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HOOVER SAYS HARDING WILL BE CANDIDATE IN 1924

(By Associated Press)
Alto, Cal., Dec. 1.—The Republican candidate in 1924 will be Warren G. Harding, Secretary Hoover said in an interview at his home here.

CATAWBA POULTRY CLUBS HAVE GOOD YEAR

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 1.—Reporting a net profit of \$6,169.87 as a result of the poultry club work of the Agricultural Extension Service in Catawba County this year, county agent J. W. Hendricks states that this is the best record yet made in his county, since the poultry club work was inaugurated a number of years ago. Mr. Hendricks states that he has 103 poultry club members enrolled in his organized work and that a large percentage of this number have so handled their poultry that excellent returns have been secured. He finds that work with poultry is probably the most popular club project conducted by the Extension Service in his county. He states that this is largely due to the fact that it does not require much capital to start with and at the same time nets quick returns.

For the year 1922 the 103 poultry club members started with a total of 1,138 chickens. They now have on hand 2,229 birds. The value of the increase in their flock has amounted to 2,753.50, the value of eggs and chickens sold for breeding amounts to 1,204.55; the value of the eggs and chickens sold on local markets amounts to 2,748.11; prizes won this year amount to \$81.435, making the total receipts for the members reach the good figure of \$7,520.51. Deducting the cost of the feed used and the eggs used for hatching purposes by the members amounting to \$1,350.64, the total net profit gained by the county for this work is \$6,169.87.

In his report to the headquarters of the Extension Service here in Raleigh, Agent Hendricks says: "It is very seldom that a number drops out once he gets started into poultry club work, but instead he thinks he has the very best flock in the county and works all the harder. We have 38 breeds represented in club work this year, and we boast of having some of the very best birds to be found among any of our larger breeders."

"It is impossible to name the best club member in the county. I would like to mention each one and tell just what they have done but space will not permit. Kerox Love, one of the most experienced members, with her flock of 75 Barred Plymouth Rocks and her flock of 75 S. C. White Leghorns has made a clear profit of \$763.10, leading the entire membership of the county, but I might also say that she has the largest flock. Earl Poovey, who has only been in the work for two years, with his flock of 30 Black Langshans and a small flock each of Light and Dark Brahas has won \$73 in premiums, which puts him at the top in winnings. With three breeds that are not so common, he has had an advantage over the other members in the different shows and fairs which we have attended."

This year, with the assistance of Mr. A. G. Oliver, poultry club agent for the Extension Service, we have been able to show at the Central Carolina Fair at Greensboro, and the State Fair at Raleigh, and we are now working on our exhibit for the show at Madison Square Garden in New

Administration Has Plan For Relief Of Farmers

BANDITS FIRE THE BUSINESS DISTRICT AND ROB POSTOFFICE

(By Associated Press)
Ft. Worth, Tex., Dec. 1.—First setting fire to the business district bandits robbed the postoffice at Brownfield yesterday, according to information received here today.

While the fire spread the bandits battered their way into the postoffice, smashed the cash drawer and fled while citizens assembled to fight the fire. Later the posse captured two of the robbers.

MOB ATTEMPTS TO STORM MEXICAN BUILDING

(By Associated Press)
Mexico City, Dec. 1.—Federal troops guarded the badly battered municipal building while the city counted the casualties of the pitched battle between police and a mob which attempted to storm the building last night.

The death list stood at seventeen while eighteen are known to be seriously injured and three slightly hurt. It is thought that a check will reveal other casualties.

The trouble started as a protest against the aldermen held responsible for the water famine and lasted six hours.

RUSSIANS DECLARE U. S. WILL PLAY IMPORTANT PART IN STRUGGLE OF AFRICAN RACES

(By Associated Press)
Moscow, Dec. 1.—The Third International has passed a resolution declaring that the United States is destined to play an important part in the struggle of the African races for liberty, and as America is the centre of negro culture of the world the Communist campaign to bring freedom to the negroes of all countries should be centered here.

AUSTRALIAN RAILROAD TO OPEN RICH COUNTRY

Adelaide, South Australia, Nov. 30.—The new Oodnadatta railway will be built into the center of the Australian continent and thru the richest mineral and greatest pastoral section of the country, to an announcement by the Minister of Home and Territories. This will be the first step of a plan to cover every section, including the vast deserts, with railroads which will not only facilitate commerce, but also form a defensive barrier for the Australian coast line.

York. At our county fair at Hickory this fall we had 900 Club birds on exhibition."

