

Harris Returns From Conference

Farmers Will Co-operate in Marketing—"Next Step" Committee Outlines Policies to Be Pursued

Columbia, Nov. 2.—Commissioner Harris returned to his office Monday from Washington, where he had been attending a meeting of the joint agricultural conference at the headquarters of the national board of farm organizations.

"Each and every one who attended went for a definite purpose. It was the intention of this meeting to see what was the cause of so much dissatisfaction caused by the weird kind of deflation that came upon the country like a bolt of lightning out of a clear sky."

"The world may rest assured that in the future the farmers are going to take a more positive stand for their just rights. They have been asleep too long already, and allowing themselves to be dictated to by other people who have no other object but their own personal gains."

"I consider it remarkable that in this gathering of 150 men from all parts of the United States, in the national capital, just a few days before the presidential election politics was not even mentioned. It showed very conclusively to me that this body of men was there forgetting out the great problems now hindering the prosperity of the country—and hunting a remedy."

A great crisis exists in agriculture today which vitally affects both farmers and the great mass of city toilers dependent on farmers for their food and clothing. So serious is the situation that the farmers' organizations which speak for agriculture have been repeatedly sounding the warning, believing that the industry and business of farming are affected with a public interest and that the whole country should know the facts.

Under the governmental urge to feed the hunger stricken people of the world, our farmers, at enormous sacrifices of both money and labor, endeavored to produce adequate crops this year. Despite this fact the farmers have been forced to bear the brunt of a deflation policy instituted by the government, a policy which is the basis of the farmers' present financial troubles.

The war debt, including interest when paid, will aggregate \$40,000,000,000. To repay this debt under conditions of present prices and farm products and wages for labor will require two bushels of grain, two bales of cotton and two days' labor instead of one. This is equivalent to doubling the amount of the war debt, and the purchasing power of the billions of dollars made by war profiteers.

As a result of this deflation policy and the absence of the customary foreign markets, farmers today find themselves without remunerative market for their products and in some instances without market at any price.

Through the lack of credit, live stock producers are being forced to throw unfinished live stock upon the market, and producers of cotton, grain and fruits find it impossible to realize even approximately the first cost of production.

No such thing as orderly marketing is now possible. All of these facts have been repeatedly brought to the attention of the high officials of our government including the secretary of the treasury and federal reserve board, but without avail.

We realize that considerable extension of credit has taken place during the past 12 to 18 months, but believe this to be largely the result of the condition under which business had to be transacted, and does not necessarily reflect an unusual condition in the country's finances. At all events no such drastic deflation as has resulted was warranted. It is further believed that of the total credit available the farmer has received but a pitifully small amount, and that only those who traded in the "war" products have been beneficiaries provided for.

This distressing condition leaves the farmer face to face with the fact that, without adequate sources of credit, and in view of his inability now to secure over the cost of production, he will be not only unwilling, but actually unable to finance himself for the next year's crop. The fact is that the government of the United States, which has even now are closing down through the workers out of employment and bringing about most dire and non-production.

Therefore, in view of the agricultural situation as recited above, it is clear that farmers must receive at

least cost of production if they are to meet the nation's needs for food and clothing, and in order to accomplish this result, the agricultural representatives in joint session in Washington, October 28 to 29, 1923, do hereby recommend as follows:

That all farmers at once join the existing marketing organizations in their respective communities, or, should there be none, that they at once form such organizations as best suit the needs of their localities.

That all farm commodities be marketed cooperatively in an orderly manner, i. e., throughout the 12 months period from one harvest until the next as the demand requires, known as the consumption year, plus a normal safety carryover.

That the government take the lead in reopening foreign markets and in developing new ones, and where necessary to finance the same.

That the War Finance Corporation, whose authority and financial resources are unimpaired, be immediately reestablished.

That a standing committee be constituted representative of and appointed by the various farm organizations for the purpose of bringing about coordination of effort and unity of action between the various committees now working on the question of marketing the great staple agricultural products.

