

Optimism Big Note In News From Northwest

Happiness Written in Faces of Government Officials as Reports from Wheatfields Reflect More and More Outlook for Prosperity

Washington, Sept. 5.—Optimism is coming in from the Northwest in such a steady stream that genuine happiness is written in the faces of the many officials of the Government who have had to worry about the agricultural situation in the last three years.

Because this is a campaign year, there is a tendency to discount optimism. The first reports about bumper crops, it was originally thought, might be exaggerated.

But the letters received by the War Finance Corporation have continued to be of such a favorable character that no longer are any doubts entertained. Many a letter received from responsible sources and well-informed bankers and business men coincides with other communications. The simple truth is that these letter-writers have no political axe to grind. The War Finance Corporation is an agency which lends funds. It already has lent millions. It is the emergency institution which is concerned with the credit situation generally in the agricultural sections. If crop conditions are good, the money lent will be coming back. It is to the interest of the War Finance Corporation not to be deceived. So its information may be taken as authentic so far as official data gathered from agents is concerned. It is supposed to be a non-political, non-partisan institution. And it exudes optimism today for the first time in many months.

August Meyer, Jr., managing director of the War Finance Corporation, is conservative and cautious in his statements. His latest declaration is that there will be an increase of over three million bushels in the wheat crop of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana as compared with 1923. This increased yield was dovetailed on from ten to 15 per cent less acreage than before.

This is perhaps the most significant fact about the agricultural situation. For while agricultural prices are high, relatively speaking, the farmer has produced more per acre so his financial return is correspondingly greater. It means that the farmer would still be better off than before. His return per acre will be greater than last year in any event.

What has happened in a sense is that favorable weather in America coincides with unfavorable weather in other wheat producing countries. Will these conditions continue next year? Nobody knows. That is the variable in farming always. But the bumper crop and the high prices are the best piece of good fortune the agriculturalists in this country have had in a generation. It is the succession of bad years which freezes up the credit situation.

The War Finance Corporation looks forward to a general recovery in indebtedness all along the line. Bankers are writing enthusiastically that the turn has come and that sections of the country which were hardest hit have been particularly favored with good crops. Corn crops are not so good as weather conditions have not been altogether favorable but the high prices have helped the corn growers materially. Nobody is raising the corn as well as the others but the War Finance Corporation says pointedly:

"An indirect effect of great importance to the breeding end of the livestock business—which may be hoped for a little later if not immediately—is the resumption of cattle buying by the Northwest. It is reasonable, in any event, to expect better prices and a broader market for breeding animals in view of the general trend of other agricultural prices in the upward direction. The outlook for hides has been improving for the past two months."

The world agriculture is a broad term. No doubt there are sections and individuals still wrapped in pessimism but the general trend is quite the opposite.

Politics this year as always is so much interwoven with the prosperity and materialistic side of the electorate that favorable agricultural conditions cannot but be viewed as a vital factor in the coming Presidential elections. The discontent and rebellion in the West in the Republican party has coincided with it. It has not been caused by unfavorable farm conditions. Radicalism rarely thrives in contentment.

President Coolidge has been told that the improvement in the agricultural situation will not altogether eradicate radicalism this year in the West but it will reduce by large blocks the radical vote of other years so that the big question is whether the normal gap between the Republican and Democratic parties in the solidly Republican states is big enough to permit of defections to

NOTED BROTHERS PREACH AT BEREA

Judge J. Warren Davis and Rev. Q. C. Davis Will Assist Pastor R. F. Hall in Week's Revival.

The entire Berea community is thrilled with the announcement that Judge J. Warren Davis, of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and Dr. Q. C. Davis, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Albemarle, are to preach in a revival meeting at Berea Baptist Church beginning Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. R. F. Hall has received a long distant telephone message stating that they would arrive Saturday afternoon.

"Johnnie Warren" and "Quint," as they are better known by the older people of the County, were born and reared in the Berea community, and they are coming to Berea to preach to their own people in a week's meeting.

Judge J. Warren Davis lives at Trenton, N. J., and is a leader in the Northern Baptist Convention, while Dr. Q. C. Davis lives at Albemarle, North Carolina, and is one of the leaders in the Southern Baptist Convention. Judge Davis is a trustee of Bucknell University and Peddie Institute, two Baptist colleges. He was for a number of years pastor of the First Baptist Church at Frederick, New Jersey. In 1910 he ran on the United ticket with Woodrow Wilson and was elected to the Senate at the age of 35. He is now Judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals of the Third Judicial Circuit. He is also professor of law at the University of Pennsylvania. He is one of the best educated men in the United States, having studied at Bucknell University, Chicago University, Crozer Theological Seminary, University of Pennsylvania, Leipzig and Berlin Universities of Germany. Judge Davis teaches a Men's Bible Class each Sunday in Trenton, New Jersey, of between four and five hundred men.

