

### Secretary Wallace Outlines New Farm Relief Plan To Newspaperman

#### Limited Production and Process Tax the Key to Fair Exchange

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(Written Specially for The Journal-Patriot)

Washington, May 13.—The senate passed the farm relief bill on a Friday. I telephoned at once to the department or agriculture, to see if I could get Secretary Wallace to tell me just how the new law will be administered and how it will affect the average farmer.

"I'm sorry, but I won't have a minute of time until Sunday," said the secretary. "Can you come in then?"

"At your house?"

"No; I'll be at the office."

They are working long hours in Washington, at least the members of the president's cabinet are. Working fast, too. Sunday morning carpenters were already at work in the agriculture administration building, converting a long, wide corridor into a series of offices for the use of the men and women, unappointed, who will administer the farm aid law. The bill hadn't been approved by the house yet, but everybody knew it would be and nobody was wasting any time.

#### Secretary Knows Farming

"It looks complicated on paper, but it will not be so complicated as it seems in operation," said young Mr. Wallace. A straightforward, direct-speaking man, this secretary of agriculture, whose father held the job in the Harding administration and whose grandfather was the founder of one of the greatest agricultural journals. He knows farming, too, both in the United States and Europe. He understands foreign trade and the effect of low export prices on the American farmer's exportable surplus.

"What this new law is intended to do, and will do," he said, "is to restore the fair exchange value of farm products when measured against the things farmers buy." That isn't a matter of a fixed price per bushel or pound, he went on to explain.

"The department for years has been keeping records of farm prices and of prices the farmer has to pay for what he buys—food, clothing, machinery, fertilizer and the rest. Just now the index price of what the farmer buys is about where it was just before the war, while the price of what he sells is about half of that. So that at present the fair exchange value of wheat would be 90 cents a bushel, cotton 12 cents a pound, hogs about \$7.50 a hundredweight. But if commodity prices continue to rise in the things farmers buy, the fair exchange value of what he sells must go up in proportion."

#### Into Details of Plan

"How are you going to do that?" I asked.

"We are going to try to do it, first, by limiting the production of the basic agricultural products to what the domestic market will normally absorb," said Mr. Wallace. "In the law those basic products are named: wheat, cotton, corn, tobacco, hogs, rice and dairy products. But the law also permits the department to make marketing agreements with processors, associations of producers and others engaged in handling any agricultural commodity. That may prove the simplest and most

practical way of restoring the fair exchange value of the basic products as well as of others.

"For example, in the case of cotton I am asking the planters, ginners, handlers of raw cotton and the spinners to form a committee representative of the entire cotton group and work out an agreement which will be fair to everybody concerned. It will involve reduction of the cotton acreage, of course, for we are producing now much more cotton than the market will take. How are the planters who cut down their acreage to be compensated? The government has the alternative of leasing the idle acreage at a price that will be satisfactory, or of compensating them for the ungrown crop by benefit payments.

"Farmers who make this kind of a contract will receive, when they market their produce, the going market rate at the gin, elevator or other market. They will also receive a benefit certificate which can be cashed. The sum of the two should amount to the fair exchange value of the same commodity in the pre-war period.

"Farmers who do not agree to limit acreage will not get any benefit payment and will have to take their chances on the market."

"Where is the money coming from for these benefits?"

"From a processing tax to be collected from millers, spinners and processors," replied Mr. Wallace. "The tax will be fixed, at first at a rate which is calculated to bring about the fair exchange value of which we are talking. Maybe that will be difficult, perhaps impossible in some cases. If the market will not absorb the commodity and pay the full processing tax which would be required under the fair exchange test, the law provides for a lower tax. But even the farmer who has reduced his acreage and has qualified for benefit payments will fare better than otherwise."

#### Limited Production

"Who is to decide how many acres should be planted to a given crop?"

