

Cheap Fertilizer Plank Is Bid For Farmer Vote

Government Operation of Muscle Shoals, Even at a Loss, Instead of Acceptance of Ford Offer, Is Coolidge Idea of Placating Tillers of Soil

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Washington, Nov. 29. — There are strong indications that President Coolidge will shortly make a bid for the voting power of the agricultural sections that have shown sentiment favorable to the candidacy of Henry Ford.

Analyzing the strength of Mr. Ford as reflected in a letter received by the administration, the main pillar seems to be the demand of the farmer for cheaper fertilizer to cut down his costs of production and a belief that Henry Ford's plan to operate Muscle Shoals will accomplish that object.

Gray Silver, head of the American Farm Bureau, who now is in Europe, told Mr. Coolidge not long ago that he had been advised by experts that five cent fertilizer could be produced at Muscle Shoals. The market price of fertilizer is at least three times that sum and makes quite an item in the farmer's budget. With the low price of wheat, the farmer's costs are concerning him vitally and if he could secure a cut in the fertilizer it would increase his margin of profit especially if a foreign market for grain were some day to be established.

Mr. Coolidge has let it be known that he believes fertilizer to be of such paramount importance to the welfare of the country that he would consider the Federal Government justified in operating Muscle Shoals even at a loss. This would checkmate the Ford plan of private operation. It would mean a loss of about fifty million dollars a year according to some estimates as the whole thing is very much of an experiment but if Mr. Ford could risk it so could the Federal Government. That's the view which many members of Congress have been taking of the subject and matters have reached the point where a bill passed by both houses would receive the approval of the President.

Mr. Coolidge has been told that in denying Mr. Ford the opportunity to develop Muscle Shoals, the government must provide some alternative that will satisfy the same sentiment that is back of Mr. Ford's campaign.

It seems almost certain that the alternative will be Government operation of Muscle Shoals. To this there may be the objection which has been made to Government ownership of other things such as shipping or railroads but here, too, the program would provide that the initiative taken and the capital furnished would be a governmental character only in the years of experimentation. Once the plants were able to turn out cheap fertilizer it could be leased to private concerns on terms favorable to the Government in the ultimate return of the capital invested and guaranteed to give the farmer his fertilizer at agreed upon rates.

During the war the Federal Government bought the fertilizer product of Chile in bulk and disposed of it to the American farmers so there is precedent for the Government handling of this problem in an emergency.

Unquestionably there will be renewed agitation of the Muscle Shoals controversy at the coming session of Congress but the administration is prepared to meet it with a specific plan for Government operation viewing the present emergency as of practically the same economic importance to the country as the steps undertaken during the war to obtain fertilizer at reasonable costs.

WILL NAME EXPERTS TO STUDY GERMANY

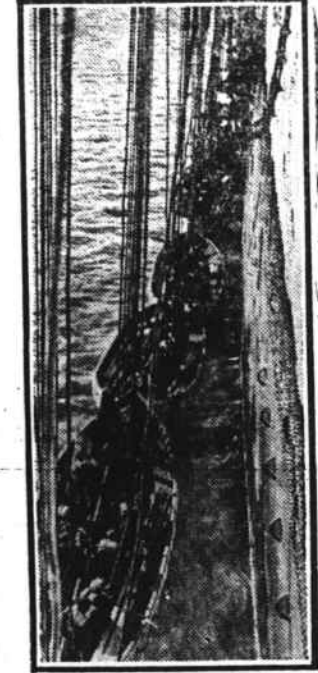
Paris, Nov. 29. — The Allied Reparations Commission today decided to name a committee of experts to study Germany's capacity to pay along general lines of Premier Poincaré's proposal. Two bodies will be constituted, the respective duties of which are to be defined later.

SECRETARY FALL TO BE INVESTIGATED

Washington, Nov. 29. — After Carl Hays, New Mexico editor, had testified regarding the personal financial status of former Secretary of the Interior Fall today, the Senate public lands committee decided to invite Fall to appear before it in its inquiry into the leasing of Teapot Dome Naval Reserve to the Sinclair interests. The invitation summarized the testimony and informed Fall of the committee's opinion that he should have opportunity to be heard.

Miss Mary Clifton Barnard of East Burgess street is spending the week end with her aunt, Mrs. J. T. Addison of Shawboro.

"Abandon Ship!"



When that cry is heard aboard the Aquitania, things move swiftly. A recent fire-drill showed the lifeboats can be completely filled within a half hour. Photo shows the boats about to "pull away" from the ship during one of the drills.

