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SENATOR DIAL SPEAKS IN CHICAGO

ONE OF PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS BEFORE THE SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL CONGRESS.—SAYS COTTON FUTURES LAW ISN'T FAIR TO PLANTERS.

Chicago, Nov. 21.—The present cotton futures contract law "reverses the laws of common sense and the customs of merchandising" by permitting the seller to deliver any one of ten grades to the buyers, Senator N. B. Dial of South Carolina, declared today in an address before the Southern Commercial Congress.

He urged amendment of the act to give the purchaser rights to equal those of the seller. Under the present system, he said, the grower suffers, because purchasers sell out their hedges rather than accept delivery of inferior grades, and the consequent heavy sales depress the price.

He cited figures to show that in 1920 only 13,340,000 bales of cotton were grown in United States, while there were contracts sold for 128,907,500 bales. From August 1, 1920 to July 31, 1921, the actual number of bales delivered at New York was only 267,700 and at New Orleans 106,600.

"Under the present practice," Senator Dial said, "even the lowest grades of cotton are not sold at their value because you have not brought the right parties together."

"Furthermore, the prices quoted on the exchanges do not reflect the price of the market. For example, on March 23, 1920, March contracts in New York were 36.52 spot 40 cents a pound; in July spots 43.76, contracts 36.50.

"Artificial supplies are created at the pleasure of the sellers of contracts without enlarging the demand."

The law of supply and demand is thus hobbled. Who ever puts up the most margins can carry prices his way. I am not endeavoring to legislate value into a commodity. This could not be attempted. To my mind the foregoing clearly demonstrates the inequality of the present law and its unjust operations against the grower.

"I suggest either one of three remedies which I am satisfied will greatly improve conditions, but urge the last one, to wit:

"First, require the specific grade to be specified at the time the contract is made.

"Second, allow the purchaser and the seller of a contract to each select half of the quantity. But in order to avert the possibility of a corner either up or down let them divide each half equally in two or even three grades.

"Third, do away with the middling fair as one of the grades tenderable and divide the other nine grades into three classes—A. B. and C. with three grades in each class and make the middle class the basis, with a discount for a grade below and a premium for a grade above.

"I have introduced amendments in the Senate along the lines suggested above, but I am told that the task is too monumental to be accomplished, and that it would cause a revolution in marketing I believe in revolutions when they are necessary to accomplish justice."

HOSPITAL BUSY.

The Abbeville Memorial Hospital was busy this morning. John Harris had his tonsils removed, and the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Benton Langley had a tonsil operation. Mr. John C. Fowler, of Calhoun Falls, and Mr. Zang Singleton underwent operations.

GET YOUR MONEY.

Managers of State and County, and of the Federal Election held on November 7th, can get pay for same by calling at Clerk of Court's Office.

GREECE PRESENTS A SAD SPECTACLE

AT LAUSANNE CONFERENCE. TURKEY IS BOASTFUL AND BELIEVES SHE DEFEATED ALL THE ALLIES RATHER THAN GREECE.

Lausanne, Nov. 21.—The near east peace conference here was formally opened at 3.45 o'clock this afternoon. President Haab of Switzerland, the presiding officer of the opening session, entered the hall at that hour and read his welcoming address to which Lord Curzon, the British foreign secretary replied.

Lausanne, Nov. 21.—Greece presents a sad spectacle at the Lausanne conference. The advance representatives of the Greek delegation are flying their blue and white flag from the hotel where they are staying.

Former Premier Venizelos expected here to plead Greece's cause before the peace conference. The plea will be chiefly for charity—for bread and the shelter necessary to save the lives of hundreds of thousands of refugees driven from Thrace by the victorious Turks and for the protection of the rights of the Greeks minorities in Antolia and European Turkey.

Greece will seek to retain special rights which its citizens enjoy in Turkey and which it claims are necessary to the life and happiness of Christians living in a Mohammedan land. The Greek delegation also will endeavor to protect the patriarch of the Greek Orthodox church in Constantinople and prevent his expulsion, which would remove the last remnant of the Byzantine empire from Stamboul.

The task of M. Vonizelos at Lausanne is extremely difficult. While King Constantine and his advisers are blamed for the disastrous military adventure in the Smyrna area, it was Venizelos who won a footing for Greece at Smyrna through the Serves treaty.

