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FEDERAL FARM CROP BOARD IS LOWDEN'S PLAN

Would Regulate Production for the Farmer and Prevent Ruin.

SURPLUS PROBLEM

Farmer Cannot Understand Why Overproduction of Farm Products Should Be Disastrous.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Jan. 22.—A federal farm board to regulate crop production for the farmer, as the federal reserve board adjusts nationwide credit facilities for the industrial world, was advocated today by Frank O. Lowden, former governor of Illinois, before the annual meeting of the Illinois Agricultural association.

Acting through cooperative groups representing certain crops, such as a farm board, Mr. Lowden said, might expect to prevent the ruinous over-production which from time to time confronts agricultural producers, "turning the surplus of the very essentials of life from a burden into a blessing."

"A surplus of the staple farm products is inevitable and necessary," said Mr. Lowden. The farmer asks why, if this seasonal surplus is a good thing for every one else, it should result in a loss to him.

"Business responds to the promise of a bountiful crop. The farmer's gladness, however, is tempered with the bitter thought that maybe these seeming blessings of a kindly providence may bring him ruin. He is always confronted with this dilemma: he can produce too little, the world will go hungry and naked; if he produces too much, the surplus for the time may break the price he receives for his product to a point where it would have been better for him to let his fields lie fallow."

"In the south we say cotton is king; in the middle west it is corn we have crowned. But these royalties are buffeted about by the traders of the world. They have been made to yield immense profits to every one but those who produce them. And all the while we have been marketing not alone these great staples of the north and south, but also each year a part of the fertility of the soil itself. If the farmer alone must bear the crushing burden of a surplus under the slow operation of economic laws, the time will come when there will be no surplus, and they will go hungry and but half clothed. In the interest, therefore, of society, as well as the farmer, we must contrive some method by which the surplus of the very essentials of life shall become a blessing and not a burden."

"There seems to be an analogy between the seasonal surplus of staple farm crops and the surplus credit resources of the banks before the adoption of the federal reserve system."

The federal reserve system was designed among other things, to mobilize the credit resources of those banks which had a surplus and employ them where the credit resources were deficient.

"Suppose we had a federal farm board. Suppose that board should find that the producers of any farm commodity were sufficiently organized to be really representative of all the producers of that commodity. Suppose it should authorize such organized producers to take care of the surplus, either storing it to meet a possible future demand or exporting it upon the best terms available, the expense and losses to be borne proportionately by all producers of that particular commodity. Such a board could function successfully, in my opinion only if it operated through and in hearty sympathy with cooperative commodity associations. We should expect to prevent ruinous over-production through such associations."

FEEL EARTHQUAKE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 22.—Close examination of the seismograph records at Harvard University today proved that shocks felt late yesterday in various parts of Middlesex county were caused by an earthquake. Professor Kirtley P. Mather of the department of geology at Harvard, announced today. He described the earthquake as "very slight" and centering within 16 miles of Cambridge.

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BURBANK SAYS HE IS INFIDEL IN TRUE SENSE

Declares Religion Is Tottering—Talks of Reincarnation.

LOVER OF CHRIST

Says His Teachings Were Badly Garbled and He Was Belied—Skeptical and Doubter.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—The San Francisco Bulletin in a copyrighted article says today that Luther Burbank, the famous horticulturalist of Santa Rosa, Cal., has announced that he "is an infidel in the true sense of the word, that he does not believe in a personal resurrection and that science disproves popular theories of reincarnation and life after death."

In the article Burbank says that "all religions of the past and probably all of the future will sooner or later become petrified forms instead of living helps to mankind. As a scientist I cannot help but feel that all religions are on a tottering foundation. None is perfect or inspired. As for their prophets, there are as many today as ever before, only now science refuses to let them overstep the bounds of common sense."

"The idea that a good God would send people to a burning hell is utterly damnable to me. I don't want to have anything to do with such a God."

Touching on reincarnation, the great plant scientist said that: "The universe is not big enough to contain perpetually all the human souls and the other living beings that have been here for their short span. A theory of personal resurrection or reincarnation of the individual is untenable when we pause to consider the magnitude of the idea."

"On the contrary I must believe that, rather than the survival of all, we must look for survival only in the spirit of the good we have done in passing through."

