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FEDERATION OF ALL FARM BODIES

ORGANIZED AT THREE-DAY CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON

TO KEEP FARMERS IN TOUCH

With National Needs, and Give the Farmer Greater Influence in National Affairs

Washington, D. C., July 26.—Federation of the Federal Board of Farm Organizations marks the culmination of several days' meetings here of agricultural leaders from twenty-four states. In this board are represented associations having a total membership of more than a million and a half farmers, for whom the first time comes true long-held dreams of a national federation of farm bodies.

Active in organizing this board are the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union of America, Farmers' National Congress, Pennsylvania Rural Progress Association, National Dairy Union, National Agricultural Organization Society, National Conference on Marketing and Farm Credits, and the National Council of Farmers' Cooperative Associations.

Other large farm organizations were present at the meeting and will report to their respective bodies on the work of the board.

Objects of the federal board, which came into existence as a result of the present national emergency, are to coordinate the work of the farmer with that of the nation and to give the farmer greater influence and recognition in national affairs.

The board will keep constantly in touch with national legislative matters, passing on to the farmers what they wish to know concerning Congress and keeping the legislators informed of the wishes of the people on the farms. Permanent headquarters will be maintained in Washington with a general secretary in charge. Following the organization of the board the executive committee elected Charles W. Holman, of Madison, Wisconsin, to this position. Mr. Holman has already made arrangements for the immediate opening of national headquarters in Washington.

Members of the executive committee are Charles S. Barrett, of Union City, Ga., president of the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union of America; Gifford Pinchot, of Milford, Pa., president of the Pennsylvania Rural Progress Association; W. T. Creasy, of Catawissa, Pa., secretary of the National Dairy Union; Charles McCarthy, of Madison, Wis., director of the National Agricultural Organization Society; and J. W. Shorthill, of York, Neb., secretary of the National Council of Farmers' Cooperative Associations.

Officers are to consist of a general board composed of one member from each of the uniting organizations; and an executive committee of five members chosen by the general board, no two of whom are chosen from the same organization. Both the general board and the executive committee select their own chairmen. J. H. Kimball, of Port Deposit, Maryland, was elected chairman of the general board and H. E. Bowen, of Campbell, Virginia, secretary.

Upon a three-fourths vote of the general board any organization of actual farmers may affiliate with the federal board. Each of the separate organizations contributes to the support of the board.

The first regular meeting of the organization will occur in Washington, in January, 1918, at which time permanent organization will take place.

Crown Prince Has Slight Successes

By International News Service.

Paris, July 26.—Evidence shows the western front again is seizing the center of the stage of the war. For the moment the German crown prince is devoting his attention to futile attempts to gain success on the Graonne plateau. The Germans penetrated the French first line of trenches but could go no further.

DEDICATION AT CAMP NICHOLLS

The Catholic Army Club has announced final arrangements for the military mass and dedication to be held at Camp Nicholls Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

The people generally, Catholics and non-Catholics, are invited to attend this grand ecclesiastical spectacle and hear Rev. George S. Mahoney, C. S. R., the native son orator, of St. Alphonsus' Church, in his patriotic sermon.

Dr. Homer Dupuy has secured for the occasion a grand choral accompaniment of fifty trained voices under the leadership of Prof. O'Connell, the famous New Orleans musician. The administrator of the archdiocese, Very Rev. Jules R. Jeunissen, will sing the military high mass, and Vicar General F. L. Gasser, and Superintendent of Catholic Education Rev. J. J. Kavanaugh will be deacon and subdeacon. Rev. Father J. Vigniero, chaplain Washington Artillery, will be master of ceremonies.

The affair will be arranged by the following committee: Charles I. Donehaud, P. E. Burke, D. H. Hoffman and Harry McEnery.

The Ladies' Auxiliary Committee will be under the supervision of Miss Annie B. Kennedy. Mrs. J. D. Stafford has consented to stand godmother for the christening and dedication of the club building.

WOUNDED AND IN GERMAN PRISON

"I am wounded and a prisoner of war, but safe; don't worry, am well cared for," states a postal under date of May 10, from Lieutenant McCarthy Daly, formerly with the United Fruit Company in New Orleans, to his wife here. Lieutenant Daly was a resident of New Orleans for many years and has been in the British service.

