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## PRESIDENT-ELECT URGES PLAIN LIVING AND SQUARE DEALING

### NATION-WIDE PRODUCERS' STRIKE URGED TO COMBAT LOW PRICES FARM PRODUCT

#### National Farmers' Union Urges Farmers to Withhold Products From Market Until Profit-Making Levels Are Restored - In Retaliation For Abnormal Deflation in Prices of Farm Products.

(By The Associated Press.) KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 18 — A nation-wide producers' strike to combat the falling prices of farm products was urged in a call sent out today by the National Farmers' Union to its local unions throughout the country. The call, in the form of a resolution adopted at the national convention of the organization here, went forward to secretaries of local branches of the organization, which represent producers of grain, cotton, wool and live stock, said to number 800,000. The proposed strike was urged in retaliation for what the convention considered abnormal deflation in prices of farm products, through which it was asserted "American farmers have been robbed of one billion dollars in reduced value of products now on hand. "All farmers were urged to hold this year's production from the markets until "profit making levels" were restored. "The action of the National Farmers' Union was in line with a "wheat strike" called several weeks ago by the Wheat Growers Association of the United States. Delegates asserted a considerable quantity of this year's wheat crop was being held off the market by farmers.

Reduction of production in the future was threatened "unless the prices of our products are fairly readjusted to the end that we may obtain just returns from our labors and investments" in another resolution approved by the convention. Officials of the organization pointed out that members were not under obligation to obey the terms of the strike but expressed the belief that such a movement would be effective.

A conference of representatives of all farmers organizations of the country was called to meet in St. Louis, December 16, to consider the creation of a national farm marketing board.

Charles S. Barrett, of Union City, Ga., who has served for 15 years as president of the union, was reelected last night.

### JAP STUDENTS DEBATE THE QUESTION: "SHALL JAPAN FIGHT AMERICA?"

#### Two Thousand University Students Argue Question For Four Hours, But No Decision is Reached — Say America is Tired of Japan.

TOKIO, Nov. 16 — Two thousand university students met here tonight to discuss the question: "Shall Japan fight America?" The debate lasted four hours and was marked by vehement oratory, but the audience remained in good humor during the evening. The managers of the meeting, out of deference to the police, decided not to take a vote on the merits of the question as disclosed by the speakers, and apparently the audience was equally divided as to the expediency of war between the two countries.

Speakers taking part in the debate agreed that the action of California in legislating against Japanese owning property in that state furnished a sufficient cause for hostilities, but they differed concerning the expediency of going to war.

Many pointed out that facts of America's wealth and preparedness contrasted with Japan's weakness. One student thought that if Japan attacked America over this question, other white races might combine against Japan. The orators freely praised America's past friendliness for this country, but added: "Now that Japan is grown up, America is tired of us."

### GEORGIA MOB DISPENSES SWIFT AND EARLY PUNISHMENT

(By The Associated Press.) DOUGLAS, Ga., Nov. 18.—Two negro men and a negro woman, all implicated in the killing yesterday afternoon of Pearly Harper, a prominent young planter of this county, were lined up and shot at an early hour this morning by a mob of more than 150 men who overpowered Sheriff Tanner and two deputies who were attempting to get the negroes to Fitzgerald for safekeeping.

### WARNS MANUFACTURERS



"Manufacturers must get out of the habit of relying upon the government," says Edmund Platt, vice governor of the federal reserve board. He also points out that prices are coming down because the public, not the government, is in charge now and that the general drop in prices will make the credit situation much easier.

### GASTONIA TEACHERS TO ATTEND ASSEMBLY

Twenty-five Gastonia teachers will attend the sessions of the North Carolina Teachers Assembly in Asheville next week. The sessions begin Wednesday, November 24, at 12:30 p. m., and continue through Friday, November 26. Those going from Gastonia, in addition to a number from the county are: Prof. Joe S. Wray, W. P. Grier, G. P. Heilig, E. J. Abernethy and Misses Edna Bradley, Eula Glenn, Fannie and Mary Mitchell, Katherine Whitener, Margaret Tiddy, Manie Low Proctor, Latta Massey, Sallie Sumner, Edna and Katie Smith, Eunice Higgins, Ruth Caldwell, Sabelle Stewart, Pearl Gallant, Carrie Morris, Ethel Garrison, Dora Squires, Essie Morton, Agnes Young and Annie Cashion.

