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## Alien Land Law May Send Farm Products Prices Up

Unless California White Land Owners Can Find Way to Meet Situation the Amount Planted of the 95 Varieties of Agricultural Products Will be Far Below Normal

New York, Jan. 28.—Spring planting of the 95 varieties of agricultural products, which have been grown in large part by Japanese in California in the past, is expected to be the usual time in that state.

Moreover, unless some adequate financial arrangements can be made by the white land owners there to meet the situation created by the anti-alien land law, the amount planted promises to be far smaller than normal.

These facts have distant bearing on producers and consumers in other sections of the country since it is estimated that 65 per cent of the fruits and vegetables produced through the agency of Japanese are consumed in Eastern and Middle Western markets. Just what this means may be judged from the fact that the Japanese Association of California in 1921 admitted Japanese controlled 259,000 acres of land in the State through cropping contracts, and another 75,000 acres through rentals or leases. The association at that time, when it desired to minimize the totals as much as possible, admitted the Japanese-grown crops had an annual valuation of \$45,000,000.

At the same time the California state board of control declared that 487,000 acres of California land were controlled by Japanese and that the annual value of their crops was \$67,000,000. There are no official figures since that time, although state employees who have kept close track say the acreage controlled up to the placing in effect of the alien land law had grown to 535,000 acres and the value of their products to \$73,000,000.

Even with the production placed at the lowest figures, the California land owners face a loss in revenue of a large part of \$45,000,000 unless they can induce white farmers to come to California and take the land on shares or can finance themselves so as to be able to employ the Japanese farmers as day laborers.

The Japanese farmers have had scores of urgent offers to transfer their activities to other states where prohibition to the holding of land by men of their race does not exist. However, many of them are content to remain and work as farm laborers—but at a very definite and sizeable price.

The Japanese are demanding a minimum of \$6 a day for short time jobs and \$100 a month of steady work. The difficulty faced by the land owner lies not only in having to pay these wages but in securing sufficient backing to finance the working of the acreage thrown back on his hands.

Before the anti-alien land law was upheld by the United States supreme law, the Japanese who farmed lands on shares, financed his own agricultural activities. All the white land owner did was to let the Japanese have his land for a stated period and when the crop was sold, collect his percentage; now the land owner has to do all the financing and is finding it extremely difficult to make the necessary arrangements.

As a result of this situation, it is probable that New York, Chicago and other centers which absorb large quantities of California products will face a scarcity this spring and summer, and that consumers will feel the effects in prices. The similar produce from other sections may find a wider market but a decided increase in production outside California is hardly probable in view of the shortage of farm labor which exists in nearly every state.

## ALL IN READINESS FOR COOPER CASE

Lieutenant Governor, His Brother, and His Son On Trial In Federal Court At Wilmington

Wilmington, Jan. 28.—All was in readiness here this morning for the special term of Federal Court here today, when charges against officials of the defunct Commercial National Bank of Wilmington were handed to the grand jury for consideration. Those against whom charges have been made and who were some months ago bound over before the United States commissioner for the action of the grand jury are Lieutenant Governor W. R. Cooper, formerly chairman of the board of directors of the institution; Thomas E. Cooper, his brother, president of the bank; Horace Cooper, his son, an official of the bank. The men are charged with violation of the National banking laws. Clyde Lassiter, head of a local automobile concern, also stands charged before the commissioner with violation of Federal laws growing out of his alleged dealings with the Coopers as officials of the bank and his case will be considered by the grand jury.

A special venire was summoned to appear here in Federal Court and from these men the grand jury will be drawn, the balance being held to try the case should indictments be returned. The case formerly had been set for the November, 1923, grand jury but absence of Government witnesses caused a postponement and the calling of a special term of court to dispose of the charges.

Charges against the Coopers and Lassiter are the outcome of the closing of the Commercial National Bank on December 31, 1922. Following an investigation by the Comptroller General of the United States, charges were prepared and served by the United States commissioner during last spring, charging the four men with violation of various Federal banking laws. They were allowed to make bond for their appearances today and pending the outcome of the case before the grand jury.

