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THE FARM LOAN BANK

The decision of the Supreme Court of the United States sustaining the constitutionality of the Federal Farm Loan Bank should bring relief to many sections of the South. If the farm loan associations in the several communities are enabled to function at an early date, they should be able to remove a great deal of uncertainty about farming operations for the present year.

As we suggested a few days ago the matter of securing advances on which to run the farms the present year is one which is already giving farmers and others alike grave concern. Few of the banks have paid their last year's loans secured from other banks, and very few farmers have paid their obligations to the merchants and to the local banks. The result has been and is that there is considerable stagnation in the matter of collections.

If the farmers are able to secure money at reasonable rates of interest from the farm loan banks with which to make the present crop, they will be enabled to hold some of the cotton off the market which otherwise they would be forced to sell at whatever price is offered, because as before remarked, with matters as they were before the decision, there was no way by which advances might be obtained except through the sale of cotton on hands. In many cases where farmers have sold their crops of cotton, and where they are still indebted for the expenses of making last year's crop, they will be enabled to borrow money on long time to settle up these debts, thus obtaining relief for themselves from pressing obligations, and well as being thus enabled to assist the banks, which have been carrying them, to meet the banks' obligations.

While all of this is true, and while the decision of the court in this matter offers a remedy for a considerable part of our ills, we would advise the people to be cautious the present year. They should be cautious especially in the matter of procuring loans for making the next crop. Large amounts of money borrowed and invested in a crop yet to be planted, with the present outlook as to prices, would be suicidal. No more money, we think, should be borrowed the present year for farming operations than is necessary to straighten out existing indebtedness and to meet the bare necessities of living. It is certainly not a time for a farmer or business man to borrow large amounts of money for speculative purposes, either in the matter of farming or in other business. The people should be advised that while the decision of the court opens the door of help to them in their present troubles, it should not be used as a means of getting into further trouble and deeper water than that now about them.

BILLS TO BENEFIT EX-SOLDIERS PASS

Washington, March 3.—The senate adopted today and sent to conference a bill providing approximately \$15,000,000 for additional hospital facilities for disabled service men.

The appropriation was contained in the sundry civil bill, but after the senate had been advised that that measure very probably would fail, it was decided to include the hospital item in a separate bill.

A bill designed to improve the service given to soldiers by the war risk insurance bureau also was passed by the senate and sent to the president. It provided \$1,000,000 for the establishment of fourteen original offices of the bureau throughout the country where soldiers can take their compensation and insurance claims for direct adjudication.

MORE LIQUOR.

Deputies C. J. Bruce and Van Martin caught another still Wednesday, but it was like Dock Weston's stolen pig, it was "a little bit of an old thing," but it would make liquor. The capture was made in the Little River section. Calvin Alewine was arrested charged with operating the still and was lodged in the Anderson jail.

Sheriff McLane and Deputy Cann arrested a negro named Dennis Lindsay at the S. A. L. Shops yesterday charged with transporting liquors and having the same in his possession. The authorities here have been having trouble with liquor peddlars who bring the liquor from the Georgia side to the city and sell it locally. In order to break up this practice the officers are watching the incoming trains. Yesterday Sheriff McLane and Mr. Cann caught the negro named with two quarts of blind tiger liquor. He evidently saw the officers because he undertook to hide in one of the toilets of the colored coach on No. 30, but the officers located him. When they got him out, they went inside and found that he had hid one quart of the liquor in addition to what he had on his person. He also tried to hide a 38 calibre pistol which he was carrying. He will answer to both the liquor and the pistol carrying charge.

GA.—S. C. BRIDGE BILL IS PASSED

Washington, March 3.—The bill granting consent of Congress to J. J. Smith and J. E. McGee of Starr, S. C., to build a bridge across the Savannah River near Hailey's Ferry, between Anderson County, South Carolina, and Hart County, Georgia, was passed by both senate and House Thursday in hurried fashion in keeping with the effort being made to jam everything through in the closing hours of the Congress session.

Its passage came near creating a riot in the Senate, however, when Senator Poindexter, chairman of the Naval Committee, accused Senator Ellison Smith of South Carolina, who presented the bill, with participating in the efforts to defeat passage of the naval bill.

When the bridge bill was called up and the naval bill temporarily laid aside, Senator Poindexter, who is suffering from "nerves" brought about by the filibuster against the navy bill, objected to its consideration. "There is nothing in this bill but permission to build the bridge," said Senator Smith of South Carolina appealingly.

