

## FARMER TO TAKE CENTER OF STAGE

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM DISCUSSED AT WHITE HOUSE. SENATOR WATSON OF INDIANA OUTLINES SITUATION FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Washington, Nov. 26.—Measures to relieve the financial plight of the farmers and curb profiteering, particularly food and clothing, were discussed with President Harding Saturday by Senator Watson (Republican) of Indiana.

The visit of the Indiana senator to the White House followed a conference in his office, at which a number of senators from Western states talked over a possible legislative program acceptable to the West.

Picturing to the president how the farmers are generally unable to get enough for their crops to pay for harvesting and shipping, while consumers pay high prices, Senator Watson urged the immediate necessity of some forceful program to put agriculture on its feet and squeeze out the long line of profit taking between producer and consumer.

Senator Watson's view is that any program of relief for the farmer must go further than the questions of freight rates, interest rates and tariff rates. While these may have a part in the farmers' dilemma, the senator declared that "the man who produces food and clothing can get very little for it, while the man who needs to buy it has to pay an unconscionable high price." Mr. Watson told the president that he favored the program for agricultural credits, but that he feared it would not strike at the root of the question.

If producers were compelled to accept ruinous prices when they finally did come to sell cattle and crops, he argued, loans would only be a palliative, and he urged that while the financial distress of the farmers was being temporarily relieved by liberal credits, an exhaustive study be undertaken to find some practicable means of bringing producers and consumers together and eliminating large profits in between.

Senator Watson told President Harding that he already had under taken a study of the anti-profiteering laws of other countries and particularly was examining these, which appeared to be meeting with some success. So far as his study had proceeded, the senator said, he did not believe price fixing by the government or any other agency would be successful, but he was inclined rather to a plan which would expose profits all along the line and depend upon an aroused public opinion to grant reasonable profits to business and at the same time drive out extortions. President Harding listened to Senator Watson with deep interest as the latter pictured potato crops abandoned, fruit crops compelled to rot and grain crops unmoved while farmers faced mortgage foreclosures. Some definite plans are to be discussed with the president later and meanwhile, Senator Watson said, the program of agricultural credits and other measures for temporary relief would be hastened in congress.

### FINE RALLY DAY

Mrs. Harriet Johnson, of Winthrop, and Miss Blanche Tarrant, of Greenwood were in Abbeville Saturday to attend the Rally Day of the Club Girls of Abbeville County. At least two hundred attended the exhibit in the Planter's Bank, and 150 attended the meeting in the Court House at eleven o'clock in the morning. The exhibits were fine and a credit to Mrs. Gibbons, and the young girls of the county who took part. The premium list of the winners will be printed in the Press and Banner Wednesday

## FARIES TO DIE IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

DECEMBER 29.—FARIES GUILTY OF MURDER, JURY AFTER PRAYER FINDS ON FIRST BALLOT—NEW TRIAL DENIED, APPEAL IS LIKELY.

York, Nov. 25.—William C. Faries convicted by a York jury of the murder of Newton Taylor, 13 year old boy, at Clover, was this afternoon sentenced to die in the electric chair December 29, sentence being pronounced by Judge James E. Peurifoy at 5:35 o'clock this afternoon, after he had overruled a motion by counsel for the defense for a new trial. Counsel for Faries announced this afternoon that an appeal would be taken to the supreme court.

At 1:38 o'clock this afternoon the case, the trial of which had begun yesterday morning, went to the jury and at 3:19 o'clock, after the dinner recess the verdict was brought in. However, it was learned this afternoon, the jury required only one ballot in the reaching of the verdict and this ballot, it was announced, was not taken until the jurors had prayed for guidance in reaching their decision.

At 3:21 o'clock the verdict was read and Faries, sitting handcuffed beside his attorneys, showed practically no emotion.

The motion for a new trial was denied and at 5:21 o'clock Judge Peurifoy ordered Faries to stand up to hear his sentence.