The failure of the Commercial Bank, regarded as one of the strongest banks in Eastern Carolina, precipitated the failure of half a dozen fiduciary institutions which had used the Commercial as a depository. Among these was the Liberty Bank of Wilmington and Thomas E. Cooper was indicted in Superior Court in connection with this failure, the cashier of the institution, J. C. Rusk also being indicted. This case was continued in Superior Court two weeks ago. A number of civil proceedings also have been instituted against the Coopers and officials of the defunct Commercial Bank, some of which have been settled out of court while others still are pending.

## FORTY MEN LOST LIVES IN MINE

Shanktown, Pa., Jan. 28.—A check-up shows that 40 men lost their lives in the Lancashire mine explosion here late Saturday. Hindered by water and gas areas today, rescue crews were battling to reach the small group of miners still entombed in Lancashire Mine but little hope was held out that any survive.

The bodies of 31 of those who died as the result of the explosion of the gas in the mine late Saturday have been removed. The bodies of five others have been located and four more it is believed are yet to be found.

## SHILOH BEGINS WORK ON SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING

Work was begun Monday on the new two-story Sunday School building which is to be added to Shiloh Baptist Church. It is to be 78 feet long and an up-to-date modern equipped building. The timber is on the ground and the work of raising the church auditorium two feet higher was begun Monday and it is hoped that the new rooms will be finished in about six weeks. Rev. S. S. Hudson is the pastor of this growing church.

## Her Dream Realized



When Mrs. Helen Plane (above), 95, unveiled the sculptured portrait of General Robert E. Lee's head (inset) on Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, Ga., a dream of many years was realized. It was Mrs. Plane, widowed in the Civil War, who conceived the idea of a memorial. Gutzon Borglum designed the work, of which the giant head of Lee is a part.

## ELEVEN DEAD IN GAS EXPLOSION

Pawtucket, R. I., Jan. 28.—Eleven persons were killed by a gas explosion today in a two-family house at Manville. Mrs. Michael Conway was awakened by her young daughter early this morning who complained of the odor of gas. She lighted a lamp and the explosion which destroyed the house followed. Mrs. Conway, her two sons and daughter escaped, but her husband was killed. In the adjoining house a family of ten resided, named Hammill, and it is believed they are all dead.

## MASKED BANDIT'S ROB POSTOFFICE

Butte, Mont., January 28.—Two masked robbers today entered the Missoula postoffice, held up two clerks, and got away with \$20,000 to \$35,000 in currency consigned to the Missoula Bank, local postoffice authorities announced today.

## CHIMNEY FIRE SUNDAY

Called by an alarm from Box 63 Sunday evening at 9:20 o'clock the fire company extinguished a fire with chemicals at the home of Charles H. Hollowell, colored, on Boston Avenue before any damage was done. At 10:45 Monday morning a still alarm was given and a chimney fire was found at the home of James Banks, colored, on Vest street. There was no damage and chemicals were used in putting the fire out.

## DEFENDS PRESIDENT DAVIDSON COLLEGE

Greensboro, Jan. 28.—The head of Davidson College Alumni Association announced yesterday that he would take no heed of the application by a small number of students to the association to press for President Martin's removal. The head of the association declared that there is nothing to substantiate the charges against Dr. Martin.

