

HARDING RESPEAKS UNITED AMERICAN MESSAGE TO SOUTHLAND
DIXON'S AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT PLANS ARE REVAMPED

LIVESTOCK BOARDS REMAIN AS AT PRESENT ORGANIZED IN MEASURE CONTEMPLATED

Joint Committee From Senate and House After Holding Hearings Decide on Office of the Commissioner to Have Plenary Power Over Subdepartments; Would Abolish Fair Board.

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Helena, Jan. 21.—That the proposed state department of agriculture, as recommended by Governor Joseph M. Dixon, will not at this time include the various livestock activities of the state, but will take in practically every other feature of the farming industry, has been decided by the joint senate and house committee to which was entrusted this important matter. A bill which will be drafted in conformity with the program adopted by the committee is now in course of preparation and will be introduced within the next week or 10 days.

The bill will provide for the creation of the office of commissioner of agriculture who will have plenary power over all subdepartments coming within the scope of the bill and who will be personally responsible for the proper conduct of the business of those departments. The bill will fix the salary of this commissioner sufficiently high to permit of the appointment by the governor of a man of high caliber and experience and who will have the power to employ all his assistants and fix their salaries. The commissioner will be directly responsible to the governor and will remain in office subject to the pleasure of the governor.

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To the department of agriculture

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Washington, Jan. 21.—Formulation of a policy for the development and maintenance of an American merchant marine, "in spite of all difficulties", brought to a close Friday the second annual convention of the National Merchant Marine association. The delegates also voted to send to the congress and the nation a message expressing optimism over the future of American shipping.

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Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 21.—A new spirit of united Americanism, holding itself above sectional and partisan divisions and making secure the industries of the whole nation alike, was bespoken by President Elect Harding Friday night in a message to the people of the south.

Message to South. The message, written at the request of Clark Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution and Democratic national committeeman for Georgia, was made public Friday on the arrival of the train which is taking the president-elect to Florida. It follows: "Of course I have no message to the people of the south that I would not gladly utter to all the United States. Perhaps the south would be interested to know, however, of one ambition which I cherish. I want to be the instrumentality in establishing that complete concord of union which I hold to be essential to the American fulfillment. I realize how the political solidarity of the south followed the course of a perfect justice during the Civil war. I know how that solidarity has been encouraged on the one hand, and I think I understand the desire to break it on the other hand.

Prosper America First. "It is not specifically a Republican ambition. It is rather to be accredited to a desire to establish complete unity of purpose and oneness of ambition in America. There is little left of the old time hostility and there isn't any occasion for any section of America to pin its aspirations to the fortunes of one party. I think it is fair to assume that all political parties mean to do best for our common country. As a result, I believe that many of the Republican policies are calculated to best serve all of America. For instance, I believe there is a great significance in the coming tariff congress to be held in Atlanta. I believe most cordially in prospering America first.

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HUDSON SPAN TO BE BUILT

New Jersey-Manhattan Bridge Will Cost \$200,000,000.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 21.—Incorporation of the Hudson River Bridge corporation, with a capital stock of \$251,000 was announced at the office of the secretary of state Thursday.

The plan involves the erection of freight and passenger terminals, elevated railways, highway and railway bridge, and moving platforms. The entire plan of the proposed bridge, it was stated, is estimated to require seven or eight years for completion and a total investment of about \$200,000,000, of which approximately one-half will be represented by the bridge itself. This is virtually four times the cost of the Brooklyn bridge, which cost \$20,000,000.

The length of the proposed structure would be 10,000 feet, its total width 180 feet and its height at the center 165 feet. The capacity is expected to be 600,000 passengers an hour, 12,000 vehicles an hour and 40,000 tons. The present capacity of the four East River bridges totals 700,000 passengers, 12,000 vehicles and 18,000 tons.

\$1,000,000 Damages Asked by Giroux Heirs From 'Grandad'

Los Angeles, Jan. 21.—A million dollar damages for alleged libel was asked in a suit filed Friday in the Los Angeles superior court by Mrs. Solo Giroux, widow of George Giroux, and her three children, against Joseph Giroux, wealthy mining man.

The suit was the outcome of the fatal shooting of Giroux by the defendant near Mina, Nev., June 26 last. The plaintiffs charged Joseph Giroux was responsible for the shooting, and that "it was not my son I killed."

Mrs. Virginia Saucer, daughter of Joseph Giroux, recently filed suit against him for \$500,000 damages, making the same allegations. Mrs. Saucer today filed another suit demanding return of \$26,000 she claimed she advanced him two years ago.

Coal Exporters Aver Ruin Trails Regulatory Bill

Guarantee of Delivery Abroad Impossible Claim.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Destruction of the export coal trade of the United States, "absolute and complete" would result from enactment of the Calder coal regulation bill, Ralph Crues, counsel for the Consolidation Coal Co., one of the largest producers of bituminous, asserted Friday at the hearing on the measure before the senate manufacturers committee.

Manufacturers' producers, he said, could not guarantee deliveries in competition with the British mines, if, as the bill proposes, authority were given to the president and the federal trade commission to declare an emergency in the industry in times of peace, and divert coal shipments to meet it. He cited a contract for 750,000 tons of coal to be delivered abroad which his company, he said, had held up pending a decision on the bill.

George H. Cushing, managing director of the American Wholesale Coal association, asked the committee for "three weeks delay" in consideration of the bill, in order that its proposals might be digested by the trade he represented.

That would mean no chance of enactment this session," Senator Keyon, Republican, Iowa, remarked.

Chairman LaFollette announced that it was probably the purpose of the committee to allow some additional research, in the appearance of interested parties, but that the committee would proceed to a decision immediately thereafter.

Saxophone Wail, Jazz Make Indians Wild Again, Says Pastor

Philadelphia, Jan. 21.—Modern jazz music and dancing are making the Indians wild again. The roll of the snare drum and the wail of the saxophone, combined with the "toddle" and the "shimmy" stir atavistic memories of the tom-tom and the shriek of the victim at the stake. So asserted Dr. Henry Beets of Grand Rapids, Mich., secretary of missions of the Christian Reformed church, in the address Friday before the session of the Friends of the Indian.

A resolution he introduced seeking to forbid Indian youths and girls from dancing the modern steps, was adopted and will be sent to the Indian bureau of the department of the interior at Washington.

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Creation of an equitable plan of relief for American shippers engaged in competitive trades with foreign vessels through reduction of the shipping board's prices for its ships. Permanent enrollment of competent officers and men of the merchant marine into the naval reserve.

Resolutions endorsing the program of the American Farm Bureau and the work of the National Committee of Seventeen, were adopted. Other resolutions charged that farmers have lost \$200,000,000 through unfair manipulation in markets and urged continuation of construction work at state industrial institutions.

Marketing Is Paramount. According to the farmers, future prosperity of the northwest rests on improved marketing conditions rather than a reduced acreage to increase prices by cutting the supply down so the demand would be greater.

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