

MARKETS FARMER'S LEADING PROBLEM

Deep Feeling Is Shown at Conference.

EARLY REFORMS DEMANDED

Waste Between Grower and Consumer Strikingly Shown.

NEW BUREAU ASKED FOR

Professor MacPherson, of Oregon Agricultural College, Analyzes Recent Chicago Meeting—Appeal Made to Congress.

BY HECTOR MACPHERSON, CHICAGO, April 20.—(Special Correspondence.)—The first National conference on "Marketing and Farm Credits" has now passed into history. It is worth while at this point, I believe, to review its contribution to agricultural economic thought and ask what its practical effect is likely to be in solving the problems of the farmer. In the first place, this conference did not originate among farmers. The spark which set the flame going was kindled in the brain of Colonel Frank P. Holland, of Dallas, Tex., while off on a hunting expedition. Now, Colonel Holland is president of the Associated Farm Papers, an organization which includes, in addition to Holland's own paper, Farm and Ranch, eight others of the largest farm papers of the country.

Suspicion Quickly Dispelled.

Immediately on his return to civilization Holland laid the plan before his association, and the call for the conference was issued.

On account of its origin among the big farm journals, some were inclined at first to view the conference with suspicion. They thought it would amount to little more than a big advertising scheme. The call, however, was one which could not be disregarded. It was for a conference on "Farm Credit and Marketing," the most live topic before the American people today.

People of interests the most diverse sat up and took notice when the call for a conference went forth. It appealed to all—the politician, the philanthropist, the railroad man, the publisher, the educator, the middleman, the consumer, and the farmer. Interest was intensified by the fact that the best-known thinkers in the country were secured to lead in the various topics of discussion.

Conference Widely Representative.

To make a long story short, there gathered in Chicago, during the three days of the conference, 441 regular delegates. Besides, it is estimated that about half as many more attended the conference who either could not or did not register. The registered delegates represented 24 states, four Canadian provinces and the Republic of Mexico. They represented widely different interests; yet, from the beginning to the end of the conference, there never was a minute when sentiment favorable to the best interests of the farmer did not predominate. Let me illustrate by the two great topics under consideration, "Marketing" and "Credit."

There were present at the conference three representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture. The most prominent was W. J. Spillman, who was chairman of the special representative of Secretary Houston.

Law of Prices Discussed.

Mr. Spillman applies the law of normal value to the prices of agricultural products, and thinks we will be somewhat disappointed in our efforts to secure better prices for the farmer. The law of normal value is that, under conditions of free competition, there is a tendency for prices to equal the cost of production, including wages of labor, rent for land and interest on capital. We cannot here examine this theory; but, notwithstanding Mr. Spillman's argument, I am convinced that it plays but a small part in determining the farmer's present income, and will be a still smaller factor under organized systems of credit and marketing.

Now, Mr. Spillman was chairman of the committee under whose supervision the new office of Markets in the Federal Department of Agriculture began its existence. He was desirous, therefore, that the reports of the various official committees make due recognition of the new office. Both the committee on resolutions and the committee on distribution brought forward strong pleas for a Federal bureau of markets, entirely.

When the committee on distribution brought in its report, Mr. Spillman urged the advisability of recognizing the beginning which had been made in the office of markets. He was absolutely overruled by the vote of the conference. Whether rightly or wrongly, it was the opinion of those present that the new office, with its \$50,000 appropriation, is utterly inadequate to cope with the situation, and amounted to little more than a sop thrown to the farmer.

In the course of the discussion Hutton W. Summers, Representative in Congress from the Dallas, Tex., district, declared that Congress "must create a marketing bureau, clothe it with almost unlimited discretion, supply it

WORLD IN FUTURE TO BE NOISELESS

HARVARD MEDICAL PROFESSOR MAKES PREDICTION.

Welfare Committees Will Be Leading Factors Relieving Suffering From Sound.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 20.—Dr. Clarence J. Blake, professor of ethnology at the Harvard medical school, forecasts a comparatively noiseless world in the years to come.

"In time we shall have, while not a soundless world, a world that will be practically noiseless," said Dr. Blake today.

