

GERMAN FARMERS HOLDING THEIR OWN

Organization for Political Purposes Is Strongest of Its Kind in World.

TWO PURPOSES MANIFEST

Self-Protection and Self-Enlightenment Are Dominating Notes—Expert Instruction Given by League Lecturers.

BY HECTOR MACPHERSON.
KELLINGHAUSEN, Germany, June 23.—(Special Correspondence.)—To attempt in a letter or two to give any adequate account of the organization of German agriculture would be sure to end in failure. Germany is, above all other countries, the home of rural associations. In their complexity, in their general unity of purpose and in their sure-footed manner of going after their ends, they are a study to farmers' societies stand unrivaled anywhere in the world. One is almost overwhelmed by the masses of machinery by which these organizations look after the minutest details underlying rural welfare, economically, politically and socially.

Considering, then, the breadth and complexity of the subject, I shall attempt to simplify matters by gathering what I have to say about two or three outstanding features in German agricultural organization.

"Farmers' League" Well Organized.
For my subject today I take the "Bund der Landwirte," which I have translated "The Farmers' League." I choose this organization for two reasons. In the first place, it is the thing uppermost in my mind, as we have just been through the splendid holdings owned by the league, in which it has its headquarters for the German empire. In the second place, the German Farmers' League is primarily a political organization, and without doubt it is the strongest political association of farmers in the world.

To understand how it arose, we must look briefly at recent German economic history. Previous to the Franco-Prussian war, the German provinces were almost entirely agricultural. The farmer had things pretty much to himself in determining the policies of the various kingdoms.

With the union of the Germanic states in the empire, there began a new era in the German economic history. Industry began to compete with agriculture for the lion's share of political recognition and governmental support. Moreover, the rapidly developing commercial and industrial interests were strongly organized.

Class Struggle Developed.
Under the stimulus of the Kaiser's co-operative movement, the farmers were learning the first principles of associated action. In the various societies were purely non-political, and, consequently, their influence counted for little in the class struggle which arose on the basis of conflicting economic interests.

The farmers early grasped the situation and proceeded to organize with the avowed purpose of securing political and economic status worthy of the fundamental industry of the empire.

The first farmers' organization for political ends was the "Association for Tax Reform and Economic Betterment." It was formed in the winter of 1875-76, and set as its principal object the securing of an import duty on foreign breadstuffs. This object was attained by successive tariff laws passed by the Reichstag, which brought the import duty on corn up to \$1.50 a ton in the year 1887.

This made grain-growing profitable in spite of rising wages and increasing land values, and gave considerable stimulus to agriculture.

In the meanwhile other interests were steadily gaining ground. For a time it seemed as if free trade in corn would expose the German grain-grower to competition with the products of the virgin soils of the new world. In the conflict the inadequacy of the old "Association for Tax Reform" to cope with the situation became evident.

Political Model Adopted.
The farmers proceeded to reorganize as the "Farmers' League." For their model they took the Social Democratic party, the most scientifically organized political body in Germany, and at the same time the most vigorous foe of the league.

The organization is a voluntary body of farmers, who, like the party of their predecessor, is to maintain and improve the status of the farming class. It is supported by contributions levied on the members in proportion to the size of their land holdings at the rate of about 1 1/2 cents an acre annually. Persons not farmers are admitted to membership on acceptance of the principles of the league and the payment of a voluntary subscription, which must not be less than 75 cents a year.

MORE DETAILS OF PEACE PLAN GIVEN

Bryan Proposes Status Quo in War Preparations Pending Investigation.

YEAR SUGGESTED AS TIME

Third Phase of Secretary's Scheme Submitted to 20 Powers Whose Assent Has Been Given, as Well as 19 Others.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—A proposal to maintain the status quo as to military and naval preparations among disputants during the period of investigation of international differences constitutes the third and final proposal in Secretary Bryan's peace plan.

In making that portion of the proposal public today, Secretary Bryan said that the obligation to maintain the status quo would not be obligatory in the event of danger to either of the two contracting parties from a third party.

The proposal is submitted to the 20 nations which have accepted his plan in principle, as well as to the other 19 nations not yet heard from.

