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HESTER IN FAVOR OF TRADING

Secretary of New Orleans Cotton Exchange Explains Benefits of System

New Orleans, Feb. 22.—A defense of the future contract in dealing with cotton was voiced by Col. Henry C. Hester, for 51 years secretary of the New Orleans cotton exchange, in an address before the commissioners appointed by the various governors of the cotton states who began here today a study of problems affecting the cotton industry.

"We must remember that cotton is the most liquid asset known to the world's trade and through futures, every minute of the day and night from one end of the year to the other, cotton may be purchased," declared Colonel Hester. He deplored the fact that laws have been suggested to congress, where the New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges may be regulated, as to their dealings in futures. He warned the lawmakers present at the conference that while it might lie in the power of the government to regulate the New York and New Orleans exchanges, that the Liverpool and other foreign exchanges could not be regulated.

"You are here to devise a system of enunciation for both white and colored that will teach them to properly grow cotton of high grades," said Colonel Hester. "Your aim should be to do away with trash or unspinnable cotton. You will also have to devise some method whereby the public can be enlightened and enlist the aid of the national and state governments to get us out of the mud."

Agnes W. McLean, member of the war finance corporation and former assistant secretary of the treasury, a delegate from North Carolina, followed Secretary Hester with a brief address in which she discussed the financial phase of the cotton growing problem.

State Senator R. O. Everett of North Carolina was made temporary chairman of the conference. A committee on permanent organization was named to present recommendations as to the permanent organization.

The committee also was asked to formulate a permanent program for future action to be recommended to the various states represented by commissioners and to seek the cooperation of these states not represented in the conference.

Permanent organization was effected at a meeting tonight of the committee named for that purpose with the selection of State Senator R. O. Everett of North Carolina as chairman and Thomas B. King of Memphis, secretary.

The organization was officially named the Cotton States commission.

In defining the objects of the organization it was declared the commission would urge the enactment of legislation in cotton growing states which would unify efforts in the solution of production and marketing problems, the furtherance of the fight on cotton pests and any other administrative or legislative action within the scope of state rights.

FAILURES IN WALL STREET

Total of Concerns Going to Wall Since November Now Number Thirty

New York, Feb. 25.—Today brought the failures of three more Wall street brokerage houses with combined liabilities estimated at \$120,000 and combined assets at \$33,000.

Concerns which have gone to the wall since last November now total 30. Total liabilities were estimated at \$21,788,000 and assets at \$10,548,000.

In the street the opinion was advanced that many houses of perfectly reputable character had gone to smash because of the caution many investors assumed with the district attorney's inquiry into bucket shops.

The concerns against which involuntary bankruptcy petitions were filed today, and their estimated resources, were:

A. R. Smith & Co., liabilities, \$75,000; assets, \$25,000.

Rietze & Sullivan, liabilities, \$25,000; assets, \$3,000.

Heatley, Robles & Smith, Inc., liabilities, \$20,000; assets, \$5,000.

STEP TOWARD WARLESS WORLD

Washington, Feb. 27.—The churches of the country in a message from the commission of international justice and good will of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America are urged to support the treaties negotiated at the Washington conference, as constituting the first step towards a warless world.

Every social lion meets his tamer.

WHAT THE LEGISLATURE HAS TO DO

Tax Legislation Still in a Muddle in the Senate. Gov. Cooper Will Veto Tax Extension

Columbia, Feb. 27.—With about two weeks ahead of it, the legislature reconvenes this week, the senate on Monday night and the house Tuesday night. The house is practically marking time now to let the senate catch up with its work.

During the past week the tax revenue measures held the center of interest in the senate. The income tax bill, a different measure from that sent over by the house was passed—the one known as the McGhee substitute. The inheritance tax and gasoline tax bills have been ratified and signed by Gov. Cooper.

The gasoline tax law becomes law next Wednesday. Another feature of the week was the resignation of Senator Christensen as chairman of the finance committee of the senate because he was out of accord with some of the views of the senate, the debate on the acceptance of the resignation and the tense situation that threatened in a verbal clash between Senators Christensen and Bonham.

The senator from Beaufort who stated that he was resigning so that he might be free to fight for the measure he championed, and one of the first of these acts is the statement issued by him Friday night in which he urges the farmers and landowners to wage a fight to keep the substitute income tax measure from becoming law and to bring about an effort to pass the original income tax bill.

