

Markets for Export Proposed

Louisiana Governor Outlines Plan to Farmers' Conference for Extending Credit to Foreign Buyers.

Split in Meet Predicted

Washington, Jan. 25.—American agriculture as a whole "could profitably study" the factors that have contributed to the welfare of California in the face of general business depression.

Powell declared the success of cooperative marketing depended on the will of the farmer to cooperate and on the development of mutual confidence between those engaging in the movement.

Cooperative organizations, he should be composed exclusively of farmers and managed by farmers with the benefits returned to each as determined by its patronage.

"In the California Fruit Growers' exchange, for example," said Mr. Powell, "through which 10,500 members sell nearly \$100,000,000 worth of citrus fruit annually to the wholesale trade, the growers have formed more than 200 local associations, each owning its own packing house and managing its local affairs."

Over 100 Persons Spend Second Night on Ferry

Mackinac City, Mich., Jan. 25.—More than 100 passengers tonight are spending their second night on a Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic train, aboard the ferry Chief Wawatam, ice bound in the straits of Mackinac, with prospects of remaining marooned for some time.

Denver Woman Convicted of Taking Clothes and Gears

Denver, Jan. 25.—Mrs. Mary Kirby was found guilty today by a jury in the district court of stealing \$400 worth of wearing apparel, jewelry, from Mrs. Herbert S. De Solla, society matron, in whose home she was employed as a maid.

Mine Union Leader Taken on Charges of Treason

Bethley, W. Va., Jan. 25.—Lawrence Dwyer, international board member from district No. 28, United Mine Workers of America, was arrested on a capias from Logan county, where he is wanted to answer to an indictment charging treason.

A. Barton Heppburn Dies

New York, Jan. 25.—A. Barton Heppburn, financier, author and economist, died here this morning.

Mercier Is "Dark Horse" in Election of New Pope

Funeral of Benedict XV to Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon at 3 O'clock.

Rome, Jan. 25.—(By A. P.)—The funeral of Pope Benedict will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, it was announced at the Vatican today.



Cardinal Mercier

It is acknowledged on all sides that he is certain to poll more votes on the first ballot than any other foreign cardinal.

Interest in the election centers greatly upon its possible effect on the relations between the Vatican and the Italian government.

Borah Opposes Plan to Adjust Foreign Debts

Senator Says Attempt to Settle Problem Is Futile While Versailles Pact Remains "Law of Europe."

Washington, Jan. 25.—Discussion of economic conditions in Europe and an attack upon the constitutionality of the measure marked senate debate today on the allied debt refunding bill.

New York Report Condemns Plan for Waterway

Commission Appointed by Governor Holds Power Available Belongs to State and Provinces.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 25.—The commission appointed by Governor Miller to oppose the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence river waterway project filed with the legislature today its second report.

Mayor Oles Guarded After Threats of Death

Youngstown, O., Jan. 25.—An armed bodyguard is staying close to Mayor George L. Oles day and night as a result of threatening letters received by the mayor, it was learned today.

Tailored Uniforms for Privates Latest Bait to Get Recruits

New York, Jan. 25.—Near pink breeches for commanding officers, slotted uniforms for buck privates and new model service caps designed from a more jaunty fashion plate are changes in United States army dress regulations announced at Governor's Island, as bait for recruits.

Four Dealer Charged with Attempt to Beat Tax Laws

New York, Jan. 25.—M. G. Newmark, actuary of the American Fur Dealers' association of New York, was arrested by federal agents tonight on a complaint charging him with being implicated in a conspiracy to defraud the federal government out of fur sales taxes, said to approximate \$2,000,000.

Spainiard to Attempt Transatlantic Flight

Lisbon, Jan. 25.—Capt. Sacadura Cabral has announced that he will attempt to fly across the Atlantic next September on the occasion of the international exposition at Rio de Janeiro.

14 Persons Are Taken in on Calling Liquor Net

Three Women Included in Bunch of Prisoners Nabbed at C.

