

# MURDOCK ITEMS

Lester Thimman was home from the state university for Thanksgiving day and the remainder of the week.

Charles Kupke and the good wife were over to Ashland on last Tuesday where they were looking after some business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. George Work of Omaha were spending Thanksgiving day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tool for the day Thanksgiving.

Harvey Heir completed the picking of his corn on last Monday and immediately with his picker went to work on the field of his brother.

Mathew Thimman and son, Victor, were called to Omaha on last Tuesday where they were looking after some business matters for the day.

John Angwert and wife were in the Murdock last week attending the dance given by James Mills and wife celebrating their tenth wedding anniversary.

L. B. Gorthey and the family were over to Weeping Water on Thursday of last week where they enjoyed seeing the fun proving play Amos 'n' Andy at the Liberty theatre.

Miss Elsie Dieckman, who is an accomplished and trained licensed nurse, is caring for Mrs. Hubble at Ashland at this time, was a visitor in Murdock for a short time last Sunday.

Miss Berchie Smith of Plattsmouth was over to Murdock last Wednesday evening, coming to see her friend, Miss Ruth Miller who was going to spend Thanksgiving day with Miss Berchie.

There were special services at the Lutheran Trinity church on Thanksgiving which partook of the real Thanksgiving and reflected the thanks for the blessings which are ours at this time.

Henry Heineman and wife were over to Ashland on Tuesday of last week and with the high wind they sure were able to get back home again all right, for many were going to grief with the gale.

Richard Tool and wife of Kingsley, Iowa, where they are making their home and Kenneth Tool and wife of Valparaiso, were the guests for Thanksgiving day at the home of their parents, Henry A. Tool and wife.

M. McCrorey has become the possessor of a new Oldsmobile car, this time a sedan and with which he is well pleased and well he should be, for it is a fine one and one which will serve the family and himself very nicely.

John Ostblom who has been so severely ill at the Gillespie Hotel building for the past few weeks and was able to be down town last Wednesday and see the barber. He will not be able to return to work for a few days.

Henry Bornemeier entertained at his home, the girls doing the entertaining and had for their Thanksgiving friends and guests, the family of Henry Gakenheimer and Alvin Bornemeier, where all enjoyed the occasion very much.

Murdock won over Unadilla by a hard fought score of 15 to 11, and wish to announce our next game over at Elmwood Friday night, Dec. 5. All come over and give them a hand since they do not wish to play on our floor for some reason.

John Bornemeier and the good wife selected one of the very finest of the chickens of their flock and dressing it went to Elmwood on last Thursday, and with other good things to eat, celebrated the day with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Bornemeier.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Long were spending last Thursday, Thanksgiving day at the home of Mrs. Long's brother, Mr. E. H. Miller and family of near Adams, where they are engaged in the conduct of a dairy, and where all enjoyed the visit and the day very much.

Fredrick McDonald Eastman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eastman arrived at their home at Stirling, Colorado on November 21st, with the lad and his mother doing nicely. The father is doing tolerably well and all is happy at the home as well as at the home of Grandmother McDonald here.

L. Neitzel and wife were enjoying a dinner Thanksgiving at the home of O. J. Hitchcock on Thanksgiving day in Havelock, L. Neitzel having recuperated sufficiently to drive the car. A. J. Neitzel and family, Dr. S. B. MacDiarmid of Omaha and family were also present to enjoy the occasion.

There is rejoicing over the arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Meyer at Sioux City on account of the arrival at that place of a son who has come to gladden their home, arriving November 24th with the mother and little son doing nicely. Grandfather A. J. Tool is bearing up under the honors very well.

Messrs. and Mesdames W. O. Gillespie and A. H. Ward and accompanied by Miss Viola Everett went over to Murray on Thanksgiving day where they enjoyed the turkey dinner at the Christian church and as they had been there before they were sure of a good dinner so they took no chances but were sure that they were there in time for the first table. The ladies of the Murray Christian church have the reputation of serving the very best dinners that can be served.

Thanksgiving Last Sunday, Postmaster L. B. Gorthey and the family were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones of Weeping Water last Sunday where all celebrated Thanksgiving dinner and were joined by Clifford Jones and family of Lincoln, who drove over for the occasion.

Celebrated Tenth Anniversary, One day last week James Mills and

the good wife celebrated the passing of the tenth anniversary of their married life, and made merry with their friends at the M. W. A. hall when they gave a social dance. Many attended and all enjoyed the excellent time which was had.