"Once obsolete, an automobile is thrown to the scrap heap. Once here and gone, the human life is likewise served its purpose. If it has been a good life, it has been sufficient. There is no need for another."

The theory of reincarnation, which originated in India, has been welcomed in other countries. With-out doubt it is one of the most sensible and satisfying of all the religions that mankind has conceived.

"This, like the others, comes from the best qualities of human nature, even if in this, as in the others, its adherents sometimes fail to carry out the principles in their lives."

"I do recognize the existence of a great universal power—a power which we can't even begin to comprehend and might as well not attempt to. It may be a conscious mind and it may not, I don't know."

As for Christ—well, he has been most outrageously belied. His followers, like those of many scientific and literary men who produce no real thoughts of their own, have so garbled his words and conduct that many of them no longer apply to present life. Christ was a wonderful psychologist. He was an infidel of his day because he rebelled against the prevailing religion and government."

"I am a lover of Christ as a man and his works and all things that help humanity, but nevertheless just as he was an infidel, then, I am an infidel today. I do not believe what has been served me to believe. I am a doubter, a questioner, a skeptic. When it can be proved to me that there is immortality, that there is resurrection beyond the gates of death, then will I believe. Until then, no."

Burbank's statement was occasioned by a statement by Henry Ford in which the automobile manufacturer was quoted as expressing faith in the Theosophical theory of reincarnation. Ford and Burbank are close friends and follow each others work closely.

WOOL GROWERS MEET.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 22.—The 25th annual convention of the Oregon Wool Growers association got under way in Pendleton this morning. The convention bids fair to be the largest in the history of the association from the standpoint of interest and attendance. The speaker for the day is Pendleton, secretary of the state association.

An unusually full program is lined up for the two day session which ends tomorrow night with a banquet. This morning the address of Frank J. Hagenberth, national president, and the annual address of Fred Falconer, president of the state association, will be features.

Headless and Legless Body of Young Woman Is Identified and Police Have No Clues to Follow

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

MEDIA, Pa., Jan. 22.—Satisfied that the headless and legless body of a young woman found in a clump of trees is that of Miss Anna May Dietrich, of Norwood, Pa., police directed their efforts in search of the missing head and towards establishing a motive.

Several hours after the torso was found yesterday, Alexander L. Schuhl, Philadelphia messenger for the Independent Tool Company, told the police that the clothing found on the dismembered body was that worn by his sister-in-law, Schuhl said Miss Dietrich, who was 34 years old, went shopping in Philadelphia Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. Schuhl, the pair separating shortly before six p. m. Miss Dietrich had not been seen by either since.

Schuhl was unable to explain the initials "H. B. Z. to T. T." on the gold wrist watch which was on the left wrist of the victim. An autopsy failed to establish the primary cause of death. The body bore no marks of violence.

The manner in which the head and legs were severed caused police to believe that some one implicated in the affair was adept in surgery. The body and legs, wrapped in newspapers, were found on the estate of Samuel K. Henderson, a Philadelphia lawyer.

THREE SPANISH AVIATORS ON A LONG FLIGHT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands, Jan. 22.—Commander Franco's seaplane arrived here this afternoon, completing the first leg of the projected flight from Spain to Argentina.

MADRID, Jan. 22.—Commander Franco's seaplane Ne Plus Ultra was sighted this afternoon off Los Palmas, Canary Islands, which is the first scheduled stop on the flight from Palos, Spain to Buenos Aires.

PALOS, Spain, Jan. 22.—Three Spanish aviators started at 8 o'clock this morning in the seaplane Ne Plus Ultra on the first leg of a flight to Buenos Aires and possibly New York. The first stop will be Las Palmas, Canary Islands. The aviators are Commander Ruiz Ramon Franco, Captain Ruiz de Alva and Ensign Duran. The distance to Buenos Aires, and New York is 12,332 miles.

A wireless received at Cadiz from Commander Franco three and a half hours after the start said: "All is going well."

The Columbus Fair, Commander Franco is seeking again to link Spain with the Americas, and from there to the exact spot in the Domingo Rubio Canal here whence the caravans of Columbus set forth.

The length of the first hop is 876 miles. From Palos to Buenos Aires is 6,332 miles.

