

Sugar Beet Lands May Be Reduced

Equal Tonnage on Less Acreage—Diversified Farming Is Answer to Price Slump.

Duty on Sugar Sought

Although taxes are necessarily heavy in the new country surrounding Scottsbluff and the principal agricultural lines have been hit by money pinch and low prices, the hardest part is over and the farmers are confident that the review of economic conditions over the state.

By PAUL GREER.

Scottsbluff, Neb., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—A new country frequently has more problems to solve than have established communities. The railroad did not reach here until 1900, and the first big irrigation ditches were completed only in 1906, although an experiment had been attempted 30 years before.

There are now 300,000 acres under irrigation in the North Platte valley, with 200,000 acres more to be opened up by a new ditch within two years.

The four sugar refineries at Scottsbluff, Gering, Mitchell and Bayard, recently have completed their run of beets, and the growers are awaiting the setting of the price for the crop to be planted this spring.

Business men are watching, too, for there is a general impression that unless relief is given through the tariff, the contracts by which the sugar company engages to take all the beets raised on a specified number of acres will be set at \$5 a ton.

A duty of 2 cents on imported sugar, it is estimated, would increase the price of sugar beets \$2 a ton.

Acres May Be Cut.

This would give the same price as last year, \$7 a ton, as compared with \$12 in 1920 and \$5.65 before the war. On an average, 10 tons of beets are obtained to the acre.

One Morrill county farmer, by practicing rotation, doubles this acreage. Last year 64,000 acres were planted to beets, but unless the price of sugar goes up, the area will be smaller this year.

Many competitors of the beet acreage that a reduction in the beet acreage would be a good thing. Although, \$4,480,000 was paid for the last crop, \$1,408,000 went for farm labor.

Then, too, without a rest from producing the same crop year after year, the soil is being rendered infertile. So the aim of many of the best farmers is to raise about the same tonnage of beets on a smaller acreage and turn to dairying, potato growing and wider diversification.

The most promising thing in this valley is this new way of increasing intelligence. A number of farmers are keeping cost accounts and their results are being collected by Phil Sheldon, county agricultural agent.

As a result, instead of shipping in vegetables from Colorado, the district soon will be supplying itself. This is true of the best regions in America, and a great eastern company maintains vats for salting down cucumbers at Scottsbluff, Minut and Mitchell.

Creamery Pays \$200,000.

The creamery here paid \$200,000 to farmers for butterfat last year. On account of the distance from (Turn to Page Five, Column Two.)

Former Fargo Banker Surrenders to Police

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 3.—John J. Hastings, former banker of Fargo, N. D., and at one time secretary of the North Dakota Nonpartisan league, surrendered today to the Sacramento police, who held warrants for him, charging him with the embezzlement of \$3,000 from a Fargo bank.

Hastings said he came here from Seattle, where he had been in business.

Hastings, through his attorney, J. M. Inman, notified the state Governor Stephens that he would resist extradition to North Dakota.

Hastings says the charge of embezzlement is based on a contribution of \$3,000 which the Scandinavian-American bank of Fargo authorized him to make to the Nonpartisan league more than three years ago and he charged the attorney to prosecute him is a political "frame up."

Denver Packing House Union Votes to Call Off Strike

Denver, Feb. 3.—Members of the local branch of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen's union today voted to call off the strike in the packing industry here, which has been in effect since December 5.

Gilbert Clark, secretary of the union, announced the men were ready to return to work.

"Third Party" Conference Starts Conflicting Stories

Howell for Senator and Wray for Governor Endorsements Are Reported by Nonpartisan Attorney • G. O. P. Committeeman Must Resign Present Post First, Chairman Edmisten Declares.

The progressive party, Nebraska's new "third party," was responsible yesterday for two directly conflicting bits of political news of first-class importance.

Following a conference of several members of the party at Lincoln, these contradictory announcements were made:

That party leaders would endorse Arthur G. Wray of York as the progressive nominee for governor and R. B. Howell of Omaha, already a candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator, as the progressive nominee for senator.

That the meeting adjourned without decision, influential members of the party insisting that Howell not be endorsed unless he subscribe to the entire progressive party program, some even demanding that he resign his position as republican national committeeman.

