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## PRES. WILSON IN THE TARIFF FIGHT

Protected Interests Alarmed at Iron Hand With Which He Holds Party Together—The New Currency Bill.

Washington, June 2 (Special).—The large protected interests in the country have become so alarmed at the iron hand with which President Wilson holds his party together in the senate, which insures the passage of the pending tariff bill at an early date, thereby lessening the cost of living, that they have sent a powerful lobby to corrupt Congress and defeat the pending tariff bill if possible. The country at large is fully impressed with the fact that this bill is drawn absolutely in the interest of the whole people of this country, and not in the interest of the "malefactors of great wealth," as Roosevelt calls them, which has been the case in all previous tariff bills for more than 50 years. Those Democratic senators who have been wabbling and getting weak in the knees have been "hearing from home" in unmistakable terms, and they have been told and are receiving letters every day by the hundreds telling them that if they vote against the present tariff bill, or if they vote to amend it so as to make it objectionable to President Wilson, that they will be left at home when their terms are up, and their political careers not only ended, but blasted forever and branded as traitors. It is the power of these letters direct from the people that is enabling President Wilson to hold his party, with its narrow majority, together on the tariff bill.

President Wilson Sounds an Alarm. Only a few days ago the president gave out an interview to the country charging that a powerful lobby is at work to corrupt the Senate and defeat the sugar schedule of the tariff bill. Since President Wilson sounded this alarm letters have been pouring in on Congress by the thousands. The Progressive Republican senators have also been hearing from home, and they have been told that if they do not vote for this bill they will prove that they were merely playing the "demagogic" tariff bill, which was the work of the notorious Speaker Cannon and Nelson Aldrich. In view of this fact it is quite likely that several of the Progressive senators will vote for the pending bill when the day of final action arrives, for it is a great improvement over the existing Cannon-Payne-Aldrich bill.

The New Currency Bill. When President Wilson called Congress together in special session, only one committee was named, which was the Ways and Means committee, and which has conducted the tariff bill through the House. The fifty odd other committees have not been named, but Carter Glass of Virginia, who has been working hard on the currency bill, will, of course, be chairman of the committee on banking and currency. President Wilson has indicated to Leader Underwood that he desires to be consulted in making selections to serve on this committee, and his wish will be gratified. The president is very anxious for the currency bill to be passed at the special session, and the country agrees with him on the subject. The indications are that we will harvest another bumper crop this year, which will probably require one billion dollars to move, and when the time arrives for moving a great crop the demand is so great for money that other lines of industry actually suffer for the want of capital. The new currency law will provide means whereby the currency will automatically expand in accordance with the requirements of business.

## MURDERER HANGED AT HOT SPRINGS.

Hot Springs, June 2.—With a prayer on his lips that he might meet the wife he had murdered last July in heaven, Clarence A. Schumann was hanged at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Deputy Sheriff Walter Wheatley pulled the death trigger. The body shot like a bolt through the trap, fell eight feet and the neck was broken. Schumann was pronounced dead 12 minutes later. He had spent the whole of the morning in letter writing and prayer, and walked to the scaffold without a breakdown, though several times the day previous to the execution he had given-up to hysterical outbursts. He maintained to the last that he should not have been executed for his crime, claiming there were extenuating circumstances. He and his wife had been separated.

Sevier County Agents Visit Mena. J. A. Wofford, special farm demonstration agent for Sevier county, spent Friday at Mena, visiting the Mena Experiment Station in company with Prof. W. C. Lassetter. Mr. Wofford is enthusiastic over progress in better farming in his county, having more than one hundred men and boys actively in the work. He left for home Saturday.

## A HOLIDAY FOR MANY.

State Offices Close in Honor of Jefferson Davis.

Little Rock, June 3.—This being the anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States of America, it is being observed as a holiday in Arkansas, and all state house offices are closed for at least half of the day. All banks are closed, and in many places exercises are being held in honor of the beloved president of the Confederacy.

