

IMMEDIATE RELIEF FOR FARMERS URGED

President Emphasizes Seriousness of Situation.

NATIONAL SESSION HELD

Remedial Measures Outlined by Harding and Indorsed by Other Speakers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 23.—(Im-)mediate relief must be given farmers in the present agricultural crisis, delegates to the national agricultural conference, which convened today, were told by the speakers. President Harding, who opened the conference, Secretary Wallace, farmers and representatives of industries dependent on agriculture, emphasized the seriousness of the situation and suggested remedies.

Remedial measures outlined by the president and subsequently indorsed by many speakers included more adequate financial facilities, especially working capital, for the farmer on long-time loans to provide for his turnover; extension of co-operative marketing; buying and loan associations of farmers; development of waterway transportation and power possibilities; more efficient machinery for collecting and distributing market information, including the demand and consumption outlook; development of the St. Lawrence-Great Lakes water project and assurance to agriculture of equality of opportunity with all other industries.

Freight Rate Cut Urged.
Demand for reduction of freight rates was voiced generally by the farmers and a reduction in retail prices also was suggested as a necessary step to start increased consumption of farm products.

Depression in agriculture, which was declared by speakers from five leading farm regions to be general in the United States, is reflected in industries intimately connected with and dependent on a prosperous agriculture. It was asserted by representatives of the milling, packing, fertilizer and implement industries. Each of the latter pledged full co-operation with agriculture in any effort looking to restoration of normal conditions.

Secretary Wallace outlined the purpose of the conference after President Harding had delivered his address and Representative Anderson of Minnesota was made permanent chairman, while 12 major committees were appointed to study problems with the view of submitting recommendations.

Delegates Are Entertained.
The delegates and their families tonight were guests of President and Mrs. Harding at a reception.

W. J. Bryan late in the afternoon described the conference as one of the most important held in this country in a long time. Agriculture, he said, was in the worst condition 30 years ago and he could not see how there could be any general prosperity until the condition of the farmer was improved.

Touching on other questions he declared that the present congress had done more than previous ones "because it was more scared than other congresses."

Situation Is Described.
The situation of the various great farming sections was described by their representatives and the effects of the depressed agricultural conditions on the allied industries was discussed during the afternoon.
H. H. Henshaw of North Dakota, speaking for the wheat belt; A. Sykes of Iowa, for the corn belt; James W. Morton of Georgia, for the cotton belt; Fred H. Bixby of California, for the livestock producers; and E. B. Cornwall of Vermont, for the northeastern agricultural interests, made suggestions for remedial measures, most of them touching on reduction of freight rates and retail prices.

Several speakers also advocated acceptance by the government of Henry Ford's offer for the Muscle Shoals plant.

Waterway Held Feasible.
Feasibility of the St. Lawrence-Great Lakes waterway project "is unquestioned," President Harding declared.

"I have spoken," the president said, "of the advantage which Europe enjoys because of its easy access to the sea, the cheapest and surest transportation facility. In our own country, the water resources in both agriculture and industry would be brought in communication with all the ocean routes by the execution of the St. Lawrence waterway project. To enable ocean-going vessels to have access to all the ports of the great lakes would have a most stimulating effect upon the industrial life of the continent's interior."

Costs Are Declared Small.
"The feasibility of the project is unquestioned," the president said, "with some other great engineering works would be small. Disorganized and prostrate, the nations of central Europe are even now setting their hands to the development of a great continental waterway, which, connecting the Rhine and Danube, will bring water transportation from the Black to the North sea, from Mediterranean to Baltic."

