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DEMANDS RELEASE OF ALL AMERICANS

SECRETARY HUGHES ASKS THAT PRISONERS HELD BY SOVIET RUSSIA BE GIVEN RELEASE AS MEANS TO BETTER RELATIONS.

Washington, July 28.—Formal demand for the release of American prisoners in Russia has been made upon the Soviet authorities by Secretary Hughes. The state department was advised today that the communication has been handed to the Soviet representative at Reval yesterday by Consul Albrecht.

The text of the communication has not been made public, however, it is understood to be a brief insistence that the Americans be released before there can be any thought of better relations between the United States and Russia. The action was taken in the name of humanity and because all efforts to secure the release of the Americans made through Dr. Nansen of the Red Cross, have failed.

What course will be taken by the United States if the Soviet authorities ignore or refuse to accede to the demand was not indicated.

The communication was sent to Consul Albrecht July 25. The demand made upon the Russian authorities for the release of American prisoners is the first official representation made on the subject, although Lenin and Trotzky and their associates have been previously advised informally of the determination of the United States not to consider closer relations with Russia until this was done.

The dispatch of the communication was timed so it would reach the Russians approximately simultaneously with the message sent by Secretary Hoover in response to the appeal made by Maxim Gorky. The state department's message is regarded officially as wholly independent of the Hoover-Gorky correspondence, although it is admitted that it will serve to strengthen the attitude taken by Secretary Hoover, who made it clear in his message that any relief by the United States for the suffering Russians would depend largely upon the manner in which Americans in Russia are treated.

There are now held as prisoners in Russia eight or ten Americans. A larger number are believed to be detained within the borders of Russia, some of whom are restricted to limited areas. Within those areas they are permitted to come and go, but always under surveillance and with the understanding that the efforts to extend their movements will result in closer confinement.

The demand of Secretary Hughes was intended for Maxim Litvinoff, the chief of Soviet legations abroad but in his absence it was handed to Minister Stark. The text of the American secretary of state's communication reads:

"The American government is advised that despite the repeated efforts of Dr. Nansen on its behalf to secure the release of the American prisoners in Russia they are still held in a most serious plight.

"In the name of humanity the American government demands of the Soviet authorities that these prisoners be at once released. It is manifestly impossible for the American authorities to countenance measures for the relief of the distress in Russia while our citizens are detained."

DUE WEST AHEAD

A youth in Greenville broke his arm attempting to pitch a curve ball last Wednesday. But that happened to Walker Edwards, of Due West, thirty years ago when he was pitching for his home team against the Lowndesville nine at a game played at Level Land. Due West is still thirty years ahead of Greenville.

JAPAN COMES ON FOR DISARMAMENT

TELLS STATE DEPARTMENT SHE WILL TAKE PART IN CONFERENCES, BUT SUGGESTS THAT QUESTIONS NOW SETTLED BE LEFT OUT.

Washington, July 27.—Japan's definite acceptance of a place in the disarmament conference which reached the State Department today gives consent to a discussion of Far Eastern questions in connection with the conference but suggests that problems which concern only particular powers or which can be regarded as closed incidents be omitted from the scope of the meeting.

There was every evidence of satisfaction over the reply in official circles here and it was indicated that the way now was regarded as entirely clear for the preliminary negotiations which will fix the time and place of meeting and details of procedure.

A comprehensive consideration of the conference program before the delegates actually assemble also was suggested in the Japanese note and now is regarded as assured. The attitude of officials here has been that such a discussion would be entirely in place once all the invited powers had definitely accepted invitation.

A portion of the Japanese reply which attracted particular attention here was a photograph declaring in the sense of the Japanese government that during the conference "problems such as are of sole concern to certain particular powers or such matters that may be regarded as accomplished facts should be scrupulously avoided."

MILL PEOPLE ENJOY

PICTURE ON HEALTH

Hayden and Filby Make Addresses Full of Advice and Comments to Village.