## LINE UP FOR MARCH PRIMARY

Office of State Land Commissioner Is Now a Plum Worth Having—Earl W. Hodges Will Have Opponent.

Little Rock, June 3.—Political lines for the primaries which will be held next March are being formed, and the list of candidates will no doubt be large. It is reported that J. C. Clary, now commissioner of labor statistics, will be an opponent to Earl W. Hodges, secretary of state, who is expected to make the race for a third term. L. S. Dunaway is expected also to enter this race. J. C. Clary made a close race for this office against O. C. Ludwig several years ago. Now that the salary of the state land commissioner has been raised by adding to that department the state highway commission, this office becomes a tempting political plum. Reuben G. Dye, who has served two terms as state land commissioner, is certain to ask for reelection. He was twice elected without an opponent, but he will have one at least in the next race. A. V. Smith, member of the legislature from Bradley county, now acting as private secretary to Governor J. M. Futrell, and who was elected secretary of the state highway commission, but declined to serve, will probably be a candidate for the position. Mr. Smith was the author of the bill creating the state highway commission, and the proper enforcement of this law is the one hobby of his life. He will make the race in the interest of the legislative act which he created. Mr. Smith has made a study of roads in practically every country of the world, he having visited all except those of South America. He was at one time a government attorney in the Philippines.

## NEW LIGHT PLAN BEFORE COUNCIL

Ordinance as Published in Star Yesterday Passed Second Reading Without Amendment—Up Again Next Tuesday Night.

The biggest proposition before the Mena city council Tuesday night from a standpoint of general public interest, was the ordinance introduced by Mayor Scoggin, granting a 20-year electric light and power franchise to the Co-operating Electric Light Company of De Soto, Mo. With the exception of making the meter rate current furnished the city 60 per kilowatt hour instead of 50, as printed in The Star by mistake, the ordinance passed the first and second reading, the only vote against it being by Alderman Davis on the suspension of rules and second reading. One or two amendments were suggested on the first reading by Mayor Scoggin, but no action to change the original draft was taken. There seemed but little doubt but the ordinance would have gone to final passage had not Mayor Scoggin voiced his desire that it be held up pending the deposit of \$2,000 in a Mena bank as a guarantee on the part of the grantee. The ordinance introduced at the last meeting to establish a municipal lighting district and plant was not taken up for further action. The bill for feeding city prisoners, amounting to \$49.50, or 75c per day per man, came in for a good deal of discussion, the consensus of opinion being that this, together with the cost of maintaining a guard, was more than was earned by the men.

## NEW ALTITUDE RECORD.

Perryon Rises 16,386 Feet in Aeroplane With Passenger. Duc, France, June 3.—The world's altitude record for an aeroplane carrying a passenger, was broken this morning by Edmond Perryon, who rose to a height of 16,386 feet.

## JOHN SICK IS HELD IN KANSAS CITY

Claims That Was Frightened of Train Robbers When Saw Two Boys Crouching on Car Steps.

St. Smith, June 2.—Pat Lawson of Poteau, Ok., was shot yesterday on a northbound Kansas City Southern passenger train by John C. Sick, an express messenger. Sick, who says he believed Lawson and his companion, Albert Pruitt of Poteau, a 20-year-old, were hold-up men, was arrested in Kansas City at the request of the authorities of Leflore county, Oklahoma. Lawson and Pruitt were being their way from Heavener to Poteau at the time of the shooting. They had attended a picnic at the former place and were riding the "blind" when Sick discovered them. He says their presence recalled to him the two train robbers on the Kansas City Southern road in Leflore county, Oklahoma, and Polk county, Arkansas, within a week of each last October. He shot Lawson.

Kansas City, June 2.—Sick was arrested at the Grand Central depot at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon as he came in off his train. Sick knew that he had shot a man near Howe, Ok., early yesterday morning, but was shocked when the officers told him the man was dead. His arrest followed a telegram received at police headquarters from Carl Wagner, sheriff of Leflore county, at Poteau, Ok., asking that Sick be held.

