

FARM PRICES HIGH FOR YEARS TO COME, SAYS FINANCIAL AUTHORITY

Peace Council May Sit for 24 Months, Says Richard Spillane, Famous Financial Expert, Who Says Only America and Japan of Nations of First Class Will Be Wholly Free to Carry on Work of Every Kind and Character.

Richard Spillane, the famous editor of Commerce and Finance, is a name that is heard by the "captains of industry" who know they can bank on what Spillane says in his New York financial weekly. Spillane has been engaged to write two or three articles a week for The Observer and other leading newspapers. It will pay to read what he has to say. This is the second of his articles. Watch for the next.

BY RICHARD SPILLANE
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It probably will take two years to agree upon terms of peace. In our revolutionary war it took 23 1/2 months for the diplomats to arrive at a settlement. Rare has been the occasion when nations of first rank have been able after a war to come

to peace agreement in less than a year. Never were there so many difficult questions to adjust as in this war. More than 70 nations are parties to the war. The whole world is involved. Every continent is concerned. Each one of the allied nations, except America, has its own particular interests, territorial or otherwise, to protect. In a sense, every one of the allies will become, at the peace table, antagonistic, each one thinking only of itself. The effect of the lines of the new nations created by the war will require the most delicate treatment if animosities that will breed future strife are to be avoided.

While the diplomats are at the peace table, the people of various nations will be endeavoring to restore and readjust their affairs; but in various parts of the world, particularly in central Europe, near Asia and Africa, there will be hesitation more or less until the final settlement is reached.

Only America and Japan of the nations of the first class, will be wholly free to carry on work of every kind and character.

One of the greatest fields in which America will be called upon to expand its efforts will be on the farm. The food shortage or relieve the situation except to a small degree. The world will need every pound of beef, every bushel of grain, every pound of vegetables possible to produce for years to come.

Next to America, Russia has had the largest agricultural production of any nation. Today Russia is prostrate. Famine stalks through the vast empire. The farms have been wrecked. There are few horses. Most of them were taken to haul supplies for the army. Only the old and broken down were left.

Young men have been taken from the farm. Russia lost 8,000,000 men in the war, in killed and wounded. Few soldiers have returned to the farm. The Russian farm is depressing. The young man who went to war has no desire to return to farming.

Farm implements have been worn out in the years of war. The whole farm structure of the nation has collapsed.

In Germany, Austria-Hungary and other European countries conditions are not so bad as in Russia, but they have become very serious.

The processes of the farm are slow. It is going to take several years to restore Europe agriculturally. In normal times Europe does not feed itself. It depends in part on America, Australia and South America. For the next five years it must draw more foodstuffs from those sources than ever before. Meanwhile Europe must turn from old methods of agriculture to new. Its hope of restoration is in the use of the tractor, particularly, and of all the other agricultural implements which American genius has devised.

Armistice makes it possible for supplies of beef, mutton, hogs, grain and other foodstuffs to go to Europe from America, Australia and the Argentine in larger volume than before, but when present stocks are reduced, they must be conserved or to increase production or the world will hunger.

Farm prices are going to be higher for years, not so high as today, perhaps, but nevertheless high. The American farmer faces prosperity, big prosperity. Conditions never were so favorable. There will be an eager, insistent market for everything he can produce. The rural credits act makes it possible for him to get money cheaper than was possible in former times. Farm implements, building material, fertilizers and other articles he requires will not be so expensive as they are today.

Plow deep.
Plant every acre.

Fatten your hogs and your sheep. Raise the grade of your cattle. Feed your soil intelligently with fertilizer. Return to the earth the properties that are taken from the earth by the crops that are grown.

The farm is the foundation of all industry. It is the greatest of all industries. The greatest task in the world is the turning of the surface of arable lands of the earth each year for the growing of crops.

The farm is in a state of transition. Machine power is changing it from drudgery to something much different. Never were opportunities of the farm, particularly the American farm, so good as today. Never were the needs for big crops so great.

Plow deep. It means profit.

BAPTISTS RAISE \$1,000,000 FUND

Influenza Interferes by Delaying Meetings—Convention in Greensboro December 3.

BY W. M. GILMORE.
Raleigh, Nov. 20.—Eight Baptist associations in the state are meeting this week, but quite as many more will meet next week. This congestion has been brought about by reason of the influenza epidemic and the enforced postponement of so many associations to this time. The Baptist state convention will meet the week following, December 3, in Greensboro, provided the city fathers will allow the gates to their city to be opened at that time.

The all-absorbing issue before the associations and before the convention will be the completion of the raising of the \$1,000,000 fund for the Baptist relief fund. The campaign for this fund is progressing, though greatly hindered still by the influenza situation. Many churches have not been able to have a meeting yet. But wherever the matter has been presented and anything like thorough work has been done, very gratifying results have been obtained.

A wire from Mars Hill, a little village in the mountains of Buncombe county but the seat of one of the finest educational institutions in all the land, says that \$10,000 was raised there Sunday for the \$1,000,000 fund. Another mountain village, has raised its allotment of \$1,500, and proposes to make it \$2,000. This is also the seat of a fine school.

