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Peanut Exchange Is Now Swamped With Peanuts

360,000 BAGS RECEIVED WITHIN LESS THAN THIRTY DAYS, WHICH DELAYS CHECKS FOR ADVANCES

The directors of the Peanut Exchange, Inc., met Thursday at Suffolk, Va., the director from this section, Mr. J. H. Alexander, Jr., being in attendance.

It was stated at the meeting that the feeling in peanut market was much better, but that it would be a long hard pull to bring the price up.

It was reported that the dealers were now buying on the outside at practically any price offered, but it was realized that this supply would soon be exhausted and then the exchange would be able to control prices.

It was decided not to offer any peanuts through the Exchange at this time, but to wait for a favorably market.

A committee was appointed to call on the War Finance Corporation to obtain funds direct and not through the banks. Dr. John D. Biggs, of Williamston was one of the committee appointed.

It was announced at the meeting that 360,000 bags of peanuts had been received by the Exchange within less than three weeks, which has necessarily caused some delay in getting out checks for advances to the farmers, but it was stated that every effort was being exerted to overcome this delay and hurry the checks forward as far as possible to cause embarrassment or worry to the producers and members.

RATIFICATION OF TREATY BEFORE DAIL EIREANN WEDNESDAY

(By Associated Press)

Dublin, Dec. 9.—Ratification of the treaty between Ireland and Great Britain will be moved before the Dail Eireann Wednesday by Arthur Griffith, as chairman of plenipotentiaries, not as cabinet decision, Eamon DeValera announced.

London, Dec. 9.—Eamon DeValera's repudiation of the Irish Free State agreement raised the question here as to the effect resultant cabinet split would have on Dail Eireann's action and upon the British government's and parliament's attitude.

CENTER STAR OFFERED 35,000 FOR SERVICES

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 9.—A contract, which is believed to be the highest ever offered a coach, thirty-five thousand for five years, sent "Bo" Millan, Center football star, by the University of Dallas Athletic Council.

ISSUES A CALL FOR 10,000 VOLUNTEERS

Tobacco Growers In Old North State Out To Beat Sign Up Record Of Kentucky

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 9.—Calling for 10,000 volunteers to help North Carolina beat Kentucky in the sign up for cooperative marketing of tobacco, Dr. J. V. Joyner has issued the following statement on behalf of the state organization committee:

"Kentucky has signed up 85 per cent and is well on the way to 90 per cent of her tobacco crop for cooperative marketing under five year contracts like ours, has incorporated under the North Carolina Cooperative Marketing Act, and the association will pool and sell this year's crop of Burley tobacco. Virginia has already signed up between 60 and 75 per cent of her crop and hopes to beat Kentucky before January 1st. News from South Carolina indicates that her growers are signing a million pounds today and that she will have her minimum sign-up by January 1st or before."

"North Carolina, the biggest grower of bright flue-cured tobacco in the United States, must not lag behind—must lead Virginia and Kentucky before January 1st. The bigger the sign up the more assured the success of the association, the less the average expenses of marketing and the higher the profits for the growing growers."

"The Organization Committee has organized and inaugurated an intensive campaign for not less than 75 per cent on or before January 1st. This means that about 50 million pounds of tobacco must be signed up during the next three weeks. The task is short. The task is great. It cannot be done, but it will state more prosperous and powerful by making its chief industry—agriculture—more profitable."

Committee for twelve months have given freely of their time, thought, and labor for the successful organization of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Marketing Association, without compensation, without reward of the hope of reward, except to help tobacco growers to secure a more business-like, intelligent, profitable system of marketing their tobacco and to promote the general prosperity of the state by increasing the profitability of one of its chief industries and the prosperity of one of its largest classes of citizens.

"The movement is receiving the endorsement and active support of many of the leading bankers, merchants and other business men, even of some of the leading tobacco warehousemen of the state."

"The responsibility for the success or failure of this final three-week campaign for enough new signers to secure the biggest sign-up for the cooperative marketing of tobacco in the biggest bright tobacco growing state in the nation, rests now upon the thousands of signers of the contracts and upon every other progressive, patriotic citizen interested in the general prosperity and progress of North Carolina."

"On behalf of the Committee, I earnestly appeal to every one of these farmers, bankers, business and professional men—to volunteer for active service in securing signers. Let us have ten thousand volunteers. Get in touch with your county leaders, who will tell you how you can help. Let every signer and every other volunteer sign up at least one unsigned neighbor and have a part in the biggest movement ever started for making our state more prosperous and powerful by making its chief industry—agriculture—more profitable."

