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TO ENLARGE WORKING FORCE

Secretary Expects to Recall Foreign Trade Commissioners in Order to Utilize Their Information.

Washington.—Cotton manufacturers throughout the South will be interested in the fact that Secretary Hoover will be given about all the money he requested for his department to carry out an elaborate program for the extension of foreign trade.

Mr. Hoover is to get what he desired in the way of supplemental estimates.

The total was \$618,728.34 and the new work to be undertaken calls for the addition of 175 or more regular employees in the department. The amount is to be carried in the general deficiency bill completed by the house appropriations committee.

The appropriations will enable the secretary of commerce to carry out at once his ideas for making the department of commerce more useful.

Mr. Hoover said he wanted to recall trade commissioners from foreign fields to the Washington office that their information may be utilized.

Wage Cut Accepted by Carmen.

New Orleans.—Accepting "a cut in wages from 4 to 13 cents an hour, more than 4,000 members of the street car men's union agreed with J. D. O'Keefe, federal receiver of the New Orleans Railway and Lighting company, that the time was not ripe for any more street car strikes. Mr. O'Keefe had asked the men to accept a wage cut of \$30 a month. They compromised on a cut of \$12 and he accepted.

Success of Federal Reserve.

Washington.—Ten billion dollars in potential credit for financing the legitimate demands of business—a tower of financial strength—so huge that its dimensions stir the imagination to bewilderment—has been built up through thrift, economy and sound policy by the banks of the federal reserve system during the last twelve months.

Has Ordered No Walkout.

Charlotte, N. C.—"No walkout of cotton mill operatives in the South has been ordered and will not be, at least until I have visited several other North Carolina textile centers and have conferred with President John Golden," said Frank T. McMahon, vice-president of the International Textile Workers' union.

No Hope for Public Buildings.

Washington.—Efforts to write a public building bill this session has been dropped at the request of President Harding. He does not think it would be appropriate for the republican party now, having just come into power on a plea of economy, to vote millions for pork.

Hits by Aurora Borealis.

New York.—Telegraph service was seriously affected by a recurrence of the aurora borealis, or "northern lights," as it is generally called. News agencies, using thousands of miles of telegraph lines, were the hardest hit.

Lips to Match Color of Dress.

London.—A rosebud mouth is no longer the fashion. Lip-salve to match the general color scheme of the dress—mauve, green or brick-red—is the newest idea. It made its initial appearance at a Broad street dress show.

Guards Ordered to Kentucky.

Frankfort, Ky.—Two companies of Kentucky national guardsmen were ordered to McCarr, Ky., in Pike county, where a state of virtual war has been on for the last two days.

Collapse of Polish Revolt.

Berlin.—Collapse of the Polish revolt in Upper Silesia is expected in authoritative quarters there, according to a special dispatch received here from Breslau.

Couldn't Find Typhus Germ.

Mexico City.—Search for the typhus germ, for the discovery of which the newspaper Universal offered a prize of 25,000 pesos, has been abandoned by the numerous Mexican physicians who sought it, and the newspaper's offer has been withdrawn.

Japanese Colonial Conference.

Tokio.—Examination of Japan's position relative to the entire field of questions affecting the Far East is the object of a colonial conference to be held here soon.

Would Provoke War.

Paris.—The entry of German troops into Upper Silesia would provoke intervention by regular Polish troops, which mean war, and in such a war France could not remain neutral, according to expressions in official circles here.



POISON GASES ARE TO BE TESTED OUT

BOMBING EXPERIMENTS TO BE CONDUCTED OFF ATLANTIC COAST ON JUNE 21.

TO FURNISH OBJECT LESSON

Attempt is to be Made to Show That Navy Must Immediately Build up Defense Against Asphyxiation.

Washington.—The use of poisonous gases against naval vessels under simulated battle conditions will be tested for the first time during bombing experiments to be conducted off the Atlantic coast beginning June 21. While army and navy aerial forces are cooperating in an effort to demonstrate the effectiveness of aerial bombs against modern naval vessels, the Chemical Warfare Service of the army will be launching a poison gas attack from the air against one or more warships in an attempt to show that the navy must immediately build up defenses against a new and terrible menace—asphyxiation.

Under present plans, the ship to be gassed will have a crew aboard. Nine explosive bombs filled with "tear gas" will be dropped and every man on board the vessel will be required to keep within the protected areas and wear a gas mask.

Officers of the Chemical Warfare Service believe that by using a gas of intolerable concentration, that is, sufficient strength to incapacitate but not to kill, the service can prove its contention that, in the next war, battleships must be made literally airtight to protect the crew.

Not to Occupy Ruhr Basin.
Duesseldorf.—General DeGouette, commander of the Allied forces on the Rhine, arrived here from Mayence and immediately ordered the preparations for occupation of the Ruhr to cease.

