

Slash in Rail Freight Rates Urged by Wallace

Agriculture Just Coming Out of Severest Depression Ever Experienced, Secretary Says.

Washington, Dec. 15.—There will be a general readjustment of industrial and agricultural production in the United States unless some reduction in the United States unless some reductions are made by railroads in rates on agricultural products, Secretary Wallace of the Agricultural Department testified before the Interstate Commerce commission. The hearing was on an application of western states for a reduction in the rates on grain, grain products and hay.

The agricultural industry is passing through, or rather is just coming out of a depression which is the severest ever experienced, Secretary Wallace said. Prices on the products of farms have been lower during previous depressions, but they never have been so low when compared to the prices of things which farmers buy.

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Mother Collins Dies from Fall Injuries



Kearney, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Mrs. Eliza "Mother" Collins, 93, died at her home here today from injuries received in a fall two weeks ago.

"Mother" Collins was the widow of Rev. Asbury Collins, one of the founders of the Methodist church in Nebraska and a missionary among the Sioux and Pawnee Indians before the state was settled by white colonists. Mrs. Collins was said to be the first white woman to make her home permanently in Nebraska.

All Kearney joined in paying respects to Mother Collins on the event of her 90th birthday anniversary.

In 1875, after her son, Milton, had been killed by a drunken cowboy, Mother Collins organized the first Woman's Christian Temperance union in the state.

Reparations Modification Demand of United States

"Tactful Pressure" Exchanged for More Direct Methods—Relief Sought for Western Farmers by Opening of European Markets—Morgan Plans German Loan.

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Washington, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The western farmer is today exerting a powerful influence upon the determination of the American policy towards pending important international settlements, including German reparations, it was learned yesterday. The United States is using its influence to induce France to withdraw from the Ruhr and upon the allied nations to fix a more moderate reparations payment from Germany.

The Harding administration, looking upon the opening of world markets for the United States as essential for the rehabilitation of the farmer, sees little opportunity to bring this about without settlements in Europe. The "tactful pressure," which this country has hitherto exerted upon Europe, is being exchanged for a more direct one.

The motives actuating this country are both humane and in a lesser degree probably selfish. The White House and the State department are using this government's influence for the betterment of mankind and at the same time are not ignoring the interests of the United States.

Must Reopen Markets.
It is recognized that, after all, the surplus of food products continues to fix the home price and with finances wrecked, with credits nullified, there is little hope to be placed in the establishment of foreign and domestic credits, in cheaper transportation and in other palliatives unless the European market for the products of the western farmer are reopened. This cannot be done unless the European chaos is reduced to order. The first fruits of the patient and wisely directed policy of this government, which has kept out the entanglements of the league and left us our initiative, is beginning to bear fruit.

Support of the plan which J. P. Morgan is understood to have urged upon President Harding and Secretary of State Hughes Wednesday, for American participation in the settlement of the reparations question and approval of a private loan to Germany to rehabilitate her finances, was voiced in high government circles here today.

Crisis Is Near.
The American government believes, it was made known, that the crisis in German financial affairs is likely to be reached some time next spring. Germany is credited with possessing about three-quarters of its usual food supply with no visible assets with which to purchase more. This supply, despite any economies that may be applied by the Germans, is expected to be exhausted by spring. While the Germans might by some expedient or other device ways and means of purchasing additional food supplies, the outlook is not believed favorable.

Germany is regarded as running largely on momentum, now, and once its artificial system breaks down completely, anything from bolshevism

to complete anarchy might result. Starvation in Germany is anticipated, unless some means may be found of rescuing it from the chaos which its reckless issuance of marks and the consequent financial breakdown of the country has precipitated.

Explanations made by government officials indicate the administration believe that the first essential to financial relief of Germany is settlement of the reparations question on the basis of Germany's ability to pay. There are increasing indications that the administration believes that the proper application of American influence in a more moderate reparations sentence upon Germany necessitates participation by the United States in the work of the reparations commission.

It is recognized that any such move of the irresolvable in the senate, is likely to arouse the ire of some but the administration forces are veering to the belief this will have to be ventured.

Whenever a reparations settlement is reached which will be within the possibility of Germany to meet, the American government, its spokesmen indicate, will be willing to lend approval to the movement to float a German loan in an effort to stabilize the German financial world.

In this connection, two things are made clear, one is that in the settlement of the reparations question the government of the United States holds that the inter-allied debt must not be interposed. Forgiveness of the foreign debts, it is believed, would not affect Germany's ability to meet its reparations obligations in the slightest degree.

The other is that the government of the United States will not undertake to loan any money to Germany. Under certain conditions, it will approve the flotation of a loan from private sources.

It is estimated the loan which Germany will require is in the neighborhood of \$1,500,000,000, a large part of which, it is believed, would be subscribed by Germans themselves. A large share of it would have to be placed in the United States.

