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RANGERS TO BE INVESTIGATED

LEGISLATURE WILL ALSO INVESTIGATE MOTIVES FOR BRINGING CHARGES

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INVESTIGATION OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE J. T. CANALES AND ACCEPTED BY ALL PARTIES PASSES WITHOUT OPPOSITION WITH COMMITTEE OF THREE SENATORS AND FOUR HOUSE MEMBERS TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION.

Is Adopted By Both Houses

By The Associated Press.

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 28.—The Texas Legislature today decided to have a full investigation of the ranger force. The nature of the investigation as laid out in a resolution adopted by both houses is:

"An investigation of charges against rangers, their individual conduct and an investigation of the motive of the persons making charges against rangers."

Representative J. T. Canales, who has been leading a fight for a bill to re-organize and regulate the ranger force and whose charges made on the floor of the House brought about the investigation, offered as a substitute to a resolution by Representative Barry Miller, the resolutoin adopted. Representative Miller, who had headed the fight against the Canales bill, accepted Representative Canales' substitute without opposition.

A committee of four House and three Senate members, with authority to summons and examine witnesses, will be appointed to conduct the investigation, the date of which has not been set. The House today refused to pass to engrossment a bill providing for consolidation of the State Highway department with the State Railroad Commission.

OCEAN FREIGHT COTTON RATES MAKE BIG DROP

UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD CUTS OFF SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF THE TRANS ATLANTIC RATE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

MEETS FREIGHT CUTS MADE BY BRITISH SHIPS

May Be Beginning of Rate War Between American and British Merchant Marines—Rates Apply to Shipments in American Bottoms.

By The Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Reductions of nearly 75 per cent in trans-Atlantic freight rates on cotton carried in American bottoms, effective immediately, were announced today by the shipping board's division of operations. Sweeping decreases were made yesterday in rates on general freight to meet cuts by British ship owners and some shipping board officials regarded today's announcement as presaging a rate war between the new American merchant marine and British shipping interests.

Requests for the cut in rates on cotton were made by southern senators and representatives in conference with shipping board officials and the announcement first came from the capitol. The effect on the price of cotton on the New York and New Orleans Exchanges was electric, the price on the old contract months advancing $10 a bale—the limit of fluctuation permitted in a single day under the law controlling dealings in futures.

Immediate and sharp increase in the exports of cotton from this country was viewed by southern senators and representatives as a certainty. All regulations affecting such exports already had been removed and the high freight rates were regarded as the only barrier between European needs and the American supply. No cotton will be permitted to go to enemy countries.

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Reduction Of Acreage In Cotton

GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERS WITH PLANTERS AND ISSUES CALL FOR MEETING OF SOUTHERN DELEGATES.

FIX DATE AT FEBRUARY 4TH

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 28.—Representatives of South Carolina planters in conference with Governor Cooper here today decided to institute a campaign to reduce cotton acreage in the cotton growing states to 25,000,000 acres. Governor Cooper sent telegrams to the governors of North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Texas, Oklahoma, Virginia, Florida and Missouri asking them to name a farmer and banker from each congressional district to attend a meeting in New Orleans on February 4, to formulate a plan for the reduction of cotton acreage.

BILLS BEFORE CONGRESS.
By The Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Two legislative measures designed to affect the market prices of cotton were introduced in the House today by representatives from cotton growing states. Both were referred to the agricultural committee.

Representative Howard of Georgia, introduced a bill which he said was intended to place the prices of cotton futures on parity with spot cotton. Five grades of cotton would be fixed by the measure as the "official cotton standards of the United States," these being middling, strict low middling, low middling, strict middling and good middling. Further, the measure would provide that "average deliveries shall not grade below middling." This average, he explained, would be maintained by deliveries of equal quantities of cotton of the grades above and below middling.

