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## WILL CONSIDER RURAL CREDITS

Delegates at Southern Commercial Congress Will Discuss Every Phase of Subject in Series of Meetings.

## CONGRESS ACTIVE IN STARTING MOVEMENT

David Lubin, Delegate to International Agricultural Institute, to Tell How System Has Benefitted Germany.

Washington, Nov. 16.—David Lubin, delegate of the United States to the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, Italy, has arrived in Washington for a conference with the state department and with the officials of the Southern Commercial congress on the national campaign for rural credits. He will be in charge of the series of meetings to be held at Charleston, S. C., the week of December 13, as a feature of the seventh annual convention of the congress.

The discussion on rural credits will not be a cut and dried proceeding lasting a half hour, and devoted to speeches; but will be a thorough discussion of all phases of the question by men competent to develop the strong and weak points of the subject. Among those who will participate are Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, president of the Southern Commercial congress, and chairman of the American commission which went to Europe in 1913 to study co-operative land mortgage banks and rural credit unions. The act of congress authorizing the appointment of this commission gave the credit for having originated the idea to the Southern Commercial congress. Dr. Clarence J. Owens, managing director of the congress, was director general of the commission. Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma, chairman of the senate committee on banking and currency will speak at the Charleston convention, as will Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer at Raleigh.

"Mr. Lubin is here by special permission of the state department to attend the Charleston meeting," said Dr. Owens yesterday. "Leaders from all parts of the United States will participate. The campaign for rural credits in the United States was launched on a broad national scale at the annual convention of the Southern Commercial congress held in Nashville, Tenn., in March, 1912. The appointment of a commission by this body, and by congress to study the system in successful operation in Europe followed shortly afterwards.

Now, with President Wilson and the three political parties committed to this idea, we are apparently on the eve of the enactment of legislation inaugurating the system. The south, which is still largely agricultural, will be benefitted beyond our present ability to foresee or compute by the coming of this boon to the farmers. David Lubin, in discussing the rural credits problem with a representative of the Southern Commercial congress, said he had been studying the German system for a score of years. Since his appointment to the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, he has constantly in his official reports to the state department told of the wonderful good results accruing to the agricultural industry of Germany from its establishment. He is a profound student of both the theory and practice of the system. He believes it can be adopted successfully and with profit in this country.

"I have advocated it in England as well as in the United States," said Mr. Lubin. "It is in the interest of the agricultural classes everywhere, and one's membership in the institute gives him this rather broader view and a desire to help the men in all lands who are struggling with the problems of the farm.

"It has been shown that the perpetuity of our nation, of any nation, is depending upon the balance of power between the two integral elements composing it—the progressive element of its cities, on the one hand, and its conservative element of the country on the other. Hence, it is clear that if the nation is to persist, is to prosper, there must be a conservation of the nation's conservative—the farmer. The farmer must, once for all, take his place in the nation as a commercial peer alongside the business men of the commercial cities. This, and this alone, will bring about that economic equilibrium so essential to the life of a progressive nation.

## CHURCHILL SPEAKS IN OWN DEFENSE

Declares Unsuccessful Expeditions Were Approved by Expert Opinion.

London, Nov. 16.—Winston Spencer Churchill, who has been the most severely criticised member of the government and who has been held personally responsible for the loss of Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock's fleet in the Pacific, the destruction by submarines of the British cruisers Cressy, Hogue and Aboukir, the ill-fated Antwerp expedition and the initiation of the naval attack on the Dardanelles, delivered a speech in his own defense in the house of commons following the resignation of his post in the cabinet.

"I won't have it said," was his dramatic assertion, referring to the Dardanelles attack, "that this was a civilian plan foisted by a political amateur upon reluctant officers and experts." And this sums up his reply to all his critics. In every case, he showed that experts had counselled and concurred before any of the expeditions, which had been condemned, were undertaken, and it was clear, before he had gone far, that the house of commons sympathized with him.

For months, Mr. Churchill has lived under reproaches. His entrance to the house yesterday was passed almost unnoticed. As he rose, his supporters gave him encouraging cheers. Applauding increased in volume as he answered one charge after another, and he concluded amidst a hurricane of applause, while members of all political parties congratulated him.

His references to Admiral Lord Fisher, the former first sea lord, who he said, had not openly opposed the Dardanelles undertaking, were spoken in firm tones of condemnation. As to the dispatch of Rear Admiral Cradock's squadron, he said he was in full agreement with the experts and advisers of that time—Admiral Prince Louis of Battemberg and Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Sturgis—and that the dispositions were the best that could be made in the circumstance. The Antwerp expedition originated with Lord Kitchener, the secretary for war, and the French government while the naval attack on the Dardanelles had the full support of the advisers at home and those on the spot.

Both with regard to Antwerp and the Dardanelles, Mr. Churchill went a little further than merely producing evidence that he had followed expert advice. A month before the Antwerp expedition was undertaken, he said, he had advised with Premier Asquith, Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary and Lord Kitchener as to the dangerous situation developing then and the grave consequence to admiralty interests that would result from the loss of the fortress. "But," he added, "no action was taken."