The entente statesmen, it is said, cannot forgive Venizelos for his excessive territorial claims and extravagant promises as to Greece's military strength. Many of the statesmen of the Sevres conference are out of power, consequently Venizelos faces chiefly European diplomats who had no part in the previous negotiations and who are far from pleased that Greece made it possible for Turkey to defeat her.

Turkey is so boastful and in making such extravagant claim that she apparently believes she defeated all of the allies, rather than Greece alone. This is netting to the diplomats of the allied powers and it is believed this will make the situation of Venizelos an extremely trying one.

FOOTBALL FRIDAY

Last Game of Season on New Field Between Abbeville and Johnston

The last game of football for this season will be played on the New Field Friday afternoon between Johnston high school and Abbeville high school. The referee's whistle will blow at 3:30 sharp, as it takes a fast game to be completed before sundown this season of the year.

The game should be almost a duplicate of the Saluda game last Friday, which was filled with enough thrills to satisfy the most penurious fan. Johnston defeated Edegefield by a score of 42 to 0 which was a heavier score against Edegefield than Abbeville was able to pile up.

An effort will probably be made to have the places of business in town close for this last game of the season.

Money in cover crops now saves double money on fertilizer bills next spring.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION ENJOYS THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING HELD TUESDAY AFTERNOON IN THE GRADED SCHOOL BUILDING WITH OVER 100 INTERESTED MOTHERS PRESENT.—COMMITTEES FOR THE NEW YEAR WERE APPOINTED.—PLANNING FOR KITCHEN SHOWER FOR DOMESTIC SCIENCE DEPARTMENT IN NEW BUILDING.

The Abbeville Parent-Teacher association held their regular monthly meeting at the graded school yesterday afternoon. There were over 100 interested mothers and two fathers present to enjoy the excellent Thanksgiving program rendered by the children of the first two grades of the schools. The program as given consisted of the following selections and was one of the very best the children have ever given: Thanksgiving Greeting—Mary Cornely.

Thanksgiving Verses—

-----First*and Second Grades.

Indian Song—Boys of Second Grade

Laughing Song—

-----Girls of Both Grades.

Chorus ----- Ensemble.

The teachers who trained and directed the children who took part in the program yesterday afternoon deserve considerable commendation for the excellence with which the children sang and spoke the parts assigned them.

Following this feature the president, Mrs. Henry Gilliam, called the association to order and the secretary, Mrs. Amos Morse, read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved. The treasurer, Mrs. W. H. White, gave an encouraging report of over \$50 in the treasury. A month ago the treasury contained only a dozen dollars.

Discussion of the book agent proposition which was deferred from last meeting was had. It was finally carried that no action be taken relative to the selling of the books proposed at this time.

The president reported that about \$35 was realized from the barbecue dinner served November 10.

Miss May Robertson, chairman of the program committee, announced that the program for the December meeting would be given by the pupils of the seventh grade. This meeting will be held Tuesday, December 19 and it is expected that a real Christmas program will be given.

It was suggested that the members

of the Parent-teacher association give a shower of china and kitchen ware to the domestic science department of the new high school when the building is opened early in 1923. Another suggestion was well received by the association that each member who participated in this shower give a plate, cup, saucer, knife and fork to domestic science department. This would insure over 100 of each of these articles, which would be an ample supply to start the new work with.

Just before adjournment the president read the standing committee assignments which were:

Membership committee—Mrs. C. H. McMurray, chairman; Mrs. E. R. Thomson, Mrs. Bert Evans, Mrs. John T. Cheatham, Mrs. J. C. Hill, Mrs. Frank Welsh, Mrs. H. R. McAllister, Mrs. Charles McNeill, Mrs. Joe Edmunds, Sr., Mrs. F. B. Jones, Mrs. J. W. Martin, Mrs. G. A. Hamby, Mrs. J. R. Power, Mrs. Joe Johnson, Mrs. Blount, Mrs. Ralph Broom, Mrs. Frank Andrews, Mrs. Hugh Breedlove, Mrs. Leland Stephens, Mrs. Eugene Nance, Mrs. R. S. McComb.

