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THOUSANDS OF FARMERS WILL BE BANKRUPTS

Dire Picture of Present Condition of American Producer Is Painted by Secretary Wallace

AGRICULTURE MUST BE BETTER UNDERSTOOD

Relationship With Industry and Commerce Is Clear Out of Plumb

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Thousands of American farmers will go bankrupt with wheat selling at considerably less than cost of production, Secretary Wallace declared today, while thousands of others will be able to hold on by the most grinding economy. If the present plumb of prices of commodities other than agricultural is to be maintained, he added, then to have general prosperity prices of farm products must be increased.

Eastern railroads could help by maintaining substantial reductions in freight rates of agricultural products especially if destined for export, Mr. Wallace asserted, pointing out, however, that until agriculture, industry and commerce are brought into a more normal relationship, acute agricultural problems will develop, one after the other.

Relationship Distorted

"The ruinously low price of wheat is not a new agricultural disease," said the secretary in a statement. "It is just one more acute symptom of the general trouble from which agriculture is suffering. The disease itself is the distorted relationship between prices of farm products and prices of other commodities."

"The sooner the people engaged in commerce and industry frankly recognize the trouble, the better it will be for all of us. The farmer could get along fairly well with present prices of which he has to sell if prices of what he must buy were down accordingly. But prices of other things remain high, that is what hurts."

Wages Away Up

"Wages in industry and on the railroads are almost twice as high as before the war. The taxes are about twice as high. Freight rates are from 50 to 75 per cent higher. Metals, building materials of all kinds are from 50 to 100 per cent above pre-war prices. All of these are items in the farmer's cost of production. Until a fair relationship is restored between agriculture and industry and commerce, the farmer will be upset and will have reason to complain."

Government Is Perplexed

"The pressing question is what can be done to help the wheat growers get more nearly the cost of production for this year's crop? Some urge that the government ought to fix a fair price. That could be done only by the government preparing to buy unlimited quantities at the price fixed."

Others suggest that the government go into the market and buy 200,000,000 bushels of wheat and store it on the theory that the taking off the market of that quantity would send the price up to a fair figure.

Great Caution Necessary

"I am not hopeful of good results from either of these plans. How would the government dispose of the surplus accumulated? What effect would either action have on wheat acreage? What effect would it have on the acreage and the price of other grains and of live stock? Would the same policy be adopted in case of ruinously low prices for other farm products? The wheat situation is not enough in all conscience, and certainly the majority of our people would favor any practical method of helping, but we ought to be reasonably sure that the

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THE WEATHER

OREGON—Tuesday fair; expect showers southwest portion, cooler west portion; gentle to moderate variable winds.

LOCAL (Monday)
Temperature, maximum 89.
Minimum 60.
Rainfall, none.
River—1.3.
Atmosphere, partly cloudy.
Wind, southwest.

PURSE WITH \$80 MISSING AFTER RIDE

Stranger Who Won't Tell His Name Loses Wallet While Accepting Lift on Road

A wallet with \$85 in cash was lost last night by a traveler who had accepted a ride with a passing driver. The money was in his pocket and after he got out of the car in Salem, the money was gone. He said he thought the purse had worked out of his pocket while he was in the car. The stranger, who withheld his name, said he had no means of telling who the owner of the car might be. The only description he could give of the man was that he had a bad scar on his face.

The man who lost the money called at the Sweet Shop on State street later and said that he was entirely without funds and sought positive information as to who the driver of the car might be. The loss had not been reported to the police station last night.

DOZEN BANDITS HOLD UP TRAIN

Fast Passenger on "Katy" Line Boarded in Oklahoma at Midnight

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Aug. 21.—More than a dozen bandits held up southbound passenger train No. 123 on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad at Okesa, Okla., south of Bartlesville shortly before midnight, according to messages received by the dispatcher of the road here.

The bandits appeared when the train reached Okesa at 11:06 p. m. and forced the train crew to cut off the engine, tender, mail and baggage cars, and proceed about a mile south of Okesa, according to the information.

