

FARMERS PLEAD FOR PRICE BOOST

Immediate Action by Congress Requested.

FAIR VALUE IS ALL ASKED

Parity of Products With Other Commodities Asked.

GUARANTY PLAN REJECTED

Agricultural Conference Turns Down Resolution Offered by South Carolina Delegate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—The national agricultural conference today rejected a resolution offering a guaranty plan for farm products. The resolution was offered by J. S. Wannamaker of South Carolina, which would have called for a government minimum price guarantee on farm products.

Some measure of stabilization of prices was advocated by J. M. Anderson of St. Paul, Minn., who said some such step should be taken until Europe is reestablished economically. He favored participation of the United States in European adjustments, but said:

"We do not want to embarrass the president by asking more entanglements in foreign affairs."

E. B. Page of North Dakota asked for a minimum guarantee on wheat for two years.

Co-operative Marketing Indorsed.

The conference previously had adopted a resolution which read:

"With respect to the question of governmental price guarantees, we feel there should be a comprehensive study of this subject, therefore, we urge that the congress cause a careful investigation of this whole problem to be made by some proper authority which will report its findings as early as practicable."

Co-operation of farm marketing was also recommended and indorsed. Other recommendations of the marketing committee approved by the conference called for:

Clarification by Congress of the Rights of Farmers to Organize Co-operative Associations for the Buying of Supplies and Marketing of their Products; Orderly Marketing of Crops through Co-operative Associations of Farmers, Preferably on a Commodity Basis; Adequate Federal and State Information Services; Adequate Warehousing, Terminal Facilities and Storage Plants for Farm Products, Including Temporary Storage Facilities in Producing Districts; a Federal Cold Storage Law; Practical Means of Making Stored Products More Generally Available as a Basis for Loans; Standard Grading of Commodities; Studies of Marketing Costs and Business Methods.

Land Report Held Over.

The report of the committee on a national land policy urging creation of a land commission to draw up a policy for classification and reclamation of land went over until tomorrow.

The conference today took up committee recommendations and resolutions immediately after hearing addresses by E. A. Pearson, president of the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts; Dr. E. D. Ball, director of scientific work of the department of agriculture; Richard E. Ely, professor of economics of the University of Wisconsin, and Gifford Pinchot.

Resolution Offered by the Committee on Agriculture and Price Relations Which Included the Indorsement of the Agricultural Bloc in Congress and Coupled with this Recommendation of President Harding and Secretary Wallace for their Action in Making Possible the Calling of the Conference. This Resolution was Adopted Unanimously.

Other Recommendations of this Committee Adopted Included:

That the government extend aid to Europe for economic rehabilitation. Limitation of the acreage of certain crops to balance production and restore the farmer's dollar to a normal purchasing power. Approval of the programme of the American delegation to the armament conference. Commencement of the investigations of retail prices by the departments of justice and commerce. Investigation by congress of plans to stabilize the dollar. Equalization of tariff protection. Vigorous action to place agriculture

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WASCO MAN FOUND DEAD; SHOTGUN USED

VALENTINE ENDERSBY SUICIDE, RELATIVES DECLARE.

Members of Family Notify Coroner, Who Sends Deputy to Investigate Possibility of Foul Play.

THE DALLIES, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Valentine Endersby, 29, son of a well-known rancher of Wasco county, was found dead late today on his farm 12 miles from Tugh valley. He had been killed by the discharge of a shotgun, which was found near the body.

Members of the dead man's family notified the coroner here today that Endersby had committed suicide. Deputy Coroner Logan was sent out to investigate the case to determine if there was any possibility of foul play.

According to the message telephoned here, Endersby was dead when his relatives arrived on the scene about 5 P. M. The body was in a field some distance from his home.

The young man was the son of U. S. Endersby, founder of a Wasco county settlement of the same name. The family owns a large tract of land in this county. The son lived on a tract adjoining the father's place.

The scene of the tragedy is about 55 miles from The Dalles, and the deputy coroner was not expected to reach the place before tomorrow morning. Meanwhile no further details of the shooting could be learned here.

PERSHING POLICY BACKED

Legion Officials Would Go Slow in Defense Reduction.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—The judgment of more than a million service men was given today to congress by the military affairs committee of the American Legion respecting the question of national preparedness, and containing a qualified indorsement of the policy enunciated by General Pershing.

"The American Legion recognizes the demand for retrenchment and reduction in governmental expenditures," said the legion officials, "but as practical men, who have learned the lessons of preparedness by the hard experience of war, we are confident that it would be a great mistake at this time to limit the proper functioning of the national defense act by a reduction in the estimates as submitted by the war department and approved by the budget committee."

