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Held in Columbus, Ohio, November 19th, Adopts Strong Resolutions

FAVORS FOREST CONSERVATION

Endorses the Principle of the Smith-Fletcher Flood Control Bill

The following resolutions were adopted by the Farmers' National Congress, held at Columbus, Ohio, November 19th, and reported to THE GUARDIAN by Hon. Andrew Kimball:

The Farmers' National Congress, in Fortieth Annual Session, at Columbus, Ohio, this 19th day of November, 1920, proclaims its steadfast adherence to those fundamental principles of free government upon which our fathers founded our nation, in defense of which they and their sons have offered their lives for its preservation, and for which the wives and daughters have made untold sacrifices.

We believe the present critical period in our country's history, with its class and economic unrest, calls for the conservative, loyal action of the farmer, who has always been the bulwark in times of danger, and upon whose unflinching Americanism our country must always depend.

Resolved

We favor the speedy enactment of a Federal Law removing all doubt as to the legal rights of farmers to market their products cooperatively and collectively.

We favor regulating the operations of the meat packers by a system of licensing.

We favor legislation requiring the accurate labeling of fabrics so as to show the percentage of virgin wool, shoddy and the like.

We favor the extension and strengthening of the Federal Farm Loan Act to cover all home ownerships and to provide funds for the orderly marketing of crops. All questions as to the constitutionality of any of its provisions must be removed.

We are unalterably opposed to the proposed diversion and distribution of aliens over the farming districts, at least until immigration is rigidly restricted numerically and otherwise.

We favor amending the Federal Reserve Law so that agricultural producers as well as business men may have direct access to its benefits.

We favor compensatory privileges, either through tariffs or basic trade provisions, as a protection against the agricultural competition of countries having a standard of living lower than ours.

We demand that in Federal taxation the principle of profits and income taxation be followed.

We oppose the pending Ralston-Nolan Bill as a single tax scheme to shift taxation burdens upon city home and farm home owners.

We favor the appointment of a real farmer as Secretary of Agriculture.

We urge all farmers to join and take active part in farm organizations, with a view to the ultimate cooperation of all farmers in an organized effort to obtain many things the farmers of the country so greatly need and can only secure by general cooperation.

We vigorously oppose any increase in the National House of Representatives.

We urge upon Congress legislation regulating telephone charges, practices and long distance connections with local lines, by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

We favor conservation of the forests of the country, and urge legislation and other efforts that will result in reforestation both on large and small scale.

We urge the designation of a national holiday to be known as "Farmers' Day."

We pledge our cooperation to, and recommend that all farm organizations cooperate with the American Farm Bureau Federation in all its legislative and economic efforts to better American agriculture, and we request the American Farm Bureau Federation to issue a call for an immediate conference of all farm

LAST CALL FOR TAX

Fourth Installment of Income Tax Must Be Paid by December 15th

December 15th is the last day for the payment of the fourth installment of the income and excess profits taxes due this year. To avoid penalty, the tax must be in the offices of Collectors of Internal Revenue, or branch offices, by midnight of that date.

Inquiries reaching the Commissioner of Internal Revenue indicate a belief that taxpayers have ten days grace on this installment. Such a provision was contained in the 1917 Revenue Act, but was removed by the Revenue Act of 1918.

Payment of the fourth installment may be made in cash or by money order or check. The Bureau of Internal Revenue urges that whenever possible payment be made by check or money order. This method helps the taxpayer by saving him a trip to the collector's office and avoids congestion at the cashier's window. Check or money order should be made payable to "Collector of Internal Revenue."

Bills will be sent to taxpayers, but failure to receive a bill does not relieve the taxpayer of his obligation to pay on time.

Happy Woods Wins from Russell Chambers

Brier's Hall was crowded Monday night by "fight fans," gathered to see the big fight between Happy Woods, of Tucson, and Russell Chambers, of Douglas.

Both men were in splendid condition and the fight, which lasted for ten rounds, was fast from the start.

Woods led throughout, keeping Chambers busy in every round and several times might have scored a knockout.

When the gong sounded at the end of the tenth round, there was no doubt of the winner, and Happy Woods hung another scalp on his belt.

