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THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.
Nov. 12—Hughes submits general program for 1922-23 fiscal year...

Nov. 16—Great Britain and Japan accept American treatment limitation proposals as a basis of discussion...

Nov. 21—France and Italy agree to act together on questions coming before the conference...

Nov. 25—The nine nations represented accept in principle China's proposals that she be admitted to the family of sovereign nations...

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THE SLAYING OF THE BOUNCER BILL.

What's the idea in the ferocity of the house of representatives at Raleigh against the bouncer bill? We were under the impression that the senate was the anti-Morrison body...

Evidently Codlin's the friend, not Short. For there can be no mistaking the fact that the defeat of the bill was due to dislike of the executive.

THE NEXT WAR.
Secretary Weeks holds that the draft law of the world war was "one very great piece of legislation—carried on almost perfectly."

After all that we had heard of the anti-Morrison character of the senate it would have been less matter for surprise if the action had been taken in that body.

IT USUALLY TAKES WORK TO CARRY AN ELECTION.
Have you done any missionary work for the tuberculosis hospital election?

Do you number among your acquaintances, to your knowledge, any man or woman who has registered and who intends to vote against this great humane and progressive enterprise?

Were you influential, in a direct and personal way, in getting anyone registered? Anyone who had to be persuaded to register, unless he had therefore been in doubt about his duty, is liable to be a bit careless.

HOME-OWNING IN GREENSBORO.
The University of North Carolina News Letter declares that, while statistics of the 1920 census covering urban tenancy are not available, the figures of 10 years ago showed that the percentage of rented dwellings ran from 62 in Greensboro to 77 in Winston-Salem.

LAYING IT ON THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL.
The head of the federal secret service says that a man who has been arrested in Europe knows more than anybody else about the Wall street bomb outrage.

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therefore occasion little surprise if the forthcoming census figures show that we have gone backward in that particular since 1910. But it is a thing that we ought to be pushing for all we are worth.

WONDER-WORKING SLEUTH OF FICTION IS seldom in evidence in real life, the combined detective forces of the world, official and unofficial, constitute an impressive pack; to evade all of them by sheer luck for any length of time is an extreme improbability.

THIS SHOULD RECEIVE ATTENTION.
By the way, has the special session of the legislature taken steps to make it possible for a man to get married legally in North Carolina, except by virtue of a somewhat strained construction of the law on the part of the attorney-general?

William J. Burns claims that they have arrested the man who knows all about the Wall street explosion, but not the man who did it. The prisoner, however, is in Poland, and we shall wait to hear what he says, if anything, before hurrying over the achievement of the government sleuths.

AN AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO IS THE great, great nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte may be offered the Albanian crown. If Mr. Bonaparte should accept, after reflecting over what happened to various members of his family who have occupied thrones, he is a reckless delegate.

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large one will be about all the warehouse will hold and leave working room for the grading force. On the Danville market one per cent would be about a half million on the Winston-Salem market about the same or a little more, on the Reidsville market about 75,000 pounds. The above calculations are based on the 1920 crop—the crop next year may be larger or it may be smaller.

If the association takes over the present day warehouses and cannot find an outlet for the first flow of tobacco, it will be blocked in one or two weeks. If it cannot take over the warehouses now in use it is blocked now. It can do no further. It has no money nor credit to build the necessary storage houses and buy equipment—its paper is worth no more than the market value of the tobacco it has in possession. If the association can take over the warehouses now in use, one per cent of the crop carried through the mixing and grading process proposed by the association would be about all it could handle in a week at the rate of one per cent a week it would take two years to get in one year's crop—that being the case many farmers would have to keep their tobacco through one summer and a less number through two summers, and some would have three crops on hand at one time. Some farmers could deliver their tobacco at the beginning; and others along between times until the two years were out. Or it might be arranged in this way: let all the farmers in the district deliver one per cent of their tobacco at the same time. If that plan was adopted the farmer who had 1,000 pounds could deliver ten pounds. The farmer who had 100 pounds could deliver one pound. The farmer who had ten pounds could deliver five or six pounds.

If the tobacco farmers do not get their usual amount of money in the fall and they cannot if the co-operative marketing plan is adopted, the merchants will have a dull time and most all kinds of business will suffer.