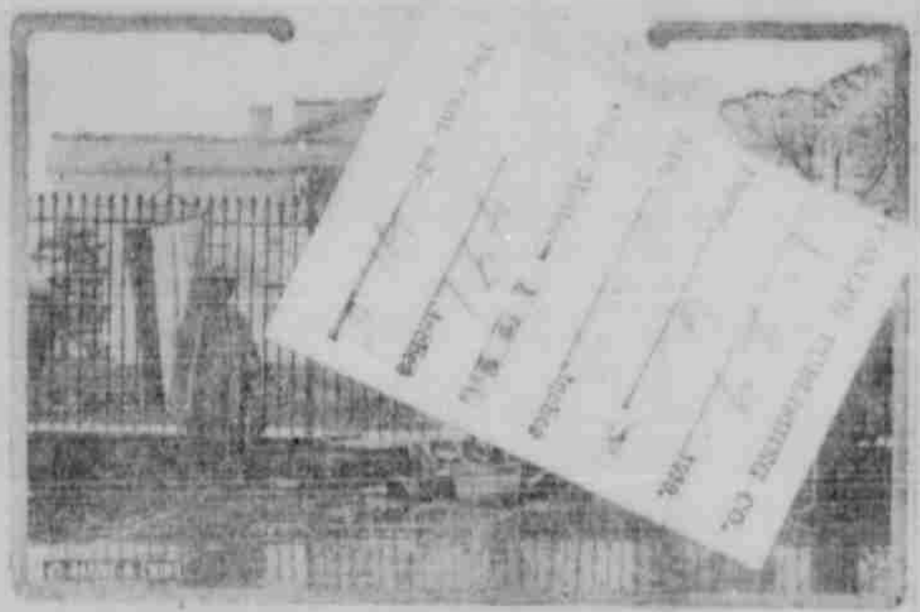
Representative Heflin of Alabama proposed a resolution that gambling or speculation in cotton as carried on at present at the New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges be prohibited.

"The great difference between the price of cotton futures on these exchanges," Mr. Heflin's resolution said, "and the price of spot cotton in the markets of the country is proof positive that these two exchanges have ceased to be places of legitimate speculation, but have degenerated into gambling institutions."

COTTON HOLDING MOVEMENT.
By The Associated Press.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 28.—Such impetus has been gained within the last few days by the cotton holding movement that it now embraces practically all the cotton producing states, according to J. J. Brown, Georgia commissioner of agriculture, who recently telegraphed agricultural commissioners in all the cotton states asking for the views of their states.

SUFFRAGIST BONFIRES IN WASHINGTON



The suffragists for several weeks have been trying to keep alight bonfires in front of The White House, some of them being composed of the published works of the president. Many of the women have been arrested.

Twin Sisters Broken In Health From Nursing In France Committ Suicide

By The Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 28.—Any doubt as to the double suicide of the Misses Dorothea and Gladys Cromwell, twins, prominent in New York society, who had been serving in France with the American Red Cross was removed today on the arrival here of the French Line steamship La Lorraine.

Passengers aboard the liner confirmed cabled reports from Bordeaux that the girls had jumped to their death from the liner and while she was passing out of the mouth of the Garonne River on January 19. They were seen to leap by an American soldier on sentry duty, who gave the alarm. Passengers said it was nearly 15 minutes before the ship could be stopped and the efforts to recover the bodies failed.

The girls left four notes in their stateroom. The notes were not made public, but Seymour Cromwell of New York, brother of the girls, stated that the contents show that "both were physically and mentally broken down."

According to the picture, the sisters were observed walking along the promenade deck. A few minutes later, the sentry reported seeing them slip to the rail. According to the sentry, one climbed over and leaped into the river. The other followed almost before the first struck the water. Hearing the sentry's cry two Y.M.C.A. workers ran to the rail and saw the two forms in the water, but they were soon among ...

PEACE SESSION ALLIES DIVIDE HUN COLONIES

ENTIRE DAY DEVOTED TO HEARING CLAIMS OF NATIONS FOR FAT SLICES FROM GERMANY'S DREAM OF POWER AND WORLD DOMINION.

AFRICAN TERRITORIES TO GREAT BRITIAN AND FRANCE

Belgium to Get Territory Adjoining Belgian Congo—Pacific Possessions to Go to China, Japan, New Zealand and Australia.

By The Associated Press.

Paris, Jan. 28.—Germany's colonies occupied the entire attention of two extended executive sessions of the supreme council of the great powers today and the disposition of this small empire, scattered over the African mainland, in Asia and throughout the Pacific is presenting a territorial question of the first magnitude.

The hearings given today covered the entire range of these German colonies as the delegates of Australia, New Zealand and Japan presented their respective interests in the Pacific groups of islands. Japan and China their interest in Kiao Chau and the German concessions at many treaty ports, and the French minister of colonies, Mr. Simon, took up the African colonies, embracing Togoland, the Kameroons and German East and Southwest Africa.

General Jan Christian Smuts, the South African leader, and General Lewis Botha, the South African premier, already have been heard on the question of German East Africa and now it only remains to get the viewpoint of the Belgians, who are about to present their ideas of their interests on the colonies adjacent to the Belgian Congo. It appears to be the generally accepted view among those having interests in the matter that Germany's colonies should not be returned to her.