HOME FOR GIRL WANTED

Golden-Haired Orphan of 10 Seeking Christian Surroundings.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—A home is wanted for a blue-eyed golden haired girl of 10 years, who has lost her parents and is absolutely alone in the world. Apply to Miss Janet Worden, county nurse, coast.

Since the death of the girl's parents two years ago, the girl has been taken care of by a woman who finds she is financially unable to do so any longer. The little girl asked Miss Worden to find her a mamma in a Christian home.

"I have learned 27 verses in the Bible and am going to learn some more," she said.

BIGGER ALLOWANCE ASKED

Plea Made for Better Support of Agricultural Stations.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—Increase in federal appropriations for state agricultural stations was advocated today at a hearing before the house agriculture committee by a delegation which included James T. Jardine, director of the Oregon experiment station.

A bill pending before the committee calls for an additional allotment of experiment stations of \$15,000 during the current fiscal year, with the amount increasing \$10,000 annually until it reaches \$55,000. Thereafter \$85,000 would be made available each year.

MILK CUT IN ASTORIA

Reduction of One-Third Effective February 1.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Effective February 1, the price of milk delivered to residences in Astoria will be reduced one-third or from 12 to 8 cents a quart. This was decided upon at a meeting of the distributors today.

Under the arrangement decided upon at this meeting, Astoria milk distributors will pay but \$1.90 a hundred pounds to the producers for milk containing 2.5 butterfat instead of \$2.50 as heretofore. The price for this milk by the distributors now is 66 cents a pound. Beginning February 1 it will be 56 cents.

EPISCOPAL SESSION ENDS

Next General Convention to Be Held Here in September.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Adoption of the sum of \$268,831 as the budget of the executive council, and the election of deputies to the general convention of the church, to meet next September in Portland, Ore., marked the closing session today of the diocesan convention of the Protestant Episcopal church held here.

The budgets will be divided as follows: Diocesan house, \$52,500; diocesan grants, \$73,876; and for the general church, \$142,455.

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INCOME TAX HELD KEY TO EQUALITY

Commission Disagrees on Details of Plan.

THREE-DAY SESSION ENDED

Way to Reach Intangible Wealth Is Found.

STATE ASSESSOR WANTED

Investigators Say Motor Licenses Cannot Be Abolished Without Increasing General Burden.

In its three-day session the state tax investigation commission has developed five important features, as follows:

Millions of dollars worth of property in Oregon are escaping taxation. The present property tax system is inadequate. Inequality of assessment is causing a vast amount of wealth to escape taxation.

Motor vehicles cannot be placed on the general tax list and the present license system abolished without forcing the state to raise, by taxation, funds to meet the interest and principal on highway bonds, which the motor vehicles are now carrying.

An income tax can absorb part, if not all, of the state load, and will recapture for taxation about 50 per cent of the wealth in Oregon.

Contentions Are Supported. Statistics have been marshaled in a formidable array supporting each of the contentions as outlined. The commission has adjourned for the time being to mull over the information deduced at the hearings. I. N. Day, W. M. Pierce, Coe A. McKenna and Charles Brand of the commission will meet Monday and Tuesday with a special tax commission for the state of Washington, and the conference to be held in Seattle.

Thus far the ideas of the investigators are in a nebulous condition. They are gravitating around a state income tax, but are not of one mind as to whether there should be a flat rate or a graduated tax. Nor is the commission certain that all of the state revenue can be raised by an income tax without the rate being so high as to make it burdensome. A compromise may be worked by means of which a state income tax and a property tax will be combined so that all classes of property, real and personal, will be assessed.

Big Incomes Escape State Tax.

Members of the commission have remarked that they know of individuals earning \$20,000 or more a year who do not pay any state taxes, but

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BIG TROOP TRANSFER TO COAST PROMISED

CAMP LEWIS MAY BE BIGGEST MILITARY BASE.

Concentration in Northwest of Practically All Mobile Artillery Contingents Contemplated.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 26.—Transfer of the first and second divisions of the United States army from Camp Dix, New Jersey, to Camp Lewis, respectively, to Camp Lewis; the abandonment of all war-time cantonments with the exception of Camp Lewis and the creation of Camp Lewis as the largest military base in the country was indicated today in the receipt of confidential information from Washington, D. C.

While the source of the information was withheld other than that it was not from the war department direct, it was declared at camp headquarters that the advices were considered authentic.

It was estimated by camp officers tonight that 12,000 troops would be added to the Camp Lewis forces and many others transferred to permanent northwest posts, exclusive of coast artillery defenses, and would mean the concentration of practically all of the mobile artillery forces of the army at Camp Lewis.