In the matron's room, where Sick is being detained, he told the following story last night of the shooting: "As we were leaving Heavener, Ok., shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday morning, I noticed what looked like two men crouching on the steps of the express car. I ordered them off the train and thought no more of them. A few minutes later I started to bar the rear door. One of the men sprang up in behind me. He raised his right arm. It seemed to me in the dark that he had something in his hand that looked like a blackjack. I stepped behind a bag of beans and jerked out my revolver. The bullet hit him in the head.

"Several holdups on our line in the last few months," continued Mr. Sick, "have put us on our guard. It was right near where Thomas R. Burgess, one of our messengers, was held up and left for dead about five months ago. Then I remembered the robber who shot Jesse M. Short, the Joplin miner, although that didn't happen on our run. "They were both young fellows about 19 and 20 years old. The man whom I shot—I forgot his name—was taken off at Howe, Ok., and treated by a doctor. The other man got away, but I understand he was caught later. I didn't know the man I shot was dead until the officers told me so at the depot. "Sick is 25 years old and married. He has been working on the Kansas City Southern three years and lives at 2608 East Twenty-third street. Sick said last night he did not know whether or not he would consent to go to Oklahoma without requisition papers until he consulted an attorney.

## NEW ACT TIES HANDS

Purchases Can Only Be Made After Advertising 10 Days for Bids—More Work for Governor

Little Rock, June 3.—The act of the legislature which created the State Board of Penitentiary Commissioners, is proving a rather hard nut for those interested in it to crack. In the first place, the act places the responsibility for purchases at the reform school on the governor. It was formerly in the hands of the penitentiary board, and the governor feels as though he has work enough to perform without it. The worst feature of the legislative act is that it makes it unlawful for the commissioners or their agents to make any purchases without first advertising for ten days for bids upon them. At the reform school tomato plants are needed now, but they cannot be purchased until ten days' advertising has been done. The potato plants at the school are being destroyed by bugs, and Paris green is needed to spray them, but none can be purchased. The board is finding the same condition at the state farm, and in many instances the convicts have been in want because no provision was made for the purchase of supplies in case of an emergency. This act makes it rather hard for the commissioners to make their monthly purchases, and the only way they can anticipate is to purchase a sufficient quantity of everything, and of everything imaginable that could be used in an emergency, in order to be prepared when the emergency comes.

## DON'T FORGET THIS.

W. J. Jernigan, at the head of the farm demonstration work in Arkansas, and W. F. Haden, for the Southwestern Arkansas district, will speak in Mena Thursday night, June 5, at the Court House.

## BANKERS' SYNDICATE MAKES BIG PURCHASE

Bids From National Railways of Mexico an Issue of \$26,727,000 6 Per Cent Two Year Secured Notes—Loan to Government.

New York, June 2.—New York, London and Berlin bankers in a syndicate today purchased from the National Railways of Mexico an issue of \$26,727,000 worth of 6 per cent two year secured notes. The issue is to pay \$10,000,000 worth of notes due today and for the retirement of other notes due later. Announcement was also made this morning that arrangements have been completed for a \$50,000,000 loan to the Mexican government exclusive of the railroad financing.

## CROPS FLOURISHING AT STATE'S BIG FARM

W. S. Rhea, Saved From Gallows by Gov. Robinson, Now Riding Boss in Charge of Large Force—750 Convicts.

Little Rock, June 2.—W. S. Rhea, convicted of murder in the first degree for the killing of Vital Archard near Dumas, and several times sentenced to hang before his sentence was commuted by Governor Robinson, has been made a riding boss on the state farm, and has charge of a large force of men. Rhea was a plantation manager when Archard was killed by negroes working on the plantation, when he endeavored to arrest a negro and take him away, and it was his qualification for the place which caused his appointment. Rhea first worked in a ditch with a digging squad, and was then made a trusty and later a guard, before being given a force of men and started to planting.