The program of the assembly is as follows:

Wednesday, November 24. 4:30 p. m.—First business meeting. Auditorium, City High School. 8:00 p. m.—General Session—City Auditorium. (1) Music. (2) Address. "Ideals Back of the Report of the Educational Commission and the Revised School Code." Dr. Frank P. Bachman, General Education Board.

Thursday, November 25. 9:30 a. m.—General Session. City Auditorium. The Report of the Educational Commission: (1) R. H. Wright, Chairman of Commission; (2) E. C. Brooks, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; (3) General discussion. 11:30 a. m.—Thanksgiving Service. City Auditorium. Sermon by Rev. W. D. Moss, Pastor of Presbyterian Church, Chapel Hill, N. C.

8:00 p. m.—General Session. City Auditorium. (1) Music. (2) President's Address. S. B. Underwood, Greenville, N. C. (3) Music. (4) Address. Dr. Edwin Mims, Professor of English, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

Friday, November 26. 2:30 p. m.—Annual Business Session. City Auditorium.

8:00 p. m.—General Session. City Auditorium. (1) Music. (2) Address. Dr. George A. Works, Professor of Rural Education, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Officers of the assembly are: President, S. B. Underwood, Greenville; vice president, R. H. Latham, Winston-Salem; secretary-treasurer, A. T. Allen, Raleigh. Executive Committee: S. B. Underwood, ex officio; R. H. Latham, ex officio; N. W. Walker, ex officio; A. T. Allen, ex officio; D. E. Cline, Marion; Miss Mary Arrington, Rocky Mount; A. S. Webb, Concord; L. A. Williams, Chapel Hill; Geo. Howard, Jr., Tarboro; K. R. Curtis, Kinston.

### GYPSY SMITH, JR., SCORES MODERN SINS IN POWERFUL SERMON TO GASTONIANS WEDNESDAY

Informal Gospel Talk Made to Large Congregation of Christians at Wednesday Afternoon Service — Thirty Persons Respond to Dr. Henderson's Call For Active Workers — Wednesday Night Service Splendidly Attended — Services Today and Tomorrow at 3:30 and 7:30 P. M.

With evident satisfaction and increasing interest several hundred people made up the congregation, largely Christian, at the First Presbyterian church to hear Gypsy Smith Wednesday afternoon, this being the first afternoon service since Sunday. The increased interest was manifest when thirty persons, at the call of Dr. Henderson, remained for a conference of personal workers, after the service. Mr. Allen concluded a short service by singing as a solo "Open My Eyes That I May See." Rev. W. B. Lindsay, of Charlotte, led in prayer. Mr. Smith read the sixth chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, choosing for his text the eleventh verse: "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." After stating that Christians should be fully fortified against the devices of the arch enemy of mankind, Mr. Smith said there are many wiles of the devil beginning with O, and warned his hearers against two very important ones, Detachment and Disarrangement. Summing up his arguments for these points, Mr. Smith issued the following admonitions: Walk circumspectly. Beware of surprises, remember the necessity for watchfulness; beware of exhaustion, remember the law of replenishment; beware of uncertainty, remember the law of faith; beware of inactivity, remember the law of work; beware of inaccuracy, remember the law of truth.

All personal workers and all who would do personal work are requested to meet Mr. Gillespie in the rest room at 7:15 each night. Mr. Smith will speak at the chapel exercises of West school Friday morning at 10 o'clock and at St. Paul's 3-ored Baptist church Friday night at 9 p. m.

Mr. Smith preached at night to a capacity audience, every available space in the church being taken. Mr. Allen specialized in chorus singing. He and Miss Ednae Smith sang a duet. A song by little Miss Underwood, McCombs and Brison featured the evening service.