Some farmers are under the impression that money from the federal tobacco storage houses in the great abundance, but that will not be the case, the money when sent, if ever sent at all will be sent to the local banks on application and the local banks will be more or less responsible, and it is not probable that any advances will be made until the tobacco is pooled, reasonably priced, insured and well taken care of. The federal banks may send out money and then not send any more in six months or longer. The farmers have been having some difficulty in getting money from the federal land banks.

Grading and drying the tobacco is going to open the door for many disputes over the price and grade of the tobacco—there is no doubt but favoritism will be shown. Favoritism is one of the trails of human nature, it is manifest in the churches, schools and all of the walks of life and no doubt will be until human nature is changed.

Farmers are told of the great success being made in co-operative marketing fruits, melons and vegetables, that is no doubt true, but there is a vast difference between things that are edible and a poisonous weed—there are millions and millions of people who would buy a melon or a peach or a snap bean who would not buy a peck of leaf tobacco. Leaf tobacco is wanted only by a few manufacturers and exporters, something "to eat is wanted by the whole population of the world, nobody excepted."

The farmers are also told that they can get one-half of the valuation price of their tobacco advanced on the mortgage and can get the second mortgage discount and in that way get as much money as they would if the tobacco was sold at auction.

The contract the farmers are signing doesn't read that way. The second mortgage goes to pay the operating expenses of the pool and when the tobacco is sold and all indebtedness is paid what money is left on the second mortgage will be paid to the farmers. Some farmers are un-learned, afraid they cannot sell their tobacco if they do not sign the contract—don't go so fast, brother farmer, it's the man who signs the contract who cannot sell his tobacco, not you.

The wise farmer if he has stored the

contract would do well to let the old woman have a large per cent of his next year's crop, or it might be better to let the old woman have the entire crop and hire to her for wages, then he can jump on either side of the fence. I have no old woman myself and can not play that game.

Sadie, N. C. W. H. SCHOLFIELD.

Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Marketing Association.

Editor of The Daily News: I had promised to devote, if possible, a week or more during this month to the organizing of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Marketing Association. Finding that impossible, I trust that you will accord me space for a few words about the matter.

Co-operative marketing has become a thing of vital concern not only to each individual farmer, but also to our state and to the whole nation. Everybody knows that the basis of our country's continued prosperity and welfare is increasing production from the soil; and everybody knows that this cannot be continued unless farming is made more profitable. Yet today we are confronted with the cold and ugly fact that the home-owning wealth-producers are deserting the soil and that the tenant class is increasing and becoming less efficient.

The impending loss of a material production is no less ominous than the loss of such a yeomanry. All history teaches that these evils, if not checked, mean the beginning of national decay. Every statesman knows that the only remedy is to remove the cause which are making agriculture unprofitable.

The basic cause is the condition which forces the farmer to sell his products at wholesale and at prices fixed by the market, at which he sells; and which, at the same time, forces him to buy his supplies at retail and at prices fixed by the man from whom he buys. Being forced to sell in his individual capacity and in direct competition with all other producers, he rushes upon the market his whole crop at once, while the world is not ready to buy at this whole crop, which it will take the world a whole year to consume. This wasteful and unscientific method of marketing nullifies the law of supply and demand.

Thus, a great horde of speculators have sprung up; they have organized to buy at sacrifice sales; they offer the farmer the lowest possible starvation price for his crop; and they charge the great unorganized consuming class a price many times higher, indeed just as high as it is possible for them to pay.

Thus, we have in this great rich country, in this bustling spectacle of the millions of consumers underfed and under-clothed on account of the high cost of living, while the millions of wealth producers are forced to sell at bankruptcy prices.

The only possible remedy for this economic cancer is co-operative marketing. Under the proposed co-operative marketing association agreement the farmer will sell his crop gradually as the world needs it, and thus restore for his protection the law of supply and demand. This is the only way to remove the great horde of unnecessary speculators and middlemen who now stand between the producer and the consumer. It is the toll which these middlemen levy upon both producers and consumers that makes up much of the enormous difference between the low price which the farmer gets and the high price which the consumer pays.

President Harding, seeing the great depression in agriculture and the oppressive high cost of living to the consumer, declared in his last message to Congress, in favor of co-operative marketing as the essential remedy. A bill designed to help remove this evil, known as the Capper-Volstead bill, is now before Congress. The President and Congress want to help, but they cannot help effectively unless the farmers will first organize themselves into co-operative marketing associations.