Intensive drives have been planned in most of the churches of the state for the next two Sundays, and every available speaker will be in demand.

WILSON'S WORDS LEAVEN THAT PUT BULGARIA OUT

Former Premier Says Country's Future Depends Upon Solution of Balkan Problem.

Geneva, Nov. 20. (By the Associated Press.)—The future of Bulgaria will depend mainly upon the solution which will shortly be given to the Balkan problem, said M. Gueshoff, the former premier of Bulgaria in an interview with the Associated Press today. "We, as the Bulgarian opposition, in 1915, did our best to prevent King Ferdinand from joining with Germany. However, we did not succeed because the allies took too long in landing forces at Saloniki in order to impress the Bulgarians.

"When we gave extensive publicity to President Wilson's program in January, 1918, our people, who before and during the war, were with the opposition, saw that Article II contained the basis on which a just and lasting settlement of our questions could be secured.

"The eleventh point in President Wilson's program declared that Rumania, Serbia and Montenegro should be evacuated; occupied territory restored and the relations of the several Balkan states to one another determined by friendly counsel along historically established lines of allegiance and nationality; and international guarantees of the political and economic independence and territorial integrity of the several Balkan states should be entered into.

"Further, believing fully that President Wilson would insist on carrying out his program, we came to the conclusion that to continue fighting would be useless and refused last September to fight against the allies and thereby brought about the Bulgarian armistice, which shortened the war."

A. C. L. STOCKHOLDERS IN WILMINGTON AROUSED

Special to The Observer.
Wilmington, Nov. 20.—The state tax commission having ruled that holders of stock in foreign corporations should be assessed for taxation on their holdings, and the New Hanover commissioners having placed a list of such persons on the county tax books, Wilmington city authorities doing the same, there is now on foot a movement among stockholders in the Atlantic Coast Line and other foreign corporations, to combine their interests and fight payment in the courts.

Holders of A. C. L. stocks declared that their corporation itself pays all taxes due on such stock and that to force individual shareholders to pay tax also would be double taxation. The fight appears to center among holders of A. C. L. stock, though it is expected that holders of other stocks will come in. Several prominent lawyers have taken issue with the tax commission on the A. C. L. phase of the matter and denied that individual holders are liable for taxes.

ANTI-RAT CAMPAIGN IS ON IN WILMINGTON

Special to The Observer.
Wilmington, Nov. 20.—After waging campaign after campaign for this or that purpose, mostly concerned with some phase of the war, Wilmington and New Hanover are now in the midst of an anti-rat-and-mouse campaign and, as two women are at the head of it, it is expected that the casualty list will be extensive. Twelve prizes in war and thrift stamps are offered school boys and girls reporting the largest number of rat tails. Miss Florence Jefferson, county demonstration agent for the home, and Miss Annie Lee Rankin, city home demonstration agent, are the ladies in charge.

WANT LABOR REPRESENTED ON THE PEACE COMMISSION

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 20.—Presidents of the three railroad brotherhoods, Warren S. Stone, of the engineers; W. G. Lee, of the trainmen; and Timothy Shea, acting president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, today sent President Wilson telegrams urging the appointment of a representative of labor to membership on the peace commission.

MERCHANT UNDER BOND

Asheville, Nov. 20.—H. T. Wilson, a merchant of this city, is under bond to appear in court December 3, to answer to the charge of drunkenness, carrying a concealed weapon, and attempted assault. Wilson, it is charged, was in the office of Dr. G. D. Gardner, drew a pistol and threatened to shoot the physician because, according to Wilson, the doctor did not attend his son promptly enough when the latter was shot through the neck the day before.

MANY CANDIDATES FOR EASTERN MARSHALSHIP

Number Has Increased and Race Is on Without Prospect of Any Let-Up.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.
Washington, Nov. 20.—The race for marshal of the eastern North Carolina district is still on without prospect of a let-up. The number of candidates has increased. It is believed, however, that with the war over some of the lawyers and doctors and business men will forget that such a job exists and return to their own particular lines of work. The war made the picking close for attorneys, and it looked for a time as if some of them would have to go in munition factories or elsewhere to keep the wolf from the door, but the grass is growing greener for them now.

Here is the line-up for the one little loose job: George B. Bellamy, of Brunswick; the Duke of Brunswick; William T. Woodley, of Chowan; and one time, Mecklenburg; Stacey W. Wade, of Carteret; Col. A. C. Davis, of Wayne; F. M. Wooten, of Pitt; W. H. Allen, of Franklin; Otis P. Shell, of Harnett; Sheriff H. D. Waldin, of Richmond; T. P. Wiggins, of Robeson; Frank Aycock, of Wayne; T. T. Thorne, of Edgecomb; and Theodore Meekins, of Dare. In addition there are a few receptive candidates, among them Henry M. London, of Chatham, and J. McNeill, of Robeson.

