

**Washington Letter**

**Famine and the Pellagra Plague—A Bill to Take Care of the Farmers.**  
(Special Correspondence)

Washington, Aug. 2.—The word "famine" and the motive in using it have created the pellagra sensation in the South. There is nothing that will more quickly arouse the energy and the sympathy of the American public than the report of "a condition of famine" anywhere on this earth. Such report is instantly potent coming from far away Russia or China. The news of famine at home staring men and women in the face from their breakfast table newspaper instantly causes a swelling in the throat with a gulp of emotion.

About ten days ago there came reports from the agents of the Public Health Service that in Mississippi, Tennessee and South Carolina there was an increase of pellagra. When these reports were placed before the Public Health Service the publicity man was called in and something like the following occurred:

Here is pellagra in the South again. It gives the Public Health Service the very opportunity it needs to show Congress and the country it is not asleep. Let us get on the front pages of the papers.

That tip was enough to the bulletin writer of the Public Health Service. He went back to his desk and made a hurried excursion into the realms of his vocabulary and his experience as a news writer.

What is pellagra? he asked himself. Why, it is due to starvation of certain glands and tissues of the human body, because of an unbalanced diet of bacon, corn bread and molasses. It comes from malnutrition and starvation.

He repeated these later words over and over. But malnutrition and starvation won't get us anywhere, he concluded. "By Heck, pellagra is caused by famine, it is the naked skeleton, the cross bones and the skull. Death from famine!" He wrote his bulletin. The South was suffering from pellagra brought on by famine. "One hundred thousand people are afflicted and ten thousand will die."

Even that sensational bulletin did not get across as was hoped. It is rumored that another plan was resorted to to turn the trick, for the Public Health Service was honestly convinced that the pellagra situation was grave. It felt there was great necessity to reopen the one and sole pellagra hospital at Spartanburg, S. C., that was closed in 1919, because there were no pellagra patients there to be treated.

The great hobby of Brig. Gen.

Sawyer, the physician to President Harding, is the physical efficiency of the American people. His particular channel for teaching the public the great need of such efficiency is the Public Health Service. Gen. Sawyer must be got to bring to the notice of the President the famine in the South and the plague of pellagra. If the President could be got to speak, the country would listen to what the Public Health Service had to say. The President did speak, for his heart was touched by the word "famine". On it he rang the changes.

But there is no famine, the South retorts. The Public Health Service explains that the newspapers created the famine despite the fact that the Public Health Service Bulletin contains the word famine.

When a copy of the bulletin is produced a learned doctor of the service comes forward with the explanation that famine means one thing to science and another thing to the public. So there you are.

Senator Simmons, Eugene Meyer, managing director of the War Finance Corporation, and A. W. McLean, a director of the corporation, have slugged the Harding administration into line for the farmers. But they had to split the agricultural group in the Senate in doing so. It is a story that has disturbed the farmers' group in the Senate all this week.

The Harding administration has feared the Norris bill as a red hot brick in a powder mill. It began to shout "Kamerad" as soon as it looked down the threatening muzzle of this bill. In its panic it went to the War Finance Corporation for shelter.

"Can't you fix up a bill to take care of the farmers, if they must be helped?" said Mellon and Hoover to Meyer. "Your corporation has shown splendid activities of late in cotton, now get busy and save us from the Norris bill."

"On one condition," said Meyer. "The administration must endorse the bill framed by the directors of the corporation. It must get behind the bill and help put it through Congress."

"Of course, of course," chimed Mellon and Hoover.

Then Meyer and McLean called in Senator Simmons to help write the bill. The three wrote it and Senator Kellogg of Minnesota, an administration Republican, was called on to introduce it.

Senator Norris from his seat in the Senate chamber watched the birth of the new bill with some trepidation. Harding's message immediately followed endorsing it. "It is nothing more than an administration bill and we can easily defeat it with the farmers' group," thought the Nebraska Senator.