In connection with the tax measure it is learned that Governor Cooper will veto the resolution by Senator Wells providing for an extension of payment of 1922 taxes on the ground that the provision allowing tax payers who have paid taxes since the first of the year to vote is unconstitutional, and further that the state will be handicapped by a large debt.

The hydro-electric tax bill, which met death in the senate several days ago has been revived in the house and is now on third reading in that body. Lobby gossip says that the bill stands a better chance of passage in the senate now, it having previously been killed by one vote.

The senate finance committee still has the appropriation bill and is holding hearings on the measure. In the meantime the bill has been advanced to third reading in the senate and thus saving at least one day. It will be debated and perhaps amended on that reading when reported out of the committee.

The bill placing a license tax on motion picture theaters has passed the senate. The original bill placed a tax on films, the senate amended the bill by providing for a tax on the theaters. It is understood this is a great blow to the author of the measure.

The two houses appear anxious to get away as soon as possible but there is no hope for adjournment by March 4 and it now appears likely that March 11 will be the date of adjournment sine die.

TALK ON IRISH AFFAIRS BEGINS

Delegates From Free State on Visit to London

London, Feb. 26.—The delegates of the Irish provisional government conferred for an hour and a half this afternoon with Winston Spencer Churchill, colonial secretary; Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, and Sir L. Worthington Evans, secretary of state.

Both sides are reported to be taking a cheerful view of the situation. The discussions are said to have been proceeding so smoothly from their commencement that Mr. Churchill was able to inform Premier Lloyd George, who had been in readiness for a call, that he need not disturb his week-end.

Arthur Griffith and his colleagues started on their return to Ireland tonight.

Mr. Griffith after the conference said he was satisfied that the British government was standing by the terms of the treaty.

Both Mr. Griffith and Mr. Duggan seemed hopeful that a healthy atmosphere would prevail because of the mutual recognition of each other's difficulties.

SHOULD GRANT LOWER RATES

Spokesman for Manufacturers Talks to Inter-State Commission

Washington, Feb. 25.—The railroads in granting lower rates to farmers on products should grant lower rates on products for farmers consume, the inter-state commerce commission was told by Chairman Bradford of the Association of Farm Equipment Manufacturers.

ADMIRAL SIMS RANTING AGAIN

Minneapolis, Feb. 25.—Rear Admiral Sims, in address here, declared that the navy department now has the same organization as during the war, and with such an organization you can neither prepare for war nor fight a war. He said if the public was enlightened it would not tolerate such an organization and the newspapers should employ military experts as writers.

DISCUSS BONUS AT WHITE HOUSE

President Harding and the Republican Leaders of House Trying to Find a Way to Raise Billions Without Taxes

Washington, Feb. 27.—Representative Mondell, Republican house leader, and Chairman Fordney, of the house ways and means committee, are understood to have discussed the soldiers bonus question with President Harding today at the White House. They are believed to have informed the president of the rejection by the special subcommittee of the sales tax proposal suggested by President Harding in a letter last week to Chairman Fordney.

DENBY READY TO CLOSE THE NAVY YARDS

Tells Mr. Gompers Competing With Private Yards Would Not Help Employment Problem

Washington, Feb. 26.—Conversion of navy yards into industrial plants for the purpose of obtaining contracts from other government departments could be accomplished only at the expense of privately owned factories, and, therefore, would not be of value to the unemployed, Secretary Denby declared tonight in a letter answering suggestions laid before him recently by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, as head of a delegation representing "furloughed" navy yard employees. Several thousands of these employees were given leave without pay as a consequence of the naval agreements reached at the Washington arms conference.

"It is difficult to see, Secretary Denby said, how the national unemployment situation will be in any way alleviated even if it is found feasible with industrial plants on the outside. As to this I have very serious doubt, for I know of no industrial plant in private hands which thereby increasing the number of employees, they are increasing the overhead, as in the navy yards of the United States."

Moreover, the secretary continued, he doubted very much the wisdom of artificially keeping up "navy yards, some of which must inevitably be closed, at the expense of private yards, thereby, perhaps causing the destruction of the latter." When the navy yards are not required to maintain the fleet, he said, "they should be abandoned or leased to private concerns who may find employment for them."

