THE BEE: OMAHA, MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1922. first degree murder by a jury in dis- Wisconsin Representative Negro Convicted of

trict court here in connection with

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Plans Are Laid **Before Harding** Contolidation of Army and

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reorganization of the government departments, as worked out by Walter F. Brown, chairman of the joint discriminated against in obtaining congressional commission charged with that task, were laid before President Haring, but were not siven the preference. The men were

The proposals, however, are understood to be preliminary in nature. They are said to embody recommendations for the consolidation of the War and Navy departments into ong department to be known as the Department of National Defense and for creation of a new department to be called the Department of Public Welfare.

Would Have Secretary. The Department of National De fense, as it has been considered by Mr. Brown, would have a secretary and under that official under-secretaries each for war and for navy. The al that the Department of La-

Washington, Jan. 22 .- Five days consolidated with other buin the Department of Public have been allotted to the national agriculture conference which meets Monday to study conditions of the is understood to have been ned. Organized labor and s generally have opposed the farmers and suggest remedies. The program made publis showed out of the Labor department. sfer of bureaus to the pro- that the acute distress of the public welfare department and farmers is to be given first considera-ter departments is expected to tion, after which the conference will ing out of the recommendations. agricultural policy designed to avoid best information available was periods of depression such as at the principal transfers to be re-mended were: Other Transfers. President Harding will open the conference Monday and will be fol-

The bureaus of good roads and lowed by Secretary Wallace, who arkets from the Department ci will outline the purpose of the gathlowed by Secretary Wallace, who

griculture to the Department of ering. Representative Anderson, Minne-Commerce; the forest service from the Department of Agriculture to the sota, chairman of the joint congres-Interior department; the patent office sional commission of agricultural inand the bureau of education from the quiry, will speak on agricultural Interior department to the new Pub- prices and the stination.

lic Welfare department; the coast guard service from the Treasury to the Department of National Defense Monday through reports from repre-The agricultural situation and sugand the consolidation of all the secret sentatives of the leading agricultural service agencies in the Department regions. A. Sykes of Ida Grove, Ia., Debate in the senate several days will present the situation for the corn belt; John H. Hagen of Deering,

ago on the work of the commission N. D., for the wheat regions, and Fred Bixby of Long Beach, Cal., for developed that practically all the work done thus far had been done the range country. Mr. Brown, who was appointed the president and designated by him as chairman.

Beech Camp, M. W. A.,

on other industries. These include the implement, milking, packing and **Plans Unusual Ceremony** fertilizer industries. ech camp, Modern Woodmen, is planning the biggest meeting wood-craft in Douglas county has ever seen. The occasion is the installing of Ithaca, N. Y., followed by Eugene Meyer, jr., managing director of the War Finance corporation, on the of new officers next Friday, Janu-27, at the Swedish auditorium. A battalion of six forester teams, 100 financial emergency in agriculture. men, under command of Maj. Henry C. Stafford, will conduct the cere-mony. Kielston camp foresters of Tuesday by Wesley Mitchell of New

Michigan Miners, Idle Seven Months. Thorsdale Murder **Demand** Assistance Iron Mountain, Mich., Jan. 22-Two hundred and fifty miners, id idle

for seven months and preased by the bard times for food and clothing, walked in groups to the office of the county superintendent of poor and made a pitiable plea for assistance. "We must have food and clothes; i of Scheme. Washington, Jan. 22.—Plans for Washington, Jan. 22.—Plans for

they had no food to give them at times. The men claimed they had been

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The third year has passed since the armistice was signed, and the world is yet far from restored to normal working conditions, not to speak of recovery from the losses sustained in the conflict. In Europe much work has been done for the rebuilding or restoration of properties that were destroyed or that suffered deterioration, and progress has been made in the reorganization of production. The railroads are in much better condition than in 1919, the coal mines have been in part restored and industry generally, so far as physical facilities are concerned, is now able to operate in a fairly efficient manner. Moreover, social conditions are in some respects notably improved. The revolutionary spirit has subsided, the people appear to be willing to work. The crops in Europe west of Russia were good in 1921, the agricultural class is doing well, and in most of the countries on the continent that class is very powerful in the governments and exercises a conservative influence.

