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FARM BLOC BILL TO PRODUCE NITRATES

GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED CORPORATION PROPOSED TO OPERATE MUSCLE SHOALS PLANT— TO COMPLETE THE DAMS.

Washington, Dec. 7.—A government controlled corporation to produce nitrate for war purposes and cheap fertilizer for farmers was proposed today as a solution of the Muscle Shoals question by Representative Dickinson, republican, Iowa, a leader of the "farm bloc" who introduced a bill to put his plan into effect.

In a statement accompanying the bill, Mr. Dickinson said the Ford offer for Muscle Shoals had been subjected to such "strong criticism" as to endanger the future disposition of the plant and that he had been led to the conclusion that some plan of federal operation is the only solution that will insure early completion of the work.

Mr. Dickinson's bill provides that the "federal chemical corporation" consisting of the secretary of war, the secretary of agriculture and three members to be appointed by the president, be given power to complete and operate the Muscle Shoals project for the manufacture of nitrate and fertilizer, the latter to be sold to the consumer at cost, plus 4-1-4 per cent to complete and equip the plants. No charge would be added for equipment already installed. The corporation also would be authorized to sell excess power to states, municipalities or private enterprise, giving preference to states and cities.

Dams on the Tennessee river, contemplated in 1918, would be completed under Mr. Dickinson's bill and surveys would be made for storage reservoirs. Wherever private interests benefit from establishment of these reservoirs, the bill stipulates, they shall bear a proportionate share of their cost.

Another section of the measure provides that, subject to the approval of the president the corporation be authorized to negotiate with the Alabama Power Company to settle "the difficulties existing between the government of the United States and the said owner company by virtue of the joint ownership of the power plant at Gorgas, Alabama, and it is authorized to sell the interest of the government of the United States in the said plant to the said Alabama Power company."

Nitrate plant No. 1, under the plan, would be remodeled to manufacture explosives and fertilizer and plant No. 2 would be added together for production of fertilizer to be sold to consumers directly or through agencies in various parts of the country.

Referring to the Ford offer, Mr. Dickinson said, objection had been made to "giving any individual the benefits of an investment of \$105,000,000 and obligating the government for \$50,000,000 and the placing of this great property in a private corporation which would have the added advantages of price control of fertilizer production and would gain a manufacturing advantage in war time rights.

READY TO BUILD

Material is being laid on the ground for the erection of the bungalow of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff King which will be erected on the vacant lot on Chestnut Avenue. The house will be of the bungalow style and will be an ornament to the street and the town.

Mr. and Mrs. King will receive a warm welcome on the avenue and Greenville street.

SHIPPING BILL WILL MEET STORM

PRESIDENT WANTS MADDEN AMENDMENT ELIMINATED AND SENATORS PLAN FINISH FIGHT—PLANS ALREADY SEEN IN SENATE.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Storms, awaiting the administration shipping bill in the senate were foreshadowed during initial consideration of the measure today by the senate commerce committee.

The storm center in the committee was the Madden amendment attached by the house making the shipping aid fund subject to annual appropriations by congress. Advocates of the bill as proposed by the administration announced at the outset they were determined to eliminate the amendment and in support of their stand Chairman Jones presented a letter from President Harding in which the executive declared he "would rather the measure should fail entirely than to have one enacted which will bring to us extreme disappointment because we have entered upon a program in a half hearted and rather indifferent way."

Elimination of the amendment was immediately opposed by a group of Republican committee members composed of Senators McNary of Oregon, Lenroot of Wisconsin and Willis of Ohio who announced their intention of fighting in the committee and in the senate for some provision giving congress a measure of control over a fund from which shipping companies may be extended loans amounting annually to as much as \$30,000,000.

Discussion ranged about this question throughout two sessions held by the committee and finally the matter was put over until after the committee had concluded its consideration of other sections of the bill. Late in the day the McNary-Lenroot-Willis group put forward a compromise under which the approval of congress would be required only for any increase over the amount of government aid fixed in the original contract entered into between the shipping board and the private companies. This compromise received scant favor from Chairman Jones, who announced tonight that he stood unqualified with the president.

AUSTIN ROCHE INJURED

News was received in Abbeville Thursday of a most distressing accident to Austin Roche at Clemson College. While working in the steel forge the young man was struck in the eye with a piece of steel and was so seriously injured that he was hurried to the Anderson Hospital and was operated on by Dr. Nardin last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Roche and Miss Grace Roche went up to Anderson to be with the young man.

Austin is a favorite in town and every one will be sorry to hear of his misfortune.

SELLING SEALS

Miss McMillan's section of the seventh grade some weeks ago organized a Junior Civic League. When the proposition of handling the Red Cross Christmas seals was presented to the school by Mrs. Gambrell, chairman of Abbeville County, the Junior League was approached with a view of getting the young civilians to handle the seals. The Juniors readily consented, and yesterday, the first day they had the seals for sale got rid of over \$10 worth in the first two grades they tackled. They hope to place at least \$5 worth in each grade in school. They are getting quite a reputation as salesmen, and in so worthy a cause, too.

