

Farmers Concentrate Efforts To Kill Speculator



Farmers Meeting Will be Most Vital In World's History

Ratification Conference On Cooperative Grain Marketing Opens In Chicago Today; National Pool Is Suggested and Machinery for Handling Crops Is Outlined

Chicago, April 6.—The ratification conference on the cooperative grain marketing plan submitted by the farmers marketing committee of seventeen assembled here today for "the most important meeting of farmers that the history of our country or any other country has ever recorded," in the words of C. H. Gustafson, chairman of the committee.

Pool All Grain.
The plan proposed by the committee of seventeen as a basis of action, called for farmers to contract for the sale of all their grain as members of the national cooperative organization. Several ways of disposing of the grain were offered. The principal one was for a national pool. Machinery for handling the enormous quantities of pooled grain was outlined. This consisted in part of national agencies for finance and for export.

The proposed plan differed in some respects from that promulgated by the Wheat Growers Association of America with headquarters in Kansas, and from the system already in operation under the Northwest Wheat Growers Exchange. The three organizations were united in aim, they reported, though not entirely in scope or method.

Self Protection Aim.
"The plan provides purely and simply for the farmer to enter upon a program of conducting his own business of marketing," said Mr. Gustafson. "It is purely a cooperative plan offered in competition with existing unsatisfactory methods of marketing. We believe that, while recognizing and protecting the rights of the consuming public, it insures the farmer an equitable and just return on his grain crops by effecting savings, avoiding speculation, preventing needless duplication of effort and eventually stabilizing the market for grain crops."

Speculators Attacked.
"We are told that the farmer receives 34 cents of the dollar that the consumer pays for farm products. There is need to change that ratio. It has apparently been the function of the farmer to produce and then take his chance with market fluctuations and with market conditions where waste, duplication, manipulation and speculation have operated to turn the law of supply and demand upside down."

"With all other farmers I resent the discovery that the just and equitable share of profits from my labor and the labor of my neigh-

Void Warrants May Fall Back On Treasurer

If Miss Lenore Powell, treasurer of Linn county, paid out money on void warrants of which she had actual notice or of which she should have been advised by reason of her office and the circumstances in connection with the issuing and endorsement of such warrants she is personally liable therefor, according to an opinion written by Attorney General Van Winkle for L. G. Lewelling, district attorney for Linn county. If, however, the opinion continues, the warrants upon which the excess payments were made appeared to be regular upon their face and such that she could not have been advised concerning their irregularity, she can not be held responsible for their payment. The opinion is based upon the payment of Linn county warrants concerning which there appears to be some question as to the validity.

Lockout Declared.
London, April 6.—A lockout has been declared by the factory owners of Turin, the important Italian industrial center, and troops have occupied the factories there, says a dispatch to the Central News from Rome today.

American Reply To Huns Pleases French

Paris, April 5.—The reply of the United States to Germany on the reparations question has given the greatest satisfaction to French official circles, where it is regarded as finally closing the door to all escape by Germany from meeting her liabilities under the treaty of Versailles.

The newspapers devoted much space today to the correspondence between Charles E. Hughes, American secretary of state, and Dr. Walter Simons, German foreign minister.

L'Home Libre says: "America's reply was peremptory and decisive. America's word brings us great consolation in the most difficult hour of our history."

Hold Revival Meeting.
West Salem, Or., April 6.—Revival meetings at the Methodist church are still being conducted by Rev. Hawthorn, Tuesday evening Mr. Nichol, a student of the Kimball college in Salem, occupied the pulpit. The attendance and interest appear good.

Police Barracks Attacked

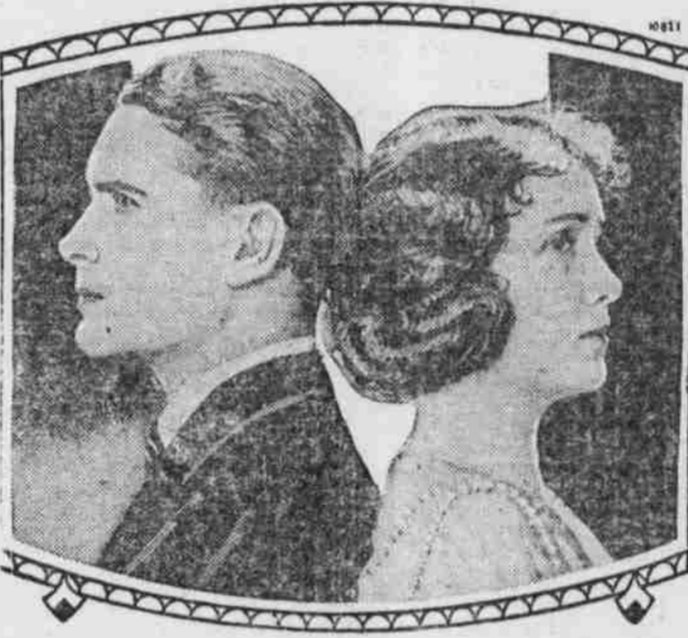
Belfast, April 6.—Sinn Fein forces made attacks during last night on many police barracks and police patrols in County Tyrone, northern Ireland.

