

Congress Given Ford's Proposal on Muscle Shoals

Weeks Suggests Amendments in Contract—Says Development of Project Would Give Work to Many.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Henry Ford's proposal for the government to acquire Muscle Shoals, Ala., was submitted today to congress by Secretary Weeks, for "such action as congress may deem appropriate." The only suggestions contained in a letter of transmittal related to specific clauses in the contract and the desirability of amendments, which would, in the event the proposal be accepted by congress, further safeguard the government's interests.

Dam Should Be Completed.
"In the event Mr. Ford's proposal is accepted," he declared, "the government must make new appropriations amounting to \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000, of which Mr. Ford will receive the benefit for approximately 10 years at 4 per cent."

In the event the offer is rejected, the secretary gave it as his "opinion" that dam No. 2 (Wilson dam) should be completed by the government, and that the power requirements for commercial purposes, the benefits to navigation, as well as the possible uses of the government would warrant this expenditure.

Question of Unemployment.
"This partial installation," he explained, "would effect a saving of \$18,000,000 to \$25,000,000, which would be available for investment in the government at this time in the amount of \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000. The question of unemployment is recognized as a factor to be considered by congress in connection with treatment of the Muscle Shoals station."

At this time, he points out, there is a large amount of unemployment, and it is not without importance to consider the advantages of the employment of the government of labor required in undertaking this development. "I, therefore, urge that congress give consideration to this matter, not only to settle the controversy, but to furnish employment on a large scale."

Agricultural Meet Success, Says Updike

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A rump convention at another place. One thing they expected was to do against the farm bloc. Their members were dispelled when my committee presented a resolution on the subject of the farm bloc. It was a resolution which endorsed what had been done by congress to date along these lines, and commending the work of the members of the farm bloc. The signs of trouble disappeared and the action was unanimous. All anyone claims for agricultural bloc in congress is that it has a right to exist in self-defense, because other interests have blocked too."

Leaders on Committee

The committee on agriculture and relations, of which Mr. Updike is a member, had as chairman, E. B. Cornwall, who runs a poultry and dairy farm and is president of the Vermont Dairymen's association. Other members were C. Raymond and J. B. Bartholomew of Illinois, one owner of many large farms and the other connected with Avery Implement company as well as being a farmer, and R. E. Neely, an Arkansas rice grower head of a farmers' organization.

Co-Operation Is Urged

"I found Mr. Gompers a very genial man," said Mr. Updike. "I would endorse in no way any plan to lower the price of wheat, advance everything up to that point, in his idea. He signed the part of the committee along with strong support developed in the conference for co-operation. It was a cooperative effort was in the right direction, and that proper management was very important among men in any other business. Agency must be secured and the way to start is in the same manner. There seems to be no question but that the most successful are those localized in their activities."

The conference closed with the belief that President Harding, Secretary Wallace and congress would take any steps needed to remedy agricultural conditions. There are those who predicted it would be the destiny of the nation to be controlled by agricultural west, the industry, but the program and recommendations come nearer linking up these two fundamental elements on a broad national scale."

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Election Room and Papal Ballot



In this room, showing the seats and individual canopies, the 57 cardinals expected to attend the conclave February 2 will deliberate and cast their votes.

Cardinals Meet to Name Successor to Pope Benedict

Conclave of Sacred College Gathered in Rome to Select New Pontiff Begins Settings.

Rome, Feb. 2.—(By A. P.)—The conclave of the Sacred college which is to choose a successor to Pope Benedict XV began its settings today. The 52 cardinals who are in Rome



Mariano Lauro

went into seclusion last night and when the great oak barrier at the entrance of the conclave of St. Peter's was closed they were cut off from communication with the outside world until their task was done. The first ballot will probably not be taken until Friday morning. The balloting is not expected to consume more than two days, and the next pope, in the consensus of opinion in Vatican circles, will come from among the moderate section of the Sacred college. Neither the "irreconcilables" nor the "peace party" which favors closer relations with the Italian government, is understood to have a chance to elect its candidate, the moderates holding the balance of power.

