

Farm Bloc Ready For Fight Yet Nothing Left to Battle

In outlining the program which will be advanced by the so-called farm bloc in the coming session of congress, Mark Sullivan says that the policy will include an attack on the tariff schedules unless the bloc can secure passage of the McNary-Haugen bill. The fundamental principle of this bill rests on some form of price fixing of farm products by the federal government and establishment by the government of an agency that shall buy the farmers' export surplus.

Wallace's Farmer, in a recent issue, says that Representative Dickinson of Iowa will introduce his new bill embodying the McNary-Haugen principle and that if this fails of passage, the next thing to do is to reopen the tariff issue and make a definite drive for the admission free of duty of all products produced by western Europe. It states that such action will doubtless lower the standard of living of wage earners on the Atlantic seaboard and decrease the profits of our manufacturers.

Another recent issue of the same paper says that the next time the tariff comes up, there will be a farm bloc ready to insist upon a measure of free trade unless the folks now protected by the tariff are willing to make the tariff effective on farm products of which there is a surplus for export.

The last edition is to the McNary-Haugen bill, says Mr. Sullivan. The farmer regards purchase by the government of his export surplus as his equivalent for what the protective tariff is to the manufacturer.

Wallace's Farmer goes on and says if the farmer joins with the high tariff crowd, he should demand the McNary-Haugen bill as his right. If he throws in with the international bankers and cross trade group, he should demand a stable price level, set at a point 20 per cent above present, as his right.

Briefly, the foregoing seems to be the program that aspirants for political favor from the farmers are shaping up. The whole program is carried on in the name of the farmer when, as a matter of fact, the rank and file of American farmers are not today asking for getting and codding at the hands of the government.

The disconcerting part of the whole situation is that the farmer is used as a dummy around which political schemes are cooked up and foisted onto an uninformed public. The tariff question, which should be considered purely from a scientific, business standpoint, is used as a political football and the public pays a terrific price for watching its use in the political game.

The threat is made that if the

farm bloc does not secure artificial price fixing or selling legislation, then it will fight to turn a flood of European products loose on American farmers, industries and workmen. Could a more ungodly or selfish course be advocated?

The statement that the tariff does not protect the farmer is not borne out by the facts. Why should the farm bloc group threaten to do away with this protection if they fail in the passage of some of their pet measures? How would they benefit the farmer by such action? For years England has supposedly been a free trade country, and what is the result? It has had millions of men out of work because many of its industries could not compete with cheaper labor, foreign products.

In England the tariff is placed on necessities the workman buys and is primarily to raise revenue (that is why it seems to have "free trade"). In the United States the tariff is placed on what the workman or farmer produces and so it protects him against unreasonable foreign competition. The English system kills home industry, the American system builds it up.

Actual figures, which are easily ascertained, disclose that for many years before the war the protective customs duties collected in "free trade" England and United States were substantially the same. During the years 1912, 13, 14, the annual per capita customs duties collected in England averaged \$3.62, as against an average of \$2.16, or about 12 per cent less, in the United States; while, for 1920, 21 and 22, the customs per capita in the United States were \$3.32, compared with \$13.98 for the same period in Great Britain.

In the face of such facts, it is difficult to conceive how the farm bloc figures on making itself popular by destroying a system which protects the agricultural and industrial interests of a country, in favor of a system which representatives of the bloc state openly will lower the standards of living of wage earners on the Atlantic seaboard and decrease the profits of manufacturers.

Why doesn't the bloc add that in bringing about this condition of affairs, it automatically strikes the farmer by doing away with the market for his products and placing him at the mercy of foreign production? Does the farm bloc think that the American people are such fools that they can be deceived by a program of this character?

With the bloc using so much hair tonic, a girl just surely can't keep her nose from being shiny.

They Look Dayton Over



This lady and her sister friend gave Dayton, Tenn., a stiff jolt when they strolled down towards the courtroom where the evolution trial was in session. The monkey, taking plenty of long looks around, had the time of his life.

Palestine Movement Aids to Be Honored

JERUSALEM (AP).—The names of the ten men closely associated with the issuance of the Palestine mandate to Great Britain by the league of nations, which provided that Great Britain as the mandatory power should develop the country as the Jewish National Homeland, are to be inscribed on the first page of the third volume of the book of the Jewish National Fund. This will be exhibited for the first time at the World Zionist congress, opening in Vienna August 13.

The men to be awarded this highest honor conferred in Zionist work are: Louis D. Brandeis, associate justice of the United States supreme court and former honorary president of the Zionist organization of America; Lord Arthur James Balfour, author of the Balfour declaration which pledged Great Britain to do all in its power to facilitate the Jewish Homeland; Sir Herbert Samuel, who recently retired after serving five years as the first British high commissioner of Palestine; Lloyd George, English premier at the time of the issuance of the Balfour declaration and the Palestine mandate; Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist organization and the Zionist leader considered most responsible for the present political and economic success of the movement; Nahum Sokolow, M. M. Ussishkin and the late Dr. Yehiel Tabenkin, world Zionist leaders; Baron Edmond de Rothschild, world-famous philanthropist, who for almost a half century has worked for the upbuilding of Palestine; and the late Sir Mark Sykes, British diplomat, who was closely associated with the negotiations leading up to the promulgation of the Palestine mandate.

Only the names of those who have rendered outstanding service in furthering the Jewish Homeland movement are inscribed in the Golden Book, which is preserved in the archives of the Jewish National Fund here. Among those thus honored are Woodrow Wilson, Warren G. Harding and Henry Cabot Lodge and among prominent American Jews, Nathan Straus, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, and Judge Julian W. Mack, former presidents of the Zionist Organization of America, and Louis George, English premier at the

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WOMAN ROOTS PROWLERS

CANBY, Ore.—When Mrs. C. H. Armine heard a disturbance in the chicken house at her farm near here she fired a shotgun at a dark object near the hen coop and two men took sudden flight. Mr. Armine was in Oregon City at the

time and Mrs. Armine was alone. They had lost several choice hens previously.

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Guam Children Trade Relics for Tickets

HONOLULU (AP).—An ancient sacred relic in exchange for a ticket to the movies is the latest fad to float up from the mysterious islands of the South Seas where a group of scientists is attempting to solve the problem of the origin of the Polynesian race.

It is told in a letter from one of the workers attached to the Bishop Museum, Honolulu, and concerns Guam and the Chamorro children on the sunbaked shores of that island who will hunt naively for bits of weathered stone in order to enjoy viewing the cowboys, train wrecks, shooting scrapes and bathing girls that appear on the Guam screen as representing that far away and unknown country, America.

The search is "hazardous" for the children because of the

friction that the strangely-shaped stones which are in such great demand at the "movie houses" belonged once to the "Fountain-Stones" of the people of before time who are feared so greatly that none of the adult residents dare touch the relics.

The stones are the implements and weapons left by the former inhabitants of the Marianas, who may have the Polynesian, the scientists say.

Many varieties of the objects are necessary for the study of the habits and customs of the race and the Bishop Museum expedition has contracted with the Agaña motion picture theatre in one of the strangest contracts ever signed. Its terms provide for free admission to the show, the museum to redeem the stones, most of which have come from "rubbish" or rubbishy spots. They will be studied carefully and perhaps in them will be found the clue that will lead to the origin of the Polynesian peoples.

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