Passengers were not molested, it was reported, the sleeping cars and chair cars being left behind in Okesa.

FALLING WALLS ENTRAP FIREMEN

Unknown Number Killed During New York Fire; 11 Bodies Recovered

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—An unknown number of firemen were believed to have been killed early today when the roof and one of the walls of a three-story building housing the New Plaza dance hall in Brooklyn collapsed during the course of a fire. Between 25 and 50 fire fighters and a number of civilians were crushed beneath the tons of brick and masonry.

Ambulances were rushed to the scene from Brooklyn and Manhattan bringing doctors and a corps of nurses who assisted in the rescue work.

The firemen had carried lines of hose into the structure and were fighting the fire under the glare of half dozen powerful searchlights. Without warning the entire roof and one of the walls crashed, burying all those in the building. A number of spectators close to the wall were believed also to have been victims.

At 3 o'clock eleven bodies had been dug from the ruins. Although some were apparently dead all were rushed to hospitals in the hope that emergency treatment might save their lives.

Eclipses of Sun and Moon Will Be Seen Here Soon

A partial eclipse of the sun will probably be visible in Salem September 10 at about noon. This is the first solar eclipse to be visible in the United States for about five years. Solar eclipses are caused by the passing of the moon between the sun and the earth. The area of totality or in which the sun will be entirely obscured, includes the greater part of California. The moon's shadow will pass in a southeasterly direction toward and through Mexico after traversing all of California excepting the extreme northern part.

NEW PLAN OF AMITY TOWARD MEXICO READY

Commissioners Appointed by Harding Submit Scheme to Hughes and Later Talk With Coolidge

DETAILS NOT REVEALED BEFORE CAREFUL STUDY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—A plan designed as the groundwork of a new structure of friendship and amity between the United States and Mexico was laid formally before the American government today upon the return to Washington of the two commissioners appointed by President Harding to negotiate a rapprochement with the government of General Obregon.

Details of the plan as worked out by Charles B. Warren and John Barton Payne with their Mexican colleagues on the international commission will not be revealed for the present nor will responsible officials make any prediction as to the future course of the Washington administration until there has been a careful study of the entire project. Nevertheless, the steps already taken have aroused in official circles an apparent feeling of confidence that the long continued breach between the two republics of the North American continent may be closed at last.

Mr. Warren and Mr. Payne called on Secretary Hughes immediately after their arrival from Mexico City and left on his desk their report of the negotiations and of the agreement reached between the American and Mexican commissioners for settlement of the many international claims which have accumulated since relations between the two capitals were broken. Later in the day the two commissioners were presented by Mr. Hughes to President Coolidge. They will remain in Washington for the present to confer at the state department and the white house over details of the Mexico City agreement.

It is the general expectation that this study of the report will require at least two weeks. The president, as well as Secretary Hughes and other officials of the state department, are expected to examine the plan suggested with greatest care before there is any announcement as to whether it provides, in the opinion of Washington, a real basis for enduring friendship between the two countries.

During their discussions the commissioners followed general principles laid down before they left Washington, but in the main they were given a free hand in the arrangement of details with the understanding that final decisions must be made by the Washington government itself.

"The two groups of commissioners," said Mr. Warren today, "have agreed on a basis that has been found agreeable to the Mexican government. We hope, of course, that it will be acceptable to our own."

Two claims conventions are proposed in the plan to provide machinery for settling finally and on an impartial basis all the questions remaining open on the resumption of full relations. One would deal with claims growing out of the revolution, and the other with mixed claims. It is assumed that should all other features of the rapprochement plan be found acceptable and an American ambassador named to the long vacated post at Mexico City, the two conventions could be concluded and brought into effect without difficulty or delay.

3 RESCUED WHEN PLANE HITS IN SEA

Craft Carrying G. Ironson, L. E. King and C. H. Glassfoot Falls at Newport

NEWPORT, Or., Aug. 20.—An airplane, piloted by G. Ironson and carrying L. E. King and C. H. Glassfoot of this city as passengers, plunged into the ocean off Nye beach here this afternoon and the three occupants were rescued by coast guard life savers with difficulty after the plane had drifted into the breakers and lodged on a reef.

