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## Some Aspects of the Farmers' Problems

By BERNARD M. BARUCH

(Reprinted from Atlantic Monthly)

The whole rural world is in a ferment of unrest, and there is an unparalleled volume and intensity of determined, if not angry, protest, and an ominous swarming of occupational conferences, interest groupings, political movements and propaganda. Such a turmoil cannot but arrest our attention. Indeed, it demands our careful study and examination. It is not likely that six million aloof and roughly independent men have come together and banded themselves into active unions, societies, farm bureaus, and so forth, for no sufficient cause.

Investigation of the subject conclusively proves that, while there is much overstatement of grievances and misconception of remedies, the farmers are right in complaining of wrongs long endured, and right in holding that it is feasible to relieve their ills with benefit to the rest of the community. This being the case of an industry that contributes, in the raw material form alone, about one-third of the national annual wealth production and in the means of livelihood of about 49 per cent of the population, it is obvious that the subject is one of grave concern. Not only do the farmers make up one-half of the nation, but the well-being of the other half depends upon them.

So long as we have nations, a wise political economy will aim at a large degree of national self-sufficiency and self-containment. Home felt when the food supply was far removed from the belt. Like her, we shall destroy our own agriculture and extend our sources of food distant and precarious, if we do not see to it that our farmers are well and fairly paid for their services. The farm gives the nation men as well as food. Cities derive their vitality and are forever renewed from the country, but an impoverished countryside exports intelligence and retains, unintelligently, only the lower grades of mentality and character will remain on, or seek, the farm, unless agriculture is capable of being pursued with contentment and adequate compensation. Hence, to enlighten and improve the farmer is to help up and contaminate the vital sources of the nation.

The war showed convincingly how dependent the nation is on the full productivity of the farms. Despite herculean efforts, agricultural production kept only a few weeks or months ahead of consumption, and that only by increasing the acreage of certain staple crops at the cost of reducing that of others. We ought not to forget that lesson when we ponder on the farmer's problems. They are truly common problems, and there should be no attempt to deal with them as if they were purely selfish demands of a clear-cut group, antagonistic to the rest of the community. Rather should we consider agriculture in the light of broad national policy, just as we consider oil, coal, steel, dye stuffs, and so forth, as sinews of national strength. Our growing population and a higher standard of living demand increasing food supplies, and more wool, cotton, hides, and the rest. With the disappearance of free or cheap fertile land, additional acreage and increased yields can come only from costly effort. This we need not expect from an impoverished or unhappy rural population.

It will not do to take a narrow view of the rural discontent, or to appraise it from the standpoint of yesterday. There is peculiarly an age of flux and change and new deals. Because a thing always has been so no longer means that it is righteous, or always should be so. More, perhaps, than ever before, there is a widespread feeling that all human relations can be improved by taking thought, and that it is not becoming for the reasoning animal to leave his destiny largely to chance and natural incidence.

Prudent and orderly adjustment of production and distribution in accordance with consumption is recognized as wise management in every business but that of farming. Yet, I venture to say, there is no other industry in which it is so important to the public—the city dweller—that production should be sure, steady, and increasing, and that distribution should be in proportion to the need. The organized farmers naturally act blindly and impulsively and, in consequence, selfish and death, accompanied by discouraging price variations, harass the consumer. One year potatoes rot in the fields because of overproduction, and there is a scarcity of the things that have been displaced in market way for the expansion of the potato acreage; next year the punished farmers miss their fields on some other crop, and potatoes enter the class of luxuries; and so on.

Agriculture is the best and fundamentally the most important of our American industries. The cities are but the branches of the tree of national life, the root of which is in the land. We all flourish or decay with the farmer. So, when we see cities reeling of the present universal distress of the farmers, of a slump of six billion dollars in the face value of the crops in a single year, of their inability to meet mortgages or to pay current bills, and now, seeking relief from their ills, they are planning farm pools, inaugurate farmers' strikes, and demand legislation abolishing grain exchanges, private cattle markets, and the like, we ought not hastily to brand them as economic heretics and agitators, and hurt at

them the charge of being seekers of special privilege. Rather, we should ask if their trouble is not ours, and see what can be done to improve the situation. Purged from self-interest, if for no higher motive, we should help them. All of us want to get back permanently to "normalcy," but is it reasonable to hope for that condition unless our greatest and most basic industry can be put on a sound and solid permanent foundation? The farmers are not entitled to special privileges; but are they not right in demanding that they be placed on an equal footing with the buyers of their products and with other industries?

(To be continued)

### WEST IN GRIP OF COLD WAVE

(Continued on Page Five.)

