

NEW DEPARTURES IN PARTY PLATFORMS A SURE THING, SEEMS

Radicals Demand Extension of Government's Powers in Industry

BOTH SIDES ECONOMICAL

G. O. P. Plans to Go Before Country With Story About How it Has Saved and Can Save if Given Opportunity

(By the United Press)

Washington, Jan. 14.—Entrance of a third party into the presidential campaign depends upon whether certain radical planks will be incorporated in the platforms of the Republican or Democratic parties, according to political indications in Washington. The fight to get these planks into the platform seems likely to materialize at the Democratic convention. The Republican platform will be studied out and prepared in advance, at least tentatively. There does not appear to be much chance that the convention will clash over it.

Radicals (this does not mean reds) want government ownership of railroads and mines and more government aid for farmers. If such legislation is not promised by major parties the inclination of the backers of these issues is to form a third party.

GOES TO REPRESENT AMERICA AT BERLIN

(By the United Press)

Paris, Jan. 14.—Lorin Brezel, American commissioner to Germany, will leave for Berlin tonight. When he arrives at Berlin diplomatic communication will be resumed with Germany simultaneously with England, France and Italy. Allen Dulles will accompany Brezel.

MARINE MARKSMEN GET BANQUETS AS PRIZES ON THE RIFLE RANGE

Paris Island, S. C., Jan. 14.—Brig. Gen. Eli K. Cole, commandant of the marine barracks and training area here, has found a new way to win the hearts of his men, and he has turned it to practical account. Officers in charge of the rifle practice recently discussed ways and means of inspiring the recruits to further efforts to increase their scores. Finally it was put up to Gen. Cole.

"Feed 'em," replied the general. Now the marines get good enough "chow" for anybody, but the general explained that he meant to give a regular banquet to the men in the recruit companies making the highest scores. So an order was issued that whenever two or more companies shot on the range at the same time the one returning the largest number of qualified marksmen or better would receive a banquet with all the "fixings" of the new hostess house.

FAILS TO PROVIDE FOR DRY DEPARTMENT

(By the United Press)

Richmond, Jan. 14.—Virginia legislators met here in regular session at noon. The governor's budget was distributed. He fails to make appropriation for the prohibition department, explaining that he sees no reason why the state should bear this extra expense.

RADICALS ON BOARD BUFORD PEACEABLE AS SO MANY LAMBS

Not Even a Threat as to What They Intend to Do When They Reach Russia—Repairs on Transport Near Completion

(By the United Press)

Bel, Jan. 14.—It is stated that the 249 deported radicals aboard the United States transport Buford, Soviet ark, have been peaceable as lambs.

Officers of the transport told the United Press that the reds have been eating all they can get but have made no disturbance. They have offered no threats as to what they will do when they reach Russia, the officers said.

Repair work on the Buford has been proceeding rapidly, the officers said. She will probably sail today for an unknown port.

Mr. Craig Will Keep an Armenian Baby Two Months; Urges Help

Rev. W. Marshall Craig is the newest contributor to the Armenian-Syrian relief fund here. Mr. Craig has sent to County Chairman H. Galt Braxton a check for \$10, with the statement that he wishes he could make it many times larger.

"I have read of the needs of the people of the Near East with sensations much akin to astonishment and with a feeling of profound sympathy," says Mr. Craig. "Surely this is the most heart-searching call and the most challenging appeal that has come to us since the war clouds lifted. It is unthinkable that our people in this day of unprecedented wealth and progress will allow the cries of the orphans to go unheard."

There are thousands of babies to be succored in the Near East. Some are freezing and some starving to death. Lenoir County is asked to provide for many of these unfortunate little ones. Sixty dollars will keep a child a year.

