

FARMER RELIEF IS UPPERMOST ISSUE

A SPECIAL JOINT COMMISSION OF CONGRESS SWINGS INTO AGGRESSIVE ACTION.

INFLUENTIAL AGRARIAN BLOC

Pending Investigation Will Proceed by Authority of Resolution Offered by Lenroot of Wisconsin.

Washington - As a special joint commission of the Senate and House swings into aggressive action in its ninety-day investigation of the farming industry in the United States, some 6,000,000 Americans who raise the nation's food and who produce most of its clothing, are waking up to the fact that the present Congress, with its sturdy "agrarian bloc" in both branches seems to be more favorably inclined toward agricultural legislation than any that has preceded it during the last decade.

Immediate and effective relief for the agricultural industry is the purpose of the inquiry, but, according to Chairman Anderson's expressed hope, the investigation is to be used to carry on the work already launched by many members of Congress.

Civil War Feared in Italy. Rome - The threat of civil war hangs over Italy, but there is every prospect that it will be averted.

Train Bandits Being Trained. St. Louis, Mo. - A sheriff's posse was trailing six armed train bandits through the lowlands of Arkansas.

Russian General Arrested. Vienna - Belgrade reports that a Russian general named Komisarow, a well known anarchist, was arrested on the charge of being implicated in the recent attempt to assassinate Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia.

American Ships in Callao. Lima - The American mission to the centenary celebration of Peru's independence arrived in Callao on board a special naval squadron consisting of the battleships Arizona, Oklahoma and Nevada.

Give Railroads to Ford. Hart, Mich. - A petition to President Harding asking that the railroads of the country be turned over to Henry Ford, the automobile manufacturer, for operation, signed by 400 fruit growers of Oceana county, was mailed.

To Seize Several Steamers. New York - Agents of the shipping board waited for the arrival of four big steamers chartered to the United States Mail Steamship company, in order that they might add them to five seized.

Ulster Not Much Concerned. Belfast - Ulster at the moment is not concerned with the negotiations being carried on by the British government with the Sinn Fein. It is declared in unionist quarters here.

Spaniards Suffer Setback. Paris - A serious setback has been suffered by the Spaniards in the fighting with the rebellious Moroccan tribesmen, says the Madrid correspondent of the Journal.

Dublin Hopes for Peace. Dublin - The impression is growing that the Irish peace offer made by Premier Lloyd George to Eamon de Valera, the republican leader, will work out in a settlement.

Oil Tanks Burn at Beaumont. Beaumont, Texas - Fire, which has destroyed \$500,000 worth of oil in four tanks belonging to the Magnolia Petroleum company and the Sun Oil company, was believed to be nearly controlled.

Lord Northcliffe in New York. New York - Viscount Northcliffe, British publisher and political power, arrived on the steamship Aquatania, on the first leg of an extensive tour, the prime purpose of which is to study international problems in the Pacific.

More About Friedrich Wilhelm. London - Friedrich Wilhelm, former German crown prince, has suggested that he may ask permission to go to the United States for a lecture tour.

No Arrests Yet Made. Hattiesburg, Miss. - No arrests have been made in connection with the lynching here of Casey Jones, condemned to be hanged for the murder of Mrs. J. S. Mosely, wife of a mail carrier. A coroner's jury spent a busy day investigating.

WASTE ALSO ANOTHER FACTOR

Acute National Shortage of Housing Ascribed to Practically Prohibitive Cost of Construction.

New York - Half a billion dollars a year in wages is being lost in the building industry through unemployment, declared a report made public by the committee on elimination of waste in industry of the American Engineering Council.

The committee, appointed by Herbert Hoover when he was president of the council, asserted lack of work was the outstanding fact in this industry, whose critical condition is attributed primarily to high costs of construction.

The report said that waste was causing huge losses in building which, including all trades and common labor, ranked second among industries and contributed more than \$3,000,000,000 yearly to the wealth of the nation.

An acute national shortage of housing exists, the report stated, because of prohibitive construction costs to householder and banker.