This contest is not near the end. It is such a difficult matter to determine which candidate to select in a field so full of good fellows that Senator Simmons, with all his other duties, is oppressed with the task. There is an eagerness among democrats now that did not exist two weeks ago. The success of the republicans in the campaign for Congress has knocked the props from one end of the pie counter, and there will be a rush to the end that has not yet fallen. The White House and the executive departments will continue to dispense a little patronage for two years if not longer but after the next Congress convenes the democratic attaches at the capitol will have to give way to republicans hungry for public pan, and there will be sorrow and gloom.

TAR HEEL OWNERS WIN IN PINEHURST RACES

Special to The Observer.
Pinehurst, Nov. 20.—The chief event in the annual Sand Hill races held at Pinehurst today in conjunction with the Sand Hill fair, were won by North Carolina owners, as follows: Seven furlong flat race, J. E. Farnsworth's Front Royal, with Husted up; 2:17 trot, J. W. Bryant's Soreta May, driven by Rogers, three successive heats; 4 1-2 furlong flat race, J. C. Thomas' Lucille, with Butler up; 27 pace, Bryant's Maud Tero, driven by Rogers, three successive heats.

PROTEST AGAINST CARNIVAL

Wilmington, Nov. 20.—On moral, economic and health grounds, the Wilmington Ministerial association protests against the coming of a carnival here next week and calls on the city authorities to forbid its coming. Carnivals, it is asserted, lower morals, carry off money needed at home, and at this session of epidemics, are a menace to the health of a community. Three labor unions had arranged for the carnival to come here.

"SYRUP OF FIGS" CHILD'S LAXATIVE

Look at tongue! Remove poisons from stomach, liver and bowels.



Accept "California" Syrup of Figs only—look for the name California on the package, then you are sure your child is having the best and most harmless laxative or physic for the little stomach, liver and bowels. Children love its delicious fruity taste. Full directions for child's dose on each bottle. Give it without fear.—Adv.

HAVE ROSY CHEEKS AND FEEL FRESH AS A DAISY—TRY THIS!

Says glass of hot water with phosphate before breakfast washes out poisons.

To see the tinge of healthy bloom in your face, let your skin get clearer and clearer, to wake up without a headache, backache, coated tongue, or a nasty breath, in fact to feel your best, day in and day out, just try inside bathing every morning for one week. Before breakfast each day, drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it as a harmless means of washing from the stomach, liver, kidney and bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour bile and toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach. The action of hot water and limestone phosphate on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating. It cleans out all the sour fermentations, gases and acidity and gives one a splendid appetite for breakfast. A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will cost very little at the drug store, but is sufficient to demonstrate that just as easy and hot water cleanses, sweetens and freshens the skin, so hot water and limestone phosphate act on the blood and internal organs. Those who are subject to constipation, sour attacks, acid stomach, rheumatic twinges, also those whose skin is sallow and complexion pallid, are assured that one week of inside bathing will have them both looking and feeling better in every way.—Adv. 15

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Halfway treatment of Rheumatism will never rid you of it. Better realize from the outset that when Rheumatism attacks, you have a real battle on your hands and that it's a man's job to get rid of it. Temporizing with Rheumatism by the use of liniments, lotions and other external methods of treatment, is like trying to coax an enemy to let up in his attacks, and permit you to conquer him without resistance.

But you soon learn that Rheumatism will not treat you with that consideration. The tiny little germs flock together by the millions and center their attack with undivided force. The effects of the disease are gradual in taking hold on the system. In fact, the pains are only slight at first and do not attract your serious attention, but they gradually increase in severity until your entire system is firmly within the grip of the disease. It is then that you have a real fight on your hands, for you will find that Rheumatism is a foe that knows just how to cripple you. The pains that were hardly noticeable at first, become your constant companions, and seem to take delight in your suffering.

Of course, if this painful disease was on the surface only, you might reasonably expect to get relief by the use of surface remedies, such as liniments and other local applications.

EVERYONE LIKES THIS GOLD CURE

"Pape's Cold Compound" ends a cold or gripe in a few hours.

Your cold will break and all gripe misery end after taking a dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" every two hours until three doses are taken.

It promptly opens clogged-up nostrils and air passages in the head, stops nasal discharge or nose running, relieves sick headache, dullness, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiffness.

OLD PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK KIDNEYS

Have you ever stopped to reason why it is that so many products that are extensively advertised, all at once drop out of sight and are soon forgotten? The reason is plain—the article did not fulfill the promises of the manufacturer. This applies more particularly to a medicine. A medicinal preparation that has real curative value almost sells itself, as like an endless chain system the remedy is recommended by those who have been benefited, to those who are in need of it.

A prominent druggist says: "Take, for example, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, a preparation I have sold for many years and never hesitate to recommend, for in almost every case it shows excellent results, as many of my customers testify. This is a kidney remedy that I know of no other large sale." According to sworn statements and verified testimony of thousands who have used the preparation, the success of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is due to the fact that, so many people claim, it fulfills almost every wish in overcoming kidney, liver and bladder ailments, corrects urinary troubles and neutralizes the uric acid which accumulates in the blood. You may receive a sample bottle of Swamp-Root by Parcels Post. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N.Y., and enclose ten cents; also mention The Charlotte Observer. Large and medium size bottles for sale at all drug stores.—Adv.



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