

GERMANS OFFER TO BUY BOARD'S SURPLUS COTTON

Bitter Controversy Centers Around Farm Board's Proposed Sale

Washington, Aug. 7.—Cotton, the greatest of farm crops, took its place today at the center of the bitter controversy over the Federal Farm Board's decision to market its gigantic holding of farm products.

Germany offered to buy 600,000 bales of Farm Board cotton and take an option on 200,000 more. The Farm Board, at the same time, announced that despite protests from wheat and cotton areas, it would not, for the present, change its policy, which is to sell its holdings in world markets.

The German offer, transmitted thru the American embassy at Berlin, was received at the State Department yesterday afternoon and sent at once by messenger to the Farm Board Building, 110 Pennsylvania Avenue. The board was meeting when the messenger arrived. Members said they would not discuss it fully until tomorrow.

For weeks the board's sales policy has been a matter of angry disputes. Protests and threats have been made by farmers and political leaders of the areas concerned.

The Farm Board holds 1,300,000 bales of cotton, and between 225,000,000 and 250,000,000 bushels of wheat bought with United States government money in a vain effort to halt the fall of wheat and cotton prices during the last two years.

There is no doubt of a great snowball of protest in the next few days over the board's reiteration of its sales policy. Wheat protests have been multiplying in the few days since the offer to Germany became known, and the fact that the board was inviting offers for wheat and cotton both from other countries.

The German offer is to buy the cotton on three years' credit, at 4 1/2 per cent, the price to be arrived at on monthly average figures in New York, Liverpool, or Hamburg markets or all three combined.

The deal itself is not a big one, in present day figures. It will involve \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000 in all.

The importance of the cotton and wheat problem is in the latter resentment of the millions who live on these products.

The farm board seemed willing to fight for its policy today. Two members, Chairman James C. Stone, Kentucky tobacco grower, and Carl Williams, Indiana editor, were present at a press conference today to answer questions.

Stone said that the board did not at present intend to replace any cotton or wheat sold, but would reduce its holdings as it found advisable. Williams said the board was willing to entertain other offers than that of Germany.

Mrs. G. F. Kennedy, of near Greencastle, Pa., has in her yard a 3-year-old geranium stalk which is 6 feet 6 inches tall.

RULES JUDGES EXCEED POWER

Cannot Suspend Part of Sentence, Attorney General Rules

According to a ruling handed down by Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, court judges are acting beyond their authority when they sentence a man to the roads and then suspend a part of the sentence upon good behavior. The judges do this, it is understood they are employing a power only conferred upon the pardoning board and the governor.

Parmele Woman Elected To Office at State Meet

Martin County home demonstration club women were very much pleased at the annual federation meeting held in Raleigh last week, when Mrs. T. M. Woodburn, secretary of the county council for this county, was elected as corresponding secretary for the State organization.

This year, for the first time, county women went on record with a pledge of \$10 for the Jane S. McKimmon loan fund, a fund used to help worthy girls living in rural North Carolina to a college education.

Joseph Thomas stabbed a man near the heart, but the victim recovered. Now Judge Ryan, of Cincinnati, has ordered Thomas to sit in the Ohio Penitentiary's electric chair, with the current off, and "muse" on his narrow escape.

There are 3,000 islands in the Pacific Ocean.

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SCHOOL BUDGETS PROBABLY TO BE CUT 20 PER CENT

Plan To Report Allotments To Various Counties By August 19

Raleigh, Aug. 7.—Judging from the 60 of the 100 county school budgets already received, the State Board of Equalization, in order to stay within the money at hand, will have to reduce all the budgets by an average of from 20 to 25 per cent, it was found at the meetings yesterday.

The submitted budgets do not include the 10 per cent cut in teachers' salaries, expected by the superintendents who submitted them, but in addition to the salary figures it will be necessary to make other large cuts, such as from 20 to 30 per cent on the item of general control and a large amount from transportation in order to get the figures within the \$8 a transported child provided by the new school law.

Judging from the 60 budgets already in, over which the board worked yesterday, the county superintendents will ask for a total of about \$22,000,000 when there is only \$17,000,000 to be spent.

Today LeRoy Martin, secretary of the board, will wire the 40 superintendents whose budgets are not in that next Wednesday is the deadline and that the board will be compelled arbitrarily to fix the budgets for the counties whose superintendents are still delinquent. The board hopes to be able to report each county's allotment by August 19.

Before going into the budgets yesterday and beginning the work that can not be completed for any one county until it is considered as a whole the board heard delegations from Montgomery County who protested against five of the six school consolidations made there. It was decided, however, to leave each of the consolidations as originally planned.

Presbyterians Announce Sunday Service Program

Sunday, August 9, 1931: "The church with an open door." Church school, 9:45 a. m. Worship service and sermon by the pastor at 11 a. m.

Bear Grass Sunday school at 9:35 a. m. Preaching service at 8 p. m.

Roberson's Farm Sunday school at 4 p. m. Preaching at 4:45 p. m. Prayer meeting at 8 p. m. Thursday. You are always welcome at these services.

PROBE RECENT RAISE IN PRICE OF CIGARETTES

Department of Justice Men Investigate Anti-Trust Law Violation

Washington, Aug. 3.—Indications were given in the anti-trust division of the Justice Department today that an investigation would be made of the recent simultaneous rise in prices of the popular brands of cigarettes.

Although formal announcement was withheld, authorities indicated informally that the action of four major tobacco companies in hoisting prices would be gone into by federal agents. On June 24 the R. J. Reynolds, American, F. Lorillard, and Liggett and Myers Tobacco Companies announced cigarette prices to jobbers would be advanced 45 cents a thousand.

It was said that no complaint had been made to the Justice Department, but that notice was taken of the increase and a decision was made to

Farmers' Field Day At Upper Coastal Station

The Ninth Annual Farmers' Field Day will be held at the Upper Coastal Plain Station, near Rocky Mount, on Thursday, August 13.

Agriculture research will feature the field day program, and several of the South's most prominent authorities on the various departments of agriculture will be present and speak to the farmers on the topics that most interest the people of this section.

Places will be arranged for those wishing to carry their dinner. However, barbecue, cold drinks, and sandwiches will be sold on the ground for those that will find it inconvenient to carry their own lunch.

determine whether this action constituted a price-fixing agreement among the manufacturers.

John Lord O'Brien, assistant attorney general in charge of anti-trust activities, was out of the Capital today, on vacation, but it was intimated by other sources that the investigation would continue in his absence.

Jos. T. Chase Made Vice President V. E. P. Co.

Joseph T. Chase, of Roanoke Rapids, Carolina manager of the Virginia Electric and Power Co., was last week elected vice president of the company by the board of directors at a meeting held in New York.

Mr. Chase is no stranger in North-eastern North Carolina, having been a citizen of the State for 25 years and been actively engaged in promoting industrial enterprises in our section, and not shirking civic responsibilities. His promotion is pleasing to a large number throughout this section.

Johnston County Preparing To Ship Hogs in September

Three lots of hogs have been put on feed in Johnston County for shipment in September.

When John Palladeaux returned to Ashland, Wis., after an absence of 21 years, the only person to recognize him was John Baer, a blind man, who remembered Palladeaux's voice.

Lesson No 1
Learn to Save!

THROUGH INSURANCE

A very rich man once said: "Unless I teach my son to save I feel that I have been a failure as a father." Every child, rich or poor, should learn to save through insurance. It may be the means of an education, the successful beginning of life or protection against early reverses in life. Begin with a small policy early in life and increase your insurance as your income will permit.

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