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**COWDRAY MISUNDERSTOOD.**

English Oil Man, Accredited Backer of Huerta, Denies He's Concession Monger.

London, Nov. 21.—Lord Cowdray, who has large oil, railway and other concessions in Mexico, in an interview today said he had learned with great interest from the newspapers that a British warship had been dispatched to the Puerto Mexico terminus of the Tehuantepec railway, which he owns, because while that line still is running, the Mexican government lines which join it, have been cut, and therefore several thousand employes for whom he is responsible could be aided only by a warship.

Asked if he would be satisfied with the protection that could be given his interests at Tuxpam by the United States battleship Louisiana, Lord Cowdray answered, "Certainly. It is bound to protect my interests."

Lord Cowdray expressed the opinion that he had made a great mistake in so long keeping silent under the charge that he was "a concession monger." He said the last oil concession he had obtained from the Mexican government was slightly under eight years ago. His company had the right to bore on any government land, a right which had not been exercised to the limit. Any request he had made to the Mexican government since the granting of the last concession, Lord Cowdray said, has been for facilities to carry on his oil business, such as the building of railways and pipe and telegraph lines and for certain customs exceptions.

The real offense he had committed in Mexico, Lord Cowdray continued, was in daring to invade the territory of the Waters-Pierce Oil company. Since then, he said, he had been bitterly pursued and been a victim of a press bureau engaged to misinterpret his operations.

"Certain portions of the American press," Lord Cowdray added, "have accused me of being a concession monger. President Wilson apparently does not remember that the American government assisted in the building of the transcontinental railway in exactly the same manner that the Mexican government has assisted my operations in Mexico, which is in a state that still necessitate governmental assistance for her development."

"I went in as a pioneer and had to have come guarantee back of the enormous sums I was spending to develop my oil properties. I might say at the same time I am not seeking and never have had an oil monopoly either in Mexico or Colombia."

**BACK FROM PANAMA CANAL.**

Director Owens and Other Members of S. C. C. Return.

Mobile, Ala., Nov. 29.—Clarence J. Owens, managing director of the Southern Commercial Congress, and other members of the delegation who visited the Panama Canal following the close of the fifth annual session here last month, passed through Mobile on the return trip from the tropics today. While in Panama the excursionists chose a site for the erection of a monument to Senator John Tyler Morgan, "father of the canal idea."

**Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury**

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. **H.M.'s Catarrh Cure**, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by druggists. Price 75c per bottle. **Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.**

**BOYS AND GIRLS AWARDED PRIZES**

**Canning Club Girls and Corn Club Boys Receive Reward for Their Work During the Year.**

MISS CLARA WELLS MAKES LARGEST YIELD OF TOMATOES, MISS EUGENIA MOORE CANS MOST GOODS—MISS FANNIE LOU PRES-COTT DOES BEST ALL ROUND WORK—OSWEGO CLUB PRESENTED BEAUTIFUL TROPHY CUP FOR BEST WORK OF CLUB—CONCORD CLUB COMES SECOND; MANY AWARDED PINS FOR GOOD WORK—IN BOYS' CONTEST RICHARD WELLS WINS MOST PRIZES—HOWARD CRITCHER MAKES LARGEST YIELD, 109.4 BUSHELS; RICHARD WELLS SECOND AN WARNER ANREWS THIRD—LIST OF PRIZES AWARDED BOYS AND GIRLS AND NAME OF DONATORS.

Saturday was a happy day for the members of the Boys' Corn Club and for the members of the Girls' Canning Club. Large numbers of the members of both clubs gathered in the city when the final decision of the judges would be announced and the girls and boys awarded their prizes for their year's work in the tomato garden or corn field, whichever it might be, according to the sex of the worker.

With boys and girls who came were many parents and some of their big brothers and sisters, for they were also interested in what the speakers for the occasion had to say and in the announcement of prizes. There were more than thirty members of the Girls' Canning Club present and there were twenty-seven boys to hand in their reports of their acres of corn for the year. The girls were taken in charge by Miss Mary Lemmon, tomato club organizer for Sumter county, and the boys were in charge of Mr. J. Frank Williams, county farm demonstrator for Sumter county. Both sexes seemed in a state of excitement before the award of the prizes and many of them were in a state of jubilation after they were presented with prizes for their year's work.

