

HOOVER HEARS OF PLIGHT OF LEAF GROWERS

Simmons Compares Present Emergency With Mississippi Flood Last Year

Washington, Sept. 18.—The tragic plight of Eastern North Carolina tobacco farmers, whose crops are being sacrificed on the altar of low prices, was described this morning to President Hoover by Senator Simmons, who compared the present emergency to the Mississippi flood of last year. He thinks it probable the President will take up the matter with the Federal Farm Board, and perhaps with the Attorney-General.

Senator Simmons has also conferred with J. C. Stone, tobacco representative on the Farm Board, but the newly-formed governmental institution apparently feels it can do little toward relief this season. It is just beginning to function in a limited way.

Suggestion of a conference between representatives of the giant tobacco companies with representatives of growers of tobacco is contained in a statement from the office

of Senator Simmons this afternoon. Senator Simmons told Mr. Stone that no doubt Southern Senators would be glad to initiate such a conference, if requested to do so by tobacco growers or by committees representing tobacco growers.

If emergency legislation will help toward relief, Senator Simmons told Mr. Stone that he thought it could be put through the Senate without delay. He conveyed the same idea to the President.

The following statement regarding these conferences with the President and Mr. Stone and their result was issued from the office of Senator Simmons this afternoon:

"The low price being paid for tobacco on the markets since the season opened has been and is a matter of great concern to Senator Simmons. Reports received by the Senator show that the price being paid for tobacco, particularly in Eastern North Carolina, is much less than the cost of production—and this notwithstanding the good quality of the tobacco, the relatively small crop, and the fact that the tobacco buyers and manufacturers are and have been enjoying during the past few years probably the greatest prosperity and the largest profits in their history. The reports that the Senator has received reflect a condition almost of despair among the tobacco growers of Eastern Carolina.

"During the past several days Senator Simmons has had a number of conferences with administrative officials of the government, at which he has discussed with them the possibilities of emergency action. On yesterday afternoon the Senator had an extended conference with Mr. Stone, member of the Federal Farm Board, particularly representing the tobacco growers; and this morning at 10:30 o'clock the North Carolina Senator discussed the matter at some length with President Hoover at the White House.

"In the conference between Senator Simmons and Mr. Stone, of the Federal Farm Board, the possibilities of some emergency action under the existing law were discussed, but it seems doubtful whether anything can be effected under the Federal Farm Board

act in time to save the present crop now just going on the market from being taken from the farmer without adequate compensation. Senator Simmons told Stone that if any additional or emergency legislation could be suggested that would enable the Federal Board to act instantly and with vigor, he felt sure that such emergency legislation could be put through the Congress without delay.

"In the conference the suggestion was made that Senators from the Southeastern States where the tobacco crop is being taken from the farmers without the payment of anything resembling fair prices might interest themselves in procuring a meeting and conference between the heads of the principal tobacco companies who have buyers on our markets with representatives of the growers of tobacco; and that out of such a conference, backed by public opinion and manifest fairness and justice, there might come results that would prevent the sacrifice of the tobacco crop, that is now going on the market. The opinion was expressed that if the responsible heads of the tobacco companies could be made to understand fully the way in which the tobacco growers of North Carolina and other Southern States are being mistreated, and the deep feeling of indignation on the part of our people with reference to the subject, they might take action that would result immediately in the payment of better prices for the farmers' tobacco. Senator Simmons told Mr. Stone that he had no doubt that the Senators from the Southern States would be quite willing to initiate such a conference, if requested to do so by the tobacco growers of the States, or any committees chosen by the growers to represent them.

"In the conference with President Hoover this morning, Senator Simmons portrayed fully and at length the conditions that the tobacco farmers in Eastern Carolina are facing right now, and he urged the view that it is a situation of great emergency—as great with respect to the tobacco sections of the Southeast, he told the President, as flood control in time of flood could be to the Mississippi Valley—and that he believed emergency legislation, if any could be evolved that would give immediate relief, could be passed in both Houses of Congress. Senator Simmons believes, as a result of his conference with the President, that it is probable that the President will discuss the matter with the Federal Farm Board and perhaps with the Attorney-General.

"It may be said also that there has been a demand on the part of tobacco growers for a Congressional investigation of the cause of the low prices being paid for tobacco by the principal tobacco companies; while others have

SHOULD PLANT COVER CROPS IN TOBACCO FIELDS

700,000 Acres in State Offer Best Opportunity for Winter Cover

The 700,000 acres of land planted to tobacco in 1929 offers North Carolina its best opportunity to plant winter cover crops this fall for soil improvement and for hay.

"The reason is that the tobacco crop is about all taken from the land permitting the cover crop to be planted early enough for best results," says E. C. Blair, extension agronomist at State College. "To plant cover crops on tobacco land, progressive farmers cut the stalks with a sharp cutter, then level the field by running on row with a disk harrow to tear down the ridge. If the cover crop is to be either rye, oats, wheat, barley, vetch, or Austrian Winter Peas, the seed may be broadcasted and covered immediately by double-disking the field."

Mr. Blair warns that this plan would put crimson clover seed in too deeply, and they should be covered with a brush drag, weeder, or some other light implement. If the crimson clover is to go in with grain, the grain should be covered with the disk and the clover seed with the drag immediately thereafter.

Then, too, it is necessary to inoculate the seeds of crimson clover and Austrian Winter Peas when planted on land not already inoculated. A good method of doing this, suggests Mr. Blair, is to get some soil from a well-inoculated field, securing the same amount of soil as there are seed to be planted, moisten the seed with a mixture of water and molasses and then mix the moistened seed with this soil. In selecting the soil for inoculating purposes, scrape off the first two inches and get soil where the bacteria are present. Commercial inoculation may also be purchased.

Mr. Blair says the best time to sow winter cover crops is about September 15. The crop then makes good growth before cold weather.

expressed the opinion that such an investigation would be late to result in any success in saving the tobacco crop now going on the market which is the emergency matter of the present moment."

SHOULD CLEAN OUT PARASITES BEFORE WINTER

State College Poultry Specialist Advises Preparing For Laying Season

There are two precautions the alert poultryman will take in conditioning his pullets for fall and winter egg production. These are to free the flock from external parasites, such as lice, and from internal parasites such as round worms, tape worms, and the like.

"Pullets should never be placed in the laying house without first being treated for lice," says Paul A. Seese, poultry specialist at State College. "Sodium fluoride or blue ointment will work very well. One pound of sodium fluoride will treat about 100 birds when applied by the pinch method. Place a small pinch of the powder under the feathers, around the neck and vent, under the wings, and on the breast and back. The blue ointment should be used in equal parts with vaseline. Apply a small piece about the size of a pea around the vent."

In any case, it is advisable to repeat these treatments in seven days so that any ticks which may hatch after the

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