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### MERCER-AUBURN GAMES WILL BE PLAYED HERE NEXT WEEK

Formal Contract For Three Games Was Signed Here Yesterday By Manager Tift of the Mercer Team and Manager Ford for the Local Management

### DO NOT WANT ANY FURTHER LEGISLATION

### ON MATTER OF THE TARIFF

### Seek an Early Adjournment of Congress

Washington, April 11.—Congressional leaders, both democratic and republican, are planning to bring about an early adjournment of Congress. These leaders want to prevent any further tariff legislation. The democrats want no more tariff legislation this session because they fear that they may make a mistake which might react unfavorably in their presidential campaign, and the republicans are naturally opposed to tariff reductions of any kind.

If these leaders have their way congress probably will adjourn inside of two months, and before the Chicago and Baltimore conventions.

The old guard republicans in the senate, led by Senator Penrose, as chairman of the finance committee, are working to an early adjournment. They are getting aid from democratic directions. Chairman Underwood, of the house ways and means committee, is working for an early adjournment, and some of the democratic senators, especially those of the protective tariff stamp, are eager to get away from Washington early.

On the other hand, there is a strong body of progressive republicans and progressive democrats in the senate who, while not anxious to prolong this session, wish to have certain matters disposed of before congress quits. Many of these men prefer to see congress remain here all summer than to see the session end with nothing accomplished.

Under these circumstances, it is conjectured whether congress will adjourn before the national conventions or whether the statesmen are in for another summer of sweltering work.

It all depends on whether Senator Penrose and the old guard republicans plus certain democrats who habitually lean toward them, are able to muster votes enough to bring about an adjournment early in June.

If an early adjournment is forced it will be for the purpose of blocking tariff revision just as far as possible; for the purpose of blocking any progress toward legislation on the control of trusts and corporations, for the purpose of heading off important labor legislation, and for the purpose of confining as nearly as possible the legislation of this session to the passage of appropriation measures.

The Lorimer case is pending before the senate, and is being permitted to drag along. Suspicion is harbored that Lorimer's friends will throw the decision of this case over until next winter, if they can. However, it seems unlikely this will be accomplished for the reason the opponents of Lorimer are determined to force a vote and in a showdown it will not be easy to prevent one. Notice of the determination to have a vote was practically given in the senate the other day by Senator Bristow when he arose to inquire when the report of the Lorimer committee would be in, and said he, for one, did not want to remain in Washington another summer. The inference from this was that Bristow and other progressives were going to have a vote on Lorimer if they had to have an all-summer session to bring it about.

Progressive senators, both on the republican and the democratic side, would like to have votes on the steel bill, the excise bill, the sugar bill, and

It is certain now that the Mercer-Auburn series of baseball games will be played in Americus, as a formal contract to that effect was yesterday signed by Manager A. C. Tift, of the Mercer baseball team, and Manager M. K. Ford, of the local baseball team. The matter has been undecided for some time, so it will be a matter of gratification for local fans to know that the matter has at last been settled.

The matter of what place would be chosen for these important college games has been undecided for some time, though Americus has had the more favorable consideration from the Mercer management from the beginning. Now that the matter is settled, all possible preparations will be made by Manager Ford to make the series of games a great success, as the local management, which should derive considerable benefit from the games, have received very favorable terms in the contract.

Instead of two games, as originally intended, there will be a complete series played here, as Manager Tift made final arrangements with Manager Bragg, of the Auburn team, over long distance telephone last night to that effect. The games will be so arranged, however, that one will be played Thursday, April 25, with a double-header the following day. It was impossible to arrange a game for Saturday, as has been wished for, as the schedules of the two teams conflicted in this particular.