The Germans themselves, it is discovered, have entered into a second cycle of their pyramided finances. German assets, including securities, bonds and other tangible evidences of property, are being deposited in the United States and other countries outside of Germany.

No attempt is made to estimate the amount of these securities so deposited, but it is assumed they represent the major share of liquid German assets.

German financial leaders are borrowing money on these securities, registered in the form of dollars, in German marks, so that when they repay their domestic loans, they are not compelled to bear the burden of further depreciation of German money.

The result of these transactions is that actual German assets are frozen, so far as financial operations in Germany are concerned, making the collections of reparations more difficult and additionally complicated.

Two Piano Radio Concerts Given
Sophie Naimska and Mrs. Albertsen Play for The Omaha Bee.

Miss Sophie Naimska and Mrs. J. M. Albertsen Thursday night played one of the most finished and pleasing concerts The Omaha Bee has yet broadcast, from Schmoller & Mueller auditorium via station WAAW.

They gave a two-piano program, a rather unusual radio feature, and chose compositions which are well known to musicians, yet which had classical value. Miss Naimska and Mrs. Albertsen have played concerts together several times and kept perfect time throughout.

Their first number, a "Waltz Brilliant" by Low, lived up to its name, and their second, Durand's "Pomponette," was noticeable for its sparkling quality. It was rendered with lightness and with careful phrase work. "Intermede," by Chaminade, was full of crashing crescendos and unexpected and delicate diminuendos. It was skillfully done.

The pianists saved for the last number Strauss' "Fantasie Brillante" from the opera "Fledermaus." This was perhaps the most brilliant number of the performance, and its varying moods were charmingly interpreted.

The concert was given on Steinway pianos.

Denver Hears Bee Program.
Radio Editor: About 7:30 o'clock, mountain time, Tuesday evening, December 12, I picked up your station and heard plainly your Chicago, Omaha and Kansas City market, stock and grain reports, also the instructions regarding the mailing of Christmas packages and about War Savings Stamps. Later I heard your story teller tell a Jack Rabbit story.

This was my first attempt at picking up long distance stations and was accomplished on a simple hand made single tube set without amplification.

I would appreciate a reply confirming this reception and would like also a program of your future broadcasts if you send them out.

While I am the merest novice at the game I could not help but appreciate the clearness and strength of your signals and how well they came in through the interference of nearer stations. I want to thank you for your entertainment and will most surely search the air for you again. Yours very truly,

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How Weather Affects Radio

Signals Fade and Swing in Winter Because of Ionization.

Observations made during winter months show that good radio transmission across overland distances at night usually is preceded the day before by cloudy conditions in the region across which the message is to be sent. Particular experiments, conducted by 60 cases of good transmission 48 have followed a generally cloudy sky over the area in which the experiments were carried on. Of the remaining 16 cases, a majority fell during the shortest days of the year when the hours of sunlight were few. Signals broadcast just at dusk, during cloudy conditions, have covered a radius of 300 miles, and less than an hour later, after darkness had set in, signals from the same transmitter were clearly heard for 1,000 miles. The barometric pressure was low on the days preceding 24 of the 60 cases of transmission, and in areas of low barometer the sky usually is cloudy. In only two of the 24 cases was there a record of bad transmission.

Operators of radio receiving sets will observe a swinging or fading of signals during the winter. Especially is this true of distant stations whose signals at times will be of sufficient intensity to blank out the music, voice or code of nearby transmitters. The effect may last for a considerable time and then suddenly die or gradually fade away. It is thought that fading and swinging of radio signals are caused by ionization of the atmosphere. However, these variations cannot be absolutely established.

although at the present time no experimental fact reverses the theory. From the electric standpoint, the atmosphere is not a perfect dielectric or insulator for the gases constituting it are ionized by the influence of cathodic rays from the sun, bombardment by cosmic dusts, ultra violet rays and radio active substances constituting the terrestrial crust.

Prisoners Riot When Lunch Is Dropped From Jail Fare

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.—Announcement of a reduction from three to two meals a day resulted in a demonstration by prisoners in the Lincoln Heights jail yesterday.

When the lunch hour passed without lunch, the hundred prisoners, led by the police said, by 25 men said to be Industrial Workers of the World, serving short terms for picketing, raised red flags and beat upon the cell doors and walls.

The 19 guards on duty at that branch of the city jail were unable to quell the disturbance, so help was sent from Central, Hollywood and Hollenbeck Heights stations.

With the arrival of the reinforcements the trouble soon ended.

Uncle Sam Says

Whooping Cough.
This booklet which is issued by the United States Public Health Service tells of the symptoms of whooping cough, and, in the absence of complications, gives suggestions for its treatment.

Whooping cough is one of the most serious diseases of childhood, both in its immediate and remote effects, and is spoken of by the Public Health Service as the disease for which familiarity has bred contempt.

Readers of The Omaha Bee may obtain a copy of this booklet free as long as the free edition lasts by writing to the United States Public Health Service, Washington, D. C., asking for "Reprint 100."



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It Is Religion

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