Finance Committee—Mrs. F. B. McLane, chairman; Mrs. Sol Rosenberg, Miss May Robertson, Mrs. J. D. Fulp, Mrs. W. W. Bradley, Mrs. Paul Link, Mrs. R. N. Tiddy, Mrs. W. M. Stephens, Mrs. George Wood, Mrs. W. S. DuPre, Mrs. Henry Blount Mrs. Lamar Gilliam, Mrs. George Shelor, Mrs. E. W. Gregory, Mrs. F. B. Jones, Mrs. Alf Lyon.

Program Committee—Miss May Robertson, chairman; Mrs. A. B. Morse, Mrs. Wyatt Aiken, Mrs. C. C. Gambrell, Miss Lucy Little, Miss Edna Bradley, Miss Julia Williams, Miss Annie Hill, Miss Ruth Howie, Miss Rachel McMaster.

The association carried a motion by an almost unanimous vote to again offer monthly prizes of \$2.50 to each grade in the high school building and in the graded school building that have the greatest percentage of mothers present at each meeting.

SATURDAY BIG DAY FOR CLUB GIRLS

Home Demonstration Club Girls Under Direction of Mrs. Gibbons to Have Rally Day.

The Home Demonstration club girls are going to have a Rally Day here Saturday and they will have an exhibit at the Planters Bank, Sewing, Cooking and Canned products.

It is hoped that a large number will visit this exhibit and see what the girls have accomplished in club work.

At 11 o'clock the club girls will have a club meeting in the Court House and the public is invited to attend.

A demonstration in canning will be given by the team that demonstrated at the State Fair.

Mrs. Harriet Johnson, girls club leader will make a talk and award certificates to the girls that have done good work this year and who have already sent in reports of the year's work.

Miss Blanche Tarrant, District Agent, will also make a talk to the girls.

There will be recitations, songs and yells by the club girls. After which they will get lunch.

The picture show will be at 3 o'clock. Everyone is invited.

COTTON GINNINGS SHOW AN INCREASE

Figures Are 8,869,857 Bales Compared With 7,274,201 to November 14 Last Year.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Cotton ginned prior to November 14, amounted to 8,869,857 running bales, counting 151,578 round bales as half bales and including 17,745 bales of American-Egyptian and 4,737 bales of Sea Island, the census bureau announced today.

Last year to November 14 ginnings aggregated 7,274,201 bales, including 117,569 round bales, counted as half bales; 15,105 bales of American-Egyptian and 2,656 bales of Sea Island.

Ginnings prior to November 14 this year by states follow.

Alabama, 773,217; Arizona, 22,178; Arkansas, 923,197; California, 14,064; Florida, 25,547; Georgia, 681,173; Louisiana, 328,649; Mississippi, 920,769; Missouri, 112,072; North Carolina, 658,562; Oklahoma, 590,455; South Carolina, 464,121; Tennessee, 330,732; Texas, 2967,009; Virginia, 19,526; All other states, 8,590.

J. C. Cox, of Calhoun Falls, was in Abbeville on business yesterday.

DOORS OF CONGRESS OPENED ONCE MORE

LIFE OF THIS SESSION WILL BE BUT TWO WEEKS, IN WHICH TIME PRESIDENT HOPES FOR ACTION ON MERCHANT MARINE AND OTHER MATTERS.

Washington, Nov. 21.—The sixty-seventh congress formally opened its doors yesterday for the third session, but it did little more than actually get on the job. Its life as a special session will be only two weeks but in that time it is the hope of President Harding that substantial progress will be made on the administration merchant marine legislation and considerable advance work on the armful of annual supply bills which must be handled in the regular session beginning December 4.

Historic customs of the opening of a new session were reenacted today in both house and senate and the regular preliminaries were gone through in brief routine meetings. Adjournment followed as a mark of respect to the late Senator Watson of Georgia and the late Representative Nolan of California.

The president has arranged to address a joint session today in behalf of the shipping bill. His message is expected to be delivered at 12:30 o'clock.

The senate adjournment postponed until tomorrow the effort of Mrs. W. H. Felton of Georgia, the first woman senator, to be sworn in as the successor to Senator Watson and serve at least one day. Indications tonight were that she would be received as a full fledged sitting member and "blaze the path for American womanhood" as she desires.