Mrs. Daly has been living in the Felicitee street home since he went to war, and Thursday she declared she feared she would never see him again.

Stories of German atrocities, the horrors of prison camps and the tales of privation told by escaped prisoners, have caused Mrs. Daly to believe that Lieut. Daly will not survive his wounds.

Lieut. and Mrs. Daly have no children. A sister of Lieut. Daly resides in New Jersey.

LEAMONT FUNERAL TODAY

The funeral of Joseph Leamont, 31 years old who died Wednesday at Hotel Eden, will be held from the family residence, 2020 Palmyra street Friday morning at 9 o'clock. He was manager of the Allen Tupper Clay Products Company, 625 South Peters street.

SPEECH ON WAR STIRS SENATE

DENIES WE ARE FIGHTING TO SETTLE WORLD WAR

PLEADS FOR DEFINITE POLICY

Idaho Senator Declares Outlook Is Serious for Allies—Explains Why He Voted

Washington, July 26.—Senator Beard, of Idaho, stirred the Senate late today with a vibrant speech on the war. "The war in which we are now engaged," he said, "is an American war for American rights, principal and defense."

He denied we are fighting to settle the European differences. "We fight to maintain our own democracy." He pleaded for a definite policy on which we fight not a nebulous scheme. The senator asserted that now was the time when we should know the conditions upon which we would cease to fight.

"Never has there been a time in this struggle when the outlook was so serious for the Allies, never has there been an instant so calculated to call forth the patriotism and enlist the unselfish effort of this country in affairs as at present. I did not vote for war out of sympathy for France. I voted for the war because our own people had been murdered and because we were warned that the slaughter would be renewed."

RICE MILL FIRE LOSS IS \$8000

For the first time in three months all the fire-fighting apparatus in the business district was called out last night on a general alarm. The blaze, which was in the Peoples Rice mill, in North Peters street, was handled without much difficulty.

The cause of the fire is not known, but when first discovered it had gained considerable headway in the third story.

The heaviest damage was to the machinery, an estimate of \$6,000 covering this item, while the building was damaged \$2,000 more. The mill is operated by Haspel and Davis, and is located at Marigny and North Peters streets.

TO HELP WAR ON THE H. C. OF L.

President Jalmeke of the New Orleans Association of Commerce will appoint a committee within a few days to go to New York and meet with the New York Association of Commerce to discuss means of abating the high cost of living.

Another committee will be appointed to assist Crawford H. Ellis, Tenth District Committeeman, on war shipping in the United States Chamber of Commerce. Other matters that interested the Association of Commerce Tuesday included the endorsing of Lake Charles as the site for a government aviation camp. This endorsement was made on request from Mayor Behrman. A meeting of the civic bureau resulted in the naming of Moses H. Goldstein as chairman of the city planning committee to cooperate with Commissioner Lafayette. It is said that a survey of the city will be made later.

WORK OF COLORED RED CROSS

Much progress is being made in the work of the Red Cross Colored Aid Chapter under the management of Laura J. Ross. Offices have been opened in the Colored Pythian Temple.

Four Camps Open For Signal Heads

By International News Service.

Washington, July 26.—Four training camps for signal corps officers have been opened this week to fit the reserve officers for signal duty. Officers will receive thirteen weeks training. The camps are at Mammoth Park, N. J.; Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; Leon Springs, Texas, and Monterey, California.

NO. 13 SENDS OUT DRAFT NOTICES

Board No. 13, headed by Captain Pendleton Morris with offices in McDonough school No. 23, was the first exemption board in New Orleans to get its schedule of the order of call as prepared by Provost Marshal General Crowder. The board immediately began to get busy in complying with orders for the 706 men in the division. The examinations will begin five days after the notices are sent out. This means that if the notices are sent out today and tomorrow, the examinations will begin Wednesday or Thursday.

It is expected that the examinations will be completed within three days to the best of prospects by sending up about one third of the district's quota each day. In all of the thirteen districts, 5,018 notices will be sent out.

The only thing registrants who expect to be called in the first draft can do now is to watch the selection board headquarters so as to know immediately when their names are posted. The date when they are to report for physical examination will be shown at the same time.

Even the question of dependents will not come up in any way until a report on the man's physical condition shows him to be suitable for military service. When that has been received the selection board will be prepared to receive affidavits on dependents, the prospective soldier has.