"Unnecessary noise in the factory, in the mill, the mines and the outdoor world, is daily claiming its toll from the masses by causing a diminution in the hearing power. Welfare committees are working industriously to abolish these injurious conditions and these associations will be the greatest factors in bringing about a noiseless world. "Deafness can be attained through irritated mucous membranes in the throat and nose as well as from sound. Among the occupations in which the employed suffer greatly from deafness, Dr. Blake cited dealing in hair and old rags and blowing on wind instruments. Cutting mother of pearl is the most dangerous of all trades in its effect on the hearing, he says.

CANNERY TO OPEN MAY 9

Corvallis Plant Will Run Night and Day During Season.

CORVALLIS, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—Having finished a two-story addition 50x50 feet, and added new equipment and completely renovated the old plant, the Corvallis cannery will be thrown open for inspection May 9. The opening is to be a booster occasion, the feature of which will be a dinner served by members of the Benton County Growers' Association.

President Robert Strahorn and other prominent officials of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railroad have promised to be present and appear on a program with representative business men of Corvallis and Albany.

The cannery has been given the financial support necessary to put it on its feet, and the growers of Benton and Linn counties are co-operating with it in such way that Manager George H. Tinker has made plans for continuous operation, night and day, throughout the season. The cannery will care for everything raised in this section that will admit of canning.

FEEDING STATION CHOSEN

Short Line Elects Ontario, Or., as Place for Handling Stock.

ONTARIO, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—An official of the Short Line Railroad while in Ontario last week made arrangements with Dave Magill, stockman, to take charge of the feeding station. The station, which will be established here, the railroad official said that stock trains would be made up here and sent into Portland without a stop for feeding the cattle. Work will be commenced on the yards and pens at once.

Announcement of the railroad's future plans at Ontario is expected soon. Everything seems to indicate that the Short Line will make Ontario the principal division point between Salt Lake City and Portland.

MIMI'S DEAD ARE HONORED

Friends of Vessel's Victims Hold Service at Seaman's Home.

Friends of the late Captain Albert Crowe, sailors and other victims of the Mimi disaster gathered to honor their memory at the Seaman's Institute, 323 Everett street, last night. Among those present were Mrs. Crowe and her son and daughter, A. C. Newell led the Episcopal service. Rev. Mr. Bischoff addressed the assemblage in German and Rev. E. H. Roper, chaplain of the institute, delivered an address in which he eulogized Captain Crowe. Mrs. Ruth G. Gilbert sang two solos.

LOVETT TO MEET JUDGES

Dissolution of Harriman Lines Merger to Be Discussed.

ST. PAUL, April 20.—Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the board of the Union Pacific Railroad, arrived here today and tomorrow will hold a conference with Federal Judges Sanborn, Hook and Adams relative to the dissolution of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads.

CHURCHMEN END MEETING

Coo-Sub-District Ministers and League Convened at Bandon.

BANDON, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—The Coo-Sub-District Ministerial Association and Epworth League Convention for the Eugene district of the Methodist Church held their eighth annual session at Bandon during the week.

BRYAN'S POLICY OF "PEACE" IS BLAMED

Japan's Attitude Believed Sequence.

SMALL NAVY NOW RIDICULED

Administration Embarrassed by Disarmament Talk.

RAKER TO MEET WILSON

Californian Will Tell President His State Should Enact Law and Let Japan if Aggrieved Appeal to Courts.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—It is no secret in Washington that the Administration finds itself embarrassed in dealing with the present Japanese question by Secretary Bryan's "peace" policy. Mr. Bryan has been strongly in favor of a smaller Navy and comparative disarmament, and it is declared here that officials to a large extent attribute the belligerent attitude of Japanese across the water to this fact. This has hampered not only President Wilson in dealing with the issue, but has proved embarrassing even to Mr. Bryan himself.

Advocates of an adequate Navy are laughing in their sleeves today at the predicament in which the Secretary of State finds himself. They do not hesitate to say that they believe the Secretary and those Democrats who have been trying to block the building up of the Navy are likely to have their eyes opened before the Administration gets out of its present tangle.

Bryan Hears From Johnson.