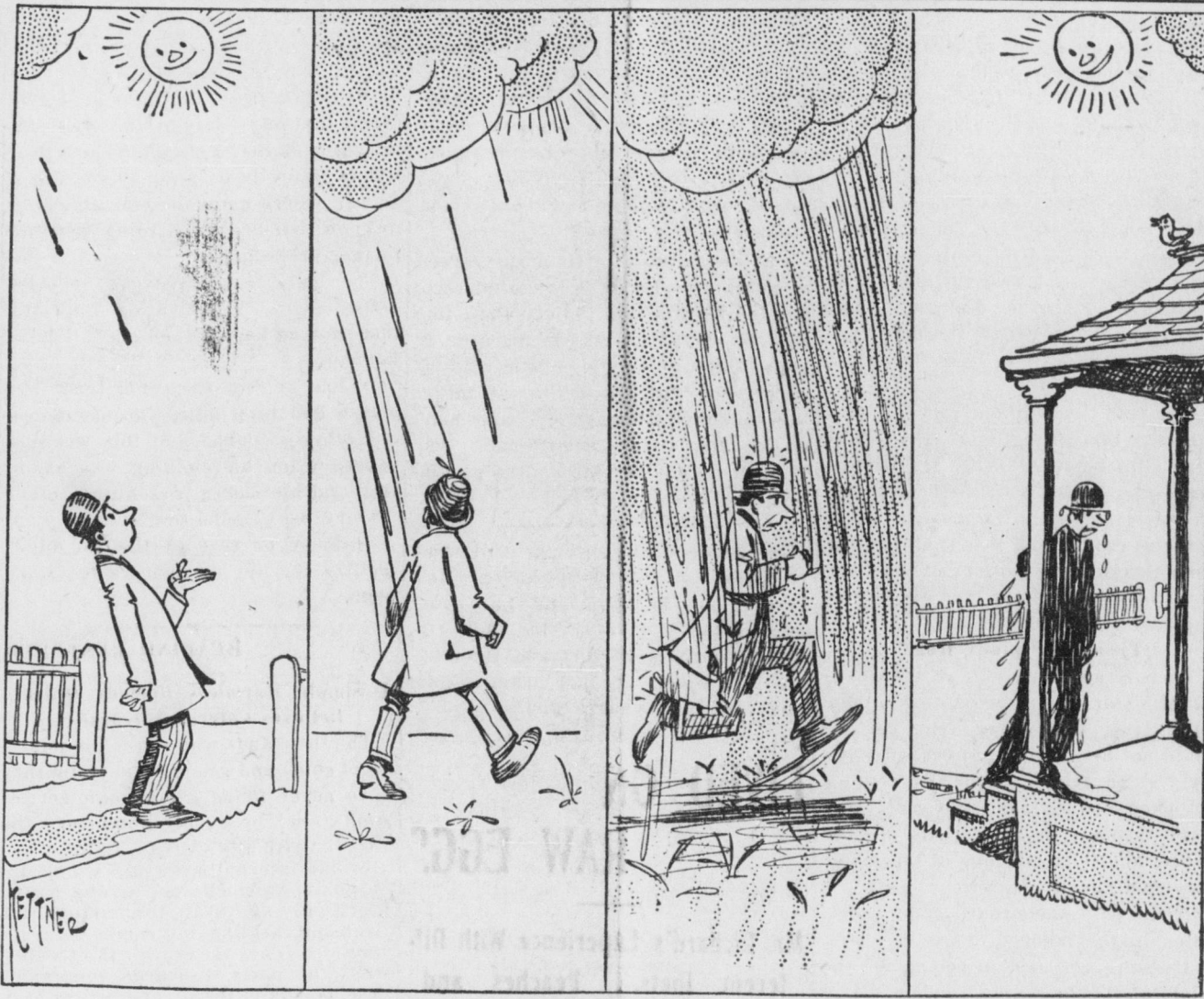
The rivalry between the two teams is sufficient to bring a large crowd of students from each college, as the Mercer students will come to Americus on a special train to see the games, while the Auburn rooters may likewise come on a special. There will be a great crowd of students here at any rate from both schools, in addition to the large number of local and out-of-town people who will be present. It is the purpose of the local management to advertise the games as widely as possible, so that three record-breaking crowds will be present.