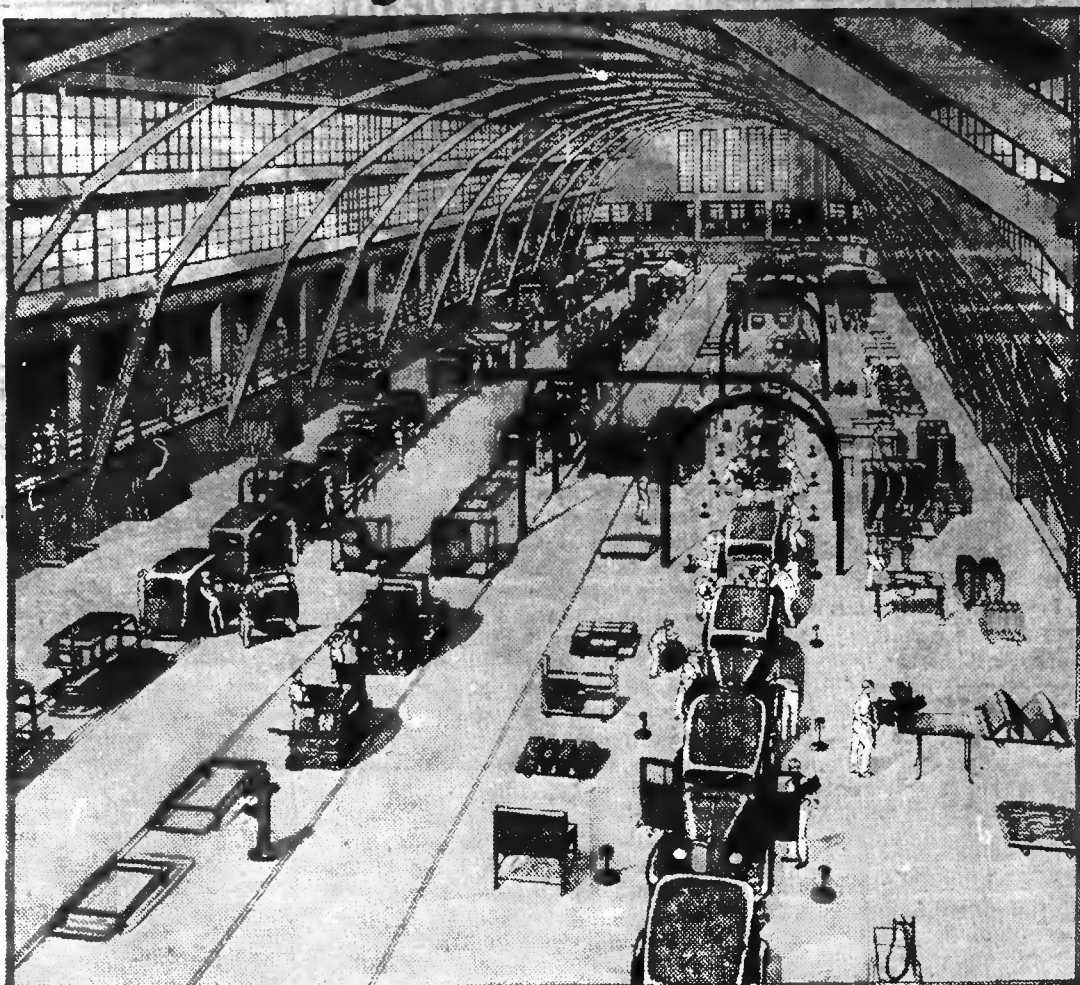
"The department will make a final decision, but we will be guided as far as possible by the counsel of the people chiefly interested."

"How are you going to enforce this reduction of acreage? For that matter, how are you going to get this plan accepted by individual farmers? Won't that take an enormous staff?"

"I do not believe the average farmer will find it difficult to decide whether to come in or stay out," Mr. Wallace answered. "They will make their contracts with local committees. We shall use agencies already in the field, as far as possible, including the thousands of county agents of the extension service. Farmers will be dealing with men they know, and will not be made to feel that they are being policed."

"The complicated part of the work will be in Washington, where we shall have to weigh the experiment, step by step, and change our program over night, if we find any part of it isn't working. For, after all, this is an experiment, but one which, in my opinion, holds more promise for the welfare of most farmers than anything else that has been proposed."

### Cars Being Built at World's Fair



Millions of people will have their first opportunity to see an automobile being built, when they visit this mammoth room where the Chevrolet Motor Company will assemble "Master Six" coaches and coupes in the special General Motors Building at "A Century of Progress" exposition. On the left, Fisher bodies are being fabricated on a "J" shaped line and on the right, Chevrolets are being assembled from the bare frame to the completed car, ready to be driven out of the building under their own power. Note, in the center of the photograph, the body being swung from the end of the Fisher line over to its place on a Chevrolet chassis. Visitors may purchase cars built here and drive them home.

### Veterans Disabled in War Will Have Cuts in Compensation Reviewed

Washington, May 10.—The White House announced tonight that economies to be effected through reduction of payments to veterans for service-connected disabilities would be reviewed with a view to making the cuts less severe.