Efforts to rescue the three men who clung to the wrecked plane while the surf pounded over them were also made from the shoreward side by a member of the coast guard and two civilians who swam through the breakers to the plane, but their brave efforts was not needed, as the coast guard power boat reached the scene before they could swim to the plane.

C. H. Harwood, one of the men who swam to the plane through the surf had a narrow escape when the crew of the power boat failed to see him, and left the scene. Harwood was forced to swim back through the heavy surf to shore. He was nearly exhausted. John Stockton and Laurence McBride were the others who swam to the plane. More than a thousand persons watched the rescue from the shore.

BABY CARRIAGE IS STILL EMPTY

Police Believe Kidnaper of 3-Months-Old Tot Is Insane Woman

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—An empty baby carriage stood all day today at the spot in West Eighth street where 3-months-old Lillian McKensie was kidnaped Saturday. It was placed there by Peter McKensie in hope that the kidnapper would relent and return to it its precious burden.

Tonight McKensie studied it slowly home, still empty, to his wife who had kept up her courage through the day by washing baby Lillian's clothes and telling herself over and over again that Lillian would be back to wear them. She recalled hopefully that an uncle kidnaped from almost the same spot years ago had been safely returned.

But Lillian still is missing and the hundred detectives who devoted the entire day to a feverish search for her have begun to fear she is dead. She was delicate and the spark of life had been kept in her only by careful administration of a compound food formula.

Although the formula has been published broadcast in the hope that the kidnapper would see it and take heed, this hope was slight. For the kidnapper, the police believe, was a demented woman who stole Lillian to satisfy the mother craving of her diseased mind.

Aiding the 100 detectives especially detailed to search for Lillian are all of the 12,000 police of the city and 14,000 taxicab drivers, who have been given a description of the woman suspect and of the baby. Radio stations also have sent out descriptions.

MANILA POLITICS ARE GIVEN JOLT

Former Mayor and Appointee of General Wood Declared Ex-Convict

MANILA, Aug. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—Political circles were jarred by a bombshell this afternoon when Manuel Quezon, who recently resigned as president of the Philippine senate because of his difference with the American executive administration, announced he had called the secretary of war that Mayor Rodriguez of Manila, lately appointed to that post by Governor General Leonard Wood, was an ex-convict from Bilibid prison.

BRAVE EFFORT AT AIR MAIL STARTS TODAY

Uncle Sam to Make Most Audacious Attempt With Planes Starting Both Eastward and Westward

28-TO 30 HOURS IS ESTIMATED AS TIME

Only Night Route, Between Chicago and Cheyenne, Blazed With Lights

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Uncle Sam tomorrow will make his most audacious attempt at delivering trans-continental mail in record time.

From New York a plane will wing its way westward, bound for San Francisco. From San Francisco a machine will speed eastward for New York. The aircraft will pass one another in the center of the continent if plans carry.

For five days the country will have this aerial express mail service. After that, Uncle Sam will decide whether daily trans-continental flights are to become more routine and mail plane service from Atlantic to Pacific be made permanent.

Winds Cut Time Westward

The flying schedule approved tonight calls for 30 hours elapsed flying time on the westward trip and 28 on the eastbound. The two hours difference represents the effect the prevailing western winds are expected to have on an airplane at this time of year.

Cleveland, Chicago, Omaha, Cheyenne, Salt Lake City and Reno are the principal cities at which the mail planes will alight to refuel or shift pilot and machine and cargo.

The only night flying will be between Chicago and Cheyenne. This piece of the course will be blazed with electric lights, with incandescent buoys and even more powerful lighthouses to guide the pilots through darkness, fog and storm.