The big event was preceded by a ten-round preliminary between Baker Archer, a local boy, and "Fighting" Flores, of Solomville, resulting in a draw.

The boys mixed it up lively from start to finish, and it looked as if Archer should have got the decision.

Bazaar and Cake Sale

Bazaar, cake sale and free program in Layton Hall, Saturday night, December 18th, at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody invited and a good time assured. 44-1t

H. V. Watson left Monday on a business visit to El Paso, Texas.

organizations to consummate such cooperation.

We favor the continued annual appropriation by the Federal Government for the construction of roads under the system now in vogue, in cooperation with the states, until an efficient system of roads is built throughout the United States, but emphatically declare ourselves opposed to the Townsend Bill, which would add a great expenditure of money that would never be applied to road building.

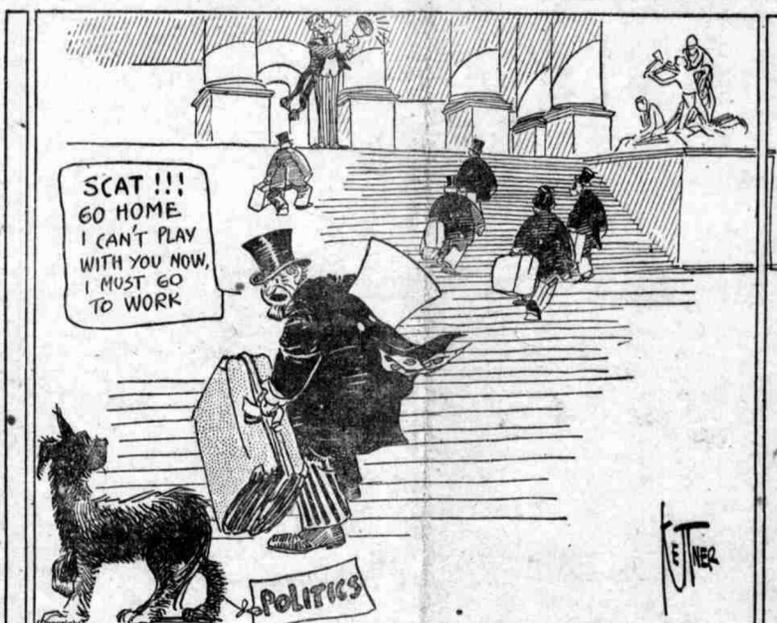
We recommend that such improvements of our internal waterways by the cooperation of Federal Government and states, to the end of efficiency and efficiency to meet the needs for transportation of commerce, for internal and external purposes.

We endorse the principle of the Smith-Fletcher Flood Control and River Regulation Bill, now pending in Congress.

We feel that the farm women and homemakers of the country are entitled to representation in the National Department of Agriculture by the appointment of a real farm woman as an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

We endorse the recommendations contained in the address of the president of this congress at this session with reference to the Federal Farm Land Bank, collective marketing, immigration restriction, economy in government expenditures, improved rural living conditions, the Ralston-Nolan Tax Bill, and the Truth-in-Fabrics Bill; and direct the secretary of this congress to give the address the widest possible publicity, and send it together with the resolutions adopted at this congress, to the president-elect, members of the present-elect, members of the new Congress, and to the national officers of all other farm organizations.

Congress Convenes



Miners Wages To Be Cut \$1.00 Per Day

The copper companies operating mines, mills and smelters in the Globe-Miami district posted notices this morning, announcing a reduction of wages in all departments, effective, January 1, 1921.

Although no statement was forthcoming from any of the mine managers yesterday, the report was current and generally credited, that a cut of one dollar per day in the pay of miners was contemplated, making the proposed wage \$5.15, as compared with \$6.15, the present wage.

Murdered Boy Is Laid To Rest

The funeral of C. J. Carter, aged 19 years, who died Wednesday morning, as the result of a gunshot wound inflicted by Bill Slaughter, at the latter's ranch, near Ft. Thomas, Monday night, took place yesterday morning, from O'Bryan & Rawson's undertaking parlors.

Services were held at the grave in Union Cemetery, Rev. J. L. Lyons, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating.