In connection with the health picture provided by the department of rural sanitation of the state Board of Health, enjoyed by a large audience at the mill school auditorium Wednesday night, Dr. Hayden epidemiologist of the State Board of Health, and Engineer Filby, expert on water supply and sanitation, told the people of specific violations of principles of sanitation and suggested remedies for their correction. They had previously made an inspection of the homes in the village, making a house to house canvass. After the inspection, Dr. Hayden told The Press and Banner representative that the Abbeville Mill village was "far ahead of the best" in the matter of sanitation and cleanliness.

It had been planned to show the health picture accompanied with a good comedy, on a screen attached to the bandstand in the yard, but the generator gave trouble and the picture had to be shown inside. Dr. Hayden spoke from the bandstand to the people seated on the grass. His first talk had to do with the observance of the law concerning vaccination of school children for smallpox. Mr. Filby spoke of the excellent water and sewerage system provided in the village and advised the people to use the water from the system rather than any private supply from wells or pumps in the yard. He also emphasized the necessity of keeping solids out of the sewers, so that they would not become clogged and contaminate the water supply by affecting the pressure.

After the picture, Dr. Hayden spoke again, complimenting the mill people and the mill authorities on the excellence of the housing facilities, the cleanliness of the premises, and the purity of the water supply. He said that nowhere in the state had he found a more attractive mill community or a more healthful one.

STORY OF FAMINE DENIED BY BYRNES

THANKS PRESIDENT FOR OFFER OF ASSISTANCE BUT TELLS HIM REPORT IS UNTRUE AS APPLYING TO SOUTH CAROLINA

Washington, July 28.—Representative Byrnes of South Carolina, in a letter today to President Harding declared telegrams from the South Carolina board of health and editors of daily newspapers in the State were emphatic in the assertion that no conditions approximating famine or conducive of pellagra, existed anywhere in South Carolina.

Mr. Byrnes thanked the President for his prompt action and readiness to relieve distress but said that the reports of "semi-famine" and widespread pellagra in the South were without the "least foundation, at least so far as South Carolina was concerned."

"If the people of South Carolina ever suffer any disaster with which the State could not cope we would welcome aid," the letter said, "but it would be unfortunate if the Red Cross were called upon to relieve a plague and famine of which our people are unaware."

"It would be obtaining money under false pretenses."

State health board figures showed, the letter added, that total deaths from pellagra in June were forty-three compared with twenty-nine in June, 1920. While the number of new cases last month were eight as against fourteen in the same month last year. The letter stated that while there had been some financial stringency among a few people holding their cotton there was no shortage of food anywhere and that even in the remote coast villages no epidemic was reported.

False and Malicious.

Asheville, N. C., July 28.—Declaring that the credit and reputation of the South are being injured by "false and malicious statements emanating from Washington," the Asheville board of trade today addressed a telegram to Surgeon General Cumming and members of the North Carolina delegation in Congress asking that the source of information regarding semi-starvation and pellagra conditions, be revealed.

"Newspapers carrying press dispatches refer to epidemic of pellagra in South due to lack of sufficient nourishment and insufficient food, giving shortage of money as reason and making out conditions very terrible and alarming," reads the message. "Please wire quickly if this interview and story authorized by your office and name of Representative furnishing this information."

TRUSTEES REFUSE BIDS FOR SCHOOL BONDS

No Satisfactory Offer Received and Securities Will Be Readvertised For August 10.

The school trustees announced after the meeting yesterday to open bids for the sale of the \$100,000 of school bonds, that no satisfactory offer was received for the securities and that all offers were refused. The bonds will be readvertised and bids received until August 10.

The highest offer received was 90, or \$90,000 for the lot which at par are worth \$100,000 and accrued interest. The bonds are to be issued in denominations to suit purchaser and will bear interest at 6 per cent, payable semi-annually. The generous terms of these bonds made it impracticable to sell them at so low a figure and Mr. W. M. Barnwell, chairman of the board, said the trustees would not consider the offer.

The offer of 90 was made by Colin S. Monteith of Columbia, representing a Cincinnati house.

PLAN TO CLEAR UP VETERANS' CLAIMS

GOVERNMENT, RED CROSS AND LEGION COOPERATE IN MOVEMENT TO ADJUST ALL CASES NOW NEEDING ATTENTION IN THIS STATE.