## No Millionaire Row At Atlanta Federal Prison

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Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 28.—There is no "millionaire row" at the Atlanta Federal penitentiary, not even for George Remus, the "millionaire bootlegger of the Middle West." Remus and ten associates convicted in the Cincinnati "death valley" case arrived Saturday in a private car, but they now occupy the roles of "new boys" in the democratic atmosphere of the Government prison. Several miles away, in an apartment at the fashionable Georgian Terrace Hotel, is Mrs. Remus, who arrived on the same train that brought Remus to serve a two-year sentence for conspiracy to violate the Volstead Act. When Remus stepped off the private car within the prison walls he was the same jaunty soul that Cincinnati knew. A grey overcoat and clothes of ultra fashionable cut gave him the air of a casual visitor. Remus headed the line that formed in twos and threes, filed several hundred yards into the admission room of the prison. Hundreds of inmates silently watched the group, and several called greetings to the new men. One of these was Clem L. Herbs, who was convicted along with Remus and his associates. He did not carry his case to the Supreme Court. Consequently he has served enough time to be eligible for parole and he has filed his application. No assignment of duties will be made for several days but it is expected that Remus will be given work in the drug shop or in the office. He is an expert druggist, as well as a lawyer.

## ROBBERS MADE GUARDS DRUNK

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Federal agents today raided the Hamilton Hotel, Hamilton, Ill., where 20 men, who were used as Government watchmen and according to the unique story of the investigation, were made to drink whiskey until they were intoxicated in the hotel and then robbed the place of 60 boxes of whisky. The guards were arrested for questioning and declared that the robbers had three times but left one behind, using the others to haul away the liquor.

## MADE BIG HAUL, BUT COULDN'T LAND FISH

Police Dragnet Thrown Out Sunday Morning Caught Church-goers Napping; City Council Intervened

What promised following church services Sunday morning to be the biggest haul of the year by the Elizabeth City police developed into one of the tamest Monday morning sessions of police court on record when Chief of Police Gregory and County Prosecuting Attorney Sawyer received instructions from the City Council not to prosecute Sunday's violations of the recently enacted anti-parking ordinance passed by the City Council.

Among those cited by the police to appear in court Monday was at least one member of the City Council and the Mayor himself. Many automobile owning churchgoers of the city, coming out of their respective houses of worship following the morning service, had their Sunday morning spirit of devotion rudely broken into when they found their cars tagged with notice to appear in police court Monday morning for violation of the parking laws. Some fifty cases were docketed for appearance in court Monday morning as a result.

Hastily conferring with each other during the afternoon, members of the City Council were of the opinion that the police had been rather abrupt in beginning drastic enforcement of the new ordinances on Sunday, and instructed the police, accordingly, to withdraw warrant for the Sunday offenders in this instance. At least one congregation, that of the First Baptist Church, extended a vote of thanks to the Council for the indulgence.

The public generally were put on notice that the new ordinances would become effective on January 1, but, following that notice, the ordinances were modified and probably many obtained the idea that they no longer applied. City Manager Bray hopes that it is now generally understood that practically the only amendment to the new ordinances was one permitting parking at an angle of 45 degrees to the curb in certain blocks of the business section, and that otherwise the new ordinances are to be enforced. If any provisions of the traffic ordinances are found to be impractical, he says, the best way to find it out is to enforce them. No ordinance, he thinks, should be permitted to become a dead letter, lest it breed disrespect for all ordinances.

James Copeland was fined \$5 and costs for speeding, and Maxwell Wright, paid a like penalty for operating his car with an open cut-out. These two cases cleared the police court docket Monday.

## RUSSIA EULOGIZES HER DEAD LEADER

Moscow, January 28.—With an ancient ceremonial, Nikolai Lenin was buried yesterday while hundreds of thousands of his countrymen stood to pay tribute to him in a temperature 30 degrees below zero. The eulogies are said to have been more than given to many a crowned head of Europe at death.

## BOYS' CLUB ADDS SIX NEW MEMBERS TO ROLL

The Boys' Club formed by Rev. Daniel Lane, met Saturday afternoon at the Community House on Plewood street at 3 o'clock, and after the roll was called it was found that in addition to the 22 regular members six new ones were present. Mrs. Daniel Lane read a story that was much enjoyed and refreshments of sandwiches and cocoa were served. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Lane, no further plans were made.

## AMERICAN THIRD IN SPEED SKATING

Chamonix, France, Jan. 28.—Finland won the first event of the 1924 Olympic by taking the speed skating event here yesterday. America came third.