A Divorce at Age of 91. Chicago - Ambrose J. Rose, granted a decree of divorce from his third wife, asserted that "women were getting worse with every generation."

Women's Citizenship Bill. Atlanta - The woman's citizenship bill, removing civil disabilities of women and permitting them to hold office in Georgia, was passed by the state senate.

Missouri, 115, Dies Poor. Poplar Bluff, Mo. - William Abner Bishop, Missouri's oldest resident, is dead at the age of 115.

Crisis in Silesian Affairs. Paris - The Anglo-French controversy, which has arisen over the demand by France that Allied reinforcements be sent to Upper Silesia, is still regarded by the French press in the light of a crisis.

Senate Now Has Tariff Bill. Washington - Passed by the House by a vote of 289 to 127, the Fordney tariff bill was expected to reach the Senate finance committee, where it will be subjected to open hearings and an indefinite stay in committee.

Railroad to Stop Operating. Harrison, Ark. - J. C. Murray, receiver and general manager of the Missouri and Northern Arkansas railroad, announced that steps were being taken to discontinue operation of the railroad here at midnight, July 31.

Final Settlement With Roads. Washington - Proposed terms for a final settlement between the government and the railroads are understood to have been before the cabinet. It was indicated that some definite announcement on the subject was imminent.

Ocean Freight on Cotton. Washington - Ocean freight rates on cotton moving from North Atlantic ports to Great Britain were approximately 50 per cent lower July 1 this year than November 1 last year.

Make a Compromise on Silesia. Paris - A compromise has been effected between France and Great Britain regarding the Silesian issue as a result of new exchanges. Premier Briand, it was announced, will probably agree to a meeting of the supreme council about the middle of the first week in August and withdraw his demand for a meeting of experts.

Soon to Complete Work. Washington - Civil service examinations to fill 2,294 vacant postmaster positions will be concluded by August 27, the commission announced.

To Transport Phosphate. Tampa, Fla. - F. L. D. Carr, representing a shipping organization operating forty Shipping Board vessels, has opened offices here for the purposes of handling phosphate shipments from this port to foreign countries.

Taft Names Secretary. Washington - Chief Justice Taft announced the appointment of Wendell W. Michler, Cincinnati, as his secretary, continuing an association begun seventeen years ago when Mr. Taft was Secretary of War.

Died at Age of 100 Years. Fort Meyers, Fla. - Funeral services were held here for Mrs. Caroline A. Holland Goodno, who died at the home of her son, E. E. Goodno, wealthy South Florida cattleman, at the age of 100 years.

HAS NO INTENTION TO IGNORE LEAGUE

INVITATION FROM THAT BODY RELATING TO WORLD COURT DULY ACKNOWLEDGED.

OFFSETTING PUBLIC STORIES

Secretary Hughes Powerless to Deal With League Because of Position of President and Senate.

Washington. - The United States government is not intentionally ignoring communications from the league of nations and has not failed to note the invitation to this government to become a member of the world court of international justice, created by the league.

This attitude was made known at the department of state, to offset the public stories giving the impression that the United States was somehow offending the league of nations by refusing to deal with its letters and communications. In the first place, the permanent secretary of the league has been sending out printed circulars to various governments of the world and it was but natural that one of the government bureaus filed the circulars without regarding them in the same light as formal communications.

Reforestation in the South. Atlanta. - The virgin pine timber of the South is nearly exhausted and the Southern Forestry Congress, opening its session here, will discuss reforestation in the southern States as a means of providing for future timber resources, according to Henry B. Hartman, of Urania, La., president of the congress.

Governor Small 'Arrested'. Springfield, Ill. - Warrants were issued for Governor Small, Lieutenant Governor Sterling and Vernon Curtis, Grant Park banker, following their indictment on charges of embezzlement, conspiracy and confidence game through the alleged use of interest on state funds for their personal gain.

General Exodus of Japanese. Turlock, Calif. - A general exodus of Japanese field laborers and their families from this district is taking place following the deportation to Keyes, five miles north, of 58 Japanese male workers by members of a union of fruit and melon pickers, the authorities announced.