"The bill we have been trying to get passed for several days (naval bill) and which the senator has been insisting on defeating is nothing at all but the naval appropriation bill," hurled out Poindexter, with sarcastic irritation.

"What is that?" said Smith, scarcely believing his ears.

"Let the senator read the record," snapped Poindexter.

"Did I understand the senator to say I was here attempting to defeat the naval bill," asked Smith, with firmness.

"I said the senator had occupied great deal of time and had participated in defeating the naval appropriation bill," replied Poindexter.

"I absolutely repudiate that as being altogether unfounded and uncalled for," shouted Smith, advancing towards the aisle.

Sensing a battle, Senator Lodge called for regular order, taking the belligerents off their feet and laying the bill aside.

It was called up a little later by Senator Dial of South Carolina, however. Poindexter then meekly said he understood it was a bill that would occasion no debate, being a mere routine bridge bill and he would not object to it. It was immediately passed and now goes to the President for signature.

DEATH OF A. HILL MCGEE

A. Hill McGee died at his home near Due West, Wednesday night after a short illness. Mr. McGee suffered a stroke of paralysis some weeks ago and never recovered from it. The deceased was a farmer of the Due West section of the county, and a man generally liked and respected. He was the father of Mr. Gus McGee, formerly of Abbeville.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence yesterday. The deceased was a member of the Baptist Church.

WILSON WILL RESUME THE PRACTICE OF LAW

Washington, March 3.—President Wilson formally announced today that he would "resume the practice of law" in a partnership with Bainbridge Colby, the retiring Secretary of State. The firm will maintain offices in New York and Washington.

The announcement was made at the White House in the following statement:

"President Wilson made the announcement today that at the conclusion of his term of office, he would resume the practice of law, forming a partnership with the Secretary of State, Bainbridge Colby. "The firm will have offices in New York and Washington."

The President's announcement wholly unexpected, will recall to the public mind one of his least known of attainments—that of being a lawyer. He was graduated in law from the University of Virginia in 1881 and practiced in Atlanta in 1882 and 1883. In the latter year he went to Baltimore to take up post-graduate work at John Hopkins University and practiced some in the local courts in that city. Mr. Wilson did not remain long at the practice of law, however, for in 1885 he began his career as a college professor taking up the chair of history and political economy at Byrn Mawr. From that time onward until he left the field of collegiate work and became governor of New Jersey. Mr. Wilson did not figure in the practice of law.

No announcement was made of the character of practice the new firm will take up, but the presumption is that it will engage principally in international law and collateral work.

The announcement that offices would be maintained in New York and Washington was generally taken to mean that Mr. Colby probably would take charge of affairs at New York and that Mr. Wilson, who will maintain his home here, would look after affairs in Washington.

May Not Be Active

How actively the retiring President might take part in the firm's practice within the limitations of his present physical condition is open to wide speculation. When he said good-bye to his cabinet members earlier in the week he was obliged to use his cane to get about from the White House to the executive offices, and when the newspaper men attached to the White House asked for a farewell audience, the President declined on the ground that his voice was too weak.

The President's friends apparently were as much in the dark as to his plans as was the public up to the moment of the announcement, but they generally supposed that Mr. Wilson's connection with the new firm would be very largely that of a counsellor. Whether Mr. Wilson intended to appear in court was not made clear, although it was stated at the White House that he would apply for admission to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Probably no announcement of any nature has surprised Washington more during recent months. Mr. Wilson kept his own counsel concerning his plans up to the last moment, and the men who have been most closely associated with him personally and privately during the last eight years, said they knew nothing of the President's plans until this morning.

RAILWAY ATTORNEY MAKES STATEMENT

Chicago, Mar. 3.—Charles McFadden, attorney for the Michigan Central railroad, in a statement to the Associated Press from Niles, Mich., today declared he had been misquoted in saying that William Long, engineer, and George Black, fireman on a Michigan Central train, had been exonerated from blame for the wreck at Porter, Ind., Sunday which cost 37 lives.

The reports credited to Attorney McFadden yesterday said that Engineer Long had not been derelict in his duty; that he had obeyed the signals set for him and that he could not be held accountable for the crash. Subsequently, Henry Shearer, general manager of the Michigan Central, announced that investigation had proved that Black and Long were to blame for the crash.

Walrus are gentle except when attacked.

MANY IN WASHINGTON FOR INAUGURATION

Visitors Flock to Capital Despite the Lack of Ceremony—Cold But Fair Day Forecast

Washington, March 3.—The influx of visitors to Washington to attend the inauguration Friday has started. Despite the abandonment of plans for an elaborate ceremony, hundreds of people arrived today and tomorrow, the number is expected to run into the thousands with other thousands to arrive Friday morning.

