

Farmer Leader Hurls Challenge at Board of Trade

Pledges Made by Grain Exchanges Were Insincere, Says President of U. S. Grain Growers.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—The challenge to battle was thrown down to the Chicago Board of Trade and other grain exchanges of the country in the address of E. H. Cunningham, president of the United States Grain Growers' Inc., at the convention of the American Farm Bureau federation.

Mr. Cunningham reviewed his efforts as representative of the farmers' organization to obtain seats in the grain exchanges in order to sell farm products direct. He was told, he said, that "if he came regular, he would be welcomed." He complied with all regulations, he said, and was refused admittance.

Sung Promises. Mr. Cunningham said in part: "For a quarter of a century has been sung the promise to the farmers, 'If you will abide by the rules we welcome you in.' Over the protest of such men as Nelson B. Updike of Omaha and Leslie F. Gates of Chicago, Bernard M. Baruch of New York, Frank Q. Wetmore and Alexander Lege of Chicago, the grain exchanges made a mockery out of that pledge. It was done after deliberate action and I want to state today that it was the studied action of the present official administration of the Chicago Board of Trade. There is only one conclusion that we can draw, and that is that the pledge made and re-called all over this land to the grower of grain by the exchanges was insincere and never intended to be performed.

"We took the grain exchanges at their word. They have deceived us. They have played the part of the hypocrite. They are now challenging in the supreme court of the United States our right to market grain on the exchanges. And my reply to the grain exchanges of the country today is that the American farmer accepts the gage of battle and is prepared to fight for and to defend his rights to sit on the seat of the grain exchange, and vigilantly see that the grain which he produces by the sweat of his face in God's sunlight is honestly measured and fairly valued as it moves through these great gateways of commerce to where it may feed this nation and by export the peoples beyond the sea.

"When an institution like the Chicago Board of Trade, which carries the will of society and defies the mandates of the people's representatives in congress; when it disregards in utter ruthlessness its public pledges made after solemn consideration; when it seeks to dominate the other grain exchanges by its course of propaganda so intricate, inviolable and far-reaching as to strike at the foundations of our national life, it is time for men to speak. It is time to curb this institution which has erected itself in our midst.

"I want the organized farmers to take up the gage of battle which has been hurled at their feet. I want to see legislation supplemental to federal law enacted at the coming sessions of the legislature in all of the grain states of the country which will afford relief. This legislation should compel admission of lawful producer-owned companies to the grain exchanges."

Man Thwarts Armed Holdup; Saves Between '\$20 and \$100' Charles Richards, 33, tire builder for the Sprague Tire & Rubber company, was walking east on Dodge street, on his way home to 2025 St. Marys avenue, at 1 yesterday morning, when he met a man walking west. The other man drew a nickel-plated revolver from his overcoat pocket and ordered Richards to stick his hands in the air. "I reached to grab the gun," Richards told police. "He took a step backward and told me to 'stick 'em up' again. I stepped forward and made another grab at the gun, and he said, 'Go on down the street.' I saved more than \$20 and less than \$100."

Cold Wave Flag Is Hoisted; Zero Weather Predicted The cold wave flag was run up the mast on top of the weather bureau yesterday morning for the third time last week. "Zero by Sunday morning," said Meteorologist Robins, "and zero to 10 below out through the state," he added grimly. The lowest here yesterday morning was 19 at 7 o'clock. Valentine, in the western part of the state, had 8 below yesterday morning.

Stepsons Lose Suit. Mrs. Martha De France won out in the legal battle with her stepsons, J. Noble and Virgil, when a jury brought in a decision in her favor after 45 minutes' deliberation Friday night. The stepsons asked the court in the suit to forfeit to the woman's share in the Dundee home left her in the will of Wesley DeFrance, prominent Omaha attorney, alleging nonsupport. They charged that their stepmother willfully neglected Virgil while he was still a minor and did not provide proper clothes and food for him.

Wally Reid "Fighting for His Life" in Sanitarium

Under Care of Two Doctors and Two Nurses, Says Wife.

Los Angeles, Dec. 16.—Wallace Reid, film actor, is "fighting for his life" in a small Hollywood sanitarium, according to a story of the Los Angeles Times, published today, quoting his wife, known professionally as Dorothy Davenport, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Alice Davenport.

Reid suffered a breakdown nearly two months ago after his health had been failing for three years, they said, and for several weeks he has been under the care of two physicians and two male nurses. They said they believed "the big struggle was over" and that plans for the immediate future included nothing more than to "nurse him back to health and to his place in the motion picture world."

Sometime ago, it was announced, the actor's eyes were troubling him and later that he had gone into the mountains for a rest. It was about a week after his return from the



Wallace Reid.

mountains that his condition necessitated his going to a sanitarium, it was said.

90 Candles on Birthday Cake

Adolph Storrs, Bellevue Pioneer, Celebrates in Old-Fashioned Style.