"Big Tom" federal rum sleuth, aide of Gus Hyers, state sheriff, and a party of five deputies, invaded the town of Columbus at 3 Tuesday and in five hours made 14 arrests, including three women, for infractions of the "dry" law.

The party of 21, occupying most of one coach, was brought in to Omaha at midnight. A patrol and several taxis were necessary to transport them to Mike Clark's "hotel."

The raid was the biggest sensation at Columbus for many a week, according to Carroll.

"The whole town was at the station to see us off," he declared. One of the women under arrest, Mary Christ Durke, is the mother of two children, 7 and 9.

"I want to go back to my children," she wept from the county jail yesterday. "I know they are frantic—they have never been without me one night before in their lives," she cried.

Federal agents gave her no time to arrange for some one with whom to leave the children while she and her husband are in jail, she charges.

The other two women are Lillian Wilson, who runs the Pacific hotel, a 60-room hostelry, and Mrs. Katherine Allison, who, with her husband, Adolph Allison, own the U. P. cafe.

The men under arrest are Allison Durke, also given as Yerk; Carl Hirschenban, Barney J. Mickel, Joe Jud, Frank M. Powell, Mike C. Skrupa, Carl E. Harms and Carl Buckman, proprietors of soft drink parlors, and Glenn M. Hansen and Russell Nichols of the Oxford hotel.

Mickel fell in the county jail yesterday and cut himself severely about the head. Jailers say he was intoxicated.

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The train was stopped and the injured man taken to Springfield, where attending physicians feared Ralph's back was broken. He was immediately taken to St. Catherine hospital, Omaha.

The man had attended a hog sale at Bellevue and was returning in advance of three truck loads of hogs.

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Moonshine Mash Clogs City Sewers of Butte

Butte, Mont., Jan. 25.—City sewers on Butte's east side are blocked by large deposits of moonshine mash, including prune seeds, rye, barley, raisins, corn and cherry pits, City Engineer Henry J. Wiegstein said today.

Vote Taken on Calling Off Strike

Sentiment Here Divided—Strike Committee Chairman Predicts 90 Per Cent Will Vote to Stay Out.

Striking packing house workers here and all over the country began voting yesterday on whether or not to call off the strike which has been on since December 6.

Balloting began in union headquarters here at 10:30 a. m., and closed here at 6:30 p. m.

Union headquarters were crowded with men yesterday, discussing the new development in the situation. Opinions varied. Some declared they will not go back until the demands are granted. Others were of opinion that other strike cities are weakening and it is useless for the Omaha strikers to hold out.

"I can't make any prediction," said Jacob H. Davis, district president of the strikers' union.

"Ninety per cent of the men will vote against calling off the strike," predicted Frank Lauer, chairman of the strike committee.

Orders to take the vote came Tuesday in a letter from Chicago to Jacob H. Davis, fifth district president of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America. The letter was read to strikers at a meeting in union hall, Twenty-fifth and M streets, Tuesday night and is as follows:

The committee of conciliation of the Department of Labor called at the general office this morning on instructions from Hugh Kerwin, assistant secretary of labor, and gave the strikers' packing house workers should no longer hold out hope for intervention from the Department of Labor.

You are hereby requested by the conference of better workmen and allied mechanical trades in session that you gather and assemble in proper halls and other places, the packing house workers now on strike for the purpose of voting on the calling off of the packing house strike. Secret ballot to be taken and results telegraphed immediately to general headquarters. The vote to be taken on Thursday, January 26, before 3 p. m.

The letter is signed by C. J. Hayes, general president; Patrick Gorman, president, and Dennis Lane, secretary.

Sentiment voiced at Tuesday night's meeting was against calling off the strike.

A mass meeting, at which the result of the Omaha vote will be announced, will be held tonight at 8 o'clock at the William managers of Armour's, declined to comment on the letter further than to say he "hopes business will pick up so that these men and women who have been out of work can get employment."

