

ILLINOIS REPORTS THERE IS SURPLUS OF FARM WORKERS

(By United News)
Chicago, March 24.—The hired man is back on the farm. In his suit case up in the attic may be a pink silk shirt, a nifty college cut suit, and a pair of flat-heeled English shoes—reminders of those dizzy days in the big city—but these interest him not at all. He is too busy tumbling out of bed at dawn, working until dark, eating three big meals and reading the almanac for a few minutes before bed time.

HUSTLES TO HOLD JOB

He is happy to have a job back on the farm and hustling as he has not hustled for years to hold his job, according to the Illinois Agricultural association.

His wages have been cut something scandalous, but he is grinning about it, because there are thousands of city boys who want his job.

All of which is making the farmer laugh the first laugh he has had in many months.

JOBS SCARCE; WAGES CUT

"There is a surplus of farm labor in every district making reports to us," said L. J. Montroff of the association. "Michigan has just completed a survey of farm labor in that state and besides showing a surplus of labor, there has been a wage decrease of from 10 to 20 per cent on the farms.

The farmers are now able to pick their men and are making plans to put out as big an acreage this year as last, despite adverse prices."

Taft-Harding Confab May Be Precursor of Bench Appointment

Washington, March 25.—(L. N. S.)—Former President William Howard Taft and President Harding conferred for half an hour at the White House today. Upon leaving, Mr. Taft said his visit was in the nature of a "courtesy call" on the new president. He said he had not discussed any serious business.

The corpulent ex-president got a lot of enjoyment in making the rounds of Washington today, congratulating the heads of the new Republican administration. He was in a jovial mood at the White House, calling out all of the old employees to shake hands and talk of the "good old days."

The visit of the ex-president here led to a revival of rumors of his going on the supreme court bench at the first vacancy. Four members of the bench are now eligible for retirement.

Lowden Retires From Active Politics for Illinois Farm Life

San Francisco, March 25.—For many years one of the prominent figures in the Republican party and a candidate for the nomination at the last presidential campaign, ex-Governor Frank O. Lowden announced today that he has retired from politics. He will leave San Francisco tonight for his farm in Illinois.

"After several decades in public life, I am now content to live the rest of my life on the farm," said Lowden today. "I think that I have done my share of the public work and am content to step aside to let a younger man take my place."

The governor also owns considerable farm land in Arkansas. He will now take over the active management of his property.

During the last Republican convention, Governor Lowden had strong support in the early voting, but withdrew and threw his support to Harding on the last few ballots.

His retirement is the first of any of the well known Republicans to be announced.

William Perrine, Editor-in-Chief of Bulletin, Is Dead

Philadelphia, March 25.—(L. N. S.)—William Perrine, editor in chief of the Bulletin for 25 years and one of the best known newspapermen, publicists and writers in the country, died here today, aged 63. He had been ill for a month.

An extensive traveler and keen observer all his life, Mr. Perrine imparted his fund of intimate knowledge to the public in the widely read column, "Men and Things" under the nom de plume of "Penn."

Stanley Keck, Grid Star, Rescues Man From Flaming Hall

Princeton, N. J., March 25.—(L. N. S.)—Stanley Keck, captain of the 1922 Princeton football team and tackle on the All-American team of last fall, was the hero of a \$100,000 blaze at the university early today.

Keck rushed into the big Princeton Tower club, a new building used as a dormitory, library and war memorial hall, and carried from the blazing structure Emil Redwaller, a private fireman who was seen to fall down a staircase into the fire debris on the first floor.

The building was destroyed, but no lives were lost. The club was closed for the Easter vacation.

The fire was the seventh and largest at the university within a year.

La Grande Employs Portland Firm to Build Water Works

La Grande, March 25.—At a special meeting of the city commission a contract was entered into with Stevens & Koon, consulting engineers of Portland, for the engineering work in connection with a new water supply system, which will probably cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000. The preliminary work will be completed in about 90 days, following which a special election will be held to authorize the necessary bonds.

The annual war on chickens foraging for a living in neighbors' gardens resulted in a \$5 fine for Bruce Hendricks, who allowed his chickens to roam at will.

Jimmie Clark was fined \$75 for driving a car while drunk.

Absconding Naval Clerk of Bremerton Ahead of Pursuers

(By United News)
Omaha, Neb., March 25.—Leland M. Bowen, 19, navy mail clerk on the M. S. S. Charlotte, who disappeared from Seattle, Wash., Feb. 13, when \$725 in money orders and War Savings stamps were found to be missing, is just one lap ahead of federal agents and postal inspectors who arrived here today and learned that Bowen yesterday drew more than \$2000 out of a local bank and left Omaha.

Miss Inez Barager, Bremerton, Wash., disappeared at the same time Bowen left Seattle. Bowen formerly lived at Blair, Neb., near here.

Turks Flee Before Greeks in Smyrna, Says Athens Report

London, March 25.—(L. N. S.)—The Greeks advance against the Turkish Nationalists on the Smyrna front continues successfully, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Athens today. It quoted the Greek war office as announcing:

"We are making victorious advances in the sectors of Ushak and Broussa in our offensive which began yesterday. The Turks are retreating in disorder."

