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FLORIDA SOUTHERN IDENTIFIES SOUDER

Guns Boom in Congress Over Bonus

Iowan Calls Off Committee Meet When Move Is Made to Push Bill Ahead of Tax Plan.

Senate Still Deadlocked

Washington, Dec. 18.—Tax reduction and the soldiers' bonus became entangled today in the house while the senate continued its efforts to elect a chairman of the interstate commerce committee without result after nine ballots.

Under a program approved by majority leaders, action by the house on the administration's tax revision proposals would be deferred until a decision is reached by the republican membership as to a soldiers' bonus. This plan will be laid before the ways and means committee tomorrow by Chairman Green of Iowa who called off a committee session, scheduled today, when it became apparent that a drive was on to give the bonus priority.

Mr. Green, in a statement, declared that "the logical order of the proceedings of the committee should be to take up first the administrative features of the treasury bill, then to determine whether a bonus bill is to be considered and reported, and thereafter, in accordance with the determination of these two matters, to make the reductions in taxation accordingly."

Considers Taxes First. "It will probably require 10 days or two weeks of working time," the statement continued, "to properly consider the administrative provisions. This will afford an opportunity for a conference of the republican members of the house, which seems to be desired by many. The plan I propose not only presents the logical order for the business of the committee, but will expedite consideration of all of the subjects mentioned above."

Whether a majority of the committee membership will be inclined to accept the program outlined by Mr. Green, and approved by Representative Longworth, republican leader, and various republicans on the committee, is problematical. Several committee members, among the representatives Frear, republican insurgent, Wisconsin, and Rainey, democrat, Illinois, want the committee to report the bonus bill before and consider whatever is given the Mellon tax reduction program. They are expected to renew their demand that tomorrow's committee session and to have the support of some members who contend it is folly to discuss tax reduction until a definite decision is reached as to whether government funds are to be expended for adjusted compensation to war veterans.

Say Recs Interfere. On the other hand, Representative Garner, Texas, ranking democrat on the committee, declared he would be inclined to accept the Green program providing assurance was given to the study of the tax law's administrative features did not go so deep that it would affect the basic principles of the statute.

Republicans agreeing with the plan of procedure outlined by Mr. Green point out that with a two weeks' Christmas recess, beginning Thursday, the house would be unable to act on the bonus bill until after the holidays, even if it were reported and that it would be better to devote the Christmas recess in an effort to determine what savings could be effected by tightening up various provisions of the tax law, now recognized as susceptible to evasion. Coupled with the program suggested for the ways and means committee was a reiteration by Mr. Green that "with a surplus of nearly \$400,000,000 in sight," congress, even if it did enact the soldiers' bonus bill, would not, "in my opinion, look favorably upon the imposition of any new taxes."

Means Before Action. "Some suggestion has been made," he declared, "that if the bonus bill is adopted, some new plan of taxation should be presented to provide for the expenditure arising under it, but it is quite clear that the new revenue bill should include all of our system of taxation and not leaving it to be modified or changed by some further provision."

The senate will resume its battle of ballots tomorrow, but with the republican insurgents apparently divided and the Christmas recess only two days away, it appeared likely that the contest would go over into the holidays. Thus far 23 ballots have been taken.

Senator Smith, democrat, South Carolina, continued to lead on every ballot today, but he failed on any time to draw more than three insurgent votes and never was closer than four votes to the necessary majority.

Senator Cummins, republican, Iowa, who is up for re-election, ran a close second. He threw his own vote to Senator Couzens, republican, Michigan, who has been endorsed for the committee chairmanship by Senator La Follette, Wisconsin, insurgent leader.

Progress in Transportation Problems Made by Farmers and Manufacturers

Middlewest Farmer on Shipping Board Is Urged in Resolutions—Want American Bottoms Used for Government Shipments.

The most important accomplishments of the Middle-West Farmers-Manufacturers Foreign Trade conference, which closed in Omaha yesterday, were the threshing out of several new problems and the dispelling of some illusions which members of the body had, according to officials of the making.

J. L. Baker, president of the Baker Ice Machine company, Omaha, stated that this, the third meeting of the organization, had taken longer strides toward the solution of the transportation problem than the former two.

O. J. Davis, secretary of the National Foreign Trade council, addressed the meeting yesterday on the result of coordinating inland and water rates. The effect, he said, will be the bringing of money into America and American shipping, instead of giving it to other countries, for carrying goods of the United States.

Explains Federal Progress. Thomas L. Gaukol, St. Louis, representing the Department of Commerce, told of the progress of the commerce program and what means are being taken at the present time to build up a merchant marine.