Ninety years old yesterday, with his four children all near him and many old friends and neighbors gathering to do him honor, Adolph Storrs of Bellevue celebrated his birthday anniversary last night in good old-fashioned style with visiting and dancing to old-time tunes from the fiddle of C. M. Garner, himself over 70. The party took place at the home of Storrs' son, W. H. Storrs. His three daughters, Mrs. Etta Zurker and Miss Harriet Anne Storrs, of Bellevue, and Mrs. Maggie Stevens of Genoa, Colo., attended the festivities.

There was a mammoth birthday cake made for Mr. Storrs by an old friend, Mrs. Sarah Patrick, and which bore 90 lighted candles. The house was bright with Christmas decorations, wreaths and holly and mistletoe.

Today Ike Clarke of Papillion, a lifelong friend of Mr. Storrs, paid him a birthday call and brought him a box of cigars. Mr. Clarke's father, Gus Clarke, who is now living in Beverly Hills, Cal., is almost as old as Mr. Storrs and the two came to Bellevue in the same year, 1857.

Among the other old friends who were present last night are Mrs. Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. W. Moise and Mrs. H. Laughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Kline of Bellevue, Edward Upjohn and his family of Fort Crook, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Devaney of Omaha.

Mr. Storrs is hale and hearty for his years. He makes a vegetable garden every summer and this winter, as usual, he is taking care of his cow and keeping a big woodpile stacked high with the logs he splits. His children and his neighbors are devoted to him and he lives within sight of the river which brought him to Nebraska 65 years ago.

Two Men Fined and Jailed for Dry Law Violation St. Colwell was sentenced to jail for two months and fined \$500, and Tim Galligan was sent to jail for a month and fined \$200 by Federal Judge Woodruff on charges of prohibition law violation.

The judge took the case of George Colwell under advisement and discharged Randolph Stevens. This is the case in which the evidence was kept in the office of Elmer Thomas, and when it was brought into court was found to be a mixture of some sort, but not the liquor it was thought to be. The place involved is 411 North Sixteenth street. The judge fixed the supersedeas bond at \$2,000 and the two men sentenced will take their case to the court of appeals.

22 "Dope" True Bills. The federal grand jury adjourned at noon Saturday until Monday after returning indictments against the following on "dope" charges: Rose White, William Sanford, Edward Smith, Sam Poston, Amos Madison, Charles Marley, Mattie King, Ethel Hawkins, Alexander Hill, Andrew Holley, Lucile Goldstein, Rex Giff, Ruth Dwyer, Arthur Dennison, John Davis, G. W. Bailey and W. P. Adams.

George Volker, Arthur Williams, Earl Noyes, George Dood and John Spickler of the Sedan Taxi company were reindicted on charges of conspiracy to violate the Harrison act.

Musical Show Cast Strikes. Chicago, Dec. 16.—Principals and chorus of the play, "Spice of 1922," went on strike last night because of alleged unpaid salaries and refused to stage their performance, making it necessary for the management to refund the audience its money. Miss Valaska Suratt was among those who demanded settlement, according to reports. Jack Lait, the author, was said to have pressed a claim of \$15,000 for alleged unpaid royalties.

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A Queer World

Bomb Explodes After 57 Years—"American Flapper Has No Soul."

After 57 Years. Opelousas, La., Dec. 16.—Tossed about for 57 years, in which time it served as an andiron and used in shotputting exercises and for other purposes, a bomb intended for use in the civil war, exploded, wrecking a tenement house on the plantation of A. E. Veltin, two miles south of here.

It was serving as an andiron when it exploded, no one being in the house at the time. The house was wrecked and burned. No Soul. Chicago, Dec. 16.—The American flapper has no soul, Dr. Nenemiah Boynton, Baptist divine, told the Young People's society at Moody tabernacle in an address last night.

The Chinese girl, he said, "is often prettier than the American girl. They are beautiful girls. For one thing, their hair is always black, their eyes are black, while their cheeks and lips are red, a natural red, nothing artificial about it." The old-fashioned mother who counseled her daughter to "meditate well," Dr. Boynton said, has been displaced by the modern mother, who warns her daughter to be sure "you have your manicure set with you."

"And this modern girl does not confine the use of the manicure set to her private apartment," he continued, "but you see it in evidence on street cars, elevators, crowded corners and everywhere else."

"One of your Chicago authors has said that she uses them so much that she is polished to perfection—on the outside. But the trouble is this flapper girl has no soul," and in their sober moments I fancy they long for something to polish them.

A Fragrant City. Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 16.—A mass of smashed bottles and the odor of alcohol spirits was all that remained last night of the \$100,000 rum cargo of the British schooner Message of Peace, destroyed here today by R. R. Kohloss, prohibition director, and United States Marshal R. W. Ward.

For three hours, the alley in the rear of the custom house was bombarded by the bottles hurled from the second floor windows. So great became the odor of whisky that it permeated the atmosphere of the entire city. According to a check of prohibition officials there were 1,000 cases thrown out.

