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LIBERAL CREDITS FOR FARMERS SEEM PROBABLE

Senate to Give Immediate Consideration to Legislation Looking to Financial Relief for Farmers - War Finance Board May Be Revived - Made Heavy Loans on Agricultural Products Up to Time of Its Dissolution.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Immediate consideration by the senate of farmer relief legislation was considered probable today with the report of a joint resolution by the agricultural committee...

that \$12,229,000 was loaned to send grain and flour and foodstuffs to Belgium. A total of \$10,796,537 was advanced to export electrical equipment and supplies to Great Britain, South Africa, Australia, France, Belgium and Italy; on cotton to Czechoslovakia \$9,322,117 was loaned; on condensed milk to England and France \$5,000,000; a like sum on locomotives to Poland and \$4,000,000 on agricultural implements to Great Britain, France and Belgium.

Except to carry out commitments made prior to November 30, 1918, the report explained the signing of the armistice caused the corporation to discontinue advances necessary to the prosecution of the war.

The war finance corporation, which the resolution would revive with a view to securing greater sales of surplus farm products abroad, had made total advances of \$353,061,404 up to May 10, last, when its loan activities were suspended by the secretary of the treasury, according to the annual report of the corporation, made public today.

During the past year advances made by the corporation have been principally to aid in financing exports, it was said, the total of such loans amounting to \$46,847,654, of which \$4,324,012 has been repaid, leaving the outstanding a balance of \$42,023,641. Summarizing its export advances the corporation showed

During the past year, the report declared, the corporation had made every effort to liquidate its outstanding cattle loans without entailing undue hardships upon borrowers. At the beginning of the year the amount of these loans outstanding was \$1,459,244, which was reduced through repayments to \$793,096, while the total advanced on these loans was \$7,827,278.

The corporation listed its other advances as of November 30 as \$5,268,377 to banks, bankers and trust companies all repaid; \$204,794,520 to railroads with \$21,132,995 still outstanding; \$23,814,674 to industrial corporations with \$948,881 still outstanding; and \$25,211,500 on warehouse receipts all repaid.

CORK CITY HALL WHICH WAS DAMAGED BY FIRE DURING RECENT DISTURBANCES.



TEXAS NEWSPAPER MAN CLAIMS HE HAS TALKED WITH ALLEGED MURDERESS

San Antonio Reporter Arrested After Refusing to Divulge Information as to Whereabouts of Miss Smith, Charged With Slaying Hamon.

(By The Associated Press.)

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Dec. 7.—P. M. Rose, a local newspaper man, who claims to have conversed near San Antonio last night with Clara Barton Smith, sought in connection with the fatal shooting at Ardmore, Okla., of Jake L. Hamon, was taken into custody by police detectives at his home early today.

Ross was detained as a material witness at the request of Russell B. Brown, county attorney at Ardmore.

Ross was escorted to police headquarters, where he refused to make any statement concerning the woman's whereabouts, or discuss the case with the police. He was immediately taken into conference with police officials and detectives.

Ross, according to information here, had claimed to know the whereabouts of Miss Smith. The alleged interview with Miss Smith is said to have been sent from here last night by Ross in news dispatches.

According to police information, the newspaper man asserted he found Miss Smith near here after her motor car had broken down. He is said to have claimed that he repaired the motor car and that she gave him her statement concerning the shooting at that time.

While detectives were quizzing Ross at headquarters, other detectives were conducting an investigation in one of the leading hotels here in an effort to confirm a report that Miss Smith was in the building.

After a lengthy questioning by the police, Ross was released.

At the conclusion of the conference, Captain James Duncan, of the police department, stated that he was inclined to doubt the newspaper man's story.

Ross, according to the police, refused to tell the whereabouts of the young woman, asserting that he would go to jail first.

Officials said that, when questioned by them, he declared he became acquainted with Miss Smith while working on a newspaper in Oklahoma. Later, they said, he denied knowing her.

He told his questioners, it was stated, that he first encountered Miss Smith on the streets of San Antonio and that she tried to evade him by driving away in a large motor car. He said that he pursued her in a smaller car, but being unable to overtake her, hired a large service car and resumed the chase, catching her just outside the city limits.

Following the questioning of Ross, police officials said they were inclined to abandon the search for Miss Smith here, especially after detectives had made an investigation at one of the leading hotels and failed to find any trace of her. A report from Oklahoma City hinted that she could be found at the hotel.

It was emphasized at police headquarters that further investigation of the case locally would depend upon the wishes of the Ardmore authorities.

