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THE WEATHER: Thursday, rain; fresh to strong southerly gales.

SEVENTIETH YEAR

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FRENCH ARE OPTIMISTIC OVER FUTURE

New Year Holds Out Bright Promises of Good Crops, Ample Coal Supply and Restoration of War Zone

FOREIGN QUESTIONS STILL GIVE CONCERN

Industrial and Economic Problems Are Yet to be Solved

PARIS, Dec. 29.—While the French people have their worries, yet they will begin the new year immensely more confident than they began 1920 because of the extraordinary good crops, progress in restoring the ruined departments of the north, a plentiful supply of coal and the prospect of a year hence of having the period of military service reduced from three years to 18 months.

Two foreign questions are likely to give constant concern to the government throughout the coming year. They are the payment of reparation by Germany, and the war with Turkish nationalists over the Syrian and Cilician mandates.

The German attitude at the Brussels conference, which will be resumed January 10, gives rise to the expectation that an agreement on reparations is possible early in the spring, fixing the total sum and the manner of payment.

There will be a period of anxiety after the decision until it can be seen whether Germany will pay the installments agreed upon. It probably will take a year or more to determine this, consequently the French army will be maintained near its present strength of 840,000, of whom 700,000 are whites and the others colonial.

France's Turkish mandates will be discussed by the French, British and Italian prime ministers as a part of the whole Near East question at a meeting early in January. France now has about 70,000 troops in Turkey.

The advance France has made in reconstruction, her wheat crop which reduces buying abroad by two billion francs, and the continued confidence of French investors, as shown by the unprecedented success of the last loan, are considered as justifying a greater optimism concerning the financial and economic situation than is held at present.

The struggle over the high cost of living receives a large share of public attention. Resistance of merchants and manufacturers to consumers' demands for lower prices has resulted in something like a deadlock. The buyers abstain from making purchases because they feel that war prices should no longer be asked.

The new year opens with unemployment increasing daily. It has been raising such concern since October and now in fact has reached a volume which officials agree calls for immediate effective measures. Three hundred thousand workers now are idle in France, nearly 100,000 of whom are in Paris, according to figures announced by the minister of public works.

The metal industries, the leather trade, manufacture of textiles and clothing and automobiles were the first to suffer in northern France, the Loire valley and Paris and vicinity. Recently the silk industry became affected and there are 8000 workers idle at Lyons alone, while the perfume distilleries around Paris are working three days a week.

Some of the large department stores in Paris have asked for extended credits. The industry suffering most is the leather trade as nearly half the hands ordinarily employed being out of work. Eight thousand shoemakers at Limoges alone are idle.

The question of unemployment is being considered by the cabinet, and is to be debated in the chamber of deputies.

MOORE BESTS SHARKEY. NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Roy Moore of St. Paul scored a technical knockout over Jack Sharkey after one minute of fighting in the eleventh round of a scheduled 15-round match here tonight. Both men are bantamweights.

CONVENTION HONORS MARION CO. WOMAN

NOMINATED PRESIDENT OF TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Mary Fulkerson Choice of 1500 Teachers in Annual State Meeting

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Mary L. Fulkerson, school superintendent of Marion county was nominated today for president of the state teachers' association at the opening of the 20th annual session attended by 1500 teachers from all parts of Oregon. The formal election will take place Friday.

C. A. Howard, superintendent of schools at Marshfield, was nominated for vice-president, and Miss Minnie Altman of Jennings Lodge and Miss Eva Roche, city superintendent of Bend, as members of the executive committee.

APPROPRIATION BILL EXAMINED

Republican Seek to Make Economy Record and Curtail Expenses

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Two of the 15 bills carrying appropriations to run the government during the year beginning next July 1, reached the house today and were given more than the usual preliminary scrutiny because of the announced intention of republican leaders to cut government expenditures.

The sundry civil bill, which contains the miscellaneous appropriations, as reported carries a total of \$283,611,262. This total represents a decrease of \$420,914,192 from the estimates submitted by the government departments and a reduction of \$52,237,514 from the amount appropriated through the same bill last year.