Deer Park Coldest. Deer park, about 25 miles north of Spokane, was unofficially reported to have the lowest temperature in the four states, the mercury registering 32 below.

The official temperature at Spokane was 12 below zero at 7:30 a. m.

An official report from Rocardan, in this county, was 20 below.

Wallace, Idaho, reported 17 below and Missoula, Mont., 12 below.

Coldest of Year. HELENA, Jan. 19.—The coldest snap of the new year found the mercury 13 below zero in Helena. Billings reported 20 below, Miles City 6 below and Missoula 12 below.

Montana Strivers. DENVER, Colo., Jan. 19.—The coldest weather of the winter hit the Rock mountains Tuesday night and Wednesday with the mercury at low marks for the year. Wyoming and Montana reported temperatures from -10 to 20 degrees below zero Wednesday, while in Denver the government reading at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning was four degrees below.

The cold wave, accompanied by a light snow, extended from Canada to northern Arizona and northern Texas, according to the district weather bureau here, which predicted low zero temperatures in virtually all the Rock mountain territory Wednesday night.

Billings 30 Below. Reports to the weather bureau showed readings of 20 degrees below zero at Billings, Mont., Tuesday night and 10 below Wednesday at Cheyenne, Wyo.

The storm swept south and west from the northern Pacific coast, according to the forecaster, and was caused by low barometric depression in that region.

Coal Men Happy. BOISE, Jan. 19.—At last there is joy in the camps of Boise, having experienced weather akin to that of a banana belt as late as New Year's, has now lined up with the rest of the northwest and is winning under the grip of zero weather. Official records show the temperature dropped as low as 8 below Wednesday, although at 11 o'clock Wednesday night there seemed to be some chance of a moderation. Two thermometers on Main street registered even zero at that hour. It had been reported colder early in the evening. The forecast for today, however, is for fair and continued cold.

Idaho City seems to hold the record of nearby points with a record of 27 below Tuesday, according to reports.

At Hailey it was 10 below at 9 o'clock Wednesday night and growing colder. The temperature was low throughout the day and as nightfall came on it took another sudden downward course.

Twin Falls 6 Below. Twin Falls reported six below at 9 o'clock Wednesday night. This was said to be the lowest temperature this season. Indications point-

ed to a continuation of the snap. "The coldest weather this year," was the report from Pocatello, where it registered 10 below at 9 o'clock Wednesday night. The mercury was dropping rapidly.

Weber had a crisp spell Tuesday night when a low mark of 14 below was reached. At 9 o'clock Wednesday night it was 10 below and growing colder.

### SIGN HIGHWAY IS PROPOSAL

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 19.—Walla Walla should take the lead in having the highway from Pendleton to Denver marked as the Old Oregon Trail in the opinion of A. F. Alexander, Mr. Alexander believes that the trail should be marked the coming spring and that a man should be sent to Denver and points further east to show views of the beauty of the road and the country through which and to which it leads. Practically all the auto travel from the middle west comes through Denver but most of it, in fact practically all of it goes to Salt Lake and thence to California. Mr. Alexander believes that if the beauties and advantages of the road from Denver to Pendleton and thence to other points in the northwest were made known to the people of the middle west that thousands of cars annually would be diverted to this section.



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W. S. Parks, secretary of the Tri-State Auto club is strong for the plan and states that it is very important that the trail be marked. He can, he says, buy sufficient markers for the trail from Denver to the coast for \$500 and that the cost of putting them up would not exceed that amount.

Mr. Parks also suggests that a man could be secured for a reasonable salary, who, equipped with slides of the scenery not only along the line but in the northwest, who would find a ready audience with Commercial clubs, churches, clubs, etc., and could do much to divert traffic to the northwest from Denver.

Mr. Alexander has taken the matter up with Secretary Lynn and has his hearty co-operation and also plans to go to Pendleton and take the matter up with the commercial club there and with the clubs at other places along the line of the road.

### MOBE OF ARBUCKLE TRIAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.—Alice Blake, guest at the Arbuckle party, following which Miss Virginia Rappe testified yesterday at Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle's second trial, retold the story of Miss Rappe entering Arbuckle's room and later finding her in agony. She said she thought she heard her say "he hurt me." Two physicians also testified yesterday morning.

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—Wheat was \$1.07 to \$1.13 today.

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—The cold snap is affecting laying hens, egg prices advancing from two to four cents today. In San Francisco the price is up eight cents. Jobbing prices here this afternoon are for select, 36 to 37 cents, and for extra, 35 to 34 cents.

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