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World Conference on Ruhr.

Berlin is informed. that Premier

Mussolini, of Italy, "has decided to appeal to the American government to call at Washington a world conference to consider the great economic problems left over by the war, and, at the same time, will appeal to France and Germany to act with moderation until this gathering has reached some definite conclusion.'

A world conference on economics reparations, and all other war problems of Europe is what has been urged by Senator Borah, a former isolationist Republican and "irreconcilable." Senator Borah not only strenously and very ably urged such an international conference but he overdid the thing by criticising the Harding administration for an attitude which Borah himself helped the administration to take with regard to Europe and its affairs. Of course, President Harding can not give heed to either the appeal of either Borah or Mussolini. The fact is, the horse is gone, and it is too late for the Republicans now dare to defend. Harding administration to take the position of a guard at the stable

Indeed, the semi-official announcement comes from Washington that "in irreconcilables to make an issue of the Star. Naturally, it is a notable inadministration's attitude towards Europe's troubles, the administration intends to adhere to the course which it mapped out in dealing with the mament of the Old North State. The ditions." President Harding and his loyal sons and daughters pride themready at all times, to assume.

The administration should have adopted a helpful role tow years ago, it has come to stay, since it is reasonand as least when the Washington able to presume that the paper will arms limitation conference was held, receive the staunch and liberal supwhen France fished for international port of Lutherans throughout the guarantee against Germany's future state, including several hundred beenmity and when it became plain to long to two churches of that denomclose observers that France was main- ination in Wilmington. The North taining her big army to do exactly Carolina paper is published at Newwhat she has done in using that army | ton and its editor is the Rev. A. R. to seize Germany territory. It did not Beck, an influential minister who require a prophet to foresee precisely brings great earnestness and capabilwhat France has done in her seizure ity to him chosen work in the field of of the Ruhr-aimed at further crip-church journalism. pling Germany as much as it was her aim to collect reparations. Collecting reparations was merely incidental to France's seizure of the Ruhr.

France gave the allies and America several opportunities to act, but when er while it was still in a mobilized er she has acted, unless she asked for such intervention, would be a pure case of meddling, exactly the contrary to "aloofness." France has not made any appeal for American intervention because she does not want any interference with her deliberate and long contemplated plan. Germany has protested to Great Britain and French invasion, but no nation will take it upon itself to meddle in such a dangerous situation. Neither will the outside nations unite to interfere, for all are actually neutral as between the outside nations unite to interfere, to all are actually neutral as between the outside nations unite to interfere, to all are actually neutral as between the outside nations unite to interfere, to all are actually neutral as between the new ties upon the course in which are winston-Salem and Charlotte, pay license fees and countries in which are winston-Salem and Charlotte, pay license fees and countries in which are winston-Salem and Charlotte, pay license fees and countries in which are winston-Salem and Charlotte, pay license fees and countries in which are winston-Salem and Charlotte, pay license fees and countries in which are winston-Salem and Charlotte, pay license fees and countries in which are winston-Salem and Charlotte, pay license fees and countries in which are winston-Salem and Charlotte, pay license fees and countries in which are winston-Salem and Charlotte, pay license fees and countries in which are winston-Salem and Charlotte, pay license fees and countries in which are winston-Salem and Charlotte, pay license fees and countries in which are winston-Salem and Charlotte, pay license fees and charlotte, pay licen

state of war. It is out of all reason to expect the prices next fall.

Harding administration to isolate Increase of the Cotton Acreage. America for two years and then become aggressive at the moment when ernment but is seizing German citi-

and sending them to prison. ple. Their own government is power-EXPIRATIONS—Look at the printed label on the paper. The date thereto shows when the subscription expires. less to prevent the foreign dominance them off from the fleecy staple. ture from American isolation for the of war.

Hard-Boiled Isolation.

