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FARMERS FACING A HEAVY LOSS

PLAN TO TAKE CASE DIRECTLY TO WHITE HOUSE AND PLACE IT BEFORE PRESIDENT WILSON. DELEGATIONS FROM SOUTH MAKE STRONG PROTEST AGAINST COURSE OF SECRETARY HOUSTON.

Washington, Oct. 12.—Steps to appeal directly to President Wilson against the currency deflation policy of the treasury department on the ground that farmers generally faced heavy losses unless the downward trend of prices of farm products was checked were taken here today by a special meeting of agricultural interests called by the American Cotton association.

Senators Overman of North Carolina and Harris of Georgia, who are connected with the movement, called at the White House to prefer a request for the conference with Mr. Wilson and his cabinet and were told by Secretary Tumulty that they would receive an answer from the president tomorrow morning.

The senators laid stress upon the necessity of prompt action as the regular full conference of the federal reserve board and governors of the various reserve banks also is scheduled for tomorrow. The question of interest rates, it was said, would be considered at that conference and the agricultural representatives, gathered here declared they wished to present their views on the whole question of crop financing before action was taken by the federal authorities.

Speakers at the meeting before adoption of the resolution proposing to take the problem to the president personally, repeatedly denounced the deflation policy of Secretary Houston. Farmers stood to lose billions unless the government acted to check the fall of prices, they declared, adding that in many cases market prices were now below the actual cost of growing. The result would be greatly decreased production next year, they said, if means to remove the situation was not found.

McSwain Takes Hand.

A charge by Former Senator Marion Butler of North Carolina that there was a "conspiracy" of officials to force down the price of agricultural products brought a protest from John J. McSwain of South Carolina. "I can not believe one of them capable of conspiring to rob his fellowman" said Mr. McSwain. "I believe, however, they made an error of judgment. Let's reason with them and see where they have made a mistake."

J. J. Brown, agricultural commissioner of Georgia, and Senator E. D. Smith of South Carolina also protested against a statement by Mr. Butler that the country was about to face a panic as a result of the deflation policy, Senator Smith said there was "crisis but no panic."

A general committee composed of representatives of each agricultural organization attending was named to draw up a statement to the public presenting the plight of the growers in a declaration of principles to be adopted by the convention. A resolution calling for the pooling of low grade cotton under a selling commission to handle exports sales went to a special committee on cotton.

Senator Smith suggested that the farmers find out their legal rights under the reserve system and demand them.

"If 40 cents cotton is profiteering, if \$3 wheat is speculating, who says it is?" he demanded. "Who in America gives any one the legal right to fix the price of anything?"

The senator said he did not see any authority in the federal reserve act for contraction of credits.

"I don't believe the law gives any

W. N. FOREACRE WAS FOUND DEAD ON TRAIN

Southern Railway Official Died Tuesday in Car at Hendersonville—Acute Indigestion Cause Of His Death.

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 12.—W. N. Foreacre, vice president and general manager of the lines east for the Southern railway, was found dead in his private car at Hendersonville at 6:50 o'clock this morning by his porter. Acute indigestion was assigned by physicians as the cause. He had been dead about 2 hours, it is said, when the porter, who went to his room on the car to call him. He was sitting in a chair in his night clothes with a light burning.

Mr. Foreacre, accompanied by O. B. Keister, general superintendent and S. J. Mulvaney, division superintendent, was on a tour of inspection. The party arrived in Asheville yesterday and went to Hendersonville and Brevard, returning to Hendersonville last night. Mr. Foreacre, who is about 60 years old, retired apparently in good health.

He has been in the employ of the Southern Railway since 1887 when he became a telegraph operator with the company. He rose rapidly and before the world war was appointed to the position he held at the time of his death, headquarters being maintained at Charlotte.

A special train has been made up here and the body will be sent to Atlanta, his native home, for burial.

Mr. Foreacre was one of the best railroad men in this section, and had a comprehensive view of things, both big and little, within his jurisdiction.

CAROLINE DeLORNE

There is a new young lady at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Eason, of Wyoming, N. J. The new young lady arrived Tuesday, October 12th, and she is Caroline DeLorne Eason. Her mother was before her marriage Miss Caroline Gary, of Abbeville, the youngest daughter of Chief Justice and Mrs. Eugene B. Gary.

administrative officer the right to say what kind of business shall have credit and what shall not," he asserted.