In the morning Miss Edith Parrott of Winthrop College, agent for the Tomato Clubs in South Carolina, made a short, but very interesting talk to the girls and their parents. She encouraged them to go ahead with the work they had begun and told them of plans for the future, encouraging them to even harder work in the future.

Prof. James L. Carberry of Winthrop College also gave a short talk, telling them how to grow their tomatoes, to can their fruits and vegetables and giving them much information along these lines.

Following this part of the meeting which was held in the Chamber of Commerce hall, the audience adjourned to the grand jury room of the court house, where Miss Lemmon had arranged a handsome exhibit of the work of the girls during the year. The exhibit was made up of specimens which had been taken to the State Fair and is full and well arranged. It is something hard to describe, but it is well worth seeing and all of the ladies of Sumter should pay a visit to the court house to see it.

Dr. Geo. W. Dick, in his usual felicitous style, made the announcement of prizes to the various clubs and girls. These were heard with a great deal of interest and were as follows:

The greatest yield on one-tenth of an acre—Clara Morris, Wedgefield Club.

The greatest number of cans made from one-tenth of an acre—Eugenia Moore, Oswego Club.

(These two young ladies secured a free trip to the State Fair and attended the banquet given the members of the Girls' Canning Clubs. They will also be given a free trip to Winthrop College.)

The best all round record in club work—Fannie Lou Prescott, Concord Club, awarded a Carberry Canner, given by Burns Hardware Co.

Most attractive booklet—Lourine Cummings, Oswego Club, awarded a kodak, McCormack Jewelry Co.

Best exhibit—Clelia Terry, awarded a mesh bag from the Ladies' Outfitting Co.

Second best all round record as club member—May Haynsworth, awarded a fountain pen.

Best exhibit of tomato products—Willie Beck Johnson, awarded gold bracelet, W. A. Thompson.

Finest tomato preserved in alcohol—Selma Smith. Awarded a picture, "A Modern Scene," W. H. Shelly and Co.

Best collection of canned goods in tin—Annie Lou Ingram. Awarded White House Cook book.

Second best exhibit—Druie Floyd, mesh bag.

Excellent demonstrator—Ora Holliday, awarded a parasol, Sumter Dry Goods Co.

For neat sealing and labeling—Grace Wells, book of poems, "We Love."

The following girls are awarded club pins for excellent work in various departments:

Oswego Club—Eugenia More, L. E. McCoy, Myrtle Boyd, Lourine Cummings, Ellen Foxworth, Clelia Terry. Concord Club—Fannie Lou Prescott, Maye Fort, Ora Holliday, Nettie Newman, Janie Prescott, Selma Smith.

Wedgefield Club—Clara Morris, Mary Jane Coulter, Earline Watts. Bethel Club—May Laynsworth, Grace Wells.

South Lynchburg Club—Wallie M. Floyd, Druie O. Floyd, Pearl Keels, Virginia McElveen.

Winn Club—Ruth Allen, Annie Lou Ingram, Jane Miller, Bernice Tryon.

Tindal Club—Teresa Simms.

Pisgah Club—Sybel Cole, Pearl Hatfield.

Shiloh Club—Willie Beck Johnson. Club that made the best all round record, Oswego, presented a beautiful trophy cup.

This cup was secured with funds secured from the banks and business men of the town by Miss Lemmon and will go to a club for one year, to be kept in the school house. If any club succeeds in winning the cup for three consecutive years, it will win the title to the cup. This is the highest mark of honor bestowed on any of the clubs in the county and the Oswego Club should feel highly gratified that they have won the club in the first year of active work in the county of the Girls' Canning Club.

The Concord Club made the second best all round record and was awarded four handsome pictures "The Sistine Madonna," "Sir Galahad," "St. Cecilia," "St. John the Baptist." These, it is hoped, will encourage a love of art among the pupils of the school and are to be kept in the school room.