**Attend Medical Meeting.**  
Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Lee were enjoying attending the medical meeting of the physicians of Cass county which was held at Weeping Water last Tuesday afternoon and evening.

**Herman Thieman Dies Tuesday**  
Herman Thieman, one of the pioneers of Cass county and who has made his home here for many years, living north of Murdock, died at his home after a very short illness on last Tuesday near 6:30. Mr. Thieman was born December 23rd, 1864 in Prussia, Germany, and came to America and Illinois, where he lived from the time he was three months of age to four years and came to Nebraska and Cass county in 1868, locating near Murdock, on the farm where he has passed the greater portion of his life. He was married in marriage to Miss Ida Blum in 1905. Three children blessed the union, they being Mrs. Paul Reinke and Miss Elda and Margaret Thieman who are at home. Four sisters are left, they being Mesdames Henry Gakenheimer, Wm. Lau, Albert Zierot and August Wendt. He passed away on November 25th at about 6:30 following a night of illness, aged 65 years, 11 months and 2 days. The funeral was held from the Lutheran Trinity church of which he was a life time member, being confirmed when 14 years of age. The Rev. A. G. Zoch conducted the services. His father was Mr. Peter Thieman and the mother, Mrs. Caroline Thieman. The interment was at the Lutheran Trinity church cemetery.

**Best Kelly-Springfield Tires.**  
Here are the prices: 29x4.40, \$5.55; 29x4.50, \$6.20 and 30x4.50, \$6.29, with the very best tubes at \$1.50 and all other casings in proportion. See me for your needs.—George Utt, Murdock. n24-m2w

**Spending Thanksgiving Here.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kuehn who have been at Bloomfield, Iowa, for the past three months, who had been employed with the Modern Woodmen of America in their reorganizing of the order, arrived home last Monday evening and spent Thanksgiving day at home. They were over to Elmwood on last Wednesday where they were visiting with relatives and friends.

**Winds Do Much Damage.**  
The prevailing high wind which was the feature on last Tuesday did much damage, tearing the windmill from the tower for Charles Haertel, though it left the tower intact and standing. The wind took two of the large plate glass out of the north window of the Murdock Mercantile store. They were replaced on Wednesday. One of the west windows had been hit with a pebble or a shot from a bigger shooter and a hole made in it, and the wind of last week had broken it and as it was replaced on Monday it stood the wind, but the others broke, making a severe loss to the company.

**Ball Swats Roy's Nose.**  
Last week there was a basketball game between the Murdock team and one of Unadilla and which was very closely contested, but with the result that the home team was able to win over the visitors by a score of 15 to 11. During the playing the ball was sent flying through the air and struck Postmaster Roy Gorthey on the face and nose, leaving the nose with a decidedly crooked appearance. Roy did not have anything done with the nose, hoping it might come out all right in the end.

**Four Square Club.**  
The Four Square club held their regular meeting Nov. 24th, 1930 in the school building. Thirteen members were present. Fifteen minutes were given to Parliamentary Drill which was spirited and interesting. Special meeting Dec. 1st will be held in the school building for extra drill in parliamentary work and reviewing our songs. At this meeting magazine articles pertaining to finances, records and accounts will be read and discussed. Several members signed the new law book which is being held in Elmwood some time in January. The date will be given out later.

The large blue print chart portraying records for a family of eight was helpful in keeping the interest of the members while it was being explained by the leaders. Our club has only one farm woman member so the farm production part of the lesson was not discussed at any length as the farm woman member was not present at this meeting. Seeing expenditures in black and white daily, assorted in the special columns of the chart under the heads of food, clothing and operating is very convincing of how, why and by whom our expenses are made, and to the wise homemaker will do much toward bringing about an adjustment of family living that will have an influence, not only for the betterment of her immediate family but for the community in which she lives. Our club members feel that extension project work is very much worth while.—Mrs. H. A. Tool, reporter.