Mr. Smith's sermon was from Daniel 5:27: "Thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting."

Babylon was a city of many wonders. Our modern cities, in some respects, have never yet begun to equal the marvels of the ancients. Babylon had a city wall around it that was sixty miles in circumference. There was a public square in the center of the city, and twelve avenues leading into it. And there were twenty-five gates of solid brass, so that they could clear the center of the square in a few moments, shutting themselves off from the entire city so that they could have their public meetings undisturbed. Then Nebuchadnezzar built a mountain four hundred and ninety-six feet high, and every snail of dirt was carried there. There were wonderful terraces supported by high arches all around the side of the mountain, and on these terraces grew all the beauties of the tropics. But, if it were beautiful in the daytime, it must have been gorgeous at night.

A royal feast is on in the city. Belshazzar's father was the real king, but had gone away on a military expedition, and while away the Medes and Persians had besieged the city, so they had shut the father out and the son assumed the reins of government, and, becoming chaste over the importance of his position, he proposed to give a royal banquet, some kind of an inaugural ceremony. The palace is brilliant with beauty. One thousand of his lords and ladies are there and all the high rulers of society. As the king takes his place at the head of the table, the supper begins. And while the wine flows they shout, "Oh, King Belshazzar, live forever!" He begins to think himself the biggest thing in the universe, and to show his contempt for the little gods the Jews called Jehovah, he sent to the heathen temple for the vessels of silver and gold that had been consecrated to Almighty God, and while they drank out of those sacred vessels, they blasphemed and sneered at the God of the Jews, and shouted, "Hurrah for King Belshazzar!"

But suddenly the king's face whitens, the vessel that he is holding crashes to the floor, as he sees an armless hand writing on the wall, some strange writing. He is afraid immediately and calls for his soothsayers, and astrologers, to interpret to him the meaning of the writing, but they are unable to do it. His mother, coming to comfort him, says, "There is a man in your prison by the name of Daniel, who, I am sure, can tell us what this strange writing means." So the king sends for Daniel. He is like a great many other men—when they are afraid they are very anxious to see some preacher or priest. And he says to him, "I am interested that writing for you, but before I do so, let me remind you of your grandfather, and what happened to him. Don't you remember that

he sinned at God, and don't you remember what happened to him, how he had to live with the cattle in the field and eat their grass? That ought to have taught you that you could not sin at God and win out. This is the writing and the interpretation. 'Mene,' which means God hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it; 'Tekel,' thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting; 'Upharsin,' thy kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians." And the king said, "Is that all? Let the music go on and the dancing go on."

But the soldiers outside of the city had been very busy. There was the River Euphrates which ran under the wall, and King Cyrus, the Medes and Persians had turned the river out of its course and the soldiers marched on the dry bed of the river, under the city wall, and were in the city before any of them knew of it. The palace of mirth became the hall of death, for that night was Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, slain.

My text is, "Thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting." Remember, you will be weighed in God's scales. It is possible to be a heavy weight in the sight of public opinion and your neighbors' estimation, and a feather weight in the sight of God.

The first weight that I want to throw into the scale while you jump into the other is this one, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Every man has a god, and that is a man's god which is the center of his life, around which his whole life moves and circles. Money is many a man's god. He will lie, cheat, vilify, commit murder, all for the almighty dollar. It is just as much some men's god as though they were to take a dollar bill, frame it, and then get down on their knees and worship it daily. Some men will do anything in the world, selling their conscience, defying God, all to increase their rating in Bradstreet and Dun. With some people, society is their god. We dress the way we do and live the way we do, because society expects it. If you put God first in some circles and society last, some of them will have no use for you. There are a great many folks in this city, whose names are on the church roll, who make God play second fiddle to every little society proposition that comes along.