A delegation headed by Mr. Gompers submitted a program comprising fifteen proposals designed to relieve the situation of the men thrown out of work. Secretary Denby took up the suggestions in order, explaining in most cases that the department did not have the appropriations necessary to undertake them or lacked authority.

Mr. Gompers' proposal that preparatory steps be taken at once looking to the scrapping or dismantling of naval craft which are to be eliminated under the new naval treaty cannot be adopted, Mr. Denby said, since this work will not be undertaken until ratifications have been exchanged by the interested powers. Even then, the secretary said, it would require an act of congress to actually accomplish the scrapping of the ships, the place and methods of the destruction remaining entirely within the authority of the legislative branch of the government.

Work is under way at present "upon every vessel authorized by congress for which appropriation has been made, Secretary Denby said in reply to the suggestion that construction be started at once on such vessels as it is deemed advisable to build. It would be idle, Mr. Denby declared, to set up the proposed employment clearing house in the navy department to provide the navy yard employees with other positions "when there is no work."

The naval secretary expressed his sympathy for those affected by the reduction of activity in navy yards, but declared that it was not within his power "to continue in needless employment those who are paid from a trust fund administered by the navy department."

COMBING COUNTRY FOR SANDS

Los Angeles, Feb. 27.—The public has completed a special bulletin distribution to every part of the country in an effort to connect with the Taylor murderer.

SOVIET LEADERS NEED MONEY

Moscow, Feb. 27.—The soviet leaders realizing the seriousness of the famine situation restrict their delegation to the Genoa conference to grant all concessions demanded, provided a big construction loan can be obtained.

MAN KILLS GIRL IN COURT

New York, Feb. 27.—Eight witnesses appeared before the grand jury to testify against Alfred A. Lindsay, a former stock broker, charged by eleven men and women with fleeing them out of over six hundred thousand dollars. Among witnesses was Mrs. Lillian M. Duke, former wife of James B. Duke, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer, who claims she entrusted over four hundred thousand dollars to him for investment and the money disappeared.

GENERAL CARR HAS BEEN ILL

Commander of Confederate Veterans Recovering From Influenza

Julian, N. C., Feb. 25.—General Julian S. Carr, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, is reported improved from a serious illness from influenza.

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AGREEMENT ON TREATY RESERVATIONS

Four Party Treaty as Explained Will Come Up in Senate For Vote Tomorrow

Washington, Feb. 24.—A modified plank reservation to the four power Pacific treaty, said to be satisfactory to both President Harding and a majority of the senate foreign relations committee, has been debated by committee and an agreement reached to vote on the treaty itself and the proposed reservations tomorrow. The text of the reservation reads: "The United States understands that under the statement in the preamble or under the terms of this treaty there is no commitment to armed force, no alliance no obligation to join in any defense."

MARKETS FOR PERISHABLE PRODUCTS

Farmers Have to Take a Chance on the Price They Will Receive

The farmers have to take a chance on what he will get for perishable products just as he takes chances on what he will get for cotton and tobacco, hay, corn, oats, hogs, etc. He doesn't run around asking any one to sign a contract guaranteeing what cotton and corn, oats, hogs, and other regularly produced farm products will bring next summer or next fall.

The farmers already know that cotton and tobacco are produced in sufficient quantities, car load shipment lots to warrant buyers coming to Sumter or to warrant local buyers going into the business of buying those products. The quantity produced of those commodities cause f. o. b. market to be in operation. Quality, grading, packing, volume of business to be done and standardization of products, with regularity of delivery will cause buyers to become interested in Sumter county truck, but this truck must be produced at the right time to catch the profitable markets outside of Sumter and South Carolina. All producers of perishable products have their periods of losses as well as periods of profit. Every line of business and every profession has the same experience. The farmers know this perhaps better, by experience than any other class of business except possibly merchants who sell on credit—they know.

It will be safer, however, to find out right now what particular perishable products are best suited for production in this section the time to plant so that the produce will not be in rampant competition with glutted markets caused by overproduction at the same time in other states.