The resolution committee composed of A. E. Bradford, president of the American Farm Bureau federation, chairman; J. L. Baker, Omaha; Charles P. Craig, director of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater association, and E. G. Wylie, freight commissioner, Greater Des Moines Committee, Inc., presented the following resolutions:

Water Routes. Extend the sea base inland by opening the Mississippi and other ocean-borne commerce into the Great Lakes and develop our inland waterways. Export and Import Rail Rates.

We favor an equalization of export rail rates to all ports from the midwest, and inland rail rates from all ports to the midwest to secure additional tonnage for our rail lines and to make all of our seaports available to the midwest on equal terms.

Green Rates. We favor the establishment of lower ocean rates and from south Atlantic and gulf ports where distance favors those ports, as long as ocean rates from or to north Atlantic ports are in effect while distance favors north Atlantic ports.

Trade Routes. We are opposed, not only to any curtailment of the existing trade routes as a thing calculated to restrict our outlets, but we urge the establishment of additional routes wherever there is a reasonable expectation of developing American trade.

American Merchant Marine. We stand unreservedly for an American Merchant Marine, without subsidy, as an indispensable link in our transportation system. Our shipping board's policy should be allowed to file their export declarations at the custom houses of the cities where shipments originate.

Advisory Committee. We suggest the appointment of an advisory farmers-manufacturers committee which should have general authority to study all merchant marine bills introduced in congress and to advise the shipping board as to the desirability of any legislation affecting the merchant marine conform to the principles herein set forth.

Farmer on Shipping Board. In view of the fact that farm products constitute about 50 per cent of the exports of the United States, the farming industry is more directly interested in the merchant marine than any other single industry. We earnestly urge the president to appoint as a member of the shipping board a farmer from the middle west.

The conference submitted a plan in connection with its endorsement of a merchant marine "without subsidy," whereby it believes a marine could be kept up without government aid. This plan includes a system of lower customs duties on goods and lower rail rates for goods and passengers on American ships; laws compelling government officials to use American ships when traveling at the expense of the United States, and laws requiring that a certain percentage of immigrants to America be carried on American ships.

Another Blood Trail. From the door of the pool hall another trail of blood led to the threshold of a grocery store operated by Sebastian Grasso at 624 Pierce street.

According to witnesses, De George and two other men, badly cut, ran east on Pierce street to Sixth, and down Sixth to the railroad tracks.

Fred Rissi, switchman, told police that he saw three men running down the railroad tracks. One of them threw a revolver in a clump of bushes beside the track, he said. He recovered the gun and turned it over to the police.

Filed in Gun and Knife Duel

Train Switchman Sees Three Men Fleeing Down Track and Throw Gun Away.

Wife of Suspect Flees

Frank Gihlterro, 1113 1/2 South Seventh street, part owner of a pool hall at Seventh and Pierce streets, was twice shot in the face and fatally wounded in the pool hall shortly before 1:30 this afternoon.

The shooting followed an altercation, in which his partner, Alho De George, 1115 South Seventh street, and two other men are alleged to have been involved. Two of the number are said to be suffering from knife wounds. Police are looking for them.

Just previous to the shooting, De George is said to have run from the pool hall to his home, where he met his wife and Mrs. Gihlterro.

"I am going to finish this for all with your husband now," he said, according to Mrs. Gihlterro. Then he obtained a gun and returned to the pool hall. Several screams were heard, followed by two shots in quick succession.

Gihlterro staggered from the front door of the pool hall, his face a mass of blood. Trailing blood at every step, he made his way to a house at 1115 South Seventh street, where he collapsed on the porch. Neighbors summoned a physician.

He died, however, before medical examination could be completed. One of the bullets struck him just below the eye, the other just below the nose, both penetrating the brain.

Woman Disappears. Mrs. De George, following the shooting, disappeared from her home, and is believed by police to have joined her husband.

Mrs. Gihlterro and the four Gihlterro children were hysterical. They were cared for by a physician.

Students Protest Short Vacation

Nebraska Officials Said to Be Opposed to Change in Plan.

Lincoln, Dec. 18.—The student council of the University of Nebraska today sent to Chancellor Avery and to Executive Dean Engberg a protest against the short Christmas vacation, which begins December 21 and ends January 2.

Nebraska has a shorter vacation than many representative middle western schools, the students declare. Their protest includes figures from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Kansas. The chart of comparative vacations, which they have prepared, shows that undergraduates at Nebraska go to school 209 days and have 12 days of vacation.

The students assert that an agreement between them and the university authorities entitles them to eight days of vacation, including two Sundays, and that under the present schedule they are asked to include two legal holidays in their eight days.

Chancellor Avery has taken no action and it is understood that Dean Engberg is opposed to any change on the ground that the year's schedule for the university already has been printed and there is no vital necessity for the two additional days requested.

Not That We Need Anything Particularly, but It Would Be Nice to Know One Is Remembered



Owner of Theater Files Appeal in Delinquency Case

Harry A. Taylor, Proprietor of Picture Shows, Carries Fight to Supreme Court.