The second weight that I want to throw into the scale is this one, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." The only foundation for good character is a reverence for God. The slightest provocation arise and some men think they have a certain right to damn and curse. You can always tell what kind of wheels a man has in his head by the specks that come out of his mouth. If I were to call you a certain name which reflects on your mother, you would, if you had a spark of manhood, make me take it back, and yet no mother is so much so much or loved you so much as God. And God says "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain," for the Lord will not hold him clean that taketh His name in vain. If there is anything that reveals a man's rotten, low-down character, it is to hear him damn and curse in the name of Jesus Christ. How much do you weight?

The third weight is this, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Far-seeing statesmen have said that America's greatness in the past has been her high regard for the Sabbath day. If that is true, we had better look out, for we are getting mighty careless. Justice McClean said, "Where there is no Christian Sabbath, there is no Christian morality, and where there is no Christian morality, there can be no natural greatness." Who are these folks who are crying for continental Sundays? Ninety per cent of them are foreigners, and the same crowd are always crying for the Bible to be taken out of the public schools, and when you took the Bible out of your schools you dipped your colors, and you lowered the standard of your country. Your fathers came to the white shores of Massachusetts Bay, and to the music of the open waves, the whispering of the pine, they solemnized the marriage of liberty and sealed it with the richest blood that ever flowed through patriots' veins, and, as the atheists and infidels and other rebels against Jesus Christ don't like our public schools, where the Word of God is read, then the thing to do is to tell them to hike out and go where they came from.

The fourth weight is this, "Honor thy father and thy mother." A boy will never be a man if he always must obey his parents. There comes a time of individual responsibility and the young man must choose for himself, even though his choice disregards the wish and judgment of his parents. But there is a time when duty expects him to obey and to

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### THINKS THAT A NEW AMERICA CAN SOLVE NEW PROBLEMS ON BASIS OLD-TIME VIRTUE

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 18 — Plain living and square dealing were invoked by President-elect Harding, in a speech here today, as the nation's strongest reliance during the coming period of after-war readjustment. "Sanitary, clear thinking, common sense, honesty and co-operation," were among the qualities he named as prime necessities in meeting the demands of the new world order, and he declared material interests and national happiness both would benefit if the United States became "a simple living people once again."

Whatever discouragements and reverses there have been, he declared, would only be temporary in character. He predicted that a "confident America" would solve its new problems on the simple basis of the old time virtues and would come through the reconstruction period stronger and more dependable than ever before.

Senator Harding's speech, delivered at a luncheon of the New Orleans Association of Commerce, also contained a message of assurance for the industrial development of the south and an expression of hope that the ties of commercial co-operation with Latin America would be strengthened by every possible means.

The address was a part of a five hour visit to New Orleans by the president-elect, who came from his vacation in Texas to take ship for a voyage to the Panama canal zone.

He said in part: "I believe the American people have come to realize that we must face momentous problems, and must face them with resolute courage and practical wisdom nor excuse for despair, nor place for pessimism. If we are effective in solving our problems at home we shall be the better able to help solve those of the world as lefts our part in modern civilization."

"The big thing for all America to realize now and always is the dignity of productive labor. No matter how humble, the producers are the makers of the essentials of civilization and we must, each and all of us, accept and discourage our duty of producing for the world or of ministering to the needs of comfort or progress of mankind."

"There are certain fundamentals which are everlasting. Neither our own, nor the world's salvation is to be worked out through any patent nostrum, through any miracle of science, through any government patent. Government is but the agency to administer the collective organized public service. It is for them, under government leadership to meet the great needs of the world."

"Ours are millions of broad acres eager to respond to man's cultivating touch. We have an empire and millions more are waiting reclamation. We have not half revealed our mines nor measured our water-power. We are unmatched in genius and unexcelled in industry. We are progressive in education. We are free in reason and mean to stay free; and mean ever to be free in press especially. We have more than the beginning of an adequate transport system. We are awakened to the possibilities of inland waterways and tardily alert to the imperative need of a merchant marine to widen commerce, world influence and national safety."

"We have been talking about the new south for a score of years and more. It is new in spirit, new in development. I would like to see it new in realization. I would like to acclaim a southland with added good fortune and greater self-reliance through diversified agriculture and I would like to see a southland aflame with industry, with transportation ever a growing problem. This land of raw materials ought to manufacture and locate its factories by mine and farm and orchard. There will be no jealousy in the north because your greater glory will be glorious victory."

