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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 strenuously and very ably urged such an international conference but he overdid the thing by criticizing the Harding administration for an attitude which Borah himself helped the administration to take with regard to Europe and its affairs.

Indeed, the semi-official announcement comes from Washington that "in spite of the evident effort of senate irreconcilables to make an issue of the administration's attitude towards Europe's troubles, the administration intends to adhere to the course which it mapped out in dealing with the situation produced by the French invasion of the Ruhr." Nevertheless, the administration "is looking for an opportunity to be of assistance in ameliorating present dangerous conditions."

The administration should have adopted a helpful role two years ago, and at least when the Washington arms limitation conference was held, when France fished for international guarantee against Germany's future enmity and when it became plain to close observers that France was maintaining her big army to do exactly what she has done in using that army to seize Germany territory. It did not require a prophet to foresee precisely what France has done in her seizure of the Ruhr—aimed at further crippling Germany as much as it was her aim to collect reparations.

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 their outfit the Behemoth Oil company. Lots of people who bought oil stock during the last ten years are laboring under the impression that they bought stock in the Dodo Oil company. It wouldn't be hard to get Stacy Wade to agree to that.

Harding administration to isolate America for two years and then become aggressive at the moment when there is more danger than at any time since the armistice more than four years ago. It ought to be quite obvious to anybody that France has burned her bridges behind her and is determinedly carrying on her program against Germany—not only against the German government but against German resources and industry and against German people.

There is no wonder that Washington regards the Ruhr news as "terrifying." France is not only coercing the German republic but is committing acts of war against German people. Their own government is powerless to prevent the foreign dominance over them. Since France is neither asking for intervention or assistance, it would be an altogether bold departure from American isolation for the Harding administration to get mixed up in a situation which borders on war and eventually will be the cause 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 department to go in the shell and close it up so tight that not a word about the dangerous situation in Europe can escape from the administration's state of "aloofness."

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The American Woolen company has announced that the 1923 price of fall worsteds, overcoatings and woollens would average an increase of 16 per cent a yard over a year ago. The increased price of 50 leading lines of staple woollens would average 12 1-2 cents. "It is understood that the new prices are not based entirely on the prevailing costs of raw wools."

From his camp at Raleigh Brother Ball, of the Columbia State, is passing it on to the South Carolinians by the column. His paper of Tuesday missed Charlotte connection, so Tuesday and Wednesday's came in a bunch.

Increase of the Cotton Acreage.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce finds out from the agricultural department that "the south will plant a large acreage in cotton during 1923." That is the survey made by the crop reporting board this early in the year.

There are farmers who can be depended on to devote considerable acreage to cotton if the boll weevil should grow to the size of a butterfly. The commercial crowd which wants cotton is back of some 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.

DIFFICULT MR. BORAH

We don't know whether Senator Borah terrifies his enemies, but we are sure that he frightens his friends. After every such explosive statement of his as that which appeared yesterday, they tremble for him.

The Industrial Fund Plan.

A way to aid and encourage the establishment and the upbuilding of industries, without losing a cent, has been tried out to the satisfaction of many cities. Baltimore and Easton, Pa., have both tried the "industrial fund" plan and found it eminently successful.

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 development 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.

Business men and commercial organizations at Norfolk are putting over the Easton plan in that city. It has been endorsed 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 sound.

CONTEMPORARY VIEWS.

Relief from colds and grip misery comes at once. Ease for feverish, aching head. Tight, sore chest, is loosened. Stuffed-up air passages opened, choking mucus checked, nose stops running, pain goes.

they go to the State Highway Department. Forsyth and Mecklenburg, Buncombe and Guilford, Wake, New Hanover and Orange-Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Asheville, Greenboro, Raleigh, Wilmington and Durham in those counties are helping to build the roads "for North Carolina."

In South Carolina is but the thin beginning of understanding of constructing state roads. That is why one may roll smoothly from Columbia through Kershaw to 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.

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BARTLETT ADDRESSES WHITEVILLE 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 suggestions for the improvement of the agricultural interests of Columbus county. Variety of crops and farming activities was the keynote of his address.

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 in the hatchery for a small fee and obtaining the most satisfactory results in production of chickens.

Sunshine Laundry Damp Wash Service. Call 172.—Adv.

Friday and Saturday Specials JANUARY CLEARANCE EVENT

Mornings, 9 to 9:30. Sheeting "LL" extra fine sheeting, yard wide, per yard 5c. Limit 5 yards to customer.

Mornings, 9 to 9:30. Children's Hats Ready-to-wear, values up to \$1.98. 50c. Limit 1 to customer.

DRESSES AND COATS. One rack wool and silk dresses, tricotine, poiret twill, serge, crepe de chine and taffeta, navy, brown and black, values up to \$18.75, sizes 16 to 44, at \$9.98.

Afternoons, 3 to 3:30. Ladies' Hats Trimmed and untrimmed, values up to \$1.98. 50c. Limit one to customer.

NEW SPRING MILLINERY \$4.75. In all the newest shades for spring. Different shapes for all types of faces.

WINDOW SHADES 35c. Felt window shades, strong spring roller, dark green only; complete with fixtures.

COMFORTS \$1.98. Cotton comforts, double bed size, filled with cotton, fancy covering.

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A WEEKLY MAGAZINE, \$1.50 A YEAR! First Prize—Ford Touring Car with self-starter \$433.00. Second Prize—Radio Outfit, bought from A. B. Blake, \$250.00.

Chipley's Universal Motor Co. Contest Now On. For Full Particulars, See

2 cleansers—a dental "paste" and "liquid". Two destructive forces constantly attack your teeth.

SANITOL Liquid Antiseptic-25¢ Tooth Paste-25¢. Complete Dental Treatment!

Hills acts at once checks Colds in 24 Hours. The first sign of a cold take Hills Cascara Bromide Quinine.

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JOSEY FISH SCRAP FERTILIZERS. Special Fertilizers for Tobacco and Cotton.

Josey's 8-3-3, for cotton and corn. \$25.00. Josey's 8-3-3, for tobacco with muriate. \$25.00. Josey's 8-3-3, for tobacco with sulphate. \$26.50.