

AMERICAN FARMERS SEEK EARLY PEACE

Trade With Foreign Nations
Keystone of Conference.

STABLE EUROPE DESIRED

Administration and Congress Get
Broad Hint to Help Restore
Conditions to Normalcy.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The agricultural conference in session in Washington this week has brought to the executive and legislative branches of government the fact that the American farmer has become "internationally minded."

The view of the farmer no longer is limited by the boundaries of his own country or state; he is looking to Europe as the necessary market for American farm products, and he has come to realize that not until Europe returns to a stable basis can real prosperity come back to the farmer. The significance of the action taken by the agricultural conference is not to be lost upon the Harding administration. Secretary Hoover, who has been helping the United States do its full share in the rehabilitating of Europe, has had his hands strengthened by the resolution of the American farmers.

Normal Conditions Necessary.
These men of the soil, most of them stalwart republicans, have let it be known that they expect the American government to assist Europe back to normalcy, for the farmer realizes that there can be no normalcy in America without at least an approach to normalcy in the countries which in normal times draw their supplies of foodstuffs from this country.

The attitude of the farmers attending the conference here may have a far-reaching effect upon the ultimate attitude of the Harding administration toward the Genoa conference, and the further European conferences which are sure to follow the Genoa sitting.

The attitude of the farmers is also likely to have a lasting effect on congress in general. Some members of the agricultural bloc in the senate also have been members of the irreconcilable bloc on the subject of America participating in European affairs. But now that the farmer's voice has been heard in a plea that something be done to help Europe, the irreconcilable dependent on the farmer vote, are very apt to stop, look and listen before voting against a policy of American isolation from the rest of the world.

"We do not need Europe," has been a slogan to conjure with at the capital during the last two years and the phrase "internationally minded" meaning that a man thinks of Europe as well as of "America first" has been used as a term of contempt.

"We do need Europe," have said the farmers at the conference, and the statement is certain to have its influence upon future events in Washington. The farmer is the most powerful element in the political life of the United States today.

Star of Congress Attained.
Congress has been attuned to the cry of the farmer as it never had it attuned even to the call of "big business." The tiller of the soil may be financially poor, but he is never so politically rich as at this present moment.

It is of vast political significance, therefore, when the farm congress adopts a programme which, among other things, recommends:
That the government extend aid to Europe for economic rehabilitation; that congress authorize credits for the financing of exports to Europe; that increased support be given to the international agricultural institute at Rome, and that agricultural attaches be assigned to the American embassies in foreign countries.

It is a very significant thing when the representatives of the farmers applaud sentiment expressed to them by men like Richard T. Ely, professor of economics at the University of Wisconsin, who said:
"At the present moment nothing is more vital to the American farmer than revival of hope and courage on the part of other nations of the world, and particularly of Europe."

Helping Hand is Urged.
"Let us lend them a helping hand. Let them feel that we are friendly toward all—Austria and Germany, as well as France. We shall see the revival of demand for the product of our American farms."

Urging extension of credits for exports, Carl Vrooman of Illinois told the conference that it was a "monstrous spectacle" that Europe was starving and needing clothes while American storehouses were bursting with surplus cotton, grain and other commodities.

HOME RULE BILL DRAFTED

Reduction of Carfares and Phone Rates and Municipal Operation Are Provided.

CITIES SUPPORT MEASURE TO CONTROL UTILITIES.

Reduction of Carfares and Phone Rates and Municipal Operation Are Provided.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Five-cent fare will be restored in Tacoma; the present telephone bills will be restored to their former figures as provided by franchise contracts; Tacoma and all other cities in the state will be empowered to condemn, purchase, build and operate all kinds of public utilities, if the "home rule" bill now drawn and to be initiated by Washington municipalities for a referendum this fall is carried by the people of the state.