PURPOSE TO USE FEDERAL FARM LOAN BOARD AS AGENCY FOR EXTENSION OF LARGER AND MORE LIBERAL CREDITS.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 1.—The administration has ready a definite program of legislation for the financial relief of the farmers formulated in an agreement with Senate leaders of the both the agricultural and banking committees and to be pressed with their support at the short session.

It contemplates the utilization of the Federal Farm Loan Board as an agency for the extension of larger and more liberal credits both as to interest rates and time.

RUSSIAN SOVIET OFFICIALS TIRE OF LONG HOURS

Moscow, Nov. 30.—Night work, which was so popular among the soviet commissars and various government chiefs when communism was at its height, is gradually disappearing as part of the program of the new economic policy. The work of the various officials has been distributed in part to others, and it is no longer necessary for them to labor fifteen and eighteen hours out of every twenty four.

Nikolai Lenine the premier, since his return to office after a six months' rest in the country made necessary by illness, occasionally works in the evenings, but not all the night as formerly. George Tchitcherin, commissar of foreign affairs, who in the old days never finished work until five or six o'clock in the morning, also works in the evenings seven days a week, but he usually finishes along toward midnight.

Generally speaking, official office hours nowadays run from ten or eleven o'clock in the morning to nine or ten o'clock at night, with a few hours off in the late afternoon for dinner.

CHRISTIANITY MAKING PROGRESS IN BURMA

(By Associated Press)
Rangoon, Dec. 1.—That Christianity has been making steady progress in Burma was indicated at a conference of about 150 American missionaries recently held in this city. From the last government census, it is apparent that the Christian religion has reached one in fifty of the whole population of the country.

It is in educational work that the most definite progress was made during the year. Judson College has more than regained the enrollment which was lost through the student strike of 1920. This institution is now co-educational, and 69 percent of its present student body is made up of Christians. The completion of the science department in equipment and staff has made possible the offering of a bachelor's degree in science. The Anglo-vernacular high schools of the mission are rapidly becoming standardized.

A mission agricultural school is being established at Pynmana for the purpose of training poor boys to earn their living in farm work. Every student is to be required to do a certain amount of practical work while in school.

The Buddhists of Burma are recognizing that the Christians are outstripping them in the matter of schools. U Ottama, a Buddhist monk who is one of the leaders in the nationalist movement, recently urged the Council of Burmese Associations to give more attention to educational endeavor, pointing out that the Christians of the country are proportionately much better educated than the Buddhists.

REPUBLICAN GIANT OF THE HOUSE DEAD

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 1.—The news of the death last night of Representative James Mann, of the Second Illinois District, long rated as the "giant of the House," came as a shock to members who knew he was confined to his home by cold, but were unaware of the seriousness of his condition, which became alarming yesterday afternoon.

TAKING THE CENSUS NOT EASY IN PALESTINE

(By Associated Press)
Jerusalem, Dec. 1.—Palestinians are temperamentally afraid of the census. In the days of Abdul Hamid and other Ottoman rulers a census was taken only in order to increase taxation or to conscript the men for military service. The pre-war days are still fresh in peoples' minds, and therefore most of them today prefer to remain uncounted. Because of this, and the feeling which has run very strong among the Mohammedan and Christian populations on account of the Balfour declaration, the present government's demand for a census has met with considerable opposition.

The government evidently has been perfectly sincere in its purpose to find out the total population of Palestine with the primary object of determining who is eligible to vote in a forthcoming election for members of the legislative councils of the government. However, every sort of opposition has been encountered, both from the intelligent and the ignorant. The Mohammedan-Christian society first sent out manifesto to its constituency, advising them to do what they could to help the census along, but later the society retracted its manifesto. This resulted in open opposition to the census, especially in Nablus, the ancient Shechem.

The government began by showing a strong hand and imprisoning a dozen notables, but it finally changed its policy, released all who had been arrested, and even consented to the demand to enumerate all absent Syrians, which had been put forward by the society.

When the day of the census arrived all the government schools of the country were closed so that the teachers could be used as enumerators. So strong was he feeling in some quarters, however, that in Jerusalem three Mohammedan and two Christian teachers refused to assist in the work, and were thereupon dismissed from service. This resulted in a strike on the part of all the boys in the school where these teachers held classes.

MEXICO OBJECTS TO UNCOMPLIMENTARY FILMS

(By Associated Press)
Mexico City, Dec. 1.—The Mexican "bad man," as he is usually depicted in motion pictures made in the United States, is to be barred from this country by presidential orders.

