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DR. W. W. LONG ISSUES TIMELY WARNING TO FARMERS

Small Grain Acreage in South Carolina is Smaller Than in Several Years Past

THERE IS YET TIME TO SAVE THE SITUATION

Situation is One That Will Seriously Affect Farm Program For the Coming Year

Clemson College, Nov. 16.—Last spring we wired the bankers of the state the situation in reference to the corn crop. Many bankers acted on our suggestion and called the attention of farmers to necessity of increasing the acreage and better cultivation of the corn crop. We have in South Carolina this season, partly as a result of your cooperation, the largest corn crop in the history of the state.

A situation has developed this fall in regard to the failure of farmers to seed fall grain that will affect seriously our 1921 farm program and the economic situation of the state. Up to this time the acreage in wheat and oats is smaller than it has been for the past several years. Won't you use your influence with the farmers of your county to stimulate at once a larger seeding of these most important crops. Please pass this message on to the bankers in your county.

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Wrangel Bound For Unknown Port

Anti-Bolshevik Leader Leaves Sebastopol on Russian Cruiser

London, Nov. 16.—General Wrangel, whose army was virtually annihilated by the Bolsheviks in Crimea, left Sebastopol on a Russian cruiser, with soldiers, bound for an unknown port, a Constantinople dispatch reports.

Storm Warnings Up

Influence of Disturbance Wide- spread and Attended by Gen- eral Rains and Snow

Washington, Nov. 15.—Storm warnings were displayed tonight on the Gulf coast east of the mouth of the Mississippi river and on the Atlantic coast from the Florida straits northward to Delaware breakwater as the result of the disturbance now central over the east central gulf of Mexico. The influence of the storm is widespread, according to a weather bureau announcement, being attended by general rains in the South Atlantic, Middle Atlantic and East Gulf states, and local snows in the region of the Great Lakes and the Ohio and upper Mississippi valley.

Rains in the South Atlantic and Middle Atlantic states are indicated for Tuesday and probably Wednesday. The temperature is falling on the South Atlantic coast and will remain below normal generally elsewhere east of the Mississippi Tuesday and Wednesday.

Hoover Meets Gompers

Questions of Industrial Peace and Related Problems Discus- sed at Washington Conference

Washington, Nov. 16.—The questions of industrial peace and related problems were discussed at the conference of labor leaders and Herbert Hoover, former food administrator, who attended the conference at the request of President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor.

Postoffice Thief Arrested

A. L. Graves Stole Eighteen Thousand Dollars From Hen- derson, N. C., Postoffice

Henderson, N. C., Nov. 16.—L. V. Graves, a postoffice clerk, has been arrested charged with robbing the mails of over eighteen thousand dollars. Part, the authorities said, was found in an extra tire on his automobile.

Contests in Congress

Defeated Candidates File Notice of Intention to Contest Seats of Elected Representatives

Washington, Nov. 16.—Notice of five contests for the house of representatives seats, have already been filed with the clerk of the house, who said he expects fifteen contests.

NO MORE CREDIT FOR UNCLE SAM

Western Union Telegraph Com- pany Refuses to Send Any More Cable Messages Unless Prepaid

COMPANY SAYS ORDER IS RESULT OF WON'T PAY

State Department Officials De- clare it is Spite Work in Re- taliating for Refusal to Per- mit Landing of Cable at Miami

Washington, Nov. 16.—The long controversy between the state department and the Western Union Telegraph company today reached the stage of an open break, the company refusing to handle any more cable messages for the state department unless the tolls are prepaid.

It is understood that the order is intended to apply to all government departments, but the others are expected informally from the ruling. The Western Union said it based its action on delayed payments for previous cables, but department officials hold the opinion that the step was retaliation for the failure of the department to allow the Western Union to land a cable at Miami, Fla., connecting Barbadoes with the British cable from South America.

"Shall Japan Fight America?"

Japanese Students Organize So- cieties to Debate a Very Dangerous Subject

Tokio, Nov. 16.—Students societies of three private universities have organized a meeting tonight to discuss the question, "Shall Japan Fight America?"

Farmers' Market- ing Agencies

Farmers' Union Convention Dis- cusses Elimination of Middle- men

Kansas City, Nov. 16.—The establishment and extension of cooperative sales agencies to eliminate middlemen in marketing farm products was the principal subject before the national farmers' union convention here. Delegates from twenty-eight states are in attendance.

Is Obregon a Figurehead

Provisional President DeLa Hu- erta Will Head Mexican Cabinet

Mexico City, Nov. 16.—Provisional President De La Huerta will head the cabinet of General Obregon, when he assumes the presidency December 1, said the newspaper Excelsior.