Baptists Drown in Gulf. Houston, Tex. - Eight persons were drowned and three others near death, were rescued when 16 delegates to the Baptist Young People's Union annual state encampment at Patacos, forming a bathing party, were caught in the undertow of the Gulf of Mexico at the mouth of Greensbay, 22 miles from Palacios.

Women to Pay Poll Tax. Atlanta. - A poll tax of \$1 a year will be imposed on women in Georgia under the terms of a bill introduced in the lower house of the general assembly to revise what is known as the general tax act.

Projects Long Trip in Yawl. Los Angeles, Calif. - Harry Pidgeon who single-handed sailed a 34-foot yawl from Los Angeles to Honolulu and back last summer is preparing for a voyage to the South Sea Islands, 3,000 miles southwest of here.

Duty on Leather and Cotton. Washington. - Compensatory duties of 10 per cent ad valorem on all leather goods, including shoes, and 7 1/2 per cent ad valorem on all textiles composed wholly or in part of long-staple cotton, is understood to have been agreed upon by the house ways and means committee.

Great Peach Crop Harvested. Atlanta. - The Georgia peach and melon crop of this year has already broken all records, it was indicated by figures made public by the Fruit Growers' Express, which furnished refrigerators for the two products.

Form German Consortium. Paris. - The Intransigent is authority for a report that a German consortium has been formed under the auspices of the Dresdner Bank and will be installed shortly in Paris.

No Tax on Long Staple Cotton. Washington. - Compensatory duties on textiles manufactured from long-staple cotton were denied by the House in line with its action recently in refusing compensatory duties on leather products.

Mexican Oil Fields Burning. Mexico City. - The Amatlan oil fields are on fire, with drilling towers falling off like chaff and workmen fleeing, according to reports received here describing the "greatest catastrophe in the history of the oil fields."

Mrs. Kaber in Reformatory. Cleveland, O. - Eva Katherine Kaber was taken to the women's reformatory at Marysville, Ohio, to begin serving a life sentence for the murder of her husband, Daniel E. Kaber, Lakewood publisher.

Sugar Plant Destroyed. Beaumont, Texas. - Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Morsihan sugar factory near New Iberia, La. About one million pounds of sugar was burned, with an estimated loss of \$300,000, the report said.

NO SIDETRACK FOR SENATE

President Finds Himself in Awkward Situation of Again Pointing Out to Congress Former Advice.

Washington. - President Harding may have to take another trip to the capitol or in some other way apply the brakes to the tendency of Congress to appropriate for new purposes all the money that has been saved.

The Senate is in a snarl again. Although Mr. Harding pleaded with his former colleagues to sidetrack not only the bonus but other legislation excepting the tariff and taxation, the bill providing \$1,000,000 to finance farm exports now is up for consideration.

It means, if passed, a spending of exactly the amount which C. G. Dawes, director of the budget announces has been saved. In other words, just as fast as a saving is accomplished at one end of the national capital, means of spending an equivalent amount are found at the other end.

After Charlotte. - The amounts distributed to the larger cities follow: Winston-Salem, \$2,404; Wilmington, \$2,137; Asheville, \$1,724; Greensboro, \$1,484; Durham, \$1,333; Raleigh, \$1,154; High Point, \$864; Wilson, \$776; Rocky Mount, \$762; Goldsboro, \$699; Gastonia, \$610; New Bern, \$590; Fayetteville, \$541; Greenville, \$512; Statesville, \$450; Henderson, \$428; and Kinston, \$483.

Extra Congressman Probable. The eleventh congressional district of North Carolina, to furnish the extra congressman from the state authorized in the Selge bill pending in Congress, is mighty apt to be created by the special session of the legislature when it meets.

Some of the democrats and all of the republicans want the additional district and the emergency which calls the lawmakers here to straighten out the municipal and school finances will provide also the opportunity for restricting the state into eleven congressional districts.

May Appeal to Higher Court. Cotton mill respondents to the Southern Power company's petition for higher rates, partially granted in the recent order of the corporation commission, will exempt from the order and ask the commission to revise the rates it authorized.

