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HOOVER ACCEPTS PLACE IN CABINET

WILL BE HARDING'S SECRETARY OF COMMERCE—FORMER FOOD ADMINISTRATOR WILL CONTINUE TO DIRECT POLICIES OF EUROPEAN RELIEF. OTHER WORK GOES ON

New York, Feb. 24.—Herbert Hoover telephoned Senator Harding, tonight that he had accepted the offer of the cabinet post of secretary of commerce, George Barr Baker, his assistant announced tonight.

Mr. Hoover, in a statement made public by Mr. Baker, announced that he would continue to direct the policies of European relief. Mr. Hoover's statement follows:

"President-elect Harding this evening asked me to state that he has included me in his nominations for the cabinet as secretary of commerce. Senator Harding enters wholeheartedly into the plans for upbuilding the department and wishes that I continue to direct the policies of the European relief."

Earlier in the day Mr. Hoover stated he had submitted to the president-elect a proposal for the general reconstruction of the department and an enlargement of its field. He also made it clear that as he had assumed heavy responsibilities in connection with relief work, he could not abandon them by resigning and felt that he should continue to take the responsibility for its general direction.

"If I take the post," he said, "it will be only because I believe that President-elect Harding will stand behind me in making a real department of commerce. There is an enormous field for a proper government bureau. It can be made a department of the first import with the support of the administration and of congress. Unless this is done I am not warranted in shifting my responsibilities from relief work."

"No special legislation is necessary for the moment," the earlier statement added, "there must, however, be a real location of government bureaus, and we must bring into the department of commerce bureaus which belong there."

The department of commerce can materially assist in economic settlement of our foreign relations and must do more than engage in the mere exploitation of our goods."

"I have no right," he continued, "to ask the public to give money and then shed all responsibility of administering at once. Another difficulty is that I have undertaken the trusteeship of eight or ten public institutions of importance. Several have enlarged their activities at my inspiration and I can not abandon them entirely."

THE COMMISSION MEETS

Mr. L. W. Keller, the recently elected Supervisor of Abbeville county, says that a meeting of the Highway Commission will be held Monday at which bids for the good roads bonds will be opened. If a suitable bid is secured Mr. Keller says work on the roads will begin as soon as possible. He says also that labor can be secured for half for what it was this time last year and that one of the big items in the expense will be that corn is now a dollar a bushel while last year it was two fifty, which means that it will take a mule a little longer to "eat its head off."

AN OLD LANDMARK

The massive pillars which form a part of the fence around the Robertson place, are being taken down this week, this being made necessary by the very stylish street paving in front of the house. This fence was a part of the place as built of Col. Foster Marshall and many feel that with the disappearance another old landmark is giving place to the new.

NEW RECORD IN AIR FOR DELIVERY OF MAIL

Eight Bags Carried From San Francisco to New York in Thirty-three Hours and Twenty Minutes in Relay Flight, Four Planes Being Used

Hazelhurst, N. Y., Feb. 24.—Eight bags of mail, dispatched from San Francisco by ariplane at 4:30 yesterday morning, arrived at Hazelhurst field here today at 4:50 p. m., establishing a cross country mail record of 33 hours and 20 minutes, with allowance for time zone changes in the coast to coast flight.

The mail was transferred from plane to plane in a relay flight ordered by the postoffice department to establish a new cross continental mail plane record. The plane which arrived at Hazelhurst was piloted by E. M. Allison, a member of the four teams which took part in the trans-continental race, two planes leaving Hazelhurst field and two starting from San Francisco at the same time yesterday morning.

One of the westward bound planes came to grief when Pilot Leonhard was forced to descend yesterday at Dubois, Pa., on account of bad weather. The second westbound plane reached Chicago yesterday and was unable to get away today.

