

COST OF LIVING MAY GO HIGHER Only Hope of Relief Is Extraction of Nitrogen Out of the Atmosphere.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] New York, January 23.—Unless something is done quickly by the Federal legislators concerning the use of water power throughout the country for the purpose of producing nitrogen out of the atmosphere, the present high cost of living will be greatly augmented, declared Professor C. Whitaker, of Columbia University, to-day.

The professor made this statement when asked whether there was any plant in this city similar to the one which is to be constructed at the Grand Falls in Labrador under construction by the Newfoundland government, which calls for 1,000,000-horse power station.

"One of the fundamental things necessary to fertilizers as plant food is nitrogen," continued the professor, "the only way to extract it from the atmosphere is by means of cheap electricity produced by water power, and unless something is done quickly, the condition of living will be much worse than they are now, but you can't get any sense into the Federal legislators concerning water power."

The only plant of this kind in the United States, as far as could be learned, is a small one at Nitrolex, S. C. The professor stated that Norway had been producing fertilizers from nitrogen extracted from the atmosphere for several years, and that that nation extracted thousands of tons yearly at a low cost. This could be more than duplicated by the water power in this State alone.

Mr. William Crooke's reported to the British association some time ago that all natural nitrates will have been exhausted by 1931, and that by then the land of the world will be reduced to a desert waste, unless nitrogen is extracted from the atmosphere, where it exists in immense quantities.

Narrow Escape From Death. [Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] Paris, January 23.—According to L'Intransigeant, Dowager Empress Marie of Russia has written to her sister, Dowager Queen Alexandra, of England, telling of her narrow escape from death during her recent trip from Denmark to St. Petersburg, when a bomb exploded ten yards from the train which she was riding.

Slight Earthquake Disturbance. San Francisco, Cal., January 23.—The seismograph at Chabot Observatory, Oakland, showed a slight vibration traveling from east to west at 7:33 o'clock to-night. Windows rattled in San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley. No damage was reported.

Broad Rock Mineral Springs Co. INCORPORATED Will Move on January 20th to Their New Store at 711 W. Broad St.

TEXTILE SEIZED FOR UNPAID DUTIES

Tablecloth, Modeled After Pattern Used by Pope, Belonged to Senator Clark.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] New York, January 23.—Modeled after a pattern used by the Pope, a Venetian lace tablecloth, costing \$6,500, bought by Ex-United States Senator William A. Clark, for his \$3,000,000 mansion at Seventy-seventh Street and Fifth Avenue, has been seized by the government for unpaid duties.

United States District Attorney Addison H. Pratt instituted suit in the Federal court to-day, to confiscate the costly textile. Although the tablecloth was seized by customs officials in Senator Clark's mansion in March, 1913, the fact only became public with Mr. Pratt's action.

Brought to this country on the steamer La Savoie, on December 3, 1912, the tablecloth was entered as being worth only \$1,300, instead of \$6,500, the real value.

"No blame is placed by the government," said Mr. Pratt, "upon Mr. Clark, who claims he had not yet paid for the lace work of art, and had no part in entering it at the custom-house. He willingly gave it up to the officials."

In the Royal School of Lace Work at Burano, an institution endowed by the Queen of Italy, Senator Clark's tablecloth was made by aged women experts. It is an exact replica of the famous textile in the Vatican, and is much admired by art collectors, who will undoubtedly bid upon it when offered at auction by the government.

Merchant Is Arrested. Bristol, Va., January 23.—Sam Houser, a merchant of Scott County, was arrested here last night by Sheriff George Barber. Houser is charged with having feloniously assaulted William Pope, of Sullivan County. The alleged assault is said to have been committed near Arvonia, in the west end of Sullivan County.