Cereal Prospects Favorable.
Rome.—Prospects of this year's cereal crops are fairly favorable and indicate as far as it is possible to foresee, a yield which will be satisfactory and sufficient to guarantee supplies for the world during the coming season. This information was given out here by the International Institute of Agriculture.

Celebrates 103rd Birthday.
Winston-Salem, N. C.—Mrs. Charity Hicks celebrated her 103d birthday here at which time there was a family reunion. Mrs. Hick's five children, 17 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren were present.

Settlement With Clara Hamon.
Los Angeles, Calif.—A settlement was effected by which Clara Simth Hamon relinquished all claim to the estate of Jake L. Hamon, of whose alleged murder she was recently acquitted by an Oklahoma jury, it was announced by her attorney.

Cotton Acreage Reduced.
Mexico City.—Less than one-third of the acreage of the Laguna district in the state of Coahuila, where most of Mexico's cotton crop is grown, has been planted and the entire region is in dire straits financially, according to statements here quoting travelers.

Virginia Woman Decorated.
Paris.—Miss Hamilton Shields, of the Legion of Honor at a military ceremony held in front of the Hotel Des Invalides. The honor was conferred for the work of Miss Shields as a nurse during the war.

Hawaiian Situation Is Bad.
Honolulu.—The great sugar, pineapple and coffee plantations of Hawaii are facing near extinction as the result of the most acute labor shortage in the territory's history. The rice-growing industry of the islands has been wiped out by the same cause.

Baptist Meet in Chattanooga.
Chattanooga, Tenn.—More than 4,000 messengers from the Southern states, representing over 3,000,000 Baptists, assembled in Chattanooga to begin the sessions of the sixty-sixth annual convention.

Two Killed in Tail Spin.
Lawton, Okla.—Sergeant Algogi Bloomfield and C. E. McCullough, cotton broker of Oklahoma City, were killed, and Sergeant B. Grogan, Atlanta, Ga., 22, was probably fatally injured in an airplane accident.

Tragedy at Connellsville.
Connellsville, Pa.—Six men are dead as the result of the bursting of a 16 inch steam pipe at the West Penn Power company at Fayette. Three of the victims were killed outright.

Oppose Department of Welfare.
Washington.—Indications that the proposals to create a Department of Welfare will not have smooth sailing through congress were furnished at initial hearings before the senate finance committee. At previous sessions only arguments in support of the plan had been given.



PROPERTY LOSS BY FIRE LAST MONTH

EXCLUSIVE OF FOREST FIRES
MILLION AND A QUARTER
WENT UP IN SMOKE.

MUCH LEAF TOBACCO BURNED

No Explanation Has Been Advanced by Department for Wide Prevalence of Fires During Month.

Raleigh.

Exclusive of forest fires, more than a million and a quarter dollars' worth of property was destroyed by fire in North Carolina during the month of April, nearly doubling the losses for the preceding month and trebling the losses for April last year. Destruction of leaf tobacco by fire accounts for nearly half the losses reported to the insurance department during the month.

Appraised on the basis of prices a year ago, the month's fire losses would have gone well beyond the two million mark, according to Insurance Commissioner Stacy W. Wade. Wilson and Rocky Mount both staged big warehouse fires that ran up the total from tobacco losses, with a combination garage and warehouse fire in Henderson that accounted for nearly \$200,000 more.

No explanation is advanced by the department for the wide prevalence of fires during the past month. The tabulation shows that actual reported losses for the month at \$1,284,075 as against \$718,000 for March and \$485,000 for April of last year. Two rural school houses of the better class, two hotels, two churches and one hosiery mill are included in the lists. Twenty fires in the \$10,000 class are noted.

Money for North Carolinians.
(Interest amounting to more than \$560,000 will be payable May 15 to holders of Liberty bonds of the second issue bought through North Carolina banks and trust companies. The total amount of bonds of this issue subscribed in this state was \$28,025,950, there being over 56,162 subscriptions.

The 4 per cent bonds of the first and second Liberty loans which were issued in temporary form have no coupons attached for interest payable after December 15, 1919, for the first loan and November 15, 1919, for the second loan. Therefore, holders of these bonds are urged to present them to their local banks which will forward them to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond for conversion into permanent four and one-quarter percent bonds with coupons attached covering interest from the above dates to the maturity of the bonds.

Amount Due Reserve District.
In this Federal reserve district the interest payable May 15 on the second Liberty loan will be in excess of \$4,000,000, and a Treasury Department statement suggests that as much of this money as practicable be reinvested in government savings securities. In the district, the records show, the total subscription to the second Liberty loan was \$201,212,500, there having been 454,002 individual subscriptions. The per capita subscription, that is, the average amount bought by every person in the district, was \$22.03.

Governor at Dress Parade.
Governor Cameron Morrison reviewed the cadet corps of the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering at a dress parade given in his honor on the drill grounds at the college. Following it, Governor Morrison made a brief speech to the students and assembled spectators and later dined in the college mess hall.