At one time, the isolation administration at Washington appeared to be shedding its hard shell, but recent events in Europe have caused President Harding and the state depart- bined. ment to go in the shell and close it dangerous situation in Europe can state of "aloofness." That may be very well under the circumstances, for American efforts to save Europe came too late for even a plan to be devised in time to secure public indorsement. Once indorsed by a pow erful Republican congress, the Harding administration now is being boldly charged with absolute failure to have a constructive foreign policy. A strong Republican faction has risen up in congress to condemn and reproach the isolation administration. Senator Borah's speech a few days though he was once counted with the irreconcilables. Even the Democrats are now saying that the president's Republican critics are going too far under conditions now dangerous. In the meantime, no amount of nagging can induce President Harding to make

New Lutheran Church Paper.

any kind of attempt to bring about a

settlement of the reparations war be-

The initial copy of the North Carocident that one more star has made its appearance in the journalistic firsituation produced by the French in- Lutheran denomination has 30,000 vasion of the Ruhr." Nevertheless, communicants in this state, and for the administration "is looking for an more than 50 years that church has opportunity to be of assistance in been a potential factor in making ameliorating present dangerous con- North Carolina the good state that her advisers are satisfied that while no selves on. There are thirty-eight effort on its part or on the part of Lutheran synods in the state and the any other nation can change the church has steadily grown in numpresent dangerous conditions, there bers and influence. Such a large may come a time when America can Lutheran element in the state deassume a helpful role, which it stands served a church paper of its own, and since the new publication will fill a long felt need, it can be ventured that

After all, the senate committee investigating the Teapot Dome oil lease got some of the inside history of the Mammoth Oil company. It's a wonder some of the oil men don't name she realized that they would not do their outfit the Behemoth Oil comso she decided to help her self in her pany. Lots of people who bought oil own way with her own military pow- stock during the last ten years are laboring under the impression that state. To interfere with France aft they bought stock in the Dodo Oil company. It wouldn't be hard to get Stacy Wade to agree to that.

The American Woolen company has announced that the 1923 price of fall worsteds, overcoatings and woolens would average an increase of 16 per cent a yard over a year ago. The increased price of 50 leading lines of America and other nations against staple woolens would average 12 1-2 France and Germany in this new Cumber tariff act. As high as clothing is now, this means much higher

The Washington correspondent / of there is more danger than at any time the New York Journal of Commerce Raleigh, Wilmington and Durham in since the armistice more than four finds out from the agricultural deyears ago. It ought to be quite ob- partment that "the south will plant vious to anybody that France has a large acreage in cotton during Richland and Charleston are receiving, burned her bridges behind her and 1923." That is the survey made by as counties, 80 per cent of the motor is determinedly carrying out her pro- the crop reporting board this early gram against Germany-not only in the year. That seems quite likely against the German government but in view of the early and persistent against German resources and indus campaign being carried on in North try and against German people. She Carolina, South Carolina and other is not only coercing the German gov- cotton states by groups of campaigners who are telling the farmers "how zens, trying them by court martial to grow cotton under boll weevil conditions." It does not take much of an There is no wonder that Washing- argument to persuade cotton growton regards the Ruhr news as "terror, ers to plant cotton under any kinds izing." France is not only coercing of conditions. Southern papers genthe German republic but is commit- erally make it plain that southern ting acts of war against German peo- farmers may raise hogs and grow other things but nothing ever will wean

There are farmers who can be depended on to devote considerable acreage to cotton if the boll weevil should grow to the size of Harding administration to get mixed a butterfly. The commerical crowd up in a situation which borders on which wants cotton is back of some war and eventually will be the cause of these cotton growing campaigns, and not many of them remind the farmers that "growing cotton under boll weevil conditions" on poor land would be poor business this season. Growing cotton on god, land under boll weevil conditions, might be worth trying, but no farmer can afford to grow cotton under poor land conditions and boll weevil conditions com-

If the farmers are determined to up so tight that not a word about the grow cotton they should restore the After every such explosive statement soil to fertility first and then defy escape from the administration's the weevil. Legume and nitrogen cover crops would soon enable them to grow cotton under most any con-

The New York Journal of Commerce carried that "larger cotton crop" story under a "box-car" head and should the price of cotton drop, the cause of it will not be hard to explain. The friends of the cotton growers have been telling the world that last year's crop cost more to produce than the farmers received for it, even at 25 cents. Increasing the acreage, without the hope of getting more than ago, ripped isolation up the back, al- 20 to 25 cents a pound for the fleece, would cause the cotton world to doubt that the 1923 crop was sold below cost of production.