Men of the first and second divisions are to be transferred to Camp Lewis with the infantry school from Camp Benning, Ga., the field artillery school from Camp Knox, Ky., and Camp Bragg, N. C.; the tank school from Camp Meade, Md.; the motor transport school from Camp Holabird, Md.; the engineers' school from Camp Humphries, Va.; the signal school from Camp Vall, N. J.; the chaplains' school from Camp Knox, and several air service schools from different parts of the country, according to the information received.

Colonel J. D. Leith, chief of staff of the third division and a major-general during the war, said tonight that in the event the programme was prosecuted as outlined, two of the three active divisions would go to the inactive list. The first division as the senior organization in the army from point of service in the world war, he believed, would be likely to retain its identity, being stationed here under the command of Major-General Charles H. Muir, present commander of the third division, now here.

Representative John M. Morin, of Pennsylvania, member of the house military affairs committee of Washington, D. C., spent last Saturday afternoon at Camp Lewis with army officials and members of the military affairs committee of the Seattle chamber of commerce. It was given out tonight.

BRYCE FUNERAL HELD

Body of ex-British Ambassador to America Cremated.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—Funeral services for Viscount Bryce, ex-British ambassador to the United States, who died last Sunday, were held today in the chapel of the crematorium at Golden's Green, where the body was cremated this morning.

The services were attended by many friends of the late author and publicist.

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SCHOOL BOARD FINDS DANCE BIG PROBLEM

Decision Impossible Until Issues Are Cleared.

Directors for Most Part Convinced Case of Ministers Is Inadequate and Inconclusive.

Fifteen minutes in special session last night with the report of the Methodist ministerial committee before them, convinced members of the school board that they themselves must rearrange the tangled charges before a decision may be reached regarding school dances. Accordingly they adjourned to meet again next Thursday night, when it is probable that a future policy will be announced.

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"There any member of the board who differs with you, Mr. Thomas?" inquired Director Woodward, with a lift of the eyebrow.

Preliminary to the session the directors met privately with Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, chief of the women's peace and health work, to discuss her knowledge of alleged iniquity at school dances, but the question of civic supervision of such social affairs. Though Director Thomas maintained that the witness had stirred him by her revelations, his fellow directors were a unit in agreeing that Mrs. Baldwin had not attempted to substantiate any of the charges made by the ministers.

"Mrs. Baldwin was very courteous and helpful," said Chairman Newell afterward, "but I cannot say that she cast any new light on the problem of the school dance. Our conference had more to do with the question of supervision. The board holds that the city, under the law, has authority to regulate these dances. It merely leads the school property for community purposes. Mrs. Baldwin does not agree to this and is of the opinion that the city has no jurisdiction."

In opening the brief session Chairman Newell said it was obvious that no progress could be made until the members had time to study the ministerial report and the claims of the school dance proponents. He proposed that an adjournment be taken until Thursday night, and that the school clerk prepare a brief today, setting forth both sides of the case from the evidence at hand. Copies of this are to be given the directors for study before they discuss the final decision. A motion to this effect was adopted.

It is understood that no new evidence is at hand, save the presentation of the latest settlement proposal. As if preparing for the announcement of a complete agreement, however, Japanese and Chinese delegates today cleared the last remaining collateral issues of the Shantung negotiations and agreed to meet Saturday to begin the drafting of a treaty. Only the radio problem of the Tsingtao-Tsinfu railroad, to which the compromise proposal supported by President Harding is directed, remains unsettled.

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Radio Concessions Involved.

The December 7 resolution provides for cancellation of unauthorized wireless concessions in China, while the proposed additions would have directed future developments of the Chinese wireless system. It was decided to enter these rejected propositions on the conference records as representing individual viewpoints.

Meantime another conference drawback disappeared when the Italians back known their readiness to assent to the six-power treaty, allocating to ex-German cables in the Pacific, on the assurance of conference leaders that Italy later would be supported in her claim to a share in the cable lines formerly controlled by Germany in the Atlantic. Completion of the treaty, dividing the Pacific lines between the United States, Japan and the Netherlands, is expected within a few days.

Shantung Settlement Near.

As viewed by some delegates the cable treaty is virtually the only agreement of the conference that is not in some degree affected by the log-jam of which Shantung is the center. Should an agreement over the ex-German leased territory fall, it is conceded generally that the effect would be far-reaching on the whole far eastern situation, and through that medium in turn, on the naval agreement and the four-power Pacific treaty.

Just how narrow has become the difference remaining between the Japanese and Chinese over Shantung is not revealed, but all outward signs tonight indicated that only one or two points of the railroad tangle remained to be settled.

No Formal Expression Made.