Harry A. Taylor, proprietor of the Rohlf and Alhambra picture theaters yesterday filed an appeal in Lincoln with the state supreme court against a \$5 fine imposed upon him by Judge Day after he had been charged with aiding the delinquency of seven girls under 14 years of age.

The complaint against Taylor was filed July 12 by Esther A. Johnson, Omaha juvenile officer, following the appearance on the stage at Rohlf theater of Mary and Gwen Johnson, Vera and Ruth Christy, Katherine Fitzgerald, Virginia Smith, and Barbara Dallas. He was found guilty of encouraging the children's delinquency by Judge Day, but in his appeal brief declares that the children were not employed by him and were not working for the theater.

No money was paid the children, the brief says, and their dancing teacher, a Miss De Vere was paid only for her labor in getting the children ready for the performance. It is not for the court to decide if children, who have the consent of their parents, are to give exhibitions in public, according to Taylor's attorney, Eugene N. Blazer, and child labor laws were not intended "to stifle the joys of children or to limit the expression of their artistic development."

Blazer declares the appeal is a test case of considerable importance and if the ruling of Judge Day is carried to its logical conclusion it will exclude pupils of music from giving exhibitions of their skill in music stores.

Lincoln Police Judge Sends Speeders to Jail

Lincoln, Dec. 18.—A fine of \$1 a mile for speeders is Police Judge Chappell's threatened cure for fast driving he said today after 12 motorists had been arraigned in police court for violating speed ordinances.

For the second time in two days a speeder here was fined \$100 and sent, and for the second time the violator went to jail because of inability to pay. Ade Yussim, truck driver, was the offender today, and yesterday George Lebock was the recipient of a stiff time, it being his third offense.

Memorial Services Are Held by Bar Association

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 18.—Members of the Platte County Bar association held memorial services in district court, presided over by Judge Louis Lightner, to honor the memory of three members who have died. Resolutions and short talks of a biographical nature for Judge A. M. Post of the Sixth Nebraska judicial district, who died August 26, 1923; Colonel M. Whitmore, who died June 7, 1919, and Attorney W. A. McAllister, who died January 9, 1923, were given.

Vet Ties Self to Pyre to End Life

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Sheridan, Wyo., Dec. 18.—The charred body of Frank Crompton, 26, patient at the Fort Mackenzie Veterans hospital, was found where it had been chained to two small cottonwood trees in a copse near this city today. Evidence indicated Crompton burned himself to death, according to Dr. W. A. Steffen, coroner.

A note in his cap nearby said, "I did this because God wanted me to."

A local hardware dealer said Crompton had bought two dog chains and two padlocks at his store yesterday afternoon. The keys of the padlocks were lying on the ground beside the body. The gag in Crompton's mouth evidently had been tied in front.

Evidently he had chained his arms to the trees but in his agony had twisted free, as his body was found on the ground. The body was stripped of all clothing except underwear and shoes. Two cans, one full of gasoline and one empty were found nearby.

Colton May Seek Berth on Railway Commission

Lincoln, Dec. 18.—William Colton, republican, York, today intimated he would be a candidate for a place on the state railway commission when a letter from him inquiring about the requirements of filing for the office was received by secretary of state.

Railway commissioners are elected for a term of six years, but not simultaneously so that a vacancy occurs every two years. The term of H. G. Taylor, chairman of the commission, expires in 1924. He has not yet indicated whether he will be a candidate for re-election.

Nebraska News Nubbins

BROKEN BOW—The flag pole sockets in front of all the business houses in town have been filled with Christmas trees and these together with the elaborate window decorations gives Broken Bow quite a festive appearance.

BROKEN BOW—Miss Edith Patton, 26, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Patton of near Arnold, met her death in a tragic manner. She had gone to draw a pail of water from a large uncovered cistern and it is thought she slipped and fell. It was several hours before the body was recovered, and at that time attempts to revive her were useless.

HASTINGS—Twelve new directors were elected to serve three years by the Hastings Chamber of Commerce Monday night. They are R. D. Gaston, J. T. Cottingham, H. E. Bowman, Howard Pratt, Archie D. Marvel, K. H. Gedney, H. C. Haverly, G. A. Voland, A. M. Jones, George B. Durkee, Charles Duer, R. E. Bryant. The board consists of 30 members.

HASTINGS—Fred Horton and Fred Waalk who claimed to be from Chicago, were assessed \$30 and costs but excused from serving further jail terms when arraigned before District Judge Dilworth charged with taking an automobile belonging to the Hastings police department. The boys, who are 18, pleaded guilty. Both had served 23 days in jail awaiting trial.

