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FARM RELIEF BILL TO FOSTER EXPORT

Conservative Legislation to
Aid in Surplus Crop Dis-
posal Agreed Upon.

Washington, D. C.—The adminis-
tration's farm relief program will be
broadened to provide for some ma-
chinery for handling surplus crops.

Just what form this new aid will
take has not been determined but both
President Coolidge and Secretary Jar-
dine have reached the conclusion that
surplus crops present one of the
dominating problems of agriculture
and that some governmental steps
must be taken to afford relief.

Tremendous pressure has been
brought to bear recently on the ad-
ministration by the congressional farm
bloc and western agricultural leaders
to create a federal commission with
powers to direct the disposition of sur-
plus farm crops in a way which would
enable the producers to at least get
the cost of production.

Heretofore the White House has
been silent on the subject, but after
the president had conferred with Sec-
retary Jardine, it was disclosed that
the administration was prepared to in-
dorse conservative legislation foster-
ing the sale of surplus crops in the ex-
port trade with a government com-
mission as a directing agency.

The issue was brought to a head a
few hours before the departure for
Des Moines of the Iowa congressional
delegation, members of which were in-
vited to attend a meeting there of
farmers and bankers to discuss means
of marketing the surplus corn crop.

Asia Like House's Roof

The continent of Asia, according to
Dr. Sven Hedin, writing in Popular
Mechanics Magazine, is like the roof
of a house, irregular in shape, falling
off gently in the various directions.
From its crown rain water is pouring
down in all directions. "No matter
where the watercourses arise they are
still, as they sweep onward, crossed
here and there and again by almost in-
numerable paths, and countless like-
wise are the bridges." The railway
bridges, Doctor Hedin says, are built
everywhere on the same principle, but
the primitive bridges with which Asia
abounds are of the most diverse char-
acter. He enumerates "bridges of
stone, of tile, of iron and cement,
of chains, ropes and cables, of wood,
posts, plants and branches, and the
natural rocks which in the course of
time have broken asunder from a
mountain and tumbled down into some
wild ravine where they now serve as
spans for the natives."

Glipping in a Cove.

I was a great solitary when I was
young... I traveled... with a
tilt cart, a tent, and a cooking stove,
tramping all day beside the wagon,
and at night, whenever it was pos-
sible, glipping in a cove of the hills,
or by the side of a wood. I believe
I visited in this manner most of the
wild and desolate regions both in Eng-
land and Scotland... It was a
life in which I delighted; and I fully
thought to have grown old upon the
march, and at last died in the ditch.
—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Too True

The way of this world is to praise
dead saints and persecute living ones.
—Rev. N. Howe.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR



The renomination of Postmaster J.
N. Jones of Portland, whose commis-
sion expired Wednesday, will probably
be sent to the senate immediately
after it convenes. Both Senator Stan-
field and Congressman Crumpacker of
Portland have recommended Jones' re-
appointment.

Linn county's tax situation shows
an improvement this year for the
first time since the United States en-
tered the World war. The taxes for
the county were reduced by about \$21,
000 and in addition the assessed valua-
tion is lower this year by \$276,316 than
it was in 1925.

GIANT OIL CONCERNS UNITE

Standard and Pacific Oil Companies
to Merge Interests.

New York, N. Y.—Formation of a
new giant among the oil companies of
the Pacific coast, with total assets of
approximately \$480,000,000 is forecast
in the announcement that the merger
of the Standard Oil company of Cali-
fornia with the Pacific Oil company
awaits only formal ratification by the
stockholders.

Henry W. De Forest, chairman of
the board of directors of the Pacific
Oil company, announced that an agree-
ment had been reached to issue one
share of the stock in the consolidated
company for each share of stock of
each of the merging companies.

The consolidated company will be
directed by the management of the
present Standard Oil company of Cali-
fornia. The Pacific Oil is purely a
producing company, with the largest
undeveloped land holdings in Cali-
fornia, and the Standard, with limited
holdings, has an extensive distributing
system.

Wheeler's Case Wiped from Books.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Burton
K. Wheeler of Montana won his long
fight to have all charges brought
against him by the government wiped
off the books. The District of Colum-
bia supreme court upheld the conten-
tion of the senator, who had already
been acquitted in Montana, that the
charges contained in a conspiracy in-
dignment returned against him here
should be quashed.

Kelso Petition Signers Liable.

Kelso, Wash.—Fourteen signers of
the recall charges filed against J. E.
Strom, Kelso city attorney, early in
1925, are not exempt from prosecution
for criminal libel, the Washington
supreme court decided in an opinion
announced reversing the decision of
Judge Campbell of Grays Harbor coun-
ty.

