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## PROHIBITION BILL IS PASSED BY THE SENATE

PROVIDES FOR BONE-DRY COUNTRY UNTIL END OF THE WAR

EFFECTIVE JULY 1

Bill Goes to House and Will Then Come Up in Committee Conference.

Washington, Sept. 7.—The \$12,000,000 emergency agricultural appropriation bill, with its rider for national prohibition from next July 1 until after the American armies are demobilized after the end of the war, was passed last night by the Senate without a roll call.

Before final passage of the measure the Senate voted, 45 to 6, to retain the prohibition rider. A final effort to postpone the effective date of the "dry" legislation to December 30, 1919, was defeated.

The bill now goes to the House and, because of the many amendments inserted by the Senate, it undoubtedly will be sent to conference. Prohibition leaders, however, expect the House to agree to the "dry" rider so that there will be no possibility of changes being made by the Senate and House managers.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

This is the Nation's War.

To register now or selection for military service is to list yourself as one of the Nation's man-power units. Every citizen owes it to himself and to his country to make this day unanimous demonstration of loyalty, patriotism, and the will to win.

This registration in America's announcement to the world that we are ready to complete the task already begun with such emphatic success.

WOODROW WILSON.

Miss Laura Bell Reynolds will leave today for Birmingham, where she will attend the Jefferson County Teachers' Institute, after which she will leave for Bradford, Ala., where she will teach in the public school.

Mr. Jake Kaufman, who for several weeks has been in New York and other eastern cities, has returned home. While away he purchased stock for the firm of Kaufman Brothers.

Mr. J. T. Parrish, who for some time past, has been in charge of the Columbus Lumber Company's commissary, has accepted a position at Weaver and Harrington's.

Mr. Seth A. Meek left the past week for Camp Shelby, where he goes as a volunteer to do clerical work for the government. He will probably be transferred in a few days.

Mrs. Marie Roberson returned to Birmingham last week after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Gunter.

## SPECIAL TRAINS MAY BE OPERATED

SOUTHERN IN MISSISSIPPI MAY INAUGURATE SUNDAY SERVICE FOR FLYERS.

The recent request of Fuel Administrator Garfield that the use of automobiles for pleasure purposes on the Sabbath be discontinued has had the effect of preventing flyers from Payne field, near West Point, many of whom formerly spent their Sundays in Columbus, from continuing this custom, and an effort will probably be made to induce the Southern Railway in Mississippi to operate special Sunday trains between West Point and Columbus.

Under existing schedules aviators can easily reach this city, but find difficulty in getting back to West Point, and it is proposed to solve the problem by inducing the railroad officials to put on a special train which will leave Columbus about 11 p. m., thus enabling the aviators to reach camp before their furloughs expire.

## KEEN INTEREST IS EVINced IN NEXT PRIMARY

CONTESTS TO BE HELD IN TWO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

FIRST AND SIXTH

Candler to Be Pitted Against Rankin; Johnson Against Bilbo.

Two Mississippi congressmen are to be nominated in the second Democratic primary next Tuesday, one in the First district, were Hon. E. S. Candler, of Corinth, the incumbent, and Hon. J. E. Rankin, of Tupelo, are the contestants, and one in the Sixth district, where the opposing candidates are Governor Theodore G. Bilbo and Judge Paul Johnson, and although Columbus is in the First district politicians here are evincing as much interest in the contest in the Sixth district as they are in the local race.

Bilbo has lost cast in Lowndes county, as he has in other sections of the state, and many local citizens who supported him when he ran for governor three years ago are now anxious to see him defeated. Bilbo is recognized as a member of the Vardaman clan, having first come into prominence in the famous legislative caucus of 1910, when he claimed that he was offered a bribe to vote against the White Chief, and the following year made a successful race for lieutenant-governor as the avowed champion of the present Junior Senator. Mississippians have already declared by their votes that they are through with Vardaman, and it is predicted that in Tuesday's contest Bilbo will also be relegated to private life.

It seems to be generally conceded that Congressman Candler will be the victor in the race in this district, as he had been in Congress more than 20 years and has made a faithful and efficient representative. Since the United States severed diplomatic relations with Germany he has consistently supported the administration war policy, and this has increased his popularity among his constituents, who admire President Wilson and who believe that his course should be indorsed by enthusiastic co-operation on the part of Senators and Congressmen.

Mr. J. M. Street, president of the Merchants and Farmers Bank, has returned to the city after enjoying a trip to Missouri.

## RUSSIAN EMPRESS REPORTED SLAIN

HER CHILDREN ALSO SAID TO HAVE BEEN ASSASSINATED; REPORT DOUBTED.

MADRID, Sept. 7.—A dispatch was received here recently from London reporting the assassination of the former Russian empress and her daughter, but in view of steps taken by King Alfonso to obtain the transfer to Spain of the family of the deposed and murdered Russian monarch, the report was treated with all reserve.