The most serious feature of the European situation is the state of the currencies, to which we gave some attention last month. The governments have been running upon a scale of expenditures ever since the war that they have been unable or unwilling to meet by taxation, and have resorted to currency issues to cover the deficits, until the position of some of them is critical. As yet, the peoples are not sufficiently impressed with the gravity of the situation to support the governments in necessary measures of reform. There is unwillingness, both on the parts of the governments and peoples, to face the stern conditions of the time. Production is reduced, trade is demoralized, the resources of the peoples are diminished, and until trese difficulties are overcome they must be met by adjustments in public and private expenditures. The fall of the German mark, and notice from the German government that it will not make the January reparations payments in full, has reopened the reparations question, which, of course, is the paramount issue in Europe.

Hopeful Signs.

Over and against these disquieting conditions there have been of late certain important developments, which give promise of substantial relief from some of the burdens of taxation, of better international relations and a better spirit in the world. The international conference, in Washington, after raising hopes very high, came to a disappointing conclusion upon the submarines, but this will not obscure its very substantial achievements. The prospect for a settlement of the status of Ireland which will give peace and the stimulus of new ambitions to the Irish people and at the same time relieve England from the expense and distraction which the Irish question has involved is also of large significance. The coabilitation and leadership of England is needed in the financial re-habilitation of Europe, and peace with Ireland is an important condition for its effective participation. Finally, there are signs in France of a growing appreciation of the necessity for maintain-



000,000, is proposed in a bill intro- aid materially in reducing large for- ously wounded Mrs. Anna Butler, as duced by Representative Frear, re-"idle rich," he said. publican, Wisconsin, a member of Washington, Jan. 22 .- A graduat- the ways and means committee. The

Des Moines, Jan. 22-Joe Wil-ams, negro, was found guilty of recommended Williams be executed. per cent on gifts in excess of \$10.

tunes now tending to create a class she emerged from her home and then turned the weapon on himself. inflicting a wound from which he died.

Bee Want Ads Bring Results



Elk City, under Captain Frey, will present the flag: Irvington camp foresters, under Captain Miller, will be honor squad to C. S. Spaulding, personal representative of Head Con-production sul A. R. Talbot: Bennington camp foresters, under Captain Grau, will he honor guard to Supreme Organizer Ralph Johnson; Omaha camp 120, foresters, under Captain Martin, will be honor guard to the installing officer, John S. King; B. and M. foresters (Omaha), under Captain Thompson, honor guard to State Deputy E. E. Kester, and Beech camp's foresters, under Captain Borat, will be the official ceremonial

team All Modern Woodmen of Douglas county are invited to be present and 600 Woodmen who reside in Omaha but who belong to camps others. scattered all over the country, are receiving formal invitations to at-

Neighbor Ray J. Sutton, consul-elect, who is responsible for the monster meeting, plans to make this year a record-breaker for Beech camp.

Economies Considered

at Rail Meet at Alliance Alliance, Neb., Jan. 22.-(Special.) -Further economies in railroad op-eration on the Alliance and adjour-ing divisions of the Burlington were discussed by superintendents and master mechanics of the district at a special meeting in Alliance. Those in attendance were General Super-intendent A. G. Smart and Division Superintendent F. G. Gurley; Super-intendent F. Cone and Master Me-chanic G. E. Johnson of Sheridan, Wyo.; Superintendent J. C. Grisin-Wyo.; Superintendent J. C. Grisin-ger and Master Mechanic C. E. Meltser of Casper, Wyo.; Superin-tendent C. C. Holdrif and Master Mechanic C. O. Davenport of Ster-ling, Colo., and L. E. Caldwell of the second the general manager's staff at Oma-ha. While railroad business was de-clared to be somewhat better than it was a year ago, the officials stat-ed that further economies must be brought about if the working forces are to be saved from further cuts

Medical Association Is

Formed by Western Doctors Alliance, Neb., Jan. 22.-(Special.) -The Twelfth district of the Ne-braska Medical association was organized at a special meeting of the physicians of Box Butte, Scotts Bluff, Morrill and Banner counties, held at Scottsbluff. Dr. Minor Mor-ris of Alliance was elected presi-dent Dr. F. Vanna of Casing units dent, Dr. F. Young of Gering, vice president, and Dr. George J. Hand of Alliance, secretary-treasurer. The new organization has a large memnew organization has a large membership and plans to meet twice a year. At the next meeting, to be held in April, Dr. J. P. Weyrens of Alliance and Dr. R. P. Stoops of Scottsbluff will give addresses.

Congress Asks Biography of Late Senator Millard of Late Senator Junited Postmaster Charles Black received a request Saturday to forward news-papers containing the biography of the het Senator Joseph H. Millard to the joint committee on printing, congress of the United States,

Beginning Tuesday, the afternoons will be given over to committee meetings along the general lines of production, financing, transportation and marketing. The mornings will be taken up with general sessions. Discussions from the floor on the five-minute rule will be permitted at the close of each conference session. To Outline Co-Operation.