The Schedule

The flying schedule announced tonight by Postmaster Morgan in this city follows, all time being standard:

New York, 11 a. m. eastern.
Cleveland, 4 p. m. eastern.
Chicago, 7 p. m. central.
Omaha, 12 m. central.
Cheyenne, 4:30 a. m. mountain.
Salt Lake City, 9 a. m. mountain.
Reno, 2:15 p. m. Pacific.
Arrive San Francisco 4:15 p. m. Pacific.
Eastbound:
Leave San Francisco 6 a. m. Pacific.
Reno, 8:15 a. m. Pacific.
Salt Lake City, 2:30 p. m. mountain.
Cheyenne, 6:45 p. m. mountain.
Omaha, 1 a. m. central.
Chicago, 5:45 central.
Cleveland, 10:30 a. m. eastern.
Arrive New York 3:15 p. m. eastern.

Ready For Hop-off

Postmaster Morgan also announced that postage would be 2 cents an ounce or fraction thereof during the five days' test. Only letters specially addressed "via air mail" would be accepted, he said.

Everything was in readiness to

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SIX DIE WHEN AUTO PLUNGES

Massachusetts Clergyman and Wife Among Fatalities at Nice, France

NICE, Aug. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Reverend Hiram Grant Person and Mrs. Person of Newton, Mass., Charles H. Gray, two women who have not yet been identified and an automobile bus driver were killed today when the bus went over the parapet of the road leading from Nice to Evian and plunged 300 feet into the River Var.

MAN WITH BLUE SKIN PASSES ON

Fred Walters, Who Made Living in Shows By His Color, Succumbs in New York

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Fred Walters, whose bright blue skin had made him a good living for many years inside shows, died today in Bellevue hospital from heart disease.

Physicians at the institution made a careful examination of Walters' body and discovered to their amazement that not only his skin but all his organs and tissues including brain, heart and muscles, were of the same brilliant color.

"The coloring," the doctors announced, "was due to 'argyria' and chronic silver poisoning. Some 40 years ago Walters is said to have worked in a mine in Australia. It is reported is correct. It is probable that while in the mine Walters breathed into his body nitrate of silver which turned him blue."

Walters is survived by his widow and a 6-year-old daughter. He was an officer in the 17th Regiment, Duke of Cambridge's Own Lancers, and saw service in India. In maneuvers he was thrown and his horse fell on him. A theory expressed by European scientists was that this fall was responsible for his coloring. Professor Verscher of Berlin, after a thorough examination, said he believed the coloring was caused by the opening of a small valve in the heart, caused by the shock when the horse fell on Walters' chest. The valve, known as the foramen ovale, was said to be damaged so that circulation of blood was impeded and the venous blood mixed with the arterial.

MEETING OF FLAX GROWERS FRIDAY

Will Be Held in Evening at Salem Chamber of Commerce Rooms

There will be a meeting of the flax growers of the Salem district on Friday evening, August 24, at 7:30. It will be held at the auditorium of the Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Governor Pierce will be present, also Warden Smith of the penitentiary, Robert Crawford, superintendent of the state flax industry, and Col. W. B. Bartram, representing the Canadian flax puller.

The whole flax industry will be discussed, in all its phases, and what is the most interesting matter for the growers, the question of contracts and acreage for next year will be taken up. This will no doubt bring out a full attendance of the farmers who have produced or who wish in the future to produce flax.

The crop that is being brought in now will be twice as large in tonnage as the largest crop grown in the Salem district heretofore, which was in 1920, when 1100 tons was the production. Probably more than twice as large. Some new machinery has been added already, and a new threshing machine is now being ordered, which will save its cost in the saving of seed, besides expediting the work.

The work will go forward in the flax plant steadily, but there will have to be one or two more retting tanks built by next spring, and perhaps even more warehouse room, besides the big warehouse now under construction.

So Mr. Crawford and all his available forces have their work cut out for them, for all the busy days till the 1924 crop is ready to deliver, and it is hoped that in time for that crop things will be speeded up materially, and perhaps a spinning machine added.