Crowds Gather

Crowds gathered today in St. Peter's square to watch for the tall tale smoke wreaths from the chimney of the Sistine chapel, where the conclave sits. A ballot is taken on the morning and evening of each day the conclave is in session and these smoke puffs are the only indication to the watchers as to the progress made. When no election is effected a little straw is burned with the voting papers, causing the smoke to assume a dark color. When a choice is finally made the ballots, burning alone, emit a thin wisp of light smoke.

Until the election the only communication between the approximately 250 persons in the Vatican and the outside is through the "rota," or turning box at the entrance of the court yard, and such communications as are made in this way are not allowed to come to the attention of the cardinals. Penalty for violation of this secrecy is excommunication. Monsignor Mahoney, spiritual director of the American college, has gone to Rome to meet Cardinal O'Connell, archbishop of Boston, who is a passenger on the steamship President Wilson, which, steamship officials say here, is not due until Saturday. As in 1914, when Pope Benedict was elected, Cardinal O'Connell may arrive in Rome too late to participate in the conclave.

Menus for Three Days

The confidence that the conclave would be of short duration is shared by Cardinal Gasparri, who, in making provisions yesterday for the provision of the cardinals, only provided menus for today, tomorrow and Saturday.

As the conclave convened it appeared that the "irreconcilables" headed by Merry Del Val and the "peace party" under Gasparri could each count on about 20 votes, the remaining 12 constituting the moderate section. The candidate of Merry Del Val's group was said to be Cardinal La Fontaine, while either Cardinals Gasparri, Maffi or Ratti was said to be acceptable to those favoring rapprochement with the quinal. Cardinal Laurenti was mentioned as a candidate who might be put forward by the moderates and fully satisfy both factions. Cardinal Marini has influenza and will be unable to attend the conclave.

The attendance was restricted to the cardinals, the officers of the Swiss guards and the members of the vatican household.



On a ballot like this above the cardinals assembled to elect a supreme pontiff will mark their choice. After each vote without decision the ballots are burned.

Table Land Has a Million in Potatoes

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The shortage of cattle is the same throughout the sandhills country, more than 150 miles toward Broken Bow and Long Pine. This is the aftermath of the deflation by which ranchmen were compelled to ship a great deal of immature stock in order to liquidate their debts. The War Finance corporation got under way too late to prevent this shortage. Even so, the situation is considered promising.

Diversified Farming

"Give us three years without a fall in cattle prices, even if they stay at the present level, and the ranchmen will be satisfied," said Dr. H. A. Croysey, who besides being a ranchman, is president of the First State bank in Alliance. "By diversifying our agriculture we have the whole state skinned this year. Any district that raises only wheat or corn will find that one bad year can almost break it." Hogs are another source of wealth for this county. The manager of the Farmers' union elevator said that an average of three loads a day is being shipped to the Omaha stockyards. A shipment from the Farmers' union recently topped the market. This is not a corn growing country, although the small acreage averaged from 15 to 25 bushels an acre. A carload of corn recently imported from Grand Island to feed to hogs cost 47 cents a bushel when the freight was added.

Fortune in Potash

The sandhills region is dotted with small lakes. During the war a fortune in potash was obtained from them. The re-entry of Germany from their hands has left this industry with nothing more than hope in a new and cheaper process of extraction that is being experimented with. However, these lakes serve a number of other purposes. It is said that trappers have obtained somewhere near \$4,000,000 worth of muskrat hides in Nebraska. One man came in from a ranch recently and asserted that he had obtained 1,000 muskrat hides from his land, and that he had refused an offer of \$1.55 per hide. About these ponds there grows grass which supplies hay for the ranches. Alfalfa and sweet clover are being planted in some of these valleys. For the second year cattle have been brought in from the sandhills and put in feed lots on the tableland. This is a practice that may spread until large numbers of grass cattle are finished right at home.