Further consideration of proposed alien land legislation in the California assembly tomorrow is awaited with deep interest here. Secretary Bryan today received a telegram, reported to be from Governor Johnson, acknowledging receipt of the President's message of yesterday, outlining the Administration view of the situation, but did not make the contents public. California representatives issued statements discussing the demand in their states for alien land laws.

"This matter will be settled satisfactorily. Legislation with reference to holding of land by aliens will be enacted," said Representative Baker. "The people of California want the question settled once for all."

Mr. Baker asserted his confidence that the California Legislature would put through a bill. He is not yet in.

CANOE CAPSIZES; GIRL IS DROWNED

KATE O'CONNOR, OF MONTAGUE, CAL., CORVALLIS VICTIM.

Body Remains Under Water and Companion's Efforts to Effect Rescue Are Unavailing.

CORVALLIS, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—Kate O'Connor, of Montague, Cal., a junior student in the domestic science class at Oregon Agricultural College, was drowned at 5:30 P. M. today while canoeing on the Mary's River with Robert Savage, of Salem, a sophomore in the class of mechanical engineering. The girl's body was carried below the surface at once and never came up, so her companion was powerless to render any assistance.

The accident occurred four miles up stream from Corvallis, in a swift current, and the canoe was capsized by striking a log while the occupants were endeavoring to turn round.

Three students, R. J. Chrisman, G. M. Stambach and G. Schumaker, witnessed the accident and rendered all the assistance possible. A large party was organized at once, and a systematic search recovered the body shortly after 10 o'clock.

The party, which included Miss O'Connor and Mr. Savage, left Corvallis at 3 o'clock and were making a strict rule of the college, which forbids any girl going on the water without first having filed the written consent of her parents to engage in aquatic sports.

RACE IS LOST; BRIDE WON

Sockalexis, Indian Athlete, Runs to Win Penobscot Maid's Hand.

BOSTON, April 20.—(Special.)—Andrew Sockalexis, the Old Town (Me.) Indian who finished second in the Boston 25-mile Marathon race yesterday, was running for a greater prize than the medal signifying victory, it developed after the race. Sockalexis, who was beaten by exactly two minutes by Fritz Carlson, was fighting for the added prize of the hand of Pauline Shea, of the Penobscots, who waited anxiously at the finish and swooned as the Indian staggered across the line.

When Miss Shea had been revived she told the judges of the race that she would marry the redman anyway.

PRISONER LEAPS FROM CAR

Man Handcuffed Leaves Fastly-Moving Train in Idaho.

BOISE, Idaho, April 20.—E. P. Marshall, wanted in Sacramento on a charge of issuing fictitious checks and who was in charge of Detective J. J. Thielens, of Sacramento, leaped from a train running 30 miles an hour, two miles east of Nampa, and escaped last night. Holding up a farmer, Marshall took a file from the wagon and cut off his handcuffs, later fleeing into the desert. A posse from Nampa was sent out on his trail.

Marshall was arrested in Pocatello on a fugitive warrant from Sacramento and Thielens brought him to Boise. Extrajudicial papers were granted and the officer was taking him back to California when he escaped.

WOMAN TO PURSUE VON KLEIN TO END

Miss Newcomb Refuses to Drop Case.

STORY OF COURTSHIP TOLD

Purpose Now Is to See Other Women Are Protected.

VICTORY WON IN ILLINOIS

Chicago Detectives Say Von Klein Was Arrested in Galesburg, Ill., When 19 Years Old, for Stealing From Young Girl.

CHICAGO, April 20.—(Special.)—Miss Ethel Newcomb, who caused the arrest of E. C. von Klein, alias "Jack Lewis," son of Professor Carl H. von Klein, declared today she would prosecute the young "diamond broker" despite influences brought to bear upon her.

She insists Von Klein is the man who investigated her into a marriage and took her jewels. It is said that recently \$3500 was offered Miss Newcomb if she would not appear in Judge Williams' court Tuesday morning.

Von Klein is at liberty on \$14,000 bonds, signed by a surety company, and it is said that since regaining his freedom he has been constantly shadowed by employes of the bonding concern.

It is also predicted there will be an interesting legal clash when Von Klein is arraigned. He is being represented by Charles E. Erbstein, and Miss Newcomb has engaged Robert E. Cantwell to look after her interests.