From the Canary Islands, still proceeding southward off the northwest African coast, the flight will be to the Cape Verde Islands. From the Cape Verde there will be a jump of 1,432 miles to Fernando de Noronha and then a flight of 279 miles to the American mainland at Pernambuco, Brazil.

Starting from the coast of Brazil, the path of the Ne Plus Ultra will lie as the crow flies, 1,264 miles from Pernambuco to Rio Janeiro. Then will come a jump of 1,382 miles to Buenos Aires, where the flight as at the present arranged, will end.

At Buenos Aires, it will be determined whether the aviators will turn northward for an aerial voyage of 6,000 additional miles to New York.

For the trip across the Atlantic from the Cape Verde Islands, the Spanish navy has stationed the cruiser Don Blaz de Lezo at the Saint Paul Rocks, about two-thirds the way across, and the torpedo boat destroyer Alcedo at Fernando de Noronha.

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SUGGEST PLAN TO SETTLE THE COAL STRIKE

Scranton Times Advances New Basis for Negotiations.

LEWIS FAVORS IT

Settlement Would Send 158,000 Miners Back to Work and End Distress of Families.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 22.—The latest effort to end the coal strike has apparently failed. Anthracite operators made known today that they will not re-enter negotiations with the workers to end the long suspension on the basis of the plan proposed by the Scranton Times.

President John L. Lewis of the miners had announced that he was willing to confer again on the basis of the latest proposal with certain suggestions.

"The plan," the operators announced, did not contain anything that had not been thoroughly thrashed out in previous conferences. For his reason it does not afford a basis for renewal of negotiations.

"After Mr. Lewis announced he was willing to re-enter negotiations, the operators made their position clear that the proposed plan did not meet any requirements of the situation and had not been accepted by Mr. Ingalls or the operators."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Senator Pepper, Republican of Pennsylvania, today announced in the senate that the anthracite strike had been settled.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 22.—Anthracite operators announced today that the Scranton Times plan to end the coal strike "did not meet any requirements of the situation."

The following statement was issued: "Regarding reports that the anthracite operators had accepted a stock settlement plan proposed by E. J. Lynett of the Scranton Times, the Philadelphia office of the anthracite operators' conference states that Mr. Lynett's plan did not meet any requirements of the situation and had not been accepted by Mr. Ingalls or the operators."

SCRANTON, Jan. 22.—President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers today accepted as a basis for negotiation the plan advanced by the Scranton Times for settlement of the anthracite coal strike.

W. W. Ingalls, chairman of the anthracite operators' negotiating committee already had favored the plan as a basis for negotiation. Mr. Lewis said he was willing to join Mr. Ingalls in another meeting in an attempt to agree on a settlement that will send the 158,000 mine workers back to work.

President Lewis after a brief conference with E. J. Lynett, publisher of the Times, made known that he would meet the operators in another conference.

He and other leaders said there would be no return to work until an agreement is reached.

Mr. Lynett made efforts to reach Mr. Ingalls after the Lewis announcement, but at the Glen Alden offices, it was said Mr. Ingalls was in New York.

The plan in brief is as follows: First: The miners to resume work immediately.

Second: A five year contract dating from the time of signing the agreement.

Third: Wages in effect under the last contract to continue during the term of the new contract unless changed as hereinafter provided.

TOLEDO POLICE CONFRONTED BY SLUGGING CASE

Another Girl Is Beaten by Human Beast, Who Uses His Fists.

CHASED BY FATHER

Young Woman Screams for Help but Was Knocked Out Before Father Arrived.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 22.—Toledo police were confronted today with a new slugging case. The second attack on a woman this week and the tenth in recent months occurred at midnight when Miss Dorothy Borton, 29, was beaten unconscious by a youth in front of her home.

The man had followed her from a show, seizing her from behind and striking her with his fists. Screaming for help the young woman fought back, but was knocked unconscious just as her father came to her aid.

Authorities were inclined to believe that this latest attack had no connection with other recent assaults, in which a club apparently was used as a weapon.

The attack came while police were still attempting to solve the slaying of Miss Mary Handley, 44, whose body was found in the rear of a yard next to her home earlier in the week. Her head had been crushed by heavy blows. Her attacker had gagged his victim with her torn clothing. Miss Handley was the third woman to be killed.

Miss Borton's father chased the man several blocks but was out-distanced.