Erin Independence Aim of Irish League

Paris, Jan. 25.—(By A. P.)—The International Irish league, organized here today by the world congress on the Irish race, decided the principal object of the league must be to help Ireland gain full independence.

The strikers will not find work at once even if they vote to call off the strike, according to statements by managers of the packing houses yesterday.

Youth of San Francisco Disappears From Steamer

New York, Jan. 25.—C. O. Sprague, a student, who left New York January 7 aboard the steamer Pastores, bound for Cristobal, disappeared January 18, one day out from Jamaica, according to a radio message from the captain of the vessel received by the United Fruit company. Sprague had attended an agricultural experiment station at Geneva, N. Y., and was on his way to San Francisco to visit his father, R. H. Sprague, of that city.

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R. H. Would Give Chinese Control of Radio Stations

Washington, Jan. 25.—(By A. P.)—Consent would have to be given by the Chinese government for the erection of wireless stations in China under a resolution presented to the Far Eastern committee of the Washington conference today by Ethel Root of the American delegation.

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U. S. Expected to Refuse to Attend Genoa Meeting

Action Would Force Europe to Stand on Own Legs at Conference. Delegates State.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Europe will be made to realize that it must stand on its own legs if the United States refuses to participate in the economic conference at Genoa.

This opinion was expressed here by a spokesman of one of the European delegations to the Washington conference, who added that the foreign delegates are convinced that the United States government is soon to decline the invitation of the supreme council to participate in the Genoa conference.

According to European leaders here, the forthcoming declaration by the United States will not cause the calling off of the Genoa conference, but they would not be surprised if it is postponed until April.

American statesmen believe European governments should adopt:

First. Reduction of their excessive military establishments, which constitute the heaviest drain on national resources, prevent return to productive employment of millions of men, and in the case of France and Poland, particularly, precipitate speculation which prevents political stabilization.

Second. Balancing of national budgets, levying of adequate taxes, recognition of honest financial engagements and abandoning practices of placing mere prospects on assets side of national ledgers.

Third. Stopping the issuance of fabulous amounts of paper money.

Fourth. Recognition that the economic recovery of Europe is related to economic rehabilitation of Germany which involves a just and speedy settlement of the reparations problem, uncertainty, concerning which is contributing immensely to economic instability.

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Committee Divided on Gas Tax Measure

Lincoln, Jan. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—The committee on revenue and taxation, to which was referred Governor McKelvie's gasoline tax bill, introduced in the lower house of the legislature by Representative Williams of Fairmont, voted 3 to 3 on a motion to recommend it favorably at their first meeting tonight.

Representative Stephenson of Nance county was absent and could not be located. Final action on the measure was deferred until a full committee can be assembled.

The action of the committee indicates how close the fight will be on the floor of the house, members said tonight. An attempt will be made to lift the bill from committee if action is unfavorable, leaders say.

MacNider Attacks Mellon's Stand on Soldier Bonus

New York, Jan. 25.—Hanford MacNider, national commander of the American Legion, issued a statement today charging Secretary Mellon with having adopted a "wasteful" attitude toward the bonus question in his letter opposing the measure, made public last night.

The secretary is taking "the most pessimistic view" of the bonus situation, Colonel MacNider said, asserting that figures and estimates cited in the letter did not agree with those compiled by the Treasury department and submitted by Senator McCumber at the last session of congress.

Followers of Howat Quit Work in Kansas Coal Mine

Pittsburg, Kan., Jan. 25.—Miner employed at the Dittman & Wacher mine quit today. Company officials said that half of the force of 80 men quit. John Fleming, acting head of the Howat organization, said that 110 men quit. Both agreed that the men quit because they demanded to be allowed to work under the Howat organization.

Sees Lower Milk Prices

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 25.—Lower prices for milk due to a great surplus was forecast by W. T. Schilling of Northfield, Minn., president of the Twin Cities Milk Producers' association at a meeting of milk producers here last night. "There is going to be enough milk in the next two months to drown every one of you," Mr. Schilling said.

The weather forecast for Thursday, fair; rising temperature. Highest Wednesday.