El Sol says the Spanish ambassador at Berlin conferred on the question of removing the former empress and her daughters from Russia with Ambassador Joffe, the Bolshevik ambassador at Berlin.

There remain only a few formalities to complete, which will take only a few days, El Sol says, and then the former empress and her children will come to Spain on a yacht flying the papal colors.

It is urged that every Candler man go to the polls next Tuesday and cast his vote. We know that Mr. Candler is representative in Congress. These are war times and no time to experiment. We know that Mr. Candler is loyal to his people and to his government and has been faithful to the trust.

Go to the polls next Tuesday and vote for Zeke Candler. It is your duty to do so.

## GERMAN ALBATROSS IS BROUGHT TO EARTH



This German scouting airplane of the Albatross class in an encounter with a British airman was brought to earth. The Hun pilot was injured in the fight and unable to wreck his machine after landing behind the British lines.

## JEWISH NEW YEAR CELEBRATED HERE

STORES CLOSED AND APPROPRIATE SERVICES HELD AT TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL.

Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, which began at sundown Friday and ended the same hour the following evening, was appropriately observed by local Israelitic citizens. There were services at Temple B'Nai Israel at 8:30 o'clock Friday evening and 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning, both services having been conducted by Rabbi Simon Loeb, and the stores of Jewish merchants were closed throughout the progress of the holiday.

The Jewish New Year, as the name implies, opens the Jewish calendar year. The observance of this day as a holy season is commemorated in two passages of the Five Books of Moses, namely, Leviticus, xxiii: 24, and Numbers, xxix: 1. In neither passage is there any specific command as to how the day is to be observed, beyond the injunction to blow the trumpet, to hold a holy convocation and to engage in no servile occupation.

The injunction to blow the trumpet on this day was to call the people to remembrance before the Lord. In the course of time this ceremony of blowing the trumpet (so far) became the central feature of the elaborate religious service conducted on the day.

Just as the shofar called the people to remembrance of the Lord, so also were its sound to arouse the people to their short comings and to their duties in which they may have failed. The day is called on account of Yom Hazikkaron—"The Day of Memorial."

The days intervening between the New Year's day and the Day of Atonement are called the Ten Days of Penitence, during which the opportunity is had to reflect finally on and repair the wrongs done during the year; if the repentance is sincere, forgiveness is gained on the culminating day of the holy season, the Day of Atonement.

## MR. FRANK McDOWELL DEAD.

News of the death of Mr. Frank McDowell, which recently took place at Alabama River Bridge, Ala., brought profound sorrow to many of his old friends in this city, where he was born and raised. Deceased was the son of the late A. J. McDowell, who served for many years as mayor of Columbus, and was a brother of W. E. McDowell, who resides in Birmingham and who has served as secretary of both the Southern and Country clubs in that city. Deceased who was 51 years old, is also survived by his widow, four children, and four brothers in addition to the one named above.

## NEW JEWELRY STORE.

Mr. J. Ater, known here as "The Old Reliable Jeweler," will tomorrow morning, Sept. 9, open his new place of business, on North Market street in front of the Princess Theatre. Mr. Ater is to manage the business and will make a specialty of fitting eye glasses and repairing watches and jewelry.

Mr. Robert Terry returned last week after spending some time with his brother, Mr. Clark Terry, who is ill at Colorado Springs, Texas, and who is gradually improving.

Commercial ads are winners.

## NEGRO AND WHITE MAN FIGHT DUEL

ARMY DESERTER AND CONSTABLE ENGAGE IN FATAL COMBAT AT MERIDIAN.

MERIDIAN, Miss., Sept. 7.—In a pistol duel on the mountain south of the city Thursday between Constable W. B. Culpepper and Deemer Boatwright, a negro army deserter, both combatants were probably mortally wounded. The officer is in a local hospital where it is stated there is no chance for his recovery, one bullet from the negro's pistol having entered the abdomen, the negro is in the county jail suffering from three wounds, each of three shots fired by the officer taking effect.

Constable Culpepper had gone into the mountains to serve legal documents, and on his way unexpectedly came upon Boatwright, whom he recognized and as he attempted to arrest him the negro drew his gun and fired point blank at the officer, but before he could fire a second time the officer shot three times and the negro flew, but only succeeded in making his way for a short distance, when he was overcome. Officer Culpepper managed to make his way to a house nearby, where aid was summoned and he was brought to the city.

## BIG PROGRAM AT PRINCESS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

The attraction at the Princess for Monday the 9th, is Douglas Fairbanks in "Mr. Fix It" a clever comedy drama that is full of fast action, and many laughs. Also "Outing-Chester" travel picture.