As to the Dardanelles, before a naval attack was undertaken, he offered to provide transports for 40,000 troops from Egypt, but was informed that no troops were available and that, if they were, they should not be used in Gallipoli. The naval attack was endorsed by Vice Admiral Carden, in command at the time; by the war council, which Lord Fisher attended, and by the French ministry of marine.

## DECISION IN MILEAGE BOOK CASE IMPORTANT

## NON-TRANSFERABLE MILEAGE BOOK CASE IMPORTANT

Be Used For Another If Presented by Owner.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Non-transferable railway mileage books sold under condition that they will be forfeited if presented for transportation by any other person than one to whom it was issued, may not be forfeited if the book is presented by the person himself for the transportation of another person. The Supreme court so held in the case of Samuel J. Campbell, who presented to a Southern Railway conductor two non-transferable mileage books for transportation for himself and wife from Greenville, S. C., to Greensboro, N. C. The conductor declared the book forfeited.

## HOW YOU CAN HAVE "NATURALLY CURLY" HAIR

If you will forswear the curling iron and follow the simple plan here suggested, you will be surprised beyond words to see not only the beautiful curl, but the soft fluffiness and lively lustre, your hair will acquire. The plan—merely to apply to the hair before retiring, a little pure silmerine (in liquid form), using a clean tooth brush for the purpose. The most effective way is to divide the hair into strands, moistening each of them separately from root to tip. The delightful wavy effect in evidence in the morning will suggest to any stranger that your hair is "naturally curly." The effect will last a considerable time and if you'll get a few ounces of liquid silmerine from your druggist you will have a supply for months. This, by the way, will leave no sticky or greasy trace and cannot harm hair or scalp in any way. The hair will be quite manageable at all times, no matter how you do it up.

## PROSPECT BRIGHT SAYS MR. BRITT

Asked about western North Carolina's prospects for securing the civilians' training camp, Congressman James J. Britt stated today that it was hardly necessary for him to say that he favored the proposition and that he believed the camp will be located here. The representative from the tenth district said that he has been working for such an encampment in this section for several months and that he will continue to do so.

## THE WEATHER

	Lowest	Highest	Precipitation
Asheville	24	38	.00
Atlanta	28	44	.00
Atlantic City	34	58	.10
Augusta	32	55	.00
Birmingham	28	46	.00
Cincinnati	26	38	.00
Charleston	40	72	.16
Charlotte	30	54	.00
Chicago	32	56	.02
Jacksonville	42	72	.02
Knoxville	26	42	.00
Louisville	30	40	.00
Mobile	26	54	.00
Montgomery	32	52	.00
New Orleans	40	54	.00
New York	32	52	.05
Raleigh	32	62	.12
St. Louis	24	44	.00
Savannah	38	66	.00
Tampa	58	82	.01
Washington	32	52	.00

Normals for this date: Temperature 45 deg. Precipitation 10 inch. River stage at 8 a. m. 0.3 foot. Forecasts until 8 p. m. Wednesday for Asheville and vicinity: Fair to night and Wednesday, continued cold tonight, warmer Wednesday. For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Wednesday, continued cold tonight in the interior, warmer Wednesday, light variable winds. General Conditions (Last 24 Hours.) The eastern storm is passing out to sea off the New England coast and during the last 24 hours it has been attended by high winds on the coast and has caused rains in the Lake region and the north and middle Atlantic states. Rains have also occurred in the south Atlantic and north Pacific states. It is decidedly colder in the southeast and killing frost formed in the Carolinas, the interior of Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi and light frost to the Gulf coast. Miami reports 1.20 inches of rain, Portland, Ore., 1.62 and Roseburg 1.22. Fair weather is indicated for this vicinity tonight and Wednesday with continued cold tonight and warmer Wednesday. T. R. TAYLOR, Observer.

## Pre-Holiday Clearance Sale

Don't you need some new furnishings for Thanksgiving? You had better take advantage of our tremendous reductions in Haberdashery and Hats and supply your needs. We always have the newest things here first so come while they are new if you want to be considered an up-to-the-minute dresser.



## BULGARIANS IN MACEDONIA ARE STRENGTHENED

(Continued From Page One.) Russians although admitting that they have yielded some ground in the neighborhood of the Styr river forts, do not concede that they have been forced back across the river as claimed in a German official communication yesterday. Further details of the fighting will be necessary to determine whether the Russians have lost the town of Zvartorysk and whether the Russian control of the Kavel-Sarny railroad is thereby endangered.

## NO ARRESTS MADE IN ROBBERY CASE

No arrests have been made by the police in connection with the blowing open and robbery of the safe in the office of the Standard Oil company in the depot section, at which time the robbers secured about \$127. The safe was blown with nitroglycerine after having been "soaped" and was not discovered until the next morning when employees went there to open the office. The police are working on the case but have no clues, they report, as to the guilty parties.