GET DISTILLER AND STILL NEAR MOYOCK

In jail here from Monday to Wednesday on a charge of engaging in illicit manufacture of liquor was Tom Miller of Currituck County, who was taken in custody Monday when Deputy U. S. Marshall J. W. Wilcox found him at a still in a swamp near Moyock. He was released under \$300 bond Wednesday.

Captured with the still and the prisoner were 200 gallons of mash and two gallons of liquor. On last Saturday the craft captured in the raid on the big still at Buckeye Island, Currituck County, as a result of which T. A. Roberts and Ed Bonney, of Princess Anne County, Virginia, John Gallop of Riddle and John Overton, colored, of Bluff Point, are held under \$800 bond each for trial in Federal Court here and under like bond for trial in Federal Court at New Bern, were sold here by Mr. Wilcox at auction, the gas launch bringing \$200; the speed boat, \$90; the former Government life boat, \$42.50, and the skiff, \$5.50. Other items were: Two tents at \$8 each, 15 bags of meal and flour at \$2 a bag; one half ton of coal was sold with the boats, and the sugar, 4,100 pounds of which was taken in the raid, was sold at seven cents a pound.

W. A. Lee of Falls is under a \$300 appearance bond for a preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner, T. B. Wilson Saturday morning at 11:30 o'clock. He is charged with being a confederate of Roberts, Bonney, Gallop, and the negro, Overton.

MALODOROUS CASE IN POLICE COURT FRIDAY

A sorry story of rural domestic infelicity was unfolded in recorder's court Friday morning in the case of Charles Godfrey, charged with abandonment and non support of his wife, Alice Godfrey. The case grew out of a hasty courtship and a marriage on brief acquaintance, both parties entering into the relation apparently for practical reasons, the man that he might have a housekeeper and the woman that she might have a home. The home, according to the woman's testimony, was unendurable to her, and she left it. Now she wants her husband of about three months to support her. Judge Spence ordered that the defendant pay her \$5.00 a week. E. F. Ayldott, who argued his case without putting his client on the stand, noted an appeal.

Charles Godfrey is a tenant farmer with an 82 year old mother and a fifteen year old daughter by a former marriage in his home. He lives near Okisko.

Only one Thanksgiving drink came up for trial in police court Friday morning. Tom Munden, the defendant, drew the usual fine of \$5.00 and costs.

An affray case from Salem township occupied considerable time in Friday's session of the recorder's court. Henry Lowry drew a fine of \$15 and costs, while Johnny Overman and Calvin Morse were let off with a fine of \$5 and costs each.

Ralph Paine and George Dewey, the latter colored, were taxed with the costs for operating a motor car with defective lights.

WHOLE BLOCK IS BURNED IN TAMPICO

San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 30. — Private cables from Tampico state that fire today destroyed one city block near the heart of the city. A shut down of the light and power plant and a cold wave interfered with the fire fighting, the advices stated.

FARRAR TO SING IN AUDITORIUM

With Doors of Church Closed Against Her It Began to Look as Though She Must Sing in Street.

Atlanta, Nov. 29. — Geraldine Farrar will play in Atlanta tonight in the city auditorium.

With the doors of two church auditoriums closed to her it appeared until last night that she would be forced to make good her promise to "sing in the streets" in order not to disappoint her audience. The city auditorium had been engaged by the Tech High School for a minstrel for tonight but those in charge of the entertainment withdrew in favor of Farrar and postponed the minstrel show to a later date.

GOVERNOR EXTENDS EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Raleigh, Nov. 30. — O. B. Tyson, convicted for second degree murder and who has served quite a long time, has been paroled for the balance of his sentence because of the condition of his health. Governor Morrison, in signing the parole, states that the condition of his health is such that he is advised the man will only live a short time and he desires, upon recommendation of the trial judge and solicitor, to give him an opportunity to pass his remaining days with his family.

Louis Zapantis, convicted from Durham County for violation of the prohibition laws, has received a commutation of sentence from Governor Morrison. Instead of serving four months he will be required to post a bond for good behavior and to appear at each term of court for 12 months and show that he has not violated the prohibition laws. Ben Walker, convicted for complicity in the manufacture of whiskey and sentenced from Guilford County to serve ten months has been given an indeterminate sentence of not less than seven months because of good behavior.

GETS THIRTY YEARS ON MURDER CHARGE

Rocky Mount, Nov. 30. — Dock McCoy, negro, extradited here from Pennsylvania, yesterday pleaded guilty to second degree murder of Rufus Beard two years ago and got a 30-year sentence.