The cut in estimates for the postoffice bill, the other appropriation measure submitted, however, was not so great and the expenditure recommended represented a considerable increase over this year's appropriation. The measure as reported carried \$573,964,721, a reduction of \$11,442,181 from the amount asked by the postoffice department but an increase of \$69,530,921 over the appropriation for the current year.

Democratic leaders were prompt to point out that the sum total carried by both bills, if passed as submitted by the appropriations committee would add about \$17,000,000, to the cost of running the government next year.

Republican leaders were equally prompt in declaring that there was abundant ground for gratification on their part, inasmuch as they had used the pruning knife on estimates of democratic department heads without mercy.

Outside of the \$223,000,000 provided for the care of the disabled service men and dependents of those killed, the sundry civil measure left only \$160,611,292 for all other purposes, as compared with \$126,000,000, the amount appropriated in 1916.

The committee reported that the increase in the postoffice appropriation was not principally the \$10,000,000 increase in the pay of city letter carriers; the \$36,000,000 increase allowed the railroads for mail transportation and the \$12,500,000 increase in pay of clerks and employes.

Bakersfield H. S. Team Wins Championship

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 29.—The Bakersfield high school team won the football championship of the California inter-scholastic federation, defeating Berkeley High 14 to 3 in a game marked by several spectacular plays. Berkeley seemed about to convert a defeat into a victory within two minutes of the end of the game when an intercepted forward pass saved the day for Bakersfield, resulting in that team doubling its score.

ACCEPT WAGE REDUCTIONS

Nine Thousand Pullman Car Employees Make Reduction Proposal

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Representatives of the 9000 persons employed by the Pullman company in its car shops here have notified company officials that they are willing to submit to wage reductions ranging as high as 20 per cent if the company feels that present business conditions make lower wages necessary. It was said tonight by company officials. The proposition will not be acted upon until after the first of the year.

The company was given no intimation of the proposal until a committee called with it, and there had been no discussion of a reduction of wages prior to the action taken by the men. Officials said wages in the Pullman shops had increased 100 per cent in the last three years, the average now being \$6.77 a day.

SEAPLANE FLIGHT TO CANAL ZONE

Test Efficiency of Mechanics and Practicability of Using Planes in Conjunction With Naval Fleet

FLIGHT GREATER THAN OVERSEAS

Fourteen Planes Entered in Great Flight to Create New Epoch

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 29.—Cheered by the reports of favorable weather conditions along the lower coast, the officers and men of the navy's Pacific air force who will start tomorrow on the seaplane flight from San Diego to the Panama Canal zone tonight made final preparations for the long trip. Meanwhile commanding officers made optimistic predictions as to the result.

Captain Mustin, who will command the 14 seaplanes on the flight, said: "I have not the slightest doubt that this flight to Panama and return will be successful. The flight is being made primarily to test the efficiency of the mechanics. Its success will demonstrate the practicability of utilizing large numbers of seaplanes with the fleet and will give us additional assurance that a flight across the Pacific is feasible with the present type of planes."

"I would not call the flight to Panama a dangerous one. Our greatest trouble will be finding suitable anchorage grounds for the seaplanes in the west coast Mexican bays and harbors. The question of fueling also is an important one, and we know it will solve this problem satisfactorily we have gained much."

The flight to Panama and return is about 1800 miles longer than that which was made across the Atlantic. Success, say naval aviators, will create an epoch in naval aeronautics and will open up a new era in the employment of aircraft with the high seas fleet.

Three thousand miles of coast line, hitherto untraversed by vehicles of the air, will pass within under the wings of the 14 seaplanes as they speed southward toward the Panama canal. Uncharted air lanes, treacherous currents and unfamiliar bays and harbors are some of the conditions that the pilots of the seaplanes must meet.

MOVIE STAR IS MARRIED

Constance Talmadge Bride of New York Tobacco Merchant

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The marriage of Constance Talmadge, motion picture actress, to John Plafiege, New York city tobacco merchant, was announced here tonight. The ceremony took place at Greenwich, Conn., last Sunday in the presence of the bride's mother and two sisters, Norma and Natalie.

Dorothy Gish, also a motion picture actress and a friend of Miss Talmadge was married at the same time and place to James Rennie, an actor. Each couple acted as attendants to the other.