Dr. Q. C. Davis is likewise one of the best educated Baptist ministers in the South, and has filled some of the most prominent pulpits in this and other states. Two years ago his articles on the interpretation of the Acts of the Apostles appeared in many of the leading Baptist papers of the South.

Judge Davis will preach at Berea Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Dr. Q. C. Davis will preach Sunday night at eight o'clock. On Monday and throughout the week services will be held at 11 o'clock in the morning and three o'clock in the afternoon. Everybody is expected to carry their own lunch, so as to take in both services. The public is cordially invited.

TWO PREACHERS ARE KILLED BY A TRAIN

Greensboro, Sept. 6.—Rev. C. E. Crisman and Rev. C. Russell Sorrel, Baptist preachers of High Point, were killed near here last night when the auto in which they were driving to church service in the country was struck by a train almost in front of the church in which they were conducting a revival.

CROPS HURT BY RAIN

Crops in Washington County have suffered seriously from the torrential rains of the summer, according to J. C. Twiddy of the Suppington section, who returned home Saturday after a visit to his brother, Police Officer Twiddy, 514 Riverside Drive.

LaFollette and still leave a Coolidge plurality. The Republican theory is that if things go well with the farmer he dislikes uncertainty. Nature is therefore the biggest ally Mr. Coolidge's political campaign has won. For it is admitted that a continuance of distressing conditions would have meant serious losses in the electoral college. Instead today there is supreme confidence in the White House that the West will stay regular.

FIRPO HEARING FOUR DAYS AFTER FIGHT

New York, Sept. 6.—Firpo was released on \$1,000 bail today for a hearing September 15, four days after the scheduled meeting with Harry Wills.

New York, Sept. 6.—A warrant was issued today for the arrest of Luis Angel Firpo for trial on deportation charges. The warrant was issued by Acting Secretary White of the Department of Labor. The action was taken under the immigration law which will result in Firpo's appearance before the board of inquiry for a hearing on the question of deportation.

The warrant charges Firpo with having brought or attempted to bring Blanca Picart, Argentine manicurist, into the United States for immoral purposes and for having gained entrance under false and misleading statements.

HELPFUL MEETING AT PLEASANT GROVE

Indiantown, Sept. 6.—A very helpful series of meetings closed at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Friday night where Rev. R. E. Brickhouse assisted the pastor, Rev. S. F. Hudson of Shiloh in revival services.

Mr. Brickhouse presented the Gospel in a quiet, earnest way and the people in this section who heard him were greatly impressed by his sermons. Mr. Brickhouse is very successful in teaching and talking to children and the little folks in this neighborhood were pleased with his special talks to them.

Mr. Brickhouse is now pastor at Darlington Heights, Virginia, but originally from Creswell, and for some time served the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Columbia. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College.

PARTY DECLARES AGAINST DEBATE

Raleigh, Sept. 6.—Chairman John Dawson yesterday declared that the party policy was against the McLean-Meekins joint debates, and Mr. McLean in a later statement asserted that he would meet the wishes of party leaders. Therefore, there will be no joint debates.

COURT STILL QUIET

Only five minor cases came before Trial Justice Spence in Saturday's session of the recorder's court and of these only three resulted in convictions. Fannie Rodgers, colored, for being drunk, fined \$5 and costs; Julius Bell, colored, for failure to dismount from a bicycle in passing a pedestrian, was fined with the costs; while Oliver Gilbert, Jr., for violation of a city parking ordinance was also fined with costs.

American World Fliers Reach Boston Today

Boston, Sept. 6.—The American round the world fliers alighted safely here early this afternoon.

The planes alighted in following order: Lieut. Smith's leading; second, Lieut. Wades'; and third, Lieut. Nelson's. The fliers were given a great ovation and a salute of twenty one guns, usually accorded only to presidents of this country and rulers of foreign countries, was given the fliers as they tied to their moorings.

Mere Point, Me., Sept. 6.—The start of the world fliers from here to Boston was delayed today by discovery that their gasoline supply was short of the amount Lieut. Smith felt necessary to supply the margin of safety orders for immediate delivery of 75 gallons were dispatched to nearby points.

Portland, Maine, Sept. 6.—The world fliers yesterday landed in Casco Bay, Maine, when forced down by fog. They will fly to Boston today.

Mere Point, Me., Sept. 6.—The world fliers hopped off today at 11:07 Eastern standard time, for Boston after remaining safely at anchor over night here where they were forced down by fog late yesterday. Weather conditions were almost perfect for the 120 miles jump to Boston.

