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Want Results? Then the logical thing to do is to use the columns of The Morning Star to reach the buying public and its surrounding territory, with its 155,000 people.

ANGOROUS ISSUE TAKEN WITH HEALTH SERVICE REPORTS ON PELLAGRA

Health Officials in South Declare There Is No "Semi-Famine" at All

DIAL STARTED IT

South Carolina Senator Wrote President. Who in Turn Asked for Aid

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Quick response was made today to President Harding's call on the public health service and the Red Cross to meet the serious threat of a pellagra epidemic in large sections of the cotton belt.

Officials of the two agencies set immediately to work on an emergency basis. The President's request and the call of the Red Cross were met in the day held a joint conference. Officials of eight southern states made their response in the form of a protest against the serious situation as has been reported.

Dr. C. G. Yater, chief of the public health service, met in conference with the Red Cross chairman, and other Red Cross officials. The session was quite lengthy and no information as to conclusions reached was disclosed. Dr. Cumming said he would make a report to the President.

The response from the south was widespread and varied. The Georgia legislature passed a resolution denouncing the report of a pellagra epidemic as "unfounded." The secretary of the state board of health declared the disease does not increase.

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"It has just come to my attention that because of the cotton situation in the south, due to the low price of the cotton, with the consequent underpayment of the smaller farmers, pellagra and disease caused by pellagra in that section in the near future, will be a serious problem. I have information that quote your department in these statements: 'The pellagra epidemic did not exist, but it was expected under the conditions of the present situation among the cotton planters. Senator Dial said he would call your attention to the fact that the pellagra epidemic did not exist, but it was expected under the conditions of the present situation among the cotton planters. Senator Dial said he would call your attention to the fact that the pellagra epidemic did not exist, but it was expected under the conditions of the present situation among the cotton planters.'

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The president in his message transmitted by messenger, declared the government was "morally and legally bound to fund the railroad debts and was under 'an impelling moral obligation to provide agricultural credits.'

The first step toward meeting the second of the two requests—provision for additional farm credits—had in reality been taken in the senate before the presidential message was read. Senator Kellogg, Republican of Minnesota, introduced a bill drafted by Secretary of Commerce Hoover and Senator Meyer of the war finance corporation and said to have the approval of the President as a substitute to the pending Norris bill to create a \$100,000,000 farm credit corporation.

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Imposition of a Purchase Tax, Repeal of Excises on Candy and Bottled Soft Drinks and Many Other Suggestions Forthcoming—Ways and Means Committee Against Sales Tax Method, Says Fordney

WASHINGTON, July 26.—The sales tax as a method of raising any part of the four billions of revenue needed by the federal government next year is opposed by members of the house ways and means committee, Chairman Fordney said today at the opening of tax revision hearings. Only four days have been set aside for the hearings and Mr. Fordney suggested that witnesses refrain from consuming time in discussing such a tax.

Imposition of a "purchase tax," repeal of the excise taxes on candy and bottled soft drinks and amendment of the estate tax provision were among suggestions made to the subcommittee. In addition, the chamber of commerce of the United States, in a communication urged a general turnover tax on all business transactions which would be reported to pay more than one tax in five years was urged by U. C. Deford, a lawyer of Youngstown, Ohio. The witness cited an instance where through the death of a husband and his widow within a period of nine days the same estate had been taxed twice within that time.

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