SOUTHERN TRAIN HELD UP

Hobbers Empty Mail Pouches and Express Safe and Get Nothing. Chattanooga, Tenn., January 23.—Three men to-night boarded Southern Railway passenger train No. 41, Chattanooga to Tusculum, Ala., at Facklers, Ala., held up mail clerks and express messengers, emptied mail pouches and the express car safe, and obtained no reward for their trouble. The robbers found only second-class mail matter, trunks and packages of food in the cars.

When the train stopped at Facklers (two of the robbers climbed aboard the mail and express cars, while the third swung aboard the locomotive. Two miles out of the station the man in the locomotive forced the engineer to stop his train, and mail and express cars were uncoupled from passenger coaches.

The engineer was made to run twelve miles towards Larkinsville, Ala., where the robbers took their time about looting the cars. Reports late to-night from Huntsville, Ala., were contradictory as to whether the express car safe was blown or found open, but express company officials here said it contained nothing of value.

Deputies and detectives left at midnight for the scene of the hold-up. Up to a late hour nothing had been heard from them. A locomotive left earlier to pick up the passenger coaches and proceed with them to Huntsville. It was expected to reach there at 2 o'clock.

CAPTAIN WEST INDICTED.

Charged With Attacking and Attempting to Kill Mother-in-Law. Atlanta, Ga., January 23.—Indictments charging Captain Ernest E. West, United States Marine Corps, with breaking into the home of Mrs. John E. Jones, of Atlanta, and assaulting her with intent to kill her, were returned by a grand jury here to-day. Mrs. Jones, who is Mrs. West's stepmother, told the jury that the officer attacked her on December 2 last.

Captain West now is at liberty in bonds of \$1,000 required in recognizance court, where he was arraigned on Jones' charges of assault and battery. According to testimony, West came to Atlanta to defend a suit for divorce filed by his wife. Mrs. West had custody of their only child, a boy. Captain West testified that he went to the Jones residence merely to see the child. He denied he attacked Mrs. Jones, but said he pushed her out of the way.

CONDEMNNS LANKFORD BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

House of Delegates Resents His Attack in Anti-Liquor Speech, Members Attacking Him in Return in Violent Language.

By unanimous vote the House of Delegates of Virginia yesterday morning passed the following resolution, offered by Delegate Weaver, of Warren, in reference to the attack made by Dr. Lankford, of Norfolk, on those members who voted against the enabling act:

"Be it resolved, That the House of Delegates condemns as unwarranted, unjustified and inexcusable the attack of Lankford upon the members of this House who voted against the enabling act, and that in this morning's edition of The Times-Dispatch."

Hobson Replies to Lankford. The House convened at noon with prayer by Rev. J. B. Winn. Graham E. Hobson, of Richmond, arose on a question of personal privilege and read the paragraph referred to. He did not know whether the speaker had been correctly quoted or not, but continued:

"When I voted yesterday on the question of the enabling act, I voted in the way I thought best for the State. I lived in this city all of my life, and this is the first time I have ever known any man to question my character. This speaker says that those who voted against this act are either a bunch of politicians, or liquor dealers, or descendants of wealkings. I do not know the gentleman, but I hope I will know him soon. It is an infamous falsehood, as far as I am concerned, and any man who will make such a statement is unworthy of being called a man. It was clearly known how I stood on the enabling act when I ran for a seat in this House, and I led the ticket from the city of Richmond. Every man, woman and child in this city knows my record in the City Council, and I am sure that it cannot be said of me that I have my price, and I will not stand for such an insinuation from any man living. This is just a simple example of the kind of language that is used in this State to the other by just such demagogues as that. I hope I may have the pleasure of telling him to his face what I think of him—I will tell him in language that I will not use on this floor, and of respect to the gentlemen present."

"Intemperate Views of Irresponsible Person." A dozen others were demanding the floor, when Mr. Browning, of Orange, took the chair, and ordered that the speech before the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia "was evidently the intemperate statement of some irresponsible person whose views had no indorsement whatever from the advocates of the enabling act."