For Tuesday, Sept. 10th, Paramount presents Wallace Reid in a timely romantic drama, "The Firefly of France," it being the story of American ingenuity pitted against "Hun" military power, and in which the American wins the girl.

Also "The Summer Girls," a Mack Sennett laugh producer with 65 pretty girls.

For Wednesday, Sept. 11th, Select pictures present Alice Brady in "The Ordeal of Rosetta," a modern drama, with massive settings and beautiful gowns. Miss Brady is at her best. Your attention is called to change in starting time for the night shows. Matinee, 3:30 and 4:45; night, 8:00 and 9:30. Two shows in the afternoon, and two at night.

## WHITFIELD TO PREACH.

Hon. H. L. Whitfield, president of the I. O. O. F., will preach at the First Baptist church this morning at 11 o'clock.

Prof. A. M. Jacob, the well known violinist, who has been in charge of the orchestra at the Princess Theatre for several years past, left last night for Jackson, Miss., where he goes to accept a place with the Majestic Theatre. His many friends regret that he is to make his home elsewhere.

Mrs. F. R. Simms will return the latter part of September to resume teaching of music and will have her class in the Odd Fellow's building in a room adjoining her husband's office on the second floor.

Messrs. E. A. Harkins, W. N. Sherrod, A. D. Binson and J. L. Tyson, of Macon, were visitors to Columbus Friday evening, having made the trip in an automobile.

## DEATH COMES TO MISS ALMA R. LOCKE

ESTIMABLE LADY DIES AT HOME OF MAJ. BATTLE BELL ON NORTH THIRD AVENUE.

Miss Alma Rebecca Locke, sister of Mrs. Battle Bell, died at the home of Maj. and Mrs. Bell, 604 North Third avenue, about 11 o'clock Thursday night, her death having resulted from a complication of ailments. Deceased was a member of a family which has long been well known not only in Columbus, but throughout Lowndes county, and her death is universally regretted.

Funeral services were held at the Bell home at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon, having been conducted by Rev. W. L. Duren, presiding elder of the Columbus district of the North Mississippi Methodist conference, and Rev. S. L. Pope, pastor of the First Methodist church, and interment in Friendship cemetery followed.

Interment occurred at Friendship cemetery, the following pall bearers having officiated: Messrs. Saunders Wilbourne, T. W. Lewis, Jr., Anthony Bell, Carroll Hackleman, John B. Williams and B. A. Lincoln. The flower committee was as follows: Miss Lilly Gregory, Miss Mary Garth and Miss Regina Bishop.

## FLAG DEDICATION POSTPONED.

Dedication of the flag provided by Tombigbee Lodge No. 12, Knights of Pythias, of this city, in honor of members who have gone to war, which was to have taken place today, has been postponed until next Sunday, this action having been necessitated by the fact that it was impossible for one of the orators to be present on the date originally fixed for the ceremony. Fifteen members of the lodge have responded to the call to arms, and each one is represented by a star on the service flag.

## CONCERNING CANDIDATES.

Although nearly a year will elapse before state and county officers in Mississippi are elected for the ensuing quadrennial term, candidates are already beginning to show their castors into the ring. Friends of Judge T. M. Cummings, who is now a justice of the peace, are endeavoring to persuade him to enter the race for chancery clerk, and among other tentative candidates are Messrs. John J. Richards, present city treasurer, J. T. Searcy, R. M. Nickles and Frank Armstrong.

## REV. FRY TO RETURN

Rev. R. Excell Fry, who with his family, has been visiting several weeks in Selma, Ala., is expected home the first of the week, and will on next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock conduct the regular prayer service. The study will be the 137th Psalm.

On last Friday Mrs. C. W. Shedd celebrated her 79th birthday and received many handsome gifts. Mrs. Shedd is well known here and her many friends join the Commercial in wishing for her many happy returns of the day.

Mr. Dan Bush, a former Columbian, who now has lucrative employment at Camp McClellan, near Anniston, Ala., is spending a few days with relatives here.

The Parent-Teachers association of Barrow school will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

## CHICAGO TAKES LEAD IN GREAT WORLD SERIES

"CUBS" COP TWO OUT OF THREE GAMES ALREADY PLAYED

CROWDS ARE SMALL

Overshadowing Interest in War Serves to Greatly Diminish Attendance.

The Chicago Nationals, familiarly known as the "Cubs," are ahead in the world's series, having defeated the Boston Americans, known as the "Red Sox," in two of the three games already played. The series was inaugurated at Chicago Thursday afternoon, and the "Red Sox" won the opener by a score of 1 to 0, while the "Cubs" copped Friday's contest by a score of 3 to 1 and defeated their opponents again yesterday by a score of 2 to 1.

Regarding the opening game of the series Thursday, a press dispatch from Chicago says:

One of the smallest crowds which ever turned out for a world's series opening saw the Boston Red Sox of the American league defeat the Cubs of the National league 1 to 0 today, in an errorless game.

