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PRESIDENT SAYS THE BUSINESS SITUATION OF THE COUNTRY NOW JUSTIFIES CONFIDENCE

(By Associated Press.)
Crookston, Minn., Feb. 10.—President Harding declared in a letter to the farmers here that "the general industrial and business situation now such as to justify confidence that we are well past the worst phase of the agricultural crisis."

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION KEEPING DOWN REVOLUTION

(By Associated Press.)
Mexico City, Feb. 9.—Wireless telegraphy has contributed greatly to keeping down revolution in Mexico and the government, recognizing its value, is establishing stations in every large city in the republic.

Officials assert that by using the wireless they are able to communicate directly and immediately with military headquarters and thus are able to head off many incipient uprisings which might grow into serious revolutions if not promptly checked.

In the old days the first thing a band of rebels did was to cut all telegraph and telephone wires, thus isolating the region of revolt.

In its station at Chapultepec Park here the Mexican government has one of the largest and best equipped plants on the continent. During the Carranza administration the station was practically idle but during the past few months it has been used daily by the government in sending official news letters to Central and South American countries and in keeping its ministers and consuls informed of affairs at home.

It has been announced that the government expects to open the station shortly for commercial work.

It has also been found that the station here can be used as a supplement for the land wires throughout the republic and congestion on the latter is often relieved by the Chapultepec plant.

Ignacio Galindo, who for many years has been identified with wireless activity in Mexico, will represent the republic at the radio-telegraph convention to be held in Rome next April.

New U.S. Marshall

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—The new U. S. Marshal, R. W. Ward, of Raleigh, just confirmed by the Senate as successor to George H. Bellamy, will bring the offices of the marshal back to Raleigh. Marshal Bellamy moved them to his home town when he was appointed. Marshal Ward is a well known and highly esteemed business man of Raleigh, and his appointment gives general satisfaction. During Roosevelt's administration Mr. Ward was deputy marshal under Marshal under Marshal Claud Dockery and is, therefore, familiar with the duties he now assumes.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE EX-PRESIDENTS

(By U. S. Press.)
Washington, Feb. 10.—President Harding, former President Wilson and Chief Justice Taft will speak at the Lincoln Memorial dedication exercises in Washington, May 30, according to

THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REACHES FINAL AGREEMENT ON THE BONUS TAX PROGRAM

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 10.—The House Ways and Means sub-committee decided against a tax on bank checks in reaching a final agreement on soldier bonus tax program, which was not made public.

Mexico City May Vote Dry

(By Associated Press.)
Mexico City, Feb. 10.—The "wets" in Mexico are frankly alarmed. They say there is a real possibility that Mexico City, at least, may go "dry" before the end of the year and that if so, the next step would be to make the entire republic arid of alcoholic beverages.

President Obregon does not say that he is a prohibitionist but within the past few months he has given his unqualified support to certain legal measures which aim to cut down drinking and eventually to put intoxicants under the ban.

Saloons, clubs and cantinas have been put under more rigid restrictions and, only a few weeks ago, a presidential decree increased the federal revenue tax on alcoholic drinks 100 percent. There are many rumors that these taxes will be automatically increased until they become prohibitive.

Nationwide protest was heard several days ago when the newspapers said that President Obregon contemplated issuing a decree forbidding the planting and cultivation of the maguey plant which is the basic ingredient of the most popular native drinks.

The maguey, which is a species of cactus, must be replanted every seven years and a decree prohibiting its cultivation would mean its extermination and with it the elimination of undisputed potency.

Planters of maguey rushed numerous petitions to President Obregon pointing out that the plant is a part of the agricultural wealth of the nation in that it produces a valuable fiber, sugar, a base for paper and a medicine that is said to be a specific for kidney disease. It was also said that its spine, treated by an inexpensive process, make cheap and excellent phonograph needles.

President Obregon has not yet issued the decree—but the planters are still worried and so are certain other persons.

The "wets" have held numerous meetings within the past few weeks to organize their campaign against prohibition.

Secretary of Interior Calles is coming in for a large share of the criticism for the "dry" wave, as he was a staunch "bone dry" advocate long before he left the state of Sonora to take a cabinet position. Secretary of the Treasury de la Huerta is also a prohibitionist.

The plans of the memorial commission. The spectacle of a President and two former Presidents appearing at the same function will be without precedent in the history of the country.

