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Too Much Toll Between Crop Grower and Consumer.

Farmer Gets Only 9 Billions Out of 27 Billion Yield.

MEN CRY OUT AGAINST WASTE

House of Southern Governors Convenes at Charleston.

Many Notables Gather to Bring About Market Reform.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 13.—Nine billion dollars is the American farmer set for their crops every year, while enough is added by middlemen so that the consumer pays the same crop, according to the statement of rural credit and marketing experts before the southern committee on waste, which opened here today.

The House of Southern Governors also began a five-day meeting. Cotton and commerce will be the big subjects most discussed by both bodies. Peace and prosperity also will have place on the program.

Members of the congress were told by speakers favoring rural credit legislation that the farmer gets thirty-five cents and the middleman sixty-five cents of each dollar the consumer pays for the farmer's crops. There is an enormous amount of waste, especially in perishable products, because of the lack of a central direct market intelligence, they said.

Distinguished men in council by Mayor John F. Grace of Charleston, S. C. Rhett, president of the chamber of commerce, and Richard I. Manning, governor of South Carolina, Senator Duncan U. Fletcher of Florida, president of the congress, read his annual address. John Barrett, director of the United States Food Administration, also spoke.

Miss Louise G. Lindsay, Nashville, president of the woman's auxiliary, opened the meeting of the congress this afternoon. Mrs. Julia Heath, New York, president of the National Housewives' League, and Mrs. J. H. New Orleans, Mrs. John Epperson and Mrs. Rutledge Smith, Tennessee; Mrs. D. A. McDougal, Kentucky, and other prominent southern women, also spoke.

Governors Discuss Farm Credits. Tonight Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia university, New York, will speak on "The Changed Outlook." A number of southern governors will join in an informal discussion of agriculture, commerce and rural credit.

The executives were invited here by Governor Manning of South Carolina, to organize the House of Southern Governors.

The congress will discuss problems of legislation and law enforcement of importance to the south," said Dr. C. J. Owen of the congress. The program for the seventh annual convention of the southern commercial congress will be the mobilization of the military fleet, by order of the secretary of the navy; mobilization of the National Guard of South Carolina; conference of national drainage congress; conference of southern commercial secretaries; regional credits conference; personal guidance of David Lubin, American delegate to the International Institute of Agriculture, Rome, and Italy; conference of League to Enforce Peace, of which ex-President Taft is president; to be presided over by President Lowell of Harvard; conference on commercial education in relation to foreign and domestic commerce to be presided over by Dr. Glen Levin Swiggett, assistant secretary general of the International Scientific congress; meetings of the American Commission on Agricultural Organization, United States commission on rural credits and the national market committee, the three of which are called to meet in Charleston by Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, chairman of all three bodies, and a conference on agricultural immigration and labor, called by William F. Wilson, secretary of labor.

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