Similarly, forms for applications for exemptions on industrial grounds or for appeal from the ruling of the selection board will not be available until the time for their use comes. The purpose of this plan is to avoid the piling up of documents and to provide that the board will have before them at any time only the papers of cases in process of hearing. That is the only way, officials believe, in which rapid action can be assured.

HOW TO SUCCEED IN WAR IS TOLD

Washington, July 26.—This is a summary of what Secretary Baker, Secretary Daniels and Acting Secretary of State Polk think of the war situation:

The United States must aid the Allies in penetrating the west front; the Russian defeat is a route, but a disorganized Russia cannot make a separate peace with Germany. The United States must raise an army in proportion to the Allies to the Germans three to one on the west front, and must dominate the air and rout the submarines. The Allies can hold their own until the United States is ready.

BRITISH DESTROYERS SINK TWO, CAPTURE TWO

Amsterdam, July 26.—British destroyers have sunk two German vessels and captured two others off the Dutch coast.

SUICIDE PUZZLES WIFE AND SON

WOMAN COLLAPSES WHEN NEWS OF DEATH IS HEARD

FATHER'S ACTION IS MYSTERY

Letter Addressed to Wife and Sealed May Furnish Clue to Mystery

Mrs. W. D. Watlington and her son, Diehl, were greatly mystified yesterday over the news of the death by suicide in Shreveport, of W. D. Watlington, Mrs. Watlington was confined to her bed as the result of the news of her husband's action. The son declared that he could give no reason for the action of his father as he was in no financial trouble and persons connected with the Proctor and Gambel Soap company, of Cincinnati, for which Mr. Watlington was state manager, declared that his services had always been above reproach.

Reasons for the suicide, it is expected, are contained in a sealed letter which Mr. Watlington left with B. J. Casey, one of his employees, before he shot himself. This letter will be delivered to Mrs. Watlington Friday morning by Mr. Casey.

Besides the letter to his wife, Mr. Watlington left a note to Mr. Casey instructing him to deliver the body to the Elks Lodge for disposition. The body was turned over to an undertaking company in Shreveport.

The suicide in the hotel was sudden. Watlington and Casey were sitting together in the former's room, Watlington sent his friend out for ice water and Casey went to his own room to bring it. As he was waiting for the ice water, he heard a shot and rushed into Watlington's room to find him dying from a bullet wound in his temple.

Besides his wife and son, Mr. Watlington is survived by his father, who is the mayor of a small town in Texas, and by several relatives in Texarkana.

LABORERS NEED NOT FEAR H. C. L.

It will be a long time before the working class of New Orleans, that is, those who want to work, will face any inconvenience because of the high cost of living. This statement was made as the result of an investigation made into the living of 100 factory laborers. These men were given a three weeks test by their employers to see what attitude they took toward the wages and the high cost of living.

The test resulted in the 100 workers, who were left alone and not urged to effort by foremen, voluntarily decreasing their weekly wages from 5 to 10 per cent.

The same investigator found that more than half of his workers have laid off two and three days out of each month, some of them taking a week at a time, thus voluntarily depriving themselves of the wages they might have earned.

"Up to the present," said W. B. Black, auditor of a local tobacco factory, "the average working man has curtailed his expenses at the necessity end of the cost of living. He is eating less and throwing out less. The saving has been accomplished in the kitchen. Working men and women, with their families, are seeing the pictures and seeing the fair and frolics in the same old way. It will be a long time under present conditions before there is much suffering in New Orleans among the people who really want to work."

Americans Make Training Record

By International News Service.

American Camp, France, July 26.—Americans are breaking all speed in their preliminary training. They have begun joint maneuvers with the French and will be sent to the trenches the moment American and French commanders believe they are ready to engage in modern warfare. The time of entering the trenches probably will be kept secret.

AGED BUSINESS WOMAN IS DEAD

New Orleans lost one of its pioneer business women in the death yesterday of Miss Katherine Fitzsimmons, 65 years old. She also was a prominent member of the Catholic church here.