HASTINGS—Nearly 10,000 persons attended the 34th farm bureau meet in Adams county during this year, according to the report of Elliott R. Davis, county agent, at the annual meeting of the county bureau here. Officers elected for the coming year were Stephen Swigle, president; R. R. Vance, vice president; F. T. Biglin, secretary; Kirk Griggs, treasurer; and Bert Mott, Robert J. Hickfeldt, C. T. Palmer, George W. Eivens and J. A. Frazier, directors.

HASTINGS—Business rivalry between towns will lead only to selfish times and a serious situation, the Rev. C. C. Dobbs, secretary of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, told the Hastings Chamber at its weekly luncheon. Commercial rivalries of towns have become fiercer and selfish strives may become destructive to participants, he warned. Rev. Dobbs will leave Aurora January 1 to become field secretary for Cotner university in Colorado.

FALLS CITY—Rev. E. V. Shayler of Omaha, bishop of the Episcopal church, diocese of Nebraska, installed Rev. John S. Gillespie as rector of the St. Thomas Episcopal church here Sunday. Rev. Gillespie came from Sulfur, Wyo.

GENEVA—The farmers if this vicinity are through husking corn and report a good crop. A good deal of the corn is soft and had to be sorted. Farmers paid from 7 to 10 cents a bushel for husking.

BEATRICE—Diphtheria caused the death of Ruth Elizabeth Hughes, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hughes, which occurred Monday. Mrs. Hughes was seriously ill of the disease, but has recovered. The funeral was held Tuesday. Burial was in Evergreen Home cemetery.

Asks Bonds Be Sent for Collection

Defendant Tried to Dispose of Coupons Under Name of Keller, Bank Clerk Says.

Points Him Out in Room

By Associated Press. North Platte, Neb., Dec. 18.—The scene of activities of former County Treasurer S. M. Souder, on trial for arson as a result of the courthouse fire here last April, as recited in testimony for the state, shifted from Nebraska to Florida today when Miss M. L. Hall of Titusville, Fla., identified Souder as the man who last August came into the bank, in which she was employed, with a package of bond coupons, which he asked be sent in for collection.

Miss Hall's testimony, given in connection with contention of the prosecution that Souder went to Florida after attempted under the name of Henry Keller to sell coupons of bonds of the Birdwood Irrigation district of Lincoln county, after the burning of the old courthouse here, followed that of Mrs. J. R. Dikeman of near Hershey, who told of taking coupons to Souder's office for payment. It also came after former County Treasurer A. N. Durbin had asserted that after bond coupons are presented for payment they are cancelled and filed away as vouchers.

Miss Hall, a bookkeeper of the Indian River State bank of Titusville, was asked by Attorney W. A. Prince of Grand Island, of the state's special counsel, if a man who came into the bank about April 22 or 23 was in the courtroom and who answered in the affirmative, indicating Souder as the "third man" sitting at the table of the attorneys for the defense.

Slip of Paper Disappears. A facial peculiarity, Miss Hall testified, aided her in recognizing the defendant. She said she had seen him several times since she had arrived in North Platte and then detailed how Souder had handed her a package of coupons, asserting that she had asked him if they should be sent in under the name of "Henry Keller," which appeared on a slip of paper which subsequently disappeared.

Miss Hall also declared she recognized an envelope which had contained a letter from the bank to the present Lincoln county treasurer, George Taylor, who had testified that it had contained the bond coupons. Souder subsequently was arrested in Florida on a larceny charge. Sheriff L. L. Berthe of North Platte, then told of seeing Souder in jail at Titusville, following which the state resumed introduction of testimony in connection with the arson charge itself.

Big Mortgage Is Filed in Columbus

Instrument Is Printed in Book Form; Contains 30,000 Words.

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 18.—One of the biggest mortgages were recorded in Platte county in point of length was filed for record today in the office of the register of deeds and also in the office of the county clerk. It being a combined real estate and chattel mortgage. It issued by the Northwestern Public Service company, which recently purchased the Columbus Light, Heat and Power company, to the Equitable Trust company of New York city to obtain an issue of bonds which will be limited to \$5,000,000 of which only \$1,000,000 thus far has been authorized by the Nebraska State Railway commission. The mortgage covers the electric light plant's real estate and all other property which the Northwestern brought from the Union Company of Omaha in North Platte and Columbus, Neb., Aberdeen and Clark, S. D., and two transmission lines in South Dakota. It is printed in book form, 96 pages of fine print and contains 30,000 words.

School at Salem Are Sold

Falls City, Neb., Dec. 18.—Bonds for the proposed \$45 for school houses at Salem have been sold and plans for its construction are being drawn by a Kansas City architect, but division among voters over the site may delay work. Various sections of the town want the school located in their neighborhood and it is believed that the school board may compromise by constructing it in the center of town.

Bonds for Proposed \$45,000

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The Weather

Table with weather forecast data including temperature, wind, and precipitation for various locations.