

ENGLAND AND FRANCE TO WITHHOLD RECOGNITION NEW GREEK GOVERNMENT

ALLIES ENTITLED TO DETERMINE CHARACTER OF GOVERNMENT GREECE SHALL HAVE.

MANY MESSAGES EXCHANGED

Decision Follows Communication Between London and Paris—All May Withdraw Support of Greece in Asia Minor, Is Threat.

(By United Press.)

PARIS, Nov. 18.—England and France will not recognize the Greek government headed by King Constantine, the French foreign office announced.

The two countries as guarantors of the Greek kingdom are entitled to determine the character of the government the announcement said.

The decision followed a rapid exchange of messages between British and French foreign offices. The main card is in the hands of the French and British in their control of the Asia Minor situation where Greece profited through the treaty.

It is pointed out that the withdrawal of the allied support in these regions might result in the loss of the territory to Greece.

Dispatches told of an increasing national movement in Asia Minor.

FORMER FIGHTERS

BANQUET TONIGHT

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED AT FEAST OF MT. PLEASANT LEGIONAIRES.

The American Legion Post at Mt. Pleasant will launch a membership campaign at a big banquet to be given all former fighters of the western section of the county at the Masonic hall at Mt. Pleasant this evening.

It is expected that the banquet will be largely attended, and that quite a number of new members will be added to the roster of the organization this evening.

At the meeting of the post held last week Captain T. Y. English, of Enterprise, was elected Post commander and Dr. "Jimmy" Jones, who has made such a runaway race for the state legislature, heads the committee on membership, and it is expected that during the present year the post will show rapidly in membership.

MANY CALLERS AT

STATE LIBRARY

UNUSUALLY FINE COLLECTION OF BOOKS OFFERED TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

Many callers went to the circulating library installed in the county council of agriculture by the Thursday Club at its opening on Wednesday and received books. Among those who called were about a dozen students from McDowell school, and several of the Boy Scouts. In the library are a number of the finest books for boys and girls by the best authors.

So far only about 200 volumes have been obtained but the club expects to have 1,000 volumes in a short time. Patrons of the library are allowed to keep the books for two weeks. The library on Wednesday was in charge of Misses Irene and Vera Sowell. It will be open again on Saturday from 3 to 5 o'clock.

CALLED MEETING OF

MASONS FRIDAY NIGHT

FOR WORK IN THE THIRD OR MASTER MASON'S DEGREE—HOUR IS 7:30 P. M.

Columbia lodge of Masons are called to meet Friday night at seven-thirty o'clock for the purpose of conferring two Master Mason degrees. The candidates for his particular exercise are said to be very tender and a full meeting of the old heads is urged to be out and take a hand in the exercises.

Increases In Water And Light Rates Are Justified In Opinion Of Commission

Effective on October 1 the rates of the Columbia Water & Light Company will be increased in accordance with the schedule of rates heretofore filed with the public utilities commission. An order to this effect was issued Wednesday by the public utilities commission.

The increase in water rates is thirty-three and one-third per cent and the light rate is increased from 10 cents per kw-hr net to 13 1/2 cents per kw-hr net. Hereafter the rate for lights will be 15 cents with a discount of 10 per cent.

In the opinion handed down by the public utilities commission it is stated that no effort was made by the complainants who interposed objection to the rate increase to sustain the allegations in their bill and that no proof was offered by them at the hearing.

The opinion and order of the commission is in part as follows:

"W. F. Anderson et al complainants, vs. Columbia Water & Light Company, defendant.

Appearances: For complainant, J. C. Voorhies; for City of Columbia, Hugh Lee Webster; for defendant, W. S. Fleming.

"A full and complete hearing was held in the office of the commission on Friday, October 29th, 1920. The proof shows—that defendant's plant was inefficiently and economically operated and that neither the president or treasurer receive any compensation for their services.

"The service furnished by the de-

fendant was shown to be good and the new or proposed rates were shown to be not higher than is paid for like service at other points comparable with Columbia.

"The defendant has made efforts to secure current from hydro electric plants, but it was shown that no hydro electric plant was at present prepared to furnish the amount and character of current necessary.