HON. FRANK B. GARY DIES IN CHARLESTON

THURSDAY EVENING AFTER AN ILLNESS OF TWO MONTHS. DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN, LAWYER, LEGISLATOR AND JUDGE.—FUNERAL WILL BE HELD IN ABBEVILLE SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT 4 O'CLOCK

Hon. Frank B. Gary, Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit of South Carolina, died Thursday evening, December 7th, at 6:15 o'clock at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Mary Gary Eason, in Charleston. Judge Gary was taken sick about two months ago at Allendale while holding a term of Court at that place. While the attack was violent, his friends in Abbeville and members of his family believed that his sickness was only temporary and that he would soon recover. Leaving Allendale, he went to the home of his sister in Charleston where Mrs. Gary was spending some time, and for a while he seemed to recuperate. In the last week, however, his sickness grew more serious and yesterday morning his condition was alarming. With him at the time of his death were Mrs. Gary and his only child, Frank Boyd Gary, Jr., an ensign on the United States Ship Delaware, and other members of his family including Chief Justice and Mrs. Eugene B. Gary.

Judge Frank B. Gary was one of the prominent figures in Abbeville County for more than a quarter of a century. He practiced law here successfully for twenty years, during which time he served the county almost continuously as a member of the Lower House of the General Assembly, of which he was speaker for three terms. He was interested always in the public affairs of the City and County. He was a member of various Masonic orders and held high positions with this fraternity. For upwards of thirty years he had been a member and officer of the Methodist Church of Abbeville and he was faithful in his attendance upon and support of the institutions of his church.

Sketch of His Life.

Judge Gary received his education at the Coksbury School and at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., while his first knowledge of law was gained under the tutelage of his brother, the present Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court, Eugene B. Gary. He practiced law in Abbeville from 1881 until elected to the judgeship in 1912, but during the interim served in the State Legislature and as United States Senator. He was first elected to the Legislature in 1890 and 1896 was elected speaker of the House. For about nine years he was bill clerk of the House, serving under the late Mr. James Simons, of Charleston, speaker, and during that experience acquired much knowledge of legislative proceedings and especially of parliamentary law. He was three times elected speaker of the House.

On March 6, 1908, Judge Gary was

elected by the General Assembly of South Carolina to fill the vacancy in the United States Senate caused by the death of Senator A. C. Latimer. During this service he made several speeches which attracted much public attention and favorable comment, especially his address on immigration. It was upon the expiration of this term in the senate that he was elected, without opposition, judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit. He was successfully reelected and retained the office until his death. He was a member of the State Constitutional Convention in 1895.

One of the important incidents in his career, and one which added to his reputation abroad, was his appointment, upon the recommendation of then Chief Justice Pope, of the Supreme Court, by Governor Heyward to preside at the trial of James H. Tillman in Lexington County. This was a famous trial—the one in which Tillman was charged with the murder of N. G. Gonzales, editor of the Columbia State.

Judge Gary served as a delegate at large from this State to the National Democratic Convention in 1908. He was a director of the Peoples Savings Bank, of Abbeville, and was very active in Masonic circles, having been potentate of the Oasis Temple of the Mystic Shrine in 1907. Oasis Temple at that time was the temple of both Carolinas. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

On January 6, 1897, he was married to Miss Marie Lee Evans, daughter of Dr. James and Maria Antoinette (Powell) Evans of Florence.

Judge Gary's only son, Frank Boyd Gary, Jr., is a graduate of Annapolis and is now an officer in the navy.

Besides his widow and son, Judge Gary is survived by his brother, Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court Eugene B. Gary, and his sister, Mrs. Marie Gary Eason of Charleston.

The Funeral.

The body of Judge Gary will arrive in Abbeville tomorrow (Saturday) morning at 11:20 o'clock, accompanied by members of the family and friends. The body will be taken to his late residence on Greenville Street where it will rest until 4 o'clock at which hour funeral services will be held in the Methodist Church, conducted by his pastor, Rev. C. E. Peele. After the services at the church interment will be at Long Cane cemetery. Members of the Abbeville Bar, of which Judge Gary was a member for so many years, will meet the funeral party upon its arrival at Abbeville.

HERE FOR FUNERAL

Mrs. Eugene Reily of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. Frank Hassell of Wilson, N. C., will arrive in Abbeville over the early morning Seaboard to be present at the funeral of Judge Gary.

SICK CHILDREN

Helen White has been sick for the past few days with an abscessed tooth and is missing all the pleasures of school.

Benjamin Barnwell has been the victim of high fever for two days and is not having a good time following the doctor's advice.

MARKET CHANGES

Mrs. Alma Gibbons announces that the Club Market will be held hereafter only on Friday morning.

GET GOOD YIELD WITHOUT POISON

NORTH CHESTER FARMERS REPORT THEIR METHODS. DRY JULY AND AUGUST AND FREE USE OF FERTILIZER IMPORTANT FACTORS.