The Industrial Fund Plan.

A way to aid and encourage the establishment and the upbuilding of industries, without losing a cent, has tween France and Germany. It is too been tried out to the satisfaction of late for the administration to make many cities. Baltimore and Easton. even a gesture, so it ignores Borah's Pa., have both tried the "industrial terrific assault on a policy very few successful. Easton has tried it and has succeeded in promoting industrial development on a large scale. Norfolk has made up her mind to The Norfolk Virginian/Pilot has made plan and is strong for it.

Wilmington is going to try the industrial fund plan, too, provided the general assembly shall enact the enabling bill now before that body. That Wilmington bill is on the eve of coming up for action, and we shall soon see whether we are to do that kind of promotion work for the develop-

ment of Wilmington It is said that during the twelve years that Easton has done industrial promotion work under the "industrial fund" method not a dollar has been sacrificed. On the contrary, many industries have been established and others enlarged, with the result that industry has grown, employment increased, payrolls grown, and taxable values increased. The methods for investing the fund are safeguarded. and the commission which handles the fund has done so under a plan that is the equivalent of operating a local bank devoted exclusively to making loans to industries.

Business men and commercial or ganizations at Norfolk are putting over the Easton plan in that city. It has been indorsed by the public and the Virginian Pilot says the financial and business reputation of the Norfolk men backing it is conclusive proof that the plan is absolutely

CONTEMPORARY VIEWS.

BIG THINGS IN NORTH CAROLINA From his camp at Raleigh Brother Ball, of the Columbia State, is passing it out to the South Carolinians by the column. His paper of Tuesday missed Charlotte connection, so Tuesday and Wednesday's came in a bunch. The Wednesday's came in a bunch. The combined editions carry editorial stories running into four columns and it is all about good roads and schools as developed under the methods obtaining in North Carolina.

These are some of the disclosures he is making for the benefit of the people of South Carolina and the South Carolina Legislature in particular— Forsyth and Mecklenburg, the coun-

per cent, but every penny of them, every jar,-adv.

they go to the State Highway Department. Forsyth and Mecklenburg, Buncombe and Guilford, Wake, New Hanover and Orange-Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Asheville. those counties-are helping to build

the roads "for North Carolina." Spartanburg, Greenville, Anderson licenses while the Highway Commis-sion of South Carolina gets 20 per cent-and the of South Carolina has not a dollar of gasoline revenues.

In South Carolina is but the thin beginning of understanding of con-structing state roads.

That is why one may roll smoothly from Columbia through Kershaw to the Chesterfield line and there must halt or have his car pulled out of a hole by a pair of mules—Spartanburg and Richland, so far, insist that Chesterfield take care of her own roads while the vehicle revenues collected in Spartanburg and Richland be spent on their roads and bridges or on other objects. Let the South Carolina legislators

and the South Carolina motorists get this in their heads. It is not, primarily, a bond issue that is building roads in North Carolina. In that is no magic. Even with nothing more than the motor license revenues, the South Carolina Highway Commission would by this time, have produced a State highway system twice as complete has had a pittange of 20 per cent thereof because the rich counties of South Carolina have not had the vision and the common sense to give up anything because they have cared everything for themselves and mighty little for South Carolina. That isn't a pleasant thing to say but it is the hard factand the statute creating, after a ted lous struggle, our highway commission is the proof of it.