If the three games can be made a great success here this season, it is believed that they can be secured next year and permanently. This would be a great advantage to the locals, as Memorial Day might be chosen as the day and be made a big opening day for the local baseball season, as the receipts should be large enough to furnish a neat sum for the benefit of the management of the local team.

the wool tariff bill before adjournment. In the Lorimer case, to settle the Panama canal legislation involving the question of permitting railroads to own competing lines of steamships, to make some reasonable progress, at least in committee, toward solution of the question of what to do with the trusts and corporations, to pass the eight-hour bill, and the workmen's compensation bill, and dispose of some other matters—on the whole, putting through a comprehensive program of legislation.

The senate, however, is listless. Many senators feel that with a campaign coming on congress ought to end as quickly and do as little as possible. Progressive republicans and democrats are showing much enthusiasm about an alliance on tariff, and while Senator Martin, democratic leader, has told Senator Cummins that the democrats will unite with the progressive republicans in passing a steel bill, such a union is coming to be regarded as in some degree uncertain, either as to steel or other schedule.

### FOUR MINUTES IN APRIL



### ALUMNI OF MERCER MAY FORM CLUB

### May Get In Trim For the Approaching Games

Now that it is positively assured that the Mercer-Auburn series of baseball games will be played in Americus, it is likely that a Mercer alumni club will be formed here to attend the games and to root for the Mercers, who have many friends here in addition to the former students and alumni.

The occasion of the playing of the two games here on Memorial day will be one of unusual interest, as it will bring large crowds here not only from both student bodies but also from surrounding towns. There are two games scheduled for the day in Americus. The cordial reception given the Mercer University Glee club here Saturday under adverse circumstances is sufficient evidence of the fact that there is much loyalty among the many alumni and former students of the college here. For this reason it has been suggested that a club of the alumni and former students be formed and organized in order to help support the Mercer students when they come in the approaching games.

It is very likely that a call will

### FRAZIER'S SHOP RAIDED AGAIN ON YESTERDAY

### WHISKEY WAS AGAIN FOUND Repeated Offenses From the Same Source

Dink Frazier's place on Cotton avenue again had the limelight turned upon it Sunday afternoon and, with the usual result, the raiding policemen finding a quantity of whiskey concealed there. Frazier was arrested, but gave bond for his appearance in recorder's court Thursday morning for trial, where he has been upon previous occasions.

In the peace and quiet of Sunday afternoon Lieut. Johnson, with Policemen Bragg and Davis, descended upon Frazier's place, having received a tip to the effect that whiskey could be found upon the premises. During the search for the contraband goods Policemen Bragg dug into an old kerosene oil tank and there found fourteen pint bottles of whiskey. The long range stuff was carried to the barracks and will be produced as evidence in the trial of the case in recorder's court Thursday.

Frazier, it is stated, told the policemen that the whiskey belonged to his brother, as he did in the finding of two full barrels at the house of Dan Perryman two weeks ago. There are numerous cases against Frazier for violations of the state whiskey laws—cases tried and cases, untried—while fines aggregating \$1,750 or terms of three years in the chain gang, stand against him in three cases alone. Other cases will be tried at the next session of city court.

### EASTERLIN ESTATE BOUGHT BY A ST. LOUIS SYNDICATE

### \$50,000 Was the Price Paid For Lands. Many Possess Kaolin Deposits

Fifty thousand dollars was the handsome consideration announced yesterday in the sale of 1,800 acres Sumter county land, sold by Easterlin Bros., of Andersonville to a St. Louis syndicate. The land is to be developed by the company, but for what purpose no one knows.