Traced by Laundry Marks

London police rely on the laundry
marks in clothing to trace criminals
and identify victims of violent death.
A new regulation would require all
laundries to keep a register of all
laundry marks and their owners.
There are special men on the force
who are adept in this phase of crim-
inology.

DRY APPROPRIATIONS PASSED BY HOUSE

Washington, D. C.—Dry members of
the house successfully defended all
appropriations carried in the annual
treasury-post office supply bill for
prohibition enforcement for the next
fiscal year.

On the first prohibition showdown
of the session, an amendment to pro-
hibit employment of "fraud, deceit and
falsehood" in the use of funds ap-
propriated for the purchase of liquor as
evidence was defeated by a vote of
139 to 17.

The remainder of the enforcement
funds, slightly more than appropriated
last year, were approved without
serious opposition as reported by the
appropriations committee.

In addition to the \$250,000 item for
purchase of evidence, appropriations
in the bill having to do with prohibi-
tion enforcement included \$24,213,000
for the coast guard, an increase of \$3-
615,000 over current funds to provide
for the addition to 1580 men to the
enlisted personnel and to maintain the
present fleet engaged in operations
against liquor smugglers; a direct ap-
propriation of \$9,304,000 for the en-
forcement machinery in the treasury,
and \$50,000 for prohibition posters.

Oregon farmers are receiving a
smaller return from their cash crops
this year than last, the department of
agriculture indicates in its final re-
port for the present season. The price
of corn has declined under the in-
fluence of a banner crop, while barley
has been similarly affected, but the
market price of rye has declined in
the face of a smaller yield than that
of last year. The Oregon commercial
apple is bringing more than that of
last year, and the same is true of
peaches, hops and clover seed.

Consumption of Butterflies

The natives of Australia consume
every year millions of butterflies.
These insects live largely in the moun-
tain rocks. The natives catch them
by lighting wood fires, the smoke of
which suffocates them. The natives
collect them in baskets, put them in
the oven and, after having sifted them
to get rid of the wings, make them in-
to a sort of tart, much appreciated
among connoisseurs.

RUBBER DISCUSSION AT GENEVA PROBABLE

Washington, D. C.—Suggestion in
press dispatches from Geneva that
the British rubber monopoly, which
has evoked great concern here, be dis-
cussed at the proposed league of na-
tions international economic confer-
ence, with America participating, is
interesting Washington officials.

The rubber situation, in which con-
gress already has ordered an investi-
gation, would, under the Geneva sug-
gestion, be a phase of the conference's
consideration of world supply and dis-
tribution of raw materials generally.

Whether the Washington adminis-
tration would agree to the proposal
and the added opinion that this coun-
try might be asked to sit with the
league's council number two, an ad-
visory-political body, or would prefer
to pursue an independent course, re-
mains problematical. In addition to
the ordered congressional investiga-
tion, retaliatory steps against high rub-
ber prices already have been outlined
by Secretary Hoover.

STEPHEN S. WISE RESIGNS

Flood of Telegrams Show Interest
Aroused Over View on Savior.

New York—From every corner of
the nation came evidence that the
storm of controversy provoked by the
resignation of Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
noted Zionist, from the chairmanship
of the United Palestine fund \$5,000,000
drive would be a burning topic in
American Jewry for some time to
come.

Rabbi Wise resigned because the
New York Union of Rabbis, a body of
ultra-orthodox Jews, characterized him
as heretic and demanded he quit on
the grounds that he had said Jesus
must accept the fact that Jesus as a
man actually existed. Sooner than
cause the fund any possible embar-
rassment, he asked the executive body
to meet at once to consider his resi-
gnation.

French Envoy to Discuss Debt.

Washington, D. C.—Victor Henri
Berenger, newly appointed French
ambassador to the United States, will
come prepared to enter immediately
upon negotiations for the settlement
of his country's \$4,000,000,000 debt to
the American treasury as an integral
part of the program of rehabilitating
French government finances, accord-
ing to authoritative information ob-
tained here.

Chicago News in New Hands.

Chicago, Ill.—The Chicago Daily
News, owned for 50 years by the late
Victor F. Lawson, has passed into new
hands. Walter A. Strong, for several
years business manager of the News,
representing a group of business and
professional men as associates, ac-
quired ownership for a consideration
approximating \$15,000,000 said to be a
record price for an American news-
paper.

America Observes Wilson Birthday.

Washington, D. C.—America observed
Monday the 69th anniversary of the
birth of Woodrow Wilson. It was
celebrated formally Monday night with
dinners in 500 cities and towns, ar-
ranged by the Woodrow Wilson Foun-
dation. More than 15,000 guests at-
tended the dinners.

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