Ardent Supporter of Howell. C. A. Sorenson, publisher of the party's weekly newspaper and former attorney of the Nonpartisan league, was authority for the first statement. J. H. Edmisten, chairman of the party, sponsored the second. Mr. Edmisten declared that Mr. Sorenson was not present at the meeting.

According to the Sorenson version, the conference first wanted to agree upon Wray as a candidate for the senate, with J. N. Norton of Polk county as its candidate for governor.

This plan was blocked by Norton's refusal to "consider the proposition. He is head of the Nebraska Farm bureau and declared that he did not want to be in a position which might tend to involve the bureau in politics.

Edmisten's version agrees with Sorenson's only to the extent that both agree a meeting was held. Edmisten declared that the conference was not official and reached no decision, official or otherwise. Wray, Norton, F. L. Bollen and several others were present.

The progressive party is not ready at this time to endorse Mr. Howell," said Edmisten last evening. He intimated further that Howell must subscribe to the entire progressive party platform before he would be endorsed.

Says Howell Must Resign. W. H. Green of Omaha, secretary of the party knew nothing of the meeting, he said last evening. "I believe that Mr. Edmisten's story is correct," he said. "I will go further and say that the progressive party will not accept Mr. Howell as a candidate for any office unless he resigns his position as republican national committeeman."

Statements by other progressive (Turn to Page Five, Column One.)

First Ballots Fail to Elect New Pontiff

Sacred College Casts Votes 4 Times Without Any Cardinal Receiving Enough for Election.

Rome, Feb. 3.—(By A. P.)—The third and fourth ballots were taken by the conclaves of the sacred college this evening in an effort to choose a successor to Pope Benedict. There was no choice, however, on either ballot.

Rome, Feb. 3.—(By A. P.)—Voting for the election of a pope to succeed Benedict XV was begun by the conclaves of the Sacred college today. Two ballots had been taken up to 1 o'clock this afternoon, on neither of which any cardinal received a sufficient number of votes to elect.

Four ballots will be taken daily instead of the burning vote, it is learned through the Irish college, and confirmed in other quarters. The number and issue of the successive ballots will be evident to the people congregated outside St. Peter's by the customary vote burning, a common iron stove having been installed just outside the limits of the long lines of cardinals' thrones in the Sistine chapel.

Two sacks of straw lie nearby. This is used to catch the smoke of the burning votive papers, dark smoke indicating that there is still no election and light vapor that a new pope reigns.

Prince Chigi, marshal of the conclaves, and Cardinal Gasparri, the acting head of the church, have taken precautions to prevent the results of the various ballots from leaking out before the conclave is over. Greatest care was taken in securing the doors and retaining the partitions which shut the area of the palace from the rest of the palace. All the attaches have been impressed that discretion shall be exercised in the choice of a person of the staff so that no leak is possible.

To Arrive Monday.

Rome, Feb. 3.—(By A. P.)—The steamship President Wilson, bringing Cardinal O'Connell of Boston to Rome, will not arrive at Naples before next Monday morning. The steamship company announced today it had received a wireless message which shows this. The captain has decided to call at Algiers.

Boddy Sentenced to Die.

New York, Feb. 3.—Luther Boddy, who killed two police detectives on January 5, today was sentenced to die in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison during the week commencing March 13.

The Looters

By Percival Gibbon A BLUE RIBBON story in

"Let's have some drinks then," stipulated the young man who looked like a curate.

The Sunday Bee

New Name Mentioned in Tragedy

Miss Claire Windsor Said to Have Attended a Party With Murdered Director Week Ago Wednesday.

Went Home Thursday

By EDWARD DOHERTY.

Omaha Bee Special Wire. Los Angeles, Feb. 3.—The dainty figure of Miss Claire Windsor, moving picture actress, was today rudely thrust into the weird mystery in the murder of William Desmond Taylor, shot to death in his home Wednesday night.

Miss Windsor is but one of a number of movie stars playing in the limelight turned on the murder. She shares the stage with Mabel Normand, Mary Miles Minter and Edna Purviance.

A week ago Wednesday night Mr. Taylor and a prominent moving picture star called at the home of Miss Windsor's mother, Mrs. G. E. Cronk, and asked to take Claire to a party at the Ambassador hotel.