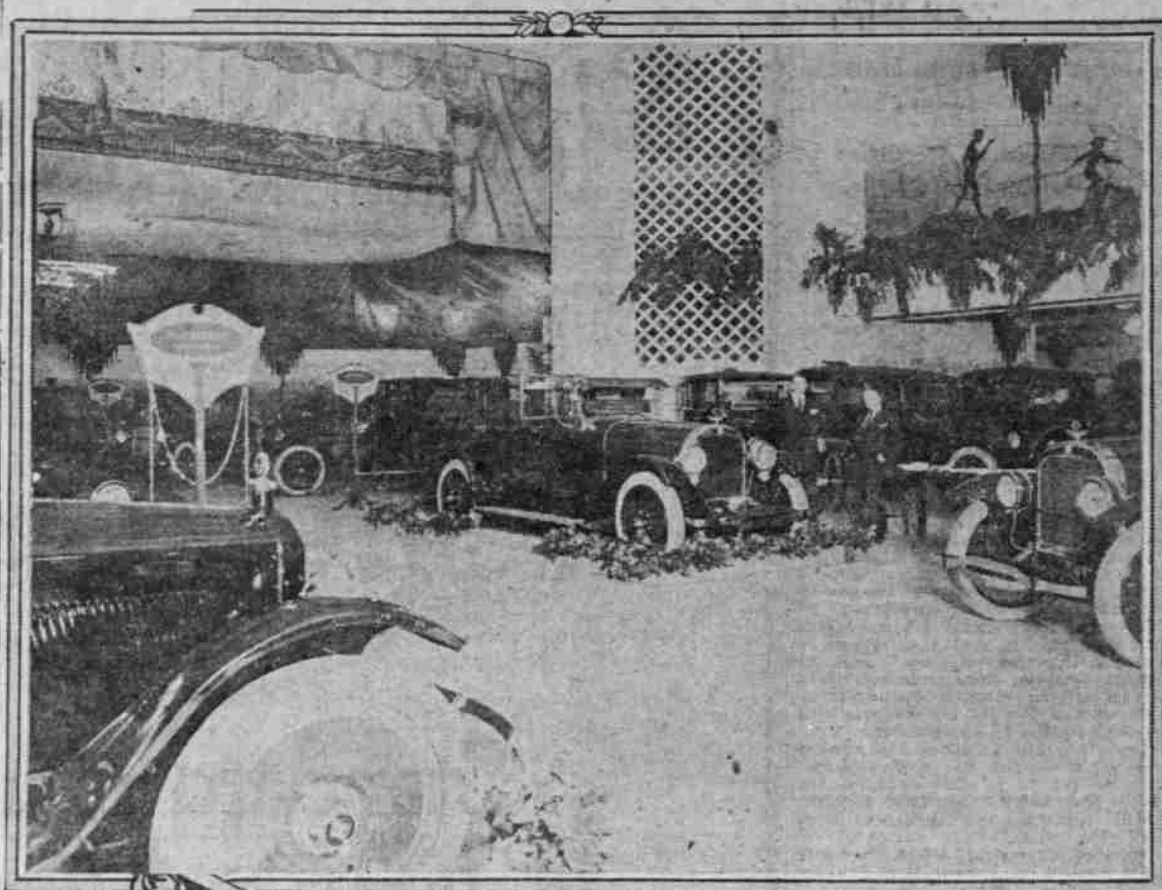
"If international prejudices and economic difficulties can be overcome by Europe, they certainly should not be formidable obstacles to an achievement less expensive and giving promise of yet greater advantages to the peoples of North America. Not only would the cost of transportation be greatly reduced, but a vast population would be brought overnight in immediate touch with the markets of the entire world."

Packers' Troubles Viewed.
Thomas E. Wilson of Chicago, president of the Institute of American Meat Packers, declared that the agricultural depression had been a great factor in reducing "tremendously" the value of the packer industry output, upsetting stability by forcing livestock and packing house products below the general level of community values and "turning a small rate of profit into a large loss."

The packer, he said, has done everything within his power to assist agriculture in tiding over the critical period. The farmer, he added, "has done much of his liquidation through the packer and the packer has succeeded in getting this huge volume of production, surplus and all, over the consumer, though at a great loss."

Meat Consumption Urged.
Mr. Wilson suggested much might be done by increasing meat consumption. Reduction, he declared, must

ANNUAL AUTO SHOW OPENS WITH 150 CARS ON DISPLAY.



FEW OF THE SPOTLESS MODELS ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE AUDITORIUM.

be placed on a more scientific basis, economies effected and costs reduced. Effects of falling wheat markets have been "destructive" to the milling business, James F. Bell of Minneapolis asserted, adding there was too much competition in the intermediary steps between the producer and consumer.

Further lowering of the unit cost of farm production was advanced by Charles H. McBowell of Chicago, representing the fertilizing industry, as the first problem for solution in stabilizing agriculture on a profitable basis.

EDUCATOR BURIED TODAY

FUNERAL OF A. P. ARMSTRONG TO BE AT 1 O'CLOCK.

Masons to Have Charge of Services for Member Who Once Was at Head of County Schools.

Funeral services for A. P. Armstrong, widely-known Oregon educator who died at Good Samaritan hospital Sunday morning following an abdominal operation, will be held this afternoon at 1 o'clock from Holman's mortuary chapel. The services will be public and burial will take place at Greenwood cemetery in the Masonic plot.

Williamette lodge of the Masons will have charge of the funeral and members of the lodge will act as pallbearers. Mr. Armstrong had been a member of the lodge for many years previous to his death and many of his numerous friends are listed among its brotherhood.

A. P. Armstrong was 67 years of age at the time of his death and had lived in Oregon all his life, being born in Jacksonville of pioneer parents. He educated himself at the commercial university for the bar, but his legal knowledge in his commercial teaching. More than 20 years ago he came to Portland and established a business school and had been connected with that vocation almost to the time of his death.