Atlanta, Ga., July 28.—A "clean-up campaign" by the government, the Red Cross and the American Legion will begin in South Carolina August 15. Its purpose is to get in touch with every war veteran in the State, in order to give him the full benefit of the war risk insurance act and the rehabilitation act.

A clean-up squad composed of medical examiners and experts in service claims will go into nearly twenty South Carolina cities and towns in every part of the State. Their itinerary will be given full publicity and on the dates they will visit a community. Veterans are asked to be there, to present their claims to have them properly filed; to have pending claims speeded up, and to find out just what grounds for claims they have.

The plan in brief, is to do for the war veterans by visiting him personally on his own ground what it might take months of correspondence to do otherwise. Red tape will be cut both by the clean-up squad and on the other end at Washington, to get prompt action on every case.

Full plans for the South Carolina campaign were completed at a conference at Southern division headquarters of the Red Cross today. Attending the conference were Fred W. Graham, service officer of the Greenville post of the American Legion; Major G. H. Mahon, Jr., State commander of the Legion in South Carolina; John Andrews, contact officer of the bureau of war risk in South Carolina; Harry L. Hopkins, manager of the Southern division of the Red Cross, and other government, Red Cross and Legion officials.

The itinerary of the South Carolina Clean-up squad was announced. It will begin in Greenville August 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20; Charleston, September 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17; Columbia, September 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27. Other cities it will visit between the 15th and October 31, are Anderson, Greenwood, Aiken, Barnwell, Ridgeland, Orangeburg, Sumter, Georgetown, Darlington, Marion, Conway, Rock Hill, Laurens and Spartanburg.

MRS. COLEMAN APPOINTED TO RED CROSS POST

Will Cooperate With Legion and War Risk Bureau in Clean-up Campaign

Mrs. M. T. Coleman of Abbeville has been appointed by the Red Cross to represent that organization in South Carolina, in cooperation with the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, the Federal Board for Vocational Training and the American Legion, in the joint campaign that is soon to start in the interest of compensation and vocational education for ex-service men. This work is to begin immediately in the Southern Division, composed of nine states. Mrs. Coleman has accepted the appointment and is now in Atlanta conferring with divisional officers of the Red Cross in regard to details of the work.

Due to congestion in the various offices and to a surplus of red tape in the federal departments there has been much complaint from ex-service men that they were not being treated with the dispatch and efficiency that was their due. Examples have been given of needy young men who were in hospitals due to wounds or sickness while in the army, suffering because of delay in the payment of claims under the Bureau of War Risk Insurance Act. Also many young men have made application for vocational education under the vocational edu-

FARMER MEASURE CAUSE OF SPLIT

REPUBLICAN SENATOR HOPS ON ADMINISTRATION WITH MYSTERIOUS AND SECRET CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING SUBSTITUTE

Washington, July 28.—A bi-partisan movement in the Senate today got behind the administration plan for agricultural credits as a substitute for the Norris bill, caused a split in the unofficial agricultural "bloc" on Senators and roused to vigorous protest from Senator Norris, Republican, of Nebraska, in charge of the measure bearing his name.

Charges of "political machine" tactics against his bill were made by Senator Norris, whose verbal blast included the administration broadly, the White House, Vice President Coolidge, the cabinet and other government officials and individual Senators.

The attack of Senator Norris which followed an agreement today between Republican and Democratic Senators to support the administration plan to have the War Finance Corporation placed in charge of agricultural credits, was directed at the substitute bill of Senator Kellogg, Republican, of Minnesota. This measure was drafted by Secretary Hoover and Director Meyer, of the War Finance Corporation and was introduced yesterday just prior to the reading of a message from President Harding suggesting such a measure.

Characterizing the Kellogg bill as "an illegitimate child," Secretary Hoover and Director Meyer as its "wet nurses" and Senator Kellogg as its "foster father," Senator Norris said the effort to defeat the Norris bill was the topic of many White House conferences. It was no "secret," he said, that the administration was opposed to the Norris bill.