That a standing committee be similarly appointed to consider and formulate financial policies including:

(1) Recommendations to congress to give the federal reserve bank power to classify loans, and to give the federal farm loan board the authority to issue and sell in the open market short time securities based on warehouse receipts issued under the federal warehouse act, and to issue and sell short time securities based on a proper pledge of farm inventories where it is necessary that the title remain with the producer until his marketing processes be completed, as in the case of the owner of hay, corn and cattle who must produce meat and dairy products for public use. All of these securities to qualify for federal reserve investment or discounts.

(2) Request congress to make an investigation of the subject of money and high interest rates.

(3) Consider the advisability of inaugurating a great national agricultural bank, financed by the cooperatives of the nation, and with a directorate chosen from all the great farm organizations of the nation.

That a standing committee also be chosen to be known as the "public relations committee" on which shall be included representatives of the Consumers' league and the working people.

Charge Two Men With Abduction

Enticed Young School Girls From Home, It Is Alleged

Bennettsville, Nov. 1.—O. T. McBride and J. P. Hurt were arrested and brought before Magistrate J. P. Gibson on a warrant charging them with the abduction of two young school girls about fourteen years of age. The two girls left home to attend school Friday morning, it is alleged, and failed to return to their homes that afternoon and were not found until Sunday night.

The two girls, it is said, were accidentally seen yesterday near Hasty, N. C., by a citizen of Bennettsville and his wife.

McBride, who, it is alleged, was known to one of the girls as Tom McIver and as being single, is a married man, of Cheraw. Hurt is a man of family here. McBride waived preliminary hearing and was released on \$2,000 bond. Hurt is in jail, being held in default of the same bond.

John M. Daniel Assistant

Assumes Office Formerly Held By Mr. Lumpkin

Columbia, Nov. 1.—John M. Daniel, a member of the Greenville bar, today assumed his duties in Columbia as assistant attorney general, succeeding Morris C. Lumpkin. Mr. Lumpkin made farewell to the state capital today.

Mr. Lumpkin has been assistant attorney general since his return from France with the 31st Division in the spring of 1919. He retires from the office to take a place in the law firm of Thomas & Lumpkin, of Columbia.

Mr. Daniels is a prominent lawyer of the Piedmont. He has served as a magistrate in Greenville and in the recent primary election was a candidate for solicitor, making a strong show. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and of Farmington University. He was a member of the bar from Greenville.

Carnival Cannot Use Street

Judge Wilson Forces Company to Go on Private Lot

Columbia, Nov. 1.—A carnival company showing a show was under the auspices of the Columbia fire department was today told to show its acts and move onto private lots by the city, through an order issued by Judge John B. Wilson. A member of the members of city council had given them a place to exhibit on Church street in this city. Addressman W. H. Pearce was one of three addressmen opposing the show coming to Columbia, and through his attorneys went before Judge Wilson asking for a restraining order, which was granted. Attorneys for Councilman Pearce took the position that the streets belong to the state and the council had no power to grant a license to a show that will interfere with traffic. This is said to be the first time in this state where a member of this kind has been carried before a judge for settlement.

Audit of County Finances

Appropriation Will Be Made for This Work by Next Legislature

Columbia, Nov. 2.—Appropriation to complete next year the work of auditing county books and the enactment of laws creating state income and inheritance taxes will be among the matters recommended to the 1924 legislature by the comptroller general's office, according to Acting Comptroller General William V. Sutherland, who stated today that the work of auditing the county books would be completed next year, if the present program is carried out.

The books in county offices in twenty-five of the counties have been raised already, according to Mr. Sutherland. The others will be audited next year, if the legislature makes an appropriation, as it did this year, for a part of the work.

The comptroller general's office is also planning to introduce next year a uniform system of book-keeping in all county offices. This, it is said, would be a great saving to the state and the counties, and would prevent much irregularity in handling records and finances, such as is now often found in the county offices.

The comptroller general's office, like the state tax commission and other branches of state government, are in favor of state income and inheritance taxes, to provide additional revenue for the state. It is held that much of this kind of intangible property is now escaping taxation.