"I have wondered," Judge Peurifoy told the aged defendant, "if you could retrace your steps if you would live your life any differently. Now, I think, you have come to know what it means to strike down and kill in anger and possibly you could tell the young folk of this city some thing about the control of the passions. But your race is run. I do not know what your intentions were in youth. But if good intentions are not translated into good actions, they fall short of value. You have taken the wrong angle. You might have made friends of these people, but instead you fed the flames of anger, and as a result you stand today, just as the sun is sinking, almost in the very presence of your Maker. Your attorneys may get you a new trial, but my advice to you is not to rely upon this hope, but now, without delay, to make your preparations to meet your God."

### INTERESTING COMPARISONS

The Abbeville High football team will leave Wednesday afternoon for Fort Mill where they will play a Thanksgiving game with the fast Fort Mill team, champions of the Catawba Association, since the Chester and Rock Hill games were thrown out by the football committee. The following instructions of the two teams who battle Thanks giving are given Average weight of Abbeville team. 144 pounds; Fort Mill 143; average age of Abbeville 16 2-3 years; Fort Mill 17 years; Abbeville has scored 246 points to her opponent 25; Fort Mill has scored 271 points to her opponents 9. Colors Abbeville garnet and old gold; Fort Mill Royal blue and white.

News comes that the Abbeville boys at Davidson College and the Abbeville girls at Winthrop will be on hand in Fort Mill to help Abbeville eliminate Fort Mill. May the best team win.

### WILLIAM LATIMER DEAD

New have been received in Abbeville of the death of Mr. William Latimer in Augusta, Ga., this morning Miss Maggie Latimer, a niece left this afternoon for Augusta to be present at the funeral which will take place tomorrow.

## LOAN TO LIBERIA STILL IN DOUBT

VOTE COMES IN SENATE TODAY—DEMOCRATS VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE ADMINISTRATION MEASURE TO LEND FIVE MILLION DOLLARS

Washington, Nov. 25.—Agreement was reached in the senate today for a final vote on the administration measure to loan Liberia \$5,000,000. The senate then adjourned until Monday.

When the senate quit work a motion offered by Senator Simmons (Democrat) of North Carolina, was pending to send the resolution authorizing the loan, back to the finance committee with instructions to eliminate the loan feature and report out only the amendments attached in the senate authorizing an appropriation of \$20,000,000 for reclamation work and \$170,000 for employment by the interstate commerce commission of 30 additional locomotive boiler inspectors.

Attacks upon the proposed loan by the Democrats became general today. They challenged the Republican claim that a moral obligation existed for the extension of the credit as the result of the part played by Liberia in the World War. Administration leaders in reply declared the previous Democratic administration had arranged to extend the loan but had delayed carrying it out until Liberia complied with certain conditions.

Senator Smoot (Republican) of Utah, a member of the debt funding committee, told the senate that of the loan, \$3,500,000 was to be spent for roads, schools and other public improvements in Liberia and about \$1,500,000 to refund loans from bankers. Denying that foreign governments in Liberia and about \$1,500,000 to refund loans from bankers. Denying that foreign government would have prior liens. Senator Smoot said the United States took the position that it was not going to loan money and let others have a claim while we hold a second mortgage.

### Anderson Assessed Loss

Anderson, S. C. Nov. 24.—In the re-adjustment of tax assessments for this county the total assessed value for this year is \$1,000,000 less than in 1921 and the amount of taxes to be collected will be \$40,000 less, according to the books of County Auditor Winston Smith. The tax value of property in the county for 1921 was \$22,457,190 and \$21,448,360 this year.

### SOME HOT SUPPER.

Sheriff F. B. McLane has on exhibit at the Court House this morning the result of a negro hot supper Saturday night at the old Calhoun place about twelve miles from town, one automatic 45 army revolver, a double-barrel shot gun, a thin long left-hand Wheeler, a pocket knife with a three-inch blade, a worn and weary deck of cards and two pint fruit jars with remnants of white lightning in the bottom. The following are in jail awaiting the pleasure of the court: James Davis, Morris Sanders, Eulas Thomas and Roosevelt Williams. Sam Aiken is in charge of the doctor with a bullet wound in the back of his head. The bullet struck the back of Sam's skull, was turned aside and ripped the skin across the top coming out at the side of his forehead. Sam Donaldson is out on bond.