Miss Newcomb won a victory in Springfield Friday when Governor Dunne issued a Governor's warrant to Detective Sergeant Day, of Portland, for the return of Von Klein to Portland to stand trial on a charge of grand larceny. She appeared personally at the state capitol. She is prepared to accompany the officers in charge of Von Klein to Portland to prosecute the case there. Sergeant Day listened to the original complaint made by Miss Newcomb in Portland and was detailed on the case. He said today that he learned that on the morning Von Klein, then known as Jack Lewis, disappeared he showed a barber in the Portland Hotel several diamonds, with the remark:

"They are beauties, and I got them easy, so good-bye."

Detectives Rieck and Shubert, of the

AUTHOR TO SEEK DEEPEST JUNGLE

LAND NO WHITE MAN HAS VISITED IS OBJECTIVE.

Stewart Edward White Outfitting for Forests Filled With Savages and Wild Animals.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 20.—(Special.)—Stewart Edward White, the author, is outfitting an expedition at Santa Barbara for the African wilds, this time to enter recesses never before visited by a white man. White intends leaving Santa Barbara next month for New York, to sail for Naples and thence for Africa, where he will join a Mr. Cunningham, who will be his only white traveling companion throughout his trip.

Cunningham is a native of Scotland, but has spent the greater part of his life on the game trails of the most remote spots in Africa and is also a famous elephant hunter. He accompanied Mr. White on a former trip.

The territory selected by White for exploration lies southeast of the great Nyanza Lake, the largest in Africa, and is a stretch of mountains and thick forest inhabited by unknown savages. Other parts of the country, Mr. White thought to be inhabited only by wild animals. The trip will cover eight or nine months, or more, during which Mr. White will travel in Europe and also spend a few months with her aunt in Scotland. She will join her husband in Italy after his explorations and return with him to Santa Barbara some time next year.

WOMAN FINDS SKELETON

Discovery May Explain Disappearance of Percy Jaquith.

HILLSBORO, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Thomas Haines today found a skeleton on her husband's ranch, 10 miles southeast of this city and south of Scholls. A revolver was lying near and the skull had been penetrated by a bullet. No clothing was found.

The discovery recalls the disappearance of Percy Jaquith, 25-year-old son of W. W. Jaquith, of Scholls, who left home June 18, 1911. His clothing and bicycle were found on the bank of the Tuolumne River, about a mile and a half from the place where the skeleton was found today. The youth had a revolver at the time of his departure. It is supposed that the young man deposited his clothing on the river bank and walked away and shot himself in a secluded place, trusting that his body would not be discovered.

The teeth have gold, cement and silver fillings, but Coroner Borrett has not yet established identification by this means. Young Jaquith had a few hundred dollars deposited in a Hillsboro bank.

Hugh Brady, the Portland diver, fruitlessly searched the Rowell & Co. millpond, above which the clothes were found, shortly after the disappearance.

CHARTER IS ESSAY TOPIC

High and Grade Students to Write on Commission Government.

The future voters of Portland are to have an opportunity to express their views on the proposed new charter. The charter campaign committee has offered a prize of \$25 for the best essay written by a student in any Portland high school on the subject. "The Benefits to Be Derived From Commission Form of Government" will be given.

Prizes of \$15 and \$10 will be given for the best and second best essays on the same subject written by students of the grammar grades. All manuscripts must be received at charter headquarters, 175 Broadway, by 2 o'clock Saturday, April 25.

There are no other conditions, except that the essays are to be kept within 500 words in length, and must be plainly written on one side of the paper. Further information may be secured by calling at headquarters or telephoning Marshall 5600.

NEED OF FAITH ASSERTED

W. J. Bryan Addresses Endeavor Meeting in Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Secretary of State Bryan told an audience of men in the second of a series of Sunday afternoon Christian Endeavor meetings that there never was a time when faith was needed more than at present.

"Without faith," said Mr. Bryan, "it is impossible to accomplish anything worth while. A man must have faith in God, faith in himself, faith in his fellow men and faith in his government before he can do any work of importance in the world. Faith in the government does not mean that men shall not see its defects. They must try to perfect it. Our form of government makes it possible to make the Government just as good as the people deserve."