The flax puller is still at the Hobson place near Turner, and will work there today. Its operation was delayed last week by the fact that Mr. Hoke had some private business that had to be attended to. Mr. Hoke is the expert who has charge of the machine.

Lewis Cobb, Lyons Farmer, Committed Suicide Monday

STAYTON, Or., Aug. 20.—Lewis Cobb, a rancher near Lyons, shot himself to death this morning about 7 o'clock. He is survived by his widow, who was not at home, and a son, 15 years old. The boy had just gone out to do the morning chores. His father had told him that in case anything happened a certain letter should be sent to George Balsiger, a storekeeper at Lyons. The contents of the letter have not been made public. Domestic trouble is thought to have been the cause.

ROOMING HOUSE MAY BE CLOSED; COUNCIL SUMMONS MANAGER

Commercial Hotel Under Fire in Resolution—Cinders Are Scorched in Remarks of Alderman Patton—Latter Challenges Efficiency of Fire Department.

The city council last night unanimously adopted a resolution demanding that Harry Tangemann, proprietor of the Commercial hotel, 185 South Commercial, should appear at the next meeting of the council and show cause why his license should not be revoked.

Tangemann, according to the resolution, is conducting his business in a manner that is a menace to public morals. Police records were quoted showing that he was arrested while in an intoxicated condition in his rooming house on August 19 and was fined for the offense on the day following. He will appear before the city council on Tuesday evening, September 4. The resolution declares he is not a proper person to conduct a rooming house.

PIERCE CONFERS WITH AL JAIRL

Indication Is That Governor Will Pardon Man Who Shot at Myers

Governor Pierce visited Albert Jairl at the Marion county jail last night to consult with the prisoner regarding a pardon or a parole. Jairl was sentenced some weeks ago for an assault with a deadly weapon, an attack on Oliver Myers of the Spaulding mills in a dispute following his discharge from the mill employ. The shots went wild, and Jairl was arrested and convicted.

Judge Percy R. Kelly, who heard the case, offered to parole Jairl if he would leave the county where he would be discredited for future employment, but Jairl would not accept the offer. Recently, friends of Jairl revived the case, taking it up to the governor.

Sentiment seems to be practically universal, including Myers who was the target of Jairl, that he should be released.

It is understood that the governor will follow the earlier offer of the presiding judge, and the request of those who have asked for executive clemency, though at present the case is held under advisement, following the interview.

Jairl was a good soldier in the Spanish-American and Philippine insurrection wars. Some years ago he lost an arm in an accident, and he draws a modest federal pension.

SITES AGAIN TO DIRECT APOLLOS

Popular Musical Leader Elected at Meeting of Directors Last Night

Dr. John Sites will again direct the musical destinies of the Salem Apollo club, following the unanimous vote of the board of directors last night at the Chamber of Commerce. He has been the director for the past three years, and the work of the club has been of such high order that they simply couldn't see or think of anything else.

The club will give three concerts during the coming year, as of other seasons. The arrangement, however, will be different. The first and last concerts, in November and in May, will each have some high class imported artists assisting, and the February concert will be altogether home talent and a "popular" offering from first to last. It is probable that one of the two importations will be an instrumental offering; a string quartet may be chosen for the opening concert, and a singer to go with the May program.

The club will have about 50 singers, as heretofore, and a complete new line of music will be chosen.

AIR FLEET ARRIVES

BANGOR, Me., Aug. 20.—The entire air fleet that left Langley field, Va., at 6 o'clock this morning has arrived here.

Rainfall General About Northwest Is Indication

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 20.—Rain the first in a month and a half, began to fall here at 8 o'clock tonight and it was predicted that it would last throughout the night. Forecasters say that it will quench the few fires that have started in the mountains but it is unwelcome to farmers who are in the midst of their grain threshing.

SPOKANE, Aug. 20.—Two rainfall records were broken here today, according to the United States weather bureau station. Rain, which began falling Sunday night and continued until late this afternoon, was the heaviest precipitation in 24 hours in August recorded in the 42 years of the bureau's records.