## COTTON MARKET

New York, January 28.—Spot cotton closed quiet this afternoon, declining 10 points. Middling 44-46, Futures closed at the following levels: March 33.12; May 33.43; July 32.16; October 27.93; December 27.25. New York, Jan. 28.—Cotton futures opened at the following levels: March 33.20, May 33.43, July 32.04, October 27.80, December none.

## SECRETARY FAIL ON WITNESS STAND

Teapot Dome Scandal Comes To Head — Coolidge Ready To Take Firm Stand On Matter

Washington, January 28.—Over-shadowing all other news today was the Teapot Dome scandal. It is expected to come to a head today with former Secretary of the Interior for Fall appearing as a witness before the Senate investigating committee.

Developments during the week-end were that Coolidge indicated he would move to cancel the leases and also announced that he would employ attorneys to prosecute criminal phases of the case, if any, independently of Attorney General Daugherty.

## TO SHOW PICTURES OF WONDER TREES

It seems incredible that anything should be able to live to such an age and yet scientists declare that some of the large Sequoia that stand in the National Parks in California are easily 4000 years old.

Dr. Williamson of the United States Department of the Interior, who will deliver a free illustrated lecture in the Court House Friday evening February 1, at 8 o'clock will tell something of these marvelous trees and show views of these patriarchs.

Many of these old boys stand 20 to 30 feet through at the base. An arched roadway has been cut right through the stump of one of these trees through which large touring cars pass. This will be only one lecture Friday evening which will show scenes of beauty and grandeur from the National Parks in Montana, Washington, Colorado, California and Arizona.

Dr. Williamson comes here at Government expense through the efforts of the Rotary Club.

## SUGAR AND COFFEE SUIT DISMISSED

Washington, January 28.—The Government's suit against the New York-Sugar and Coffee Exchange which was charged with operating in violation of the Anti-trust laws, was dismissed by the Supreme Court today.

## DECISION AGAINST BRANCH BANKING

Washington, January 28.—The right of the states to prevent National banks within their borders from establishing branches was today upheld by the Supreme Court, which at the same time ruled that the prohibition was contained in the Federal statutes themselves.

## MRS. HOOPER DEAD

Mrs. Mary E. Hooper, widow of the late Captain Erwin Hooper, died Sunday night at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. P. L. Davis, at Norfolk. She was 88 years old. Mrs. Hooper had been ill for several months, but bore her suffering with patience. She was a devoted Christian, wife and mother and is survived by a son, L. S. Hooper of this city; a daughter, Mrs. G. S. Sanders of Cape Henry; a sister, Mrs. Colonel Whitson of Norfolk; a brother, J. L. Mann of Manns Harbor; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The body will be brought here Tuesday morning on the 11:29 train and the funeral will be conducted at the grave at Hollywood Cemetery immediately following the arrival of the train. Friends are invited to meet the train and attend the funeral.

## COUPLE FROM EDENTON WED HERE ON MONDAY

A beautiful but quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's cousin, Harold S. Overman, on West Main street, when Miss Margaret R. Speight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Speight, became the wife of Mr. Hermon F. White, son of Mrs. Alice White, all of Edenton. The ceremony was performed by Dr. N. H. D. Wilson. They left for a short trip to northern cities. On their return they will make their home at Edenton.

## INVITED TO LEIPSC

Leipzig, Jan. 28.—An institute of world economics has been established here under the direction of Dr. Ernst Schuler, head of the University of Leipzig. Economists from all over the world will be invited to lecture, especially on the economic effects of the war on the various nations.

## ILL. HEALTH BACK OE-GIRL'S SUICIDE

Boston, January 28.—The verdict of suicide was reported today by acting Medical Examiner Brinkley in the case of Miss Margaret Harding, daughter of Governor Harding of the Boston Federal Reserve Bank. She died at the Harding home here Saturday. Ill health was probably the reason, he said.