Then the producer must get busy producing the business man get busy finding markets. Reliable commission merchants in Baltimore, New York, Philadelphia and other big cities can be depended upon to sell Sumter county products just as honestly and as profitably as the Cuban, Florida and other produce sections products. C. L. Strauss and Company, of Sumter, have furnished this positive information to the Sumter county Chamber of Commerce in shape of many letters from commission houses throughout the north. Other information sought is arriving at Chamber of Commerce quarters.

In the meantime farmers ought to not only attend the community meetings being held over local meetings, but every farmer ought to get out and talk to other farmers about attending these conferences and meetings.

Only by cooperation, seeking information, accepting expert advice are we going to ever find out where we are at and what to do about it. We will have to adopt the process of elimination to a large extent in many of our ideas, but in the long run we are bound to get there just the same if we keep on discussing and trying.

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POVERTY IS EX-CUSE FOR CRIME

Government Clerk Black-handed Prominent Washington People

MUCH DYNAMITE EXPLODES

Chicago Startled by Blowing Up of Rock Quarry

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PROTRACTED SESSION OF LEGISLATURE

Chairman of Finance Senate Committee Sees No Possibility of Adjournment Next Week

Columbia, Feb. 24.—The legislature adjourned after short sessions in both branches today, over the week end, when it became apparent that adjournment sine die would not be possible until after March 4th, and possibly not before the week of the 13th.

Chairman Cross, of the Senate Finance Committee made the statement to the upper branch that with hearings in progress on the appropriation bill he did not see how the bill could get back to the Senate next week.

Senator Allan Johnstone, of Newberry, member of the Finance Committee, also stated that adjournment next week would be humanly impossible.

DO NOT INCREASE THE ACREAGE

American Cotton Association Issues Warning to Farmers of South Carolina

Columbia, Feb. 26.—Convinced they say, that any increase in cotton acreage this year would be absolutely ruinous to the state, officials of the South Carolina Division of the American Cotton Association today issued a statement setting forth the facts in the situation, as they see them, and urging every interest in South Carolina to unite in an effort to hold the acreage down at least to that of 1921. A further reduction would be strongly advisable, the association says. Four major reasons are given by the association why the acreage should not be increased and it says there are numerous minor reasons, the four principal ones are:

"First, An increase in cotton acreage would cheapen all cottons held by Southern banks.

"Second, Under boll weevil conditions an increase in acreage means an increase in possible disaster by the boll weevil.

"Third, An increase in cotton acreage means a decrease in food and feed crops. Let's make the Southern farm self sustaining before we again undertake to raise a surplus of cotton.

"Fourth, Ader bearing the brunt of deflation neither our bankers, merchants nor farmers are in a position to finance a large crop.

Under existing conditions we ought not to run the risk of a crop failure and thus embarrass banks, merchants and farmers. Plant only such crop as can be financed with comparative ease."

The association in its statement takes the view that while a large acreage insure a large crop, it would certainly very greatly decrease the price for the next eight or nine months any way. If we overproduce prices will be ruinous. If we overplant and the boll weevil repeats her 1921 performance, ruin is certain. "Other way you look at it our only salvation is a very small acreage."

The association says that it feels it to be its duty to sound this note of warning to the farmers of the state and it reminds them that "it is better to be safe than sorry."

Dr. J. B. Johnson of Rock Hill, president, Louis L. Gaudin, of Laurens, vice president and chairman of the association, said yesterday that they had received letters from bankers, merchants and farmers in every section of the state urging that every step be taken to prevent an increased acreage with the disaster that it would almost certainly bring.

ACCEPTS CALL TO COLUMBIA

Rev. R. A. Lapsley, Jr., To Be Pastor of First Presbyterian Church

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MARLBORO PLEDGES 10,000 BALES

Cotton Marketing Campaign Gaining Impetus in All Sections of the State

Columbia, Feb. 25.—All records in the cotton cooperative marketing campaign were smashed this week when Marlboro county signed up over 10,000 bales in five days. Meetings are being held today at which time it is hoped to make the total number of bales signed for the week over 12,000. Reports from the P. C. Dec county indicate that it is aflame with enthusiasm and that strong committees have been appointed to work every school district in the county next week.

The banks in Florence, Aiken, Barnwell, York, Laurens and Greenwood counties this week signed strong statements endorsing the movement.

In some of the counties the bankers are taking a most active part in the campaign, going out into the counties and urging the farmers to sign.