Claire went. It is declared that Taylor some few days later took Miss Windsor to another party, and that nothing was heard of her again until yesterday morning, some hours after Taylor was found dead in his luxurious apartment, a bullet hole in his body.

Unable to Locate Girl.

Miss Windsor could not be located today. Her mother said she was "out on location" with Marshall Neilan, a director. At the office of the director this was denied.

Neilan, it was said, was on location, but not with Miss Windsor. Just what connection there may be between the murder and Miss Windsor's unexplained disappearance from home, it there be any connection, could not be learned. Mrs. Cronk could give no explanation.

"My daughter knew Mr. Taylor," said Mrs. Cronk tonight, "but the first time she ever went out with him was this time a week ago Wednesday. Mr. Taylor came with an actor whom I do not know. I thought nothing of this, for a long time ago Mr. Taylor was her director and besides, Claire goes out to dinner parties and dances nearly every night. The way of the movies are queer and not for me to ask questions about.

Not Worried by Absence.

"I had not seen Claire since Sunday—not until this morning—but I thought nothing of that either. You see she has a little boy, 3 years old, and he disturbs her when she sleeps at night. So she has had a couch put in at her studio, and she sleeps there when she is away from home." (Turn to Page Two, Column Seven.)

Kentucky Guardsmen Ordered to Newport

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 3.—With the Covington tank company in control, upward of 300 Kentucky National guardsmen today are en route to Newport, Ky., having been ordered out late yesterday by Gov. Morrow for strike duty.

The troops sent there for the second time in a matter of days were withdrawn unless order is stored completely, it was indicated.

Newport, Ky., Feb. 3.—Quiet prevailed in Newport early today except for intermittent shooting in the vicinity of the Newport Rolling mill where a strike is in progress and where a tank company of sixty officers and men with seven tanks are on guard assisting deputy sheriffs and Newport police to maintain order.

Early today a flurry was caused when sniping from outside the mill was followed by firing from machine and riot guns inside the plant. More than 100 shots were fired but no casualties were reported.

Earlier safety Commissioner Thomas was taken to police headquarters in a patrol wagon after he had attempted to disperse an assembly of strike sympathizers and had been menaced. Sheriff Louis B. Tieman then went to the scene to talk with the disturbers and was grazed by a bullet, fired by a sniper.

Body of Shackleton Will Rest at Gate of Antarctic

London, Feb. 3.—The body of Sir Ernest Shackleton, which is now at Montevideo, Uruguay, will be taken back to South Georgia island, to be buried there, according to the Daily Mail. This decision the Mail attributes to Lady Shackleton, in deference to what she believes would have been the explorer's wishes.

War Finance Corporation Loans Nebraskans \$306,000

Washington, Feb. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The War finance corporation announced today that from January 30 to February 1 it has approved advances for agricultural and livestock purposes as follows: Nebraska, \$306,000; Iowa, \$318,000; South Dakota, \$471,000; Wyoming, \$282,000.

Judge Will Send Auto Speeders to Rock Pile

Los Angeles, Feb. 3.—An old proverb reads "He travels far who travels fast," and Police Judge Ray D. Ciesbro adds that the terminus of the route is likely to be the rock pile if the traveling is done too fast in an automobile.

He has caused to be established at the Lincoln Heights police station a "speeder" rockpile," and announced he would send to it violators of the city traffic laws.

In Training



Gen. Dawes Lives Up to Nickname

Director of Budget Distributes Praise and Criticism Impartially at Business Meeting of Government.

President Is Optimistic

By The Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 3.—Brandishing a broom in either hand, striding rapidly from one end of the platform to the other and stamping his feet until the echoes rang in D. A. R. hall, where the arms conference meets in dignified session, Charles G. Dawes, director of the budget, brought home to more than a thousand officials assembled today, in the second business meeting of the government, the appropriateness of his "hell and marshal" nickname.

For more than half an hour he heaped forth criticism and praise alike on officials of high and low degree.

Stopping suddenly in the midst of a citation of instances of lack of co-operation by governmental departments with the budget bureau coordinators, which instances he described as "fly specks" on the bureau's record of accomplishments, Mr. Dawes suddenly shouted:

"Where are those brooms?"

Raps Navy Methods. Three brooms were produced from under a table by an assistant.