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Fire Destroys Part of Kennedy Home

The home of D. J. Kennedy north of the fair grounds caught fire Tuesday, some time after 12:00 noon, from sparks blown by the wind from burning brush and leaves set on fire by some boys on the road east of the house.

The roof of the front porch blazed into flames, which communicated with the roof on the house, and soon the entire roof was burning briskly.

An alarm was turned in at 1:00 p. m., which was quickly responded to by the fire department.

When the firemen arrived it looked like the house would be entirely destroyed, but the boys soon had two streams playing upon the roof and burning porch and after an hour's hard work, got control of the flames and put out the fire.

The family saved the greater part of the furniture. The loss will be about \$4,000, with no insurance.

Miss Blanche Ellsworth—"Compose a sentence which contains boys, bees and bears."

Eldon Palmer—"Boys bees bare when they go in swimming."

Safford Market Moves to New Building

The Safford Market started Sunday to remove its stock of merchandise to its new building, formerly occupied by the Safford Drug Company.

It was some job, but Mr. Broshears had about every man in town working and by night fall had moved and placed on shelves the entire stock and the market was ready for business Monday morning.

Mr. Broshears has added a new building in the rear of the store for stock and the refrigerating plant, and is also building an ice box, 17 by 10 feet, for the storage of meats.

SLAUGHTER HELD FOR TRIAL

Bill Slaughter, charged with killing C. J. Carter, Monday night on Slaughter's ranch near Geronimo, had his preliminary examination yesterday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock, before Justice Paxton, resulting in Slaughter being held without bond for trial in the Superior Court on a charge of murder in the first degree.

Mrs. Thomas Hooks, of Avondale, Arizona, arrived here Tuesday and is visiting with Mrs. Elizabeth Ijams.

AMERICA MUST HELP

People of Armenia, Suffering from Hunger and Disease

Despite the terrible conditions in Armenia and the recent Turkish massacres, six new American workers of the Near East Relief sailed last week on the "Panonia" for Constantinople. A single day brought news of the reported killing of Capt. Emmet Kilpatrick and two nurses, all three of the American Red Cross, and also of the capture of Col. J. P. Coombs, director of the Near East work in Anatolia.

Col. Coomb's first lieutenant, dismayed by the news of his chief's capture by the Turkish insurgent leader, sent an alarmist cablegram to New York advising that no more American lives be risked by the sending of more relief workers.

On the spur of the minute it was announced that the sailing of the six relief workers would be cancelled, but it was finally decided that in the crisis, which virtually threatens the Armenian nation with extinction, it would not do to abate humanitarian efforts.

The organization will probably lose some of its stations, but the workers would always fall back on Constantinople where the refugees inevitably flock.

So, much to the joy of the six workers, they were permitted to sail. Four are women. One of the men was Dr. Russell Uhis, a Kansas specialist in eye diseases, who will help to fight the epidemic of trachoma which is filling the hospitals of the Near East Relief and causing many cases of blindness.

"The need at this time in Armenia is really a desperate one," said C. F. Willis, State director of the Near East Relief in Arizona, "in the face of the terrible massacres which occurred only a few days ago, and the cold winter which is already upon them."

"They look to America for aid, as America is the only country that is able to do much, and it is felt that America will not allow them to perish."

Crop Progress Throughout State

The southern valleys during the last week have been subjected to the lowest temperatures of the season and as a consequence garden truck, beans, tomatoes and other tender vegetation, hitherto untouched by frost, have been killed. Cotton plants, except in the most favored spots, have been killed and further development of immature bolls need not be expected. In a number of sections citrus leaves have been blasted by frost while in others the leaves of lemon trees are untouched. Grape fruit and oranges have suffered no damage from the cold nights.

Favored by dry weather, cotton picking has made excellent progress and fully sixty per cent of the crop has been gathered. Owing to the prevalence of fair, dry weather since cotton picking began the crop has been gathered in an unusually good condition.

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County Road Bonds To Be Re-Advertised

The Chicago firm that made a deal with the board of supervisors for the sale of the county road bonds, has turned down the proposition until the bids for the sale of the bonds has been re-advertised.

The board of supervisors, at its meeting Monday, ordered the clerk of the board to re-advertise the sale of the bonds.