American Committee For Relief of Ireland

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Formation of the American committee for relief in Ireland with a preliminary fund of \$300,000 to complete organization work and start relief was announced at a meeting today of businessmen of Irish ancestry from various parts of the country.

Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore heads the list comprising the committee's national council. Morgan M. O'Brien was elected chairman of the temporary executive committee and J. J. Pulley, president of the Emigrant Industrial Savings bank, treasurer.

Others on the national council include Thomas P. Ryan, George M. Cohen and Nicholas F. Brady, New York; Edward L. Doherty, Los Angeles; Thomas J. Walsh, Helena, Mont.; Edwards Hines and Edward N. Hurley, Chicago; David I. Walsh and J. J. Phelan, Boston; W. F. Dooly, Providence, R. I.; Right Reverend M. J. Gallagher, bishop of Detroit; J. K. Plannery, Pittsburgh; J. K. Mullen, Denver, and P. H. Callahan, Louisville, Ky.

D'ANNUNZIO HAS FLED FROM FIUME

SAYS NOT WORTH WHILE DYING FOR ITALY

Recognition of Treaty of Rapallo Given by Poets Followers

ROME, Dec. 29.—D'Annunzio has issued a proclamation declaring that it is not worth while dying for Italy. He said he was leaving Fiume by airplane.

This was semi-officially announced here this afternoon, together with the announcement that the Fiume agreement may be regarded as concluded.

Complete recognition of the treaty of Rapallo has been given by D'Annunzio's representatives at the Abbruzzo conference with General Ferrario, it is indicated in a report received here today from General Caviglia, commander of the Italian regular forces at Fiume.

CONFERENCES HELD AT MARION

President-Elect Harding Occupied With Important Political Affairs

MARION, Dec. 29.—A wide variety of subjects including the coal situation, packer control and the naval building program were talked over by President-elect Harding today in a dozen conferences which kept him busy from early morning until late at night.

A coal production problem was presented to him by Daniel B. Wentz of Philadelphia, president of the National Coal association who furnished detailed information about the present rate of production and the outlook for the coming year. Mr. Harding asked many questions on the subject, but it was not indicated what attitude he took regarding government regulation of the industry.

Mr. Wentz was accompanied by Fred Upham, of Chicago, a prominent coal operator and treasurer of the Republican national committee. On the subject of naval construction, the president-elect sought information from Representative Patrick Kelley of Michigan, chairman of the House committee on naval affairs, and a prominent naval officer.

Means of cutting down expenditures without crippling national defense were discussed at length. Mr. Kelley suggesting that while the present building program was being completed, an international agreement might be perfected for limitation of armaments. He also urged that the naval reserve plan be perfected as an inexpensive guarantee of sufficient naval personnel.

A committee from Chicago, headed by S. B. Stafford, president of the Chicago Livestock exchange, took up with Mr. Harding the question of government regulation of the livestock industry and presented a plea that during the next four years the business should not be harassed unduly by legal restriction. They asked that a secretary of agriculture be selected in harmony with that policy but said afterwards that they had not put forward any particular candidate.

All the members of the delegation expressed confidence that the president-elect would inaugurate a policy to reassure the trade and stabilize markets.

Another caller was Victor F. Lawson, publisher of the Chicago Daily News, who said his conference concerned various domestic problems. Charles B. Warren, Detroit, former Republican national committeeman for Michigan, had luncheon at the Harding home.

The day brought no outward developments regarding cabinet selections but the impression was given by the press that at least one or two members of his official family would be definitely chosen in the near future. It has been generally expected that the first to be selected upon would be a secretary of state and secretary of the treasury, and that other appointments will be announced from time to time.

Tomorrow the president-elect is to talk to Will H. Hays, prominently mentioned for postmaster general or secretary of the interior and with Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania, who with Charles E. Hughes, has been in the fore of recent speculations about the secretaryship of state. It was said at the Harding home, however, that the call of Mr. Hays, and Senator Knox was concerned primarily with arrangements for the inauguration. The Pennsylvania senator is in charge of the congressional committee adding in the ceremony and he will come to Marion with F. B. McLean, chairman of the inaugural committee.

