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HOUSTON HOLDS AID TO FARMER IS IMPOSSIBLE

Former Secretary of Agriculture is First Witness Before Joint Session of Senate and House Relief Committees.

SAYS WHEAT MEN ARE NOT REFUSED CREDIT

Warning Was Sounded, He Says, and Prediction is Now Made That Retail Prices Will Soon Drop as Holding Ceases

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(By L. C. Martin, U. P. Staff Correspondent.)—Government relief for present conditions confronting the farmer is impossible, Secretary of the Treasury Houston told the house and senate agriculture committee today.

"I do not know of any feasible plan for effecting any marked change in price condition," said Houston. He declared that the government agencies have done everything possible to help farmers.

Houston emphatically denied that farmers are suffering from a lack of credit. "The much-talked-of deflation or contraction of credit does not exist," Houston said.

At the same time, the secretary predicted a drop in retail prices soon. He said that retail dealers have been holding out against lowering prices but would not be able to do so very much longer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(A. P.)—Cooperation of producers, bankers and the public is necessary to aid farmers in the present situation of falling prices, governor Harding of the federal reserve board told the senate and house joint agriculture committee.

BODIES OF 15 OFFICERS GIVEN MILITARY BURIAL

LONDON, Dec. 3.—(U. P.)—Bodies of 15 policemen slaughtered by Sinn Feiners at Macroom, Ireland, were brought here today for military funeral.

Reports here indicated that sporadic outbreaks are continuing in Ireland. There was no loss of life reported, but property damage was said to be high.

A statement issued from Dublin Castle, declaring that the "republican extremists" were outlawed against collaboration with whom no government can treat, is being circulated here.

PREFERENTIAL RATE IS HELD TO INCLUDE GRAIN

SALEM, Dec. 3.—(A. P.)—The public service commission today interpreted interstate commerce commission decision granting Portland a preferential rate as applying to grain as well as to other commodities.

WIDOW OF LORD MAYOR WILL LAND TOMORROW

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—(U. P.)—A reception being planned for Mrs. Muriel Mac Swiney, widow of the late Lord Mayor of Cork was delayed until tomorrow when a wireless message was received today from the liner Celtic, aboard which Mrs. Mac Swiney is approaching New York, stating that the vessel will not reach quarantine until 5 p. m.

SHOP DAY
Illustration of a woman and child.

WILL LEAD CAPITAL SOCIETY



MRS. EDWARD B. MCLEAN

WASHINGTON—Mrs. Edward B. McLean, wife of the publisher of the Washington Post and the Cincinnati Enquirer, will be a leader of a Washington society during the next administration.

CHINESE TONGMAN DIES ON SAN QUENTIN TRAP

SAN QUENTIN PENITENTIARY, Calif., Dec. 3.—(U. P.)—Ong Mon Foo, Chinese tongman, was hanged at 10:18 o'clock today and was pronounced dead at 10:30. Until the last moment, friends of the condemned Chinaman were working for his reprieve and up to the very moment the trap was sprung, a telephone line was kept open from the prison to the governor's office at Sacramento, to receive any orders for a last minute reprieve which might be issued.

PRESIDENT OF LEAGUE REPLIES TO WILSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(U. P.)—A message of Paul Hymans, president of the League of Nations Assembly, replying to President Wilson's acceptance of the invitation to mediate between Turkish nationalists and Armenians, was received at the White House today.

TRUCE RUMORS REACH LONDON FROM IRELAND

LONDON, Dec. 3.—(A. P.)—Rumors of influenza working for truce in Ireland were received by some newspapers today. The suggestion was made that definite measures of conciliation are being initiated.

Realtors Elect Officers

James H. Estes this afternoon was elected president of the Umatilla County Realty Association at a luncheon and meeting in the Elk dining room and Commercial Association quarters. P. W. Dayton was elected vice president and J. C. Snow secretary and treasurer.

STATE OF WAR OVER DALMATIA ON AT MIDNIGHT

Hostilities Take Form of Fierce Pronouncements of Captain Gabrielle D'Annunzio Waged Against Forces of Italy.

TROOPS CONTINUE TO CIRCLE CITY OF FIUME

Steamer With Foodstuffs Sails Despite Blockade; Regulars Flaunt Impressive Strength Before Followers of Poet.

TRIESTE, Dec. 3.—(A. P.)—A state of war between Italy and the "regency of Quarnero" at Fiume began at midnight. The blockade at Fiume by Italian forces is continuing. The only indications of trouble were fierce pronouncements of Captain Gabrielle D'Annunzio against General Cavaglia and Italian troops which surrounded the city.