EPIDEMIC IN BAD CHECKS

Writing checks on banks where they have no money deposited and getting checks cashed in the stores in town is getting to be an epidemic here and will undoubtedly result in a sojourn in jail by several candidates. The latest in bad checks is forging some one's name and getting the money. This happened last night and the young man who did this trick may go to Florence.

J. R. Welker returned home Monday from a short business trip to El Paso, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. William Woods, of Thatcher, left last week for Juarez, Mexico, where they will make their home.

DRUNKEN BRAWL RESULTS IN MURDER

Bill Slaughter Held for Killing C. J. Carter at Ranch Home, Dec. 6th

CARTER DEFENDED OLD MAN

Sheriff Skaggs Arrests the Murderer and Finds Part of Illicit Still

C. J. Carter, aged 19 years, is dead and Bill Slaughter, aged 41 years, is in jail on a charge of murder. The result of a drunken man attempting to assault an older man, who was defended by the boy who is now dead.

Monday night, about 11:15, a man named Abe Reed arrived here and hurried to Dr. Schenck's home and informed him that a boy had been shot at the home of Bill Slaughter, on the latter's ranch, near the head of Goodwin's wash, about 15 miles southwest of Ft. Thomas, and that his services were needed.

Dr. Schenck immediately prepared to leave for the ranch and left for the scene of the shooting shortly after Reed arrived at his house. Dr. Schenck was accompanied by Stan Crandall.

Sheriff Skaggs got next to the news of the tragedy and hunted up Reed, who told the sheriff the story of the shooting.

Bill Slaughter, an old man named Reagan, about 70 years old, Abe Reed and the boy, C. J. Carter, were at Slaughter's home on the ranch. Slaughter and Reagan were evidently under the influence of liquor. Reagan had in some way aroused the ire of Slaughter, who grabbed him to give him a beating, when young Carter interfered and pulled Slaughter off the older man.

Slaughter turned on Carter and in his rage, said he would kill him. He grabbed his rifle, a 30-30, and fired at the boy, about two feet away. Carter fell to the floor mortally wounded. The tragedy occurred about 7:00 p. m. Monday evening.

Reed jumped on his horse and raced for Geronimo, where he caught the Apache and came here to get Dr. Schenck.

Sheriff Skaggs, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Tom Alger, Jack Campbell and Reed started immediately in the sheriff's auto for the Slaughter ranch, catching up with Dr. Schenck several miles east of the ranch, which they reached about 2:15 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Dr. Schenck attended the wounded boy, and found that the bullet had entered under the heart and passing through the body had cut the left kidney. He dressed the wound preparatory to bringing Carter here.

In the meanwhile, before entering the house, Sheriff Skaggs and his deputies went in search of Slaughter and found him and his son about four miles north of the house, and placed him under arrest.

Returning to the house, the Sheriff and his officers got Reed and Reagan and the party started for Safford, arriving here about 6:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, and placed the men in jail.

Dr. Schenck arrived here about 7:00 o'clock with the wounded man and took him to Miss Main's Sanitarium.

Later in the day, Sheriff Skaggs and his chief deputy, J. H. Beal, went to Slaughter's ranch and found a barrel of corn mash and part of a worm, but were unable to find the rest of the still.

When Sheriff Skaggs arrested Slaughter, he picked up a quart bottle, half full of whiskey.

Slaughter had evidently been drinking and spoke of the shooting as an accident.

Young Carter died Wednesday morning about 3:00 o'clock. The remains were removed to the O'Bryan & Rawson undertaking parlors and prepared for burial.

A coroner's inquest was held Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by Justice Paxton, which resulted in the jury returning a verdict that C. J. Carter died as the result of a gunshot wound inflicted unjustly by Bill Slaughter, at the ranch, 12 miles southwest of Geronimo, Graham county, Arizona, December 6, 1920.

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Hoover Says: "It is the most desperate situation in the world Today."

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Can we be deaf to the appeal of this man who knows from personal observation? The children of Armenia, Assyria and the neighboring countries have suffered and because of their Christianity, they are without food, clothing, relatives and even without an organized government which has within its power the financial aid necessary. Lean and gaunt hands are knocking at the door of America and their appeal is endorsed by men that we know and honor.

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