Smith and Wannamaker

Declaring that the New York regional bank had made 200 per cent, profit when the law allowed it only 6 per cent., Senator Smith said "they are robbing us in interest to pay taxes."

"Just let this situation continue," said the senator, "and let the wheat men, the cotton men and the cattle men say 'here is our price.' We demand our rights and we will not loosen up one pound of meat, wheat or cotton until we get them."

A suggestion by J. S. Wannamaker, that a committee be appointed to work for federal revolving fund of \$1,000,000,000 to be used for the economic handling and marketing of crops was not acted upon.

Ben L. March of the Farmer National council protested against the motion, saying no one body could be said to represent all the American farmers.

Mr. Marsh also opposed a strike of farmers, which he said, was suggested by Senator Smith, adding: "Everybody knows there is no panic. Let us not be Bolsheviks."

Dr. W. J. Spillman, former chief of the bureau of farm marketing of the department of agriculture, charged that Secretary Houston and the reserve board were engaged in a drive to force down the price of wheat.

"Those gentlemen are using authority placed in their hands for the purpose of manipulating the market," he asserted.

Alfred Tumlin of Cave Springs, Ga., said not a half crop of cotton would be raised in his section next year. "The whole trouble," he said, "is in Washington. There are night riders in Georgia and day riders in Washington."

COTTON MEN MEET IN COURT HOUSE

Farmers, Merchants, Business Men, and Others Interested in Better Prices for Cotton to Meet Here Saturday

Capt. G. N. Nickles, Chairman for this County, of the branch of the American Cotton Association, has called a meeting for Saturday, 16th at 11 o'clock at the Court House, when the plans and purposes of the American Products Export and Import Association will be outlined, and an effort made to get the people of this county to take an interest in the organization of this association.

Briefly stated, the plan of this association as outlined is the formation of a company with a capital stock of \$10,000,000 for the purpose of disposing of the cotton raised in the South directly to European buyers. The American Cotton Association has seen the economic waste suffered by the farmers of the South in selling their cotton on the streets to buyers at the buyers' prices, and then of having it go through the hands of several middle-men, all of whom want a profit, before it gets to the consumers. There is in fact no more antiquated and out-of-date machine in existence these days than the means of getting either raw or manufactured products from the man who produces to the man who consumes. The people are finding this out and the cotton farmers of the South, it is to be hoped, have reached that state of mind when they will give some attention to matters of business in connection with the marketing of their crops, and less to political poppycock.

It is believed that a company or association such as that proposed, acting as the representative of the cotton producers of the South, as a great selling company, will be able to save the expense attendant on the former method of getting cotton to the manufacturers, thus helping the price, and that by marketing cotton through an association of this kind composed of business men, the cotton can be marketed in a manner and at times which will guarantee us against losses which attend sales made at hap-hazard as in the past.

The association it is believed, once it is started, will eventually be the selling agent of all the farmers of the country, and that cotton instead of being sold on the streets to buyers who are often indifferent, will be sold in large quantities to the consumers of the cotton who want it, and on terms which the sellers will dictate rather than the buyers as at present.

It is evident that there are great possibilities for such a company and it is hoped that the people will take an interest in it, at least to the extent of seeing that business men are at the head of the enterprise and its officers, and that it do not drift into a political spring board from which somebody expects to get into office.

One of the things to be done will be the appointment of committees to solicit subscriptions to the capital stock of this company. In order that full committees may be appointed, and that they may understand the scheme and their duties, Capt. Nickles has already announced their names, and he urges the following to be here Saturday for this meeting, as they have been selected for committeemen:

Abbeville—J. S. Stark, Jim Gilliam and C. W. Norris.

Due West—G. N. Nickles, J. R. Winn.

Donalds—L. J. Davis, R. L. Barmore, J. F. Agnew.

Level Land—W. W. Wilson, A. F. Carwile, J. K. Temple.

Antreville—S. J. Wakefield, A. M. Erwin, Rice Crowther.

Lowndesville—E. W. Harper, J. G. Huckabee, W. E. Ellis.

Calhoun Falls—Judge Hicks, C. H. Taylor, Henry Hester.

Cedar Springs—J. B. Gibert, W. C. McNeill, T. A. Sherrard.

Long Cane—A. B. Robinson, E. R. Miller, John R. Lomax.