Overflow galleries witnessed the proceedings in both senate and house and viewed the hubbub in exchanges of greetings and felicitations until stilled at noon by the gavels of Vice President Coolidge and Speaker Gillett formally calling the extra session to order.

The roll calls showed 61 members of the senate and 291 members of the house on hand to start things off.

FOUND NOT GUILTY ON MURDER CHARGE

S. S. Hale Acquitted by Anderson Jury.—Killed Rion Cox At Williamston.

Anderson Nov. 21.—"Not guilty" was the verdict returned tonight by the jury in the case against S. S. Hale charged with the murder of Rion Cox of Williamston. The jury reached its decision at 1 o'clock after only a half hour's deliberation. The trial was begun yesterday afternoon.

Hale chief of police of Williamston, killed Cox in a pistol duel at Williamston Saturday afternoon, May 15, Hale, himself, was seriously wounded at the time and for a week lingered between life and death in a Greenville hospital.

The duel, according to the testimony offered at the trial, was the outcome of a quarrel of long standing between the two men. Cox was night policeman at Williamston, according to witnesses, on the day of the killing, had reported him to Mayor C. L. Guyton as being drunk. The two met and the shooting followed. Cox died shortly after he was carried to the hospital.

HEAVY FROST THIS MORNING

There was a heavy frost this morning and Abbeville was covered with a mantle of white. This was the first killing frost, which usually come before November 15th. The morning was crisp with a tang of fall in the air. And most of the inhabitants could join Harry Lauder with good grace, in his song, "It's Nice To Get Up In The Morning; But Its Nicer to Stay in Your Bed."

TIGER DELIVERS FIRST ADDRESS

CLEMENCEAU SPEAKS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS—FORMER PREMIER OF FRANCE VERY MUCH IN EARNEST IN PRESENTING PLEA.

New York, Nov. 21.—Georges Clemenceau, advocate of France, unleashed his oratory today before one of the most critical audiences he is likely to face in America.

Appearing for a 15 minutes talk before a group of newspaper editors and publishers at a luncheon arranged by Ralph Pulitzer of the New York World, the venerable Tiger plunged so deeply into the subject closest to his heart it was 58 minutes before he could find a stopping place.

His auditors represented many shades of political opinion. Among them were men who had written editorials, criticizing his views on world politics. But at the end of his address they were all agreed on one thing—that Clemenceau is passionately in earnest about the cause of France and that his addresses will be well worth hearing.

The speech was delivered behind closed doors and it was generally agreed that it should not be reported. But it was authoritatively described as follows:

"M. Clemenceau made a speech that was marked by extraordinary eloquence, frankness and sincerity."

"He said that he had not come to America to tell the Americans what they should do but to show them what France needs."

"His address was a complete candid discussion of the situation as he sees it and was marked throughout by deep emotion."

"He specifically requested that no textual reference be made as he wished to reserve the matter for his public addresses."

Col. Stephen Bonsal, who is immediately in charge of the Clemenceau tour, said tonight he did not know how long the Tiger would talk in his first public address to be delivered tomorrow evening in the Metropolitan opera house.

"We have urged him for his health's sake limite himself to an hour," he said, but he may speak two. But however, long he speaks, there is no doubt but that he will hold his audience."

The 81 year old ex-premier drove after the address and lay down for nearly two hours. He appeared somewhat wearied by his effort but was up again shortly before 5 o'clock to go to a reception of the Franco-American society at the home of Thomas W. Lamont.

GOING TO ARIZONA.

D. Emory Penney leaves tomorrow for Arizona where he will spend several months. Mr. Penney goes to Arizona seeking the benefit of a high dry climate, and his many friends hope he will completely regain his health, and soon return to Abbeville a hundred and eighty pounder.

To Inspect Colleges.

Columbia, Nov. 21.—Dr. A. E. Hayden, epidemiologist for the State Health Department, will leave here tomorrow for Rock Hill on an inspection tour. He will inspect Winthrop College, and from there will go to Clemson College. This is the annual inspection of these institutions.

COTTON MARKET.

Cotton brought 26 cents on the local market today. Futures closed Dec. 25.09 Jan. 25.04 March 25.10 May 24.96 July 24.68