The other eastbound plane crashed to earth at Elko, Nev., yesterday killing the pilot, Capt. W. F. Lewis. Captain Allison piloted one westward bound plane as far as Cleveland, where it was taken over by another pilot on the second lap of the relay, which ended at Chicago. He then took the plane in charge at Cleveland and returned to Hazelhurst field this afternoon, bettering the time set for the flight by the postoffice department by a margin of two hours and 40 minutes.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Postoffice department officials, while gratified at the achievements of the air mail service in delivering at New York tonight mail which left San Francisco yesterday morning, said the most remarkable part of the entire performance was the all night flight from Cheyenne to Chicago, a distance of 839 miles.

The all night flight made by Pilots Frank Yager and Jack Knight demonstrated the feasibility of night flying, officials said. With this statement they coupled the announcement that orders had been issued to prepare for regular night flying on the New York and San Francisco route, probably about May 1.

Otto Praeger, assistant postmaster general, described last night's flight between Cheyenne and Chicago as "the most momentous step in civil aviation." He added that it would mean "the speedy revolutionizing of the letter transportation methods and practices throughout the world."

THE TELEPHONE COMPANY

Mr. H. O. Murdoch, of Charlotte, and Mr. E. P. Hamilton, of Greenville, prominent officials of the Bell Telephone Company, were in the city today, having come here at the request of the local company to look over the local plant and to make suggestions as to several improvements which are to be made in the near future. Mr. Gregory has purchased materials and is planning to stretch several new cables in the near future in order to give the people better service.

SMALLPOX SCARE.

There is a small pox scare in town and the doctors are working over time vaccinating the people. The latest case was discovered in the third grade in the graded school.

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

Special to The Press and Banner.

Columbia, Feb. 25.—Efforts to break the deadlock in the election of an associate justice of the supreme court failed today. Motions to cast extra ballots today and to postpone the election until the 1922 session were lost. Under the terms of the resolution no more voting will be held until next Tuesday morning. Jesse F. Carter, of Bamberg, continued to lead today, with Senator J. H. Marion, of Chester, second, General M. L. Bonham, of Anderson, third, and Judge S. W. G. Shipp, of Florence, fourth.

GREENWOOD MAN SHOT BY ROBBER

He Refuses to Throw Up Hands and Gets Bullets—Physicians Say W. T. Saxon Will Die

Greenwood, Feb. 24.—Refusing to hold up his hands when confronted by two armed men last night about 9:30 o'clock while on his way home from his shoe repair shop, W. A. Saxon, about 50 years of age, was possibly fatally shot in the shadow of a church in the Greenwood mill village where he lives. According to Chief of Police M. D. Chandler, whom Saxon asked to see after being carried to a local hospital, he identified one of his assailants as John Burnett, a mill employee. Hack Fuller, another mill employee is also under arrest.

When accosted by the holdup men, Saxon says he recognized them and laughed, thinking they were playing a joke on him. Burnett, he claims, told him if he did not hold up his hands he would shoot. Saxon replied that he did not have the grit to shoot, it is said, and received one bullet at close range. The bullet apparently was an explosive bullet. It ranged downward through the abdomen, tearing jagged holes in the intestines. Physicians say Saxon has no chance of recovery.

The tragedy last night was the climax of a series of robberies and holdups. Two Bailey Military institute cadets were robbed of a small amount of jewelry a few weeks ago, and two other cadets, by refusing to hold up their hands, bluffed three bandits into flight last Friday night.

BANQUET OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Of the Chamber of Commerce Will Be Held at the Eureka Hotel March 1st.

The banquet of the Board of Directors of the Abbeville County Chamber of Commerce will be given next Tuesday evening, March 1st, 8:15 p. m. at the Eureka Hotel.

The principal address will be made by Mr. L. W. (Buck) Perrin of Spartanburg. Mr. Perrin is an old Abbeville boy who has gone out into the world and made good. There will be several other speakers and a delightful and profitable evening is in store for those who attend.

Let everyone who can possibly do so arrange to attend this banquet and give a splendid home welcome to Mr. Perrin.

This is a plate dinner and everyone is invited. Tickets must be secured from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce not later than Monday night, February 28th.

UNION SERVICE

The Union service of the city churches will be held in the Baptist church Sunday, night, at half past seven o'clock. The preacher will be the Rev. G. M. Telford. A special musical feature will be rendered by the choir.