The story told by Ross of his interviews with Miss Smith, according to police, followed somewhat her statements to E. W. Sallie, of Dallas, the chauffeur, who drove Miss Smith from Dallas to Cisco.

Ross, who is an employee of The San Antonio News, said he had heard in a

COUNTY FATHERS HEAR PLEAS FOR SYSTEM OF RURAL POLICEMEN

Only Thing in Way is the Cost - Called Meeting to Be Held Next Tuesday to Further Proposition.

Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Kiwanis Club, and the Ministers Association appeared before the board of county commissioners yesterday afternoon and presented to that body a strong plea for the establishment of a system of rural policemen over the main roads of the county. Facts as to recent outrageous occurrences on unpolluted country roads were brought to the attention of the commissioners. That immoral practices are carried on to a deplorable extent and that they are increasing all the time was impressed upon the county fathers, as was also the fact that highway robbers infest unprotected places along the roads.

There were present many citizens who are vitally interested in the proposition to establish a system of rural police. The commissioners were most favorably impressed with the proposition; in fact are heartily in favor of it, and were deterred from taking immediate action only because of a lack of funds to carry it on. It was estimated that at least \$15,000 per year would be required for this purpose.

A called meeting of the board was set to be held Tuesday, December 14, for the specific purpose of taking this matter up again. All citizens of the county who are interested in rural police protection and the curtailment of immoral practices are urged to be present at that meeting which will be somewhat on the order of a mass meeting. Anyone who desires to be heard will have an opportunity to give his views.

The new officers for the coming year were sworn in. They were Mr. Howard R. Thompson as register of deeds and Mr. E. L. Fronberger, commissioner from Crowders Mountain Township. R. L. Stowe, of South Point, and D. E. Mauney, of Cherryville Township, were both re-elected commissioners and began their new terms with this meeting.

Jurors For Regular Term Court. Jurors for the regular January criminal term of court commencing January 17th were drawn as follows:

First Week: Ed C Ray, Grover Beam, W J T Styers, R S Abernethy, F Sample Hager, D A Gains, H A Rhyne, W B McKee, A A McLean, Sr., Claud Reid, B G Garrison, O J Rhyne, George H Ingle, L E Kincaid, D L Abernethy, B L Forbes, F A Cathey, S A Robinson, L A Campbell, C B Craig, G K Derr, A H Guion, W R Fite, R L Davis.

Second Week: Olin Carroll, Worth Anthony, J T Smith, W S Painter, R D Friday, D Lee Rhyne, J P Allen, J J Gamble, J L Clemmer, W R Wells, A R Anders, Amos Morris, Avery Ballard, Joe Douglas, J Anthony, W H Benfield, J H Ratchford, S S Morris, C R Cato, A B Putnam, Charles Grigg, Luther Nims.

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hotel lobby last Saturday that Miss Smith was in San Antonio and through acquaintances during his previous employment in Oklahoma, recognized her.

While a companion fixed two flat tires on Miss Smith's automobile Ross said he took her to a nearby farm house and, there he said, she told him she had killed Hamon "for the sake of their son, Jack." According to Ross she declared she was willing to face any just judge or any jury of women.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DELIVERED TO CONGRESS

Not Known This Forenoon Whether Mr Wilson Would Appear in Person or Send His Message to Be Read - Senate to Debate Regulation Meat Packing Industry.

(By The Associated Press.)

PYTHIANS ELECT OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

Officers for the coming year were chosen last night by Gastonia Lodge No. 53 Knights of Pythias at the lodge's regular meeting. They will be installed the first meeting night in January. Following is the list: C. H. Pugh, chancellor commander; George A. Gray, vice chancellor; Leonard Hood, keeper of records and seal; W. G. Gaston, prelate; A. B. Goforth, master of work; W. H. Leathers, master at arms; W. A. McGinnas, inner guard; outer guard, Leonard Curry; master of finance, E. B. Denny; master of exchequer, James Bracey; captain of drill team, Otto C. Duncan; director of degree work, W. B. McKee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Receipt of President Wilson's annual message was the principal business before congress today, although the program in both the senate and house called for the inauguration of actual legislative work. Whether the president would send his communication by messenger to be read separately in the two branches or would appear in person to read it before a joint session had not been definitely settled early today, but the general impression was that the former course would be followed. In conversation with members of the committee which called on him yesterday to notify him of the convening of congress Mr. Wilson stated simply that he would "communicate with" that body today, leaving in doubt the method he proposed to follow.