The state now has 1,500 acres of corn nearly waist high, and 3,200 acres in cotton which is very promising. There are 750 convicts on the farm at the present time, and the number is constantly increasing, as there are no pardons. Last month not a convict was released through expiration of his sentence, and this month there will be but three to go out. The white convicts have been moved to the Gorse camp, which is on the highest part of the farm. This was formerly a negro camp, but it was scalded out twice by Bud Rhea and his force, after which it was treated to three coats of whitewash. It is considered the most sanitary of all the camps. The penitentiary commissioners have purchased two new bloodhounds.

## MEXICAN MINERS AT WORK.

Small Colony Established Near Hatton Seek Earth's Riches. S. H. Sublette of Hatton, while in Mena Wednesday, told of the work of a colony of Mexicans near that place that is creating considerable interest thereabouts. Ten Mexicans, six men and four women, headed by a white-haired patriarch who cannot talk English, came to Hatton some months ago. They seemingly knew just what they wanted and were doing, and rented a farm of William Smith, on which they are making a cotton crop, at the same time actively carrying on mining operations on government land nearby. They are running a drift into a mountain, and at 50 feet are said to be taking out ore rich in silver, gold and copper, but claim they will have to go at least 200 feet to strike the main line or lead sough.

## RICH ORE NEAR HATTON

Vein 40 Feet Wide, Mile Long and Depth Unknown Said to Assay \$40 Per Ton.

William Fetch of Hatton was in Mena Tuesday, bringing samples of ore found near there said to assay \$40 per ton in ore values and to exist in almost inexhaustible quantities. This ore find, Mr. Fetch states, belongs to the Whiskey Peak Mining Company and is located one and a half miles west of Hatton, and an assay is said to show gold, silver, copper, manganese and other ores to the value of \$40 per ton. The vein is said to be 40 feet wide, depth unknown and at least a mile long.

## NAMES BRYAN'S PARTNER.

Editor of Commoner Appointed Civil Governor of Canal Zone. Washington, June 3.—President Wilson this morning named Richard L. Metcalf of Lincoln, Neb., editor of the Commoner, as civil governor of the Panama Canal zone. Metcalf has been a newspaper man all his life, and came into prominence as Bryan's spokesman in 1896.

## JUDGE ROWE DEAD BY BLOW ON JAW

Prominent Ft. Smith Jurist Assaulted by Alonzo A. Willett, Kansas City Southern Employee, and Dies in Hospital.

Ft. Smith, June 2.—As a result of a blow given by Alonzo A. Willett and a fall to the pavement on Rogers avenue about 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, Judge Styles T. Rowe died at St. Edwards Infirmary at 9:10 Monday night. The two men had met in the street in front of the Kansas City Southern depot, and by-standers say no words passed between them except that Willett inquired as to Judge Rowe's identity, when Willett struck him with his fist, the blow landing on the jaw with such force as to send Judge Rowe headlong to the pavement, his head striking with great force. Witnesses to the assault say that Willett kicked his victim as he fell, but was instantly grappled with by witnesses and held until the arrival of the police, who took him to the police station.

An ambulance was called and removed the man, who was unconscious, to St. Edwards Infirmary. Drs. Cooper, Folt and Eugene Stevenson were summoned and labored with the injured man without avail until he died, five hours later, without having recovered consciousness. At times he rallied, but was delirious. A diagnosis showed fracture of the skull and concussion of the brain. Mrs. Rowe and the three sons, Prentiss E., Stiles, Jr., and Rupert, were all present at the bedside at the last.

Alonzo E. Willett was late in the evening removed to the county jail on a charge of manslaughter. Friends offered to make bond for him, but he was held pending the issue of the assault, and upon notice of the death of Judge Rowe was held without bail. Willett is an employe of the local freight department of the Kansas City Southern, and with his family lives at 622 South Ninth street. The force of the blow was indicated by the fact that, while he was held at the police station, and hour later the knuckle of his right hand was found to have been dislocated and driven backward.