DURHAM PAYS MOST FEDERAL REVENUE

Durham, Nov. 29. — The city of Durham pays more revenue to the Federal Government than any other two cities in the State combined with the exception of Winston-Salem, according to the secretary of the local chamber of commerce. The fact that Durham is a tobacco center makes this possible, it is pointed out, and the same fact is responsible for the elimination of Winston-Salem from the comparison.

WILL MEET TONIGHT

Achorce Lodge, I. O. O. F. meets tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the corner of Road and Fearing streets with work in the initiatory degree.

ELKS MINSTREL SHOWS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

A real treat will be given to the people of Elizabeth City when the Elks here their annual Minstrel December 19-20 at the Alkrama theater. The receipts of the show will go to charity. From all accounts it will be a novel and interesting affair.

This year D. Walter Harris, Jr. promises "something entirely new and completely different." Plenty of pretty girls, good singers, in fact the best talent of the city will be in the show. All the latest song hits from the Music Box Review will be among the attractions. "We are going to give the folks here a real show, just the time of their lives, during the Christmas holidays," says Mr. Harris. Plans for the minstrel are already well launched. The first rehearsal will be held at the Elk Home next Monday night.

NINE COACHES GET OFF THE TRACKS

Steuensville, O., Nov. 30. — The eastbound Pennsylvania passenger train known as the Gotham Limited was wrecked today at the east end of Gould's Tunnel, seven miles east of here. Six of the nine coaches left the rails. None of them turned over and none of the passengers was seriously hurt.

NEW SHIPMENT COATS

Just received—a large shipment of Ladies Coats that are wonderful values—We bought them at special prices and are selling them very close which means quite a saving. Come in to see them early in the morning and make your selection. Prices from \$16.50 to \$39.75.—Rucker & Sheely Company.

GETS REPRIEVE AT LAST MINUTE

Raleigh, Nov. 30. — John G. ... (text partially obscured) ...

Memorial Service Sunday Afternoon

Dr. Mendoza Speaker, and Music By Choral Society and Orchestra

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Alkrama theater, the Elks will hold their annual memorial service. Dr. L. D. Mendoza of Norfolk will make the address. The program for the afternoon is as follows:

Singing by the Choral Society of Elizabeth City, accompanied by orchestra under the direction of T. G. Davis. Address by Dr. L. D. Mendoza. Memorial service by the Elks for their departed brothers. All Elks are requested to meet at the home at 2 o'clock sharp and so from there to the theater in a body. The last rehearsal of the choral society will be held this evening at 8 o'clock at the Elks' home.

MRS. E. A. BRIGHT DEAD

Mrs. Elizabeth Anne Bright of 100 Matthews street died Thursday about 12:30 o'clock, after a week's illness. Mrs. Bright was nearly 86 years old and had made her home with her son, G. R. Bright, of this city, for some time. She was the oldest member of the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Bright is survived by one son, G. R. Bright, and three grandchildren, Misses Mary and Mabel Bright, and Albert Bright, all of this city. The funeral was conducted Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home by Dr. S. H. Templeman and interment made in Hollywood Cemetery. The pallbearers were: C. W. Melick, G. R. Barrow, J. W. Pool, J. C. Benbury, C. L. Whitehurst and R. H. Commander.

CONSIDERED ATTACK ON GENERAL BINGHAM

London, Nov. 30. — Notwithstanding official disavowal of government responsibility for the Reuter's dispatch asserting that Great Britain has received information of rather extensive military preparations in Germany, newspapers which are habitually suspicious of Germany and some others take the view that it represents an unworthy attack on General Bingham, representative of the Inter-Allied Military Control Commission in Germany.

Trinity Glee Club On Annual Journey

Starts On Autumn Tour Of State And Expects Its Best Season This Year

Trinity College, Durham, Nov. 30. — The Trinity College Glee Club, comprising all the musical clubs of the college—glee club proper, mandolin club, and orchestras—will start on its annual fall tour Friday, November 30. The club promises to have its most successful season this year, numbering among its personnel some of the finest and most gifted college musicians and entertainers to be found anywhere. Thirty men will make the trip.

Lexington, Abenmarle, Wadesboro, Rockingham, Fayetteville and Sanford will be visited by the Trinity entertainers. Some of these towns have never been visited before by the club. One of the features of the Trinity entertainers this year will be the symphonic sextette, composed of players who know how to extract the most scrupulous tones from their instruments: a classical orchestra; a quartet, "The Happy Four"; and the Symphonic Seven, a jazz orchestra of some merit. The orchestra will be directed by Dr. Hugo Bloomquist, a faculty member, while the Glee Club will be under the direction of Professor W. P. Twadell, of Durham.