He was also county school superintendent for four years and afterwards was appointed to the civil service commission of the city, on which he served a term of the same length. In September he accepted a position as principal of the Quincy, Or. schools.

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and severed his connection with the business college in Portland. Illness overtook him several weeks ago and he came to Portland to undergo the operation which his death followed.

COMMUNITY CLUB ELECTS
F. O. Brockman President of New University Park Unit.

Permanent organization of the University Park Community club was effected last night at a meeting attended by nearly 150 citizens of the district at the Portsmouth school.

F. O. Brockman was elected president of the new organization. Other officers chosen were A. H. Brown, vice-president; George F. Mahoney, secretary; and E. J. Pully, treasurer. The officers, with J. A. Stephens, P. C. Knapp and Frank Randall, will form the executive committee, which will have charge of all activities of the club.

Meetings of the club will be held on the first Wednesday of each month, but the president is authorized to call special meetings to handle important business.

Electric Oven Being Installed.
FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—George G. Paterson, local baker, today was installing an electrically heated oven in his bakery here. He will have an up-to-date establishment when it is completed. He has conducted a bakery here for 18 years.

AUTOMOBILE SHOW OPENS

THIRTY-FOUR MAKES SEEN AT 13TH ANNUAL AFFAIR.

Entrance of Automobile Industry Into Era of Increased Business and Prosperity Marked.

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ranging from \$1300 to \$1800. Within these limits are ten different makes. The motoring public seems to favor lighter, smaller cars than ever before.

The show will be open all week, with special features in each day's programme. Last night was marked by an informal convention of members of all branches of the automobile industry in the city.

The feature of today's programme will be the old-timers' parade, in which the cracking but durable cars with years of service will be driven to the auditorium, and incidentally present a clear picture of the progress of automobile making in the few years since a trip in a snorting "buggy" was considered a feat of extraordinary daring.

SHERIFFS MEET TODAY

Narcotic Trade and Smuggling of Liquor to Be Topics.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—With the narcotic trade, juvenile crime and liquor smuggling from British Columbia as the chief topics

JUDGE WON'T CONTRIBUTE TO DELINQUENCY OF BOOTLEGGER

Retired Liquor Operator, Found Loitering on Street Sent From Court Room Without Fine or Sentence.

BECAUSE he didn't want to be either morally or legally guilty of contributing to the delinquency of a bootlegger, Judge Roseman in police court yesterday sent M. J. Sherwood, retired bootlegger, from the courtroom without a fine or other penalty.

Sherwood appeared in court recently as a bootlegger and was found guilty. He had to dig up every penny he possessed to pay his fine. Then no sooner had he won his liberty through payment of his fine than another crew of police arrested him as loitering about the streets without funds or other visible means of support.

"It appears that I may possibly be a contributing factor in this man's second affair with the police, so I am the court decreed. And Sherwood promised to go out and get a job."

On more occasions than one has some good rabbi been badly maligned when some defendant of Jewish faith has appeared before Judge Roseman on a charge of illegal possession of liquor.

"I got this wine from the rabbi for sacramental purposes," has been the plea on more than one occasion, and Judge Roseman has often given such defendants the benefit of the doubt. But Max Schetocheski pulled one from the clouds yesterday when he sprang the same story. It so happened that the arresting officers had found a quantity of wine in his possession but they likewise found a plentiful supply of moonshine mash. "I had it for sacramental purposes," pleaded he with all the assurance in the world.

"No, no, my friend, your rabbi never made you a present of all that mash; you will have to present a more convincing story, decreed Judge Roseman."

"It's high time you people cut out these Fatty Arbuckle features to your booze parties," warned Judge Roseman.

HOW TO DARKEN GRAY HAIR

A Cincinnati Barber Tells How to Make a Remedy for Gray Hair.

A well-known resident of Cincinnati, who has been a barber for more than forty years, recently made the following statement:

"Anyone can prepare a simple mixture at home, at very little cost, that will darken gray hair, and make it soft and glossy. To a half-pint of water add 1 ounce bay rum, a small box of Harbo Compound and 1/4 ounce glycerine. These ingredients can be bought at any drug store at very little cost. Apply to the hair twice a week until the desired shade is obtained. This will make a gray-haired person look twenty years younger. It is easy to use, does not color the most delicate scalp, is not sticky or greasy and does not rub off."—Adv.

MAN'S SKULL FRACTURED

Delicate Operation Performed to Save Life of A. W. Davis.

HOGUAM, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—A. W. Davis, struck by a falling tree at the Clemons Logging company's camp Saturday morning, lies in Aberdeen hospital hovering between life and death, but with a fair chance of recovery, according to Dr. O. R. Austin, attending physician.

Davis was hit on the head and his skull fractured. An operation was performed at the hospital removing the pieces of bone which were causing pressure on the brain.

Bend Red Cross to Elect.
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