KNOWN DEAD IN THE HOTEL FIRE REACHES SIX

(By Associated Press.)
Richmond, Va., Feb. 10.—With six known dead, efforts are being made to find the bodies of nine guests of the Hotel Lexington which was burned. Today the police believe that nine persons unaccounted for perished in the flames. The part of a body found yesterday has been unidentified.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 10.—C. E. Elberly, of Pennsylvania, a traveling salesman, appeared in a local newspaper office and asked that his name be removed from the list of missing in the Hotel Lexington Fire at Richmond. Said that he left Richmond Sunday.

IGNORANCE OF LAWS PUNISHED BY SENTENCE TO SCHOOLS

Moscow, Feb. 10.—Political illiteracy is a worse crime than bigamy in Soviet Russia. Cupid's errors are painlessly, instantaneously and inexpensively cured by Bolshevik courts, but ignorance of Bolshevik laws is punished by sentence to courses in Communist schools organized to enlighten those untaught in the ways of the Soviet Republic.

Ivan Ivanovich Linsky was recently faced in a Moscow court by two wives and five children.

"I didn't know that it was necessary to get a divorce and thought my living apart from my wife whom I didn't love any longer was proof that I didn't want her," was Linsky's defense.

One woman was granted a divorce and Linsky was instructed to enter the school for the liquidation of political illiteracy at the government printing office, where he will be taught that wives may be disposed of only by making declaration before a Soviet court that one does not want them and paying a fee of 10,000 rubles.

It's much easier than the Keno treatment and Moscow should become a popular resort for mismatched foreigners after Soviet Russia gets the recognition necessary to make Russian divorces waterproof abroad. There are no residence requirements and "difference of political views" is the ground on which many divorces are granted.

Alimony has not yet come into fashion in Russia. Under the old Communist ideal nobody had anything, theoretically, and everybody worked and was supported by the state. With the reversion to capitalist ways and the recognition of the rights of personal property, divorce proceedings may soon be tinged by Mammon.

GERMAN FOREIGN TRADE SHOWS BALANCE

(By U. S. Press.)
Washington, Feb. 9.—The German foreign trade figures for December, according to advices received by the Department of Commerce, show the first favorable balance recorded for 1921; the figures for January to April, inclusive, of last year have never been published. In November a decrease was noted in the prevailing adverse balance, imports being valued at 12,278,000,000 paper marks and exports at 11,912,000,000, but in the last month of the year shows an actual favorable balance in paper marks of 900,000,000.

District Attorney Now Investigating The Death Of The Picture Director

(By Associated Press.)
Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 10.—After a beginning, pronounced satisfactory, district attorney is expected to continue his investigation into the slaying of William Desmond Taylor, with a possibility that a number of persons prominent in the motion picture world will be examined, including Mary Miles Minter, Mabel Normand, Neva Gage, Clarie Windsor and Edna Perrivance. There was no confirmation of the rumor the Miss Minter as closeted with the District Attorney for two hours last Tuesday.

The Farm Loan Bonds

(By U. S. Press.)
Washington, Feb. 10.—The twelve federal land banks of the country have just offered \$75,000,000 of 5 per cent federal farm loan bonds at the price of 102.8 and accrued interest, at which price they will yield approximately 4.70 per cent to callable date and 5 per cent thereafter.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon said: "This is the largest offering of farm loan bonds ever made, but in view of the generally favorable trend of the investment market and the continued strong showing of the federal loan banks, it is believed that it will be readily absorbed, and as the funds will go direct to the farmers of the country it should do much to improve the agricultural situation."

Mr. A. M. Riddick left today for Williamston to visit friends for a few days.

Urges The Deep-Waterways Route

(By U. S. Press.)
Washington, Feb. 9.—Senator McKinley of Illinois, has opened the ball in the Senate in favor of the construction of the St. Lawrence river deep-waterway project as a remedy for "the growing inadequacy" of transcontinental freight carriers. At ready several speeches have been made in support of the measure in the House of Representatives.

AN EMISSARY FOR "EQUAL RIGHTS"

(By U. S. Press.)
Washington, Feb. 10.—The National Woman's Party has decided to send an equal rights legislation in Wisconsin, the pioneer equal rights States.

Miss Gena Thompson of Wisconsin has been chosen for this mission and will this week begin a tour of the States of New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, Kentucky and Mississippi. Miss Thompson is Secretary of the Wisconsin Women's Progressive League, and a member of the Wisconsin Women's Party. She will take with her the endorsements of Governor Blaine of Wisconsin and other State officials, and of Wisconsin Congressmen, all of whom have written in approval of the results of six months' operation of the Equal Rights law.