The special forecast of cold and probably fair weather for inauguration day which went out today from the weather bureau may result in materially increasing the out of town crowd.

President-elect Harding with Mrs. Harding and a number of friends will arrive this afternoon from Marion. He will go direct to the New Willard hotel, where he will make his headquarters until he starts for the capital Friday morning. Vice President-elect Coolidge and several members of the new cabinet already are on the ground. The cabinet officers designated here include Will H. Hays to be postmaster general, Edwin Denby to be secretary of the navy, John W. Weeks to be secretary of war, and Senator Fall to be secretary of the interior.

New Cabinet Members

Other prospective members of the cabinet are expected to arrive today or early Friday. Most of them will not actually take over direction of the various government departments to which they have been assigned until Saturday. Meantime some of them are conferring with present cabinet officers to familiarize themselves with the work ahead of them.

Whether President Wilson is actually to attend the inauguration of Mr. Harding still remains to be determined. White House officials said today the president was anxious to follow all precedents and the congressional inaugural committee has agreed to provide a chair for him on the east portico of the capitol. Other guests at the inauguration will stand during the ceremony and the delivery of Mr. Harding's speech.

It is definitely settled that Mr. Wilson will be present at the inauguration of Mr. Coolidge. He will ride to the capitol with Mr. Harding but will not accompany him back to the White House as is the usual custom. Instead he will go direct to his recently acquired home on S. street where during the afternoon he will receive Democratic senate leaders and other official friends.

WILLIAM E. HAGAN DIES IN GREENVILLE

William E. Hagan, aged 59 years, died at his home 317 Manly street, Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mr. Hagan had been suffering with paralysis for several months, and his death was not unexpected. Although it will be learned with deep regret by many friends.

Mr. Hagan is survived by his wife and four sons, W. O. Hagan of Bamberg, and J. L. Hagan of Union; Maxie Hagan also of Union and J. W. Hagan of this city; three daughters, Mrs. Robert Kellen of Atlanta, Mrs. A. Berry of this city, and Miss Ola Hagan also of Greenville; one brother, J. H. Hagan, Due West, S. C., one sister, Mrs. J. M. Haddon of Donalds, S. C.

Mr Hagan moved to Greenville about seven years ago, from Abbeville, and since that time he was a member of the W. O. W. Cedar camp, this city. Funeral services were held Wednesday from Greenville church in Greenwood county, near Shoals Junction. The funeral party left at 10 o'clock.—Greenville Piedmont.

TUMULTY DECLINES JOB TENDERED HIM BY WILSON

Washington, March 3.—Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson, announced today that he had declined appointment as a member of the International Joint commission. He said it would not be fair to the president for him to accept a post to which he would not be able to give "full time and consideration."

Mr. Tumulty said his declination would not mean the reappointment of Obadiah Gardner, of Maine, chairman of the commission, whose resignation has been accepted by the president.

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PARTY PATRONAGE MAY GO TO TOLBERT

Ninety-Six Man Apparently in Favor—Appointments Being Considered

Washington, March 3.—From developments in Washington today, it appears that J. W. Tolbert of Ninety-Six and not J. Duncan Adams of Spartanburg, will dispense federal patronage in South Carolina. Mr. Tolbert was in Washington today and was received by Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican national committee. Others of South Carolina on the scene of the prospective melon cutting were James Long of Union, Ben Mixson of Orangeburg and Sam Leaphart of Lexington. It is said that the former would be postmaster and the latter marshal of the Western district.

It is understood that Ernest Cochran of Anderson is favored for federal attorney of the Western district.

MRS. WILSON REMOVES HER \$75,000 TAPESTRY TO THEIR NEW HOME

Washington, March 3.—The \$75,000 tapestry presented to Mrs. Wilson, wife of the president, during the peace conference, will find a place in the new home of the Wilsons. Mrs. Wilson, it was learned today, has removed the tapestry from the east room of the White House where it has been hanging since it was brought to the United States.



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 Frank Ferrera-Anthony Franchini
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"Twelfth Street Rag"—Fox Trot
 "Dotty Dimples"—One-Step
 A jolly fox trot, and a one-step so new that it has not yet been published.
 Victor Double-faced Record 18713

"Tip Top"—Medley Fox Trot
 "If a Wish Could Make it So"—Medley Fox Trot
 Six Brown Brothers
 These dances fairly bubble with life and drollery.
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