Firemen Have Oyster Roast and Lot Guests at Electric Plant

(By the United Press)

The firemen and their friends had a fine time at the former's annual oyster roast, held at the electric plant Tuesday night. Many city and county officials and members of the police force and others were the guests of the men who man the red apparatus. There was not much formality but a lot of oysters. Fire Chief Tom Mosely was master of what little ceremony there was. Mayor Dawson R. F. Churchhill, chairman of commissioners; C. W. Pridgen, register of deeds; John H. Dawson, county treasurer; Police Chief Thompson; Aldermen George O. Brown, C. A. Walsh and a lot of others were on hand to partake of the oysters and praise the firemen's hospitality.

Secretary Daniels Urges Government to Help Naval Militia

(By the United Press)

Washington, Jan. 14.—Federal aid for the rehabilitation and maintenance of state naval militia organizations, which lost their identity during the war, has been recommended by Secretary of the Navy Daniels. He urges that Congress act immediately.

The naval militia was superseded by the National Naval Volunteers which in turn, were transferred to the Naval Reserve Force. The act providing for this transfer had the effect of repealing the permanent character of the appropriation provided in 1914 for supplying arms and equipment to the militia organizations.

Some of the states are reviving the naval militia, but there is no money with which the Navy Department can assist them. The Secretary's recommendation is expected to give encouragement to these states and result in a bill providing the funds.

STATE OF SIEGE IS PROCLAIMED; RIOTS ALL PARTS GERMANY

Government Determined to Put Down Railway Strike, Cause of Widespread Disorders and Bloodshed—Many Killed

(By the United Press)

Berlin, Jan. 14.—A state of siege has been proclaimed throughout Germany with the exception of Wurtemberg, Saxony and Bavaria as a result of widespread riots. The proclamation was issued late yesterday. Scores have been killed in the riots. In Berlin over 100 men and women have been wounded.

Martial Law at Points

Berlin, Jan. 14.—The government announces martial law has been declared in the Ruhr district and Upper Silesia because of disorders attending the railway strike. The government is determined to use every means to suppress the strike, it is announced.

PAPER FAMINE WILL BE WORSE SHORTLY UNLESS CARE USED

Raw Material in United States Will Be Exhausted in 20 Years if Wood is Cut at Present Rate and Not Replenished

(By the United Press)

Washington, Jan. 14.—In less than 20 years 95 per cent. of the pulp and paper mills of the country, mainly those in the east, will have practically exhausted their supplies of spruce, hemlock, and fir—the principal wood from which the paper on which newspapers are printed is made.

Going Rapidly

The annual cutting of these woods in the New England States and New York is approximately 3,262,000 cords, and at this rate the supply will last approximately 17 years. The estimated annual cutting in the Lake States is 3,030,000 cords, and if continued will exhaust the supply in that region within 18 years. Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina, with their smaller forest resources, are even worse off, the annual cutting being calculated at 1,470,000 cords, at which rate the spruce, hemlock, and fir will last but 10 years. Only in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and California, are the reserves in no immediate danger of exhaustion if the cutting continues at the present rate of 2,218,000 cords a year.

Official Data

These figures, of special interest because of the present paper shortage, are included in estimates compiled by the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. The data accumulated give additional emphasis to the demand for a nationwide policy that will put privately owned forests on a permanently productive basis and will also result in utilizing mill waste for paper making.

Kinston Made Little Effort to Land This Plum, it Would Seem

The Board of Trustees of Chowan College is meeting at Ahoskie to consider the location of the college. Bids have been made by Ahoskie, Rocky Mount, Greenville and Elizabeth City. A strong delegation from the Chamber of Commerce of Greenville is at Ahoskie with an offer of 15 acres of land in Greenville and a considerable cash bonus. It is understood that Rocky Mount has an offer of a site and \$100,000.

REACH SALONIKI

(By the United Press)

Rome, Jan. 14.—The Italian aviators attempting the flight from Rome to Tokio have reached Saloniki, a message says.