Industries to Follow.

Representatives of allied industries

will follow with discussions telling of

The European situation, in its rela-

the effect of agricultural depression

Fundamentals of co-operative marketing will be outlined to the dele-gates Wednesday by G. Harold Powell of Los Angeles, and the position of the independent distributor by William L. Wagner of Chicago. Tenriinute discussions of marketing will also be heard Wednesday from Rob-

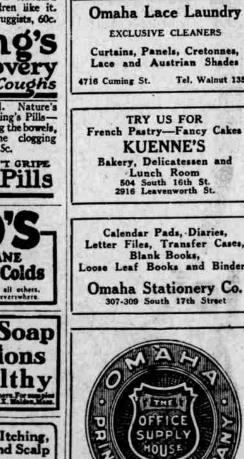
ert McDougal, president of the Chicago Board of Trade, among

Committees are expected to have their reports ready Thursday and Friday.

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ing the financial stability of all Europe, giving ground for hope that at the coming meeting of the supreme council of the allies some plan will be developed by which the immediate menace involved in the reparations situation will be removed. There are certain facts which must have consideration, whatever the judgment may be as to Germany's moral obligations. The state of world markets is not such as to make it possible for Germany to build up great export balances at this time, and as a matter of fact Germany's imports have exceeded its exports during the

Conditions in the United States.

In estimating the outlook for 1922 it is necessary to consider the causes of the depression and inquire to what extent they have been removed or are likely to be overcome. The rapid decline of the European demand for our products is one of the causes. As compared with the war years, our exports during the last year show a great falling off, but, as compared with years before the war, they are well above the latter in the aggregate, although not in all lines. Exports of cotton for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1921, were about 3,000,000 bales below the average of the five years next preceding the war, which is a sufficient explanation of the great fall in price of that commodity.

It cannot be confidently affirmed that the foreign demand for our products will increase in 1922 or even be maintained at the level of the last year. As to foodstuffs, much will depend upon European harvests. Agriculture will be restored everywhere but in Russia. The purchasing power of Europe seems now to depend chiefly upon mastering the currency problem, but there is a strong presumption that the countries will manage to export enough of their own products to buy food necessary to keep their people from starving.

One factor of importance in 1921 which probably will be re-duced in 1922 is the importations of gold. In 1921 they aggre-gated over \$600,000,000. This gold is believed to have come largely from Russia, and that source of supply must be nearly exhausted. Of the current output of the mines of South Africa and Australia, we probably will continue to get a share.

Unbalanced Industry.

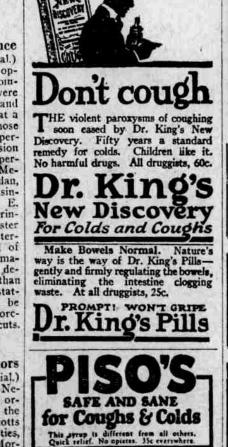
The principal factor in the depression is within the control of the American people. It exists in the unbalanced relationship between the prices of farm and other primary products on the one hand and the prices of manufactured goods, transportation service and various other products and services on the other hand. The final estimates of the Department of Agriculture upon the 1921 crops give them a market value to the farmers of \$8,000,000,000 below the value of the crop of 1919 and \$3,400,000,000 below the value of the crop of 1920. These are figures of great significance. The farmers have produced nearly as much in quantity, but it has been valued in the exchanges at less than one-half the figures of 1919. As other products and services have not declined in like degree, the farmers must buy much less, and all the industries are suffering in consequence.

It is useless to expect a return to normal conditions while this disparity of compensation between great bodies of producers exists. It is unfair and it establishes an effective blockage against a revival of business. It is time that the business community took cognizance of the situation, and set itself to the task of correcting The argument that stock on hand was purchased at higher prices has lost whatever force it ever had. Merchants who are interested in the return of prosperity should do their part for it, and one of their duties is to reduce operating costs.

In large part the situation is chargeable to the action of organized labor in clinging to war-time wage rates. Raw materials and foodstuffs have had a great decline at wholesale, but between the wholesale markets and consumers the cost of handling and manufacturing has not declined in like proportions. The effect is to obstruct the distribution of goods and throw millions of wage-earners out of employment, at the same time keeping up the cost of living on the entire wage-earning population. In the aggre-gate there is no gain, but a great loss, to the wage-earners as

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