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OFFICIALS PLEASED WITH CONFERENCE

Secretary Wallace Says Meeting of Farmer Delegates Was a Great Success

Washington, Jan. 27.—The national agricultural conference, which concluded a five-day session here tonight, was characterized by Secretary Wallace of the department of agriculture, in his closing address as "the most representative gathering of agriculture ever held. It has been a good thing for the farmers and the allied interests, he declared, adding that the farmers and the related interests "must cooperate to put agriculture on a sound and enduring basis."

"This conference," the secretary continued, "has gained ground and I think we can hold that ground. We have presented constructive suggestion not only for the present but for the working out of a sound agricultural policy for years to come."

Before adjourning, resolutions were adopted thanking President Harding and Secretary Wallace for calling the conference and expressing appreciation to Chairman Anderson for his fairness in presiding over the sessions.

The conference went on record in adopting its transportation committee's report, as favoring participation by railroad labor and railroad corporations in the general price "deflation" after it had struck down another committee's report recommending for repeal of the Adamson eight-hour law and the "bring down" of wages of railroad labor and other industrial labor to a parity with the return received by the farmer.

The debate on the question of wage "deflation" today was long and of times vehement. The proposal was strenuously fought by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who was a delegate to the conference. Several farmers who opposed reduction in wages and helped to defeat the first recommendation supported the proposal finally adopted that both railroads and their employes share in the readjustment.

The conference also endorsed a proposal that the St. Lawrence-Great Lakes waterway project be completed after one committee's recommendation to this effect had been lost. Action for repeal of the 6 per cent guarantee clause of the Transportation Act, defeated during the labor debate, received favorable action on a later report.

The conference recommended completion of the projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., and urged that the government accept the offer of Henry Ford to lease them. Reduction of freight rates on farm products, livestock, and products of allied industries to the basis prior to the increase of August, 1919, also was urged, as well as the restoration of certain rate making powers to state railroad commissions. Readjustment of rates affecting other commodities should follow as quickly as possible, it was added. Legislation to prevent the railroads from including the "land multiple" in making up their revaluations was further recommended.

Development of the Mississippi river as an artery of commerce was advocated with the adoption of a report which declared that "during and since the war there has been a great increase in navigation in the Lower Mississippi river and on the Ohio river."

"Barges are operating from St. Louis to New Orleans," it was added, "in connection with railroad lines and have demonstrated not only their efficiency but also their economy as carriers of freight."

The conference went on record as opposing repeal of the Panama Canal tolls, saying "the people of the United States have invested a large sum of money in the Panama Canal."

Other recommendations included: Development of hydro-electric power projects to make current available to the small consumer on the farm and in the village. Closer coordination of railway, waterway, and highway transportation. Appointment of a commission to work out a national land policy, including reclamation, irrigation, grazing, and colonization problems in cooperation with similar bodies in the various states. Opposition to the opening of any more land for farming purposes pending readjustment of conditions in agriculture. Stoppage of forest devastation development of effective methods of fire prevention, increase in reserves and extension of research. Enactment by congress of laws providing intermediate credits for farmers through commodity financing, continuation of the War Finance Corporation pending such action, amendment of the federal reserve and farm loan acts, Congressional investigation of the subject of crop insurance, a constitutional amendment prohibiting issuance of tax free securities except bonds and other obligations of federal farm loan banks, recommitment of an excess profits tax and equal consideration for agriculture with other industries in any tariff pol-

LEGISLATURE GETTING DOWN TO WORK

Beginning of Fourth Week Marks Real Legislative Battles

Columbia, Jan. 30.—The two branches of the legislature will convene Monday night, beginning the fourth week of the session, with prospects of hard fighting in the midst of the tax reform program which is now on its way to completion.

Two of the seven revenue producing measures already introduced will be debated Tuesday, and will probably bring forth heated debate, the gasoline tax bill in the senate and the luxury tax bill in the house, both set for special order Tuesday morning.