At the jail Willett declined to discuss the case at first, but said he had been called to his home by his wife, who he said told him of a visit of Judge Rowe to their home, and that he was coming down town to get a warrant. Near the depot he had chance to meet Judge Rowe, and upon briefly questioning him had struck him. "That is all I care to say now. The whole story will come out later, and I do not care to talk until the time comes."

Prosecuting Attorney Paul Little, who is a member of the firm of Rowe, Little & Rowe, stated last night that Judge Rowe had been attorney for the wife of a brother of Willett in a divorce case. In the police court Monday morning a neighbor of the Willetts and a couple who were found in her home were convicted and fined on an immorality charge. The convicted woman had consulted Judge Rowe in relation to this case, which was stated to have grown out of family differences. In order to investigate this case, Judge Rowe had gone to the neighbor's home and had gone over to talk with Mrs. Willett, he says. It is stated that Mr. and Mrs. Willett had been witnesses in police court Monday morning against the neighbor woman. It was while Judge Rowe was making those calls that the incidents are alleged to have occurred to which the Willetts took exception.

## ALFALFA DOING FINE.

C. L. Emery Has 5 Acres That Is High Class.

C. L. Emery, who last year bought the J. A. Knoll 320-acre farm about 1 1/2 miles west of Mena, has brought to town a bundle of stalks of alfalfa that average three feet in length and are fine in every way. This alfalfa field was pastured to hogs up to near February, and at that time it was thought to have been killed out, but now shows no bad effect from the bad treatment. M. B. Brown of the Homesseekers Information Bureau has received this sample of alfalfa for his office. Besides this he now shows splendid specimens of burr clover, sweet clover, red clover, white clover, Japanese clover and alsike, all of which were grown close to Mena. In addition many varieties of grass are shown.

## BRITISH POET LAUREATE DEAD.

London, June 2.—Alfred Austin, British poet laureate since 1896, died here this morning at the age of 77 years.

## DENVER MAKES CHANGE.

Commission Form of Government Goes Into Effect Monday.

Denver, Colo., June 2.—Denver today joins the list of large cities trying the commission form of government. Five commissioners and an auditor are now the only elective officers whose qualifications the people will have to consider. They are commissioners, respectively, of property, finance, safety, improvements and social welfare, a mayor being elected from their own number.

## BITTER ATTACK ON PASTOR RUSSEL

Rev. Percy H. Cross of Hot Springs Calls Him "The Greatest Schemer"—Two Divines Will Meet Friday.

Hot Springs, June 2.—"The greatest schemer who ever sat on God's footstool. Metaphorically, I take my hat off to him. He is a man who works 2,000 newspapers daily." This was the sarcastic arraignment of Pastor Charles T. Russell, of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, by Rev. Percy H. Cross, pastor of the Christian church here, last night. As Rev. Cross spoke he held aloft a picture of the noted divine. The attack on Pastor Russell was in compliance with action taken by the local Ministers' Alliance, which selected the Rev. Mr. Cross to expose Russellism. He reviewed the past life of the Brooklyn divine and quoted court records and language used during the matrimonial litigation Russell passed through. His teachings and writings, the Rev. Mr. Cross scathingly denounced. In the midst of his sermon he said he would like to meet Pastor Russell in a debate. The wish was no sooner expressed than Mr. Driscoll, secretary and press representative of the convention, arose and stated that he would see that such a debate were arranged for next Friday. The Rev. Mr. Cross accepted.

More than 1,000 delegates are attending this convention. Pastor Russell will be here to personally defend any of his following. Every pulpit in Hot Springs of the Protestant faith was closed against the members of the convention, among whom are some of the leading Bible students of the country, and the action of the Ministers' Alliance is being severely criticised.

## GAG RULE TO PUT PLANS THROUGH

Democratic Caucus May Restrict Further Legislation in Present Session to Currency Reform—Some Dissented.

