

HOOVER TALKS TO FARM BOARD

Problems Cited By Chief Executive. Legge At Helm. Says "We Are Going To Work Hard and Long." Secretary Named.

Washington, July 15.—The federal farm board created by congress after years of dispute assembled today and was charged by President Hoover with responsibility for a solution of America's long standing and vexatious agricultural problem.

At the end of the first day's conference, begun at a meeting with Mr. Hoover in the cabinet room of the White House, the chairman of the board, Alexander H. Legge, a Chicago business man, announced that "we are going to work long and hard." Saying there were no promises, he expressed hope that the board could organize agriculture to permit application of its work to this year's crops.

Most of the day was occupied with routine business. Chris L. Christensen, chief of the co-operative marketing division of the department of agriculture, was selected as secretary to the board.

The program of "long and hard" work mentioned by Legge was initiated by employment of office personnel. The chairman said the board would meet tomorrow and indicated night sessions were in order. Little hope for important news announcements was held out, however. The board members were invited to dinner tonight at the White House.

In his prepared statement to the board, the president defined its fundamental purpose as "to determine the facts and to find solution to a multitude of agricultural problems."

He cited these problems: "To more nearly adjust production to create permanent business institutions for marketing, which, owned and controlled by the farmers, shall be so wisely devised and soundly founded and well managed that they by effecting economies and giving such stability will grow in strength over the years to come."

"Through these efforts," Mr. Hoover added, "we may establish to the farmer an equal opportunity in our economic system with other industry."

The president said the board members represented the expressed voices of the many farmers' organizations. He invested them "with responsibility, authority and resources such as have never before been conferred by our government in assistance to any industry."

The seven board members and Secretary Hyde of the department of agriculture, also a member, assembled early at the White House. An eighth man is to be selected, one to represent the vast wheat industry, but lack of unanimity among the wheat growers and other factors are delaying a selection.

Mr. Legge said no assumptions were in order as to which commodity would receive first attention of the board. Both he and Secretary Hyde expressed optimism over the wheat market price increase today. They attributed this to the "psychological effect" of the farm board's establishment. Mr. Legge added that "we have a lucky break at the start, anyway."

The chairman intimated that the representatives of several other commodities besides wheat were placing early claims for a share of the \$500,000,000 loan fund at the board's disposal. Congress already has made \$150,000,000 of this fund available. Mr. Legge said its disposition awaited consideration.

The next few days, he declared, would be spent in organization work and in going over the volume of material submitted to the board. Asked if the board had received some voluntary "cures for the farmer," Mr. Legge replied, "Many."

"And when you run out, I have a few bales on hand," added Secretary Hyde.

The chairman hinted the board was going to have to do some studying to determine the full extent of its authority under the act recently passed by congress giving it administrative charge of a federal marketing system.

Before an organization is set up, advisory councils are to be chosen for each commodity. These councils will preside over stabilization corporations, which are to be formed by the producers through their co-operative marketing organizations.

Other members of the board are: James C. Stone, Lexington, Va., vice chairman, representing tobacco; Carl Williams, Oklahoma City, Okla., cotton; C. B. Denman, Farmington, Mo., live stock; Charles C. Teague, Los Angeles, fruit farming; William F. Schilling, Northfield, Minn., dairying; Charles S. Wilson, Hall, N. Y., miscellaneous Northeastern agriculture.

CANADA NOT TO PROTEST RATES

Secretary Stimson Denies Report Dominion Has Made Representations As To New Tariff.

Washington, July 13.—A denial by Secretary Stimson of published reports that Canada had protested against provisions of the house tariff bill prompted Chairman Borah, of the senate foreign relations committee, to declare today he had "thought all along that these supposed protests from Canada originated in the United States."

The formal Stimson statement had reference to reports that Canadian Minister Massy had made oral representations to the secretary regarding the proposed duties on shingles, lumber and feeder cattle, and rumors that Great Britain had threatened to impose a tariff on American wheat.

The reports pictured the administration as being much concerned over the protests and threats.

"I wish to deny unequivocally," said Mr. Stimson, "that any such statement was made by the Canadian minister or any representative of the Canadian government to me or to any representative of this government."

"There has been absolutely no such protest or threat or any mention of any such subject at all that I know of and I think I would know of it if it had been made."