The inheritance tax bill has passed the house and separate and is now on its way back to the house for concurrence in some senate amendments. The corporation license tax bill has been passed by the house and sent to the senate. The income tax bill and the moving picture film tax bill are with the finance committee of the senate.

Famous Explorer Passes Away

Sir Ernest Shackleton Dies on Trip in Antarctic

Montevideo, Uruguay, Jan. 29 (By the Associated Press).—Sir Ernest Shackleton, the British explorer, died January 5 on board the steamship Quest, on which he was making another expedition into the Antarctic regions. Death was due to angina pectoris and occurred when the Quest was off the Gritvickeu Strait.

The body was brought to Montevideo on board a Norwegian steamer and will be taken by another steamer to Europe.

Capt. L. Hussey of the Quest will accompany the body home.

Preparing To Elect Pope

Cardinals of Catholic Church Gathering in Rome

Rome, Jan. 30.—Preparations have begun for the convening Thursday of the solemn conclave at which the cardinals of the Roman Catholic church will choose a pope to succeed Benedict.

Costly Fire at Clio

R. D. Quick Killed by Truck During the Fire

Clio, Jan. 29.—Fire near noon today destroyed business establishments in Clio and entailed a loss of approximately \$125,000.

A tragedy in connection with the fire was the death of R. D. Quick, who collided with a truck as he dashed to safety from a falling wall and was killed almost instantly.

The truck was driven by P. H. Lipscomb. The body was placed in a nearby building and the coroner notified. The official inquest jury and will conduct an inquest at 10 o'clock Monday morning. The tragedy is greatly deplored but could not be avoided by Mr. Lipscomb, who is deeply affected by it.

Just how the fire originated is not known. The first evidences of it were in the Blackman & McManis Drug store about 11:20 o'clock and for more than two hours it raged with the resultant loss as follows: Blackman & McManis Drug store, \$8,500; with \$2,000 insurance; Covington company, \$75,000; stock insurance about 60 per cent; Covington company's buildings, \$25,000, partially insured; Wright & Powers, stock \$6,000, with \$2,500 insurance; D. K. Wright's building, \$5,000, partially insured; J. C. Covington's building, \$5,000, partially insured; Southern Bell Telephone company's office equipment, unknown; J. E. Harrison, telephone operator, lived over the drug store and his personal effects were lost as he and Mrs. Harrison were away when the fire was discovered.

Bennett Hedgpeth Hardware company had a loss by moving out their \$8,000 stock which was covered. Damage to the McManis building in which Bennett Hedgpeth were located was considerable from the falling wall of the Covington company building.

A lot of cotton ignited from falling sparks at the Atlantic Coast Line depot, which is a loss to the railroad, as it was covered by bills of lading, ten barrels being damaged.

The fire department from Bennettsville came to the rescue and rendered much assistance.

Don't Want Equal Rights

League of Women Voters Discover That Men Have Responsibilities That They Do Not Seek

Columbia, Jan. 30.—The South Carolina League of Women Voters is opposed to a bill to be introduced in the general assembly, probably this week, to give women equal rights before the law as men in every particular. The women voters of the state hold that this law is not necessary, that they have all the rights they need now. The proposed bill is being urged by the National Woman's Party.

An opinion rendered by Attorney General Wolfe for the League of Women Voters holds that the proposed law is not necessary. "Inclination to the proposed legislation, suggested through the National Woman's Party," says the attorney general's opinion, "I advise that in my opinion the law pertaining to women in this state affords all possible or desired remedies, immunities and rights consistent with citizenship, and I personally feel that it would be inexpedient to attempt what in effect would be merely cumulative legislation."

The proposed Woman's party bill would not only make women equal to men at law, but would make disabilities or inequalities on account of marriage apply to women as well as men and would abrogate the common law disabilities of women.