Address by Senator Stanley.
Washington (Special).—Senator Stanley, of Kentucky, one of the leading orators of the senate, has accepted an invitation to address the North Carolina Bankers' association at Greensboro. He was invited by W. A. Hunt, president, and T. A. Uzzell, secretary.

Municipalities Plan Action.
Municipalities of North Carolina will start at once through the courts in the hope of getting corrected the senate error invalidating the municipal finance act passed by the last general assembly.

This course was determined at a meeting of the executive of the executive committee of the North Carolina Municipal association after a sub-committee had learned from the supreme court that a test case can be heard before adjournment of the spring term.

Following the preliminary session, the trustees met with Governor Morrison and named a building commission to have complete charge of the plans and contracts for the construction of the new buildings which will greatly enlarge the present plant.

Skeptical of Court Decision.
Washington.—The army appropriation bill carrying approximately \$320,000,000 and providing for an army of 150,000 enlisted men, was passed by the house and senate after a bitter fight.

Opposition to Sales Tax.
Washington.—Opposition to enactment of a general sales tax law developed at a hearing before the senate finance committee. At previous sessions only arguments in support of the plan had been given.

Agricultural Department Home.
North Carolina is going to build its handsome home for the agricultural department on the site now occupied by the commissioner and his staff. Director B. W. Kilgore said in a recent interview.

Three hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars is available for immediate building, if the treasurer can float state bonds, and if more is needed the department contemplates relief from the special session which may be called, or from the regular session in 1923.

Aviatrix Breaks World Record.
Mineola, N. Y.—Miss Laura Bromwell, 23 year old aviatrix, broke the world's loop the loop record for her sex when her plane, starting at the height of 8,000 feet, performed 199 complete loops.

Plan for Marketing Cotton Crop.
Washington.—A plan for marketing practically the entire cotton crop of the country through a national growers' association was adopted at a conference held at Oklahoma City.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST PINK BOLL WORMS

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
TO MAKE ANOTHER EFFORT
TO STAMP OUT PEST.

SUGGESTS NON-COTTON ZONES

Texas Delegation Excuses Failure to Co-operate by Declaring That the Question is a National One.

Washington.—A new campaign to stamp out the pink boll worm menace in the cotton growing states is to be launched by the Department of Agriculture. A special committee to recommend measures to be adopted was appointed after a conference between representatives of the cotton states and officials of the Department of Agriculture.

Chairman Marlatt, of the Federal Horticultural Board, told the conference that establishment of non-cotton zones in places of infestation was the only means of getting rid of the pink boll worm. Charges that failures of Texas to provide adequate measures of control and failure to co-operate were met with declarations from its delegates that the question was a national one.

Tobacco Planters are Warned.
Danville, Va.—The enormous over-production by the tobacco farmers in the Bright Belt is accentuated in the annual report on local market conditions made by W. Crews Wood, president of the Danville Tobacco association. Unless the 1921 crop is cut very materially, Mr. Wooding declares, the next season will be disastrous.

West Point Row Settled.
Washington.—The appointment of General Pershing to be chief of staff settled a row in the army. Secretary Weeks had selected Major General Harbord to succeed General March. The West Point clique vigorously interposed objections. Harbord entered the service a private and fought his way up.

Sale of 3,200,000 Feet Lumber.
Mobile, Ala.—One of the largest lumber deals concluded in many months was closed when the E. D. Flynn Export company sold 3,200,000 feet to Cuban interests.

Winter Wheat Acreage Reduced.
Washington.—Winter wheat acreage for the 17 countries in the Northern hemisphere growing the crop was placed at 99,400,000 acres as compared with 103,200,000 last year.

Newberry Sees Hardship.
Washington.—Senator Newberry, republican, of Michigan, who recently resumed his official duties after reversal by the supreme court of his conviction for violation of the corrupt practices act, made his first call on President Harding.

Dial Bill is Delayed.
Washington.—The Dial bill, to prevent Judge Landis, of Chicago, from holding his \$42,500 a year job as national baseball arbiter, came up in the senate momentarily, but was deferred.

\$23,000,000 to be Called For.
Washington.—Uncle Sam has \$83,000,000 of some people's money waiting in the treasury for them to come and get it, according to the latest official figures of outstanding temporary liberty bonds.

Government Wins Contention.
Washington.—The government won in the supreme court its contention that increased value of any capital asset must be considered in a corporation's profits when taxes were computed.

Turk Says His Age is 147.
Constantinople.—Zora, the human pack horse, who claims to be 147 years old and still can carry 200 pounds with ease, attributes his long life and health to hard work and proper diet.

For Army of 175,000.
Washington.—An army of 175,000 men was decided on by the senate sub-committee considering the army appropriation bill. The measure as passed by the house provided for 150,000 men.

Estate Tax Held Valid.
Washington.—The estate tax provided in the revenue act of 1918 was held valid by the supreme court in passing upon the appeal of executors of the estate of the late J. Harsen Purdy, of New York.

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