This in turn has developed another crucial question, namely, whether German sovereignty over these colonies should pass to the powers who may receive them or whether they should be entrusted to a league of nations which would exercise international control while giving a mandate to such powers as administer the particular colonies.

The large question, affecting the general administration of the colonies, was considered today, as well as the particular interests involved.

German East Africa is the most important territorial possession involved as it has upward of 7,000,000 inhabitants. Besides being adjacent to the Belgian South African commonwealth it is a connecting link connecting the British in the south and north, completing the British territorial chain between Cairo and Cape Colony.

German Southwest Africa is regarded as less important though the harbor in Walfish Bay has some advantages. Belgian interests are believed to be centered in Southwest Africa, while the French interests are ...

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BUENOS AIRES PARALYZED BY LONG STRIKE

TYING UP OF PORT FOR TWENTY-FIVE DAYS HAS COST TEN MILLION PESOS TO STRIKERS AND SHIP OWNERS AND HALF MILLION DAILY TO GOVERNMENT.

By The Associated Press.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 28.—Buenos Aires has been isolated for twenty-five days by the port strike which prevents the entrance of trans-Atlantic steamers into the harbor. Forty-nine vessels, most of them laden with general cargoes for this city, were anchored in the roads today. It is feared that they will all proceed to Montevideo to unload.

These vessels alone could transport a sixteenth part of the exportive crop, while an eighth part could have been moved if this number were added to the cargo carriers which have been diverted from this trade because of the strike.

The loss to the strikers and ship owners alone is estimated by the newspapers at more than 10,000,000 pesos; the loss to the country it is impossible to estimate. The loss in customs has been a half million pesos daily. Three thousand cigarette and cigar workers struck today paralyzing the industry.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Corpus Christi: Generally fair; light to moderate northerly to easterly winds.

Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma: Wednesday and Thursday, fair; moderate temperature.

East Texas: Wednesday, fair in north; partly cloudy in south portion; unsettled on west coast. Thursday, generally fair; moderate temperature.

West Texas: Wednesday and Thursday, probably fair; little change in temperature.

WINGS.

When some rare thought inspires your heart
To urge you bear some nobler part,
And to your soul comes restlessness
To serve your fellows in distress,
These thrilling inner flutterings
Are but the stir of Angels' Wings
To prove that there some purpose true
Our God is working out through you.
—John Kendricks Bangs.

Pay your poll tax!
January 31 will be your last chance.

Remember that if you live in Corpus Christi you must pay your city tax, amounting to $1, and your county tax, $1.75.

ENGLAND MUST MAINTAIN ARMY OF ONE MILLION FOR OCCUPATION AND SALVAGE

CABINET MEETING CONSIDERS DEMOBILIZATION PLANS WITH VAST NEW TERRITORIES TO POLICE AND PRESERVE ORDER.

By The Associated Press.

London, Jan. 28.—A special meeting of the cabinet held today was attended by Winston Spencer Churchill, Sir Eric Geddes, Sir Robert Stevenson Horne, the new labor minister, and Generals Sir Henry Wilson and Sir William Robertson.

Urgent questions regarding demobilization were discussed.

It is understood that the conference concluded that there was no prospect for months to come of the countries enlistment of sufficient men for the army of occupation and the salvage of property in the war theatres for properly garrisoning India, Gibraltar and the Crown colonies, to insure the safety of the United Kingdom and safeguard the resources of victory in Palestine, Mesopotamia and Turkey and that it would be necessary to adopt some system of selection and place the men retained as nearly as possible in the same positions as they would be in civil life with regard to pay and other conditions.

It is considered that, for the purposes above stated, about one million men would be required, which means, roughly, that three out of every four men will be demobilized and the ...

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DEAD WOMAN IS IDENTIFIED AS MAJOR'S WIDOW

MARRIED WITHOUT PARENTS KNOWLEDGE, HUSBAND DIED OF INFLUENZA IN FRANCE, GIRL COMMITS SUICIDE—PARENTS AT TAMPA, FLORIDA.

By The Associated Press.

Englewood N. J., Jan. 28.—The body of a young woman found Sunday on the Palisades was identified today as that of the daughter of George H. Packwood of Tampa, Fla., widow of a major in the American army who died of influenza in France last October, according to an announcement here today by Thomas J. Huckin, prosecutor of Bergen county.

Mr. Huckin who declared an autopsy performed today established the fact that the girl was killed by chloroform, self-administered, asserted she apparently had married without the knowledge of her parents or friends. News of the death of her husband, whose name is not known to the authorities, made her despondent. Identity of the body, Mr. Huckin stated, was established by Mrs. Bradford Ellsworth of New York and other friends. To Mrs. Ellsworth, Mr. Huckin said, the young woman confessed her intention some time ago to commit suicide in a manner which would leave her identity forever unrevealed.