SYNOD HOLDING ANNUAL SESSION

In Bennettsville This Week.—Dr. S. C. Byrd, President of Chicora College is Elected Moderator of Meeting

Bennettsville, Oct. 12.—The Synod of South Carolina met today in the Presbyterian church here for its 108th annual session. The retiring moderator, the Rev. Hugh R. Murchison of Columbia seminary, according to custom preached the opening sermon from Galatians 1:11-12. His subject was, "Paul and His Message," and was presented in a discourse of rare clearness and force rising at times to eloquence. The music was led by the Columbia seminary quartet, Messrs. Berryhill, Spencer, Pratt, and Yandell, with B. F. Whitner, presiding at the organ.

At the conclusion of the preaching service synod was constituted with prayer by the moderator. The synod was then organized for the session by the election of the Rev. S. C. Byrd, D. D., president of Chicora College, for Women, as moderator. The stated clerk announced the death during the year of Dr. W. S. Bean, the Rev. J. G. Henderson, the Rev. R. N. Marion and the Rev. James A. Wilson.

The Rev. J. R. Bridges, D. D. of the Synod of North Carolina, the Rev. Dr. Miley, the Rev. Dr. Adams, the Rev. Alex. Martin, D. D., and Dr. A. E. Spencer, were appointed a steering committee for this session.

The Rev. Mr. Wilcox, pastor of the Bennettsville church, delivered a short address of welcome.

COURT ADJOURNED TUESDAY

Morning, No Cases Being Ready For Trial.—Only Two Cases Tried Yesterday.

The Court of Common Pleas adjourned Tuesday morning, no cases being ready for trial. No jury cases were tried after those of yesterday except two cases of John R. Tolbert vs. R. A. Vance of Honea Path, in which Mr. Tolbert had judgment for the possession of certain property valued at about \$400. Mr. Tolbert was represented by J. Moore Mars.

In the Hamlin case the court approved a claim in favor of Wade H. Hamlin against the estate of his father, the late A. B. Hamlin, for \$1517 crediting the same paid out of the estate. The claim was for money loaned and for services rendered.

In the case of Rebecca Belcher vs. T. W. McCord the judge gave judgment against Mr. McCord for \$100.70 The complaint was for a settlement of a year's farming transaction in which the plaintiff claimed. Mr. McCord took the crop and refused a division in accordance with the contract. J. M. Nickles represented the plaintiff and J. Howard Moore, the defendant.

The court sustained the judgment of Magistrate Huckabee of Lowndesville in the case of Cooley vs. Drennan involving the title to a bull calf.

H. L. MILLER VISITS FATHER

H. LeRoy Miller, Mrs. Miller and their young son left Abbeville today to spend a few days in Hartsville with Mr. Miller's father, Mr. L. T. Miller.

Mr. H. LeRoy Miller holds a responsible position with National Biscuit Company, at Houston, Texas. His friends in Abbeville, will be glad to know that he has succeeded in his new home and that he upholds the traditions of his old county and the reputation of his people.

HELPS ELECT BISHOP.

Mr. Wm. M. Barnwell has returned from the meeting of the Diocesan Council of the Episcopal Church held in Columbia yesterday for the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of South Carolina.

Mr. Barnwell is very greatly pleased at the selection of Rev. Kirkman G. F. Finlay for this office. Rev. Mr. Finlay is well known in Abbeville, having been here to preach in the local Episcopal church on several occasions. His friends in Abbeville, like Mr. Barnwell, believe his selection a most admirable one.

CLEVELAND INDIANS WIN WORLD SERIES

This Speaker is a Bigger Man Today Than President Wilson—His Team Wins Baseball Championship

League Park Cleveland, Oct. 12.—The American League pennant winners are the world's champions of 1920. They defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers by a score of 3 to 0 today and won the big championship in baseball. The big pole, Covelksie winning his third game of the series held the Brooklyn helpless. The series ended with five victories for the Cleveland Indians and two for the National League champions.

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League Park, Cleveland, Oct. 12.—On the sunburnt, dusty field of League Park, this afternoon the Cleveland Indians closed in with a rush on the hopeless Brooklyn Dodgers for what the Cleveland home folks declare will be the final contest with the National League Champions for the world's series championship. Easily 26,000 cheering Clevelanders, sensing that the end of the world's series was at hand, journeyed out here to watch the Indians clash with the Brooklynites, whose three straight defeats here have dealt their championship aspirations a seeming mortal blow.

John Heydler, president of the National League, talked with the members of the Brooklyn club before the game to smooth down the ruffled feathers of the Robins.

"Just play the game that you did in winning the championship," Heydler told Zack Wheat, captain of the Brooklynites. "Remember the strain of today's game is on the Indians. Get the jump on them today and then you can go back home and win the series. This is Cleveland's hardest game."