J. C. Dennis and P. P. Brush, city attorneys of Tacoma, passed today with the city corporation counsel of Seattle in going over the draft of the bill. The measure, it is said, will have the backing of the cities of the state, and as it would operate to reduce immediately telephone rates all over the state by restoring the situation that existed before the higher rates were authorized by the public service commission, it is expected to have the support also of rural communities depending on telephone service.

The bill is the outgrowth of several years of agitation on the part of the cities of the state for home rule," said Dennis.

"Backed by interests that opposed every attempt to get a home-rule bill through the legislature for several years, the municipalities have now decided to go to the people. The present bill was first drawn in Spokane by the city officials there, and has been approved by the city attorneys of Tacoma Wednesday night over it and ascertained that it covers practically all that this city has been demanding."

BABIES TEASED, SAYS WIFE

Five Suits Filed in Circuit Court in Course of Day.

"He spun a top on the head of his son, aged 1½ years, and wore all the hair off," complained Mrs. Gertrude "Fray" of her husband, Max, who is in a divorce complaint filed in the circuit court yesterday. He also teased the children frequently to annoy her, said the wife.

"His teasing consists of pinching the babies and holding them up by the neck to tighten them," she averred.

Other divorce suits filed were: Vainia against Alma Johnson, Frank against Harry O. Mundy, and Emmett against Sadie H. Pinner.

Canadian Steamer Due Today.

The Canadian steamer Margaret Coughlan, which left Portland December 9 with one of the largest lumber cargoes ever taken from this port, will arrive at Yokohama today, according to radio advices received yesterday by the Pacific Export Lumber company, which chartered and loaded the vessel. A run of 20 days from Portland to Yokohama with a heavy cargo is considered remarkable at this time of year when stormy weather is the rule for the north Pacific.

Reward Offered for Gunman.

Several thousand circulars bearing the photograph of Albert Wong, Hop Sing gunman under indictment from Portland, were mailed to the members of \$200, were issued by Sheriff Harburt yesterday, offering a reward of \$50 for his capture. The reward was posted by the tongue of which he is a member, the tongue having been forced to make good on the \$200 bond.

Naturopath Fined \$100.

For the second time within a month, L. C. Miner, naturopath, with offices in the Sweetland building, has been fined in the district court for practicing medicine without a license. He was fined \$100 by District Judge Hawkins, who fined him \$50 a few weeks ago.

SECRETS OF SPEAKERS' WORK OF Y. W. C. A. SPEAKERS.

Esther A. Dayman.
Miss Esther A. Dayman, Y. W. C. A. national girls' work secretary for the Pacific coast division, with headquarters in Seattle, spoke at the Girls' Reserve round-up yesterday afternoon at the Y. W. C. A. social hall. Miss Dayman is one of eight secretaries working out of the national headquarters in New York. Her talk was "The National Movement for High School Girls and What It Stands For."

The round-up was given for all eighth-grade girls, reservists who are going to high school, and a programme of stunts and drills was presented under the direction of Miss Mildred Fox.

TO SUSTAIN TRAFFIC MORAL OBLIGATION

Vice-Chairman of Labor Board Voices Optimism.

SLOGAN NOW IS 'LET'S GO'

Increase in Number of Railway Employees, Enlarged Revenues, Reduction of Rates Expected.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 27.—Railway managements and their employees have a moral obligation to avoid interruption of traffic and the United States railroad labor board is willing to leave both carriers and workers to carry out this obligation. Ben W. Hooper, vice-chairman of the labor board, said today before the Boston chamber of commerce.

Mr. Hooper, G. W. W. Hanger, public member, and W. L. McMenimen, labor member of the board, were guests of the chamber at a luncheon, where Mr. Hooper voiced the opinion that America had passed through "the winter of our discontent" and was now "standing on tiptoes" with the slogan of the vernacular on her lips, "Let's go."

"The hard pull is over," the former governor of Tennessee said. "The farmer is the only man in the country who has really defied. He alone did not have the parachute of organization to retard his descent and break his fall. The next time this country takes an international jorjine in Zeppelin of war the farmer will have his parachute along with him and will not now, in the midst of a strike, be cloud and slide down on a rainbow."