Social Workers' Conference

Annual Meeting to Be Held in Columbia This Week

Columbia, Nov. 2.—Miss Helen V. Dary, director of the Publications Division of the Federal Children Bureau, Washington, D. C., will deliver the opening address at the State Conference of Social Workers, which convenes in the University chapel in Columbia Tuesday evening. Other prominent social workers are on the program of this state-wide gathering, among them Dr. A. T. Jamison, of Greenwood; Mrs. W. C. Cathcart, of Columbia, child-placing agent for the state welfare board; Miss Adele Minahan, playground director in Columbia; Joseph C. Logan, of the Red Cross; Dr. J. A. Hayne, state health officer; Mrs. Ruth A. Dodd, of the state board of health, and others. One of the main speakers will be Dr. Hastings B. Hart, director of child helping for the Russell Sage Foundation, New York City. There will be morning, afternoon and evening sessions and the conference will last through Thursday. Several hundred social workers are expected to attend.

Methodist Conference in Union

Columbia, Nov. 2.—Methodist ministers and laymen from all parts of the upper half of the state will move on Union Wednesday for the annual Upper South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which convenes in Union Thursday. The principal matter before the conference will be the new assignments for ministers. Columbia is to lose two of her prominent divines, Rev. A. T. Brunson, of Washington Street church, and Rev. R. W. Wiggins, of Green Street. Mr. Wiggins is chaplain of the house of representatives.

Riot Damage in Belfast

Claims Filed for Seven Million Dollars on Account of Damages

Belfast, Nov. 1.—Claims for damage caused in the Belfast riots in July and August amount to \$7,000,000, while laborers' organizations claim \$1,075,000. Belfast is a town of 12,500 population and owes its name, curiously to its destruction by fire in 1797. Its townspeople are taking the situation philosophically and remark that "when the Sun Farmers pay the government for destroyed cottons and hampacks we will buy and out fit them."

Bible Study at University

Rev. G. Groff Williams Elected Temporary Professor in State Institution

Columbia, Nov. 2.—Rev. G. Groff Williams, secretary of the State Board of Public Welfare, has been elected by the trustees of the University of South Carolina as temporary professor of Bible in the university. He succeeds Rev. William Revere, who held the chair last year but who has returned to the ministry, having a "pastoral charge in Texas."

Mr. Williams consented to take the chair only temporarily, until a permanent professor could be secured. He has his hands full with the work of the board of welfare, in charge of all reformatories, with supervision of all charitable and penal institutions. Mr. Williams is considered one of the ablest of state officials.

Pittsburg, Nov. 2.—The average daily wage of every person employed in Allegheny county, one of the country's greatest industrial centers, increased 2.2 per cent in three years, according to James E. Woodward, state secretary of industrial affairs. The per capita daily wage for 1919 was \$5.08, while that of 1916 was \$2.85, Mr. Woodward said. He used the latter year for a comparison because in 1917 and 1918 were abnormal, owing to the war.

Although production valuation during the war years was greater than in 1919, Mr. Woodward's figures show a steady increase steadily from 1916 to \$5.53 daily in 1917, and \$4.74 in 1918 to \$5.95 in 1919.

Production value in 1919 amounted to \$1,999,226,400 as compared with \$1,679,322,200 in 1916, an increase of 17.3 per cent. In 1917 and 1918 production value reached well over the \$2,000,000,000 mark.

The per capita wealth of the county was \$2,583, or twice five times the average per capita wealth of the United States.

Canada Holds Booze Referendum

People Will Vote on Question of Importing Liquor

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 2.—A referendum is to be held in the provinces of Nova Scotia, Alberta, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Manitoba to decide whether the importation of intoxicating liquor into these provinces shall be forbidden by law. All of these provinces now have local prohibition in force. They are permitted under the British North America act to prohibit the sale of liquor within each province but at present cannot prevent its importation into the province as interprovincial trade is under the control of the Dominion government.

The Dominion parliament however, has decided that control of liquor shipments into a province shall be abdicated whenever the province has so voted. The purpose of this is to confer upon each province the right to completely carry out the will of the people regarding control of the sale of liquor. This is a concession made by parliament as an alternative to national prohibition.

If the vote in either of these provinces is in favor of taking over full control of the liquor business within the province, the importation of liquor will be prohibited.

Public Debt Reduced

Treasury Paid Off Twenty-Four Millions During October

Washington, Nov. 2.—The treasury operations for October reduced the public debt by over twenty-four million dollars, leaving about twenty-four million, sixty-two million total debt.