But lo and behold! Senator Simmons the next day took the senate floor and defended the bill practically acknowledging himself as one of its framers.

"Ah" said Simmons, let the administration parade the new bill as its own. It knows only too well that we extorted this new bill from it by holding to its head the Norris bill as a pistol.

The new bill proposes to issue two and one half million dollars worth of

bonds to aid the farmers through loans for exportation of their products. Senator Simmons points that the passage will inspire confidence and cause the bankers and other investing interests of the country to invest their money in agriculture. The difference between this bill and the Norris bill is that the latter will launch the government into competition with private business, while the former will stimulate private business to new endeavors. The new bill will probably pass this week.

Senator Simmons and Senator Overman are apparently not in accord on the Linney case, which may be settled before this is put into print. Senator Overman takes the ground that Linney's statement before the Senate judiciary committee does not render him ineligible as a Republican for district attorney. But he says that if it can be shown that Linney and Henry Lincoln Johnson entered into a trade for office, he will vote against Linney.

**REVIVAL BEGINS AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH AUGUST 7**

Rev. W. D. Pridden of Pembroke Will Assist Pastor F. A. Prevatt in the Series of Meetings—Mr. Pridden's Services Are in Demand.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Pembroke, Aug. 2.—Rev. W. D. Pridden, pastor of Pembroke and Buie Baptist churches, will be with Rev. F. A. Prevatt at Bethany Baptist church about six miles out north of Lumberton, in a revival meeting commencing next Sunday morning, August 7th.

Mr. Pridden has held several very successful revivals in the Robeson association since he came to this country in April. His services are in demand. Already he has engagements

**41 Million Dollar Advance In Cotton**

Price Went Up Cent a Pound Monday—Lowest Condition Report on Record and Prospects Are Unpromising—Largest Carry-Over on Record.

New Orleans, August 1.—The cotton new year, with its annual statistics and rush of excited trading, was marked today by an advance in price which experts estimated would bring Southern planters \$41,000,000 more for their crop.

The day's developments put the price up a cent a pound. Interest was centered mainly in the item of the carryover, which was placed by H. G. Hester, secretary of the New Orleans cotton exchange, at 9,194,000 bales, the largest carry-over on record.

Secretary Hester announced the commercial crop for the year ending July 30, at 11,377,316 bales, a decrease under last year of 1,065,864, a decrease under 19-17-18 of 529,657.

Southern consumption, which he stated at 3,096,504 bales, Mr. Hester says, indicates a decrease of 594,501 bales, compared with last year and a decrease compared with year before last of 437,273.

Mr. Hester estimated the world's consumption of American cotton at 10,500,000 bales.

**CROP DECLINED 4.5 POINTS DURING MONTH**

Washington, Aug. 1.—The boll weevil played havoc with the South's cotton crop during July, heavy rainfall aided in the destruction by promoting a rank growth of weeds and grass and as a result a prospective production of 8,203,000 bales, was forecast today by the Department of Agriculture, basing its estimates on conditions existing July 25.—That is a loss of 230,000 bales compared with the production forecast a month ago.

The crop declined 4.5 points during the month, the lowest July average since 1896.

Unpromising is the present condition of the crop throughout most of the belt, and there is very serious threat, the department experts say, of continued and increased damage from the boll weevil, while grass and weeds are exhausting much of the crop that remains.

The condition by states follows: Virginia, 82, North Carolina 75, South Carolina 62, Georgia 59, Florida 60, Alabama 58, Mississippi 68, Louisiana 59, Texas 62, Arkansas 76, Tennessee, 75, Missouri 80, Oklahoma 68, California 83, Arizona 89. All other states 88.

in Pender, Sampson, Cumberland, Columbus and others in this county. He will assist pastor Hester at Oak Grove commencing on the 3rd Sunday in August. It's expected large crowds will attend the meeting at Bethany next week to hear this spirit filled man of God.

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