Mr. Myers, of Richmond, insisted that it was the privilege of any man, whether in the House of Delegates or not, to defend his character when made the subject of such slanderous and vile attacks. Mr. Hobson ruled that the remarks of Mr. Clement, of Pittsylvania, one of the senior members of the House, read at length the account of Dr. Lankford's speech. In reply, he said:

"I am well known through the State and in Pittsylvania County, and the people who sent me here know that if any man were to offer me a bribe, the first thing he would feel would be my stick broken across his head. In regard to what he has said, my name has been known in the councils of this nation since 1811, and there has not been one trace of drunkenness in my veins.

Elected on That Issue. "I came here to represent Pittsylvania County, having been nominated by more than two to one on a platform against the enabling act, and the people I represent compare favorably in intellect and morals with any people of this State. So far as I am concerned, white earth, passed down my throat for twenty-four years. The object they seek to enforce will make of our law-abiding people drunkards, liars and thieves, and because I oppose it they charge me with being debauched. The blood in my veins is as good as that of the man who gave utterance to this calumny. I am not an inebriate, nor the son of one. It is an absolute falsehood, and I wish to say to this man that if he be found to substantiate that in the House of Delegates or anywhere else at any time, he deserves—"

Colonel Lester, of Page, deprecated the action by the House. He had voted against the enabling act, and had explained to the House why he had done so, and had no apologies to make for that vote, as far as Dr. Lankford was concerned, he had always considered it folly when hunting for big game to "train your guns on peewees, sparrows and buzzards."

Reputed by Next Delegate. Mr. Woodward, of Norfolk, said that he must believe that Dr. Lankford had been misquoted. "I voted yesterday entirely on my own accord," he said "for reasons that I thought good and sufficient. Dr. Lankford knows that I am in this House to-day because the people of Virginia know I did not have a price. Not a man of my name or race has ever been an inebriate. I repudiate every word he says. It is a shame for any man to go into print with any such statement."

Mr. Pennington, of Lee, who voted for the enabling act, declared that his resolution strongly condemning all statements reflecting on any delegate, or attributing wrong motives to any member, members, and comments to members, and all those who have the courage to stand for what they consider right and proper. Mr. Weaver, of Warren, who voted for the act, offered the substitute printed above, which more explicitly refers to the particular matter in hand. Mr. Weaver explained that while he voted for the act, his desk was between two of his most intimate friends, both of whom opposed it.

"Such tactics," he said, "will not advance the cause of temperance or prohibition, but count against it. I know to be absolutely void of truth and lacking in courage."

Mr. Wootton, of Northampton, who voted for the bill, said that it was an outrage that any such speech should have been made.

Represent Sentiment. "It is not my purpose," said Mr. Myers, of Richmond, "to take up the time of this House in commenting on the outrageous attack. Rev. Sidney Peters told me yesterday afternoon that while we were in the hall, some very derogatory remarks were being made elsewhere about those who opposed the bill. It does not represent the sentiment of the House, but it is beneath notice, but he leaves a trail of venom as a small illustration of the party ingradient to cause an honorable man to treat him with contempt."

In support of his resolution, Mr. Pennington reiterated that those who believed in local option were just as honest and in some sections of the State were probably as good friends of temperance as those who favored the enabling act. Mr. Reed, of Portsmouth, said he believed the resolution did not answer the charge of one from a section of the State who had hitherto considered a gentleman, but now held in utter contempt. "He must be known," continued Mr. Reed, "that I could not be bribed even by the prom-

ises of the Anti-Saloon League. My father was the father of a fine child, all of whom are grown. None of them is a weakling or drunkard. One is a minister of the gospel, my father-in-law is a Councilman and Mayor of Portsmouth has been an open book. It is an outrageous and villainous charge. I will answer to my constituents for my vote. They know that the liquor element has worked hard to defeat me for election."

Mr. Toney held that the time of the House was too valuable to be wasted in further "discussion of such a reprobate," and the Weaver resolution was adopted unanimously.