Mrs. Ellsworth stated that she had known the young woman nearly two years, but only as Miss Adele Packwood. She was 19 years of age, she said, although doctors who performed the autopsy estimated her age as between 20 and 25. On November 1, after learning of her husband's death she gave up an apartment she had in New York, Mr. Huckin continued, and sent her belongings to her father's home in Tampa. Then she disappeared.

He said she had frequently been seen walking along the Palisades and having ...

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TO TERMINATE WIRE CONTROL BY GOVERNMENT

HOUSE COMMITTEE FIXES ON DECEMBER 31 OF THIS YEAR AFTER HEARING TESTIMONY OF POSTMASTER GENERAL BURLESON.

By The Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Government control of telephone and telegraph companies would end next December 31, under a resolution ordered favorably reported today by the House Post Office Committee by a vote of 10 to 3. Chairman Moon announced that he would present the measure to the House tomorrow.

The resolution made no mention of cable companies and that phase of the situation was not discussed at the committee meeting. Members later expressed varying opinions as to the effect of the resolution on federal control of those properties which were extended by presidential proclamation last November under the authority given in the original wire control resolution passed by congress last July 16.

Chairman Moon said the new legislation would not affect the original Act, the ... of which would have ... to be ... with the ... of ...

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COLONEL SPENCER COSBY ORDERED TO GALVESTON

Commander of Fifth Engineers Will Be Army Engineer for District of Which Corpus Christi Is a Part.

Official announcement that Colonel Spencer Cosby has been selected as district army engineer in charge of the Galveston district, succeeding Major R. C. Smead, who has been transferred to another district, will be received with interest by the people of Corpus Christi.

Colonel Cosby was the commanding officer of the Fifth U. S. Engineers for the greater part of the time that the regiment was stationed at Corpus Christi, and he is therefore acquainted to a certain extent, at least, with the harbor and deep-water possibilities of this city, which is a part of his new district.

Assistant Secretary of War Crowell recently advised Mayor Roy Millar that the services of the division engineer at New Orleans and the district engineer at Galveston would be at the disposal of Corpus Christi municipal authorities in working out plans for harbor developments.

Minnesota Farmer's Fat Wallet Catches Suckers

By The Associated Press.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 28.—With a fat wallet as bait, C. W. Johnson, farmer, from Northern Minnesota, has been roaming the streets of Minneapolis in search of "suckers," as he calls them. He caught two tonight, bringing his total during the first two days of his visit to four.

Johnson came to Minneapolis with $1255. He still has it. He carries the money in a leather wallet which is strapped securely about his waist with a long chain. Monday night two young men saw the wallet protruding from Johnson's pocket, classed him as "easy picking," and walked off with the bait. Before they had gone far, however, Johnson felt the tightening of the chain around his waist and caught them both. They now are in jail. Tonight two more youths cast covetous eyes upon Johnson's wallet, reached for it and got it—for a time. They now are in cells next to the pair captured Monday night. In the meantime, the city furnishes Johnson with a free room at the jail because he is a material witness in the cases.

GARISH DESIGNS AND HUES ARE TO BE THE NEW SPORTS ATTIRE FOR MEN

By The Associated Press.

Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 28.—Delegates to the convention of the National Association of Merchant Tailors, which opened here today, forsee a new era for picturesque sports attire for men. Garish designs and hues will be the rule, the delegates say.

The woolen goods industry approached demoralization at one time during the war, it was declared, because of busy-bodies, who advocated the wearing of "home-spun sack cloth and ashes."

WOMAN'S BODY IDENTIFIED NATION-WIDE SEARCH FOR DR. WILMER AMOS HADLEY

Richmond, Va., Jan. 28.—With the positive identification of the body found in the James River several weeks ago, as that of Mrs. Wilmer Amos Hadley, wife of an army surgeon, the police today obtained the services of a nurse at the West Hampton Military Hospital, where the surgeon was stationed, to assist in the search for Dr. Hadley, which has become nation-wide.

The authorities declined to make public the name of the nurse, who they say, would be the chief witness for the state. According to their account, she is of a prominent family and entered the military hospital as a patriotic duty. While there, they asserted she became engaged to Dr. Hadley, who represented himself to her as single.

Identification of the body was made today by Mrs. A. H. Evans of Circleville, a sister of Mrs. Hadley. The police in Texas stated tonight that Doctor Hadley was recently seen near his home in that state and that they hoped to arrest him within a short time.