Pictou, Nova Scotia, Sept. 6.—The American fliers left foreign soil for the last time in their long and arduous aerial circumnavigation of the globe when they took off from Pictou harbor for Boston at 10:35 o'clock Friday morning.

"The Chicago," bearing Lieut. Lowell H. Smith, the flight commander, and Lieut. Leslie P. Arnold, led the trip and followed, came the "New Orleans" with Lieuts. Erik H. Nelson and John Harding, Jr., and "Boston II," which had been sent here to permit Lieuts. Leigh Wade and H. H. Ogden to resume their flight which had been interrupted by the wreck of the original plane off the Faroe Islands.

Two "Charleys" Visit



Brig. Gen. Charles G. Dawes, Republican vice presidential nominee, forgot politics long enough to pay a little social call to his old friend, Governor Charles W. Bryan, his Democratic opponent. Dawes practiced law in Lincoln, Neb., Bryan's home town, years ago, so when he went to Lincoln on a speaking tour, he just had to drop around and visit "Trooper Charley."

Couldn't Tell Pasquotank Anything About Soy Beans

Farmers in This County Grow Up With Sojas and Know All About Them, Says State Agriculture Department Expert

Nothing serious in diseases of soy beans was found in Pasquotank County by Dr. F. A. Wolf, a specialist of the State department of agriculture who completed a stay of two days in Elizabeth City Friday evening. While here Dr. Wolf inspected a number of soy bean fields in company with County Agents Falls.

It was the purpose of the visit to compile data that will assist in the development of remedies for the control of soy bean troubles. No recommendations can be made at present, he says. The experts have found that most troubles result from seed infection and that treatment of the seed will be necessary to combat them. This will have its difficulties, according to Dr. Wolf. For one thing bean seed cannot be treated with a liquid as it loosens the skin.

In this County Dr. Wolf saw evidence of pustule spots, bacterial blight, mildew, collar rot, and rust. The last named, he said, was nothing more or less than "potash hunger" brought about by insufficient potash in the soil. The first two named are bacterial diseases. Mildew is a new trouble for soy beans discovered last year.

In other sections of the State a wilt similar to that of cow peas, spot and stem blight, brown leaf spot, and three separate varieties of root rot have appeared. In Pasquotank County, where a large quantity of seed is produced for the middle west, Dr. Wolf says the inroads of any or all of the diseases has not been such that it will interfere with production to any appreciable degree.

All of the diseases are to be found in Korea, China, and Japan—where the seed originated, according to Dr. Wolf. This alone is enough to establish the fact that the troubles were brought in on the seed. In the eastern countries large quantities of soy beans are produced for food, particularly in Manchuria. They also make large portions of their crop into "soya sauce" which is exported.

Dr. Wolf says a tomato catsup is manufactured with the soya sauce dyed with artificial dyes as a base and that this catsup is sold extensively in this country. It also has a number of other uses commercially.

The oil from soy beans is used in much the same way as cotton seed oil. Some of it is manufactured into vegetable lards and cooking fats and some into lubricating oils.

When asked what recommendations he had to make to the soy beans growers of this section Dr. Wolf said:

"I couldn't tell these farmers anything about soy beans, they grew up with them and know all about them."

PEACE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY LEAGUE

Geneva, Sept. 6.—The peace resolution drawn up by the British and French delegations was unanimously adopted by the League of Nations assembly here today.

DISMISS CHARGE OF HERRIN MURDER

Herrin, Ill., Sept. 6.—The charge of murder issued against Dr. John T. Black of this city in connection with the killing last Saturday of six men was dismissed today by Magistrate Abe Hicks after request of the defendant's attorneys who asserted that there was no evidence to support the allegation.

FREEZING WEATHER IN WATAUGA COUNTY

Blowing Rock, N. C., Sept. 6.—The first freezing weather of the season was reported today when farmers from the Aho section of Watauga County reported corn killed there last night.

COOLIDGE SPEAKER ON LAFAYETTE DAY

Baltimore, Sept. 6.—President Coolidge today called upon the American people in his Lafayette Day address here to take a stand against the "deliberate and determined effort to break down guarantees of our fundamental law" through a movement "to limit the jurisdiction of our domestic courts."

DAVIS MAKES TALK TO NEBRASKA FARMERS

Aboard the Davis Train en route to Omaha, Sept. 6.—John W. Davis, Democratic Presidential candidate, came into Nebraska today to make his first address on the agricultural situation. Speaking tonight at Omaha he plans to outline some of the things his party will do to undertake to aid the farmer if it is returned to power.