Brewers Facing Loss

Prohibition Ruling May Affect Manufacture of Syrups

Milwaukee, Nov. 15.—Large brewing interests which have been manufacturing syrups from which home brew could be made declared that if the recent ruling of John F. Kramer, national prohibition commissioner, making the sale of these extracts illegal is enforced they face a serious loss.

After the 18th amendment went into effect the majority of the breweries decided that the manufacture of near beer would be less profitable than making malt syrups, a combination of malt and corn in the proportion of 49 and 50, which could be used for making home brew.

Approximately 300,000 pounds are said to be used every day in Milwaukee for the manufacture of home brew mixtures. Breweries have installed special machinery for the manufacture of malt syrup because of the increasing demand.

BELGIAN ELECTED MANNING HEADS HEAD OF LEAGUE EXPORT CO.

Paul Hymans Received Large Majority of Votes

At Opening Session President of Switzerland Expressed Hope That United States Will Join League

Geneva, Nov. 15. (By the Associated Press).—Paul Hymans, of Belgium, was elected permanent president of the league of nations at the opening session of the leagues assembly here today.

He received 35 votes to four votes for President Motta of Switzerland and one each for ex-President Ador of Switzerland and Leon Bourgeois of France.

M. Hymans had called the delegates to order and introduced President Motta of Switzerland, who in his address welcoming the delegates expressed the hope that the United States would not delay much longer in "taking its legitimate place in the league."

When M. Hymans, who heads the Belgian delegation and is a formerly foreign minister of Belgium, declared the first session of the assembly open, the hall was crowded with men and women and there were several women among the delegates. The toilettes, with the quaint red and yellow gowns of the Swiss guards, gave touches of color to an otherwise sober scene.

M. Motta, in his greetings to the delegates, thanked the peace conference for having selected Geneva, as the seat of the league of nations and also thanked President Wilson for calling the meeting of the assembly in the seat of the league.

The first session of the league assembly was greeted with the ringing of all the bells in Geneva after several minutes' silence on the part of all the people of the canton. President Motta of Switzerland was followed by M. Hymans.

The Socialist leader Hjalmar Branting, head of the Swedish delegation, provoked the first debate by objecting to the election of Paul Hymans as president of the league by acclamation. M. Hymans himself decided the question by holding that since one member requested a secret vote, he was entitled to it.

A more animated and more significant discussion grew out of the adoption of the agenda. Lord Robert Cecil, who represents South Africa, held that the applications for membership of Albania, Bulgaria and Austria, which were received since the agenda was made up, should be added to it.

The assembly so decided after the French delegates M. Viviani and Bourgeois had made it clear that the applications would be referred to a committee to be examined and a decision taken as to whether they would be received. This reservation, it is contended, will establish a precedent so that, if Germany's application is received later the French delegates will be able to at once take up the question of eligibility.

The working organization of the assembly as formed this afternoon consists of six committees each with 41 members representing all the states attending. All questions of the agenda will be divided among these committees and will come up for debate on the floor only when the reports are submitted. The presidents of these committees will be ex-officio vice presidents of the assembly.

The debates today clearly indicated that Lord Robert Cecil, Leon Bourgeois, Rene Viviani and Signor Tittoni are likely to become leading figures on the floor and that the small states are showing a spirit of independence and will not accept prearranged programs without having their say.

On motion of George Nicoll Barnes of the British delegation, a resolution calling for a message of sympathy to President Wilson in his illness was adopted.

Big Cut in Men's Suits

Manufacturers Announce Re- duction of 33 to 40 Percent

Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 15.—Cuts in the wholesale prices of men's fall and winter suits ranging from 33 1/3 to 40 per cent were announced today by nineteen Rochester clothing manufacturers who are members of the National Association of Manufacturing Clothiers. Spring lines of the same manufacturers opened today at prices 30 per cent lower than last year's prices.

The price cuts are to take effect immediately. No statement was made by any of the members in explanation of the price decline but factories are known to have on hand large stocks of unsold and retained winter suits. Overcoat stocks are said not to be large.

Directors Select Former Gov- ernor For Place TO PROCURE CHARTER

Application Will Be Made Right Away With Capital Stock of Two Million

Columbia, Nov. 17.—Meeting yesterday at noon and continuing in session for six hours without intermission, the directors of the American Products Export and Import corporation transacted a large amount of routine business. Richard I. Manning was elected president of the corporation.

The directors present were: Ross Hanahan of Charleston, R. C. Hamer, Richard I. Manning, J. W. Gaston, C. L. Cobb, R. M. Cooper, Jr., and L. I. Galon. The only absent members were B. E. Geer of Greenville and Bright Williamson, both of whom were detained by illness, but are known to be in accord with the business transacted by the board yesterday.