While the Japanese have made no formal expression, it is understood they are disposed to accept the deferred payment plan of the latest compromise project in place of the loan on which they have insisted heretofore. China, on her part, was said to be ready to agree also to deferred payments, although the term for which her treasury notes are to run is another question.

The date suggested for return of the road is five years hence, when the first treasury notes given by China would fall due, while the Chinese proposals previously have set the date three years away and have provided that the first payments also would be made at that time.

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SHANTUNG ISSUES NEAR SETTLEMENT

Important Moves Are Made Behind Scenes.

RAILWAY IS BIG PROBLEM

Japanese and Chinese to Start Drafting Treaty.

FIRST SESSION TOMORROW

Radio Resolution of December 7 Is Reaffirmed After Additions Are Rejected.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—The machinery of the Washington conference virtually came to a standstill today while delegates awaited results from President Harding's move for a settlement of the Shantung controversy. Optimism over the outcome of the president's efforts gained ground in every quarter and the belief was unanimous that the few remaining major issues could be well delayed for examination in a clearer atmosphere after the most troublesome of all the far-eastern problems is out of the way.

Outwardly the Shantung problem was in a waiting stage, although important moves were taking place behind the scenes in Pekin, Tokio and Washington.

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DRAFTING OF BONUS MEASURE IS ORDERED

EARLY ACTION IN HOUSE SEEMS ASSURED.

Revenue-Raising Provisions Not Considered; Sentiment Favors Non-Cash Benefits.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—Early action in the house on a soldiers' bonus bill was forecast tonight when republican members at a caucus adopted a resolution instructing the ways and means committee to frame a bonus bill and declaring that once reported the measure should be the continuing order of business until passed. No opposition to the resolution developed.

While ways of raising necessary revenue for a bonus were discussed, it was said, no instructions were given the ways and means committee as to what revenue raising provisions should be placed in the bill. Members were generally of the opinion that it would be advisable for the committee first to thresh out this point and leave the republican membership of the house privileged, after the bill is accepted, to caucus again, particularly on that feature.

Sentiment was expressed, it was said, in favor of making the cash provision less attractive and those providing for insurance and home and farm aid a more desirable option. Several members were said to have urged that cash payments be somewhat reduced so that more veterans would be inclined to take advantage of other benefits. This, it was said, would require less initial revenue.

Incidentally several ways of providing necessary revenue were suggested among them a sales tax, issuance of bonds secured by the foreign debt and use of interest paid by nations indebted to the United States.

Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee assured his colleagues that his committee would act with dispatch. Hearings, he said, would begin Tuesday with the prospect that they would be brief and that the bill would be reported very soon. Mr. Fordney, it was said, gave no indication as to how the revenue might be raised, although it was said he told the caucus that President Harding was not opposed to a bonus, provided a way of financing the project could be worked out without disturbing the finances of the country.

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QUAKE SAVANTS DISAGREE

Seattle Says Shock Is Near, but Spokane Puts It 3500 Miles Off.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 26.—At 1:24 this morning an earthquake shock was recorded on the University of Washington seismograph. The shortness of the waves indicating, according to Ralph Stewart, in charge of the instrument, that the quake was not far off. The quake attained its maximum at 1:35 and lasted until 1:53, Stewart said.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 26.—A slight earth tremor was recorded on the seismograph at Gonzaga university from 1:23 to 1:46 A. M. today. Observer O. M. Jung estimated that the earthquake was located approximately 3500 miles either northwest or southeast of Spokane.

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CHEST CRUSADERS EAGER FOR START

Final Organization Meetings Called.

FIELD FORCE ENTHUSIASTIC

Happiness of Many Hangs on Campaign Outcome.

MALICIOUS RUMOR NAILED

Fact Made Clear That All Chest Dollars Go Straight to Charitable, Worthy Target.

TODAY'S COMMUNITY CHEST MEETINGS.

Noon—Flying squadron meets in ballroom on mezzanine floor at Multnomah hotel to report daily progress of subscriptions. This will be in nature of a rally. Every member urged to attend.

6 P. M. Multnomah hotel—Dinner of generals and adjutants, room 104, of mezzanine floor. Final plans will be detailed for kick-off meeting to follow.

8 P. M.—Campaign kick-off at White Temple. All campaign units will be present. Final instructions and inspirational talks will be given and all the pep possible injected into the campaign.

BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN.

It's this way, say leaders of the community chest campaign: If any individual citizen knew that a dollar of his was going straight to some charitable target, or aiding an institution that builds character, he'd make it \$2 and smile as he gave the money. He'd say, as scores are saying now to the troopers of the flying squadron, "Sure, I'll help!"

"The community chest is that way; it is administered on such a policy; it is designed to make our giving effective to the last