**Famous Cities of the Bible.**  
ROME—XIX  
This epistle of Paul's is the last one written from Rome. Timothy was one of Paul's converts, he became Bishop of Ephesus. The time this letter was written, was during his second imprisonment, about 67 or 68 A. D. The style in no epistle does the true, loving, undoubted and

trustful heart of the great Apostle, speak in more consolatory, yet more moving accents; in no portion of his writings is there a loftier tone of Christian courage, than that which pervades these letters to speak, dying words, nowhere a holier rapture, than that with which the reward and crown of faithful labor is contemplated as now exceeding night at hand. While at the time of writing, a fierce persecution under Nero was in progress, Paul forsook a very trying time for Timothy and the church, hence his exhortation to be firm and steadfast; to be bold and frank in his testimony 1:8; showing by his own example for our encouragement, what a follower of Jesus Christ has to expect, 1: 12; pointing out to Timothy, that, in these trying times, when the faith of the disciples was put to a test, how they failed him, 1: 13; but gives due credit to that staunch friend and brother Onesiphorus, how he visited him and refreshed him, 1: 16.

Times have not changed much, since this epistle was written. Conditions are much the same. Our present day preaching and teaching has not any of the elements of Chapter 2, in it, we have taken a different attitude; we make it so easy for man, that we have produced a church membership, that is "neither fervent, nor zealous, nor of good will, nor strength of character, to endure hardness as a soldier of Jesus Christ" 2: 3; nor will man consecrate his life to the Lord, like a soldier to him that choose him; nor will men put forth the energy and endurance in the race for the prize that is set before us, 2: 5; hence we have a phlegmatic, cold, lifeless church.

The reading of the epistle ought to stir up the preachers, that they put forth effort, that Paul's exhortation to Timothy, verse 15, should be their aim. The warning in Chapter 3, is a very timely one; the preacher must be able to read the signs of the times, and be instantly able to point them out and combat them with the word of truth. What a responsible position does the preacher occupy? It would seem, that he must enter the pulpit, with fear and trembling, when he preaches "the word." The eternal destiny of some immortal soul, may depend upon that sermon. When we ponder the injunction to Timothy 4:5, "do the work of an Evangelist," then it seems that many preachers of today fall short. Few follow this injunction, hence the many "hired Evangelists," hence the superficial work, and the condition of the church, no life, no power, no progress.

The verses 6, 7, 8, Chapter 4, read like a valedictory. What a comfort and consolation must it be, if the preacher can look back on his life's work as a minister and pastor and look the Master in the face without flinching and say: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

Paul's imprisonment in Rome, has opened this prolific writer's heart to the world, and we can see the deep concern and solicitude he had for the Kingdom and individuals. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, he has left the church a legacy, if properly understood and used, will secure a live, vigorous, active church, that will fit to be the bride of Lamb, and occupy in that great day, the place of honor, in the Father's house.

This ends the writings of Paul from Rome. The world would have lost a great deal had this man not been put in prison. We also think of John Bayan in Medford prison, that gave us "Pilgrims Progress."

**CHANGE OF VENUE SOUGHT**  
Central City—Judge Louis Lightner in district court here on Wednesday announced that he would take the plea for a new trial and a change of venue of Peter E. Van Allen, convicted last month of robbing the Farmers National bank of this city of \$1,338, under advisement and would announce his decision on Dec. 4.

Judge Lightner listened to arguments from both counsels for the defense, Attorney Walters of Columbus, and Attorney Patterson of Central City, and County Attorney Raecke, who handled the case for the state. Van Allen's attorneys based their plea for a new trial and the change of venue on alleged lack of evidence presented during the trial by the state. Declaring that, to this date, the state had failed to discover the whereabouts of the car driven by the bank robber; had never recovered any of the stolen money, nor had definitely proved that Van Allen had been even away from his home near Platte Center on the day of the bank robbery, Van Allen's counsel maintained that the jury had rendered a prejudiced verdict.

County Attorney Raecke in answering the arguments of the defense counsels stated that witnesses for the state had positively identified Van Allen as the man who held up the cashier of the Farmers National bank, took the money and disappeared. He also introduced affidavits made by the members of the jury that convicted Van Allen which stated that, in their opinion, their verdict had been reached after just and due consideration of the testimony offered during the trial, that they believed Van Allen to be the guilty party and would not favor a new trial or a change of venue.

**DAVID BELASCO BETTER. HAS COMFORTABLE NIGHT**  
New York, Nov. 27.—David Belasco, theatrical producer, Thursday was reported to have passed a comfortable night and to be in improved condition, and due consideration of the testimony offered during the trial, that they believed Van Allen to be the guilty party and would not favor a new trial or a change of venue.