The wide-sombreroed villain, adorned with no less than six guns and as many knives, who commits all sorts of atrocities and is excused because he is a Mexican bandit, is not only not typical of Mexico, but is an insult, according to officials here. It has therefore been decided to bar all films of this offending nature, and picture houses showing those already in the country will be subjected to a heavy fine.

Mrs. J. C. Mullen Died This Morning

FUNERAL WILL BE HELD FROM THE RESIDENCE TOMORROW AT 3:00 O'CLOCK.

Mrs. Bettie Mullen, widow of the late J. C. Mullen, died this morning after a lingering illness. The funeral will be held tomorrow from the residence at 3:00 o'clock and interment will take place in the Baptist Cemetery with Dr. Chas. Anderson officiating.

NO CHANGE OF BREAK IN DEMOCRATIC FILIBUSTER

(By Associated Press)
Washington, December 1.—With both sides indicating renewed determination to keep up the fight over the Dyer Anti-Lynch bill, there was no prospect of a break in the Democratic filibuster against the measure when the Senate convened after the holiday adjournment.

BIRTH CONTROL LECTURES LARGELY ATTENDED IN AUSTRIA

(By Associated Press)
Vienna, Dec. 1.—Without the interference of the authorities, as was the case in America, birth control classes have been publicly opened here under the auspices of the Social-Democratic party. They are largely attended.

WEATHER REPORT
For North Carolina: Generally cloudy tonight and Saturday. Probably light rain in extreme west portion tonight. Warmer in South portion tonight. Cooler in north and west portion Saturday. Fresh southwest and west winds.

SUFFRAGIST PROSPECTS IN BRAZIL ARE PROMISING

(By Associated Press)
Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 1.—Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, the famous American women suffrage leader who may visit this country to assist the local organizations in their fight for the vote, will find the campaign well under way upon her arrival. At the moment the battle is centered about a bill which is under discussion in the Chamber of Deputies. If the bill becomes a law, which is said to be more likely this year than at any previous time in Brazil's history, the women of this land will be on the same political footing as the men.

Publicists and the press have taken up the fight, and all the arguments that preceded the granting of the vote to the women of England, America, Norway and the score of other countries where equal suffrage is now a matter of course, are being put forth here with the same, if not a greater degree of enthusiasm, as in the other countries.

Even the opponents of the idea admit that eventually the women will have their way. They are opposing the bill merely to preserve man's present advantage as long as may be possible.

LUMBER MILL DESTROYED BY FIRE

(By Associated Press)
New Bern, N. C., Dec. 1.—The Roper Lumber Mill was almost completely destroyed by fire causing a loss estimated at three hundred thousand dollars.

MOVEMENT LAUNCHED TO ORGANIZE PROGRESSIVE BLOC

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 1.—The movement to organize a progressive bloc in Congress took definite form at a conference behind closed doors attended by more than a score of Senators and Representatives of the present and next Congress. The meeting was preliminary to a general conference tomorrow of national Progressive leaders.

COTTON MARKET.

TODAY'S MARKET	
DECEMBER	25.09
JANUARY	25.06
MARCH	25.13
MAY	24.97
JULY	24.66

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET

DECEMBER	25.26
JANUARY	25.29
MARCH	25.34
MAY	25.23
JULY	24.95

IRELAND CONSIDERS NATIONALIZATION OF RAILROADS

(By Associated Press)
Dublin, Dec. 1.—The commission appointed by the Irish Government to inquire into the working of Irish railways has just reported, with one dissenting vote, in favor of the nationalization of the railways by the State. It is recommended, however, that the management be not in the hands of a State Minister, but by a National Railway Board representing various interests, including labor.

The present market value of the entire railway stock in Ireland is estimated at between twenty five and thirty millions pounds sterling which, it is suggested, should be acquired by a tribunal that would issue bonds at reasonable interest and redeemable from a sinking fund in installments every ten years. The project of nationalization, however, has been broadly criticized; it is not popular.

The Irish railways are at present being run under difficulties. During the war fares were raised 100 per cent although the increase in England was only 75 per cent. This has now been reduced to 50 per cent, while the Irish 100 per cent increase remains unaltered.

RUSSIA NOW BUILDING ITS OWN LOCOMOTIVES

Moscow, Nov. 30.—Russian locomotive works are operating so satisfactorily, it has been announced by the government, that hereafter it will not be necessary to purchase railway engines from foreign countries.

To date the Soviets have received 680 locomotives from Germany with 20 more to come, and 180 from Sweden, with 300 yet to be delivered.