This step, according to announcement of counsel is preliminary to an appeal from the commission to the state courts and, most likely, the beginning of additional litigation to be finally settled by the United States supreme court.

Senators May Split on Linney. Washington. (Special). - Senator Ferman said he thought he would vote for the confirmation of Frank A. Linney when the time comes.

Postmaster Examinations. Washington. (Special). - The civil service commission has been requested to hold examinations of applicants for appointment as postmasters at the following places:

Angler, Baden, Banners, Elk, Bayboro, Black Mountain, Boardman, Candler, Candor, Caroleen, Clarkton, Cleveland, Cliffside, Connelly Springs, Cooleemee, Council, Garrysburg, Greenville, Hope Mills and Huntersville.

AW Invitation to Coolidge. Washington. (Special). - Vice President Coolidge, Senator Ashurst, Arizona, Chairman Page, of the tariff commission, and chairman Fordney, house ways and means committee, were invited by E. P. Wharton, president of the North Carolina division, to speak at a congress of the Southern tariff association in Greensboro, N. C., August 15-16.

Counties Collect School Money. Counties collect all the school money in the state except the \$600,000 equalizing fund, and the state directs its expenditure in all the difference that Superintendent E. C. Brooks finds in this year's school law and that in effect a year ago.

Leaf Tobacco Market Low. Richmond, Va. - Leaf tobacco prices on markets in southeastern North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia were more than 50 per cent under averages of the opening day last year, according to reports on initial sales.

To Sell Club House. New York. - The National Democratic club authorized its ways and means committee to sell its Fifth avenue club house, bought for \$175,000 about 25 years ago and for which \$1,000 has been refunded.

Further Credit for Farmers. Washington. - Further credit for the purpose of harvesting and marketing the coming cotton crop will be extended in whatever amount may be required, it was announced by the federal reserve board.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUND FOR FIREMEN

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT PAYS \$29,495 TO A NUMBER OF FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

CHARLOTTE HEADS THE LIST

Amount Paid by Insurance Companies This Year for This Purpose More Than Double That of 1918.

Raleigh. Charlotte again draws the biggest share of the firemen's relief fund which the insurance department collects annually from companies operating in the state, and pays out to the 32 fire companies of North Carolina.

The amount sent to Charlotte, according to the figures given out from the office of Commissioner Wade, is \$2,812.66, against \$2,192.43 which the Mecklenburg capital received last year. The total amount distributed this year is \$29,495 against \$24,352.74, and it is more than double the fund distributed in 1918, \$12,547.97.

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From Baltimore to New Bern. Washington. (Special). - In conference with the war department, Congressman Ward, Congressman Brinson and Frank A. Hampton, secretary to Senator Simmons, were assured that the barge line from Baltimore to New Bern would be not only continued but extended to Philadelphia, and that it is contemplated to add Elizabeth City to the ports of call.

Contrary to recent published statements, there is no disposition to interfere with direct service from North Carolina points to Norfolk.

To Defend State in Ray Suit. Governor Morrison has named W. J. Brogren, well known Durham lawyer, as assistant to Attorney General Manning in defending the suit of Mrs. James Ray, Alamance county woman, who is asking damages of the officers and men of the Durham machine gun company for the death of her husband during the Graham shooting last year.

Local Self Government. Health administration in North Carolina, like the administration of the schools, will be returned to a basis of local self government as a result of a conference held here by Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the state board of health, and 35 or 40 of the part time health officers employed in as many counties.

Members of State Board. Leonard Tufts, of Pinehurst, and W. F. Carr, of Durham, were named as members of the state board of vocational education by Governor Morrison. The other member of the board is Miss Mary Arrington, of Rocky Mount, and Dr. E. C. Brooks, state superintendent, is chairman ex-officio.

Hospital Contract Awarded. The building committee of the state hospital at Raleigh has awarded the contract to Mr. J. E. Beaman, general contractor, Raleigh.

Woman Official Resigns. Miss Daisy Denson has resigned her position with the state board of charities and public welfare having served the state continuously for 18 and one-half years.

Fair Week for Cotton. Washington. (Special). - Temperature averaged near normal in the cotton growing states during last week and showers were general except in parts of Texas, according to crop bulletin of department of agriculture.