The senate calendar today called for debate on the bill for federal regulation of the meat packing industry, left over from the last session, but there was a possibility, it was said, it might go over until some future date. Senator Kenyon, republican, of Iowa, one of the framers of the bill, in reply to a request from Senator Sherman, republican, of Illinois, for a postponement, said he would agree to the delay provided unanimous consent could be obtained for a vote on the measure by January 8.

In the house legislation for the restriction of immigration was expected to be taken up, the bill prohibiting immigration for a period of two years having been reported out of committee yesterday. Numerous committees of both houses were expected to get down to work that would keep most of them busy up to adjournment. Among these were several charged with investigation of the conduct of various governmental estimates.

PEACE PRIZE TO MR. WILSON ON DEC. 10 COPENHAGEN, Dec. 7.—(By The Associated Press.)—Announcement is made that the Nobel peace prize will be conferred on President Wilson of the United States on December 10.

The Nobel peace prize carries with it a grant of about \$40,000, which is one-fifth of the annual interest on about \$9,000,000 left for that purpose by Alfred B. Nobel, the Swedish scientist and the inventor of dynamite, who died in 1896. The only two Americans who have in the past received the Nobel peace prize were Theodore Roosevelt in 1906, and Elihu Root in 1912.

BANKERS AND FARMERS WOULD CUT COTTON ACREAGE ONE FOURTH; RAISE MORE FOODSTUFF.

(By The Associated Press.)

HARDING TAKES LEAVE OF WASHINGTON TODAY

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President-elect Harding faced a busy round of conferences today before leaving Washington at 4 o'clock for his home in Marion.

The program arranged by the president-elect was not made public, but it was understood that during the day he would discuss domestic as well as international issues with a number of members of the senate and house. Neither was it disclosed whether Mr. Harding would call at the white house to see President Wilson and the best information seemed to be that the president and the president-elect would not meet as did their wives yesterday when Mrs. Harding accepted Mrs. Wilson's invitation to tea at the white house.

The president-elect in his conferences today was expected to reiterate his request made yesterday to congressional leaders that the federal law making body lay aside partisanship and endeavor to clear away all routine business before March 4 and lay the basis for the constructive legislation to be considered at the extra session which he announced he probably would call soon after his inauguration. He named revision of the federal tax laws, as one of the measures he would like to see considered at the extra session.

On leaving Washington late today Senator Harding will take final leave of the senate, although he will retain his seat and title until between January 10 and 15, when, he said yesterday, he plans to resign and allow the incoming republican governor of Ohio to name a republican, probably Senator-elect Willis, to succeed him.

BUILDING COSTS HAVE ABOUT REACHED BOTTOM

(By The Associated Press.)

DETROIT, Dec. 7.—Shortage of skilled workers in the building trades promises to hold building costs at about their present level, notwithstanding declines in the price of lumber, in the opinion of speakers before the Mason Contractors' Association of the United States and Canada, in convention here. One remedy suggested was the teaching of masonry and other building trades courses in high schools of the country. A resolution embodying that recommendation has been framed for presentation to the convention.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 7.—Measures to make effective 50 per cent reduction in the acreage planted in cotton and a similar increase in the acreage devoted to food crops and live stock raising were under consideration at a meeting here today of representatives of banking, commercial and farming interests in all of the southern states.

Leaders in the movement declare that action to be taken at the meeting would insure a cut of at least one-half in cotton acreage next year which, they declare, imperative as a means of stabilizing the market and to restore the price to a figure that will give the farmer a reasonable return for the 1921 crop.

Committees were named at today's session to perfect a plan of campaign and report at the final session of the convention tomorrow.

The meeting was called by a joint committee representing the Memphis Cotton Exchange, chamber of commerce, clearing house association and various other commercial organizations.

WILL ASK CONSTANTINE TO RETURN TO GREECE.

(By The Associated Press.)

LUCERNE, SWITZERLAND, Dec. 7.—Former King Constantine, whose return to the Greek throne, was voted for by the Greek people in Sunday's plebiscite, said today he was expecting that the government would notify him to return to Greece as a result of the vote, but that he did not expect the notification to come today because of the Greek superstition that Tuesday is an unlucky day.

"It is like your Friday," he remarked to the correspondent. "No matter what happens they will not telegraph today."

ATHENS, Dec. 7.—Invitation will be extended former King Constantine to return to Greece following the announcement of the result of Sunday's plebiscite which is expected to be made tomorrow.