It was decided to apply at once for a charter of \$2,000,000, and thereafter to apply for increases of capital stock and to sell same as it may become necessary in the expected development of the corporation. The board is pushing matters with all expedition, so as to get the real work of the corporation going promptly and earnestly.

The board called for subscriptions of cash, cotton and Liberty bonds to be paid in immediately and shipping instructions have been sent out to all subscribers who have pledged cotton in exchange for stock in the corporation. As soon as the subscriptions are paid in the corporation will be ready for business.

The action of the board of directors puts the corporation upon a new plane of operation; and the members of the board were very optimistic over the prospects of success for the corporation in its sphere of usefulness.

Man Held For Enticing Labor

Transporting Labor From This State to North Carolina With- out License

Elmer Gilliard was arrested and placed in jail by Rural Officer Newman on the charges of soliciting labor without a license. Gilliard was caught at the A. C. L. depot with a negro in tow whom he was taking to Greensboro, N. C., to work for the Southern Railway.

Gilliard is now here in jail, since his bond was fixed at \$1,000 and he was unable to put up this amount.

Mittle Accused By Dying Man

Witness Testifies to This Ef- fect at Coroner's Inquest

Orangeburg, Nov. 16.—An inquest was held this afternoon with Magistrate C. P. Brunson acting as coroner, over the dead body of J. H. Patterson, the drainage engineer, who died last night at 9 o'clock in the Orangeburg hospital.

The last witness was Mr. Frank Sain, whose house Mr. Patterson was leaving when the fatal shots were fired, it was said. Mr. Sain testified that at 11 o'clock Sunday night as Mr. Patterson went to switch on the light in his automobile that he was shot, he (Mr. Sain) hearing the shots. He further testified that Mr. Patterson rushed back into his house and asked for a doctor at once. Mr. Sain stated that Patterson told him that E. N. Mittle shot him.

The first witness was Dr. C. A. Mobley who stated that Mr. Patterson came to his death as a result of a bullet wound in his breast. Dr. Mobley testified that in his opinion this shot killed him, but that there were four other wounds in the body.

Mr. W. Hampton Dukes was the next witness. He stated in substance that he was called to the residence yesterday to take the body of Mr. Patterson to the Orangeburg hospital.

Before his death Mr. Patterson left a dying declaration stating that E. N. Mittle shot him, it was testified. Mr. Patterson's body is still here. His brother is expected Thursday night, when the body will be carried to his home in Ottawa, Ill. About forty people attended the inquest.

Men Laid Off From Work

Pennsylvania Railroad Reduces it Forces

Philadelphia, Nov. 16.—The Pennsylvania Railroad will lay off 2,500 more men, 1,000 of them on the Philadelphia division, within the next five days, according to announcement today by the company.

Since the end of October there has been a total net reduction of more than 10,000 employees of the Pennsylvania system, most of them east of Pittsburgh.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS BEGINS DEBATE ON QUESTION OF SESSIONS

British Delegate Favors Free Discussion—French Stands Pat For Secret Deliberations

COMPROMISE FINALLY REACHED LEAVING COMMITTEES TO DECIDE

Executive Sessions Will Be Held When Commit- tees See Fit and Minutes Will Be Published As Soon as Possible

New Equipment for the Typesetting School

More Machines and Additions to The Teaching Force in the Publishers' School at Macon Ga.

Macon, Ga., Nov. 16.—Within the past few weeks four linterotype machines have been added to the equipment of the Typesetting School at Macon, Ga., and notice has been given by the Mergenthaler company that sixteen more machines will be delivered soon.

The Lanston Monotype company has also given notice of its readiness to ship at once three new machines and full equipment.

Two additions have been made to the teaching force, and this now insures an equipment that will accommodate students as fast as they wish to enter within the next three or four months. The Intertype company, the Monotype company and the Linterotype company have shown a great desire to assist the Southern Newspaper Publishers and the American Newspaper Publishers, through this school, to relieve as quickly as possible the terrible shortage in the supply of operators throughout the nation.

The school was established last January in connection with the Georgia-Alabama Business College, whose president is an experienced newspaper man, having grown up in the printing office. Students who wish to learn of the unusual opportunities afforded by the school, may get the information by addressing the Georgia-Alabama Business College, Macon, Ga.

Wilson Sends Personal Greetings

Expresses Hope That League Assembly Will Accomplish Much

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Wilson sent a message to the president of the league of nations assembly at Geneva extending his personal greeting to the assembly and expressing hope and belief that their labors will be of immense value to the whole civilized world.