SUGAR COMPANY WINS CASE

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 29.—A permanent injunction was granted by the third district court here today restraining the county with the police and soldiers have in most cases lodged claims for compensation for malicious injury. The price they place on the lost hair varies from \$200 to \$500.

So far none of the girls who have been salariedly punished by the police in retaliation for the acts of their Sinn Fein relatives, have lodged any claims.

GENERAL PERSHING FOR PEACE

Speaks in Favor of Disarmament at Hoover Banquet and Would Curtail Navy and Army Expenditures

PAYS TRIBUTE TO HERBERT HOOVER

Appeals for Aid for Poverty Stricken Children of Europe and Quotes Text

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—At the Hoover banquet tonight General Pershing, after eulogizing Mr. Hoover for his work in Europe during the war, said: "Today even the most destitute of our children in America are rich in comparison with millions of children of the poverty stricken nations of Europe, who appeal to us for help. It seems to me that if there ever was a time in the history of the world when human sympathies should be stirred to activity, it is during this after-war period. A mere recital of the facts should fill our hearts with the tender emotions that prompted the Master to say: 'Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of Heaven.'"

General Pershing, continuing, spoke in favor of world disarmament. "The world doesn't seem to learn from experience," he said. "It would appear that the lessons of the past six years should be enough to convince everybody of the danger of nations striding up and down the earth armed to the teeth. But no one nation can reduce armaments unless all do. Ours is not an aggressive nation. We want no territory and we have no designs on other people. If other nations have the same attitude it seems unreasonable to believe that all would be willing to prove it by consenting to limit armaments."

An important step to prevent a recurrence of a world war even greater than the one recently ended would be to curtail expenditures for the maintenance of armies and navies, the general declared.

WILL REDUCE BOOZE PERMITS

Prohibition Commissioner Would Curtail Federal Licenses

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Plans for reducing the number of federal permits for the handling of liquor in the next 12 months were announced today by Prohibition Commissioner Kramer, who said the new issue of licenses would be held to a strict minimum in an effort to check illegal liquor sales.

The greatest reduction will be in wholesale permits, but other dealers entitled to operate under the Volstead act also will be considerably affected. The commissioner said it was his intention to refuse to renew "between 50 and 75 per cent" of the wholesale licenses now in effect.

The enforcement staff has been engaged for several months in studying the records of the 77,000,000 permit holders to ascertain who have committed overt acts under the prohibition statutes with the view of eliminating them from the list of those who may handle intoxicants next year.

The bureau has been aided in this task, Mr. Kramer said, by the failure of many to apply for new permits. This is especially true of the wholesalers, he added. The number who desire renewals of retail licenses, however, has not increased markedly, according to the commissioner, although hundreds of them who refused because of their records during the first year of operation of the Volstead law.

The prohibition bureau was said to be giving some attention also to the sale of liquor by retail druggists. Although enforcement agents have examined records of druggists in some communities and, for the most part, have found little reason to revoke or cancel permits, it was indicated that in the future druggists who stray from the regulations prescribed for retail sale will find themselves unable to handle distilled spirits of any sort. Scrutiny of this class of dealers is expected to be conducted more closely the next year.

The Liverpool Post, discussing the question, thinks the situation will demonstrate to the United States the advisability, for its own sake, of joining the league of nations.

Lost Curls Valued High in Ireland

DUBLIN, Dec. 15.—The young women who in several Irish districts have had their hair cut off by Sinn Feiners for associating with the police and soldiers have in most cases lodged claims for compensation for malicious injury. The price they place on the lost hair varies from \$200 to \$500.

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RICH MEN AND WOMEN AT HOOVER BANQUET

PAY \$1000 OR MORE FOR BOWL BOILED RICE

General Pershing, Rockefeller and Mrs. Belmont Assist Hoover in Serving

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—One thousand of New York's men and women of wealth paid \$1000 or more each tonight to sit at a plain board table and eat boiled rice.

The "banquet" was a testimonial arranged by Herbert Hoover, chairman of the European relief council, for America's efforts to secure the 2,500,000 starving children of Europe.

The boiled rice, accompanied by white bread and a cup of cocoa was the same as served to starving children at relief stations throughout Europe at a cost of less than a cent and a half.