"I wish to emphasize this because the Canadian government has been most scrupulously correct and careful in respect to any comment on our tariff making. They have absolutely avoided anything in the nature of provocation."

"The same is true of the British. I am speaking of both parties to the alleged story."

"Secretary Stimson's statement clarifies the atmosphere," said Senator Borah. "I have thought all along that these supposed protests from Canada originated in the United States. It was the old reciprocity spirit revived."

"We now learn authoritatively that Canada has made no protest and has no protest; that she in fact expects us to make our tariff according to what we deem to be our best interests."

Further tariff activity at the capitol during the day was devoted to continuation of public hearings on the house bill. Four senate finance sub-committees virtually completed hearings on the free list. Only one witness from Illinois who could not come here until Monday and some independent oil producers who wish to be heard in behalf of a duty on petroleum and its by-products remain to be heard.

Laurens Merchants Fleeced By Flasher

Laurens, July 15.—At least two Laurens merchants were duped Saturday by a check flasher, who used the old scheme of trading out part of the amount. The checks were identically alike and were given on the Merchants and Farmers company of Charlotte, N. C. They purported to have been given by P. H. Stewart to E. C. Wylie, and each carried the indorsement on the back of the latter name. The amount of each was \$17.60 and the person who tendered them offered in explanation of his possession of them a written statement that they had been paid for house rent by a party in Charlotte.

In each transaction the stranger purchased three sacks of chicken feed and instructed the dealers to send the feed to a certain house number on a named street in one of the textile villages. The merchants were familiar with the street name but when the delivery of the goods was undertaken it was found that no such house number existed, hence the feed stuff was brought back and the merchants then realized that they had been fleeced out of \$4.75 each.

McSween To Preach Sunday Morning

In the absence of the pastor, Dr. D. J. Woods, who will begin a series of meetings at Dominick church, the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church on next Sunday morning will be occupied by Rev. John McSween, president of Presbyterian college. The service will begin at 11:15 o'clock.

Don't Fail To Read Gee McGee

"Nobody's Business" by This Famous Humorist and Paragrapher, is the Latest Feature Added by THE CHRONICLE.

It Now Appears Regularly. Don't Miss This Column.

GOV. RICHARDS THINKS CHANGE NECESSARY IN PROHIBITION LAW

George W. Wickersham Writes Letter To Governor Roosevelt In Favor of Modification. Several Chief Executives Comment. "Will Never Take Place In My State," Says S. C. Head.

New London, Conn., July 16.—Geo. W. Wickersham, head of President Hoover's law enforcement commission, in a letter read today by Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York, at the governor's conference here wrote that if federal and state agencies would co-operate in prohibition enforcement the prohibition laws "might be modified so as to become reasonably enforceable."

Characterizing prohibition as "a most serious subject," Mr. Wickersham's letter said it would be one of the chief national problems to be investigated by his commission.

He suggested a division of authority, the federal government to prevent importation and transportation in violation of interstate commerce regulations, and the states to handle their own internal enforcement.

New London, Conn., July 16.—Comments by governors on the letter by George W. Wickersham, head of President Hoover's law enforcement commission, which was read to the conference of governors today by Governor Roosevelt of New York, follow:

Governor Gardner, North Carolina: "I think the letter expresses the law enforcement situation clearly, in regard to modification. My opinion is that the last election expressed the sentiment of the country."

Governor Case, Rhode Island: "The subject is one of which I have no opinion to offer."

Governor Roosevelt, New York: "The proposal and the discussion of it by Mr. Wickersham are purely speculative. Beyond that I don't want to

GOVERNOR WILL PROTECT NEGROES

Nebraska Chief Executive Demands Safe Return of All Who Fled From North Platte Saturday.

North Platte, Neb., July 15.—With Governor Arthur Weaver demanding the safe return to the city of Negroes driven out by a mob late Saturday and Attorney General C. A. Sorensen starting an investigation into the racial disturbances, authorities here tonight expected no further trouble as the refugees returned to the city.

The entire city's Negro population of 200 was driven out of town by an infuriated mob after one of their number had shot and killed Edward Greeh, a policeman. The killer, Louis Seeman, surrounded by the mob in his home committed suicide.

Several Negroes returned late yesterday and more were coming into the city tonight. Governor Weaver ordered state Sheriff N. C. Condit to take charge of the situation and Sorensen has sent Lloyd Dort, assistant attorney general to conduct an investigation.