"Here we are today at one of the great gateways of Latin-America. Somehow I feel that the western hemisphere is our special field of influence and trade. Commerce marks the highways of friendship as well as rivalry. Our trade routes by sea to the south ought to be as dependable as our railway routes at home and there ought to be sufficient and reassuring comity and concord among Americans—South, Central and North. Bind our friendship with the ties of trade and we shall make it indissoluble."

"We have since now, we have the commercial foundation, our future lies in policies and practices. We must buy as well as sell to be sure, but we need the expanding trade policy, its efficient agents in seamen and credits and the simple, practical understanding that commerce is the life blood of material

existence. Our great assurance at home lies in a virile, intelligent, resolute people in a land unravaged by war, at comity with no people, envying none, coveting nothing, seeking no territory, striving for no glories which do not become a righteous nation. This republic cannot, will not fail, if each of us does his part. If we but would work and use thriftily and seek that understanding which reveals mutuality of interest in difficulties can long abide. Such a solution cannot come out of the greedy thoughts of the profiteer of the revolutionary agitation of those who would destroy. These are but surface disturbances. If we choose the deep and ever onward currents of normal America for the course of the republic."

"There has been a wild contemplation of earnings, whether in wages, or dividends, in terms of dollars, rather than in terms of purchasing power. We must be more concerned with the substance of reward for activity in this coin measurement. And our concern must be in dependable prosperity which is right comity shared."

"No law can alter nature or change varying moods. We haven't yet learned to combat destructive weather and the law of supply and demand is eternal. But we may soften their rigor and minimize their penalties. We want fortune a com. in possession in America. We want the cotton grower of the south to have his becoming reward with the wool grower and the wheat farmer of the north. We want southern factories to be tuned to the music of the mills of the north. We want your ports to send their cargoes under the American flag to bear the messages of peace and good will to all the parts of the earth. There is no such thing as righteous American ambitions. It is this wonderful and incomparable United States of America which sets our hearts aglow with becoming aspirations and patriotic love—the American of the constitution, free and confident of the morrow."

### HARDING GIVEN WARM GREETING IN NEW ORLEANS

(By The Associated Press.)

BATON ROUGE, La., Nov. 18 — President-elect Harding was greeted by 3,000 people at 8:30 o'clock this morning when his special train arrived here en route to New Orleans. Senator Harding was introduced to the crowd by Governor Parker, of Louisiana, and made a short speech thanking the people for their interest and asking for cooperation in the tremendous task lay before him. Before Baton Rouge was reached the train stopped at North Baton Rouge, the site of the plant of the Standard Oil refinery, and Senator and Mrs. Harding got off the train and shook hands with a large number of refinery workers who were there to greet him.

### PERSIAN PRINCE HAD THRILLING EXPERIENCE

(By The Associated Press.)

GENEVA, Nov. 18.—The report of the council of the league of nations was again before the assembly of the league of nations for consideration at today's session, as was the election of six vice presidents who, with the chairman of the assembly's six commissions will comprise the bureau, or executive committee, of that body. No announcement of speakers had been made, but the character of the subject under discussion opened the way for any one with something to say to take the floor and say it, thus holding out the possibility of an extended debate ranging over the entire scope of the league's activities.

The secretariat of the assembly was notified today that Prince Arfs Ed Dowleh, head of the Persian delegation to the assembly, had met with a thrilling adventure with a tragic end for his secretary, while the delegation was on its way to Geneva from Teheran, the Persian capital.

Between Isbahan and Shiraz the prince was captured by a robber band. The robbers seized the prince's papers and killed his secretary. The prince made his escape and the authorities eventually captured the band and restored the prince.

The prince is continuing his journey and is expected to arrive in Geneva shortly.

Three of the delegates who arrived in time for today's session were collected in groups about the hall-commerce and met yesterday's committee session, in which the Latin countries elected nine out of the total of 12 chairman and vice chairmen.