Grateful Patrolman Sends Card to Fellow Officers. A Christmas card was received at Central police headquarters yesterday from Patrolman Frank Marchant, tuberculosis sufferer, who was sent to Arizona last summer with a purse of \$450 made up by his fellow officers.

The card read: "It's good to be living when Christmas is near. To mingle and walk at the end of the year in age and thought with each other and to greet all our friends with a word of a smile. And 'tis glad that I am to be sending the season's best wishes and greetings to you."

Merchant got better last fall and went to Denver, but suffered a relapse and had to return to Arizona. He receives \$2 a day from the police pension fund. Capt. P. H. Dillon stated another purse will be collected for him soon.

Watchman Held Responsible for Train Wreck Located. Austin, Tex., Dec. 16.—Joseph H. Smith, watchman, who is held responsible by a railroad board of inquiry for the train wreck at Humble, Tex., Wednesday night and who disappeared following the wreck, was located late yesterday at Hockley, Tex., by his son, Ervin J. Smith, according to a telegram to Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Smith said the telegram stated that her husband is suffering from shock and was unable to account for his presence in Hockley.

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Kansas to Drive Out Klan by Ban on Any Activities

Governor Allen Declares in Address He Will Make Disappear "Blazing Cross and Pasture Parties Where Men Terrorize Neighborhood."

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Dec. 16.—Kansas will not drive the Ku Klux Klan from the state by force but will expel it by refusing to permit it to do business within the state's boundaries, Governor Henry J. Allen declared in an address prepared for delivery today before the governors' conference.

A writ being sought in the Kansas supreme court, he said, would make disappear "the blazing cross and the pasture parties, where the men mask themselves, and put on a fantastic ceremony in the open field and terrorize an entire neighborhood." In Kansas, we are seeking to expel the Klan from the state," Governor Allen said. "I note by the press of the country that some misapprehension exists as to just what we mean by expelling the order, and the thought has been expressed that it is the intention of the state to drive out of the state the members of the Klan."

Ban Sought. "This is not at all what the action before the supreme court presupposes. Under the law of Kansas, every organization doing business within the state must be chartered. The Ku Klux Klan has a charter under the laws of Georgia, and the action now pending in the supreme court of the state is for the purpose of securing a writ forbidding the Klan to do business hereafter in Kansas. The essence of our opposition to this organization is not in the fact

that it fights the Catholic church, or expresses its antipathy to the Jew or to the negro, but in the fact that it does this under the protection of a mask and through the process of terrorism and violence.

"The organization is as dangerous to the Protestant as it is to the Catholic, the Jew or the negro, because it exists only when the authority of government has been broken down and destroyed. It brings chaos and hatred and menace to every law-abiding citizen, who may fall victims of the private quarrels and animosities of the men who hide their identity behind a mask."

Bad Fall Clips Year's Memory. The Dalles, Ore., Dec. 16.—When Henry J. Hulls, superintendent of construction for a building here, fell from a scaffolding yesterday he clipped a year from his memory. Regaining consciousness at a hospital last night he took up his train of thoughts at North Bend, Ore., where he had been engaged in working on a new hotel a year ago. Two X-ray photographs taken failed to reveal any skull or spinal injury and physicians are puzzled over the strange case of amnesia.

Hulls declared he could remember no events subsequent to the time he was in North Bend and it was with difficulty that he could be convinced that he was in The Dalles and had been here for nearly a year.

Man's Thoughts Revert to Work Engaged in 12 Months Ago.

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Moonshine Gang Leader Is Killed

Third U. S. Agent Slain Routing Band from Kentucky Stronghold.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 16.—Menfee county's "moonshine war" has ended after a week of campaigning in the hill country. Federal prohibition enforcement forces emerged victors, but not until three agents had been slain in clashes with the outlaws.

To balance their losses, the federal men today counted Roberts Ballard, reputed leader of the moonshiners, dead; his brother, Charles, wounded, and a fugitive in the hills, and Jeff Ballard, father, and Alfred Ballard, brother of the slain leader, together with Joseph Clem, William Ferguson and Henry Roffit, prisoners in jail here.

Automobile Knocks Down Painter; Driver Speeds to Safety Zone

While walking out to a street safety zone yesterday morning Walt Henkels, 28, painter, 2741 Avenue C Council Bluffs, was knocked down by Ford roadster, which did not stop. Henkels suffered a severe gash in the back of his head which required stitches at the emergency hospital at Central police headquarters, as he was unconscious for five minutes. An unidentified witness jotted down the number of the recent automobile and gave it to police, who had dispatched Sgt. George Emery to arrest the driver.

Debate Team Is Chosen. As a result of the try-outs last Wednesday, the following debate team was chosen at Central High school for the coming season: Dominick J. Noll, David Sher, Orving Changstro, Russell Millhouse, Loyal Quint, Helene Magrath and Beatrice Reinberg.

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