J. V. JOYNER, Chairman, Organization Committee.

DEMOCRATIC SENATOR INTRODUCES BILL TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SERVICE MEN IN APPOINTMENTS

By RICHARD LINTHICUM (Special Correspondence)

Washington, Dec. 9.—The discrimination of Postmaster General Hays against ex-service men in the matter of appointments of postmasters, following an executive order of President Harding overthrowing the Soldiers' Preference law, which are coming to light in various parts of the country will no longer be possible if a bill introduced by Senator Trammell, (Dem. Fla) at the request of his Democratic colleague, Senator Fletcher, becomes a law.

Senator Fletcher's bill gives preference to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines and the widows and the wives of such, for nomination as postmaster, and aside from its general provisions is as follows:

"That when a vacancy exists or hereafter occurs in the position of postmaster preference shall be given to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines, and to the widows of such, and to the wives of disabled soldiers, sailors, and marines who themselves are not physically qualified to hold such positions; and it shall be the duty of the Postmaster General to submit to the President for nomination as postmaster the name of the veteran or the widow, or the wife obtaining the highest eligible rating as the result of an open competitive examination conducted by the United States Civil Service Commission, under such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the Post Office Department and the Commission."

Under the Wilson administration the existing law was construed to give preference to ex-service men. This was an act approved March 3, 1919, giving preference in appointments to clerical and other positions of the executive departments and an independent government establishments to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines and widows of such, if they are qualified to hold such positions, which was amended by an act approved July 11, 1919 by including the "wives of injured soldiers, sailors, and marines who themselves are not qualified but whose wives are qualified to hold such positions."

In an executive order, April 13, 1920, President Wilson declared that "the veteran preference statute shall apply in the selection of persons for appointment as postmaster at offices of the first, second and third class."

In all appointments to civil service positions President Wilson was also a stickler for the appointment of the highest eligible on the list and this rule was insisted upon and carried out, except where preference was given to ex-service men, their wives or widows.

President Harding's first executive order with reference to the appointment of postmasters, issued May 10, 1921, abrogated President Wilson's executive order making it imperative to name the highest eligible on the list and provided that any one of the highest three on the list should be eligible for appointment. In this way, if there was one Republican among the three, although he might have the lowest rating of the trio it would be made possible to appoint him over the two Democrats who would have a higher civil service rating.

Not content with this overthrow of the main principle of the civil service law, President Harding made a new executive order on Oct. 14, 1921, in which he said that "the appointment of presidential postmasters is not within the legal scope of the civil service law and, therefore, as a matter of law no 'preference' is applicable there to," and made the provision that persons who served in the World War should be given five points in their rating.

Thus the veterans preference law, construed by President Wilson to apply to presidential postmasterships, was overthrown by the executive order of President Harding, and thus a door was opened to give Republican politicians preference over ex-service men by making any one of three highest on the list eligible to appointment, instead of the highest on the list as under the Wilson administration, regardless of the fact of whether the appointee was a Democrat or a Republican.

As a result of President Harding's discrimination against ex-service men in these executive orders, discriminations by the Postmaster General have naturally followed and are beginning to come to light.

At Schenectady, N. Y., Edwin D. Conde was nominated for postmaster over two ex-service men, one of whom, a Spanish War veteran was postmaster at the time, and the other a major in the World War, who was also a Spanish War veteran.

At Peoria, Ill., as reported by the Commander of the American Legion Post in that city, a "Republican politician" has been appointed acting postmaster over a veteran who entered the service at the age of fifty-eight who was the son of a Civil War veteran, a brother of a Civil War soldier and the father of an only son who entered the World War the same time he did. This ex-service man suffered permanent injury in the service. According to the report, this Republican politician was given preference also over a man who for twenty-five years was chief clerk of the Railway Mail Service.

Senator Fletcher has cited a case in his own state where an honorably discharged disabled service man, a Democrat, and acting postmaster, who was the only qualified eligible in a recent examination, was not re-appointed, but another examination called so that a Republican might get the job.

Another case reported in the newspapers would indicate that in some of the southern states postmasterships are being given to men who have recently come to that section from northern states and in this particular case at Tallahassee, Fla., there is a question as to whether the appointee has lived there long enough to qualify.

The present Republican administration has been accused of re-enthroning special privilege at Washington, but this is the first evidence that carpetbagging may also be revived.

Under President Harding's executive order making any one of the highest three on the certified list eligible for appointment, it is obvious that the Republican administration will be able to put only Republicans in the Post Office.

The long fight to take the Post Office Department out of politics and to fill the post offices of the country with the highest class of men possible under the competitive examination system will of course have been in vain if appointments are to be made in the manner herein described.

The very worst feature of this method is the discrimination against ex-service men. This can be put a stop to by the passage of Senator Fletcher's bill making it mandatory for the President and Postmaster General Hays to give preference to war veterans, and their wives or widows, if the veterans themselves are not otherwise qualified.

The bill has been read twice and referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post roads, where it may remain unless favorable action by American Legion Posts and other war organizations together with a manifestation of public sentiment generally shall cause it to be reported out.