Splendid headway is being made all over the state in the campaign, it was declared at headquarters of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association here today.

LANDRU GUILLOTINED THIS MORNING

French Bluebeard Pays Supreme Penalty For His Crimes

Versailles, Feb. 25.—Henri Desires Landru, who was convicted of the murder of ten women and one boy, died by the guillotine at six o'clock today. Thousands gathered outside the jail. Landru appeared attired in dark trousers, white shirt, head shaved and beard trimmed. He walked five steps toward the guillotine with his arms raised and the executioner's assistant caught him around the waist and levelled him to the table which immediately up-ended the heavily weighted triangular knife slid down and the affair was over in twenty seconds. The cavalry saluted as Landru met his death. He refused sacrament and did not confess.

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COTTON MEN PLAN ACTION

On Production, Financing and Marketing of Staple—Want Governors to Act

New Orleans, Feb. 24.—Measures for securing uniform legislation throughout the cotton producing states on subjects related to the production, financing, warehousing and marketing of cotton and plans for waging a relentless warfare against crop pests, with all the cotton states acting as a unit, were adopted at the final session of the cotton states commission here late today.

Measures adopted by the cotton commissioners will be embodied into a set of recommendations which will be presented to the governors of the cotton states by the state representatives who attended the conference with the request to the governors that they be passed on to their legislatures to the end that uniform legislation governing the cotton industry may be enacted by the several states.

The organization of a permanent cotton states commission with three commissioners from each cotton state, one of whom will be an officer of the state department of agriculture, will be urged upon the governors.

The specific objects of the commission if adopted by the several states will be, according to the plans of permanent organization adopted, "the control of insect pests, the betterment of living conditions of farm dwellers, the establishment of adequate and uniform warehouse systems, reduction of the costs of marketing (including terminal charges and transportation), the financing of the farmer during periods of production and marketing and other problems of like character."

In the event such an organization is perfected the United States secretary of agriculture will be requested to appoint at least two representatives of the department to attend the sessions of the commission.

Members of the commission tonight expressed themselves as enthusiastic over the results of the meeting and predicted that with the start they have made a permanent organization will be perfected and will result in better conditions for the cotton producers.

Following the adoption of the permanent program, the meeting adjourned sine die to reconvene at the call of the chairman, R. O. Everett, to be designated by the governor of North Carolina, who originated the idea of some concerted action by the cotton states.

Dr. Coker, of Hartselle, S. C., president of the World Cotton Conference at London last year, was among the delegates attending the meeting here.

One of his victims, Mrs. Rice, is 75 years of age and nearly blind, and the \$20,000 she put into the pool was practically every cent she had. The \$20,000 of Mrs. Cornell represented the insurance out of which she had been supporting her four children, one a cripple.

Mrs. Atwood, who gave up \$50,000 in cash and \$47,000 in jewelry, has been reduced from comparative affluence to raising pedicured dogs for a living.

So far as he could learn, Mr. Murphy said, the only contributor to a "domino club" pool who succeeded in getting anything back was Maj. Redondo Sutton, former president of the Pacific Mining and Chemical company, who happened to know that Lindsay was out on bail under an indictment charging white slavery.

When he threatened to complain to the United States department of justice, Lindsay quickly returned his \$5,000. Major Sutton told Mr. Murphy.

The white slavery indictment returned in 1918, was subsequently dismissed on recommendation of the district attorney's office. Later when a special grand jury made the dismissal a subject of inquiry the district attorney's office explained the case had been dismissed because Beatrice Welle, the complaining witness, had disappeared.

The charges on which Lindsay was wanted, Mr. Murphy said, are establishment and grand larceny.

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EASY MONEY FOR GRAFTERS IN NEW YORK

Wily Broker Obtains Six Hundred Thousand Dollars From Credulous Society Women

New York, Feb. 24.—Ten women, several prominent socially, who claim to have put more than \$600,000 into a mythical "pool" promoted by Alfred E. Lindsey, broker, with a palatial home at South Neck, today were summoned to appear before a supreme court grand jury Monday and help piece together the details of a remarkable story of "high finance" on which United States District Attorney Murphy will seek Lindsey's indictment.

The list of alleged victims of the missing broker is headed by Mrs. Lillian M. Duke, divorced wife of James B