Reduction of Rates Looked For.
Mr. Hooper said he expected the number of railway employees to be largely increased in the spring, that revenues would be enlarged by increased business and that conditions would probably justify a reduction of rates, "which is no essential to the restoration of normal business."

In return to normal, Governor Hooper said, the railroads had accomplished the transition without any general strike or serious disturbance. "As a rule, both managements and employees have co-operated cordially in carrying out the transportation act," Mr. Hooper said. "This has not been easy for either side. The railroads have had to contend with general difficulties and have been continually subjected to the temptation of taking the bit in their teeth and trying to get relief by independent action more quickly than the labor board considered it just and reasonable to give to them. Only a few carriers have succumbed to this temptation, and in every instance, friction and discontent have resulted."

"The complaints of the employees have been dealt with by the carriers, avoiding dealing with labor organizations, have disregarded the rights of the majority guaranteed by the transportation act, and have evaded the board's wage orders by having receivers in charge put into effect wage orders of the board, and have evaded the wage decisions of the board by cutting out certain classes of their work to independent contractors."

"What ever may be the merit of these complaints of the employees, it is evident that they involve provocative situations. Under somewhat trying circumstances the employees have exhibited commendable self-restraint. On the other hand, practically all the carriers have promptly put into effect decisions of the labor board, and have struggled patiently and courageously with discouraging conditions."

Public Opinion Point.
"The question will occur to you, will the fear of the condemnation of public sentiment always secure the obedience of the parties to the transportation act? The railroad labor board, or will there come a time when powerful motives of self-interest will induce one or the other to transgress the moral right to disregard and override public opinion?"

"I would not underestimate the agency of public opinion. It exerts a tremendous influence in this country of ours. My personal view is that neither the carriers nor their employees have the moral right to disregard and override public opinion to enforce the demands of either upon the other. It must not be forgotten that the labor periodicals which persistently preach the disquieting doctrine that the toilers of this country cannot trust the courts and tribunals having jurisdiction of their troubles. The railroad labor board, if moved by a profound desire to do justice, has largely counteracted this destructive preaching, and that without slopping over like a neuroathetic parlor communist."

Obituary.

Mrs. Ellen O'Leary.
Funeral services were held last Monday at the Blessed Sacrament church for Mrs. Ellen O'Leary, who died January 20 at her home, 1007 Mississippi avenue. Interment was in Mount Calvary cemetery. Mrs. O'Leary had lived in and near Portland for 40 years. She was 75 years old at the time of her death. She was born in County Cork, Ireland, and married to Jeremiah O'Leary in New York. The following children survive: Mary, Henry, John and Michael O'Leary, all of Portland; Daniel O'Leary of the Dalles, Mrs. W. H. Griesbach of South Bend, Wash., and Mrs. W. C. O'Hara of Sheridan, Or.

W. C. Brattain.

William Cullen Brattain, pioneer and Indian war veteran, died at his home near Tonasket, Wash., last Tuesday. He was 86 years old. He crossed the plains with his parents in 1852, settling where the town of Springfield now stands. He attended Columbia college at Eugene. In 1855 Mr. Brattain served as teamster with the troops that made the campaign against the Rogue river Indians. He married Agnes McCauley at Eugene in 1870. He cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Brattain survived by his widow, Agnes Brattain, and four children: Leslie L. Brattain of Leese, Wash.; Mrs. Irving Worthington of Spokane, Wash.; Rose B. Brattain of Tonasket, Wash., and Paul A. Brattain of Los Angeles, and a sister, Emily A. Smith, 84 years old, of Springfield, Or.

limestone valley, at his funeral in the First Presbyterian church. The funeral services were conducted by Dr. D. V. Poling, pastor of the church, and the burial service was conducted by St. John's lodge of the Masonic fraternity with David P. Mason, past grand master, presiding. The pallbearers were Charles H. Wieder, Gale S. Hill, E. D. Cusick, P. A. Young, George R. Sanders and Willard L. Marks. Mrs. Train was editor of the Albany Herald for many years and served eight years as postmaster of Albany.