Gen. J. Pershing, Mr. Hoover, John D. Rockefeller Jr., Mrs. August Belmont and other notable guests carried rice bowls and were first in a line that passed by army field kitchens to be served. The servers were young society women.

Fritz Kreisler entertained the diners with violin solos. A vacant high chair, placed for the "invisible" guest of honor, for the children for whom Herbert Hoover's campaign of \$25,000,000 was launched, stood at the head of the speaker's table.

Mr. Hoover said in part: "So long as any person in this nation can entertain an automobile, he can entertain an 'invisible' guest. There are 6,000,000 automobiles and only 2,500,000 guests. Since this nation is spending a billion dollars annually supporting automobiles, another billion on ice cream, cosmetics and chewing gum, a few billion more on drinks, tobacco and other luxuries, it has not reached a point of destitution that warrants refusal to buy happiness and cheerfulness for this mass of children."

Mr. Hoover announced after the dinner that the 1000 guests paid \$2,011,221, or more than \$2000 a plate.

ENGLISH FAVOR DISARMAMENT

English Press Discussing Idea of Conference to Limit Naval Force

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Again today almost the entire press is discussing the idea of a conference to limit naval armaments, which has been welcomed with great enthusiasm but with the general exception of the view that it is a subject on which the United States should take the initiative. It is assumed by the newspapers that the British government would warmly welcome an international conference.

The newspapers are seeking interviews and statements from diplomats and other persons interested in the question. Baron Hyashi, the Japanese ambassador, stated that he knows nothing officially of any proposal for limiting armaments, but that he is certain the Japanese people would welcome a reduction in armaments to the lowest degree compatible with safety. He declared Japan's financial position rendered any addition to Japan's naval program impossible.

The Globe, in an editorial, declares that no British government could stand for a single day which proposed an anti-American alliance between Great Britain and Japan and that should Japan refuse to join an Anglo-American agreement for reducing armaments, Great Britain could not remain in an alliance with Japan.

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Portland Man Appointed on State Medical Board

Governor Olcott yesterday announced the appointment of Dr. J. K. Locke of Portland, as a member of the state board of medical examiners to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Frank W. Wood, resigned. Dr. Locke's term as a member of the board will expire February 28, 1922.

Storm Raging on Coast Report From Seaside

SEASIDE, Ore., Dec. 29.—Another severe storm accompanied by heavy rain is raging here. No damage has been done this afternoon, but if the storm continues throughout the night the Necanicum river south of town is expected to be over its banks.

DEMAND TO BE MADE FOR SURRENDER OF MORRIS' PROPERTY

D. J. Fry Investigates in Portland and Finds Manitoba Certificates, Held by Local Citizens, Are Secured and Bonds Will be Delivered—Official List of Victims Shows Marion County Persons Are Hard Hit

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 29.—W. D. Whitcomb, temporary receiver of the bond house of Morris Brothers which failed to open last Monday, following the flight of its former president, John L. Etheridge, now under arrest at Minneapolis, announced tonight that he will make legal demand tomorrow upon Fred S. Morris, who succeeded Etheridge in charge of the business for a few days, for the surrender of all property of the corporation owned by Morris for the benefit of the creditors of the firm.

This announcement followed the arrest today of Morris on a federal warrant charging that he had concealed knowledge of Etheridge's criminal past in aiding him to obtain naturalization here in 1918. Morris was released on \$2,000 bail, furnished by himself.

Daniel J. Fry, Salem druggist, telephoned from Portland last night that the province of Manitoba bonds which he purchased from Morris Brothers, Inc., some months ago are all secure.

The provincial interim certificates were sent back for exchange December 16. This information was given to Mr. Fry by Walter H. Evans, prosecuting attorney for Multnomah county, who made the investigation. Mr. Evans added that he had been assured by the temporary receiver that all province of Manitoba were safe and would be delivered in due time.

This will be good news to those who purchased province of Manitoba bonds.

The official list of creditors of the firm of Morris Bros., Inc., includes the following names of Salem and Marion county persons and banks who face losses because of unsecured interim certificates from J. L. Etheridge. This is only a partial list of the local victims.