It is Farmer Villa Now

Former Leader of Mexican Ban- dits Said to Be at Head of Colonizing Scheme in Lower California

San Diego, Calif., Nov. 17.—Villa is reported to be at the head of a big colonizing scheme in Lower California with fifteen hundred men farming with modern machinery. It was believed he has settled in Chihuahua on land given him by the government.

United States Makes Threat

Demands Equal Recognition From Western Union

Washington, Nov. 17.—A veiled threat contained in a formal statement of the state department that permits for landing Western Union cable in the United States will be revoked unless the company continues to accord the American government the same privileges as other governments in handling the cable messages.

No Recognition

State Department Takes Firm Stand in Regard to Mexico

Washington, Nov. 17.—No corporation, no group of corporations, and no individuals are going to deliver American recognition to Mexico, was stated authoritatively today at the state department.

Earlington, Ky., Nov. 17.—Ten miners have been rescued from the burning Arnold coal mines near here. The bodies of five others have been recovered. One other person is missing. A tunnel was dug around the mine which shut off the single entry. The men were entrapped for twenty hours.

The live stock exhibit is the most more varied and in several respects the best the county fair as ever held.

Geneva, Nov. 16. (By the Associated Press).—How far the principle of open discussion might apply to the work of the assembly of the league of nations was a question which furnished the feature of today's sessions. It brought into contest for the first time in a sharp debate two of the chief figures among the delegates. Lord Robert Cecil, representing South Africa, contended for open meetings of the committee as well as of the full assembly. Rene Viviani of the French delegation stoutly defended the parliamentary tradition of private committee work, with subsequent publication of the minutes. His view prevailed after a prolonged discussion.

Lord Robert pleaded strongly that the assembly make a stand in favor of full openness of discussion when the question of committee work came up.

M. Viviani pointed out that all precedents were to the contrary. In the dispatch of a mass of business before them, committees, he said, were obliged to talk questions over privately. Lord Robert retorted that British precedents differed from the French.

A compromise finally was reached between the two, whereby the committees will be permitted to hold open sessions when they see fit, the minutes of the deliberations to be published as soon as possible after the sessions.

Signor Tittoni, Italy; M. Viviani, Lord Robert Cecil and George Nicoll Barnes engaged in another lively clash after recess over the proposed rule that questions on the agenda would be considered in the assembly with the committees before the latter deliberated.

Mr. Barnes called attention to the importance of committees having the views of the assembly on such important matters before they began work.

M. Viviani strongly impressed the assembly and gained the first general applause since the opening of the speeches by an eloquent plea for greater action and less discussion. He pointed out that under the rules all questions were to be discussed three times—once before reference to committee, once in committee and once again after they were reported on. Signor Tittoni's motion that the rule be eliminated and questions referred direct to committee without debate prevailed.

Several small conferences between delegates preceded the tardy opening of the morning session. Lord Robert Cecil and M. Viviani were surrounded by animated groups in the front and center of the chamber. At the rear a group of neutrals conferred with Hjalmar Branting, the former premier of Sweden, while Dr. Fritiof Nansen of Norway was very active, passing from group to group.

The impression prevailed that some of the debates of yesterday were rushed by the guiding minds of the assembly in their haste to get on with the work, but some persons expressed the belief that if some intelligent hastening of debate was not carried out the result would be interminable discussion which would keep the delegates here indefinitely.

The development in the morning debate seemed to support the latter view. A confused and prolonged conflict arose over the question whether substitute delegates would be allowed to sit in committee as well as in the full assembly, during which Paul Hymans, the president, found his first occasion to make violent use of his new gavel which replaced the ordinary hammer with which he opened the assembly yesterday.

Another lengthy debate occurred on the election of the vice presidents. This brought Viscount Ishii of the Japanese delegation to his feet for the first time to question the right of the president to withdraw a proposition by Dr. Nansen that at least three of the 12 vice presidents to be elected should be non-European. Every one being agreed Viscount Ishii withdrew his objection.

Geneva, Nov. 16.—Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, is reported to be due here at an early date. He is to act on behalf of the German league which is desirous of Germany entering the league of nations, according to the report.

Deer, Nov. 17.—Bandits attempted to hold up and rob a Union Pacific passenger train near here. They seized the train but were driven off by the train crew after a gun battle. The bandits later defamed a following train.

Brownsville, Texas, Nov. 17.—Senator Harding is on his way to New Orleans to board ship for Panama. He is expected to decide today whether to accept the invitation to visit Mexico. The ship may be ordered stopped at Vera Cruz.