BACK ON FORCE

G. W. Twiddy of the Elizabeth City police force resumed his duties Friday after a 10 days' vacation.

These two were appointed delegates to the convention by the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce in special session this week.

Among others who will attend is J. H. Lefty, Sr., vice president of the association for North Carolina.

The Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association is particularly interested in the proposed inland waterway from Maine to Florida, of which the Albemarle & Chesapeake Canal is a part, and of which it is hoped that the Dismal Swamp Canal will become a part through its purchase by the Government. At its meeting at Norfolk last year the association endorsed Government purchase of the Dismal Swamp Canal.

"Why not get the American waterways in shape to work?" was a question directly put in the call for the sixteenth annual convention a year ago, and this question is repeated in the call for the convention this year.

"Progress has been made during the past year," the call goes on to say, "but much work remains to be undertaken and completed before the comprehensive system of efficient waterways so long advocated by this association and so heartily endorsed by exports generally, can be made available for use."

"Work is going forward in many parts of the country under the allowance voted by Congress to the chief of engineers. A section in the pending legislative River and Harbor Bill might project the adoption of a waterway project within a limited time, and that all projects heretofore adopted should be completed within that time. This would be in accordance with good business principles; but unfortunately Congress has permitted this bill to stand over for the short session next winter. Meantime the rate of progress remains disappointingly slow, with resulting deterioration and waste. It is important, therefore, that those who are interested in bringing about the completion of these public improvements, in order that their advantages may be utilized within a reasonable time, should once again assemble to consider how this result may be secured."

"Our hosts in Newark are at work on a program at the same time practical and attractive. There will be opportunity to inspect the port and its manifold facilities, and the connecting waterways east and west. Another afternoon will be given over to an auto ride through the great mountain area of northern New Jersey, from which the fine supply of drinking water for the city of Newark is derived."

Tonight at 8 is Time of Gen. Glenn's Address

Courthouse Bell to Ring at 7:30 and Everybody Requested to be on Time as Speaker Must Leave on Norfolk Southern Night Express Tonight

Oldest Chief



Hasha-Yasha, 106, oldest war chief of the Navajo tribe, still is spry enough to do a little celebrating at this year's Inter-Tribal Indian carnival at Gallup, N. M. The affair opens Sept. 10. The war banner the old chief is wearing is the only one of its kind still in existence in so far as other tribal veterans know.

ATTEND MEETING FOR WATERWAYS

MR. BAUMGARTEL AT CHRIST CHURCH SUNDAY

L. R. Foreman and R. C. Job Will Represent Best City Chamber Commerce at Newark, New Jersey.

L. R. Foreman and R. C. Job will represent the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce at the seventeenth annual convention of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association to be held at Newark, New Jersey, September 16, 17, 18 and 19.

CHINESE RESORT TO TRENCH WARFARE

Shanghai, Sept. 6.—The field forces of the rival Chinese military governors fighting for possession of Shanghai resorted to trench warfare in a general engagement which continued at Lohu today, the number of casualties increasing.

General Chi Shien Yuan, commander of the Kiangsu forces today issued a proclamation which is being circulated among the forces of General Lu Yung-Hsiang, offering \$6,000 to any one who hands over General Lu to him dead or alive.

FRANK SAWYER HEAD OF NEWLAND'S FAIR

Frank Sawyer, Jr., of the senior class of Newland High School has been chosen president of the Newland Community Fair to be held about the first of October.

The boys and girls of the community and the grown folks, too, are working for the fair and a meeting has been called for Wednesday night at the school to make further plans for its success.

SMALL FIRE SATURDAY

The fire company was called at 12 o'clock Saturday morning by a section given from Box 71 and extinguished a chimney fire, at the home of James E. Anderson, colored, on White street. There was no damage.

ARMSTRONG MAY RECOVER

Unless blood poisoning sets in, Henry Armstrong, colored, shot Thursday night at the home of Ed Gray on Edge street, will probably recover, it is believed. Armstrong got the greater part of a load of number 10 shot fired at short range from a sawed-off shotgun in his face, while Gertrude McCaffrey, who was with Armstrong at the time, got the rest of the load in her shoulder.

Had the gun been loaded with heavier shot the load would have been fatal to both negro and negro.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Sept. 6.—Spot cotton closed quiet. Middling 25.50, an advance of 10 points. Futures closing bid, Oct. 24.55, Dec. 24.05, Jan. 23.58, March 24.25, May 24.45.

New York, Sept. 6.—Cotton futures opened steady following levels: Oct. 21.60, Dec. 24.45, Jan. 24.45, March 24.25, May 24.42.