

GOVERNORS ACT ON RURAL CREDIT PLAN

Committee Named to Draft Uniform Legislation to Be Offered to States.

THANKS VOTED TO TAFT

President in Address Says No Subject Is of Greater Importance Than Improvement of Facilities of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The conference of Governors here today took official action to further the extension of rural credits, after listening to an address on the subject by President Taft. It appointed a committee to draft uniform legislation to be submitted to the states. The Governors designated for this service were: Governors O'Neal, Alabama; Johnston, of California; Chairman, of Maine; Foss of Massachusetts; Hadley, of Missouri; Harmon, of Ohio; Mann, of Virginia; McGovern, of Wisconsin, and Carey, of Wyoming.

President Taft, in the course of his address, said: "We are not going to adopt a system over night. It is going to take a considerable time before the country shall receive the benefit of it, but the earlier we begin the agitation the earlier we shall achieve the purpose we have in bringing the matter to the attention of the public."

Farm Problem Most Important. "There is no subject of greater importance to the people of the United States than the improvement of the agricultural methods, the keeping them up to date in all agricultural communities, the securing of profits to the farmer, the attraction of the young men of the country to farming as a lucrative profession, and the lowering of the cost of producing agricultural products and lowering of their prices to the consumer."

"We have great capital in this country and we have farming property that is producing farm products of immense value. It would seem clear that with these two elements it would be possible to introduce a third by which the farmers engaged in producing the crops should be able, in view of the value of land on which it is produced, to obtain money on the faith of the land and the faith in the product which will enable him to expand his acreage and better his methods of cultivation and production."

Europe Has Developed Plan. "An easy exchange between capital and farmers with proper security has been established in European countries where the rate of interest has been lowered so the farmer is practically on the same basis of advantage in the borrowing of money as the business man. If this can be done abroad, it can be done here, and if abroad we find that government institutions adapted to form the conduit pipe between capitalists and farmers are successfully operating, why should we not adopt them here?"

On motion of Governor Hadley, resolutions of the conference were unanimously adopted.

Governor Blease, of South Carolina, whose remarks created warm scenes at the Richmond conference, was among the first to arrive in Washington today. To all interviewers who asked about his utterances at Richmond, he replied: "I stand upon the official stenographic records of the conference, and I apologize to no man for one word I have said."

HERRICK TO HAVE HEARING Credit System to Be Made Part of Currency Reform Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—A general credit system for the financing of farmers, as outlined by President Taft to the Governors' conference here today, will be considered as part of the general currency reform to be attempted by the sub-committee of the House banking and currency committee, it was decided today. Myron T. Herrick, United States Ambassador to France, will have a special hearing before the sub-committee, seeking a substitute for the Aldrich currency plan, of which Representative Glass, of Virginia, is chairman.

At the instance of Representative Bulkeley, of Ohio, Representative Glass decided to call a special meeting of the sub-committee on either Tuesday or Thursday of next week to hear Mr. Herrick. The full committee hearings will not begin until the week of January 5. Mr. Herrick, since becoming Ambassador to France, has made a special study of the rural credits conducted in Europe and made a complete report to President Taft.

PEACE PROSPECTS IMPROVE (Continued from First Page.)

a myth, a prearranged plan having been agreed to by the allies that Greece should stand out in its navy could continue the blockade and acquire the islands which are Greece's natural share of the spoils.

Palace to Be Meeting Place. London was set for the conference because England was nearer neutral than any other power, because the powers have the ablest ambassadors in London and because Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, who will naturally hold a commanding position, has a unique reputation for honesty among European diplomats.

The King has provided St. James palace for the meetings of the peace commission. The palace contains rooms gorgeous with paintings, tapestries and armor, and has the advantage of unusual quiet.

The Greek premier, M. Venizelos, who shares with King Ferdinand of Bulgaria the honors of consulting the Balkan League, has started for London.