BUILDING

Hon. J. Moore Mars, who bought a lot on quality row some time ago, has begun the erection of a handsome bungalow. The foundation is finished and material for other work is on the ground. Mr. Hugh Prince is the contractor.

ANNUAL SESSION HELD BY MASONS

Nearly Three Hundred in South Carolina With Some Twenty-five Thousand Members.

Charleston, Feb. 24.—The 184th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina opened in due form this morning in the Masonic temple, with grand officers at their stations and a large representation of the many lodges in the state present. The feature of the morning meeting was the address of Grand Master S. T. Lanham of Spartanburg. Reports of Grand Secretary O. F. Hart of Columbia and Grand Treasurer Jesse Sharpe of Charleston, who was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death recently of Grand Treasurer W. H. Prioleau of this city were presented and referred to proper committees. It was expected that a matter of much interest for consideration at the evening session would be the report of the building committee, there being under way plans for extensive remodeling of the Masonic temple, involving an expenditure of between \$50,000 and \$75,000 to provide accommodations of a more satisfactory nature for the 11 blue lodges and various other Masonic bodies of Charleston, and to improve the grand lodge accommodations. The proposed plans will devote the second floor exclusively to the uses of the grand lodge, and the third floor to the meetings of blue lodges. There would be other improvements, with an extension of the building on the two floors, and the installation of an elevator service. Tomorrow annual elections will be held, the same officers holding over another year. It is likely that Jesse Sharpe will be elected grand treasurer. The grand master's address showed the state of the craft to be flourishing with some 25,000 members and nearly 300 lodges in South Carolina.

GETTING WELL

Francis Mabry is getting well and he is sorry for it. While sick, all his sweethearts have been devoted in their attention to him, all the women folks who think him "just darling" sent him so many good things to eat that all the nurses and patients have fared well for the past ten days. His room has been a perfect bower of beautiful flowers, in fact he has been having "the time of his life," but he is getting well and he is sorry for it.

A FAMILY REUNION

Mrs. L. T. Bryant and Mrs. V. D. Lee arrived in Abbeville from Atlantic City Thursday night and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lee on North Main street. Mrs. Z. B. Rogers and her two fine sons, Lee and William are expected in the city today from Elberton and a pleasant family reunion will be held for several days. The friends of Mrs. Bryant and Mrs. Rogers are always glad to have them come back to the home of their girlhood, and everyone is glad to know that Mrs. Lee is in excellent health and is enjoying life.

REV. WILLIAMS TO PREACH

Rev. C. B. Williams, of Due West, will preach in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning.

MONEY IS AVAILABLE AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES

Senate Passes Appropriation Bill Carrying Approximately Forty Million Dollars, Exceeding Amount for Current Year By Nine Million Dollars

Washington, Feb. 24.—Over a running fire from senators who presented detailed objections to its proposals for increased expenditures the senate tonight passed the agricultural appropriation bill carrying approximately \$41,000,000 for the operation of that department for the year beginning next June. This amount is nearly \$9,000,000 in excess of appropriations for the current year and almost \$6,000,000 in excess of amounts allowed by the house to which it was sent for conference after the senate's action.

"I am going to ask the next secretary of agriculture to go through this bill as soon as he takes office, and take out of it all the appropriations that allow work to be duplicated by two and sometimes more departments of the government," Senator Smoot, Republican, declared in an unsuccessful attack on numerous sums allowed in the bill. "They ought to be cut out before another estimate comes to congress. This must stop; congress has not got to show the departments of this government that two and three of them can not ask public money to be spent for doing the same kind of work over and over again, simultaneously and year after year."

"One trouble is that different bureaus are enabled to go before different congressional committees and duplicate the appropriations in different bills."

"I hope the senator from Utah won't stop the agricultural department," Chariman Wadsworth of the military affairs committee, interrupted. "We find the war department getting money in two or three different bills."