Profit in Potatoes

Alliance is part of the real west. Wyoming is not far off. The people on the streets do not appear to be as well dressed as in some of the rural communities to the eastward. They are not ashamed of patched clothing, nor was anyone seen trying to imitate the latest modes. Railroad men who have been laid off for some time, of course, have their reasons for their plight—and so have farmers. Some of these made a good profit on their potatoes, the result depending chiefly on the amount produced per acre. The cost of production is generally conceded to be \$40 per acre, and the average yield 80 bushels. Those who sold at 55 cents or are selling at 60 cents a bushel evidently did not profit. But the general price, on account of the demand for seed, has ranged about \$1.

One farmer made double the average production on a quarter section. Another, with 325 acres, five miles from town, averaged 125 bushels to the acre. He managed to sell them at an average of \$1.25 a bushel, net. This was a return of \$156.25 per acre, or, taking out \$40 for the cost of production, a profit of \$116.25 an acre. He paid \$150 an acre for his

Well-Known Movie Director Murdered

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for this man when Mr. Taylor's house again was entered, suits and articles of jewelry taken. It was after this second robbery that Mr. Taylor received a letter. It read: "Dear Mr. Taylor: So sorry to inconvenience you, even temporarily, also observe the lesson of the forced sale of assets. Signed 'ALLAN JIMMY V.'"

From Miss Normand and other persons the police learned that Mr. Taylor had often expressed fear that some time this man would return and do him bodily harm.

Listed as "Murder Mystery"

The police are not, however, basing their investigation now on the theory that the thief was the slayer. Instead they at present list it as a "murder mystery." The slayer evidently committed the crime about 8 or 9 last night. It was at that time that Douglas MacLean, motion picture star, and his wife, who live next door, say they heard the sound of one pistol shot. Police also believe that the slaying occurred at that time because of the opinion expressed by the deputy coroner that the man had been dead for more than 10 hours when the body was found.

The last person who saw Taylor alive, with the exception of the assassin, was Miss Mabel Normand, film star. She visited him at his home last night. She arrived at the house shortly before 7, she said. Her statement to Detective Sergeants Winn and Murphy follows: "I had my chauffeur drive out to Mr. Taylor's home last evening, as we had a number of business matters to discuss. I should judge that I arrived there a little before 7. It was while I was there that we again discussed the case of a man who had been in Mr. Taylor's employ and who stole from him."

Planned to Prosecute

"I asked Mr. Taylor what he intended doing with the man if he was captured and he said that he would see that the man was prosecuted. We then discussed a certain scenario that I had written and a scenario that a friend of mine had written. "While we were talking, William Peavey, Mr. Taylor's butler, was moving about in the two rooms. It was then, also, that Mr. Taylor told me that William was in some little trouble. He said that his servant had been arrested on a charge of vagrancy and that he had been forced to go down to the police station and deposit \$200 bail for him. "He said that he intended appearing in police court at 3 this afternoon and said he would do what he could to aid his servant if he was convicted that the man was not guilty. But he said that if Peavey had been guilty of doing any wrong that he would be forced to discharge him."

Promised to Call

"After we had discussed a few other trifling matters, Mr. Taylor asked me if I would remain to have dinner with him. I excused myself and told him that I must hurry to my home. He then asked me if he might visit me later that night, and I told him I should be glad if he would come over to my house. He promised to call me on the telephone some time about 9. "Mr. Taylor then accompanied me from his house to my automobile. My chauffeur, William Davis, was seated in the machine and heard Mr. Taylor bid me goodnight. Mr. Taylor and I were talking when I saw Peavey leave the house. He spoke to all of us and bid us goodnight. We talked for a few minutes longer and Mr. Taylor turned and went toward his house and my machine moved away. I have not seen him since."

No Response to Rings

It was at midnight that Miss Edna Purviance, who resides in the house

First Field Day of Presbyterians Held in Omaha

Dr. Swearingen, Moderator of General Assembly, Says 1921 Year of Disillusionment.

The first field day of the Presbyterian synod of Nebraska and western Iowa opened yesterday in Omaha with an attendance of nearly 100 ministers at the First Presbyterian church, Thirty-fourth and Farnam



Dr. H. C. Swearingen

streets. The assembly is for a general survey of church conditions and missionary work, preliminary to a financial campaign in March. Dr. H. C. Swearingen of St. Paul, Minn., moderator of the general assembly, opened the field day at 10 with a prayer. Other prominent attendants are: Dr. W. H. Foulkes of New York, general secretary of the New Era movement; Mrs. C. W. Williams of Portland, Ore., head of the Women's Board of Missions, and Miss Mable Shibley of New York, assistant general secretary of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions.