"The defendant's bonded indebtedness was shown to be \$201,000.00 while its unsecured debt is something in excess of \$50,000.00. We will not consider this unsecured debt at this time as it is for money advanced by the president of the defendant company for permanent improvements made to the property and upon which the president is not now asking for a return.

"During the year 1913 the water works plant was appraised by three engineers. One for the defendant, one for the city of Columbia and the third to act as umpire agreed upon a value of approximately \$150,000.00. The report of the engineer for the city was not made available to the defendant and the findings of said engineer are not a matter of record in this cause. He did, however, sign a document agreeing to a valuation of \$122,000.00. The proof shows that more than \$15,000 has been spent in permanent improvements since 1913 and that the approximate as well as the assessed value of the lighting plant is \$50,000.

"The proof shows that the defendant is not earning operating expenses

and interest on bonds, and that for the past eight months it has been operating at a loss of more than \$1,500 per month, not including depreciation, and that this deficit has been made up by loans from the president.

"It was also shown that if the increased rates were allowed to become effective that the additional revenue therefrom would take care of depreciation and the present deficit and no more.

"Said complainants were present at the hearing and represented by counsel. They did not offer any testimony and apparently made no attempt to sustain the allegations as set out in their petition except by cross-questioning the defendant's witnesses.

"We are of the opinion and find that an emergency exists and that defendant should be granted relief as a temporary measure and until such time as permanent rates and charges can be fixed, and we are further of the opinion and find that the defendant should be allowed to charge and collect from the users of water and electric current the rates and charges as published and filed by it to become effective October 1st, 1920, and that said rates and charges should become effective from and after October 1st, 1920.

"During the period when such temporary rates are in effect and until such time as the commission shall establish permanent rates and charges the defendant will be required to file with the commission monthly a complete statement of its operations for the preceding month."

LOCAL CHAIRMEN MAJOR MASON TO BE CHIEF SPEAKER FOR MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN NAMED RED CROSS LUNCHEON

HEADS FOR DIVISIONS FOR THE DRIVE ON NEXT TUESDAY ARE APPOINTED BY MR. ORR.

TO USE PULPITS ON NEXT SUNDAY

Pride Tomlinson Will See That Announcement of the Drive Is Made on That Date—Luncheon Will Be Given on Saturday.

The organization for the fourth annual roll call of the Red Cross is perfected for the drive on next Tuesday morning, the 23rd of November, and the following heads of the different divisions are announced:

Gilbert M. Orr, roll call chairman, Fred Latta, roll call cashier,

Frank L. Smith, publicity chairman, Pride Tomlinson, chairman speakers bureau,

W. F. Anderson, chairman men's division.

This is an able organization of experienced and efficient workers, and it, together with the cooperation and support of the people insures success for the drive.

Mr. Smith, of the Maury Dry Goods Company, is busy distributing posters and other advertising matter for the roll call and one may see on all sides evidence of his good work.

Mr. Tomlinson, a prominent young member of the local bar, will have the drive announced from all the pulpits Sunday and also at all meetings of clubs and public gatherings.

Keen rivalry is existing between the men's and women's divisions, each chairman is claiming victory in advance, but when the roll is called there is but little doubt that the women will have enrolled the greatest number of members for the year 1921.

A get-together luncheon for all workers and interested persons will be held at the high school at noon on Saturday. The drive is on Tuesday morning next, the 23rd of November.

LEAGUE COMMISSION

FIRED UPON TODAY

(By United Press.)

GENEVA, Nov. 18.—(Informal reports have been received here that the league of nations commission, intervening in the Lithuanian-Polish dispute has been fired upon near Kovno. The league council was severely criticized for failure to give greater publicity to its decision and hearings.

ALL WORKERS INVITED TO ATTEND "PEP" MEETING TO BE HELD AT HIGH SCHOOL.

TO MAKE PLANS FOR CAMPAIGN

Final Details Will Be Worked Out for Roll Call Drive in Maury County. Chairman Orr Issues Special Invitation to Former War Workers.

Major C. S. Mason, of Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., will be the principal speaker at the get-together, organization and "pep" meeting and luncheon of Red Cross Workers at the County High School Saturday at noon.