New Railroad For Servia

Belgrade, Nov. 2.—It is announced that the construction of a railway connecting Belgrade with the Adriatic port of Cattaro is to begin immediately. The route was suggested by Colonel Crow and the wood of an American technical mission. Harbor improvement work at Cattaro is to begin at the same time.

Railroad Commission Hearings

Columbia, Nov. 1.—Seven hearings were held by the South Carolina Railroad Commission Wednesday. One of these had to do with the elimination of the Otis Crossing at the South End of the Royster yards, Columbia. The removal being requested by the railroad company. It was decided that a board of engineers would make a survey for the purpose of determining whether or not any other crossing could be avoided which would eliminate the danger.

The commission also considered the removal of certain stockmen of Columbia for permission to construct a stock chute in the city of Columbia, at the corner of Blossom and Lincoln streets, on the Southern Railway. The stockmen want this in place of the present chute at the Royster yards, which is a good distance from the city. The railroad consented to the chute and the commission will allow it.

Facilities for loading cotton at Mills, telephone wire crossing over railroad tracks, a crossing near Union and the question of an agency on the Charleston Division of the S. A. L. at Warsaw were matters before the commission.

Veteran Missionary Dies

Columbia, Nov. 4.—Dr. Neal Pressley, one of the first missionaries to Mexico, a man who was for years at Tampico, Mexico, one of the most prominent members of the Associated Reformed Presbyterian church, was buried in Winnsboro, Wednesday. Dr. Pressley died in Florida on Monday, where he had gone for his health. He was 84 years of age.

Dr. Pressley represented his church in Mexico for fifteen years, for three his health failed he has been making his home at Winnsboro. He is survived by his widow and three sons, Rev. R. G. Pressley, of Hickory Grove, N. C.; Dr. J. E. Pressley, of Asheville, and Rev. H. E. Pressley, of Tampa, Fla. Dr. Pressley was with his son in Tampa at the time of his death.

Ashville, Nov. 4.—Laban L. Jenkins, Republican, the defeated congressional candidate, charges wholesale fraud in the election and has written Republicanism's head-quarters that he will contest the election of Zeligon Weaver.

Miller is Elected New York Gov

New York, Nov. 3.—(By the United Press).—Election of Na. Miller of Syracuse as governor is estimated plurality slightly in excess of 70,000 as shown by revised figures published tonight assured the Republican of a clean sweep in yesterday's election.

With 690,187 districts missing at 10:20 tonight, Miller was leading Smith by 58,047 votes. The actual returns give Miller 1,206,503, Smith 1,248,456.

Ballot returns continued to roll in the overwhelming plurality in New York for Senator Harding. With 207 districts missing, all of them up state, where he led Cox by an average plurality of 239 in each district, he had a total plurality of 1,051,156. The vote tabulated gives Harding 1,829,862, Cox 778,704.

If Harding's present ratio of gain is continued he will carry New York state by an unprecedented plurality of 1,200,000.

New York city went Republican in the presidential contest for the second time in its history. McKinley having turned the trick on Bryan in 1896.

Marion, Nov. 4.—Senator Harding is clearing his desk for his departure on a vacation, two days hence, at a Texas resort. Marion, formally celebrated the victory tonight.

Washington, Nov. 4.—Abram I. Elkus, former ambassador to Turkey, has been chosen as the American member of the commission to settle the status of the Aland Islands, the state department announced today.

Washington, Nov. 4.—The summary trial and execution of an unnamed Mexican charged with the murder of two Americans is reported by the American embassy at Mexico City, the state department announced.

Washington, Nov. 2.—Fewer persons were killed on the railroads last year than in any year since 1898 the interstate commerce commission announced today.

Washington, Nov. 4.—President Wilson has appointed Julien Gunn, of Richmond, federal attorney for the eastern Virginia district.

NEILL O'DONNELL President. Earned Capital Most Dependable. "Come easy, Go easy" is an expression that is applicable to a great many. The fellow who inherits money as a rule "Blows It In" whereas the fellow who has to "Dig Down" for it has formed habits in thrift and economy, by which he will succeed when the other fellow fails. We prefer doing business with the thrifty fellow who knows the value of a dollar. We have many such accounts in our Savings Department but we have room for some more. If you are not already one of our depositors, you could not select a better time. O. L. YATES, Cashier.

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