Large items added by the senate to the agricultural bill included \$150,000 extra for wood utilization experiments at Madison, Wis., \$100,000 for weather bureau forecasts for aviation; \$114,000 for road material investigations and \$100,000 for investigations of foreign markets for farm products. Senator Thomas, Democrat, Colorado, checked several other minor additions on points of order but the senate added heavily to amounts recommended by its own agriculture committee.

OLD TIMES

United States Marshal C. J. Lyon arrived in Abbeville Friday morning and was around town seeing his friends during the day. When we passed him on the street he was talking of old times with Col. Jack Perrin and R. S. Link, all three of whom can remember almost as far back as Col. Pat Roche. Mr. Perrin was telling of Mt. Willing school in what is now Saluda County but was then Edgefield County. Col. Lyon was telling of his search for the old Glover grave yard, which is near Calhoun Falls on the land once owned by James L. Pettigrew.

Col. Link could tell us about the Robertson place, he remembering when the Foster Marshall place was burned and the present house was built by the late Col. J. Townes Robertson.

Col. Pat Roche doesn't mind being called an old man and says the only reason "some of these fellows look younger is because they put powder on their faces."

COTTON GOES DOWN

The cotton futures market was down again today according to cotton men. Spot cotton sold on the local market for 13 cents per pound.

GREEKS AND TURKS CALLED TO LONDON

SEVRES TREATY TO BE REDRAFTED IN FAVOR OF FORMER ENEMY WITH OPPOSITION EXPRESSED BY NATION FRIENDLY DURING WAR TO CAUSE OF THE ALLIES

London, Feb. 24.—The Near East is again the melting pot. The Sevres treaty, signed at Versailles, but not yet ratified by the powers, is to be redrafted in favor of the Turks, former enemies, against the wishes of the Greeks, former allies. To what extent the treaty will be changed, however, will not be known until the inter-allied commission has visited the spot and decided between the claims of the Greeks and the Turks regarding the ratio of population in Thrace and Smyrna.

The decision was reached this afternoon when the supreme council decided to invite the Greeks and Turks to separate conferences tomorrow when they will be asked if they are prepared to accept such an investigation subject to acceptance of the remaining terms of the treaty.

The Turks have already announced approval regarding Smyrna and Thrace, but they are likely to fight against the rest of the treaty being enforced while the Greeks too are expected to oppose the whole scheme.

After the Turks at the morning session had presented concrete proposals for a revision of the treaty, the Greeks were given an opportunity in the afternoon to refute the Turks' claims and spent two hours at the task. The Greek premier, M. Kalogeropoulos made a strong plea for the enforcement of the treaty in its entirety, quoting at length Eliphertus Venizelos the former premier who has already left for Paris greatly discouraged at the Greek prospects.

The Greek premier said that when he came to London he did not expect fundamental changes in the treaty and called on his experts to produce figures showing that, according to population, the Greeks were entitled to retain what the treaty gave them. He reminded the conference that the Greeks fought loyally and had done what they were called upon to do since the armistice at great expense and hardships. Greece was willing to adopt the advice of the allies, he added, provided the fundamentals of the treaty were not changed, but further delay would exhaust Greece.

When the decision of the supreme council was read to them the Greeks expressed disappointment, but were not prepared to state whether they would accept. The Turks are jubilant, as delay is what they wanted.

MR. THOMAS ARRIVES

Mr. A. R. Thomas, who comes to Abbeville to take charge of the welfare work at the Abbeville Cotton Mills, has arrived in the city and is making plans for the commencement of his work. Mr. Thomas comes from Wappinger Falls, N. Y., and is a young man familiar with welfare and mill work. Mr. Thomas is unmarried and for a while will make his home at the hotel. The community house at the mill is closed and efforts are being made to get a lady to take charge of the Woman's Clubs and similar organizations.

LOCKING UP THE MONEY

In this day of bank robbers and bad men, even in small towns, the Planters Bank is putting into practice the safety first idea. They recently installed a burglar proof relocking device which is guaranteed to hold up a robber. This device is arranged on the vault in such manner that the moment the combination is tampered with the extra bolts are shot into place and it is impossible to unlock the vault until a man comes from the factory and works the combination.