Mrs. Fitzsimmons was born in the county Cadan, Ireland, but came to New Orleans eighty-five years ago at the age of ten. She lived here with her four brothers and when she became old enough she took over the secretaryship of their drayage business. Although the brothers have all died long ago and the business was given up thirty years ago, several business men in the city still remember the acumen of Miss Fitzsimmons.

One sister, Mrs. Jane McStea, and a nephew, Thomas Fitzsimmons, survive her. The funeral services will be held Friday morning and a requiem mass will be said at 10 a. m. in the church of St. Francis de Sales, of which Miss Fitzsimmons was a member. She also belonged to the church of St. John and of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Her friends said she was very proud of her religious activities.

WILL LEAVE SOON FOR ALEXANDRIA

The first battalion of the First Louisiana Infantry will leave for Alexandria within the next four or five days. At least, this is the belief at Camp Nicholls where the battalion already has packed all of its equipment and now is ready to leave whenever the order arrives.

Through Mayor Behrman and Mrs. Joe Stern the regiment has been presented with a dancing pavilion at Camp Nicholls, which was constructed in record time and opened Tuesday night for the first of a series of dances. The pavilion is 100 by 50 and is equipped with electric lights and is in charge of the first sergeants of the companies. Most of the lumber for the building was presented by the Salmen Brick & Lumber Co. The work of erection was supervised by City Architect Christy, who drew the plans for the building.

LAD IS BURIED

The funeral of Master Henry J. Armand, Jr., nine-year-old son of Henry J. Armand, cotton broker, who died in the Toussaint infirmary, was held from the residence of his grandmother, Mrs. Raoul Tortion, 1507 Esplanade avenue yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The lad had died as the result of an operation.

BEFORE AFFAIRS BOARD

Residents in the second, third and fourth districts appeared before the State Affairs Board yesterday at the second day's session of the three day hearing of the board in New Orleans. Today the sixth and seventh district residents will appear before the board.

IRON AND BLOOD RULE INVOKED

STRONG HAND OF KERENSKY IS BEING FELT

ANARCHY RAPIDLY BANISHED

Petrograd Dispatches Indicate New Policy May Pull Russia Through Crisis

By International News Service.

London, July 26.—Kerensky and Korniloff, Russia's two strong men, today met anarchy and disloyalty, with "blood and iron." Russia now no longer will be an anarchistic Utopia; a place of impossible freedoms that contained more of license than of liberty. She is feeling the strong hand. Petrograd dispatches indicate Kerensky's policy "ma pull Russia through."

Such details of the Russian retreat in Sastern Galicia as are now coming to hand do not tend to minimize the seriousness of the situation. Special dispatches report that the losses in heavy artillery will be tremendous and express doubt as to the ability of the infantry of the Russian eighth army to make good its retreat.

There is still an absence of assurances that the Russian commanders of the armies taking part in the backward movement have succeeded in getting their refractory troops in hand. Indications are not wanting, however, that the process is well under way. There comes through Petrograd, for instance, the report that Gen. Korniloff's drastic measures have included the blowing to pieces of an entire division of traitorous troops of the eleventh army by its own artillery.

What may prove to be a striking feature of the situation is the firmness of the Russian armies both to the North and the South of the field of retreat. There has been no suggestion of any yielding tendencies of the Russian forces in Volhynia, just to the north of the affected sector, while to the south Russian troops are not only standing fast so far as they are able, but are co-operating with the Rumanians in a successful offensive movement on the Moldavian frontier.

PRO FIGHT VOTE TO BE WEDNESDAY

Washington, July 26.—National prohibition will be voted on in the senate next Wednesday. The senate, after passing the Rivers and Harbors bill, remained in session until 7 p. m. to settle the details of the coming fight. It was agreed to start the debate Monday afternoon. Senators will be allowed to speak one hour and but once until Tuesday night. After that time they can speak but ten minutes each. The final vote will be Wednesday afternoon.

Senator Sheppard, of Texas, is responsible for the prohibition amendment. If the senate passes the amendment it must be submitted to the states for ratifications. Three quarters of the states must approve before it becomes a law.

U. S. SENATORS OBJECT TO DIPLOMAT'S ACTION

Washington, July 26.—Senators King, of Utah, and Sherman, of Illinois, objected to Sir Cecil Spring Rice, the British ambassador, writing to Senator Hale, of Maine, instead of to the State Department, suggesting that Portland harbor be deepened.