### SICK FOLKS

"Flu" has had the people on North Main street in its grip for the past week, there being members of the family sick in the home of R. C. Philson, J. C. Thomson, E. R. Thomson, Dr. G. E. Calvert and Rev. M. R. Plaxco.

## TAX BILL BRINGS SERIOUS TROUBLE

UNITED STATES PAYS ONE-SIXTH OF INCOME—ONLY IN UNITED KINGDOM IS GREATER BURDEN FOUND, REPORT DECLARES

New York, Nov. 2.—One-sixth of the national income of the United States went into taxes in 1922, according to a report issued today by the National Industrial Conference board.

"The tax bill in the United States is fast making inroads on the surplus necessary for economic progress," the report declared, "and threatens materially to hamper our growth, especially in view of the uninterrupted rise in local government taxes."

According to the report, the United Kingdom stands first in the burden of taxes with the United States second and other countries in order Germany, France, Italy and Japan. Regarding the growth of taxation the report said:

"In the fiscal year 1912-1914, taxes paid to national, state and local governments in the United States represented 6.4 per cent, of the national income. By 1912-1920 ratio had grown to 13 per cent, and by 1920-1921 to 14.3 per cent. In the calendar year 1921, one-sixth of the current national income was diverted into tax channels for the support of governmental bodies in the United States."

Continuing on the situation in the United States, the report said:

"Before the war, states and local taxes had been growing faster than federal taxes, and federal taxation constituted but three-tenths of total taxation. In 1919, however, federal taxation constituted over one-half of total taxation and in 1921 federal taxes amounted to eighty more than one-half of the national total. State importance in federal taxation.

"In 13 states, Arizona, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin, states and local tax burdens per capita in 1919 exceeded federal taxation per capita.

"Per capita tax burdens in the United States in 1919 were highest in New York state, \$148.36, followed by Massachusetts, \$125.35; Delaware \$124.11; Rhode Island \$115.25, and Michigan, \$105.71, the lowest per capita tax being in Alabama, \$26.47."

### UNION SERVICES

The regular monthly union services of the churches of the city were held Sunday night at the Methodist church, the Rev. H. L. Weeks of the Baptist church preached the sermon. A violin duet by Misses Lila Teal and Mildred Cochran of Lander College, accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Otto Bristow, added very much to the music program and was enjoyed by the large congregation present.

### SAW A GOOD SHOW.

The children from De La Howe unable to attend the Bachelor Daddy show a week ago came to Abbeville Saturday and took in the Matinee and saw the trained horses. There were eight or nine boys present and they enjoyed the show very much.

### FIRE ALARM.

The fire alarm sounded this morning about ten o'clock, and a full company answered. The blaze was in the roof of a negro house near the shops. A small hole burnt in the roof was the only damage.

## SCHOOLS IN TURKEY HAVE TO PAY TAXES

NO SPECIAL PRIVILEGES FOR FOREIGNERS.—ALL SCHOOLS MUST TEACH THE TURKISH LANGUAGE.—PROBLEMS IN THRACE.

Lausanne, Nov. 25.—Turkey's spokesman at the Lausanne conference hearing of the arrival of American missionary representatives, here expressed the hope that American Philanthropic and educational instructions would not be needlessly alarmed in the advent of the new regime in Turkey. The Kemalist agents explained that there was no disposition to drive out Americans, especially those engaged in educational and charitable undertakings.

It was pointed out, however that Turkey saw no reason why foreign institutions, whether, educational or industrial should be dealt with differently than Turkish institutions and that if Turkey's schools and factories paid taxes then foreign establishments, should also.

The Angera delegates declared there should be no special privileges for foreigners in Turkey and insisted that it should be also understood that all schools whether foreign or Turkish should teach the Turkish language.

The problem of Thrace and the western boundary of Turkey still occupied the attention of the conference today. The sub-commission of the full commission on territorial military questions, comprising a group of experts, was wrestling with the boundary question. Establishment of a demilitarized zone on both banks of the Maritza river which seems to be the boundary favor by the great powers, is one of the topics of discussion in the sub-commission.

