

WEALTHY INDIANS FOUND STARVING

Congressional Inquiry Reveals Grow Reservation Scandal.

LESSEES CONTROL LANDS.

Indians Protest in Vain as Their Property is Used Without Compensation. Loss of \$25,000 Annually to Tribes—Annuity Withheld When Indians Rebel.

Washington.—The belated publication of the report of extended hearings before the joint congressional commission on Indian matters has brought to light a shocking state of affairs on the Crow Indian reservation, in southern Montana. The publication of the report was the subject of bitter controversy within the commission, and the record indicates that the minutes of the hearings have been modified, eliminating certain disclosures of a particularly distressing character.

The record shows that, although the Crow Indians of that reservation had \$900,000 in bank to their credit, there was actual want on the range, several of the Indians dying of starvation. At the same time their accustomed annuity was withheld, on the plea that it was being used for irrigation projects. As to these irrigation projects there is evidence that the Indians get little, if any, benefit from them and that the full cost of maintenance comes out of the Indian funds, while white settlers along the ditch pay nothing. These irrigated lands are passing altogether out of Indian control.

The commission took much testimony regarding the system of leases of Indi-

MONTE CARLO IS CLOSED BY WAR

Many of the Employees Join French Regiments.

GAMBLERS HAVE NO MONEY.

Opening on a Small Scale is Planned, and Few Americans Are Expected to Be Present—Interest in War Overthrows Excitement of Games, but a Few Visitors Are Now Expected.

London.—The Times prints the following interesting article from its correspondent at Monte Carlo describing war conditions in the gaming capital.

"According to established precedent, the gambling season should open at Monte Carlo in the fall. Then all the officials of the casino, from the guardians of the outer courts to the least of the detectives that stand behind the croupiers, begin to take note of the first gathering of worshippers at the shrine of the fickle goddess. But Monte Carlo has suffered the common fate

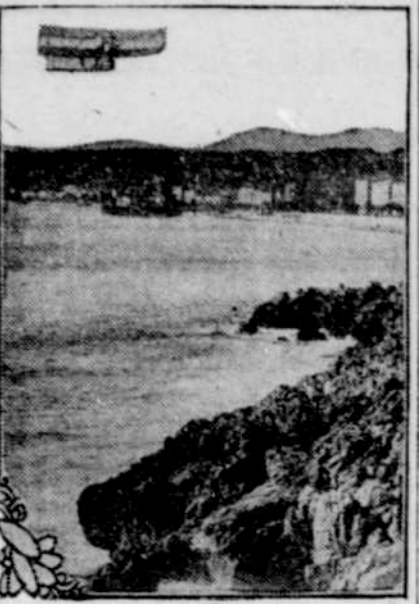


Photo by American Press Association. MILITARY AEROPLANE FLYING OVER DEEP SEA MUSEUM AT MONTE CARLO.

For the moment its accustomed business and pleasures have sunk to trivial insignificance, all forgotten in humanity's urgent issues of life and death.

"On Nov. 15 of last year, at the hour when in normal times the world of frivolous sport and fashion would be moving toward its palace of golden dreams, I sat outside the Cafe de Paris reflecting on the whirligig of times and the pitiful destinies of man which had made this for once an appropriate and comfortable place for meditation. No jarring note disturbed the bourgeois peace of that enchanting garden between the Alps and the sea which all Europe in its idle moment associates with riotous living.

"No noise or smell of motorcar marred the Sabbath serenity of the scene. The monotonous plaint of M. Blanc's well fed doves was distinctly audible right across the place. A group of earnest citizens was gathered about the bulletin boards absorbing the latest news from the seat of war. Nowhere was there any sign of Petrograd or Chicago, London or Paris in pursuit of excitement.

"Making my way through the solemn place where magisterial clerks are wont to scrutinize the apparel and social standing of applicants for cards of admission to the casino, I observed that a large portion of its space was occupied by a very excellent map of Europe, all neatly decked with many colored flags, while above it hung several striking specimens of the French cartoonist's conceptions of the personality and proceedings of his majesty the Emperor William, from which I gathered that, despite all previous experience to the contrary, the croupier, too, is human and that even in this independent principality of Monaco the flowing tide of war on the fields of Flanders is a matter more absorbing than the fortunes of chance.