The girl was able to make a statement to police and give a full description of her assailant.

The attack bore little resemblance to the series of assaults made on women here recently by a man supposed to have used a club on his victims. Last night's attack was made without weapons and the assailant followed his victim from a street car, giving her a chance to see him while in all the previous cases the assailant lay in wait and attacked suddenly from the darkness.

Miss Borton is the tenth victim of attacks by men in Toledo in recent months. Three women have been killed. None of the cases have been solved by the police.

MOSQUITO BITE ON TONGUE IS ACCIDENT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—A mosquito bite on the tongue, even though the worker happens to be asleep at the time, is an industrial accident and the injured man is entitled to compensation, the state supreme court held today.

William Miller, a cowboy of Newman, Cal., was bitten while asleep.

The Industrial Accident Commission awarded him \$1957 for hospitalization, \$237 for pay reimbursement and \$12.50 a week for disability.

The Federal Mutual Liability company, which carried insurance on Miller's employers, sued to set aside the award, claiming Miller was asleep and therefore not employed. The supreme court held that he was an employee even though sleeping and that he had a right to keep his mouth open.

Visitor Yesterday—Among those from the rural districts to spend a few hours here yesterday shopping and visiting with friends, was Mrs. I. B. Thompson, of Dillard.

CRAZED BOY, 14, YEARS OLD, IS SUICIDE VICTIM

David James Shoots Self Through Head With Rifle.

OTHERS THREATENED

Told Companion He Intended to Shoot Mother, Teacher, Relatives, and Guardian.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

David W. James, 14-year-old son of Mrs. Dora James, Pittsford street, shot himself through the head at his mother's home late yesterday afternoon, his act being committed during a period of mental derangement.

The boy went to the house shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday, and immediately whittled out a stick which he later used in pressing the trigger of the rifle which ended his life.

For several months he has been making his home with Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Sanford. He has been working there for his board and clothing and has been attending school. He has been doing exceptionally good work both at the Sanford home and in his studies at school until the last week. Just about a week ago his school work took a decided slump. Mrs. Sanford attempted to help him with his lessons, but the lad complained that he could not "think right."

Yesterday he is said to have told a companion at school that he was going to kill his mother, his school teacher, Mrs. Sanford, O. W. Young, his guardian, and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hudson, his uncle and aunt.

After his return from school Mrs. Sanford sent him to town on his bicycle to perform an errand. The lad went at once to his mother's home and after carefully whittling out a stick and notching it on one end, went to an upstairs bedroom where with a big-caliber rifle he shot himself through the head.

His younger brother, just armed the front door as the shot was fired and hearing the muffled explosion, and the fall of the body, rushed upstairs. Dr. Houck was called, but the lad had been killed instantly.

An investigation was made by Coroner Ritter, but the facts were evident so that no inquest was deemed necessary. The lad apparently became mentally unbalanced through some unknown cause and became possessed of a desire to kill, and made himself the victim.

His mother, the widow of the late D. W. James, three brothers, Fred, Ray and J. B., and a sister, Mrs. Mary Cunningham of Drexville survive. The family came to Roseburg several years ago from Texas, and Mr. James ran a bicycle shop for a few years prior to his death.

Following the death of the father, G. W. Young was made administrator of the estate and the guardian of the children. The boy was taken into the Sanford home where he was obtaining a good education and was laboring earnestly and energetically. The sudden change in his mental attitude can apparently be the only explanation of his act.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m., Rev. Knotts officiating, with interment in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

AUTO PRODUCTION HEAVY.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Production of passenger automobiles in the United States and Canada for 1925, as announced by the commerce department, totaled 3,817,638, against 3,262,764 in 1924. The 1925 motor truck production was 496,958, against 377,344 in 1924. Both totals for last year were the largest on record.

The announcement showed 179 manufacturers in operation last month, compared with 246 at the beginning of the year.

INJURED IN FALL.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 22.—E. E. Thompson, 33, a truck driver between this city and Crescent City, exhausted from an all night drive, collapsed in the business district this noon, and in falling struck his head on a jagged curb edge. It is feared he sustained a fractured skull. Thompson had just left his truck when the accident occurred.

TREATY IS APPROVED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

ROME, Jan. 22.—The Chamber of Deputies today approved the treaty of Locarno.