State to Back up Gun Company. "The state will back up the Durham machine gun company to the limit," declared Governor Morrison when he confirmed the report that the state would undertake the defense of the members of the company who are being sued by the widow of the late James Ray, of Graham, killed by a member of the company when a mob stormed the Alamance county jail.

"I think the state ought to stand behind its militia," declared the governor. "Otherwise, there is no law and authority."

MILLIONS BEHIND SMUGGLING DEAL

FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ALONG ATLANTIC COAST TAUNTED BY WHISKEY RUNNERS.

RUM HUNTING FLEET WANTED

Fishermen Along the Coast Are Reaping Rich Harvest by Running the Forbidden Cargoes Ashore.

New York. - Federal authorities along the Atlantic coast redoubled their vigilance over tramp ships following disclosures of evidence indicating the existence of at least two gigantic international whiskey smuggling rings, one having headquarters in this city and one in Atlantic City.

Aid of the Navy Department was also being sought in an effort to build up a rum-hunting fleet, capable of coping with the mysterious ships and their allied fishing smacks, which are alleged to have landed hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of contraband liquor at secluded points under cover of darkness.

A tramp steamer cruised saucily outside the three-line limit of Atlantic City, according to reports received here, and taunted federal agents by breaking out pennants saying: "Lay down your money and come and get it." The tramp slipped away as night fell and it was thought she was headed for some deserted point, where fishing vessels could work unhampered at the task of lighting her cargo ashore.

Fishermen along the coast, according to Mr. Ross, are reaping a rich harvest running the forbidden cargoes ashore. They work almost entirely at night, he said.

Greeks Follow Up Victory. Athens (Greek Official Agency). - The Greeks in Asia Minor have been following up energetically the victory they gained over the Turkish Nationalists in the fighting brought on by the attempt of the Kemalites to recapture the key position of Eski-Shehr, on the Bagdad railway.

Government Gets Two-Thirds. Washington. - People who are making a million dollars or more net income are paying the government practically two-thirds of it in taxes, according to preliminary statistics of income for 1919 issued by the Internal Revenue Bureau.

Linney Gets Favorable Report. Washington. - Favorable report was ordered by the senate judiciary committee on the contested nomination of Frank A. Linney, republican state chairman of North Carolina, to be a federal district attorney.

Maharaja to Visit America. Paris. - The Maharaja of Holkar, ruler of Indore and one of the wealthiest princes of India, plans to visit the United States this fall if the immigration authorities will permit him to bring in his two wives.

On Way to Frozen North. Sydney, N. S. W. - Donald B. MacMillan and his party of explorers have sailed from North Sydney for the far north where they will spend two years among the snows of Baffin Land.

Villa Deals in Oil. Mexico City. - Francisco Villa, once Mexico's most noted bandit, has started dabbling in oil. A company was organized to exploit some lands in the Laguna region and Villa is said to have invested \$200,000 in the company.

Child Has Arrived at Rome. Rome. - Richard Washburn Child, newly-appointed American Ambassador to Italy, has arrived here, accompanied by his family and his secretary.

No Agreement With France. London. - Great Britain has not, as had been reported here, sent a note to France agreeing, with reservations, to the dispatch of French troops to Upper Silesia.

Auto and Tricycle Smashup. Burlington, N. C. - Three persons were killed and a fourth probably fatally injured when an automobile in which they were riding collided with a trolley car running between Camden and Trenton.

Governor Small Still Defiant. Springfield, Ill. - Governor Small returned to Springfield unchanged in his determination to resist arrest on warrants charging him with embezzlement and conspiracy to defraud the state.

1919 Personal Income Taxes. Washington. - The government obtained a total of \$1,269,000,000 in revenue from personal income taxes in 1919 - an increase of \$141,900,000 compared with 1918.

Serum Cure For Blindness. New York. - A serum which Dr. Erasmus Arrington Pond, Brooklyn eye specialist, claims has cured nine cases of blindness caused by atrophy, will soon be demonstrated before the Academy of Medicine and the American Medical association.