The Egyptian Prince, Ahmed Fouad, who is candidate for the Albanian throne, is coming to make a personal campaign in his own behalf. The Premier of three of the Balkan Kingdoms are also expected.

TURKS DISREGARD ARMISTICE Montenegro Troops, Under Orders, Do Not Reply to Attack.

CETTINJE, Montenegro, Dec. 7.—Notwithstanding that an armistice has just been concluded, the Turks from Tara-bosch made a heavy attack yesterday against the Montenegrin front. In accordance with orders, the Montenegrins refused to return the Turkish fire, which did no damage.

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content. The army was impatiently awaiting a general offensive movement for the capture of Scutari.

Public opinion is gradually becoming reconciled to autonomy for Albania, but the proclamation of Albanian independence in Avlona is not regarded seriously.

GREES OCCUPY THREE TOWNS Albanians Fail in Attempt to Capture Passes by Surprise.

ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 7.—The Greek troops operating in Epirus have occupied the towns of Delvino, Argyro-Castro and Sant Quaranta, about 50 miles northwest of Janina.

The bombardment of Avlona, on the Adriatic Sea, which has evoked Austrian and Italian protests, was insignificant, according to an official statement. All that occurred was the firing by the frigate Penelope of a few shots at a body of armed Albanians gathered on the shore.

Fifteen hundred Albanians are reported to have made an attempt to capture the Himara passes by surprise. A force of volunteers dispersed and pursued them.

TURKS ARE CONCILIATORY Bulgarian Deputy Predicts Early Conclusion of Peace.

SOFIA, Dec. 7.—According to reliable reports, Adrianople has provisions enough to last only 15 days.

Dr. Danff, president of the Chamber of Deputies, has returned from the negotiations in Baghche. He expressed the opinion today that peace would be arranged successfully with little difficulty.

The Turkish delegates to the armistice negotiations proved to be extremely conciliatory, he said, and the fact that Turkey was willing to leave the besieged fortress without revictualing was considered as proof of the sincerity of her declarations that she did not wish to waste time.

3 ROBBERS WOUND MAN (Continued from First Page.)

about the owner.

Mrs. Wilson said that the first man who entered the store told her while he was purchasing and drinking the soda, that he had just come from California and since work was scarce here, intended to leave last night for the East. He inquired where he could catch the O.-W. R. & N. train, saying that he was afraid to attempt to take it in the city, for fear he might be interfered with by the police officers.

Captain Riley set men to watch all incoming cars from the section where the holdup occurred, but no arrests had been made at midnight.

The physician who attended Charland says that his injuries are serious. Aside from amputation necessary, he received severe cuts and bruises about the head, although the skull was not fractured.

The Eleven-mile House was formerly a roadhouse and is situated about one mile west of Fairview, on the Base Line road. Under Charland's management it has been conducted as a roadside resting place and grocery store. Charland is about 58 years old.

DUKE SPURNS HIS RIGHTS (Continued from First Page.)

succession to the throne in case the Czarévitch fails to survive.

Michel is German by blood. The Grand Duke Michel is practically a German by blood, as are all the Romanoffs. For more than two centuries the members of the Russian royal family have married generally into the German royal houses, until the Grand Duke Michel broke all court customs and contracted a morganatic marriage.

Opposition to Michel's action has existed ever since his marriage, which, according to the rules providing for succession to the throne, forbids Michel from taking command of the empire until he shall renounce his morganatic relation.

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\$3.50 Jabots, Special at \$2.98 In the women's neckwear section tomorrow, dainty, rich and beautiful hand-made and hand-embroidered Jabots in various designs, trimmed with real laces. Our regular \$3.50 values, \$2.98

\$1.00 Box of Handkerchiefs at 89c 1000 boxes of these Linen Handkerchiefs on sale tomorrow. Put up 6 in box, with neatly embroidered initials, with wreath design; three assorted styles; good values at \$1 a box. Our special price, box, 89c