The battle was between two eminent representatives of what the dictionary calls the family hippopotamidae—namely, "Hippo" Vaughn of the Cubs, and another Hippo rejoicing in the name of "Habe" Ruth. These two giants fought it out all the way and although Ruth allowed six hits to his opponents' five, the "break" went to the invaders and they were consequently making confident claims to the world's championship tonight.

The effect of the war was everywhere apparent, especially in the temper of the crowd, which, largely local, saw the home team drop the first game without a protest. There was no cheering during the contest, nor was there anything like the usual umpire baiting.

Today's attendance was 19,294. Rain caused postponement of the first game scheduled for yesterday. Today the downpour had ceased and the grounds were completely dry. The sun shown fitfully and there was a stiff, chilly breeze from the north. No seats were occupied in the upper tier of the second floor of the grandstand, and the right section of the stand was practically empty. In the left section there were many vacant chairs. A number of boxes also were without occupants, and in the bleachers the three lower rows all around the field were vacant.

## TOUCH OF FALL IS IN ATMOSPHERE

UNSEASONABLY LOW TEMPERATURE RECORDED AT LOCAL WEATHER BUREAU.

Columbus and the contiguous territory, like other sections throughout the country, have been experiencing some rather cool weather recently, and the brisk winds which prevailed served as a reminder that fall is rapidly approaching. The mercury in the government thermometer, according to J. B. Love, local observer, went to 57 yesterday morning, and this temperature is unusually low for early September.

It is not believed, however, that crops have suffered, as cotton, corn and other agricultural products have advanced to near towards maturity to be injured by moderately cool weather.

Mr. W. F. Leigh left the past week for Washington, D. C., and Norfolk, Va., where he goes to visit relatives. Upon his return Mr. Leigh will accept a position at the Columbus National Bank.

Mr. J. D. Bush, who is now residing at Anniston, Ala., has been spending the past several days here with relatives.

Mr. William Turner, is expected home this week from Annapolis to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Turner.

## ENEMY IS BACK TO OLD LINE OF HINDENBURG

KAISER'S FORCES BEING HOTLY PURSUED BY ALLIED TROOPS

IMPORTANT GAINS

Week Closes With Teutons Backed Up to Point Held in Spring of 1917.

With the Allied Forces in France, Sept. 7.—This was "Victory Week" for the allies and it closes with the Germans virtually on the front that they held after the big retreat to the Hindenburg line in the spring of 1917.

The German strongholds of Ham, Tergnier, Chauny and Coucy forest have fallen before the irresistible rush of the allied armies and fresh peril has been added to the German defenses supporting the left flank of the Hindenburg line of fortifications.

A bare two miles separates the French from the German bastion at La Fere and the allies are only four miles from St. Quentin, on the center.

During the past thirty hours the British and French have rolled forward from two to seven miles. The best gains were made between Peronne and the Oise river where many additional villages have been taken from the Germans.

German rear guards put up savage resistance at many points but at no place were they able even to check the allies' progress.

East of the Somme the British have gone forward about seven miles since they forced a passage of the river and to the east of Ham the French have advanced over three miles.

French forces are smashing their way ahead with tidal fury and on one stretch of forty miles they rolled the Germans back from two to four miles within the past 24 hours. The new gains cover portions of the Flanders, Pleardy and Aisne battle fronts.

## VON HERTLING QUILTS.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—Count George V. von Hertling, the Imperial German chancellor, has resigned, giving bad health as the cause for his retirement, according to the Geneva correspondent of the Daily Express, quoting a dispatch received in Geneva from Munich, Bavaria.

## FIRST METHODIST CHURCH TODAY.

Sunday School at 9:45. Preaching at 11 o'clock, by the pastor. Night service at Airdome at 8:30. At this service Miss Grace Wright will sing "Holy City," fifteen or twenty beautiful illustrations of this classic and wonderful song will be thrown on the screen during the evening by Miss Wright. Tonight will very probably be the last of the open air summer services. The entire city invited.

Mr. R. E. Johnston left the past week for a visit to St. Louis and several eastern cities.

## COLUMBIANS WILL "GIVE 'EM A LIFT"

LOCAL AUTOMOBILISTS INVITE SOLDIERS TO RIDE WITH THEM.

The "Give 'em a lift" movement has been inaugurated in this city, and many local automobiles now display banners bearing the inscription: "Men in the service of Uncle Sam are welcome to ride as far as we go."

While Columbus has no military camp, there is a training field for aviators near West Point, and the flyers stationed there are frequent visitors to the city. Hardly a day passes that does not bring its quota of men in khaki, and every possible courtesy is being extended. The ladies of the First Methodist church have established a rest room for the soldiers and practically every social and fraternal organization in the city has opened its club rooms to them.