Suggestions of collusion between Vice President Coolidge and Senator Curtis, of Kansas, Republican whip, in connection with Senator Kellogg's introduction of the substitute were made by Senator Norris. He said Senator Curtis, presiding over the Senate while Mr. Coolidge was attending the Tuesday cabinet meeting, had given the floor to Senator Kellogg without the latter requesting recognition. The plans all were arranged, Senator Norris said, and soon after their consummation, he continued, Mr. Coolidge entered the Senate.

"No details of operation are overlooked by the political machine," said Senator Norris. "If the Vice President has made other arrangements push him aside."

SCHOOLS TO CONSOLIDATE

A meeting of the patrons of Central, Park's Creek and Hillville schools will be held at Central school house next Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to discuss the proposed move to consolidate these three schools. Mr. D. L. Lewis, rural school supervisor of the state superintendent of education's office, will be present to explain the advantages of such action. Senator J. H. Moore and Superintendent of Education P. H. Mann will also attend the meeting.

Education provisions of the government, but this has not been granted with sufficient dispatch. To speed up the work necessary in handling such cases the agencies above have started a clean-up campaign to relieve the situation as speedily as possible.

Meetings will be held at various points in the state beginning at an early date. Mrs. Coleman will represent the Red Cross in the campaign. She was representative of this organization here during the war and worked with much enthusiasm.

BLEASE ADDRESS HEARD AT FILBERT

EX-GOVERNOR REMINDS PEOPLE OF PROPHECY OF FOUR YEARS AGO—NOT CANDIDATE FOR ANY OFFICE—LEAVES THAT TO OTHERS.

York, July 28.—Approximately 5,000 up-State people, most of them of York County, heard Congressman W. F. Stevenson and ex-Governor Cole L. Blease, who spoke at the Filbert picnic this morning. The crowd was not as large as that which heard the former Governor's famous speech at Filbert four years ago, when he denounced the entry of the United States into the World War.

"I am no prophet," he said this morning, "but four years ago from this platform I said that God's hand was against any nation that went to war; that if we did go in there would be widows and orphans among you; that you would arrive on the verge of bankruptcy, and that any party that brought the country into war would be put out by the great American public at the first opportunity."

"I ask those of you who heard my speech then to ask your hearts and consciences if what I said has not come true?"

"It has!" came from the crowd.

The former Governor read a long list of figures from the Record, comparing appropriations of the General Assembly for 1921 as compared with 1914, when he left the Governor's chair, and he declared that if the drones and useless clerks and stenographers employed in the State House in Columbia were gotten rid of the tax burdens of the State would be lightened 50 per cent.

He bitterly attacked Senator Niels Christensen of Beaufort, who he said was the real boss of the General Assembly.

The former Governor attacked the State Tax Commission and the activities of textile manufacturers in spending thousands in welfare work rather than paying that extra money to textile workers in order that they might have a living wage.

He said that he was not now a candidate for any office and he did not know that he ever would be. "Our people need a young man of fire and spirit for a leader," he declared. "I am too old. We need a young man of courage, who will go into every section of the State and fearlessly tell the people the truth."

He said that there had been more lawlessness in South Carolina since he left the Governor's office than in ten years before despite increased appropriations for law enforcement.

He attacked Senators Dial and Smith, whose names, he said, were unknown outside of South Carolina, and who did nothing for the people they represented.

He declared that he had been "eating better and wearing better clothes" since leaving the Governor's chair than he had ever known before. "God knows better what you and I need than we do," he said. "He knew that it was best for me that I should not go to the United States Senate. I have made a success in the practice of law in Columbia and I have by my private and public life disproved the charges of my enemies against my personal character and mode of living. I would not swap my achievements of the past six years for a seat in the United States Senate."

RETURNS TO WINDER

Mr. R. D. Moore, who has been assisting his son-in-law, Mr. H. L. Moore, in opening up his bakery establishment returned to his home at Winder, Ga., yesterday.

BUYS NEW CAR

Mr. Walter McCord has recently bought from Mr. R. Glenn Kay, manager of the Gregory Motor Car Company, a new Overland Four touring car.