Church Enters Diplomacy

Dr. Swearingen, principal speaker at the afternoon conference, said this morning: "One of the most hopeful signs of the times is that we seem to be recognizing Christianity as a true factor in international affairs. Christianity has fought its way slowly into the fields of human activity and is just beginning to come into its own in diplomacy. If the church had defined its faith as applied to the common concerns of nations 100 years ago, there would have been no world war."

Year of Disillusionment

"The year 1921 will be known as the year of disillusionment. The war closed in 1918; in 1919 we tried to make a treaty on the basis of war antagonisms, only to find it falling later. The year 1920 was the hectic year—balloon prosperity, sky-high prices, profiteering, extravagance and a general jazzing of life. But 1921 brought a change. We learned that the world can get on only by co-operation."

At the banquet in the First Presbyterian at 6 last night Dr. Foulkes was to be the principal speaker, Mrs. Williams and Dr. Foulkes were to address the assembly at 8, which closed the field day.

adjoining Mr. Taylor's on the west returned home. At that time, she said, she noticed that the lights were burning in Mr. Taylor's house.

Scarlet Fever Epidemic Takes Victim at Stella

Stella, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Edith Irene Race, 4, is the first victim of a scarlet fever epidemic that has been raging on farms in the vicinity for several weeks. Her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Race, a younger sister, and her aunt, Miss Hazel Race, have all been confined with the disease. Funeral services were held in the home, Elder Sapp standing in the doorway to preach the sermon.

Fremont Carpenter Is Injured in 16-Foot Fall

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—John Davis, carpenter, is in the hospital with four broken ribs and other painful injuries following a 14-foot fall from a scaffold. Davis was nailing up lath in the new Methodist church being erected here, when he accidentally stepped on the end of a plank and was hurled to the hardwood floor below. Davis was unconscious when picked up. Internal injuries are feared at the hospital.

Injunction Issued Against Men Charged With Robbing Bank

Detroit, Feb. 2.—An injunction, restraining alleged robbers from disposing of \$12,278 stolen in the holdup of the Halfway State bank of Halfway, Mich., December 2, was issued in circuit court today at the instance of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty company. The bank already had been reimbursed for its loss, the company told the court. The defendants are John Higgins, Nicholas Lambrecht, Russell Lutes and Charles Michella. Lambrecht is under a 25-year prison sentence for robbing a Canadian mail truck here last October.

Byrum Outlines Platform in Race for Governor

Primary Candidate Favors Curtailment of Schools to Permit Tax Cut—Would Keep Code.

Lincoln, Feb. 2.—(Special.)—A. H. Byrum of Bloomington, candidate for republican nomination for governor, issued a statement today outlining his platform. Briefly it is: Endorsement of code government but advocating that elective state

officers take places of certain appointive code departments now directly responsible to the governor. Put budget system in charge of legislature, have legislature appoint a budget commissioner and let legislature check up at its biennial meetings on proposed expenditures. Extend Budget System. The budget system in operation at this time forces expending agencies to outline expenditures proposed for each quarter to the governor. Initiate budget system in county, city, village and school district governments and make local officials personally responsible for money expended by them in excess of sums appropriated for their use, with imprisonment as an alternative. Restrict Curriculums. Cut common school expenditures

by restricting curriculum to practical subjects. Cut high school expenditures by employing fewer teachers and assigning more students to each instructor. Reducing expenditures for public improvements. Cut salaries of elective state officers, supreme court justices and 34 district judges 20 per cent. Fight for reductions of county, city and school expenditures which, he says, takes 85 per cent of the Nebraska tax dollar.

Schick Diphtheria Test to Be Given in Norfolk School

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—An outbreak of diphtheria in the Grant school here, resulted in the announcement by the school nurse that about 500 pupils of the school will be given the Schick diphtheria test.

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