"There," the budget director exclaimed, pounding the floor with the handle of one of the brooms, "is your broom that meets navy specifications. And here are brooms that do not meet those specifications, but sweep just as well. The navy bought 18,000 of its specification brooms, when it could have had 350,000 army brooms for nothing."

The budget director went on to say that it took a month's persuasion to make the marine corps adopt a slight change in color in order to use 100,000 army shirts and save \$24,000. He told Secretary Denby, however, the record of the navy for co-operation with the bureau was the best of the departments.

As an instance of co-operation in the treasury, he declared that when it was found that there were 18 different purchasing agencies in that department their co-ordination was effected without delay.

Praise for Mellon. "Secretary Mellon is a business man," he added, "and executive heads of the government 'determine how the ship sails,' but the budget bureau 'determines how far she sails.' Mr. Dawes said at another point and added:

"If congress should decide that garbage should be spread on the White House steps—much as we love the president—it would be for the budget bureau to advise how the largest (Turn to Page Two, Column Two.)

Strike Leaders Blamed for Riot at Nebraska City

Governor Says Troops Will Remain Until Leaders Quit Inciting Lawlessness—Costs State \$1,000 Daily.

Lincoln, Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Governor McKelvie announced today that troops would remain in Nebraska City until Adj. Gen. H. J. Paul recommended their withdrawal.

"The trouble appears to be the result of out-of-town men who went to Nebraska City to lead the strike," the governor said. "Until military authorities can impress on these so-called leaders, either by punishment or argument, that the lawless violence and mob uprisings induced by them are out of the question, the troops will remain in Nebraska City to lead the strike," the governor said.

"Maintaining these troops at Nebraska City is costing the state \$1,000 a day and the patriotic thing for the leaders to do is to behave themselves and discontinue agitating their followers."

Many Nebraska City citizens have written the governor, thanking him for so promptly answering the call of Otoe county authorities for help and averting a situation which boded ill to the public at large.

"There is no doubt that the troops ripped a situation which in two or three more days of mob uprising on the streets, discharge of firearms and assaults would have resulted in a situation as deplorable and disgraceful as the Omaha riot," the governor said.

Five Farmers on Eva King Jury

Defendant Goes With Court Party to Farm Where Raid and Killing Occurred.

A jury to try Mrs. Eva King the second time for first degree murder was secured in Judge O. D. Wheeler's division of the Council Bluffs district court yesterday, both sides completing their opening statements by 2 o'clock.

The jury consists of Emil H. Hamann, Keg Creek township, farmer; H. F. Caughey, Council Bluffs, accountant; Ed Roarty, Council Bluffs, foreman; Groneweg & Schoentgen Co., G. E. Fallers, Council Bluffs, traveling salesman; J. F. Allen, Lake township, farmer; James Jorgensen, Hazel Dell township, truck driver; C. C. Green, Lake township, retired farmer; Ben E. Ferguson, Council Bluffs, Union Pacific switchman; Leon J. Flynn, Neola township, farmer; F. Zahner, Council Bluffs, retired farmer; Peter Katzenstein, Council Bluffs, Union Pacific engineer; M. W. Davis, Council Bluffs, retired farmer.

Judge Wheeler accompanied the jury to the farm. Besides the deputy sheriff that guarded her, Mrs. King's mother, who has never forsaken her for a moment, was at her side, supporting her as she again walked through the rooms of the deserted cottage where the tragedy of October 14 was enacted.

The taking of testimony will begin this morning and court will convene half an hour earlier than usual.

Omaha Man Submits Claim to Big Estate

Washington, Neb., Feb. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Hearing on the John F. Kirkman claim to the O'Connell estate was closed today and the claim of Henry Corron of Brooklyn and his brother was next taken up. In the rebuttal evidence the claimants allied against Kirkman offered testimony to the effect that certain photographs presented by Kirkman could not have been in existence at the dates specified, for the reason that the paper upon which they were printed was not in existence at the dates specified. In the Corron claim, it is asserted that John O'Connell lived in Albany, N. Y., before moving to Hastings and was an employer of funds belonging to the school district, for which he was a tax collector.