## CASES CALLED IN THE POLICE COURT

The following cases were called in Police court: Queen Kelly, colored, retailing, continued. Lucinda Bartlett, failing to pay dog tax, not prosed with leave. One "drunk" was up.

## MRS. ANNIE R. COLLINS DIES AT HILLSBORO

Hillsboro, N. C., Nov. 16.—Mrs. Annie R. Collins, aged 75 years, widow

## Poultrymen Meet Tonight

The Asheville Poultry and Poultry Stock association will hold a meeting this evening in the city hall at 8 o'clock. Important matters in connection with the December show will be considered and a large attendance is expected.

## Parish Reception

The members of Trinity parish will give a reception in the crypt of the church on Thursday evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, for the new rector of the church, Rev. Willis G. Clark, and Mrs. Clark. Parishioners and their friends are invited to attend.

## FORSYTH SHERIFF AFTER SPEEDERS

Asks Secretary of State For 52 Names Corresponding to Numbers He Obtained.

(By W. T. Bost.) Raleigh, Nov. 16.—Sheriff George W. Flynt of Forsyth county sent a letter to Bryan Girnes, secretary of state, bearing the numbers of 52 automobiles whose names the sheriff wants. It is understood that Mr. Flynt sat in a strategic position and watched just this number of scorchers fly by "against the form of the statute in such cases provided and against the peace and dignity of the state." In the list, all sent by wire, are numbers which correspond with the licenses issued from Raleigh, containing the names of bankers, women, and magistrates of varied character. Many of the owners, if the numbers represent the machines in their possession, are not Winston-Salem people, but Salisbury, Charlotte, Concord, Lexington, Thomasville, Greensboro, and High Point men are under surveillance.

The telegram with its many numbers has not been verified and it is quite probable that some of the alleged speeders will escape through the generosity of the transmitter and the typewriter.

Hasn't Decided Injunction. Judge R. B. Peebles yesterday finished the criminal term of Wake county Superior court and took under further advisement the restraining order against Maj. W. A. Graham brought by many roller mills to prevent the collection of a \$25 tax imposed upon each brand of artificially bleached flour.

The case was argued in court Thursday afternoon and a recess followed. When the attorneys returned to discuss the questions, Judge Peebles decided that he had all the matter presented orally that he wished and took the papers home with him. He returns two weeks from Monday to continue his courts here and will be in Wake pretty nearly the whole month. He is expected to make his decision in time to allow the Supreme court to pass upon the issues at the fall term.

The roller mill companies are alleging that the tax imposed is not for inspection and that the act of the legislature is unconstitutional. Conflict with the federal statute is also alleged.

## ANTI-ALCOHOL CAMPAIGN ON NOW IN FRANCE

No Strong Drinks for Women and Girls and Those for Men Limited.

Paris, Nov. 16.—"No strong drinks for any one before noon and no strong drinks at any hour for women and young people of both sexes under eighteen years of age." Such is the government order that has finally opened the eyes of wine merchants to the earnestness of the anti-alcohol campaign in France. By "strong drinks" are meant all beverages testing over 18 degrees of alcohol. They include most of the "aperitifs" or appetizers, and all brandies and liqueurs. In the opinion of most wine merchants the measure kills the noon appetite, and the prospect of the loss of a considerable portion of their receipts has brought about an aggressive attitude on the part of the liquor trade. "If we can't pursue our business," they say, "we can no longer pay our heavy rents." As the wine merchants are among the few who have paid their rents regularly their menace has involved protestations from real estate owners.

"Any attempt to suppress the sale of alcohol in wine shops before noon," declares the secretary of the liquor dealers association, "will simply result in a far greater consumption—exactly the contrary of what is desired. The workmen who takes a small liqueur glass of brandy in his coffee at the wine shop will take his coffee at home and pour into it without measuring the alcohol that he can buy by the quart at any grocery store; consequently more drunkenness instead of less."

Distillers who have foreseen further restrictions in the sale of alcohol have anticipated them to a certain extent. One of them who produces a beverage that largely replaced absinthe reduced the strength of his product from 40 degrees alcohol to 23 degrees. The temperance advocates and government authorities contend that if the strength of such drinks may be reduced from 40 to 23 degrees without appreciable harm to business it can be further reduced to less than 18 degrees with great benefit to the public. Many wine merchants also philosophically conclude that the man who drank strong liquors will content himself with milder ones. The attitude of the drinker himself seems to bear out this theory; for the most part he takes it all as a sort of a good joke with no thought of resistance.

## Financial

NEW YORK COTTON. New York, Nov. 16.—Cotton futures opened steady: December . . . . . 11.65 January . . . . . 11.51 March . . . . . 12.01 May . . . . . 12.13 July . . . . . 12.18 CHICAGO LIVESTOCK. Chicago, Nov. 16.—Hogs, dull; receipts 41,000; bulk of sales 6.70@6.75; pigs 3.75@5.55. Cattle, steady; receipts 6,000; native beef cattle 5.90@10.20; calves 6.75@10.75. Sheep, weak; receipts 10,000; sheep 5.60@6.15; lambs 8.50@9.75.

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