

Federal Church Council Want Economic Meet

Churches of All Nations Asked to Support Council's Request For Conference in National Capital.

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Washington, Feb. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Calling for an international conference by the United States to consider the "whole economic and political situation in Europe, including reparations, debts and armaments" is urged in a program of "loofness" which the churches of the nation were asked to support in a call sent out today by the administrative committee of the Federal Council of Churches.

Asserting that "an attitude of aloofness exposes our foreign policy," the charges of unkindness and ineffectiveness, the appeal declared this country should accept its "fair share of responsibility in bringing about an effective settlement of international problems."

CONDITION OF BANKS INDEX TO BUSINESS Present Prosperity of South and Nation Accurately Reflected in Bank Statements, Business Men Declare.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—The part the national banks of the country have in the revival of financial prosperity is emphasized in a statement by Comptroller of the Currency Crissinger, it is pointed out by bankers and other business men.

CABINET CHANGES ARE MADE BY PRESIDENT Senator New Will Succeed Postmaster General Work, Who Will Succeed Secretary Fall.

Washington, Feb. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—The change in the cabinet lineup is to take place March 4th when Mr. Fall retires after two years service, and the nomination of Mr. Work and Senator New were sent to the Senate today to permit their confirmation before the present session of Congress comes to end.

MINING VILLAGE IS DAMAGED BY EXPLOSION Powder Magazine in Pennsylvania Mine Explodes, Causing Much Damage.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—The mining village of Russellton, about 25 miles from Pittsburgh, was rocked by a terrific explosion early today when a powder magazine at Superior Mine No. 1 of the Superior Fuel Co. blew up.

BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN STATE IMPROVING

Show Marked Increase Over Last Year. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Employment conditions in North Carolina during January and February have shown a distinct improvement over the same period in 1922, chiefly because of improvement in business and a decrease in the number of persons from other states asking for jobs here, according to a statement by M. L. Shipman, commissioner of labor and printing.

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THE COTTON MARKET Showed Continued Firmness During Today's Early Trading.

New York, Feb. 27.—The cotton market showed continued firmness during today's early trading. There were additional notices issued representing about 2,300 bales, but they appeared to be readily taken, and all old crop deliveries made new high records for the season owing to relatively steady Liverpool cables, bullish spot southern advices, covering, and trade buying.

FISHER CASE MAY GO TO JURY LATE TODAY Fisher Says He Killed George Reavis in Self Defense, But State Says Not.

Sylva, N. C., Feb. 27.—The question of whether Walter Fisher, democratic election officer, fired in self defense or killed George Reavis, a leading republican of Jackson County in a row at the polls here last November, was expected to be submitted to the jury late today on completion of arguments and the judge's charge.

Jurors in Red Thomas Case Refuse to Talk. Salisbury, Feb. 26.—Just what delegations the jury in the O. G. Thomas murder case took before arriving at their verdict of "not guilty," or how many ballots were taken before the final one, will never be known.

Asheville Wives Convention. Asheville, Feb. 27.—The Southern Commercial Secretaries Association, which meets in Memphis May 21-25, will be invited to hold its 1924 convention in this city by the Asheville Chamber of Commerce. F. L. Whitman, secretary, has announced. Mr. Whitman will attend the convention.

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