Oscar T. Olsen, proprietor of the cigar store in the lobby of the Morgan building, reported burglars entered his place early Thursday morning and stole \$60 worth of tobacco, safety razors and pipes. One meerscham pipe taken was valued at \$20.

M'NARY'S BILL ON RECLAMATION IS BIG UNDERTAKING

(By John Gleisner)
United News Staff Correspondent
Washington, March 25.—Western members of congress will push a project for reclaiming millions of acres of waste land, in the special session of congress which meets April 11.

Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon and Representative Addison T. Smith of Idaho head committees of three in the senate and house, respectively, which are preparing for introduction of a measure appropriating the necessary funds.

Two schemes are under consideration, one to provide \$350,000,000 for a general reclamation plan, and another to provide \$50,000,000 for work in the West, like sum for development in the South. The Western lands, with few exceptions, are arid, while those of the South require drainage. It is likely the first schemes will be decided upon.

The principle in either event would be the same. The federal government would appropriate \$10,000,000 the first year, \$20,000,000 the next and increasingly large amounts until the entire sum was appropriated. The money would go into a "revolving fund" from which construction would be financed.

Land owners would derive benefit, in return for which they would farm themselves into districts and issue bonds bearing interest to the federal government. These bonds would be placed with the federal farm loan banks, and eventually sold to the investing public. At a time when the property value had made an unquestioned investment. The government would then be available for other work.

Engineers have estimated by this process that \$2,000,000,000 worth of development could be carried on in 20 years; which would cost the government nothing, and add greatly to the national wealth.

MANY CLAIMS ADVOCATED

The government, in 1910, loaned \$20,000,000 to a reclamation fund on a scheme similar to the one now considered. This is now being paid back at the rate of a million dollars yearly.

Numerous reclamation measures have been advanced in congress, but no scheme comparable in magnitude to the present one has ever been acted upon. Some of the projects which it is hoped would eventually be developed would cost as much as \$50,000,000. Projects on which work is now in progress would require \$120,000,000.

This year the reclamation service will spend about \$15,000,000, but will undertake only one new development. The funds, in the main, are derived from the revenues coming to the government in fees, rentals and royalties from the public domain. The sum is a little larger than usual.

Merge Two Offices, Fall Urges Sinnott

Washington, March 25.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—By request of Secretary of the Interior Fall, Representative Sinnott will introduce a bill authorizing the president to consolidate the offices of register and receiver at all land offices, the register hereafter to perform all duties of both offices and receive the same compensation at present paid, which is not more than \$3000.

Wife Who Is Nearly 'Butchered' Kills Her Intoxicated Husband

Elmhurst, Idaho, March 25.—(U. P.)—With her nose bitten off and her face crushed to a bloody pulp, Mrs. John Louma is in jail today charged with the murder of her husband.

She blew her husband's head nearly off last night with a soft-nosed bullet, following a brutal attack in which Louma nearly butchered her in a drunken frenzy.

The room was a shambles when deputies arrived. A whiskey still in full blast was found near the scene of the tragedy. The woman has two children.

Louma figured in a murder here in 1912, when he fired into a crowd of other Finns, leaving the Finn hall.

Underwood Mill Resumes Work on Road Begun

White Salmon, Wash., March 25.—The Climax at Underwood has resumed operations after several months of idleness.

White Salmon, Wash., March 25.—Work has begun on the Snowdon-White Salmon road, a large crew of men being put on.

JAPANESE DIET PASSES MEASURE FOR LARGER NAVY

Tokio, March 25.—Disarmament will have no place in Japan's program for the coming year.

Big navy advocates have triumphed in the diet and that body today passed the budget which carries total appropriations of 1,552,000,000 yen (\$75,000,000), of which 22 per cent will be devoted to Japan's navy. The budget now awaits the signature of the emperor, the house of peers passing it by a standing vote.

U. S. PLANS DISCUSSED

In the house of peers during the final discussion of the budget, sensational references were made to reported plans for American naval concentration in the Pacific. Navy Minister Kato was interrogated by Baron Sakamoto regarding reports that the Atlantic and Pacific fleets of the United States were to be united in Pacific waters.

A note of alarm over these reports was also sounded in the press today, comment was being devoted chiefly to this subject.

"An exhibition of Republican aims, amounting to a threat toward the Pacific" was the characterization of one of the papers in discussing the reports.

CHINA THREATENED

"We will take action necessary to protect our fishery and other rights in Kamchatka if China does not meet our demands," Baron Uchida informed the budget committee of the house of peers today.

Uchida said Japan had made five demands upon China, but that no reply had been received.

The committee was informed that the government had reached an agreement with the United States in regard to the Pacific cable.

Japan will control the line to Shanghai, and the United States the branch to Guam, was stated. Uchida said no further reports had been received in regard to the Yap discussion.

Uchida indicated that the government is not considering a trade agreement with the Bolsheviks.

"It is unnecessary to follow Great Britain's example," he said.

Broker's Wife Asks Divorce

San Francisco, March 25.—Florence H. Brown, wife of Herbert Hamilton Brown, prominent insurance broker of San Fran-

isco, sued her husband for divorce today on the ground of extreme and continued cruelty. The couple were prominent in society here and Seattle.



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