19c Handkerchiefs, Special at 10c 100 dozen Swiss-Embroidered Handkerchiefs, dainty, well-finished styles, hemstitched, scalloped borders; good quality Swiss lawn, splendid values and well worth the regular price of 19c each. Xmas price, 10c

35c Ribbons, Special at Only 19c Extra heavy quality of all-silk Taffeta Ribbon, 5 ins. wide, plain colors, with satin edge; also many novelty patterns; nice for sashes, bows, etc.; regular 35c grades. Our special Xmas price, the yard, only 19c

\$5.00 Rugs, Special Only \$3.39 On the fourth floor Monday, beautiful, new Axminster Rugs; size 36x72 inches, in numerous pretty floral and Oriental designs. Our regular \$5.00 values will be on sale Monday at \$3.39

\$2.00 Velvet Rugs, Only \$1.19 A splendid assortment of new Velvet Rugs, 27 inches wide and 54 inches long, in a large variety of Oriental, floral and animal patterns; \$2.00 values in this Xmas sale tomorrow at \$1.19

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\$1.00 Coat Hangers, Special at 75c Dainty, ideal Christmas gifts. Made of ribbon and lavender flower stems over heavy birch-wood frames, various styles; will keep the garments delicately perfumed; regular values \$1 each. Special Monday at 75c

\$4.00 Coatings, Special at \$1.89 On the balcony tomorrow, our entire stock of Fall and Winter Coating Materials, including all the newest up-to-date weaves; a splendid opportunity to purchase the cloth for a new coat at \$1.89

\$5.00 Bathrobes Special \$3.98 What more useful or sensible Christmas gift could be desired? A warm, comfortable Bath Robe in collarless style or with rolling collar and deep cuffs; regular \$5.00 values. Monday, \$3.98

\$6.00 Kimonos, Special at \$2.48 On the second floor tomorrow, a sale of Women's Kimonos, of beautiful Italian silk, serpentine crepe and ducking fleeces in a good assortment of colors, including black; \$6.00 values, at \$2.48

\$27.50 Fur Sets, Special \$19.75 Women's beautiful Fur Sets—nobby Asotie tie, large pillow muffs of Russian pony furs; \$27.50 vals. \$19.75; \$32.50 French Sable Fur Sets, \$24.50; \$37.50 Mole Squirrel Fur Sets, at \$27.75

Men's \$1.50 Shirts, Special at 95c 5000 Shirts in this special offering tomorrow. Made in coat styles, with either soft, or stiff cuffs; plain white plaited or in neat stripes and figures; perfect fitting, well finished; regular \$1.50 values at only 95c

Men's \$6.50 Sweaters, for \$4.95 On Special sale Monday, Men's Ruff Neck Sweaters, of best quality heavy knit all-wool yarn. Come in gray and red and are finished with three pockets; regular \$6.50 values, at each, \$4.95

Men's 50c Ties, Special for 29c 3000 pure silk Four-in-Hand Neckties in this special Monday offering. Have wide flowing ends; endless variety of colors and patterns; put up in individual Xmas boxes; regular 50c values. Monday for 29c

\$7.50 Steel Trains, Only \$4.98 Large and attractive Toy Train of iron and steel; engine, tender, three coaches and 11 pieces of track; regular \$7.50 value; our special Xmas price on our sixth floor tomorrow at only \$4.98

New Radioticons Here \$2.50 In our sixth floor Toy Department tomorrow, Radioticons—the new post-card reflecting machine, with electric light attachment; will reflect on wall or screen; a very interesting machine, \$2.50

\$6.00 Dolls on Sale for \$3.98 Beautiful French kid-body Dolls, 25 inches tall, with natural eyelashes and moving eyes and lovely bisque face; cork stuffed and durable; regular \$6.00 values on the 6th floor tomorrow, \$3.98

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Bacon Special 19c Well Cured Home Grown Oregon, lb.

