

PRESIDENT WANTS FARM CONFERENCE

Means for Relieving Depression Is Purpose.

WALLACE ASKED TO ACT

Secretary in Full Accord With Executive as to Necessity of Immediate Action.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—President Harding, in a letter today to Secretary Wallace of the department of agriculture, asked that the latter call a national conference at Washington to "suggest practical ways of improvement" for the severe agricultural depression which exists throughout the land.

Prompt action was taken at the department of agriculture in response to the request, telegraphic invitations being dispatched immediately to a number of organizations and individuals whose attendance is desired at the gathering.

Secretary Wallace said tonight that the date of the conference has not yet been fixed nor a complete list made up. It is expected, however, that the conference will be held within a month and, in addition to farmers and their organizations, industries associated directly and indirectly with agriculture will be called in to assist in the efforts to improve conditions.

Action Held Necessary. "No one will pretend that present conditions could have been avoided," President Harding said in his letter to the secretary, "but no one will deny that some corrective constructive steps should be taken to remedy the severe hardships under which so important a portion of our productive citizenship is struggling. I am convinced that a conference may be made a very helpful agency for suggesting practical ways of improvement, particularly if brought into co-ordination with the helpful investigation which has been begun by a congressional commission committed to a related work."

The president further suggested that the conference might divide its work into two sections, one "for consideration of our present-day difficulties, which, though temporary, are serious and need effective attention, while the second could deal with a survey of the future in an effort to determine upon general policies."

President Sees Danger. The letter added: "It seems reasonably certain that as the world comes out of the present period of disorganization this country may find itself confronting new conditions which may very directly influence both our agricultural and industrial life. We should anticipate such changes and endeavor to make for them. It is unthinkable that with our vast areas, our unparalleled endowment of agricultural resources, our fertility of soil, our vast home market and the great ability and resourcefulness of our farmers we should accept the status of a distinctly industrial nation. Our destiny seems to require that we should be a well-rounded nation with a high development of both industry and agriculture, supporting one another and prospering together. It must be, and I feel sure it is, the national wish and purpose to maintain our agriculture at the highest possible efficiency. It is unquestioned that a conference will bring us to a clearer understanding of the problems and I would like you to bring into the conference the ablest representatives of agricultural production, which would represent our great home market in the broadest possible way, and I think much good would come if you include in the conference and those who are engaged in industries most intimately associated with agriculture."

Mr. Wallace in Accord. "It will clarify our views if we have present representatives of the more important interests which are closely related to and dependent on agriculture. I trust these representatives will be invited. It may leave the makeup of the conference to your more intimate knowledge of those who may confer most helpfully, but I will be glad to see you issue such an invitation so that both the country and the government may have the benefit of the earliest possible suggestions which will come from such a meeting."

"I am in complete accord with the president's conception of the matter; the conference should consider," said Secretary Wallace, "and the character of the representation and shall try to carry out his wishes in detail."

STOCK PRODUCERS ORGANIZE First Board of Directors Named at Chicago Meeting.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The first board of directors of the National Stock Producers' association meeting here today elected officers as follows: John G. Brown, London, Ind., president; C. E. Collins, Kit Carson, Colo., vice-president; E. H. Cunningham, Des Moines, secretary-treasurer. The officers constitute the executive committee.

Requests to establish terminal commission association and allied stock and feeder companies were received from Chicago, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Buffalo, Pittsburg and Detroit.

The Producers' Livestock Commission association, National Stockyards Illinois, will open for business January 2. This is the first of the terminal commission associations to be organized according to the plan of the farmers' livestock market committee of 15 of the American farm bureau federation. H. E. Pike, formerly on the Denver market, is the manager.

DR. McELVEEN SNUBBED

(Continued From First Page.) The church ten days ago petitioned him to remain Thursday night a vote—not unanimous, however—extended him by the congregation to continue, and he said he would make known his decision not later than next Tuesday night at the executive council meeting. And then the latest storm broke loose, when Dr. Bowman and Hinson refused to appear on the ministerial program with him.

HIGH MEAT PRICES LAID TO RETAILERS

People in Arms and Are Demanding Legislation.

PACKERS MAY BENEFIT

Proposal Is to Allow Big Corporations to Expand in Order to Sell to Consumer.

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This time it is the retail meat dealer and not the packer who is to be put on the rack. Complaints have been reaching Washington from all parts of the country, and especially from the west, which produces the most of Uncle Sam's meat supply, that retail prices have not responded to the radical shrinkage in the price the farmer received for his livestock.

For a time the "disposition was to place the blame on the big packers, but investigation shows that the wholesale price of meat has followed downward the prices paid for cattle, sheep and hogs. In some instances the retail prices of meat in several of the large cities have been marked down as much as 10 per cent.

It is declared to be a fact that in no retail establishments except those which specialize in a cut-rate business on small city store basis, depending on small profits to produce quick sales, have the low prices for livestock on the hoof been translated into equally low prices for the ultimate consumer.

The remedy which one hears most often discussed in Washington is in the form of legislation aiming directly at the retail dealer. More packer legislation is proposed as the means of solving this very serious problem of living costs, but this time it is not believed that the packer would oppose the steps suggested.

Packer Expansion Proposed. Under the proposal the scope of packer business would be extended, something that Chicago's big five have always sought to do against great obstacles. Heretofore the expansion of packer industry has been viewed as a menace and the government, through the department of justice, has at regular intervals in the last 20 years sought through the courts to call a halt.

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Holliday's Suit Store Closed Today THE Holliday Store at 333 Washington street will be closed today in order to arrange for a drastic sale of Dresses, Waists, Coats and Suits, which is to begin on Tuesday next at 2 o'clock. The sale is to be under the direction of George Francis Rowe of Seattle. It is the first sale the Holliday Company has ever held and surprising values are promised. Full particulars will appear in the Sunday papers.

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Men's Madras Shirts Reduced to \$1.15

—We have gathered together odd lots and broken lines of shirts such as have sold well in our stocks at higher prices and reduced them for this sale. Some have been marked as low as half price, and all are perfectly washable, long-wearing, good-looking shirts such as you have not seen in many a day, even in a clearance, at \$1.15.

"Knothe" Sterling Silver Buckle and Belt Combinations, 25% Off Men's "VASSAR" Underwear Now Reduced One-Third

—Our entire stock of these attractive and popular sterling silver buckles on genuine leather belts—reduced without any reservations. The original prices were special; the new prices represent super-savings.

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TICKETS ON SALE DEC. 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, JAN. 1, 2. Return Limits Jan. 4.

Albany \$4.20 Salem \$2.76 Corvallis \$4.76 Harrisburg \$5.63 Eugene \$6.62 Junction City \$5.85

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