The attorney general informed local authorities he would "prosecute the case to the limit." He indicated some arrests might be made immediately.

In issuing his order to North Platte officials, Governor Weaver said: "All Negro residents of North Platte must be permitted to return and must be assured of immunity from any recurrence of the Saturday outbreak."

Sheriff A. J. Salisbury and Chief of Police James Dorrman declared every effort was being made to prevent any violence.

"It is our duty to protect all citizens," the sheriff said, "and we will protect all Negroes who return to the city."

Dr. Fulton Now On Furlough

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel P. Fulton of Kobe, Japan, are now on a furlough to America and at present are spending several days in Montreat. Both have numerous friends in this city who will learn with interest that they are back home after an absence of several days and will soon visit in Clinton. Dr. Fulton is dean of the faculty of the Presbyterian Theological seminary at Kobe and has been laboring in Japan for the past thirty-five years as a beloved missionary.

New Shoe Shop Opens For Business

The New Shoe Hospital is the name of a concern that opened for business on last Monday morning in the building to the rear of Sumner's Dept. Store, on Pitts street. The shop is headed by S. D. Dawkins, formerly of Laurens. He has installed a line of modern machinery and invites the business of the general public.

OCEAN FLIGHTS END IN FAILURE

Frenchmen Turn Back. Polish Fliers Meet With Accident; One Killed When Landing In Azores.

Villacoublay, France, July 14.—Dejected but undaunted, Capt. Dieudonne Coste, France's premier airman, returned to his homeland today, landing here at 9:27 a. m. (3:27 a. m., E. S. T.) after a brave but futile attempt to span the Atlantic to New York.

Although the morale of the conqueror of the south Atlantic visibly was shaken, he showed not the slightest trace of physical fatigue from his nearly 28-hour battle with the elements aloft, during which time he was not able to take his hands from his plane's controls for a single second.

A stonewall westerly wind, which he met west of the Azores, causing an excessive consumption of gasoline and slow progress, was the determining factor in his decision to turn back, when it was almost as near to the American Atlantic seaboard as to France.

"We will try again," Captain Coste said as he started from his plane, "but we will pick our own time; we must have a maximum of chances in our favor on this side."

He turned to the small group, which, warned by radio experts he would land at Villacoublay, had gathered.

"Don't cheer, boys!"

"There is nothing to cheer about. We just missed out, that's all."

His remonstrances did not deter the handful of newspapermen, mechanics and spectators at the airfield, which is four miles south of Versailles, from their applause, however.

"Where are the Poles," he asked then.

Here was given information reaching here in the shape of rumors, later to be negated by other reports of disaster that they had been forced to land in the Azores but had done so safely.

His face brightened, and he remarked: "They met the same stone wall we did."

He remarked a second time, "C'est un rude os avaler"—"It is a tough bone to chew."

MONARCH STANDS OPERATION WELL

King George Has Surgeons Open Chest So Abscess Can Drain. Condition Satisfactory.

London, July 15.—King George today successfully came through an operation, which was of a more serious nature than the public had been led to expect, and tonight was officially stated to have made "entirely satisfactory progress." The members of the royal family were delighted to learn his majesty's condition was so satisfactory. The Prince of Wales, the Duke of York and the Duke of Connaught, all visited Buckingham palace to inquire for the king.

The public was pleased that the king was in such good general health that no complications were feared from the operation and, although naturally anxious, displayed none of the great solicitude that characterized his majesty's serious illness last winter.

This attitude of confidence was largely brought about by the complete frankness of the surgeons in explaining the nature of the operation.

Seven doctors came to the palace for the operation, which was actually performed by Sir Hugh Rigby and Professor Trotter in the king's bedroom.

They issued a bulletin after the operation, reading as follows:

"An operation has been performed on his majesty, the king. Portions of two ribs were removed in order that the circumscribed abscess, one and a half inches across, may be more quickly drained and treated. The condition of his majesty is satisfactory."

The abscess was a consequence of the king's serious illness last winter and was in the right side of his chest.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Lose Little Son

Marion Lee, 13-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde F. Smith, died last Thursday at their home on West Pitts street after an illness of only four days. The funeral was held Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. O. M. Abney, pastor of North Broad Street Methodist church. Interment was at the cemetery of Mountville Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have numerous friends who deeply sympathize with them in their loss.