"We have the better team," said the Cleveland manager, "and I think four straight victories in League Park will prove it to the most biased National League partisan."

There was another jam of Cleveland cheering fans here today to make a Roman holiday. All seats were taken and there were bids of \$50 apiece for grandstand chairs.

MISS VICTORIA HOWIE.

Talented Abbeville Girl, Graduate High School 1920, Elected President Freshman Class At Agnes Scott.

The friends of Miss Victoria Howie of Abbeville, the pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Howie, will be pleased to know that at the election of officers of the Freshman Class at Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga. where Miss Howie is a student this year, she was chosen president of her class.

Miss Victoria is a talented musician and was an honor graduate of the high school the past session. She is very popular with the students at her college as is attested by her selection for this honor.

DEATH OF MISS LIZZIE CANNON

Another Christian woman passed from amongst us when Miss Lizzie Cannon was claimed by death Tuesday morning, 12th inst. Miss Cannon had been sick for three weeks her illness being the result of an attack of influenza earlier in the year. She suffered terribly and when the death messenger came at 3:30 Tuesday morning, he came as a relief messenger.

Miss Cannon was a sister of Mr. H. Bascomb Cannon, of this city. She was 71 years of age at the time of her death. She is survived by her brother and one sister, Mrs. Sarah Culbertson, of Laurens, S. C. The funeral services were held to day at 12 o'clock being conducted by Rev. C. E. Peele, pastor of the deceased. Interment was at Gilgal cemetery in the Cannon plot.

OPERA HOUSE IS LEASED FOR 5 YRS.

LEASE FOR ABBEVILLE OPERA HOUSE GRANTED TO J. A. VERCHOT FOR TERM OF 5 YEARS AT A MONTHLY RENTAL OF \$110—PAYS YEAR'S RENT IN ADVANCE—CHIEF OF POLICE MAKES REPORT.

The City Council met last night for the regular monthly meeting. Outside of attending to matters of routine, the chief thing to engage the attention of the members was the leasing of the Opera House. Advertisements for the lease of the Opera House for a term of five years brought three bidders for the lease. Mr. J. A. Verchot put in a bid for \$110.00 per month; Mr. James A. Hill a bid at \$100.00 per month; and Messrs H. L. Paschal and J. W. Martin a bid at \$77.50 per month. The lease was awarded to Mr. Verchot, he being the highest bidder.

In order to show his appreciation and at the same time help out the City Council's "sunken ship" Mr. Verchot immediately paid in a year's rental in advance.

The City Council sometime ago increased the rentals of the offices in the Municipal Building to \$112.50 per year each. The offices are all occupied. But even at this rate and at the new rental for the Opera House the Municipal Building will not be more than self-supporting.

The new lease of the Opera House will safeguard the interests of the city to a much greater extent than the previous lease. There is to be a provision in the lease that the city authorities are to have the Opera House twelve nights in the year free of charge for public entertainments, etc., on seven days notice of their desire to have an entertainment of this kind. This will provide for the school exhibitions, commencements and meetings of this kind.

Chief of Police Reports.

Chief of Police Jos. L. Johnson submitted his monthly report to the City Council at this meeting. The report was full and indicated that the police force have been on the job. It showed that during the month of September the force made 89 cases for violations of ordinances of the city. In 79 cases there were convictions by the Mayor, and 10 cases were dismissed. The amount of fines collected was \$475.50.

The following is a statement of the number of cases of the law's infractions:

Larceny	1
Disorderly	21
Disorderly and concealed weapons	1
Gambling	16
Violation San. Ord.	13
Keeping Disorderly house	1
Visiting same	1
Cheating and swindling	1
Violation auto. law	19
Reckless driving	1
Drunk and disorderly	5
Fighting	4
Loafing and loitering	1
Violating Hog ord.	1
Reckless riding	2

Walnut Street To Front.

A petition was presented by the property owners on Walnut Street requesting that this street be paved. The City Council took the matter under advisement and will decide the matter later. Walnut street just now is a ditch by which all the water from the South side of the city finds its way to the property of the Ice Plant. It should either be paved or the ditch should be dug deeper so that the boys may sail boats in it when the water is high.

THE COTTON MARKET

Cotton was still far from king today. December futures closed about 10 points down from yesterday's close. The best spot cotton sold for 23.50 on the local market today.

The forecast by the local cotton office was for better prices in the next few days.