"Nor is this surprising when one learns that out of the 500 employees of the casino nearly 300 are now serving France with the colors. The rest have been retained in the service of the company at temporarily reduced rates. Until a month ago there seemed to be little prospect of the casino's opening for play this season, but it has now been decided to make a beginning at the Sporting club.

"M. Blanc fully realizes that whatever business the establishment may do will be nominal, at least until the Germans are driven out of France. Nevertheless he believes in opening the casino not only in the interests of his shareholders, but because the prosperity of the Riviera depends to a considerable extent on the money spent there by the habitual frequenters of Monte Carlo. By nature optimistic and a firm believer in the force of habit in human nature, the president of the Conseil d'Administration expects that, notwithstanding the war, some of the casino's usual clientele will come from Russia, South America, the United States and England.

"The consensus of opinion on the subject at Nice and Mentone appears to be that the class of visitors who will be attracted to the Riviera this winter in search of rest and sunshine will not contribute many subscribers to the salons privées of the casino."

EUROPEAN WAR SHATTERS KING COTTON'S THRONE

FLEECY STAPLE MUST PAY RANSOM INTO THE COFFERS OF WAR.

Nation Rings With Cries of Stricken Industry.

By Peter Radford, Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

King Cotton has suffered more from the European war than any other agricultural product on the American continent. The shells of the belligerents have burst over his throne, frightening his subjects and shattering his markets, and, panic-stricken, the nation cries out "God save the king!"

"People from every walk of life have contributed their mite toward rescue work. Society has danced before the king; milady has decreed that the family wardrobe shall contain only cotton goods; the press has pleaded with the public to 'buy a bale'; bankers have been formulating holding plans; congress and legislative bodies have deliberated over relief measures; statesmen and writers have grown eloquent expounding the inalienable rights of 'His Majesty' and presenting schemes for preserving the financial integrity of the stricken staple, but the sword of Europe has proved mightier than the pen of America in fixing value upon this product of the sunny south. Prices have been bayoneted, values riddled and markets decimated by the battling hosts of the eastern hemisphere until the American farmer has suffered a war loss of \$400,000,000, and a bale of cotton brave enough to enter a European port must pay a ransom of half its value or go to prison until the war is over.

Hope of the Future Lies in Co-operation.

The Farmers' Union, through the columns of the press, wants to thank the American people for the friendship, sympathy and assistance given the cotton farmers in the hour of distress and to direct attention to cooperative methods necessary to permanently assist the marketing of all farm products.

The present emergency presents as grave a situation as ever confronted the American farmer and from the viewpoint of the producer; would seem to justify extraordinary relief measures, even to the point of bending the constitution and straining business rules in order to lift a portion of the burden off the backs of the farmer, for unless something is done to check the invasion of the war forces upon the cotton fields, the pathway of the European pestilence on this continent will be strewn with mortgage homes and famine and poverty will stalk over the southland, filling the highways of industry with refugees and the bankruptcy court with prisoners.

All calamities teach us lessons and the present crisis serves to illuminate the frailties of our marketing methods and the weakness of our credit system, and out of the financial anguish and travail of the cotton farmer will come a volume of discussion and a mass of suggestions and finally a solution of this, the biggest problem in the economic life of America, if, indeed, we have not already laid the foundation for at least temporary relief.

More Pharaohs Needed in Agriculture.

Farm products have no credit and perhaps can never have on a permanent and satisfactory basis unless we build warehouses, cold storage plants, elevators, etc., for without storage and credit facilities, the south is compelled to dump its crop on the market at harvest time. The Farmers' Unions in the cotton producing states have for the past ten years persistently advocated the construction of storage facilities. We have built during this period 2,000 warehouses with a capacity of approximately 4,000,000 bales and looking backward the results would seem encouraging, but looking forward, we are able to house less than one-third of the crop and warehouses without a credit system lose 90 per cent of their usefulness. The problem is a gigantic one—too great for the farmer to solve unaided. He must have the assistance of the banker, the merchant and the government.