NATIONAL BANKS OF AMERICA EARN COOL BILLION IN A YEAR

Greater Growth in Past 6 Years Than in Preceding 50

EXACTLY 8 THOUSAND

Institutions in United States and Possessions — Texas, Carolina, California and Oklahoma Register Big Gains

(By the United Press)

Washington, Jan. 14.—The number of banking institutions under the supervision of the Comptroller of the Currency is now exactly 8,000, including 7,948 national banks in the United States, Alaska and Hawaii, and 52 savings banks, building and loan companies and trust companies in the District of Columbia. There have been chartered under the present administration, or since March 4, 1913, more than 1,000 new national banks, an amount chartered were granted in 1913 than for any other year since 1899.

Best Year Ever

The year 1919 was for the national banks of the country the most successful in their history. The resources and deposits of these banks have shown unprecedented growth. On the date of the November 17, 1919, call, national bank resources amounted to \$22,444,992,000, being \$20,000,000 more than ever before reported. The number of individual deposit accounts in all national banks reported June 30, 1919, was 18,240,000, an increase of over 10,000,000 accounts in less than 10 years.

North Carolina's Increase

The increases in deposits and total assets are scattered widely throughout the country. The increase in resources of the "country" banks, those national banks outside of the reserve cities, since June 30, last, has been in excess of 800,000,000 dollars. The "country" banks of Texas alone have increased in the past six months 134,000,000 dollars, or 34 per cent. In North Carolina the increase was over \$51,000,000, or 38 per cent.; in California, \$72,121,000, or 28 per cent., and in Oklahoma, \$49,929,000, 30 per cent.

The record for immunity from failure for the 22 months from January 1, 1918, to the close of the last fiscal year, October 31, 1919, was 30 times, or 3,000 per cent. better than the record for the 40 years prior to 1914. There was no failure involving a dollar's loss to depositors of any national bank in the fiscal year closing October 31, 1919.

The earnings of the national banks for the past year have also exceeded all previous figures and will approximate a billion dollars gross and not far from 300,000,000 dollars net.

PARIS BUSY PLANNING STYLES FOR MILADY'S VOYAGE THROUGH THE AIR

Paris, Jan. 14.—As the result of daily airplane service between Paris and London, as well as prospective airplane connections in the near future with all the leading European capitals, the designing of dainty airplane costumes has become one of the new tasks of Rue de la Paix.

The models now being shown are composed largely of fur, are guaranteed to be cold proof and fog-proof—this for the English channel—and are made in such a manner that milady can climb in and out of an airplane easily.

PREVENT PROGRESS OBREGON CAMPAIGN

(By the United Press)

Washington, Jan. 14.—Mexican federal troops are being rushed to the state of Sonora to suppress the popularity of General Alvaro Obregon's candidacy for the presidency, according to unofficial advices from the border received here.

COSTLY FIRE AMONG LINTERS OWNED BY U. S. AT MILL HERE

Spark Supposed to Have Caused Blaze — Almost Identical With Fire at Same Locality Few Weeks Ago — Damage About \$15,000

(By the United Press)

Fire among 300 to 400 bales of cotton linters at the Southeast Kinston plant of the Lenoir Oil & Ice Co. at 11 a. m. Wednesday did damage estimated at \$15,000. Checking had not been completed at 2:30 p. m.

The linters were a part of a large government order. They were insured by the company.

A spark from a stack or a carelessly thrown cigarette may have caused the fire.

A fire started by small boys destroyed about 320 bales of government-owned linters at the same place a few weeks ago. The blaze started at about the same hour as Wednesday's. The damage was almost identical with Wednesday's estimate.

NATIONAL BANKS OF CITY NEARING FIVE MILLION MARK NOW

Total Resources Exceed \$4,500,000—Two Institutions Report Extraordinarily Prosperous Year — Directors Re-elected

The stockholders of the national banks of the city held their annual meeting Tuesday afternoon, heard statements of unequalled prosperity from their officers and reelected their directorates almost without a change.