Alice B. Holliday.
The funeral of Mrs. Alice B. Holliday, 4824 Sixty-sixth street, Southeast, was held last Thursday from St. Anthony's church, where requiem mass was sung by Rev. Father G. L. Fallu. Interment was made in Mount Scott cemetery.

Mrs. Holliday died at her home last Sunday morning of bronchial pneumonia, and at her bedside in the last few days all but one of her seven children by whom she is survived. They are George A. Renne, Mrs. Josephine McClure, Mark J. Renne and Norman A. Holliday, all of Portland; Mrs. Penna B. Kubernuss, Mrs. Minnie M. Turrell, both of Silverton, Or., and Jesse E. Renne of Decatur, Mich.

During her life Mrs. Holliday was an active church and civic worker and was a member of the Albany chapter of the Red Cross auxiliary.

Mrs. Jane A. Grant.
Mrs. Jane A. Grant, wife of Dr. Daniel Grant, formerly of this city, died at Fessillo, State of Zecotaca, Mexico on January 16, aged 48 years. Earlier in life, Mrs. Grant was the wife of George Wells of Hopper, who was drowned in the flood which overtook that town in 1902. In 1904 she was married to Dr. Grant, who acted as a divisional gas officer of the 90th division at Camp Travis, Texas, till his death.

Having accepted the position of doctor to the Mexican corporation at Fessillo, Dr. Grant removed to Mexico, where he died of pneumonia with him until his death. Her body was brought to Portland by her husband and son Clayton, and interred at Riverview cemetery last Wednesday.

Mrs. Lucy E. McBee.

Mrs. Lucy E. McBee, wife of John T. McBee, died January 16 at the family home after an illness of many weeks. She was 74 years old and a pioneer resident of Oregon, having crossed the plains with her parents in 1852.

The family first settled at Butteville, in Marion county, and later moved to Douglas county. Besides her widowed husband, she is survived by five children. They are Walter, Sherman, John, Joseph and Joie. Mr. McBee of Seattle, and Mrs. Laura Parker of Dillard.

J. L. Hillingworth.
Funeral services of J. L. Hillingworth, pioneer citizen of Oregon, were held in The Dalles Monday. Mr. Hillingworth, who had resided in Wasco county for the past 22 years, died January 21 at the age of 72 years.

Mr. Hillingworth was born in Illinois in 1850. He crossed the plains in 1865. He settled near Dalles, in Polk county, in 1866, and in 1890 moved to a ranch near Wameo, Wash. He was survived by his widow, Mrs. Nevada Hillingworth, three daughters, Mrs. Florence Wenderly, Mrs. Abbie Ireland and Mrs. Nona Donley, all of Portland, and two sons, Paul of Shamiko and John M. of Wameo.

Mrs. Julia Ann Vosper.
Mrs. Julia Ann Vosper, a pioneer resident of Oregon, died January 20, at the age of 70 years. Interment was in Riverview cemetery, beside the bodies of her husband and son.

Mrs. Vosper had lived in Oregon since 1879, having been born in England. She was a member of the Lincoln - Garfield relief corps and of the United Artists. She is survived by six children. They are Mrs. James Smith, Alfred H. Clarence H. Charles V. and Leonard V. Vosper, all of Vancouver, B. C., and Ernest C. Vosper of Oakland, Cal.

Mrs. Eliza Jane Estes.
ALBANY, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Mrs. Eliza Jane Estes, 64, who was born in Oregon and lived all her life in this state, died at her home in this city last night. The funeral will occur tomorrow at Independence, near which city she spent practically all her life.

Mrs. Estes, whose maiden name was Eliza Jane Elkins, was born in Polk county March 18, 1847. She spent most of her life in her native county. She had resided in Albany the past five years.