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# FOOT HEALTH TALKS: 'Why the Foot May Require A Reasonable Height of Heel'



**A Method of Computing Heel Height.**  
Do you realize the intimate connection between the height of the foot and the strength of the muscles of the leg? Exercise is necessary to keep the leg muscles in condition to exert muscular effort. There are certain compensatory changes in the muscles and in the position of the limbs and back. But the foot may become accustomed to a reasonable height of heel. The development of the use of heels may be very gradual, bearing in mind the fact that the muscles of the leg are not as strong as they were in a distorted position, overtax its strength without giving it sufficient rest, and give it no more attention than is required for personal cleanliness. But nature will not be cheated and we pay the price of our thoughtlessness.

When a woman who has not had the opportunity to adopt high-heeled shoes, there is a tendency to tip the body forward and to overcome this tendency she is obliged to exert muscular effort. There are certain compensatory changes in the muscles and in the position of the limbs and back. But the foot may become accustomed to a reasonable height of heel. The development of the use of heels may be very gradual, bearing in mind the fact that the muscles of the leg are not as strong as they were in a distorted position, overtax its strength without giving it sufficient rest, and give it no more attention than is required for personal cleanliness. But nature will not be cheated and we pay the price of our thoughtlessness.

By DR. WM. M. SCHOLL  
"My feet are my greatest source

of pain and discomfort," writes a correspondent, "and have been for years, though I remember no such condition before I reached my teens for I was continually barefoot at the time. Now I can scarcely walk across the floor barefoot. My feet are so tender the trouble started when I was a girl of seventeen. Like all girls I wore a pair of shoes I liked, whether they fitted or not. But for the last two years I have discontinued tight, high-heeled shoes. Are high heels harmful?"

No. A reasonable height of heel is not necessarily harmful. There are cases where it is advisable. Of course, I have seen many cases where illness has followed the use of high heels due to improper balancing of the body weight. Truth is we abuse the foot more than any other part of the human anatomy. We crowd it into tight, high-heeled shoes, walk upon it in a distorted position, overtax its strength without giving it sufficient rest, and give it no more attention than is required for personal cleanliness. But nature will not be cheated and we pay the price of our thoughtlessness.

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## METHOD BY WHICH REQUIRED HEIGHT OF HEEL IS COMPUTED

The foot must be expertly placed with the long end of the square parallel to a straight line from the base of the toe to the heel. It is then, in a relaxed condition, in the position of the high-heeled shoe. The space thus left between the heel and the sole should indicate the correct height, but computation must be made by an expert. Reasonably high heels are not necessarily harmful, but extremely high heels are injurious. Don't change suddenly from high to low and low to high heels.

## Transfer of Public Domain is Considered

**Plan Adopted by Hoover's Committee Represents a Compromise Between Views.**

Washington—Transfer of the public domain to the states, with the reservation by the government of subsurface rights in known mineral areas will be the basis upon which final action will be taken in January by President Hoover's public lands committee. The tentative plan decided upon by the committee represents a compromise between the positions of the government and the states. Secretary Wilbur's original suggestion was that only surface rights be yielded, while representatives of many of the eleven public land states insisted that subsurface rights be included in the transfer. Tentative proposals voted by the committee include:

That the president and secretary of the interior be given power to negotiate with the states, at the states' request, to provide for the transfer.

That a survey be made by federal and state representatives to determine government needs for forest preserves, parks, national monuments, power sites, fuel supplies, etc. State administration and policing of the acreage and recognition of states' methods of range control. Completion of the survey of all public lands by the government.

Control of natural resources by the government during the transition period to prevent undue upsets. Continuance of the present method of disposing of revenues from oil and gas leases.

Sale of power developed upon reclamation projects to repay costs of the reclamation, and division of later income into 10 per cent for the government; 37 1/2 per cent to the states; and 52 1/2 per cent to the reclamation fund.

**Farm Relief Provided.**  
Flood control by the government where needed, under a policy similar to that pursued in the Mississippi valley. Provision by congress for a farm relief fund to repay irrigation districts thru loans on the basis of appraised lands. Continuance by the government of the federal highway program on a more equitable basis for states with great areas but of small population. Interstate agreements covering water control and elimination of theories of federal ownership and control, with the dismissal of all pending cases predicated upon such policies. Recognition of state sovereignty in dealing with control, development and utilization of resources, with the assistance of the government where more than one state is involved.