SEN. WATSON THREATENS TO SLAP FACE OF AN ARMY OFFICER

Washington, Dec. 9.—Senator Watson, at a meeting of the senate subcommittee, investigating his charges that soldiers were hanged without trial in France, threatened to slap the face of an Army officer in the audience. The meeting was nearly broken up in a row.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Watson shook his finger in the face of Major Geo. W. Cocheu and threatened to slap his face "if he looks at me again that way." Chairman Brandagee demanded that the Senator take his seat or retire. The officers among the spectators were sent from the room. Watson presented sixty-three names he desired to summon.

News From State Capitol

(By Maxwell Gorman)

Raleigh, Dec. 8.—The extra session of the Legislature is assembled in Raleigh in pursuance to the call of the Governor for two specific purposes, namely, supplemental legislation relating to the operation of the public schools of the state (including the making of provision for the pay of teachers) and the curing of a defect in the municipal finance act.

The school deficit of \$700,000 will be taken care of through the simple process of a resolution empowering the State Treasurer to sell bonds for the purpose. The municipal finance bill is already in shape and actually passed by both branches, but the failure of the Senate journal clerk to properly record its passage in that body in its final reading (after being reconsidered and amended) rendered it worthless and the investment brokers would not buy bonds issued by any city under its authority. The defect can be cured by simply passing the bill over again but it will take from six to eight days to do it, on its "several readings," etc.

The lawmakers are in no humor to stay here a day longer than necessary. But during the, say, ten days or two weeks the session is likely to last a few matters of general public interest may be taken up. One of these is a proposed amendment to the Constitution (which, of course, would be submitted to the people for ratification, if adopted by the Legislature, providing for a board of pardons. But it is certain to be rejected, just as several previous attempts have failed. Besides, the Governor is opposed to it.

Another measure proposed is for a state Australian (or "short ballot") law. But it will hardly get by. There is opposition to it, and if it is attempted to force its passage the debate it would entail would probably leave it stranded on the rocks when the two bodies adjourn sine die. That is the opinion expressed Tuesday by legislators of experience.

As to the much-mooted measure looking to the abolition of capital punishment—it hasn't a chance. One of the most effective arguments used against the proposition may be summed up in these few words, advanced by an influential believer in the necessity of the death penalty for all four offenses now listed as capital crimes, when there is conviction in the first degree—rape, murder, burglary, and arson. Said he: "Remove the electric chair or noose from the consideration of the 'Gorilla niggers' who assault defenceless white women especially in the country, and two of the worst results would follow. There would be a great increase in this most brutal of crimes (some negroes of that

EXECUTED FOR MURDER OF WIFE

(By Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Dec. 9.—Dr. Wilmer Amos Hadley was electrocuted today for murdering his wife by drowning in James river while he was stationed at Richmond during the war as an army surgeon.

OPIMUM ESTABLISHMENT RAIDED BY GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Ill., Dec. 9.—William H. W. . . . inspector, with a dozen assistants, raided the most elaborate opium smoking establishment ever found in Chicago. They arrested thirty Chinese and confiscated two hundred thousand dollars supply of drugs.

NOTORIOUS BANDIT GAINS CONTROL PENITENTIARY

(By Associated Press.) Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 9.—Tom Slaughter, notorious bandit, under death sentence for the killing of a prison farm guard, escaped with six others from the penitentiary. Slaughter controlled the prison yard for five hours preceding his escape and offered freedom to all.

MANY RUSSIANS ARE STARVING IN TURKEY

Constantinople, Dec. 8.—The Constantinople Relief Fund, which has taken over a large part of the charity work formerly done by the American Red Cross, has addressed an urgent plea to the people of Constantinople in behalf of the destitute Russian refugees.

The Committee points out that there are more than 17,000 Russians within the city who are literally starving and that to abandon them would be an act of the basest inhumanity. The Committee explains that the present constitutes the final phase of Russian refugee relief. Of the enormous number of refugees—totaling in all about 200,000—who have passed through the hands of Allied authorities, there now remain some 35,000. Even these it is hoped to dispose of satisfactorily in the near future.

COTTON MARKET

YESTERDAY'S MARKET	
December	17.92
January	17.67
March	17.70
May	17.48
July	17.02
TODAY'S MARKET	
December	17.65
January	17.67
March	17.67
May	17.45
July	17.03

There would not mind going to the prison farms for life or a term of years, and there would assuredly follow a statewide carnival of lynchings in North Carolina." Of course a few minor bills, some of them local, will be passed "between times," while the session lasts, but it can be said without doubt that any attempt to precipitate a line of general legislation would be killed without benefit of clergy. At most the "ex-try" can last but twenty days (with-out pay), and the time would be too short to consider and properly carry out a program of that character.