At the residence here of E. C. Clarke, where the Hadleys lived, it was said Mrs. Hadley often had mentioned that they owned a mountain lodge in west Texas and that when her husband was released from service they would spend a vacation there. Local officials say Texas authorities are on their way to the lodge.

GOVERNMENT'S PLANS TO KEEP WHEAT PLEDGES

BILL BY FOOD ADMINISTRATION SENT TO SENATE CALLS FOR APPROPRIATION OF BILLION AND QUARTER DOLLARS.

By The Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 28.—An administration bill appropriating $1,250,000,000 to enable the government to carry out its guarantee to the farmer of a price of $2.20 a bushel for the 1919 wheat crop was transmitted to the chairmen of the Senate and House Agricultural Committees today by the food administration.

The measure, which was drawn by officials of the food administration and the Department of Agriculture, was described by some senators as an omnibus measure which would permit the president to continue the food administration in operation and to exercise all of the powers conferred upon him by the food control act.

Senator Gore, chairman of the Senate committee, announced that he would not introduce the measure in the senate.

"It is broader than I think is necessary," he declared. "I may use it as a basis for another bill which I may introduce."

Under the bill as drawn, government authority to control grain dealers, millers and elevators "by license or other like powers," would be continued and the president would be authorized "to create any agency or agencies" to buy the 1918 and 1919 wheat crops, "wheat and rye and other feedstuffs and foods" at the guaranteed prices, regulate export and import of wheat, ... preferential railroad service as long as the railroads are under government control, control grain exchanges and prohibit trading upon them "at such time or times as may be deemed desirable or proper to meet market conditions and competitive prices of foreign grown wheat and "to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary to protect the government of the United States from paying the guaranteed prices aforesaid for any wheat other than that covered by proclamations."

In addition, the president, through ...

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PACKERS STILL URGING FOR NO MEAT CONTROL

SWIFT AND MORRIS APPEAR BEFORE SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES CLAIMING THAT LEGISLATION "WOULD JUST MUDDLE THINGS UP."

By The Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Presidents of two packing companies today advised Senate and House committees against enactment of any additional legislation to regulate the meat packing industry. Louis F. Swift of Swift & Company, told the Senate Agricultural Committee present laws were inadequate to deal with any abuses charged, and Edward E. Morris, of Morris & Company, testified before the House Interstate Commerce Committee that any further legislation "would just muddle things up."

J. Ogden Armour, president of Armour & Company, announced yesterday that he expected to consult representatives of all packers concerning measures to be offered as substitutes for legislation now pending. Mr. Swift when asked today by Senator Gore of Oklahoma if he expected to assist with such legislation, said he felt much of the so-called "feeling against the packers" was exaggerated and that legislation would not affect the situation.

Some limitation of capitalization of packing companies was suggested by Senator Gronna of North Dakota, after Francis J. Heney had cross examined Mr. Swift concerning a series of increases of his company's capital stock.

Mr. Heney said that by separating the Swift concern into three organizations recently the market value of the original stock had been increased more than $160,000,000. Mr. Swift denied this and agreed to inform the committee as to the transactions dealing with the separation of the one company into Swift & Company, Swift International, and Libby, McNeill & Libby.

Paul McAllister Shot By An Unknown Assailant

Paul McAllister of this city, is at the Spohn Sanitarium in a serious condition as the result of a shooting affray occurring at daylight yesterday morning at Piedras Pintas, near Benavides, in which he was the target of an unknown Mexican armed with a rifle.

McAllister was brought to the city on the Texas-Mexican train yesterday afternoon and was met on arrival by an ambulance of the Maxwell Dunne Company and taken to the sanitarium for medical attention.

His wound consist of the little finger on the left hand shot away, another wound in his right arm, while the third shot struck him in the groin.

McAllister, who has been working for an oil company at Piedras Pintas, said that he was coming out of his tent at daybreak yesterday morning and that as he emerged from the tent a Mexican, standing a short distance away, started shooting at him. He said that before he could return the fire that the Mexican had shot him in the arm and that in returning the fire he was forced to use his pistol with his left hand.

He fired several times at the Mexican, but he does not know whether or not the shots took effect.

McAllister, whose home is in Corpus Christi, is well known throughout this section of the State. This is the second time within the past two years that he has been fired on, the other occurrance being about a year ago.

Several years ago he was indicted for the killing of Chief of Police Joe Crixell of Brownsville. After a memorable trial at Hallettsville, being transferred to Lavaca from Cameron on a change of venue, he was acquitted of the charge.

Reports from the hospital last night said that he was resting easy, and it was thought that he would recover from the wounds received yesterday morning.