**Nebraska Is in List.**  
Many of the major suggestions agreed upon by the committee were advocated by Nevada, in which lies nearly one-third of the remaining 178,969,446 acres of public domain. The balance of the larger units is divided among Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming. Smaller acreage is in North and South Dakota, Florida, Arkansas, Nebraska, Minnesota and Washington.

Transfer of the land would not do away with the chief administrative duties of the general land office, as completion of surveys and other details would require several years, and other duties of the land office would be unchanged.

—State Journal.

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## RAID ON A ROOMING HOUSE

Springfield, Ill.—A raid on a rooming house which police believe was headquarters of the gang which planned both the Rochester and Kincaid bank robberies of Wednesday failed to produce anything Thursday except the wife of one of the robbers and his sister. They were not held. Under bonds totaling \$375,000 the quartet of Rochester bank robbers was in jail Thursday morning, holding no prospect of release. It would take scheduling of half a million dollars in real estate, to get them out. Possibility that three of them are Chicago gangsters, was seen in the discovery that one of their automobiles was stolen in Chicago Tuesday night. The five men who robbed the Kincaid Trust and Savings bank made their escape. A check up showed they had gotten \$3,000 in cash and \$2,000 in railway expense checks.

## Circus Train Burns, Freeing Wild Animals

**From 12 to 20 Circus Folk Caught in Berths, Burned to Death—Lions and Bears Loose**

Mexico City, Nov. 27.—Lions, bears, tigers and elephants, wild in a new-found freedom from circus cages and control, roamed the Guadalupe mountains today as charro and haciendo owners banded to track them down and either kill or return them to captivity.

At Irapuato 18 members of the Beas circus, one of the largest in Mexico, lay in hospital beds, badly burned from fires which swept their train early yesterday, killing from 12 to 20 of their associates and looting the menagerie. Fourteen bodies have been recovered.

The fire occurred at Guadalupe station, near Irapuato, where the circus train was being switched. Some of the coaches were backed into tank cars filled with gasoline. The fuel, sprayed into the wooden coaches, caught fire and in a few minutes the entire train was in flames.

Circus performers and employees clad in nightclothes, escaped from the coaches as best they could, only to meet a new peril, the maddened animals which were getting loose from their cages as the fire burned the cars about them.

Finally guns were secured and some of the more ferocious beasts were killed. The others fled.

A passenger train to Guadalupe, dispatched to Excelsior said, was stopped on the track nearby and some of the lions entered the coaches. Frightened passengers broke out windows of their berths to escape.

The elephants stampeded once they broke from their cars, and raged through the town cutting a swath of destruction.

The passenger train from Mexico City arrived at Guadalupe 10 hours late today because of the delay at the scene of the circus train blaze.—World-Herald.

## BLAMED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Sioux City—County authorities late Friday arrested Earl Stouffer of Whiting, Ia., in accordance with instructions given them by county officials of Story county, Ia. Stouffer is held for questioning in connection with an auto accident near Nevada, Ia., Thursday which resulted in the fatal injury of W. J. Lininger, former Omaha man. Lininger was found lying near his wrecked car, his legs and arms frozen, and suffering from exposure and injuries. He died in a Nevada hospital. The body was taken from Nevada to Omaha Friday by relatives.

The fact that the fenders and wheels of Lininger's car were not damaged led officials to believe the machine crashed into a parked truck. Lininger was found lying on a smashed door of the car. Authorities believe he was placed on the door by the driver of the truck.

Mrs. J. H. Palczek was a visitor in Omaha today where she spent a few hours attending to some matters of business.

## World Arms in Defiance of the League

**Figures Show That Billions Are Being Spent in Preparation for the Next War.**

Geneva, Nov. 27.—During the 11 years the League of Nations has talked about disarmament but failed to achieve it, preparations for another war have proceeded at a rapid pace. The world is heavily armed today, with expenditures for military purposes increasing, chiefly in Europe, where the competitive arms race shows no signs of abating.

Based on figures before the preparatory disarmament commission now in session here, the total annual military budgets in the world reach the staggering figure of \$4,500,000,000. Three countries—France, Great Britain and the United States—are responsible for about one-third of the total.

This is the commission's seventh sitting in five years, and although many resolutions have been adopted, no agreement or even a preliminary formula for world disarmament has come from the league.