In production we have reached the high water mark of perfection in the world's history, but our marketing methods are most primitive. In the dawn of history we find agriculture plowing with a forked stick but with a system of warehouses under governmental supervision that made the Egyptians the marvel of civilization, for who has not admired the vision of Joseph and applauded the wisdom of Pharaoh for storing the surplus until demanded by the consumer, but in this age we have too many Josephs who dream and not enough Pharaohs who build.

UNEMPLOYED TO RECLAIM LANDS.

Governor David L. Walsh of Massachusetts, yesterday suggested an emergency appropriation of not less than \$50,000 to reclaim lands in the eastern part of that State. The Governor believes this to be a step toward the solution of the problem of the unemployed and

says that the plan will provide work for several thousand men. Less charity and more work is a good reason. The Massachusetts plan should appeal both to the people and the unemployed, the better class among whom are slow to accept alms but who are anxious to earn an honest living.

TAXATION AND EXPENDITURES.

Wall Street Journal: People who complain about their taxes might find a useful hint in the report recently filed by the New Jersey board of equalization. The average tax rate had jumped from \$1.97 of last year to \$2.24 for the present year, an increase of 13.8 per cent. The board said:

"The increase is due to the fact that local expenditures have increased in a greater ratio than the sources of local revenue."

The appalling fact can be applied to all the States. The census returns go back to 1860. They show the average per capita levy to be more than three and one-half times what it was at the earlier date. Of course, the tax rate per \$100 also increases. Yet, notwithstanding the enormous increase in amount of the tax levies and the increase in population and wealth, the average per capita indebtedness of the States' Counties and minor civil divisions has steadily increased.

What do the people get in return for this increased taxation? When a man's business expenses increase faster than the returns, the bankruptcy court awaits him. But in the public business there is no thought of cutting expenses according to means. The tax rate is to be adjusted to fit the expenses.

This is good business to the politician but to the people who pay the bill the effect is, as Shylock said: "You take my life when you do take the means whereby I live."

Kings should shear their sheep, not skin them. But so long as the people permit their affairs to be conducted without any idea of economy or anything approaching a budget system, they are sure to be skinned. Isn't it time to demand a real reform?

CONTROL OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP PLANTS.

There is a general demand that municipally owned public utilities be placed under control of the State Utility Commission.

It is very important that rates be maintained on public ownership plants to pay operating expenses and upkeep.

If this is not done under control of the State, taxation must be resorted to for making up deficits and losses in operation.

When reconstruction becomes necessary municipal bond issues follow.

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Senator Joseph T. Robinson, Chairman of Committee on Indian Matters.

an land. It developed that practically 500,000 acres of land allotted to individual Indians are utilized by great lessees with no compensation to the Indians. The loss to the Indians is estimated at \$25,000 a year.

The joint commission which conducted the investigation is composed of three senators and three representatives. The commission undertook an investigation of Indian affairs in general. Bad conditions were disclosed as to many reservations, but it is acknowledged that the worst conditions were on the Crow reservation. It was over the affairs of this reservation that the bitterest wrangle in the commission took place. The affairs of the reservation were investigated in the face of the open opposition of some members of the commission, and the testimony itself for many months remained secret. Now that it is published supposedly in full, the charge is made that much of it was suppressed. The record itself suggests that the stenographer's notes, in some instances at least, were subjected to severe if not careful editing before the government printing office received the transcript.

The chairman of the commission is Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas. The other two senators are Mr. Lane of Oregon and Mr. Townsend of Michigan. The members of the house on the commission are Representatives Stephens of Texas, Carter of Oklahoma and Burke of South Dakota.

The testimony, all of it under oath, tells that the entire reservation of 3,000,000 acres, partly good for farming, mostly good for grazing and in spots supposedly of great mineral value, with power sites on the Big Horn river, is under the domination of one group of interests, largely concerned in leasing the Indians' land under conditions that are admittedly illegal.

TEXAS BRIBES THE STORK.

Governor Offers Prizes For First Twins and Triplets.

Austin, Tex.—Governor James E. Ferguson made this interesting statement:

"In 1915 I want to see the stork visit more Texas homes than in the past. To encourage more frequent visits of the big bird I offer a personal prize of \$10 in cash for the first twins and cash prize of \$50 for the first triplets born in Texas in 1915."