Status Quo Considered.
"This Government is prepared to consider," says the communication, "the question of maintaining the status quo as to military and naval preparations during the period of continuing negotiation, if the contracting nation desires to include this, and this Government suggests tentatively that the parties agree that there shall be no change in the military and naval programs during the period of investigation unless danger to one of the contracting parties should arise from a third party."

Year Given for Investigation.
The proposals previously announced provide for an international commission of five members, one from each of the contracting countries, to be chosen by the government, one to be chosen by each of the contracting countries from some other country and the fifth to be agreed on by the two contracting governments. One year is suggested as a proper time for the investigation of the subject under dispute.

Loans Are Made Easier
REGULATIONS UNDER IRRIGATION ACT AMENDED.
Mortgages to Have Opportunity to Protect Interests When Water Charges Are Unpaid.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Secretary Lane approved today an amendment to the regulations under the reclamation act designed to aid entrymen and land owners in reclamation projects in securing loans for the improvement of their farms as well as to add security to mortgages given in connection with such loans.

5 SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED
Guatemala Invites Youths From United States to School.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The Guatemalan government, through Minister Mandez, has offered the United States five scholarships available for American boys and girls desirous of pursuing courses in Guatemalan institutions of learning. These scholarships include board, lodgings, uniforms and washing, and are good for courses extending in military, academic or technical institutions.

WITNESS TREE REPLACED
Monument to Mark Spot Where Balm of Gilead Stood.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., July 12.—(Special.)—The spot where the old witness tree stood is to be marked by a concrete monument. C. A. Homan, Government Engineer, today began placing the concrete over a point above the center of the historic Balm of Gilead tree, from which all surveys in the Pacific Northwest started. This tree was on the southeast corner of the monument.

PROTEST PREVENTS PEACE
Inventor of Even Keel Submarine Evolves New Type for Air.

POISON PLOT IS FOILED

BAKER WOMAN DISCOVERS STRYCHNINE IN PUMP.

Found of Drug Is Concealed in Pipe So as to Be Forced Into Water When Drawn—Clew Found.

BAKER, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—An attempt to poison the family of Mrs. John Bumgarner by strychnine placed in the spout of a well was disclosed yesterday and Sheriff Ramo and his deputies have fastened suspicion on a man who probably will be arrested tomorrow. The officers have traced the purchase of strychnine and are their deductions are well founded.

DALLES CHERRIES BEST

MARASCHINO MANUFACTURERS BUY 540 TONS.

Oregon's Royal Anns Make Italian Fruit Look Like Peas, Says Buyer for Big Firm.

THE DALLES, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—One million, eighty thousand pounds of cherries have been marketed by the fruitgrowers of The Dalles and vicinity this year, for which they have received over \$40,000 in cash.

FILM DATE NOW PASSED
H. J. PARKISON AND GEORGE CORNWALL TURNED DOWN.

SALEM, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—An oversight of persons favoring and opposing, with the exception of friends of the university appropriation bills, will prevent the passage of the amendment form of arguments for and against the measure to be referred to the people at the special election in November.

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STEAMER COLUSA, SEATTLE TO PORTLAND.

STEAMER FALCON, PASSENGER FIRM.

STEAMER COLUSA, Seattle to Portland, left at 7 P. M. July 12.

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STEAMER VENTURE, PASSENGER FIRM.

STEAMER VENTURE, passenger firm, left at 9 P. M. July 12.

REPORTS FROM VESSELS
STEAMER LURLINE, Honolulu to San Francisco, 1165 miles out at 8 P. M. July 12.

REPORTS FROM VESSELS
STEAMER HONOLULU, San Francisco to Honolulu, 1027 miles out at 8 P. M. July 11.

REPORTS FROM VESSELS
STEAMER NILE, San Francisco to Honolulu, 738 miles out at 8 P. M. July 11.

REPORTS FROM VESSELS
STEAMER HERRIN, Honolulu to Monterey, 650 miles out at 8 P. M. July 11.

REPORTS FROM VESSELS
STEAMER SANTI RITA, Honolulu to San Francisco, 858 miles out at 8 P. M. July 11.