Four Swimming Teams to Enter Tonight's Meet

Chicago, April 6.—Four teams are entered in the National A. A. U. 440 yard relay championship swimming race tonight and the National A. A. U. water polo championship, the Olympia club of San Francisco, the New York A. C., the Chicago A. A. and the Illinois A. C.

In addition there will be a 220 yard breast stroke race between Robert Shelton of the I. A. C., Steve Ruddy of the New York A. C., Walter Howell of the Olympia club and Andrew Brunhart of the C. A. A. The San Francisco team won the water polo title last year.

STARTS TO-NIGHT



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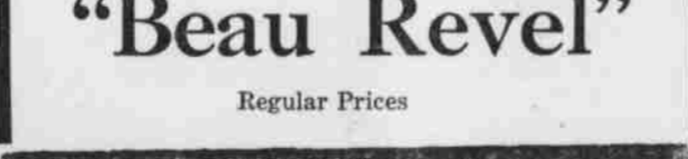
of (HOMESPUN FOLKS)

and FLORENCE VIDOR

of "Lying Lips"

in "Beau Revel"

Regular Prices



Disorders Grow In Mine Strike

London, April 6.—Disorders which began yesterday in the coal mining town of Cowdenbeath, in Fifeshire, Scotland, became more serious at midnight and in a series of melees with the police, a number of strikers were injured, according to a Central News dispatch from Dunfermline. The message states that several policemen were wounded.

The rioters repeatedly broke through the police cordon and cut electric light wires, throwing the town into darkness. Police reinforcements are being rushed to the scene.

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Marketing Aid Pledged By Wallace

Department of Agriculture Should Cooperate With Producers, Claim

Chicago, April 5.—The department of agriculture should lend the same aid to farmers in marketing their crops as it does in their production, Secretary Wallace declared today in an address before the Farmers Grain Marketing committee of seven.

"There is just as much reason," he said, "why the department should assist the farmer in developing methods of marketing his crops efficiently as that it should assist him in increasing his production."

Study of the improved marketing methods as well as of conditions the farmer should understand to produce intelligently and adjust his production to the needs of consumption," the secretary said, "are proper functions of the department."

The department "should turn on a light," he continued. "If there are points along the way at which there is unnecessary waste, that could be made known. If there are men along the way who are doing too much toll for the service they render, that also should be made known. A plentiful supply of food at prices which are just to both producer and consumer is a national welfare and is a proper function of the government to do what it can to insure it."

"It is coming to be recognized," he said, "that if prices are to be satisfactory, there must be a right adjustment of production to marketing conditions."

The farmer's right to organize associations, co-operative or otherwise, for the purpose of marketing their crops, Mr. Wallace said, cannot be questioned "so long as they observe the requirements of our laws." A denial of this right, he said, "would result in meeting the free farmers of the United States to a condition comparable with the downtrodden peasants of peons of less enlightened countries and would bring us all the griefs which those who are hearing."

While not discussing the committee's marketing plan in detail, the secretary said it appeared to have profited by practical experience of the past and to have avoided the weaknesses which had taken down many previous organizations. It had tried, he said, to improve the present marketing machinery and had not undertaken to wipe it out, adding "in this it has been most wise."

The committee, he asserted, was either attempting to create a monopoly or to fix prices.

Details of the plan prepared for nearly a year of conferences, to market the majority of farm products of the country under the most favorable price conditions were submitted to representatives of the various farm organizations behind the proposal.

Snow Delays Opener

Salt Lake City, Utah, April 6.—The Oakland-Salt Lake opening game for the season, scheduled for yesterday and postponed today, has been further postponed. Snow continued to fall here today but the weather man predicted that Thursday would be a "wet grounds" was the reason assigned for postponement.

The La Grande City Commission

has engaged engineers and outlined the policy for building a new water system this summer.

DR. O'NEILL'S EYE TALKS

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We cannot appreciate the natural beauties of the world we live in unless our eyes are performing their functions properly. If your vision has become impaired do not delay in seeking an eye investigation at the hands of our optometrists. We will make for you glasses that will fit your vision and face.

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