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FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

William R. Hearst writing to the editor of the Atlanta Georgian summarizes as follows:

"Miss Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, rebukes one of the labor department's conciliators, sent to settle a mine strike in Alabama, for threatening the editor of a local paper with prosecution on the theory that his paper was printing articles that were in violation of the NRA. Miss Perkins said:

"Please keep in mind always in your work of adjudicating industrial disputes that you have no right to tell any editor what he may or may not print in his news or editorial columns. There is nothing in the NRA, or any other federal statute, which gives you such a right."

"There is no question about the soundness of Miss Perkins' message and the correctness of her attitude. The danger in the situation lies in the conditions which made her message necessary.

"We are at a very critical period when conditions have been created which make it possible for government officials to interfere with the liberty of the press.

"Truly enough, Miss Perkins' message was sound, but suppose it had not been sound, or suppose she had not taken any attitude in the matter, or suppose she had been or should be overruled by superiors.

"Is it not obvious that there lies in existing conditions a very dangerous menace to free institutions? Is it not evident that interference with anybody's business and everybody's business may eventually result in interference with the rights and liberties of the public as a whole?"

"Is it not clear that the first step towards this larger scheme of governmental interference with popular rights would be the invasion of the rights of free speech and free publication?"

"If this general interference by government in the affairs of anybody and everybody continues is it not perfectly plain that interference will become a fashion and that it must soon reach the point of interference with constitutional rights and guaranteed liberties?"

"It is in this way that despotism always grows. It is in this way that the pernicious habit of subservience to despotism is acquired little by little. Tyranny insidiously supersedes liberty and a free people wake up some morning to find themselves in the hands of a Hitler or in the grip of a Stalin.

"Truly, eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. There are always egotistical individuals eager to gratify their vanity and their vain ambitions by becoming dictators. There are always time-serving public officials eager to flatter the vanity and support the ambitions of the egotistical leaders.

"There is always a bureaucracy of government ready and eager to displace the people from control of public affairs and substitute themselves, asserting and perhaps believing that they have more intelligence than the public and better ability to govern.

"The people must be ever alert against such invasions of their rights. The people must exercise the eternal vigilance which is the price of their cherished liberties and they must hulk any dangers to those liberties at the very outset and in the very beginning, before those dangers can assume the form of a serious menace.

"We are drifting from democracy. We are drifting steadily and stupidly toward some one of the various forms of despotism which prevail in the Old World. We are attempting to assume forms of government in our free land which our fathers came to this country definitely to avoid and eventually to repudiate.

"There is danger to our whole civic structure in this tendency, danger to the rights and liberties our fathers won for us and which for a century and a half we have proudly and successfully maintained and which we had hoped to hand down as a precious heritage to our children.

"There is danger to freedom of thought, freedom of speech, freedom of publication, freedom of action. There is danger to republican institutions and to the fundamental privileges of a free people in the persistent effort of government to invade every socialistic theories for the proven practice of independent and intelligent American

ALL HAIL! VETERANS, HAIL!

BY M. L. STENCIL

Selma is getting ready to throw away her key. When the World War Vets stage their annual jubilee. Committees are busy making ready each day. To give them a warm welcome in no small way.

A canvass has been made to get some cash in hand in order to procure some leading bras band. We don't want to be mum for lack of speakers. So speaking will be one of the day's main features.

And whether you were in camp at home or in France, If your legs feel limber you may also dance. But if you prefer not to dance and want to box, You will be permitted to exchange a few friendly knocks.

Another good feature for the day this fall Will be an opportunity to see some good foot ball. But if you don't like sports and want to recline, There will be a social committee to treat you fine.

With all the above acts the day would be incomplete Without some provision for the Veterans to eat; So all Veterans will be given a sumptuous dinner, That no one may go away feeling that he's thinner.

All Vets of Johnston County, from Wayne to Wake, Are welcome to come to Selma and merry make. From the borders of Wilson, old Sampson and Harnett, A great parade will be staged and each Vet will join it.

Whether you're a member of the American Legion or not, If you are a World War Veteran, you will not be forgot. So come on to Selma November 11th—Armistice Day, And we'll try to make you glad that you passed this way.

can individualism.
"How long is the free press of a free country going to follow along so perilous a path?
"If the newspapers of the United States have no regard for their own liberties, are they not at least concerned for the liberties of the nation?"

Mistaken for Squirrel Man Gets Shot

Rockingham, Oct. 19.—Bishop Long, aged 35, is in the Hamlet hospital in a serious condition as a result of mistaken identity—the mistake being that his friend and companion, T. K. Moss, Jr., aged 23, mistook him for a squirrel Wednesday morning around daybreak and put a load of No. 6 shot into him.

The two men were hunting squirrels about a mile west of Rockingham and were a bit separated. Long was leaning against a small tree and every now and then would raise his elbow in the act of slapping flies or mosquitoes away. Moss, some distance off, in the dim light and underbrush saw the motions, and mistook the elbow for a moving squirrel and fired. Much of the shot entered Long's right arm, one shot entered the neck and some the abdomen. He was brought to Dr. T. Boyce Henry, who after first aid sent him to the Hamlet hospital for an X-Ray. This showed that a shot had punctured both the lung and stomach, and so Dr. James had to operate. Long is resting comfortably, and barring complications should recover.

Friends of Editor M. L. Stencil will regret to learn that he is confined to home limits by illness.