Thieves Loot Clothing Store on West Broadway

A number of suits, a dozen hats, 60 silk shirts, \$4 in money, and a miscellaneous assortment of other merchandise were stolen Thursday night from the Aaron Perimeter clothing store, 504 West Broadway, Council Bluffs, by thieves who obtained entrance through the cellar.

Public Debt Decreases

Washington, Feb. 3.—The public debt decreased, approximately \$15,000,000 in January, according to figures announced today by the treasury department yesterday by the treasury, which showed the public debt on January 31 to be \$23,388,344,236, as compared with \$23,438,984,351 on December 31.

Indictments by Lincoln Grand Jury Returned

Arrest of Prominent Men Is Expected Today—Stock Sales Probed by Attorney General.

Lincoln, Feb. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Arrest of several prominent Lincoln men is promised tomorrow on grand jury indictments returned today and turned over to Sheriff Ira Miller. The indictments are said to be in connection with fraudulent stock sales.

Attorney General Clarence A. Davis had charge of presenting the evidence to the grand jury, which was called at his request. It is reported that the affairs of his farm, which have failed in the last two years were investigated.

Sheriff Miller said that none of the men against whom indictments were returned would leave the city and that arrests would be made tomorrow as fast as the men could be located.

Farmer Kills Self in Kitchen of Home

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Herman H. Vieth, Scribner farmer, swallowed a quantity of poison following a period of mental depression brought on by financial worry. When discovered by relatives Vieth was slowly dying in a chair in the kitchen of his farm home. Vieth rose early and after building a warm fire in the kitchen stove, swallowed the poison and was overcome in a nearby chair. He died before a doctor could be summoned.

Vieth had been worrying over his financial troubles and recently advertised a sale of his farm machinery and implements to be held February 4. Vieth's wife died a few years ago in an accident. He is survived by one son and two daughters. He was well known throughout this section and was one of the prominent farmers of Dodge county.

Auto License Drive

Hastings, Neb., Feb. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The police have thrown out a net for all motorists who have failed to procure a 1922 auto license. About 25 Hastings drivers have paid minimum fines.

Two Children Die in Flames

Watertown, S. D., Feb. 3.—Two children were burned to death and a third seriously injured in a fire at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pope, here yesterday.

The Weather

Forecast. Saturday fair and somewhat warmer.

Hourly Temperatures. 6 a. m. 18 7 a. m. 18 8 a. m. 18 9 a. m. 18 10 a. m. 18 11 a. m. 18 12 noon 18 1 p. m. 18 2 p. m. 18 3 p. m. 18 4 p. m. 18 5 p. m. 18 6 p. m. 18 7 p. m. 18 8 p. m. 18 9 p. m. 18 10 p. m. 18 11 p. m. 18

German Manufacturers to Furnish Soviets Credit

Washington, Feb. 3.—Arrangements to furnish a credit of 100,000,000 marks to the Russian soviet government to cover purchases by the soviet trade department, have been made by a group of German manufacturers, according to a report to the Commerce department today from Commercial Attache Herring at Berlin.

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Arms Session Called

Washington, Feb. 3.—(By A. P.)—A plenary session of the arms conference has been called for 10.30 a. m. tomorrow.

Seattle Capitalist and His Family Drowned

Seattle, Feb. 3.—August Anderson Frojendahl, former Alaskan capitalist and resident of Seattle, his wife and four children were drowned when their private yacht, in which they were cruising the south sea, was wrecked two months ago, according to advice received by Andrew Chibberg, Swedish vice consul today. The message gave no details and did not mention the name of the yacht.

Girl Admits Firing Shots That Killed Man

Everett, Wash., Feb. 3.—Trevia Pole, 15, in superior court today, testified that she fired the shots that killed Gus Danielson at the home of her mother here the night of November 6. Her mother, Mrs. Bertha Wilkes, is on trial accused of the death of Danielson. The girl is accused as an accessory.

The girl's story was similar to her mother's to the point where the mother had testified she became unconscious in her struggle with Danielson. Trevia then testified she picked up the revolver Danielson had dropped, "squeezed it" twice when Danielson came toward her and then threw it away. The girl began to weep under cross-examination and refused to take the weapon in her hand when asked to show how she held it. Mrs. Wilkes became hysterical, crying to her daughter, "why didn't you tell me?"

The jury was sent from the room and the judge asserted his belief that the girl was innocent.

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