Chairman Gilbert M. Orr, of the Maury chapter, stated this morning that he is very anxious to have, not only the head of every division present, but wants also every man and woman who will take part in the campaign to be present.

An especial invitation has been extended to all former war workers, and heads of county auxiliaries during the time of war to attend this meeting and it is believed that the luncheon will be largely attended.

Chairman Orr is also desirous that workers from every section of the county be present at the luncheon, for at that time Major Mason will tell of the great work that has been done by the organization, and outline plans for the approaching campaign.

As has been previously stated, there will be no effort made to secure funds this year over and above the membership fee of \$1 per year. Of course there are different kinds of membership, the contributing membership being \$5; the sustaining \$10; the life \$50, and the patron \$100. An effort will be made to have every man, woman and child in Maury county become a member.

SACRED CONCERT AT CULLEOKA CHURCH

METHODISTS PLAN A MUSICAL EVENT ON THE NIGHT OF FRIDAY, NOV. 26.

There will be a sacred concert at the Methodist church at Culleoka on Friday night, Nov. 26, by the choir of that congregation. A free will offering will be taken, the proceeds to be used for the equipment of the choir. The public is cordially invited to attend.

FARM PROPERTY STATE DOUBLED IN PAST DECADE

CENSUS STATEMENT SAYS IT INCREASED DURING THE TEN YEARS BY 104 PER CENT.

MORTGAGES ALSO INCREASED

Number of Farms Incumbered Increased From Sixteen to Nearly Twenty-Four Per Cent Within the Period Covered by Report.

The number of farms in Tennessee, according to the recent census, is 252,775. These farms contain 19,514,858 acres, of which 11,189,802 acres are improved land. Since 1910, the number of farms and the improved acreage have increased 2.7 per cent, while the total acreage has decreased 2.8 per cent. Seventy-three and one-tenth per cent of the land area of the state is in farms, and 57.3 per cent of the farm land is improved.

The value of all farm property is \$1,252,381,420, as compared with \$612,529,836 in 1910, an increase of 104.5 per cent. The value of land and buildings is \$1,025,879,894; of implements and machinery, \$53,472,556; and of live stock, \$173,029,170. As compared with 1910, the value of land and buildings for 1920 shows an increase of 113.4; of implements and machinery, 151.1 per cent, and of live stock 56.7 per cent. The average value of land and buildings per farm is \$4,056, as compared with \$1,953 in 1910.

The value of the 27,497 farms for which complete mortgage reports were secured is \$159,400,564, and the amount of the mortgage debt is \$159,948,566, or 31.2 per cent of the value. The average rate of interest paid is 6.2 per cent. Twenty-three and five-tenths per cent of all farms operated by their owners are mortgaged, as compared with 16.9 per cent in 1910.

The number of white farmers is 211,942, of which 213,833 are native and 760 are foreign born. Of the native white farmers, 137,645 are owners, 748 managers, and 75,440 tenants. Of the foreign-born white farmers, 598 are

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AMERICANS MUST BEAR NEW BURDENS, HARDING SAYS AT NEW ORLEANS

NEW ROAD LAW FOR THE COUNTY BEING DISCUSSED

ADVOCATES OUTLINE SOME OF THE SALIENT FEATURES OF PROPOSED MEASURE.

SUPERINTENDENT FOR COUNTY

But All Except the Main Highways Would Be Under the Control of the District Commissioners to Be Elected by a Popular Vote.

Much interest is being manifested in the new road law for Maury county that will be passed by the next legislature. So far as known there has been no agreement reached by the powers that be on the provisions of the law but it is generally understood that the wheel tax so far as it applies to wagons, buggies and carts will be repealed. That much is accepted as settled.

The question of the machinery for putting into operation the new road law is the one that elicits the most discussion, but it is believed that the district road commissioners will be continued with greatly increased powers and larger pay. It is also expected that the new law will provide for the election of the district commissioners by a popular vote of their several districts. Special elections will doubtless be called to elect the first commissioners.

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Tennessee To Rescue Cotton Growers Bank

(By United Press.)