The law, passed June 21, 1921, guarantees women equal rights with men in suffrage, freedom of contract, jury service, office holding, property rights, guardianship of children, and in all other respects.

APATHETIC CITIZENS AND LETHARGIC OFFICIALS HINDER LAW ENFORCEMENT

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 10.—National Prohibition Commissioner Haynes declared "the apathetic citizen and lethargic public official" are to outstanding difficulties in the way of prohibition enforcement.

The Blind Population

(By U. S. Press.)
Washington, Feb. 10.—The Bureau of the Census, announces that 52,617 blind persons were enumerated in the census of 1920. In 1910 the number was 57,272. Although this decrease of 4,655, it is said, may be in some degree the result of a change in the method of reporting the blind, it probably indicates at least in part an actual decrease in the amount of preventable blindness, consequent upon the improvement in medical knowledge and the education of the public regarding the possibility and duty of preventing blindness.

WEATHER REPORT

For North Carolina: Rain, late to night or Saturday. Warmer tonight. Fresh south and southwest winds.

GERMAN TRADE MARK MAY AGAIN BE USED

(By Associated Press.)
Berlin, Feb. 10.—The trademark "Made in Germany" soon may be stamped again on German export wares, for the agitation to revive this trademark, which was known in three-fourths of the market cities of the world before the war, has been increasing in industrial and commercial circles.

Arguments that the anti-German sentiment which resulted in widespread boycotts following the war is subsiding and that many merchants have had noticeable influence with manufacturers, who now are investigating the probable result of its renewed use.

It is almost certain the words will shortly be used for articles which cannot be imitated or for which there are no substitutes in other countries. Some of the reports said to have been received from foreign merchants say many would welcome the sign again if only to prevent tradesmen from selling German goods at higher prices than necessary, under the representation that they were made in Switzerland, America, England, or elsewhere.

It is known that immediately after the war the German merchants and manufacturers made use of the Swiss to market German-made wares which were boycotted.

Advocates of the "Made in Germany" trademark also insist its use would protect German merchants themselves, for they hope to "revive the respect for this mark until in no market of the world will the quality of the goods bearing it be questioned."

TREATIES TO BE PRESENTED TO CONGRESS TODAY

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, Feb. 10.—President Harding expected to present in person to the Senate late today the treaties resulting from the Arms Conference

MEXICAN POPULATION FOURTEEN MILLION

(By Associated Press.)
Mexico City, Feb. 10.—The population of Mexico is a trifle more than 14,000,000, according to figures recently compiled by the census bureau which has just completed its enumeration. This represents a loss of approximately 1,000,000 since the last census was taken in 1910. The decrease is ascribed to emigration of natives and foreigners during the periods of revolution.

Officials here assert that there are now more than 4,000,000 Mexicans living in the United States.

Shipping Board Advertising

(By U. S. Press.)
Washington, Feb. 10.—The Shipping Board is advertising heavily, and in this respect is a keen competitor in "drumming-up trade" for its ships. It is calculated that a million dollars will be spent in Shipping Board advertising this year. Recently an attempt by Representative Byrnes of South Carolina, to limit to \$500,000 the amount the Shipping Board could spend during the coming fiscal year on advertising, was defeated by a four-vote margin. During discussion of the Shipping Board's advertising policy, certain Congressmen proposed that it be forbidden to award advertising contracts on which the companies were to receive more than 5 per cent commission, but an amendment to this effect was lost. Declaring that ocean travelers were refusing to make bookings on American vessels on which no liquor was sold, Representative Gallivan of Massachusetts, said the Shipping Board, in advertising worked under tremendous handicaps. The Board, he asserted, has been "hamstrung by Dr. Volstead," and is suffering loss of business as a result.

PACKERS AND THEIR "UNRELATED LINES"

(By U. S. Press.)
Washington, Feb. 10.—The resolution of Senator LaFollette, Wisconsin, designed to prevent modification of the Federal court decree requiring the "big five" meat packers to relinquish their unrelated lines of business has been adopted by the Senate.

COTTON MARKET

TODAY'S MARKET

March	17.12
May	16.82
July	16.41
October	15.82
December	15.78

YESTERDAY'S MARKET

March	17.04
May	16.74
July	16.31
October	15.74
December	15.62