Peace Decision Rumored. ROME, Dec. 3.—(By Camillo Cianfrani, U. P. Staff Correspondent.)—Italian troops today continued circling Fiume but there has been no outbreak of hostilities. Headquarters of Gabrielle D'Annunzio are quiet and there were reports that he had decided to attempt peaceful settlement with the government.

Post Defies Command. ROME, Dec. 3.—(By Camillo Cianfrani, U. P. Staff Correspondent.)—Gabrielle D'Annunzio today sent a note of defiance to General Cavaglia, commanding Italian forces surrounding Fiume. Cavaglia had demanded that D'Annunzio evacuate Arbe and Veglia, in accordance with the Rapallo treaty.

"I do not recognize your authority," D'Annunzio replied. "I shall continue to hold the islands. I am waiting for you to send me so dislodge my brave legionnaires. Your men will be warmly received."

The note was sent while the Italian forces and navy were drawing their curtain more closely about Fiume. The port was said to be blocked thoroughly. This led to the belief that despite his defiance, D'Annunzio would be compelled to yield before there is violence.

A report from Pola said that armed men had seized a steamer carrying supplies to Cherso and diverted it to Fiume.

Steamer Carries Food. ANCONA, Dec. 3.—(A. P.)—A steamer with a cargo of foodstuffs sailed today for Fiume. This is considered as evidence that the blockade of Fiume is essentially a military measure and that the Italian government does not intend to starve Fiume.

LONDON'S UNEMPLOYED SEIZE LIVING PLACES

LONDON, Dec. 3.—(U. P.)—Unemployed here continued today to solve the housing situation by seizing public buildings and unoccupied residences. An incomplete list showed among the occupied buildings 15 residences, five public libraries, four town halls and two public baths.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES AT YAKIMA HOSPITAL

Amable Perard, for many years a sheep operator with holdings in the Pilot Rock country, died yesterday afternoon in a hospital at Yakima. Word of his death was received in wires to local friends of the family today from his son D. J. Perard, who was with him at the time of his death.

SPIRITS TABOO IN 1920 CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(A. P.)—Flavoring homemade Christmas plum pudding, mince meat, branched cherries and beaches with alcoholic spirits in a violation of the prohibition enforcement law and such foods are liable to seizure the bureau of internal revenue stated today.

ALLIES WILL PUBLISH OBJECTION TO SWAY PLEBISCITE IN GREECE

NEW CONGRESSWOMAN MAY WIN PLACE IN SUN BY FEEDING GROWLERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(A. P.)—Miss Alice Robertson, newly elected congresswoman from Oklahoma, will probably be given a chance to become the most popular member of the house for several years. "Men members" have been growling about the food served in the Capitol restaurant and Speaker Gillett, under whose supervision the restaurant is frankly admitted he is unable to please the members.

ONE OF PRINCIPALS IN FIVE MILLION ROBBERY, GUILTY, IS SENTENCED

Keith Collins Indicted on Six Counts Admits Hold Up and Must Serve Fifteen Years in Prison at Fort Leavenworth.

DES MOINES, Dec. 3.—(U. P.)—Keith Collins, one of the principals in the \$5,000,000 Burlington mail car robbery, today pleaded guilty in federal court here to a charge of stealing and opening government mail sacks and was sentenced to serve 15 years in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Collins was indicted on six counts. Five of those charged him with stealing government mail sacks and the other count charged him with opening them. He pleaded guilty to all six counts.

GRANTS PASS MAN TO SUPERINTEND BANKING

SALEM, Dec. 3.—(A. P.)—Frank S. Bramwell, of Grants Pass was today appointed state superintendent of banks succeeding Will H. Bennett, resigned.

MASKED SEXTET LOCKS EMPLOYEES, ROBS BANK

MUNICE, Ind., Dec. 3.—(U. P.)—Six masked bandits today held up the Ridgeville state bank, imprisoned the cashier and several employees in the vault and escaped with three sacks of money amounting to about \$6,000 and an undetermined amount of liberty bonds and securities.

BANDITS LOOT MAIL SACKS SEIZING \$10,000

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 3.—(A. P.)—Loot of the hold up was this afternoon unofficially estimated at from \$25,000 to \$75,000.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 3.—(U. P.)—Bandits looted mail sacks on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul passenger train by two masked bandits early today. The bandits are believed to have boarded the train at Hopkins near here, bound the mail clerks, and jumped from the train with their loot almost within the city limits. The loss is yet unestimated.

Take 100 Pieces of Mail. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 3.—(A. P.)—One hundred pieces of registered mail were taken from the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul passenger train by two masked bandits early today. The bandits are believed to have boarded the train at Hopkins near here, bound the mail clerks, and jumped from the train with their loot almost within the city limits. The loss is yet unestimated.