Oliver Makes Feeling Plain. Mr. Oliver, of Fairfax, who had been out of the hall for a time, asked for the floor under a question of personal privilege.

"Had the wretch confined his remarks to himself," he said, "I should not feel the indignation I now feel. There is an old graveyard on the hillside in Fairfax County, where rests one whom I have ever regarded as a prince among men. When any man, whoever he may be, casts a reflection on that honored father, I denounce his statement as an infamous and malicious falsehood. No relative of mine has ever engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating drinks."

"I repeat, if the man has been correctly quoted, that his statement is a willful, deliberate and malicious falsehood, and in making that statement I do not intend to do him any injury either in or out of this House."

"I do not need to tell the members of this House that I am honest," said Mr. Fairfax, of Fairfax County. "I have never seen the name of Houston across any bar window. I am myself a monument to the name of Houston, and I am a being wealkings. I am sorry that such a foolish utterance should be allowed to pass a part of the time of this House. I suggest that we pass this man up and proceed to business."

Mr. Montague, of Richmond, spoke briefly in reply to the remarks of Dr. Lankford.

"I have been shown the reported statement of Dr. Lankford, of Norfolk, that he had been informed by members of the House who voted against the enabling act that Mr. Land, of Nottoway. Such utterances can only have their origin in the minds of inebriates, and are usually vicious. No honorable man need fear character attacks from either of these, since such attacks are usually known and measured at their real worth."

Both Houses Join in Repudiating Lankford Charge. (Continued From First Page.) and the wine was red, and some of them who voted against the enabling act presided fifty years ago at that other great banquet, where the wine was blood and the grapes was lead. To call these men wealkings or the sons of wealkings is to utter a slander which I must resent."

"I am surprised and astonished at such a statement," said Senator Buchanan, one of the new members of the House. "I do not believe that a charge of that nature was made, and I read it in the papers, and I want to join in making this public repudiation."

Senator Gravatt Resents It. "I resent with all the strength that I possess and repudiate Dr. Lankford's statement as utterly intemperate and without foundation," said Senator Gravatt, of Caroline, in the course of a speech denouncing the utterance. "I accord to every member of this Senate the right to differ honestly with me on any public question, and I firmly believe that every member of this body should stand on his own feet, on his conscience and best judgment. The statement referred to was altogether uncalculated for and deplorable, and deserves to be ignored in silent contempt."

Senator Holt, of Newport News, who is opposed to the enabling act, expressed his regret that the resolution had been introduced. The utterance of Dr. Lankford, he thought, was too inconsequential to be noticed by the Senate and should be ignored.

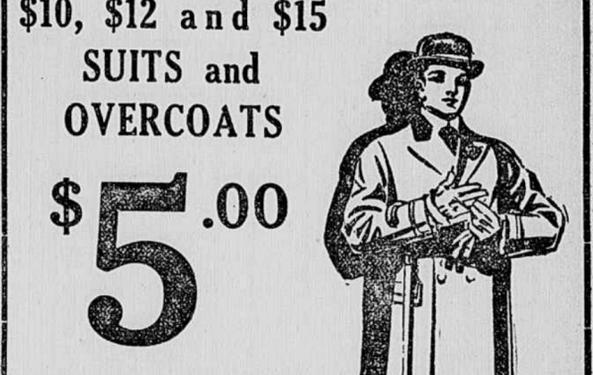
Shortly before adjournment Senator Featherston reported to the Senate that he had been informed by Anti-Saloon League leaders that Dr. Lankford's remarks had no indorsement from the league, and that many members of the organization regretted the address of Senator Featherston, as an invited speaker and spoke only his own personal views.

A speech in the same tenor was made by Senator Mapp. As a member of the Anti-Saloon League, he said, he keenly regretted the language used by Dr. Lankford. The speech, he said, should not be taken as representing the views of the league, and should not be held against that organization. The statement, said Senator Mapp, does not meet with the Anti-Saloon League's sanction.