WARM WEATHER FORECAST

Storm Slated to Appear in Far West Tuesday or Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Moderately warm weather will prevail throughout the Great Central valleys and the Rocky Mountain region and the plains states the coming week. The weekly bulletin of the Weather Bureau says:

"The first storm of importance will appear in the Far West Tuesday or Wednesday, moving eastward and across the great central valleys Thursday or Friday and the Eastern States near the end of the week. This disturbance will be preceded by a general rise in temperature, be attended by showers and thunder storms and be followed by considerably colder weather, which will overspread the Northwestern States Thursday and Friday."

BELGIUM MAY GIVE WAY TO SOCIALISTS

Belief Is End of Strike Is in Sight.

GOVERNMENT IS CONCILIATORY

Motion Providing Reform of Franchise System Framed.

SOCIALISTS HAVE HOPES

Leaders Declare Proceedings in Chamber of Deputies Show Thin End of Wedge Has Been Inserted—Order Obtains.

BRUSSELS, April 20.—The opinion now is general in political circles that at the session of the Chamber of Deputies Tuesday the government will be prepared to accept the conciliatory motion of the Liberal leader, M. Masson. This provides that if the parliamentary committee appointed recently to consider the reform of the provincial and communal franchise system evolves a plan which appears to be a manifest improvement on the present methods, then the advisability of revising parliamentary elections along the same lines shall immediately be considered.

Adoption Would End Strike.

The adoption of this motion by the chamber would mean the end of the strike which is paralyzing Belgium's industry.

The Socialists assert that there will be 500,000 men out tomorrow. Twenty thousand persons assembled at a great meeting at Liege today and listened without the slightest disorder to addresses on the strike situation throughout the country. The Socialist leader, Emile Vandervelde, said the proceedings in the Chamber of Deputies seemed to show that the thin end of the wedge had been inserted.

Strikers' Meeting Sanctioned.

The Burgomaster of Charleroi has sanctioned a meeting of all the strikers in the province on Thursday on condition that the strikers themselves appoint police to preserve order. The Liberals will participate actively in the demonstration.

The Antwerp diamond cutters, by a vote of 1021 to 152, decided today to join the strike movement. A detachment of clerical union workers also will go out.

Three thousand members of the Antwerp civic guard are protesting against further detention from their business since there has been no trouble.

NAVY PLANS LONG CRUISE

Atlantic Fleet to Visit Mediterranean Next Winter.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Secretary Daniels announced today that next Winter practically the entire Atlantic fleet would be sent on a three-month cruise to the Mediterranean. This will be the new Secretary's first step in pursuance of his policy to make the Navy in times of peace a great educational force for the enlisted men and to afford them opportunity to enjoy the broadening advantages of first-hand knowledge of the great countries of the world.

The Secretary believes such a cruise will add greatly to the sailor's usefulness.

"I believe we should offer to the enlisted men every opportunity which lies in our power to obtain knowledge of other countries from personal observation," he said today. "The cruise will be so timed as to give every man in the fleet shore leave at every port of interest. Instead of usual annual Winter maneuvers at Guantanamo, Cuba, the whole fleet, including the torpedo-boat destroyers and auxiliaries, will make the foreign cruise."

The exact dates and details of the voyage had not been definitely determined.

EX-KING MANUEL TO WED

Bride-to-Be Princess Augustine Victoria, Relative of Kaiser.

BERLIN, April 20.—(Special.)—King Manuel, of Portugal, is betrothed to Princess Augustine Victoria, daughter to Prince Wilhelm of Hohenzollern, a relative of the Kaiser. The formal announcement has not been made, but it is understood that arrangements have been completed and an official statement will soon be forthcoming.

King Manuel is now visiting Sigmaringen Castle, the home of Princess Augustine's father, and he has spent much of his time there since last Fall.

The marriage will not bring the ex-king into close relationship with the Kaiser. Even though Kaiser Wilhelm and Princess Augustine are both Hohenzollerns, they belong to different families, although they are distantly related. The Kaiser calls the Prince "cousin," but a blood relationship between the two would only be found hundreds of years back.

Prince Byrne Is Dead.

SALEM, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—Prince Byrne, a well-known resident of this city, died this morning.