Officers of the club are as follows: A. L. Ormand, Jr., Wilmington, manager; Richard W. Spencer, New Bern, president; and J. R. Chamberlain, Raleigh, librarian. Among the musicians who are to take the trip this season are several who deserve special mention. H. E. Sheetz is completing his fourth season with the club and can play almost any instrument equally well in addition to singing. He features with the ebony clikers, which he makes talk. Frank Warner, the big boy with the little instrument is an entertainer par excellence, while C. T. Meacham, who plays the largest bass saxophone in the State is also good.

C. H. Brock spent Wednesday in Norfolk on business.

BERLIN DISPLAYS NO ENTHUSIASM

Over Formation of New Cabinet by Marx, Which, It is Admitted, Narrowly Saved the Day.

Berlin, Nov. 30. — Official announcement of the formation of a new three-party coalition cabinet for Germany with Dr. Wilhelm Marx as chancellor and ex-Chancellor Stresemann as foreign minister was made this afternoon.

No great enthusiasm is displayed here over the saving by a narrow margin of the country's parliamentary system through this solution of the cabinet crisis. It is generally agreed that the crisis of the last eight days has shown that the Marx cabinet represents virtually the only combination before the resort to dissolution of the parliament.

Berlin, Nov. 30. — The seven-day parliamentary crisis, which was chiefly devoted to inter-party bickerings and barterings and an abortive attempt definitely to do away with socialistic influence in national politics thru the creation of a bourgeois bloc, terminated Thursday in a three-party compromise, by virtue of which a minority coalition, comprising members of the clerical, the German people's and the Democratic parties will succeed the deposed Stresemann government, which was constituted with the same component parts.

Dr. Wilhelm Marx, the Clerical leader, will head the new cabinet as Chancellor, while the other portfolios will be held by men who were in the last Government.

As at present constituted the Government will be: Chancellor—Dr. Wilhelm Marx. Minister of the Interior—Dr. Jarres. Minister of Defense—Dr. Otto Gessler. Minister of Food—Dr. Hans Luther.

Minister of Posts—Dr. Anton Hoeffle. Minister without portfolio—Rudolph Oeser.

Dr. Stresemann is reported to have accepted the post of Foreign Minister.

Aside from being a pronounced minority Cabinet, the present revamped coalition is anything but a firmly co-ordinated three-party bloc within its own ranks and it also will be called upon to assimilate much of the animosity and partisan acerbities which it inherits from the seven-day crisis, both with respect to the antagonism waiting it from the German Nationalists as well as the yet wholly problematical attitude of the united Socialists.

Although Dr. Marx announced he would select his Cabinet members irrespective of their party allegiance, he nevertheless heads an outspoken partisan ministry which seemingly once again is wholly dependent upon the charity of the social Democrats. To this extent the present crisis ran true to traditional form, although previous parliamentary reactions rarely consumed an entire week in the process of their liquidation. President Ebert used up four Chancellor candidates in his efforts to construct a party lineup which would constitute a workable coalition.

IRENE CASTLE WEDS WEALTHY MERCHANT

Chicago, Nov. 30. — Irene Castle and Frederick McLaughlin, wealthy Chicago coffee merchant, were married here Wednesday evening. It was learned today. The marriage took place at the McLaughlin residence and was a quiet ceremony. The newlyweds left Chicago last night for the West.

CO-OPERATION STRONG IN RUSSIAN UNIONS

Petrograd, Nov. 30. — The co-operative unions of Russia, totaling some 30,000 societies, whose purposes are to supply the population with its needs in the most economical manner, did forty per cent of the merchandise business of Russia in 1921. In 1914 they did seven per cent. These unions are purely economic, and have no interest in politics.

REPAIRS GOING ON ON STATE CAPITAL

Raleigh, Nov. 30. — Repairs on the Capitol building are progressing steadily but it will be some weeks before the work is completed. The inner walls of the ancient structure are being given a thorough revamping and considerable strengthening work is in progress. New heating facilities are being made in some portions of the building.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Nov. 30. — Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: December 37.50; January 37.00; March 37.00; May 37.15; July 36.30; October 30.00. New York, Nov. 30. — Spot cotton closed quiet, middling, 37.35, a decline of 25 points. Futures, closing bid, December 36.70, January 36.10, March 36.20, May 36.42, July, 35.55, October 29.00.