Ladd & Bush \$1100
Dr. E. E. Fisher 2000
Dr. L. F. Griffith 1000
Mrs. Louise Arthur 500
W. F. Buchner 800
G. C. Niles 2000
Annapolis State bank 3000
J. W. Saddle 1000
Capital National Bank 1000
Monitor State Bank 2500
Bank of Mt. Angel 3000
Aurora State bank 1000
Coolidge & McClaine 100
August Huchinson 1000
Max Gehlbach 500
Dr. F. E. Beauchamp 500
T. K. Ford 17,200

Reorganization of Railroad Company

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Completion of a plan by bankers and committees representing the interests of stockholders for reorganization of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad company was reported here today. The plan, it was stated, will be presented shortly to the interstate commerce commission for its approval.

The scheme, approved by 22 committees as well as bankers proposes issuance of approximately \$254,000,000 of securities in five classes, three of which are bonds, one preferred and one common stock. An assessment of \$25 a share against present holders of common and preferred stock also is proposed. Common stock outstanding totals \$43,269,757 and preferred \$12,000,000 and assessments are expected to bring in \$19,500,000.

The "Katy" system embraces the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, and the Wichita Falls and Northwestern. The road went into receivership September 15 and Charles F. Schiff, president, was named as receiver and has continued as receiver since.

Fishing Interests to Meet at Astoria

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 29.—A call has been issued for a meeting of the fishing interests on both sides of the Columbia river with the officials of the fisheries departments of Oregon and Washington and members of the legislatures of the two states from the counties bordering on the Columbia river, to be held in this city January 6. The object of the meeting is to secure legislation required for the protection of the fishing industry.

Portland Has Record Export Trade in 1920

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—Portland's exports to foreign ports for 1920 will pass the \$65,461,429 mark, according to figures compiled by Fred Clark, manager of the Merchants' Exchange.

The figure, reached despite the condition of Chinese and Japanese buying markets, is approximately one-third greater than that for 1919, according to Clark. Value of exports from Portland to foreign ports during 1919 was \$44,458,227, according to official customs house figures. Wheat leads the list for 1920 with a valuation of approximately \$28,337,599.

Politician and Lawyer in Fistic Encounter

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 29.—B. K. Wheeler, defeated Democratic candidate for governor of Montana in the recent election and Dugay Stivers of the local department of the Anaconda Copper Mining company staged a fistic battle on a prominent downtown corner here today. Hundreds of people were attracted by the affair and it took the police several minutes to clear the streets for traffic. Both men were placed under arrest and later released on bonds.

TEAM WORK TO FLEECE PEOPLE

Contractors and Sand Concerns Violate Anti-Trust Law is Charge

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The federal government added its legal flail to the whips of New York's state "trust smashing" organization today by returning indictments charging violation of the Sherman anti-trust act against four sand concerns and 11 individuals recently investigated by the joint legislative committee.

These indictments accumulated upon more than 120 indictments returned by a trio of grand juries co-operating with the legislative investigation. The defendants will appear for pleading tomorrow.

Meanwhile the committee uncovered some of the most extensive co-operative organizations of manufacturers and contractors which daily inquiry over ten weeks has brought forth. It was shown that hundreds of firms in all lines of trade throughout the country exclusive through clearing houses the names of prospective buyers, their bids and signed contracts and also daily reports of stocks on hand and shipments.

These practices, carried on under programs advocated by the late Arthur Jerome Eady, and his economic disciples, were characterized by Samuel Untermyer, committee counsel, as "team work to fleece the people."

A Chicago attorney, William J. Matthews, acting as counsel for a group of several of these associations, admitted in testifying today that he was employed to steer the concerns banded together under his direction "within the anti-trust laws."

Denying that the members of these societies after traveling over the country to attend meetings ever discuss further prices, but that they talk merely of the past and present prices and "exchange views," Mr. Matthews conceded Mr. Untermyer's claim that these business men were "skating on very thin ice."

The witness defended the plan on the ground that it establishes prices, denying, however, that it made them uniform.

Other advantages of the plan Mr. Matthews said were that it does away with secret rebating, eliminates secret prices and puts the purchaser and seller on a ground of equality.

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