Plans for Constantine's return contemplate his sailing from Brindisi on board the liner Patris, which will be accompanied by the cruisers Killus and Lemnos and a number of destroyers, when the squadron reaches Phaleron, it will be met by 500 officers of the Greek army, who will accompany Constantine to Piraeus. From that port Constantine will be brought to Athens. Three days of rejoicing will follow his arrival here.

The Greeks are maintaining a most friendly attitude toward foreigners, although women contacted a demonstration before the French embassy on Sunday.

WORKING ON PLANS FOR ORGANIZATION OF COUNTRIES NOT MEMBERS OF LEAGUE.

(By The Associated Press.)

GENEVA, Dec. 7.—Plans for co-operation on technical organizations of the league of nations by representatives of Armenia and former Russian states, though those states are not admitted to full membership in the league, were discussed by the assembly of the league here today. This was the principal item on the agenda, having been brought into prominence by the decision yesterday of the committee on admission of new states.

The assembly also continued the work of laying a working basis for the league which would enable it to function as efficiently as possible pending the time necessary to get a clear interpretation of various matters and note the practical effects of the intricate system by which the assembly and council dovetail into each other.

The most enthusiastic supporters of the league now admit there are problems in the covenant which seem for the moment, at least, beyond solution, since it is impossible to tell how present arrangements are going to work out. The general policy adopted seems to be to let time work out a solution of some problems. Decision was reached by the committee on relations between the assembly and council last night to apply this policy to the contested point as to whether the word "exclusive" should be eliminated from the second of the four general principles enunciated by the committee as a working basis for the league.

This sentence reads at present: "The assembly has no power to modify decisions coming within the exclusive competence of the council."

The committee decided to recommend that the whole paragraph be dropped from the report rather than prolong a discussion which might be fruitless. Work in the typhus campaign now going on in Poland and plans looking to the welfare of children in Europe were also discussed today.

One of the early acts of the assembly this morning was to approve the decision of the committee on relations between the assembly and the council for the elimination of the entire paragraph of its report which provided that the assembly had no power to take up questions within the exclusive jurisdiction of the council. Delegate Rowell, of Canada, who made the report, pointed out that the elimination did not change the present situation. The report being merely interpretative, could not change the relations between the council and the assembly, he remarked, but was merely explanatory of the provisions of the covenant.

Sir George E. Foster, of the Canadian delegation, stirred the assembly by an eloquent appeal for action against typhus in Poland and the near east in general.

A portable wood sawing machine to be mounted on and supplied with power by an automobile cuts each piece of cord wood into four pieces and can drop them into a waiting vehicle.

MILLS BACK ON OLD SCHEDULE GREENWOOD, S. C., Dec. 7.—The five cotton mills in Greenwood county are now operating on full time after having curtailed production several weeks. With one exception the plants have day and night shifts.

LOUISVILLE DISTILLERS PLACED UNDER ARREST

(By The Associated Press.)

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 7.—O. H. Wathen, secretary, and W. F. Knebelkamp, treasurer of W. E. Wathen & Co., Louisville distillers, were arrested here last night on warrants charging violation of the prohibition enforcement act. The arrests resulted from an indictment returned in Chicago recently by a federal grand jury implicating Wathen, Knebelkamp, "Mike de Pike" Heitler, and other persons in a "whiskey ring."

Wathen and Knebelkamp were charged with transporting 1,000 cases of whiskey from the Wathen distillery at Hobs, Ky., to Chicago, on a forged permit. They were released under bond of \$3,000 each and required to appear Friday in federal court at Chicago.

CENTRAL OF GEORGIA TO MAKE BIG BOND ISSUE.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The Central of Georgia Railway Company applied today to the interstate commerce commission for permission to issue \$60,000,000, in refunding and general mortgage bonds, \$11,000,000 of which would be used to reimburse the treasury of the road and for additions and betterments; \$31,462,300 to refund a like amount of par value of prior bonds and \$17,537,700 for the purchase of new equipment. The bonds will be dated April 1, 1919, and mature April 1, 1959.

MILLION DOLLARS TO AID IN FORESTRY WORK

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—An appropriation of one million dollars to be used in co-operation with the states in forestry work during the next fiscal year was asked of Congress today by the department of agriculture.

Secretary Meredith also asked for legislation which would authorize him to recommend the essential and standard requirements to protect timbered and cut over lands from fire, in reforesting denuded lands and, where necessary, to aid in the proper methods of cutting and removing timber for the best promotion of continuous production.

After long experimenting an English scientist has developed a way to remove the gum which permeates ramie fibre, which may be extensively used as a substitute for cotton.