The First National Bank's stockholders ordered a dividend of eight per cent, which added to a six per cent. dividend last year made 14 per cent. for the year. Cashier Dal. F. Wooten was named a director to succeed Mr. N. J. Rouse, who retired. Cashier Wooten said the year was by far the best the bank, which now has resources in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000, had ever had and that he looked for another fine year.

The directors of the National Bank of Kinston were reelected and met later and reelected all officers. This bank had previously declared a 12 per cent. dividend. Total resources were shown to be \$2,779,229.84. Deposits, said President H. H. Taylor, had doubled during 1919, gaining from about \$1,200,000 to more than \$2,500,000.

Mr. Taylor thought prices might drop a little during the year, but expected no startling change in financial conditions.

The directors of the National Bank are S. H. Abbott, J. C. Rasmussen, J. G. Dawson, R. L. Crisp, J. E. Hood, T. W. Mewborn, L. P. Tapp, E. B. Marston, D. V. Dixon and H. H. Taylor, those of the First National Bank are D. Oettinger, J. F. Taylor, H. E. Mosley, Dr. H. Tull, E. P. Wooten, W. L. Kennedy, F. C. Hooker, H. H. McCoy, J. H. Canady and D. P. Wooten. The latter will meet shortly to elect officers.

MORE THAN EIGHT HUNDRED BE TRIED

(By the United Press)

Paris, Jan. 14.—Newspapers here say the list of German war guilty whose surrender will be demanded by the Allies has been completed. The total of accused Germans is 880, according to the newspapers here. Of these 330 will be demanded by France. The list is now being printed.

COTTON STATISTICS

Washington, Jan. 14.—Cotton consumed during December totalled 511,585 bales, compared with 472,908 bales in December 1918, the Census Bureau announces.

MONTHLY REVIEW OF PRODUCERS' PRICES SHOWS HIGH VALUES

Livestock's Experience in 1919 Deplorable From Breeder's Point of View — Sweet Potatoes Have Increase Coming

(Special to The Free Press.)

Raleigh, Jan. 14.—The following review of producers' prices has been issued by the Division of Markets of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service for the last fiscal month:

Cotton Market

The rapid marketing made during the first three months of this season came nearly to a standstill in December, due to the conditions in the contract market and to the holidays. The Government estimate which was published on December 11th, of 11,030,000 bales, was considered bearish and did break the market to a certain extent for a few days; but it reacted soon, and January is now quoted at 3,830, a new record for this month. The Edge bill which was passed by Congress in December, was considered bullish as it will help the export situation considerably.

Peanuts

Virginia farmers' grade, increased still further in Virginia and North Carolina producing sections, ranging 8 1-2 to 10 cents per pound to growers, with Spanish at \$3.10-\$3.35 per bushel.

1919 Hog Market Review

With the close of December a year of remarkable developments in connection with live stock marketing was brought to a close, particularly with reference to the hog market. Receipts at market centers during the year were surpassed in 1918 and 1916 only, while new high record prices were established. Prices have been a matter of much interest and concern to hog growers throughout the year. Beginning with January the market worked generally higher until the latter part of July and early August when new high record prices were realized, being approximately \$5.75 cwt. higher than in early January. The better grades of hogs reached the \$24.20 per cwt. mark on the Baltimore market. However, following the period of new high record prices, there occurred one of the most spectacular and disastrous breaks in the hog market yet on record. Within 11 weeks time a decline of over 10 cents per pound had occurred, prices going to the lowest mark of the entire year. Following this sensational break in values, a slight reaction occurred, however prices remained relatively low throughout the rest of the year. The year closed with the better grades of hogs selling around \$15 to \$16.50 cwt. on northern markets, and the bulk at \$14.20 to \$14.45 cwt. on the Chicago market.

Packers attribute the year's slump in hog prices as due largely to the financial embarrassment of European countries.

Present Indications seem to point to a 10 to 15 per cent. decline in the number of brood sows that will be bred for 1920 as compared with 1919.