Series Of Meetings At Dominick Church

Beginning next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, there will be a series of evangelistic services at Dominick Presbyterian church, to continue through Wednesday night, with two services daily. The meetings will be in charge of Dr. D. J. Woods, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city.

GOVERNMENTS FILE PROTESTS

Spain Italy, Sweden and Philippines Add To Complaints On Tariff. Would Cause Drop In Buying American Goods.

Washington, July 16.—Three more communications from foreign governments and commercial interests expressing fear of enactment of various increased duties provided in the house tariff bill were received from the state department today by the senate finance committee.

The committee placed them in the record and proceeded with hearings on the administrative provisions of the measure, listening to further arguments against the levying of tariffs or restrictions on Philippine imports into the United States, now duty free.

Coming from Spain, Italy and Sweden the foreign messages received today supplemented complaints and comments from these countries and 21 other nations and their colonial possessions which were made public by the committee last week.

General imports from Italy, iron and steel shipments from Sweden and cork from Spain were taken up in the new memoranda.

The Italian ambassador, in a supplemental note, declared if the duties proposed by the house on Italian goods became law, the direct result would be a falling off of Italian purchases of agricultural products and other raw materials in America and an impairment of Italy's international economic position.

Their final adoption would mean, he said, "a probable reduction in the standard of living of Italy, to some extent, and eventually a weakening of the economic relations between the two countries."

The ambassador contended Italian goods constituted less than 2 per cent of the aggregate American imports and that such a small percentage would "hardly justify any claim of unbearable competition."

Italian goods concerned, he added, offered "no real competition" in the United States because prices for them were higher than those for corresponding domestic articles.

The Spanish ambassador, whose government, in a previous note threatened a breaking off of the modus vivendi commercial relations with the United States in the event certain house rates were adopted, saw in the proposed increased cork duty a marked injury to the Spanish exporting business and a reduction in the consumption of this article.

The Swedish Ironmasters' association, in a memorandum transmitted through the Swedish minister, took exception to the proposed rates on hollow drill steel, alloy steels and wire rods, declaring they would "undoubtedly cause considerable disturbance in the reciprocal flow of commodities" between Sweden and the United States.

Camilo Osias, Philippine resident commissioner to Washington; Sergio Osmena, Philippine senator; Rafael R. Alunan, secretary of agricultural and natural resources of the islands, and Pedro Guevara, the other island resident commissioner here, strenuously opposed before the committee today any interruption of the existing free-trade relations between the United States and the Philippines.

Osias contended the free trade principle had been more to the advantage of America and any duty or limitation on island imports into this country would be "iniquitous and unfair" unless they were accompanied by legislation granting independence.

American capital invested in the islands, he asserted, constituted the greatest deterrent to Philippine freedom.

Declaring the islands were the best market for American cotton, meat and dairy products, the commissioner said it would "seem clearly shortsighted economically to advocate proposals which would cripple one of your best customers."

The other three Filipinos expressed their opposition to a change in the free trade principle in briefs filed with the committee.

Contract To Be Let For Kinards Road

According to announcement made during the past week by the State Highway commission, the contract for hard-surfacing the Clinton-Kinards link of highway number 2, will be let July 30. This is the only piece of construction work for which bids are to be received at the July meeting, according to the announcement, due to the pending litigation on the \$65,000,000 highway act holding up progress of other projects over the state.

The section for which hard-surfacing bids are to be received is 7.9 miles in length, being entirely in Laurens county, and will complete the link needed to give a continuous stretch of all-weather road all the way across the county from the Greenway county line to the Newberry line at Kinards.

Union Service At First Presbyterian

The usual Sunday evening union service of the local churches will be held next Sunday at the First Presbyterian church, at 8 o'clock. Rev. O. M. Abney, pastor of Broad Street Methodist church, will be the speaker.

Fowler Gault Back On Gang After Illness

Fowler Gault, 30-year-old local textile worker, who is serving a 15-year sentence for the killing of Sam Ginn at the Clinton mill two years ago, has been dismissed from the Laurens hospital, after recovering from an operation for appendicitis. He is serving his sentence with the county chain-gang, and is said to be making a good prisoner.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Henry will spend today with their daughter, Mrs. Rutledge Adair, in Columbia.