATS

HARP FILIBUSTER THWARTS REPUBLICANS—NO LET UP IF MAJORITY PARTY PERSISTS IN ADVOCACY OF THE DYER BILL.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Never since the day of the "force bill" have Southern Democrats in the senate been so firmly banded together to prevent the passage of legislation. The Dyer anti-lynching bill which would in effect deprive state courts of jurisdiction in all cases of unauthorized execution, will not pass the senate if Republicans persist in their attempts. Democrats will persist in their filibuster, and March 4 will dawn after the completion of the most fruitless session of congress in the history of the republic.

There has been no caucus on the part of Southern Democrat, but every man understands the desperate nature of the undertaking, and every man will do his part. The opinion prevails that Republican leaders tomorrow will declare to the world their inability to enact the law. They will do so eventually, or all pending legislation, including necessary appropriation bills, will be permitted to die for lack of attention.

As a result of the first day's filibuster, the senate was unable even to approve the journal of yesterday's proceedings. As a rule the reading of the journal, by unanimous consent, is dispensed with. This morning, however, Senator Underwood, Democratic leader, demanded that the journal be read. Then Senator Harrison of Mississippi offered his first resolution amending the journal.

A roll call was necessary. At the end of the roll call, Senator Underwood moved the adjournment of the senate. Another roll call was necessary. During the day, Senator Harrison offered a total of eight amendments to the journal, some of which were adopted. At the end of each roll call the leader moved adjournment.

Adding to the fight, other senators contributed addresses on subjects of no bearing on the situation. Senator Heflin of Alabama warned the progressive Republicans against even temporary alignment with the reactionaries. Senator McKeelar of Tennessee spoke at length of the advisability of redeeming the swamp lands of the South. Senator Dial of South Carolina, Senator Harris of Georgia, and others raised their voices in behalf of this or that matter of general importance.

## ROCK HILL GETS GAME

Will Play Gaffney in Elimination Contest Tomorrow.

Rock Hill, Nov. 28.—A message received from R. C. Burts tonight from Gastonia, where he went to confer with Gaffney representatives stated that the football game between the Rock Hill and Gaffney high schools would be played in Rock Hill Thursday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. The winner of this game will play for the upper State championship. Gaffney wanted the game in Gastonia, but Rock Hill won out.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

Thanksgiving union service will be held in the Presbyterian church Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. All of the churches will join in this service, and the collection received will go to the orphanages of the Associate Reformed, Baptist Episcopal Methodist and Presbyterian churches. Rev. H. L. Weeks will preach the Thanksgiving sermon.

W. W. Westfield was a business visitor in the city today.

## FEDERAL BOARD BACKS SEN. DIAL

FINDS THAT LAW ON COTTON TENDERABLE UNDER CONTRACTS WORKS TO DISADVANTAGE OF PRODUCER—TO PRESS BILL

Washington, Nov. 28.—An important point has been gained by Senator Dial in his campaign for amendment of the cotton futures law.

The South Carolina senator succeeded last March in having directions given to the federal trade commission to make expert investigation of his contention, that the present contract law operates to the disadvantage of mills and growers.

The commission has been at work on the inquiry nearly seven months and has now prepared a report, holding, it is understood, that the act "gives the exchanges an unfair advantage over purchasers, allows the exchanges to manipulate the market and thus deleteriously affects the cotton grower himself."

Senator Dial will press his bill vigorously.

In his effort to restrict the range of grades which may be tendered in settlement of future contracts at their maturity, Senator Dial first intends to press for adoption of his amendment, on which the committee on forestry and agriculture has returned an unfavorable report, with hopes of getting favorable consideration on the floor of the senate.

This amendment would create three classes of the present ten tenderable grades, the four highest in one class and three grades in each of the other two; sales to be made on the basis of one grade in a specific class, and settlements to be made by delivery within that class; one-third of the grade specified being compulsory and the other two-thirds from the contingent grades. This would mean that quotations would have to be made on three basic grades instead of on middling, the basic grade on which all prices now are founded.

If he should fail in this effort, Senator Dial says that he will ask that Section 5 of the present law, permitting the seller to make delivery in any one of the tenderable grades, be eliminated entirely and without a substitute, which would have the effect of forcing all sales on the basis of Section 10, which provides that a specific grade be mentioned in the contract, and that delivery must be in that identical grade.

Since enactment of the present cotton contract law in 1914, Senator Dial states that not a single sale has been made on the New York Cotton Exchange under Section 10, but that all sales have been under Section 5.

## Coca-Cola Dividend

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 28.—Directors of the Coca-Cola Company at their quarterly meeting here today declared a dividend of \$1.50 on common stock, payable January 2 to stockholders of record December 15. This is at the rate of \$6.00 a year, the highest yet declared by the corporation. The directors also voted the regular semi-annual dividend of \$3.30 a share on proffered stock.

J. R. Campbell, of Atlanta, was elected to the board of directors.

## COTTON MARKET.

Cotton brought 26 cents on the local market today. Futures closed  
Dec. .... 25.26  
Jan. .... 25.229  
March .... 25.34  
May .... 25.23  
July .... 24.95  
There were 7,872 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Abbeville County from the crop of 1922 prior to Nov. 14, 1922 as compared with 15,115 bales ginned to November 12, 1921.