DIFFICULT MR. BORAH We don't know whether Senator

Borah terrifies his enemies, but we are sure that he frightens his friends. of his as that which appeared yesterday, they tremble for him. That he may be easily convicted of inconsistency is a minor matter. He has apparently ceased to care about such trifles. But there is always the fear that in his rash assertions he may be proved in error by production of the facts. He now, for example, affirms sweepingly, in the course of his severe attack upon the administration for having no foreign policy, that "we "did not even, as a matter of fact, "suggest to France, in a way that "France felt bound to notice, any "plan whatever." Has the Senator been to the State Department to ask for correspondence? If it should be produced and show that he was wrong, would that divert him from future attacks based on ignorance or halfknowledge?

satisfy, he is also hard to follow. champion of intervention in Europe mittee. after having so long been the chief of The as to the treatment of Germany." But who were the "we"? Why, of course, the President of the United States and the other Commissioners at Paris who signed the Versailles Treaty for the United States. But who in the Senate they had no right to commit this country to the definite and certain fund" plan and found it eminently pledges of the treaty, and who led in

its rejection by this government? William E. Borah was the man, and now he appeals to a contract which he did more than anybody else to He forgets also that in that contract certain definite pledges were try the same plan, and is going into given to France. She had the promise of reparations sufficient at least to the industry promoting business with a trial fund of one million dollars. case Germany did not make the paysion were placed in the hands of a comprehensive study of the Easton France by the contract. But the case with which Senator Borah now invokes'it, now repudiates it, and ignores the parts of it which he does not like causes his friends when they read his public deliverances.

Of course, a detached Senator like Mr. Borah is in a privileged position. He can criticise violently what is done without being called upon to state in precise and official terms exactly what should be done. He now recurs to his suggestion of a world conference. But its scope he leaves clouded in such general phrases as "to adjust the economic problems involved." he must know that, if our government were to summon such a conference it would have to draw up a definite Should it, however, work out a detailed program proposing a scal ing down or cancellation of the war active participation of this governdebts owed America, or offering the ment in measures to compel Germany to pay for the lawless damage which she did in the war, no man would be more certain to rise choking with in dignant protest than Senator Borah He is an able man, doubtless a sincer man, but really a little difficult.—New

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WHITEYILLE MEETING

Poultry Hatchery and Potato Curing House is Urged as Community Undertakings

(Special to The Star)
WHITEVILLE, Jan. 25.—N. G. Bartlett, secretary and manager of the eastern Carolina chamber of commerce, delivered an address before Whiteville citizens last night. The address abounded in practical and inspiring sugges tions for the improvement of the agri-cultural interests of Columbus county.

Variety of crops and farming activities was the keynote of his address This, he said, was necessary for the prosperity of the farmers in view of the devastations of the boll weevil. One crop farming, he thinks, is generally a very bad policy. Mr. Bartlett stressed livestock, dairy products and poultry and urged the full co-operation of Whiteville merchants and bankers in providing a ready cash market for whatever the surrounding farmers night produce.

There were two suggestions that he made which were particularly interesting. One was a town hatchery of about 2,500-egg capacity, where farmers and others might bring their eggs in lots of 200, renting a compartment at four cents per egg ,and obtaining the most satisfactory results in production of chickens. He says that such a hatchery placed the poultry business of his home county in Georgia on a large, enthusiastic and profitable basis. He cited one farm of 2,500 white leghorn hens, which made a handsome and paying business. His other suggestion vas a community storage and drying house, which could be financed successfully with an outlay of a few thousand dollars, and made to pay

His address abounded in facts and wise counsel, reasonableness of which appealed strongly to his audience. Mr. Bartlett will be asked to pay another visit to Whiteville and talk to the busness men and farmers.

W. L. Askea, traffic manager, Goldsboro chamber of commerce, was also present and presented the claims of his traffic bureau in the handling of transportation matters for the business men of the town. Several towns in this section, it seems, have already made a contract with his bureau.

The Whiteville Library association held its annual meeting Monday. The librarian reported that 1,356 books were loaned during last year, 381 of these being since November 1, when the town government began its financial assistance. A much larger program has been undertaken for the current year. The officers of the association elected for the coming year are: President, Rev. Andrew J. Howell; vice president, Mrs. Seth L. Smith; secre-If the Idaho Senator is difficult to tary and treasurer, Mrs. A. Elmo Powell. Mrs. 'R. C. Carson and F. M. Hes-There is more in his rapid changes ter were elected to serve with the offithan simply his sudden becoming the cers as members of the executive com-

The George M. Cross Construction the isolationists. He now says that company state that they constructed "we made definite and certain pledges a mile of their 18-foot concrete roadway between here and Chadbourn in 14 days this month.

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