Even the two naval armament treaties—that of Washington in 1922 and London this year—resulted from the initiative of a non-league member—America.

Civil figures in voluminous league documents which grow thicker almost daily, reveal the feverish military activities of the world. Aggregate annual exports and imports of arms and munitions are higher now than seven years ago. Great Britain, with 34 per cent leads the world in arms exports. Strife-torn China with 16.3 per cent, imported the most arms and munitions.

France tops the list of major powers, the percentage of increase in its military and naval expenditures since 1926, while Great Britain and Italy report slight reductions.

Nations whose military budgets have been increased, some of them heavily, include Japan, Soviet Russia, the United States, Rumania, Belgium, Germany, Jugoslavia and Czechoslovakia.

France makes no secret of its preparation. Andre Tardieu, French premier, recently boasted that no French government had done more than his for the defense of the frontiers. In a similar vein, M. Maginot, French minister for war, declared:

"We must have a standing army—an army which would prevent the possibility of an armistice, which might end in defeat instead of victory."

Air and land armaments, subject to no limitation, are swelling at a steady rate, with Japan the latest large power to increase the air budget.

Only the central powers, bound tightly by the Versailles treaty, are lagging in the armament race, but they are building steadily upward within the treaty limitations.—Omaha Bee-News.

## KELLOGG GREATLY PLEASED

The Hague—Frank B. Kellogg, former American secretary of state, was deeply affected Thursday night when informed that he had been awarded the Nobel prize for 1929. He found himself completely at a loss for words in which to express his emotions and was rendered the more anxious to make no statement by the fact he had received no official word from Oslo. He did, however, say that in his opinion it was the highest honor any man could receive, and he was exceedingly gratified. Mr. Kellogg, the guest of honor at a banquet here tonight was the center of a great ovation.

## QUAKE-FLOOD DAMAGE HIGH

Santiago—An earthquake, fire and floods Thursday ravaged the north central part of Chile, causing damage estimated at more than one million pesos, (about \$130,000.) The busy seaport city of Coquimbo was shaken by a short but sharp quake, throwing the inhabitants into a panic, broke out in the business section and an entire block was leveled before it could be subdued.

Floods resulting from the melting of heavy spring snows in the Andes are ravaging early lands along the rivers Huasco and Copiapo.

Everything that's new in Christmas cards will be found at the Bates Book Store and the new stationery and office supply department at the Journal office. Look them over.

## COOLIDGE PORRIDGE LIKED

Washington—Calvin Coolidge enjoys "warmed up" wheat and rye porridge for breakfast. Sam H. McKelvie, grain member of the farm board, is authority for the fact that it is good. With Mrs. McKelvie, the farm board member visited President and Mrs. Coolidge in the Black Hills when they summured there.

"At breakfast," McKelvie says in the farm board publication, "a food was served that I very much enjoyed. The president said he ate it regularly for breakfast and added: "It is made of two parts of wheat and one of rye. It is cooked whole without grinding. The grain is just as it comes from the field and is put in a double boiler and cooked until the kernels of wheat burst open. This sometimes takes four or five hours. We cook up a batch of it, put it into the ice chest, and get some out and warm it each morning. I suppose it will last a week or ten days without getting sour."

## Green Would Resist Lowering of Wages

Scores as Public Enemies Employers Seek to Lower the Standard of Living

Washington—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, Thursday night classified as "public enemies" those employers "who are taking distress to lower living standards thru forced reduction of wages." In a statement he said that the employers who passed any law referred "are found in the textile, bituminous coal and boot and shoe industries and in some other miscellaneous manufacturing enterprises."

Green said it was the "patriotic duty of American workers to resist, with all the power they possess, any attempt of employers and corporations to reduce wages or lower the standards which have been set."

"The wrongs which they are perpetrating," he said, "are against the public and are undermining our national economic structure at a time when the leaders in government and public spirited people are striving to maintain wage standards so that we can facilitate and hasten a return to normal conditions."

"Because of their action a substantial decrease in the purchasing power of these workers will become their victims, is brought about in such a way that the day of returning prosperity and normal industrial activity is being delayed and an injury is being inflicted on those industries where employers and workers are heroically endeavoring to maintain established wage standards."

Green said the government had committed itself to the maintenance of wage schedules and working standards and it was the duty of all working people "to support this policy and to hold fast to the wage levels already established."—State Journal.