Washington, May 31.—The Democratic caucus Monday will be urged to pass a "gag" rule restricting to currency reform the additional legislation at the present session. Fearing that the House Democrats with the organization of committees may plunge into consideration and action of small bills of merely local importance, Underwood and other House leaders have determined to impose the caucus rule. It may be possible that some plan will be devised whereby the Indian appropriation bill, which failed at the last session, may pass without being sent to the House, in which event that committee will be muzzled. Some dissatisfaction is being evinced. New members are desirous of getting down to work with their pet local measures, and Underwood may have difficulty in getting through his caucus gag rule.

## STILWELL BANK CLOSED.

Bad Loans Are to Blame—Depositors Protected by Guaranty Fund. Stilwell, Ok., May 29.—The First State Bank, capitalized at \$10,000, was closed by the state banking board today, following an examination by Auditors Claude Settle and W. R. Samuels. It is announced that the depositors will be fully protected by the state guarantee fund, and that a reorganization of the institution will take place with a view of reopening for business at an early date. The bank carried \$59,000 in deposits, including \$6,500 of county funds, which are protected by a surety bond. Bad loans are blamed for the failure.

## GAVE JUROR A DRINK

Senator L. C. Going and Others in Hot Battle in Supreme Court as Result of Little Diversion.

Little Rock, June 4.—One of the most strenuous legal battles of the present term of the Supreme court will be in the argument next Monday in the cases of Senator L. C. Going, Judge L. B. Poindexter, J. W. Moseley and J. W. Freer. These men were fined in the Circuit court at Walnut Ridge for contempt of court, growing out of Moseley, a member of a jury which was trying a case in which Going and Poindexter appeared as attorneys for the defense, going into a room with the attorneys and partaking of a drink from a bottle belonging to one of the attorneys. The jury failed to return a verdict and Moseley was accused of being the man who prevented an agreement. Freer was the bailiff of the court who permitted Moseley to go into the room with the attorneys. The defendants will be represented in the argument by Judge A. S. Irby of Black Rock, Harry L. Ponder of Walnut Ridge, S. D. Campbell of Newport, and George B. Rose of Little Rock. Attorney General W. L. Moore and Deputy John Streepy will care for the state's side of the case. The highest penalty which can be imposed on the defendants is a fine of \$50 and five days in jail. Nothing equal to Prickly Ash Bitters for removing that sluggish, bilious feeling so common in hot weather. It creates strength, vigor, appetite and cheerful spirits. Jackson Drug Co., Gunnels Drug Co., special agents.

## INCLUDE CATTLE, MEAT AND FLOUR

Free List May Be Extended as Result of Conference With President Wilson and Finance Committee.

Washington, June 3.—Chairman Simmons of the Senate finance committee, after a conference with President Wilson today, said he believed that when the tariff bill is ready for consideration by the Democratic caucus next week, cattle, wheat, meats and flour probably will be on the free list. It had been reported that the sub-committee in charge of the agriculture schedule had determined to put a nominal duty on meats and flour in order to equalize them with the free listing of cattle and wheat, but Mr. Simmons declared after his talk with the president that he expected both the raw material and the finished product to be free listed. He declined to say whether the change had been made at the instance of the president or senators. He said that the bill would be considered by the Senate caucus all next week, and he reported out of committee the following week.

## PRESIDENT'S PLAN.

Immediately after his conference with the president, Chairman Simmons hurried to the capitol, where the sub-committee considering the agricultural schedule was waiting. "I am going into the meeting to move to put cattle and wheat on the free list," said Mr. Simmons. "I don't know what the committee will do about it." Later it was learned that it was the president who had decided upon the free listing of raw materials as well as finished products as the best means of equalization. It was said that while the sub-committee's recommendations that the finished products be made dutiable and the raw materials free, was reversed at the White House, it was only after many senators had expressed through Chairman Simmons their acquiescence. The decision was left to the president. After the sub-committee heard the motion by Senator Simmons, Senator Williams stated that it would be considered and probably acted upon later today. The prevailing impression was that the committee would vote to meet the views of President Wilson and free list cattle and wheat. Senator Williams indicated he was in accord with that view.

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