The women are also interested in many bills before the legislature. They want the three mill school tax taken from the constitution and properly classified for taxation; they are interested in the tax reform bill being put through. They are specially interested in the Simons bill, to require men to stand examinations before marriage.

Strike Ordered In New York

Dressmakers' Union Protest Against Proposed Wage Cut

New York, Jan. 30.—Six thousand women and girls have been ordered on strike by the Ladies' Waist and Dressmakers' Union as a protest against the proposed twenty-five per cent wage reduction.

Hughes To Run Against Stoll

Member of General Assembly Seeks Higher Honors

Columbia, Jan. 29.—E. T. Hughes of Marion, a member of the South Carolina house of representatives, will enter the campaign for congress next year, opposing Philip H. Stoll of Kingslee according to an announcement made by Mr. Hughes before leaving for Marion, where he will spend his week-end rest from his legislative duties.

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APPEAL OF BIGHAM DISMISSED

Resentment Will Be Passed at Next Term of Court in Florence

Columbia, Jan. 27.—The state supreme court in an opinion handed down Thursday afternoon dismissed the appeal of Edmund D. Bigham, of Florence county, now in the death house of the state penitentiary, under sentence of death. This means that Bigham will be resented at the next term of court for Florence.

Bigham was convicted of the murder of his brother. He was also charged with the murder of his mother, his sister and his sister's two adopted children.

Bandits Terrify New York City

Detectives Placed on Guard in Theatrical District

New York, Jan. 28.—Detectives have been detailed to all theatres and resorts in the theatrical sections where bandits have been operating successfully and others have been ordered to round all men recently released from prison.

COOPERATIVE MARKETING CAMPAIGN

Cotton Farmers of Different Counties Signing Contracts and Express Hearty Approval of Movement

Columbia, Jan. 27.—With 1,835 bales already reported from Marlboro county; 921 from Darlington county; 52 from Williamsburg and 114 from Chester and the week only half gone, this promises to be the banner week in the cotton cooperative marketing campaign according to Harry G. Kaminar, president of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association, who said last night that enthusiastic reports as to the progress of the campaign were coming in from every county.

P. D. Dargan, county director for Darlington county, reported that his county would meet its quota by no later than February 12. He declared there was great enthusiasm all over that county and that large and small farmers were signing the contract.

Reports received at headquarters of the association in this city last night from the meetings held in many counties of the state yesterday, Mr. Kaminar said, were to the effect that the farmers had braved the snow and the coldest weather of the winter to come out and hear the gospel of cooperative marketing.

"We received today," said Mr. Kaminar "a letter from a farmer in the Piedmont section expressing great regret that the cooperative marketing movement had not been launched many years ago. 'If it had,' he wrote, 'I probably would not have been forced to give up my farm and move to a cotton mill to support my family. I am leaving next week for the city to go to work. This constructive measure has come too late to save me.'"

Senate Sends Resolution to House Asking For Time Limit to June 1st for Payment

1921 STATE TAXES TO BE POSTPONED

Columbia, Jan. 27.—The state senate today passed and sent to the house the resolution for the postponement of the time for paying 1921 taxes to June 1 with penalty scheduled. The penalties would be 1 per cent for January payments, 2 per cent for February, 3 per cent for March, four per cent for April, 5 per cent for May and 7 per cent of payments after June 1. The penalties not to be cumulative, the resolution provides that executions be written up by the sheriff but not carried into execution until September 1. There is a proviso protecting the voter. The bill by representative Cary of Charleston to require the labeling of canned, crated and boxed goods, "South Carolina Products" was passed by the house and sent to the senate.

The bill by Representative West to extend the time for redemption of property offered for sale by the sheriff under execution was passed by the house and sent to the senate.

The bill would extend the time from six months to twelve.

The house set Tuesday night as the time for debating the luxury tax bill introduced Thursday.

