

GROWERS DISLIKE FRUIT SALES PLAN

Mass Meeting at Hood River
Brings Out Complaint Over
Poor Price Received.

HOME RIVALRY OPPOSED

Mid-Columbia Districts to Send
Delegates to Seattle Convention
to Ask Six Biggest Agencies
to Co-operate.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—The mass meeting of fruit-growers from the Hood River Valley, Mosier, White Salmon and Underwood called together by the Northwest by-products committee was characterized by an expression of general dissatisfaction with prices received for fruit this season.

The meeting today was called by the Northwest by-products committee to select delegates to confer with that committee in Seattle next Friday before the convention of the leaders of the six largest apple-selling agencies of the Northwest.

Truman Butler, chairman of the meeting and a member of the by-products committee, said: "The members of our committee are unanimous in their belief that the growers of the Northwest apple-box districts are not getting the return that they should, not only because of the competition existing between the different districts, but because of the competition between agencies in the districts themselves. Hood River apples are competing with Hood River apples, and the same conditions prevail in Wenatchee and Yakima.

Unified Co-operation Sought.
"We believe that the six large selling agencies can be brought together and that a plan for the permanent co-operation can be worked out. We have called on growers for suggestions and for their moral support."

The six large agencies which control the majority of the Northwest Northwest box apples and the co-operation of which is the aim of the Seattle meeting are the North Pacific Fruit Distributors, the Northwestern Fruit Exchange, the Horticultural Union of Yakima, Richey & Gilbert of Yakima, the Wenatchee Produce Association and the Wenatchee Fruitgrowers' Association.

"I am of the opinion," said E. H. Shepard, "that if we growers want harmony among the apple-selling agencies it is up to us to voice a strong expression of our sentiment. The railroad companies never make any effort to change their rates unless there is a demand by the people. We can see the effect of the voice of the people in our recent prohibition laws in Oregon and Washington. In the present case the apple-growers and they must make demands before they get what they want."

Harmonized Districting Proposed.
Mr. Shepard outlined the proposed operations of a league that has just been formed among the Wenatchee growers, and which will prevent its members from shipping through selling agencies whose rules of marketing do not conform with those laid down by the league. He said he did not believe that orderly control of the majority of the apples of the Northwest would be obtained until there was a solidification of units composed of closely cooperating local districts.

Disatisfaction with the North Pacific was expressed by a number of growers.
"I have been a member of our local union since it was organized," said J. L. Carter. "We have progressed and each step has seemed for the better. We thought when we organized and became a member of the distributors that we were going to arrive at results that you are proposing to bring about now. I do not know that anybody is to blame, but we have failed and I am now ready to do anything toward getting together at home. Then we can approach other districts and ask their co-operation."

Delegates to Be Named.
Representatives of all selling concerns expressed themselves as desirous of obtaining better local co-operation.
"The Northwest Fruit Exchange is not bringing me enough money," said A. L. Mason, "and yet I think it will return me about 10 to 25 cents more per box than to the growers of the distributors. I don't believe anything will result from our Seattle meeting, for before we can ever get on the right basis we must get together at home."

On Mr. Mason's motion it was decided by the mass meeting, comprised of about 200 growers from the mid-Columbia districts, that each of the local associations, the Apple Growers' Association, the Fruit Growers' Exchange, the Hood River Apple and Storage Company, the associations of Mosier, White Salmon and Underwood and the independent shippers would send two delegates to the Seattle meeting. The delegates must be actual growers and not members of the board of directors or salaried officers of any selling organization.

WAR IS CALLED MUD

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food, ammunition, heavy howitzers, American correspondents and other necessities of life and death could be expeditiously got to the top.

Screen Seen Through Christmas Trees.
The German pioneers had thoughtfully set up a screen of Christmas trees along the exposed left-hand side of the road, and peering through them you could just make out the French trenches running parallel, a faint streak on the ground 1000 yards away. You were gently advised not to get too close to "move on," and even accelerate your pace to a dog trot when passing the thin spots in the screen, otherwise "Frans Peng will get you and he will look out," said the cheerful guide—"Frans Peng" being their nickname for the French rifle bullet because that's the way it sounds.

Every House Hit by Shell.
The correspondent's impression, gathered at his debut in the battle of the Alsace that "war is mud," at least at this season of the year, was fully confirmed by the condition of the corduroy road; on the other hand, the high grassy embankment to the right seemed to offer an attractive dry promenade until the cheerful Jaeger Adjutant pointed out that a pedestrian up there would no longer be screened by the Christmas trees, and that French sharpshooters could tell you neutral at 1000 paces, though they could hit one, clinching his argument with the proposition that, other things being equal, it was better to be "see inches in mud than six feet under it."

MINISTER TO SANTO DOMINGO WHOSE CONDUCT AND FITNESS ARE BEING INVESTIGATED.



JAMES M. SULLIVAN.

offhand: "If you see a shell coming your way, the thing to do is to throw yourself flat on the ground." Yawning holes all along the side of the road showed that it had been a favorite target with the French artillery in the immediate past, and the thought that at any moment you might find it desirable to wallow face down in the sloppy red mud of France to the great detriment of your black broadcloth overcoat with imitation Persian lamb collar, gave a certain sporting interest to the walk. Fortunately the hard-shelled village on the crest of the hill was reached without having to seek cover in the mud.