REPORTS FROM VESSELS
STEAMER CAMINO, Portland to San Francisco, 20 miles north of Point Arena at 7 P. M. July 12.

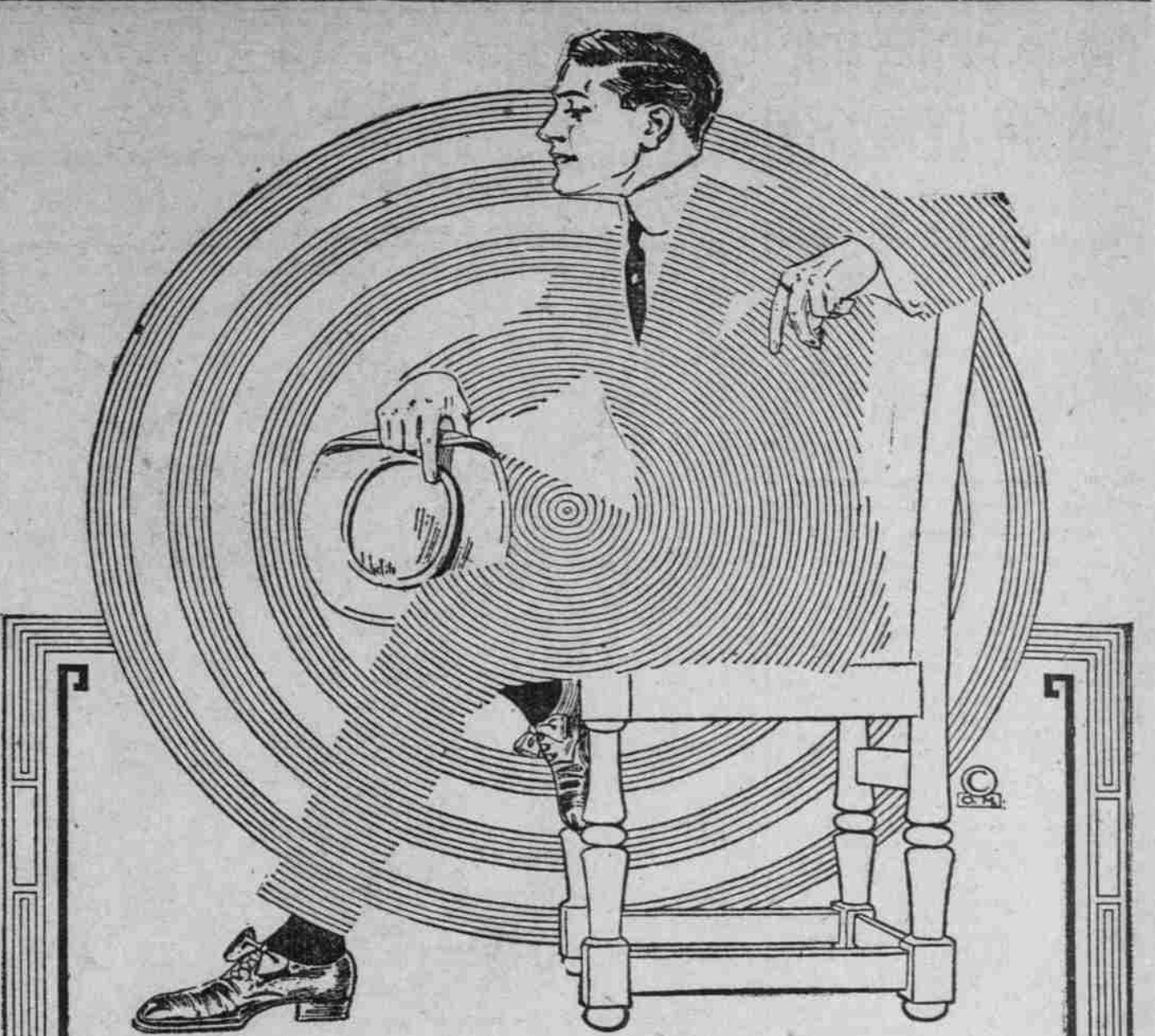
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