

### Middleman Urged to Adjust Prices for Farmers' Aid

Charles Pugsley, Assistant to Secretary Wallace, Declares Further Revision Is Needed for Prosperity.

Lincoln, March 28.—(Special Telegram)—Charles W. Pugsley, assistant secretary of agriculture, and former editor of Governor McKelvie's paper, The Nebraska Farmer, in a statement here today urged the middleman to adjust prices so farmers would not be obliged to sell all of their produce for necessities of life.

"Despite increase in farm products and a slight reduction in the middleman's prices, the spread between the raw produce of the farm and the finished product of the factory is still record-breaking," Mr. Pugsley declared.

**Says Fair Profit Needed.**  
"Prosperity and happiness can only be reached when the farmer can get something besides a living out of his products. A fair profit for the farmer and a fair profit for the middleman must be restored."

Continuing, Mr. Pugsley produced figures showing how the upward trend of the market, when wheat, oats and barley had enhanced the value of these products held by Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota farmers March 1, \$78,728,280. This increase is apportioned to the three states as follows:

South Dakota, \$13,700,800; Nebraska, \$21,860,360; Iowa, \$43,167,120.

**Is First Prosperity Step.**  
"This is a first step toward prosperity for the farmer; the reduction in the cost of his necessities should be the next," Mr. Pugsley said.

Secretary of Agriculture Henry C. Wallace has placed Mr. Pugsley in charge of reorganization of the public contact work of his department, which includes issuing of pamphlets, motion pictures and other activities dealing directly with the public.

The first thing Mr. Pugsley did was to consolidate six former publications into two, a saving of \$25,000 a year.

"And I believe we are giving better service with the two," Pugsley said.

Secretary Wallace has combined three of the departmental bureaus into one, meaning a saving of \$200,000 a year, Mr. Pugsley announced.

### Son of Maud Booth Held for Hearing on His Sanity

Los Angeles, March 28.—Charles B. Booth, 34, son of Maud Ballington Booth, head of the Volunteers of America, is in the psychopathic ward of the Los Angeles county hospital, awaiting a hearing today as to his mental condition before the lunacy commission. He was arrested in Santa Barbara Saturday by a private detective employed by his mother.

The Rev. E. P. Ryland, president of the board of trustees of the Los Angeles branch of the Volunteers, swore to a complaint charging Booth with insanity. He said he had taken this action in the interest of Mrs. Booth and the Volunteers.

### Lenine Asks Communists to Cease Dreaming

Moscow, March 28.—(By A. P.)—Premier Lenine, discussing recent reports of his illness, appeared yesterday before a secret meeting of the all-Russian communist congress and spoke two hours, according to today's accounts of the meeting, which was held in the Kremlin palace. The soviet premier made many sarcastic and witty remarks while appealing to the communists to cease dreaming and theorizing and get to work. Otherwise, he declared, the communists could not hold their own in the impending struggle with the capitalists for control of Russia.

### Ranking Tennis Players Enter Middle State Meet

Philadelphia, March 28.—Many of the ranking tennis players of the United States, including William T. Tilden, II, world's champion, are entered in the middle state indoor tournament which will be played here Thursday, Friday and Saturday. One former world's champion, 14 former national champions, six state and two sectional champions are among the entries.

### Amundsen Back in N. Y.

New York, March 28.—Captain Roald Amundsen, arctic explorer, returned today on the Stavangerfjord from a visit to Norway and conferred with those who will be associated with him in his attempt to drift across the arctic basin. His expedition will set out from Seattle June 10.

With Amundsen was Lieut. Oscar Omdal, Norwegian air force ace, who after special training and experience in flying under adverse conditions, will accompany the expedition. He will be one of the pilots to handle specially constructed American cruising airplanes. The other pilot, Lieutenant Dahl, now is on his way to the coast via the Panama canal.

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### Miners and Operators Both See Long Fight

New York, March 28.—After a week of preliminary skirmishing the miners and operators' subcommittee on wage contract negotiations today agreed that neither side could look for an easy victory in the present conference. The miners, with the knowledge that every anthracite colliery in the United States is unionized and will cease production on the date fixed, assert their men are "willing to go on a long vacation." Thus, they say, they can take their time to thresh out the whole situation in the anthracite industry as its affects union labor.

The operators also express a willingness that the miners shall cease producing, temporarily. They have taken a positive stand against any increase in miners' wages and have announced their intention of using every means to negotiate a new contract on a basis of decrease from the present schedule.

### Court Ruling May Prevent Taxation of 'Intangibles'

Judge Letton Decides Bonds and Warrants of Municipalities Exempt Under Constitution.

Lincoln, March 28.—Bonds and warrants issued by municipalities or other public governmental subdivisions of the state are exempt from taxation under the new constitution of the state of Nebraska, according to an opinion handed down today by Judge Charles B. Letton of the state supreme court.

The effect of the opinion renders null and void that section of the new state revenue law enacted a year ago, which provides that a uniform tax of one mill be levied on bonds and warrants classified as "intangible property."

The opinion reverses a ruling of the district court of Furnas county, where suit brought by Laura V. Droll and other holders of Beaver City municipal warrants to prevent their being assessed and taxed, was dismissed.

The supreme court interpreted that section of the constitution which says that "property of state and governmental subdivisions to be exempt from taxation" to include bonds and warrants as necessary instrumentalities of government.

### Mexico City Police Court Judges Strike for Back Pay

Mexico City, March 28.—The police court judges of Mexico went on strike yesterday because their salaries had not been paid by the federal district. Consequently the score of cases usually tried on Monday morning did not come up.

The 30 men who are known as "professional judges," left their desks and in a body marched to the office of Celestino Gasca, governor of the federal district. The governor gave them assurances that their salaries would be paid and the judges resumed their duties this afternoon.

### Treasurer of Pittsburgh Company Commits Suicide

Pittsburgh, March 28.—William McNabb, 36, treasurer and director of the Vanadium Metals company of this city, and prominently connected with other vanadium interests, committed suicide by shooting in Mount Clemons, Mich., yesterday afternoon, according to a telegram received here. Mr. McNabb had been in poor health.

### Cement Production Increases

Washington, March 28.—Stocks of Portland cement held in the United States at the close of February were almost 1,000,000 barrels in excess of those held at the end of January, while production for February was only slightly less than in January, the geological survey reports. February production was 4,278,000 barrels. Stocks on hand February 28 amounted to 14,310,000 barrels.

### Morehead May Raise Wet Issue Among Demos

Announcement of Falls City Man for Congress Thought Certain to Bring Volstead Controversy.

Lincoln, March 28.—(Special Telegram).—Definite announcement from John H. Morehead at Falls City tonight that he had filed for the democratic nomination for congress in the First district is looked upon as an assurance of the raising of a wet and dry issue in the democratic primaries.

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