Cowpeas and Soybeans

Cowpeas and soybeans continue to range \$2.50-\$3.50 per bushel in North Carolina markets, although prices on these commodities average higher in other states. With cowpeas, there seems to be a strong call for seed from neighboring states.

White Potatoes Advancing

Little further shipments of potatoes from Western North Carolina are in progress as most of those now on hand are being held for early spring trade, although the market is now strong and advancing. Leading markets quoted potatoes at the close of the year as follows: U. S. grade No. 1, sacked per 100 lbs., \$3.25-\$3.60, and 150-lb. bags at \$5-\$5.75.

Sweets Steady

Sweet potatoes slumped a little around Christmas, but immediately strengthened. Even stronger prices are expected by the end of January.

Apples Dull

The movement of North Carolina apples is now practically at a standstill, a few still moving in small lots, which are bringing the growers \$8-\$10 per barrel, depending on grade and variety.

BUY W. S. S.

TOBACCO MAKES A SACRIFICE HIT AND SCORES FOR STATE

North Carolina Owes Standing in Agriculture Mostly to Weed

HIGHEST PRICES HERE

No Region Grows Leaf to Compare With Tazewell's—Eight Cents a Pound Better Than Virginia Product Brings

(Special to The Free Press.)

Raleigh, Jan. 14.—Tobacco has been the primary crop to make North Carolina rank fourth in the value of all crops among the states of the nation, according to Frank Parker, director of the state's Crop Reporting Service. "This enviable rank classes her next to Illinois and Iowa.

"We held first place in the value per pound of the tobacco crop last year, notwithstanding Kentucky's large lead in production. Our weed is recognized the world over as the best, for it sold eight cents above Virginia, who is our nearest competitor in average price, and over 15 cents a pound higher than Kentucky's crop."

Estimates Too Low

"As with cotton, the preliminary estimates were too low, there having been a natural farmers' bias downward in acreage and yield of the tobacco crop. The July estimates were for 264,000,000 pounds but the October estimates survey, together with the sales to that date, indicated a probable crop of 310,000,000 pounds. It now looks like the crop may reach more than 315,000,000 pounds with a total value of \$187,000,000. The bulk of our sales were made during the low and ascending price period while Kentucky is benefiting by the later and higher prices. Carolina sales.

"North Carolina's sales averaged approximately as follows: July, eight millions at \$21.00; August, 12 millions at \$25.51; September, 79 millions at \$41.10; October, 103 millions at \$56.85; November, 50 millions at \$67.94. December sales averaged \$53.91, but the drop from November was due largely to big sales of scrap and low grades usually common at the close of the season. It is now estimated that 12,040,000 pounds of the farmers' virgin weed is still unsold.

National Figures

"The nation's crop is estimated by the Federal Department of Agriculture at 1,901,200 acres; the yield at 731 pounds per acre; the total production 1,389,458,000 pounds with an average price of 39 cents, giving the entire crop a value of \$542,547,000, which is quite a record. Kentucky leads with 456,500,000 pounds, averaging \$38.20, giving a value of \$174,383,000. The rank in total value among the states is Kentucky first, North Carolina second, Virginia third, Ohio fourth, Tennessee fifth, and South Carolina sixth."

COMMISSION BRINGS ARMOUR UP AGAIN

(By the United Press)

Washington, Jan. 14.—The Federal Trade Commission today announced it had cited Armour Company, Chicago meat packers, on charges of unfair competition in acquiring competing firms in violation of the Clayton anti-trust law. The company has been given 40 days to answer to the citation, after which the case will be set for trial.

BOURGEOIS CHOSEN HEAD FRENCH SEN.

(By the United Press)

Paris, Jan. 14.—Leon Bourgeois was today elected president of the French Senate. Bourgeois is one of the principal members of the French peace commission and was a member of the committee which drafted the covenant of the League of Nations.