Representative Barnwell of Charleston introduced a bill to provide a penalty of from \$5 to \$25 fine or imprisonment, from 5 days to 25 days for the owner of a dog failing to pay the \$1.25 dog tax.

The house adopted the senate resolution approving Henry Ford's proposal to develop Muscle Shoals. Representative Hamilton's bill to limit the working time of textile employes to forty-eight hours a week was reported back by the house judiciary committee so amended as to make the textile workers work fifty-five hours and the working day limit ten hours.

Foreign Trade Falls Off

Europe Bought Two Billion Less From United States Last Year

Washington, Jan. 30.—Exports to Europe last year fell off by more than two billion dollars as compared with 1920, and to South America by more than three hundred million dollars, according to foreign trade reports issued by the commerce department.

Demomstration at Bethel

The making of the \$100 dress form will be demonstrated at Bethel club next Wednesday afternoon. Several ladies of Sumter have asked me to notify them of the next demonstration of this. I shall be glad to have any woman from town go out with me on that day. Please phone me at 21 if you are interested.

CARO TRULUCK,
County Home Demonstration Agent.

PROVIDE WORK FOR UNEMPLOYED

President Asks Department Heads To Start Repair and Construction Work to Relieve Situation

Washington, Jan. 27.—Aid of department heads in providing work for unemployed is requested by President Harding. He suggested that repair and construction work could be undertaken now when the most difficult period of the winter is still before us.

Woman Burns to Death

Mrs. R. E. Tollison Loses Life When Clothing Catches on Fire

Greenwood, Jan. 27.—Mrs. R. E. Tollison, wife of a traveling salesman, was burned to death early tonight at her home here. Details as to how the tragedy took place are meager, but it is said that Mrs. Tollison was attempting to build a fire with kerosene when a flash set her clothing on fire. She rushed into the yard, but was burned to death before assistance could be given.

Knickerbocker Death List Grows

Washington, Jan. 30.—The death of Miss Mary Forsythe, of Washington, brought the death list from the Knickerbocker theatre disaster to one hundred and eight. All the dead and injured are being removed from the Christian Science church which served as a clearing house for the victims. There is little hope for the recovery of Edward H. Shaughnessy, assistant postmaster general, who with his wife and children were injured in the crash.

Arctic Weather in North Carolina

Seven Inches Sleet at Raleigh and Still Falling

Raleigh, Jan. 28.—With seven inches of tightly packed sleet covered with snow on ground, fall began anew in North Carolina today. Wire communication disrupted in some sections.

POSTPONED RECEPTION

Washington, Jan. 30.—Declaring "There is so much of grief in Washington today" President Harding has postponed the reception to have been given at the White House tonight for Ohio residents in honor of the birthday of President McKinley.

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TERRIBLE DISASTER IN WASHINGTON

Snow Crushes Roof of Theatre Killing One Hundred Seven and Injuring Hundred and Three

Washington, Jan. 30.—With a total of one hundred and seven dead and one hundred and three injured removed from ruins of the Knickerbocker theatre early today, hundreds of rescuers are still struggling with the heavy wreckage left when snow-laden roof of the structure collapsed Saturday night during the showing of a feature comedy. Brigadier General Bandholtz, who is in charge, said it might be another twenty-four hours before the work can be completed. It is believed, however, that the section remaining to be explored would yield few additions to the awful list of dead and injured. A party of rescuers is still struggling to release unrescued victims from the wreckage which is now being overturned. One man is believed to be still alive, although imprisoned for thirty-six hours.

The burial of two of the victims of the disaster, John and Elizabeth Jeffries, children of L. E. Jeffries, general counsel of Southern Railway, will take place Wednesday at their old home in Selma, Ala., it is said. While district officials started the investigation, Senator Capper introduced a resolution calling for an inquiry by the senate. Civilians relieved soldiers and marines who had been on guard at the scene since the disaster occurred. Only odds and ends of debris remains to be removed and no more bodies are expected to be recovered.

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