The village was a fascinating picture. Every house had been hit by French shells; there wasn't a rain-proof roof in the place. The front of one house had been neatly shored away without musing up the bedroom upstairs, which was just as the inmates had left it. The small gray stone church was now a mediocval ruin. Half its square tower was still standing, the other half was the rubbish heap that blocked the church entrance.

Stone Sain't's Nose Shot Off.
The casualties included one stone saint whose nose had been shot away. A medalion of the "Virgin and Child" miraculously escaped, while the rest of the wall was pockmarked by shrapnel and shell splinters.

Interesting, too, were the trails of the freak shots. In one house a shell had flown in through two walls of the room in which a Lieutenant was sleeping, and killed the battalion cow quartered next to the officer.

The gaps between the houses at the edge of the village, facing the French trenches, had been closed up with screens made of piled-up tables, mattresses, chairs and window shutters, so that the French wouldn't be able to look into town. "Frans Peng caused us a lot of trouble there," the guide remarked once, explaining that the French had posted a picked sharpshooter somewhere who specialized on this particular spot, picking off the German soldiers whenever they crossed it, until the screen was put up.

German Rechristen Streets.
The Jaegers had also rechristened the streets of the village and put up neat plain board signs reading "Countess Elizabeth street," "Friedrich Franz street," "Kaiser Wilhelm street," etc., while, methodical in everything, they had placed a bulletin board on the walls of the Mairie, where the latest official news bulletins were posted.

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Trenches de Luxe Occupied.
The biggest chateau in town, belonging evidently to the former leading family, was the entrance to the network of German trenches running in three parallel lines like a crescent around the village. They were trenches around the village. They were trenches around the village. They were trenches around the village.

These subterranean hits were quite luxuriously furnished with rugs, lamps, even small stoves. Over the doors were signs giving the name and rank of the officer living there. The German sense of order had free play even in the trenches on the very firing line; they were all tagged and labeled with legible "street signs"—no chance of losing your way—and, further, every section of the trenches had a sign telling the number of the platoon and company holding it, and the officer in charge.

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COUNTRY IS SUFFERING.

Fact That Principles of International
Law Are No Longer Observed
Contribute to Situation.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Jan. 15, via London.—Referring in a speech at the opening today of the new session of Parliament to the economic suffering in Sweden owing to the war, King Gustave said the fact that the principles of international law no longer were observed by the belligerents contributed powerfully to this situation in Sweden.

He added that a careful regard for the neutrality of Sweden and for her right to decide her destiny necessarily involved personal sacrifices and required that her military forces should be increasingly maintained.

Speaking of the convention entered into with Norway and Denmark as a result of the war and the meeting of the three Kings, King Gustave expressed the hope that the good relations between the three countries would be cemented still further, that the position of Sweden might be strengthened.

"Although," proceeded His Majesty, "our neutrality, as I warmly hope, may be preserved, efforts will be required to protect the country and to mitigate for the humbler citizens the economic consequences of the war."

PERSIA STILL NEUTRAL

TURKISH TROOPS NOT HALTED BY
MOVE ON TABRIZ.

To Avoid Conflict Russians, Including
Consul, Quit City—American
Consul Gives Aid.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The entrance of Turkish troops into the Persian city of Tabriz several days ago was entirely unopposed by the Persians, and took place in accordance with plans previously arranged between the American Consul, Gordon Paddock, who co-operated with the Deputy Governor and the commander of the Turkish forces.

All the Russians in Tabriz, including the Consul, previously had withdrawn from the city, in order to avoid a conflict.

Only 600 Turkish soldiers marched into the Persian city, the Kurds, numbering some 25,000 men, having been left at some distance outside.

An official telegram from the Tehran government conveying the foregoing information was received in London from the German Legation. Except for the message, which was not willing to oppose either side in the conflict, but that she would remain strictly neutral.

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GIRL FOILS ROBBERS

Quick Work With Revolver
Frustrates Plan.

CITIZENS SURROUND BANK

Running Fight Ensues in Streets of
Kansas Town, in Which Scores
of Shots Are Fired but
No One Is Wounded.

ANDALE, Kan., Jan. 15.—Clara Dressell, a 15-year-old telephone operator, with a revolver and quick work at her switchboard, frustrated today the plans of four robbers who attempted to loot a bank here today. The robbers first cut the telegraph wires at the railroad station, then stormed the telephone office. Miss Dressell fired at them twice and drove them from her door.

The four then broke into a hardware store, obtained arms and explosives and next entered the bank. Meanwhile the telephone girl had called up the town marshal and many citizens. The marshal tolled the fire bell, while the citizens surrounded the bank. After five unsuccessful attempts, the robbers fled. A running fight ensued in the street. Scores of shots were fired and most of the window panes along the street were broken, but none of the combatants suffered serious injury.

The robbers finally reached an automobile waiting at the outskirts of the village and escaped. Three of them later were captured by Wichita police.

Roumanian Students Called Home.

PARIS, Jan. 15.—A dispatch to the Temps from Geneva says that Roumanian students in Swiss universities received orders by telegraph today to return home on account of mobilization of the Roumanian army.

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