While the Girls' Canning Club was hearing talks from Miss Parrott, Prof. Carberry and having prizes awarded by Dr. Dick, the Boys' Corn Club was holding its meeting on the court house grounds and Mr. L. L. Baker, district demonstration agent, and Mr. C. A. McFadden, county demonstrator for Clarendon County, were judging the corn and making their decisions as to the prize winners among the boys. Mr. Baker made a short talk, explaining to the boys how to select good corn and what kind of corn should be entered in a prize contest.

There were twenty-seven boys to make exhibits and to give in their history of their crops. Although this was not more than a third of those who joined the club at the beginning of the year, their records were good. The prizes were announced among these as follows:

Greatest Yield—Howard Critcher, 109.4 bushels, awarded \$10 in cash and a pair of Howard and Foster shoes by O'Donnell & Co.

Second Greatest Yield—Richard Wells, 86.5 bushels. Awarded a suit of clothes by O'Donnell & Co.

Third Greatest Yield—Warner Andrews, 81 bushels. Awarded \$5 in cash.

Others making yields of over 75 bushels were Thomas Brunson, Robt. W. DuRant and Coy McEachern.

For best ten ears—Frank White, \$10 in cash by D. J. Chandler Clothing Co., and a pair of Regal shoes, Stubbs Bros.

Second best ten ears—Warner Andrews, \$5 watch by W. A. Thompson and subscription to Herald by Knight Pub. Co. and \$5 in cash.

Third best ten ears—Horace Prescott, awarded steel beam middle burster plow, W. B. Burns and Son.

For best single ear—Howard Critcher, \$12.50 in cash and subscription to Herald by Knight Pub. Co.

Second best ear—Wesley McCoy, \$10 from DuRant Hardware Co.

Third—Wilbur Prescott, pair of shoes from Shaw and McCollum.

For best history of crop—Richard Wells, Hocking Valley Corn Shelter from Geo. F. Epperson and \$5 in cash.

Second best history—Warner Andrews, \$10 from S. M. Pierson.

Third—Thomas Brunson, saddle from Booth-Harby Live Stock Co.

For best paper on "How I Selected My Seed Corn in the Field,"—First, Richard Wells, \$10 in cash and \$5 in pin from McCormack Jewelry Co.

Second—Leon Dollard, Duroc-Jersey pig from J. Frank Williams and a

subscription to the Herald by Knight Pub. Co.

Third—Frank White, one-horse steel beam Lynchburg plow, Burns Hardware Co.

A prize of \$50 was divided among the fifteen who had planted their acre for next year in a cover crop of some kind. Most of these had planted oats and vetch, some, however, having planted rye or clover. All of them expect to turn this cover crop under next spring before planting their acre of corn, in this way enriching the land and making a saving for them in the amount of fertilizer which they will use on the land. One boy had planted the cover crop, but did not expect to turn it under, so was not eligible to a share of the fifty dollars.

It was expected at this time to award the prizes offered by the City National Bank to the farmers making the biggest yield of corn on one acre, the biggest yield of sweet potatoes on half an acre, the biggest yield of oats and vetch on an acre. A prize of \$100 was offered for the largest yield of corn and \$50 for the largest yield of sweet potatoes and of oats and vetch, each. The prize of \$100 for the biggest yield of cotton has also been offered. However, as it was so late when the decisions were completed in the boys' contests that it was decided to postpone the award of the other prizes until later.

Altogether about \$800 was offered in prizes, all of which were awarded except those in the City National Bank contest.

The records made by the boys and girls of the county are considered exceptionally good by Mr. Williams and Miss Lemmon and they are very much encouraged over the prospects for another year. In fact it seems

**COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT**

And For Three Summers Mrs. Vincent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst.

I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

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**Marriage License Record.**

Licenses to marry have been issued to Lawrence Spann and Rebecca Howard, Sumter; Sam Anderson and Lottie Kendrick, Claremont.

It is a wise man that can think without talking.—December Woman's Home Companion.

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