Mrs. Estes is survived by her widow, B. M. Estes, and one daughter, Mrs. Battie Coquillette, of this city.

GENERAL ELECTION IS AVOIDED IN ENGLAND

Political Atmosphere Said to Have Cleared.

COALITION TO CONTINUE

Two Parties, However, Declared More Than Ever Disposed to Stick to Own Viewpoints.

BY GEORGE N. BARNES.
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LONDON, Jan. 28.—(Special Cable.)—Events of the last few days have cleared the political atmosphere in England.

The general election, threatened for February, has been put out. The proposed reorganization of the house of lords, restoring to that august and useless body the rights of veto, has been shelved, according to Lloyd George.

The coalition government is to continue, but its two parts are more disposed than heretofore to rally to their own distinctive viewpoints and each pay more attention to its own constituency.

The coalition will never develop into the homogeneous organization which followed the absorption of the liberal unionists into the conservative party of a generation ago.

Lloyd George Too Tough.
David Lloyd George is too tough to be dislodged by Toryism, and he will sometime part company with his present conservative colleagues. All of this has developed from the liberal coalition convention and other proceedings of the last week.

The fact is that England is going through a transition stage in its political life, during which the government must be a coalition. There may be a time when a conservative government will hold office, while the progressive forces are composing their differences, but if so it will be but as a fleeting and embarrassing phantom."

To my mind, the trend has set toward a disintegration of the existing coalition. It will hold, however, for the Genoa conference, for retrenchment in public expenditures and possibly for the house of lords reform. Severance will come when the application of progressive and collectivist principles will be forced by the growth of public opinion. When that time comes the present coalition will cease to exist because a lack of affinity between its component parts will stand revealed.

Lord Grey Brought Back.
But where, then, will Lloyd George be? He may be either leading or inspiring a new coalition or progressive force.

The renewed political activities have brought Lord Grey back, and he is found pleading for normal party conflict as the only means of checking and ultimately ending the coalition government. He says the government has been spendthrift and unstable and that the house of commons has become apathetic to the government's needs. He is the only way to salvation.

All of this is simply baying at the moon so far as the life of the coalition is concerned. The coalition cannot be seriously endangered from the outside while there is hostility between liberalism and labor.

And here there are fundamental difficulties. Liberalism stands for freedom for industry; labor for nationalization. Liberalism stands for individual enterprise; labor stands for state control. And neither is willing as yet to waive theoretical difficulties on remote issues to co-operate immediately on practical things.

JUDGE FLAYS COURT BUMS

Police Magistrate Tells Loafers to Vanish or Go to Jail.

Police court loafers, who sit day after day on the front benches and listen with avidity to salacious testimony offered against women of the street, who appear there daily, are going to be jailed as common vagrants unless they seek new quarters to while away their idle hours.

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RED TAPE CAUSES WOE

HOOD RIVER PUBLISHER HAS ALL SORTS OF TROUBLE.

Motorists in California Now Are Looked Upon With Suspicion If Identification Is Not Made.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—A. D. Moa, publisher of the Hood River Glacier, who with Mrs. Moa is on a motor tour of southern California, declares that publicity should be given to the new automobile registration law in that state. Mr. Moa, who met the red tape apparently with a sense of humor, writes as follows of the request for a special meeting of the school board to hear protests of citizens opposed to vaccination, J. R.

Pendleton Spends \$87,579.89.
PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Cost of operating the city of Pendleton last year was \$87,579.89, according to the financial report just completed. Receipts totaled \$88,576.55. The operation of the street and lighting system cost \$25,808.57, the first department \$13,439.29, and the police department \$10,132. Resources of the city are set at \$1,034,787.57 and the net worth is estimated at \$431,136.26.

Vaccination Protest Futile.
ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—In answer to the protests against enforcement of the state board of health order for wholesale vaccination of school children, and the request for a special meeting of the school board to hear protests of citizens opposed to vaccination, J. R.

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