Representatives of the syndicate came to Andersonville, inspected the lands and paid the price, saying nothing as to their intentions on the line of development. Mr. B. F. Easterlin was in Americus yesterday and to friends here announced the sale of the 1,800 acres. The payment required was made and the purchasers left immediately for St. Louis, without divulging their plans to any one in Andersonville. In fact, their visits to the Easterlin lands were somewhat mysterious.

Several weeks ago, it is said, the St. Louis prospectors came to Andersonville, looked carefully over the old fields and adjacent woodland and,

after consultation, offered \$30,000 for the 1,800 acres. Mr. Easterlin declined the offer, whereupon they went away, only to return with the offer of \$50,000, which was accepted.

It is suspected that the purchasers have discovered some deposit in the lands, doubtless kaolin of fine quality, as this mineral is plentiful in that region. Mr. B. F. Easterlin has recently gone over the lands with a view to finding anything of value, but the kaolin proposition is the most plausible theory that can be suggested by him.

In this event it is possible that the purchasers may erect a large plant here for the development of the kaolin beds upon their purchase, manufacturing it into fine pottery, etc.

The lands sold by the Easterlin Bros. lie to the east and south of the national cemetery and along Sweetwater creek. It is ordinary farming land, the greater part of it, and its sale at nearly \$28 an acre is considered a very advantageous one.

### FARMERS MAKING FINE PROGRESS IN CROP PLANTING

### Still Behind With Work In Sumter County

Sumter's farmers have utilized well the three weeks of fine weather just passed and have been busy planting corn and cotton. Most of the corn crop is in, and on many farms is coming up already, while cotton planting is progressing as rapidly as the ground can be prepared and the seed put in the furrows.

Taken as a whole the farmers are a month or more behind with their work as compared with previous years, caused by the heavy rains in the late winter and early spring, which made plowing impossible.

Owing to the fact that so many farmers were busy with their cotton last fall and that plowing could not be done during the winter months, there is a big reduction in the oat crop, estimated from 25 to 50 per cent, being near the latter figure. This loss is serious, because the oat crop comes in between seasons as a food crop and is one of the most profitable.

There is a decrease in the amount of fertilizers sold caused principally by reduction in cotton acreage. More attention is being given to stock raising and there is a big increase in food crops, averaging over 35 per cent.

Cotton acreage is at least 25 per cent, less in this county, and in this entire section than last year. This is in part due to the educational campaign along this line, but principally to the condition of the market at the close of the last season.

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### With Cargo Supposed to Have Been Worth About \$20,000,000. \$5,000,000 of Diamonds Alone Sank With Steamer Titanic. Most Prominent People of Nation Aboard World's Largest Steamer Lost Their Lives.

Special to Times-Recorder.

New York, April 15.—According to the most authentic reports received here by wireless late tonight, giving news concerning the sinking of the Titanic the largest steamer afloat, there were probably 1,600 lives lost and a cargo that is estimated at \$20,000,000 also went down. This is in exact contradiction to the reports received during the day, according to which all the passengers were saved. It was admitted here tonight that the reports sent out earlier by the press agencies to afternoon papers had been incorrect.

If the latest reports are correct, and it is believed they are at least approximately so, the sinking of the Titanic will prove to be probably the most stupendous catastrophe in the history of steam navigation, as the loss in life embraces 1,600 of America's prominent people, many of these women and children, while the aggregate value of the cargo lost is placed at \$20,000,000. The reports have it that only about six hundred of the passengers were rescued in the life boats.

As told in the earlier dispatches of the day, the cause of the sinking of the Titanic was its having collided with an iceberg off the New Foundland coast. It was not until late last night that the falsity of the reports published during the day was admitted by the news agencies here, and the true reports, which had been gained with what is believed to be careful accuracy, were given out by these same agencies.

It was 2:20 o'clock this morning that the Titanic collided with an iceberg off the coast of New Foundland and very soon thereafter reports concerning the catastrophe began to be received here with more or less accuracy. In addition to the fact that approximately 1,600 people are supposed to have been lost, while only 600 were saved, it is reported that about \$5,000,000 worth of diamonds were lost with the cargo, the entire value of which is placed at \$8,000,000 to \$11,000,000, while the total loss, including the steamer, is placed as high as \$20,000,000.