Chester, Dec. 7.—A victory over the boll weevils in northern Chester county, between Lewis Turnout and Smith Turnout, close to the York county line, with the use of fertilizer, cover crops, early destruction of corn and cotton stalks and frequent plowing and picking up cotton squares, is attracting considerable interest throughout this section.

One must take under consideration in the first place that this section was very dry in both July and August.

The first farm visited was that of L. M. Wooten who raised 50 bales of cotton on 70 acres and in this 70 acres there were 26 1-2 acres upon which he produced 26 1-9 bales.

Mr. Wooten used 300 pounds of commercial fertilizer per acre, composed of acid, kainit and soda. In 1921 Mr. Wooten planted 125 acres in cotton, used 600 pounds of fertilizers per acre and secured 108 bales of cotton.

Mr. Wooten this season discovered that the lack of fertilizer was his worst trouble. He used no poison, but picked up squares often and plowed frequently. Mr. Wooten has had all of his cotton stalks chopped down with cutter and his fields are now green with grain. On 30 acres he has planted burr clover which he will later plow under, using tractors, and upon this 30 acres next spring he will plant cotton.

The next farm visited by Mr. Sanders was that of A. H. Wherry, who, like Mr. Wooten, is one of that section's most progressive planters. Last year Mr. Wherry produced 75 bales of cotton on 85 acres, using 300 pounds of fertilizer per acre, whereas this year he cut his fertilizer to 150 pounds per acre and produced only 35 bales on 70 acres.

A third progressive farm in that section visited by Mr. Sanders, who, like the other two planters, used no poison in his fight against the boll weevil was E. T. Gwinn, whose plantation adjoins Mr. Wooten's. Last year Mr. Gwinn produced 61 bales on 60 acres, while this year he made 50 bales on 61 acres.

In 1922 he used 500 pounds of fertilizer per acre, the same as he did in 1921.

A CHRISTMAS VISIT

Mr. R. L. Link arrived in Abbeville Thursday and will make a Christmas visit to his home folks near town. Mr. Link is an electrician and has a good position in New York. He is a brother of Miss Maggie Link.

MR. MILLER IMPROVING

Mr. George Miller, who was sick for some time in the Florence Hospital, has recovered sufficiently to come to Laurens where he is with his mother. He hopes to be well enough soon to come over to Abbeville and see again his many friends.

MRS. C. T. KING SICK.

Mrs. Charlie T. King is seriously sick at her home on Ferry street, of pneumonia, which developed from flu. Her family and friends are alarmed at her condition.

A New Bookkeeper.

Miss Mary Perria is at Haddon-Wilson's these days keeping books and helping the Colonel make up his bills.

MUCH INTEREST IN PUBLIC ROADS

CHIEF OF BUREAU SUBMITS REVIEW OF RESULTS TO SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE. TEN THOUSAND MILES ADDED TO FEDERAL AID ROAD.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Greater progress was made on the nation's highways during the last year than in any similar period in the history of the country and there is now apparent a real public appreciation of the importance of maintaining the roads that are built, Thomas H. McDonald, chief of the bureau of public roads, stated in his annual report to the secretary of agriculture made public tonight.

"Industrial and financial conditions were better during the year," said Mr. MacDonald, "and as a consequence remarkable progress has been made in highway construction under the states and counties as well as under the joint control of the government and states. Ten thousand miles have been added to the federal aid roads alone, and doubtless more than an equal mileage has been constructed without federal assistance. More significant, however, than the progress in the physical work of road construction, of any other accomplishments of the year, are two developments, the results of which are not immediately apparent, and which can not be measured in miles and dollars and cents, but which promise results for the future unequalled by any developments of the quarter century highway activity.

"First of these in the passage of the federal highway act with its plan for a connected system of roads for the whole nation; the second is the extraordinary activity in economic and physical research in connection with the financing, location, management, and design of the highways. For more than two decades there has been in progress a slow but certain development of highway construction from a casual activity in the hands of unskilled local officials with out plan or program, other than to maintain an established minimum of facility in highway transportation toward a reasoned industry in the hands of state and national officials, supplemented by intelligent local aid the aim of which is to provide complete and economical highway transport service throughout the nation. In this development the adoption of the federal aid highway system provided for by the federal highway act and the significant researches of the past year constitute the greatest forward steps that have ever been made."

During the year, 7,679 miles of road projects were completed and 17,978 miles were under construction, which were estimated as 50 per cent, complete. Federal aid earned by the states on completed and uncompleted projects amounted to \$194,560,135, of which \$16,669 has actually been paid. The roads brought to completion averaged over 200 miles for each state.

MR. WILSON ELECTED.

Among those who had honors conferred on them at the Shrine meeting in Greenville this week, was Mr. Harry B. Wilson who was elected "Assistant Rabbah."

COTTON MARKET.

Cotton on the local market today brought 25 1-8. Futures closed

Dec.	24.75
Jan.	24.78
March	24.95
May	24.87
July	24.55

The ginning report received in Abbeville this morning at 10 o'clock shows a total of 9,318,146 bales of cotton ginned up to December 1.