MEMPHIS, Nov. 18.—Bankers of West Tennessee will take the entire state capital stock in the Federal International Banking Company, was the belief here this morning. Letters were sent to every bank in Western Tennessee asking immediate subscriptions. Memphis banks and the clearing house, at a meeting yesterday subscribed for \$300,000, considerably more than half the state's quota of half a million.

DECLINING PRICE FOODSTUFF SHOWN

CHEAPER PRICES ARE SLOW IN REACHING CONSUMER, HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT DECLARES.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Retail food prices decreased three per cent between September 15 and October 15 the department of labor announced.

It was said wholesale prices during October dropped eight and one-half per cent and the price received by farmers dropped in still greater proportion, according to the figures received by the department of agriculture. It was shown that the full effect of the price drops are slow in reaching the consumers.

DELIVERY OF NEWS WILL COST MORE

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The Interstate Commerce Commission has approved an increase of a half a cent per pound in express rates on newspapers for short hauls.

NASHVILLE QUARTETT HERE DECEMBER 3RD

The Nashville male quartette will appear at the County High School in concert here on Friday night, Dec. 3. Among the members of the quartette is Mr. Cooksey, formerly of the County High School faculty and one of the best voices in the country. An evening of rare enjoyment is promised all who attend.

UNITED STATES FACES REVERSES AND DISCOURAGEMENTS DECLARES PRESIDENT-ELECT.

VERA CRUISE TRIP CANCELLED

Routing of Steamer Made It Impossible for Harding to Visit Mexico, Makes Speech Before Chamber of Commerce Today.

(By United Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 18.—President-elect Harding will be unable to stop at Vera Cruz, it was learned on his arrival here. Steamship officials informed Mr. Harding that it could be impractical to route his boat via Vera Cruz.

Senator Harding had previously informed Mexican officials that he would be delighted to stop at Vera Cruz if the steamer's movements were agreeable.

Harding declared in addressing the Chamber of Commerce here that America will face reverses and discouragements which he ahead, but he advised that they be faced courageously. He warned that new burdens must be borne and extravagancies renounced and old lessons of thrift learned anew.

Senator Harding spoke briefly to hundreds of students of the state university, gathered at the station at Baton Rouge.

TO MAKE SOLDIERS INTO GOOD FARMERS

ALL RECRUITS WHO ENLIST FOR THAT COURSE WILL BE SENT TO TEXAS.

Under the hurry-up telegraphic orders sent out by the war department on November 9, all recruits who now enlist in the army for a course in farming will be sent to the vocational school of agriculture at Camp Travis, Texas, unless the soldier desires otherwise. The famous Second Division, affectionately known as the "Indian Heads," which saved Paris by stopping the Hun along the Paris-Metz road at Belleau Wood and Vaux, is on duty there. The telegrams directed that this division be recruited to full strength immediately.

LET 'EM GO SALE AT COOKS STORE

THIS FIRM INAUGURATING BIG DRIVE RIGHT AT THE BEGINNING OF CHRISTMAS.

Miles Cook, the senior member of the Cook Outfitting Company, is telling it "an' right": he says Cook's Big "Let 'em Go Sale" will be launched Saturday morning at nine by the clock. They have some wonderful things in store for their visitors upon the opening of the sale. The children will be presented with kiddie cars as long as they last and each lady will be presented with some kind of a gift for the household upon entering the store.

The store is closed today to customers and will remain closed Friday while the sales force is marking the goods, decorating and arranging for the mammoth opening. The doors will open at nine o'clock Saturday morning and sale will close on the first day of January, 1921.

WILL STILL SELL FISK AUTO TIRES

MAURY MOTOR CORPORATION WILL CONTINUE TO HANDLE THIS SPLENDID ARTICLE.

The Maury Motor Corporation will continue to handle Fisk tires of all kinds in connection with their other lines. This statement was given out this morning by Girard Brownlow, of the firm. Their other lines are Kelly, Springfield and Goodyear.

The Fisk tire has quite a reputation in Columbia and Maury county and stands right up at the front as one of the best of the leading makes of automobile tires in either the pneumatic or solid.