A statement issued by Stephen Early, secretary to the President, said:

"As a result of conferences between the President, the national commander of the American Legion, Louis Johnson, and the director of the budget, the following conclusions have been reached: "As a result of the application of the veterans' regulations, it now seems that the cut in compensation of service-connected world war veterans with specific injuries has been deeper than was originally intended. The regulations and schedules in this respect will, therefore, be reviewed

### Bonus Marchers and Taxes Giving Leaders Considerable Worry

Doughton, Douglas and Others Hold Conference At the White House

Washington, May 10.—The May movements of the bonus marchers have thus far proven less spectacular, and less sanguinary than in the days of the hapless Hoover, but they are equally as troublesome. Yesterday there was the official announcement that the compensation cuts would be readjusted, that reductions in veterans' benefits had been deeper than originally intended but there is at the moment much doubt whether this meets adequately the issue that has been rendered acute by the arrival here of some thousands of the bonus "marchers," in the main coming in by automobile, who are exceedingly vocal in the demands for the immediate payment of the adjusted service certificates.

The enactment of legislation making possible the expansion of the currency is at the root of the present trouble, it has inspired the march on Washington, and many members of congress, hitherto decided in their opposition to payment of the bonus, now admit a realization of the fact that such payment has been rendered all but inevitable by the force of circumstances.

Moreover, it has been found difficult to reach a compromise, say for part payment, for the reason that many former service men have borrowed money on their certificates, and unless they received payment in full it would do them, personally, very little good.

Mr. Doughton, chairman of the ways and means committee, Mr. Douglas, head of the budget bureau, and others conferred today at the White House, and later in the rooms of the house revenue committee, the subject under discussion having been the bonus, and the contemplated tax levy, to raise additional revenue that may be required during the current year for the public works program, and for possible payment of the soldiers. The North Carolina members think it would be well to explore the wisdom and the possibility in the present condition of the treasury of making the payments to those soldiers who now find themselves in destitute circumstances. Mr. Doughton suggested to the president that this might be the wise and the humane course to pursue.

President Roosevelt also has a plan to offer positions in the civilian army, or in connection with the forestry work, to some 25,000 of the former service men. This might provide a living for many of the men, but it would be highly displeasing to the communists, who came here, as on a previous occasion, looking not for jobs, but for trouble.

### Large Attendance Indicated For Wildcat Reunion In Winston-Salem

With the railroads tendering special rates and interest running high in all sections of the country, indications point to a large attendance at the Wildcat division reunion which will be held in Winston-Salem July 2-3.

James E. Cahall, of Washington, D. C., national adjutant, has announced that a special rate of one cent per mile has been offered by the railroads from all points east of the Mississippi to Winston-Salem. He states also that parties are already forming in Chicago, Buffalo and Rochester to charter Pullmans to the Twin City.

#### N. C. GAME REFUGES OPEN MAY 10TH-15TH

Raleigh—State game refuges in National Forest lands in North Carolina will be open for public fishing during two periods, May 10 to 15, and June 10 to 15, both dates inclusive. J. S. Hargett, assistant director of the Department of Conservation and Development, in charge of inland fisheries, announces:

The lands to be open for fishing are Mount Mitchell refuge, Wayah Bald refuge, Daniel Boone Refuge and Andrew Johnson refuge. Approximately 75 miles of streams will be available in these refuges. These streams have been heavily stocked with trout held in rearing pools up to fingerling size. Mr. Hargett estimating that up to this year 280,000 have been released in the streams of the four refuges. Detailed information on the fishing may be secured from C. N. Mease, chief refuge warden, Marion, N. C.

#### Farm Improvement Club To Meet At New Hope

The Farm Improvement club of New Hope will hold a meeting on Wednesday, May 17. County Agent A. G. Hendren plans to attend the meeting.

#### Esteemed Woman Passes

Lydia Elizabeth Reavis departed this life April 21, age 61 years. Professed faith in Christ at an early age and united with the Baptist church at Walnut Grove, Wilkes county. She was married to Finley J. Gentle in December, 1890, and to this union was born eleven children, five of whom survive, two daughters and three sons: Mrs. Anna Hedrick and Mrs. Lula McCollum; John Sanford and Wint Gentle, all of Hamptonville. She is also survived by 18 grand children.

She lived a consistent Christian life, was a devoted mother, a kind neighbor and her Christian influence will be sadly missed by those who knew her best. The funeral was held at Huntington Creek Friends church, and was in charge of Rev. G. W. Edgerton, of Yadkinville.—Yadkin Ripple, May 11.

#### 54 Are Killed

Livingston, Tenn., May 10.—A mad May tornado swept down the Kentucky-Tennessee Cumberland valley last midnight, left a death toll of 54 and increased the south's spring storm's fatalities to more than 250.

#### TAKES OWN LIFE

Winston-Salem, May 12.—W. O. Carter, 46, of Kernersville was found shot under the heart in his garden today and died a short while later as he was being taken to a hospital.

Members of the family said he had committed suicide but they knew of no reason for the act.

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