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Peas In large cans; best quality, specially priced this sale at only 11c

Catsup The well-known Blue Label Brand, specially priced only 19c

Raisins Good and sweet, on sale, the package, at the special price of 8c

Butter Banquet Hall; the best in Portland, priced the roll at 74c

Breakfast Bacon 24c Best Quality Oregon Special, a pound

Oats In large sealed packages; best rolled, on sale at the low price of 10c

Soups Franco-American; best Condensed, the pint can at only 14c

Olives Queen Olives, specially priced for this sale at, the quart 38c

Cheese Best Cream Brick, on special sale at, the pound only 21c

Corn Sugar Corn, good quality, specially priced at, the can, only 8c

Eggs Guaranteed good and fresh, priced special at, the dozen, only 34c

Best Prunes 25c Oregon Dried Prunes, 4 pounds only

Peas Sperry's Special Flaked, specially priced at low price of, the package 7c

Flour Economy Brand, 49-pound sack for the low price of \$1.15

Currants Good quality regular, priced at, the package 11c

Jellycon Regular large package, on sale at the special price of 8c

Peas Sweet, tender and good, buy them at the special price of, the can, only 8c

Butter Economy Brand; good, fresh and wholesome, at the roll 69c

PARTY PLANS WAIT

Republican Leaders Agree Not to Reorganize Now.

SOUTH MAY BE REDUCED General Plan When Adopted, It Is Believed, Also Will Take Into Account Primary System of Choosing Delegates.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Republican party leaders in Congress, with whom they informally conferred today, have agreed that no definite steps toward a reorganization of the Republican party and a realignment of its working forces are practical within a year.

Opposition from Progressive Republicans, whom it was desired to bring into the movement, and apathy on the part of men who have been identified with the party's greatest activity, have happened to convince the leaders in the reorganization movement that no concerted plans should be undertaken until late next year.

A conference planned by Governors Hadley, of Missouri, and Tener, of Pennsylvania, and presided over by Governor Goldsborough, of Maryland, brought together here today Republican executives from states covering the entire area where the Progressive Republican fight was most severe during the recent campaign.

The conference was called for an "exchange of views," and nothing further was attempted by those back of the movement. As the result of the conference, however, it became apparent that any general plan of reorganization will embrace a reduction of representation from Southern states and an adoption of primary systems for the selection of delegates to the National convention of the party.

Senators Think Time Too Early. Prior to the conference Governor Hadley has canvassed the Republican and Progressive forces of the Senate to ascertain the feeling toward proposed action to strengthen the party. It is understood that Progressive Senators who still maintain their alliance with the Republican party gave little support to the proposal for reorganization, and that many "regular Republicans" declared emphatically that they believed it too early to attempt any concerted effort toward party rehabilitation.

Those present at the conference were Governors Hadley, Tener and Goldsborough, Eberhart, of Minnesota; Carroll, of Iowa; Pennewell, of Delaware; Oddie, of Nevada; Vessey, of South Dakota; Spry, of Utah; Glasscock, of Virginia; McGovern, of Wisconsin; Carey, of Wyoming, and Governor-elect Hanna, of North Dakota. No formal statement was issued by the conference, and its participants declared no action had been taken as to a party convention next year or a committee to consider political conditions.

plan that he undertook to speak only for himself. He declared that the defection of 4,000,000 voters from the Republican ranks in 1912 "requires a careful consideration," and urged that a National convention be called before the beginning of the next campaign to redraft party rules so that no question could be raised over the "representative character" of the National Republican conventions.

Governor Vessey, of South Dakota, one of those present, is a Progressive National committeeman for that state. He announced that he would attend the Progressive gathering in Chicago next week. He remained in the conference, however, and participated in the discussion.

Governor Tener, of Pennsylvania, said there had been a free exchange of Republican views and a general expression of hope that the Republican party could be strengthened.

Stops Tobacco Habit. Elders' Sanitarium, located at 893 Main street, St. Joseph, Mo., has published a book showing the deadly effect of the tobacco habit, and how it can be stopped in three to five days. As they are distributing this book free, anyone wanting a copy should send their name and address at once.

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