Not Indorsed by League. At its afternoon session yesterday, the Anti-Saloon League took official cognizance of Dr. Lankford's intemperate speech by including in the official resolutions summing up the action of

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OBITUARY. Eddie Ross. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lawrenceville, Va., January 23.—Eddie Ross, aged twenty-five years, died at his home, near Lawrenceville, on Tuesday night, after a lingering illness. He was unmarried, and is survived by two sisters, Misses Cora and Susie Ross, and two brothers, Jefferson and Roger Ross. The funeral was conducted on Thursday afternoon by Rev. S. C. Hilliard.

Miss Kate V. Sullivan. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Christiansburg, Va., January 23.—Miss Kate V. Sullivan died after a long illness at her home here at noon to-day, aged sixty-nine years. She is survived by two nieces and a grandniece, who all ways have made their home with her. They are Miss Eugenia Sullivan, of the Lewisburg, W. Va., Female Institute; Miss Maude Sullivan, and Miss Mary Saabye. Since early youth she had been a member of the Presbyterian Church. She was the sister of Arthur Sullivan, for many years treasurer of Montgomery County, and doorkeeper of the House of Delegates.

D. Everett. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Greensboro, N. C., January 23.—D. Everett, foreman at the Southern Railway coal chute died suddenly while at work to-day from a hemorrhage. Workmen saw him fall, and endeavored to get a physician, but he died before one could be obtained. He is survived by a son, D. H. Everett, of this city, and a daughter, Mrs. W. B. Horwig, of Columbia, S. C. The funeral will be held to-morrow.

Thomas J. Auld. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Danville, Va., January 23.—Thomas J. Auld, aged seventy-two years, a known Confederate veteran, died here to-day of pneumonia. He was an artilleryman in the army, and served in Peyton's Brigade and later under General John B. Magruder in the fighting around Yorktown. He was born of parents from Maryland in Richmond, where he lived the early part of his life. In 1871 he came to Danville, and had lived here since. He will be buried to-morrow in Greenhill Cemetery.

DEATHS. ADKINS.—Died, January 21, 1914, in Baltimore, Md., RICHARD H. ADKINS, formerly of Richmond. He was a native of Virginia, and resided at 632 Church Street, SUNDAY at 3 P. M.

WHITCOMB.—Died, January 22, 11:49 P. M., at his residence, 299 S. 10th St., Meadow, in the sixty-sixth year of his age, J. O. B. WHITCOMB. He leaves a wife and five children—C. H. and W. D. Whitcomb, Mrs. S. H. H. Misses Muriel and Hattie; a brother, J. H. Whitcomb. Dear father, you have left us, but let us hope you will be well; but some day we hope to meet you, and together we shall dwell.

FUNERAL SUNDAY AFTERNOON at 3 P. M. from Pine Street Baptist Church, Interment Riverside.

MERRYDEW.—Died, suddenly, Friday, January 23, 1914, at 2:30 P. M., WILLIAM C. MERRYDEW, aged sixty-six years. He is survived by his wife, one son, Joseph T., and one brother, Fred R. Merrydew. Funeral from Denny Street M. E. Church SUNDAY at 10:30 A. M. Interment Oakwood.

WADE.—Died, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Whitcomb, 2007 Hanover Avenue, January 23, at 11:45 P. M., MISS MARY A. WADE. Funeral notice later.

JAMESON.—Died, at 1:20 o'clock this morning, MRS. B. W. JAMESON, at the Home for Incurables. Funeral notice later.

Advertisement for Wrigley's Peppermint Gum. Includes text: "Don't Cast Your Eyes Around! Put Them On the Word WRIGLEY'S" and "and enjoy real delicious, beneficial mint leaf juice and real 'springy' Mexican chicle." Also features an illustration of a hand holding a piece of gum.

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