On account of the large number of lives lost and the prominence of the passengers, who were for the most part among the best known people of the country, the catastrophe easily takes rank as one of the most stupendous, if not the most terrible, that has occurred in many years. The development of further news concerning the names of those who were lost, which was not available here tonight, is awaited with most eager interest. No details as to the names of the survivors could be ascertained at all here tonight.

The Titanic was the largest steamer afloat, and was constructed at tremendous cost. It also had the largest passenger crew and the most costly cargo that has been carried by any steamer in many years. All the dramatic features of the sinking of the huge steamer off New Foundland, where it is most difficult to obtain accurate reports at this time, constitute one of the most dramatic accidents that has occurred in many years.

### EARLY REPORTS MISLEADING

Atlanta, Ga., April 15.—Wireless dispatches received up to noon today showed that the passengers of the monster White Star liner Titanic, which struck an iceberg off the New Foundland coast last night, were being transferred aboard the steamer, Carpathia, a Cunarder, which left New York April 13 for Naples.

Already twenty boat loads of the Titanic's passengers have been transferred aboard the Carpathia. Allowing forty to sixty people as the capacity of each life boat, some 800 or 1,200 people have already been transferred from the damaged liner.

Another liner, the Parisian, of the Allan company, which sailed from Glasgow for Halifax on April 6, is already close at hand and assisting in the work of rescue.

The Baltic and Virginian also are near the scene and the Olympic apparently is not far away, as the wireless information concerning the transfer comes from Captain Haddock of the Olympic. Latest reports indicate that the transfer of passengers is proceeding successfully and safely. The sea is smooth and the weather calm.

While badly damaged, the Titanic is still afloat and is reported to be making her way toward Halifax under her own steam.

The Titanic is the largest steamer ever built. She is 882 feet long and has 46,323 tons displacement. She was launched last May. This was her maiden trip.

### BIG LINER HIT ICEBERG OFF NEW FOUNDLAND

New York, April 15.—Officials of the White Star line had received no word here at 8 o'clock this morning other than the press dispatches of the reported accident to the Titanic.

A wireless message from the Titanic received soon after midday today, announced that the giant new liner had struck an iceberg off the banks of New Foundland and was in a sinking condition.

Transfer of the passengers to the lifeboats began at once. The accident occurred at 10:25 o'clock last night. Two hours after the ship's wireless apparatus, which had been working so badly as to permit of only intermittent and fragmentary messages, failed completely.

The last words sent by the operator told that the vessel was apparently doomed, "sinking by the head" and that the women passengers were being rushed into the life boats. A reassuring feature was that the weather was calm and clear, and help only a few hours away.

### T. R. STANDS FOR FLINN, OLD QUAY LIEUTENANT

### Taft Bureau Digs Up an Old Agreement With Quay.

Washington, April 15.—William S. Flinn, manager of the Roosevelt campaign at Pittsburgh, has had a facsimile of a Roosevelt indorsement printed and is sending it over the state at his own expense. In approving certain candidates for delegates who will be voted for in the Pennsylvania primaries, Mr. Roosevelt said: "There is cause for which these candidates stand is the cause for which I stand."

The National Taft bureau has dug up an old agreement between Matthew Stanley Quay and J. O. Brown and William Flinn, as follows: "The said M. S. Quay is to have the benefit of the influence, in all matters in state and national politics of the said parties of the second part (Brown and Flinn), the said parties agreeing that they will secure the election of delegates to the state and national convention who will be guided in all matters by the wishes of the said party of the first part."

"All legislation affecting the parties of the second part, affecting cities of the second class, shall receive the hearty co-operation and assistance of the party of the first part (Quay) and legislation which may affect their business shall likewise receive the hearty co-operation and help of the party of the first part."