MAGICIAN MAY CALL UP SPIRITS IN CHURCH BUT MUST NOT EVOKE BOTTLE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(U. P.)—Walter Criss, church festival magician, could call up spirits in his church, Judge Harrison ruled, but when he excommunicated more than one half of one per cent from a bottle, the judge fined him for drunkenness.

WAR ON ARTICLE TER MAY INVADE HALL OF LEAGUE

Presentation and Adoption of Resolution Eliminating Much Contested Clause Would Not Cause Surprise at Geneva.

ARGENTINA MAY QUIT IF PROPOSAL IGNORED

Rejection of Suggestion for Admission of All Countries May Result in Withdrawal; U. S. Participation is Invited

GENEVA, Dec. 3.—(A. P.)—Presentation and adoption of a resolution eliminating Article 19 from the covenant of the League of Nations before the end of the present assembly would occasion no surprise, it is declared in some quarters here today. The committee on admission of new states held in effect that Article 19 does not guarantee the territorial integrity of any league member.

Other Nations From. GENEVA, Dec. 3.—(By Henry Wood, U. P. Staff Correspondent.)—Article X, fought in the United States faces amendment in the League of Nations. Events here today and in the last few days indicate that other nations than the United States are desirous of remodeling that portion of the covenant.

Argentine May Quit. BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 3.—(A. P.)—Rejection by the assembly of the League of Nations of Argentine proposals for admission of all countries to the league may result in the withdrawal of Argentina from the league, it is learned here today.

U. S. Participation Invited. WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(U. P.)—An invitation from the League of Nations for United States participation in deliberations on disarmament was received at the state department today. The invitation said that the league wanted a representative of the United States to sit in a consultative capacity on the permanent military, naval and air commission.

American participation in the conference would not bind the country or interfere with its liberty of action. Nevertheless, it was stated, participation of the United States would be an important factor in the success of the work.

Peru Will Also Mediate. GENEVA, Dec. 3.—(U. P.)—Further aid in the mediation between Armenia and the Turkish nationalists was promised when Peru called its acceptance of the league's invitation. Notes from the governments of Italy and Cuba said they were considering the invitation and will decide later. Would Receive Costa Rica. GENEVA, Dec. 3.—(U. P.)—The League of Nations committee on admission of new states today recommended unanimously the admission of Costa Rica as a sovereign state.

LANGFORD ENDS HERMAN IN FATAL ROUND SEVEN

PORTLAND, Dec. 3.—(U. P.)—Sam Langford felled Tiny Herman three times in the seventh round of their scheduled 10-round bout here last night and the Astorian failed to get up after the third time, taking the count. It was a fast fight for heavyweights. Herman about held his own for six rounds.

At Grinn and Young Sam Langford fought a draw, Sutherland won a decision over Morton and Young Dempsey and Roscovitch drew. Ted Hoke won a verdict over Dunn in the opener.

MARKETS ARE UNCHANGED

PORTLAND, Dec. 3.—(A. P.)—Markets are unchanged today.

COPPER DIVIDENDS PASSED

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—(A. P.)—Dividends of Chino-Cooper and Nevada consolidated copper were passed at a quarterly directors' meeting today.

WHEAT STRONG TODAY CLOSING AT \$1.70 3-8

Wheat continued its upward trend today. December wheat opening at \$1.68 1-2 and closing at \$1.70 3-8, a net gain over Thursday's close of 1 1-8 cents. While March opened at \$1.64 and closed at \$1.65, December reached a high mark of \$1.72 1-2, the same as yesterday, but the low mark, \$1.65, was a cent higher than yesterday's. Today's opening was lower than yesterday's, when the market opened at \$1.69 for December and \$1.67 for March.

Corn, oats, rye and barley all show an increase in price, reflecting from the wheat market.

Following are the quotations as received by Overbeck & Cooke, local brokers:

Table with columns: Wheat, Open, High, Low, Close. Rows for Dec, March, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley, Foreign Exchange.

Receipts were small and cash held comparatively steady at yesterday's levels. Foreign sales were reported as 1,000,000 bushels.

The report that 1,000,000 Canadian wheat was on the way to Chicago had no influence on the price. The feeling of depression at present is due to the doubt if foreigners will take our wheat in volume, with other countries crops near at hand.

Developments in export circles dominate quotations on the market. (Continued on page 5.)

Weather
Today's weather report by Major Lee Moorhouse, official weather observer.
Maximum, 55. Minimum, 35. Barometer, 29.80.
Illustration of a weather vane.