THE EMBARGO AND STRIKE

Direct action is being pictured as having an increased appeal to farmers. Reports received in the Department of Agriculture suggest that the farm folk have been impressed by the way organized labor has been gaining advantages by striking.

The embargo on wheat exports ordered by the Governor of North Dakota, is designed, Governor Langer explained, to call attention of the country to the fact that farm prices have not gone up as they were expected to go up. He placed the embargo under authority given by the Legislature—an authority that other State Legislatures may be called upon to assert.

The idea for this action came from the performance of Governor William Murray, of Oklahoma, when, some months ago, he called out the militia and shut off the production of crude oil because, in his opinion, prices were too low. This method of procedure later was followed by Texas, also to control oil production.

Now the militia is to be called out to stop the shipment of grain to milling centers where it normally would be made into bread. Without a concerted action on the part of all wheat States this type of operation admittedly could not be effective. It is taken as a gesture indicating the mood of the farm districts.

Strikers are called upon not to buy, not to sell, not to pay taxes, not to pay interest on mortgages, not to do anything that would create business. The objective is to paralyze trade, and in that way force the Government to grant the demands of the farmers.

Parent-Teachers' Association Meets

The initial meeting of the Selma P. T. A. was held Monday evening, October 23 in the school auditorium with a large attendance.

Opening song, "American," followed by prayer by Rev. W. J. Crain.

New teachers were welcomed into the organization by the president, Mrs. C. W. Scales.

Reports were heard from the various committees. Programs for each month of the ensuing school year were read by Mrs. E. V. Woodard, chairman of the program committee for the P.T.A.

School telephone to be paid for by public donations, Messrs. C. A. Jacobs, G. F. Brietz and W. H. Adams being responsible for the first three months.

Mrs. G. H. Younger and Mrs. W. H. Adams were appointed to inspect school rooms for neatness next month.

Attendance prizes went to Miss Lee's 4th grade and Miss Sloan's 10th grade.

Supt Tuttle made a plea for united effort to make this the best school year on record. He stated that everyone would be called upon to help in various ways and sacrifices of time and money would be necessary. Mrs. R. A. Jones, re-appointed chairman of the membership committee, reported 41 members and \$10.25 dues paid in.

Miss Virginia Baines put on a short musical program, Trio (vocal "Let Rest of the World Go By," Frances F. Henry, Hilda Earp and Jimmie Woodard.

Violin solo, Evelyn Rose. Vocal solo, "Where the River Shannon Flows," Jimmie Woodard.

The Selma P. T. A. is led by the following splendid group of officers: President, Mrs. C. W. Scales; vice-president, Mrs. C. A. Jacobs; sec'y Miss Eloise Gallup; treasurer, Mr. R. A. Jones. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served in the basement honoring the teachers. Punch and waffles was served.

ANOTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY FOR RECOVERY

Further restrictions imposed upon it by the law are compelling the Government to set up still another agency to help it to carry out its recovery program. It will be recalled that the President announced recently that the Government would lend farmers of the South 10 cents a pound on their cotton in order to permit them to market their crops profitably. This money was to be advanced by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation from the funds at its disposal.

The Government experts have discovered that in order to comply with the law the R. F. C. cannot make such loan direct to the farmers, but that it can do so through the medium of a stock corporation. Therefore the President announced on October 6 that a commodity credit corporation is to be set up at once with an initial capital of three million dollars, with authority to borrow money from the R. F. C. on the security of commodities.

PLOW UP STALKS AND CONTROL BOLL WEEVIL

With the feeding and breeding places destroyed multitudes of cotton boll weevils will either starve before cold weather or die during the hibernation period.

"Cotton should be picked as rapidly as possible and the stalks destroyed at once for best result," says C. H. Brannon, extension entomologist at State College. "This not only starves out the adult weevil but it also destroys many of the young immature insects."

Brannon suggests that the work be carried on as a community project as this will keep all fields clear but, if this is impossible, he urges every individual farmer to plow up the stalks as soon as picking is completed. The destruction on individual farms will greatly benefit the farmer due to the migratory habits of the weevil, he says.

Where weather conditions or other contingencies make it impossible to plow up the stalks the grower should turn in cattle or sheep to graze. While not as far reaching in results as plowing under the grazing will destroy some of the feeding ground and many of the young weevils.

The earlier the destruction of the cotton stalks the fewer weevils the following spring, says Brannon. The immature insects are thus destroyed which will mean fewer weevils to emerge from hibernation. The squares and bolls left on the stalks are also destroyed and many of the adult weevils will starve before the hibernation period.

NRA Must Speed Up Merchants Are Told

Dowell, In Address At Concord Fears For Success of Recovery Program.

Concord, Oct. 19.—Fear that the NRA program will not be the success hoped for "unless the national government can inject more speed into the entire recovery program," was expressed Wednesday by W. L. Dowell, executive secretary of the North Carolina Merchants association, in an address before the Concord merchants at their annual fall banquet meeting.

"Merchant of the state are co-operating wholeheartedly," he said, "and have increased wages and employed additional help, but the increased volume of sales has not justified the increase in expense they have entailed, and we are very much afraid that unless more speed is injected into the entire program by the national government it will not be the success we all hoped for."

Mr. Dowell said the various taxes and increased pay under the NRA are responsible for increased costs merchants are forced to pass on to the public.

Describing enactment of the general sales tax as "one of the most backward steps the state has ever taken" Mr. Dowell said the small tax yield from the plan is attributable to out-of-state buying and not to evasion of the tax by the merchants.

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