### POWER IS RUNNING LOW

Lack of Rain Will Cause Curtailment of Operations.

Charlotte, N. C. Nov. 25.—With the announcement here today by officials of the Southern Power Company that, effective Monday, all users of power will be required to curtail operations until winter rains set in, one-eighth of the total textile spindles of the county will be idle one day weekly, it was stated tonight by Charles I. Burkholder, vice president of the company. The territory affected has been divided into five districts and the curtailment of power to the mills on a pro-rated basis will cause 20 per cent of the textile manufacturers to be closed during the remainder of the dry weather.

Officials announced that the company's steam plants have been operated day and night for the past two months in an effort to supply the mills, but lack of rainfall has greatly diminished the water supply in the company's reservoir.

### SLIGHT SNOWFALL

Early risers report a slight fall of snow in Abbeville Sunday morning. The clouds looked threatening all day, but this morning broke clear and cold.

### \$600,000 EXPANSION OF MILL AT CALHOUN FALLS SOON

Greenville, Nov. 25.—A contract was awarded today for the first construction job on the \$600,000 expansion program of the Calhoun Mills Co., at Calhoun Falls, S. C. The contract for the extension of the mill building was today let to the Gallivan Building Co., for \$50,000. Other contractors on this job are expected to be let within a short time. J. E. Serrine and Co., of Greenville, are the engineers and architects.

## WAR CONTRACTORS SUED FOR FRAUDS

INVOLVES CONSTRUCTION OF SEVERAL CAMPS—CONTRACTOR AT CAMP JACKSON AT COLUMBIA SUED FOR LARGEST AMOUNT, \$6,500,000

Washington, Nov. 25.—Legal action to recover more than \$23,000,000 alleged to have been obtained fraudulently from the government in the construction of four army cantonments during the war, was instituted today by Attorney General Daugherty as the first formal step in a far-reaching prosecution of those who held contracts for the building of war camps.

In each of the four cases the suit was filed against the prime contractor responsible for construction of the camp. The four defendant concerns and the amount the government seeks to recover from each are the Thompson Starrett company, builders of Camp Upton, \$6,000,000 the Hardaway Construction company builders of Camp Jackson \$6,500,000 A. Bently and Sons builders of Camp Sherman 15,000,000; and the George A. Fuller company, builders of Camp Funston, 11,000,000.

The four suits begun today were filed simultaneously in United States district courts in four states and involved charges of fraud in connection with the construction of Camp Upton New York, Camp Jackson, South Carolina; Camp Sherman, Ohio; and Camp Funston Kansas.

Other civil actions and possible criminal prosecutions are to follow it was said, at the department of justice, involving a total of more than \$75,000,000 and reaching into virtually every part of the country.

The Camp Upton Suit was filed at the attorney general's direction at Brooklyn, N. Y. The Camp Jackson suit at Columbia, S. C. the Camp Sherman suit at Columbus, Ohio, and the Camp Funston suit at Topeka, Kansas. It was indicated that similar actions would be brought at the places later against minor contracting firms who participated in the building of camps and should any criminal action be sought the evidence would be placed before the special war frauds grand jury now in session in the District of Columbia.

The bills of complaint drawn up at the department of justice as a result of more than a year of investigation are very identical in the four suits filed today and allege that the defendant contractors and agents were guilty of fraud, gross negligence, inefficiency and waste in their relations with the government at a time when government officials were unable because of the stress of war to fully inspect the work of constructions.

### FOR THE ORPHANS

The collection of the Presbyterian Sunday School yesterday was given to the Thornwell Orphanage at Clinton. It amounted to \$92.69 and there was an attendance for the past two months averaged 202. The growth of the adult classes has been particular encouraging fall, and it is the desire of the officers of the Sunday School that every adult member of the church will soon be enrolled in one of those Bible classes. Mrs. Will Perrin is teacher of the women and Rev. John A. McMurray teaches the men's class.

### COTTON MARKET

Cotton brought 26 cents today on the local market. Futures closed  
Dec. .... 25.00  
Jan. .... 25.04  
March .... 25.13  
May .... 25.03