FARM WOMEN RESENT BEING PITIED

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Protests by farm women against being called overworked and downtrodden have followed steps taken by the American Farm Bureau Federation for a national organization of women on the farm.

"Farm women in numbers are beginning to realize the harmful effect of this old fashioned publicity," declares Mrs. Isetta Brown of Kingwood, W. Va., a leader in this movement.

"The farm women who have awakened to their own possibilities say quite frankly that they want to start a campaign of optimism about country life. They don't want to be pitied, nor patronized, just understood—and if possible, a little idealized! They would appreciate it for a change."

For the first time the movement is general all over the United States for farm women to join the farm clubs of various sorts, Mrs. Brown reports.

"By working in clubs in various communities the farm women have learned the value of organized effort in improving country life conditions," she said.

"I know of one little community of about 75 families in West Virginia where the school teacher and others had talked for years about piping running water into the school house from a spring just up the hill. The first year after the farm women organized into a club they saw to it that the spring water was piped into the school.

"There is something easy to be done in each community that will improve living and social conditions and each little success is leading the enterprising farm women on to higher ideals.

"They are realizing their power in bringing about better school conditions for others' children and each time anything is done to make the boys and girls happier and more contented, the mothers know they are increasing the chances of holding the children on the farm.

"I think that is the keynote of the rebellion against the 'downtrodden and overworked' publicity. The mothers realize that only too often the children get the 'city folks' point of view when it is expressed as depreciating farm life."

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Consumer charge 90 cts. per month.

Consumers using in excess of 1,000,000 cu. ft. per month will be billed at 11½ cts. per hundred cu. ft. for all gas consumed, plus the consumer charge.

A charge of two dollars (2.00) will be made for the removing and resetting of meters which have been installed for less than one year.

The above rates are effective in accordance with Sec. 1987 of the Revised General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, Revision of 1902.

CITY OF NORWICH GAS AND ELECTRICAL DEPT.

TALK OF ALLIANCE BETWEEN FRANCE AND GREAT BRITAIN

Cannes, Jan. 4 (By the A. P.)—With the air full of talk of an alliance between France and Great Britain as the only means of keeping the entente intact, Premier Briand and Prime Minister Lloyd George today resumed their conversations which were begun some days ago in London.

"The conversations are continuing," was the only comment the French premier would make after a two hours' talk with Mr. Lloyd George this afternoon.

General reticence is being observed by the principals of the British delegation on the eve of the opening of the allied supreme council meeting regarding such an alliance.

Premier Briand said before going to the British prime minister's villa this afternoon that it might be putting it rather strongly strongly to talk of a formal alliance. Yet, he said, the policy of France all along had been to strengthen her ties with her war allies, since this seemed essential to a settlement of European problems.

Members of both the French and British delegations are agreed that the situation is grave and that the entente powers must come closer together or they will drift more widely apart. The difference of opinion appears to center around the question of who ought to make the concessions necessary to bring about closer accord. The atmosphere throughout the day was generally pessimistic.

Premier Bonomi of Italy arrived on the scene late this afternoon, and he expected to see Premiers Briand and Lloyd George during the evening.

GENERAL MOTORS CORP. OMITS QUARTERLY DIVIDEND

New York, Jan. 4.—Directors of the General Motors Corporation late today voted to omit the quarterly dividend of 25 cents a share on common stock, due at this time.

The directors authorized the regular quarterly dividends of $1.50 on preferred stock, $1.50 on six per cent. debenture bonds and $1.75 on 7 per cent. debenture bonds, payable February 1 to stockholders on record January 14.

Of the corporation's 50,000,000 shares of common stock carrying no par value, only 20,046,337 are outstanding. On these today's dividend omission saved the company more than $5,000,000 and if the omission were continued for a year, more than $20,000,000 would accrue.

Wall street apparently expected the passing for General Motors was offered in single lots up to 10,000 shares at a low record of 8 3-4. The stock, however, rallied with the general list at the closing.

Although carrying no par value, the common was placed on a cash and stock dividend basis in March 1920, with quarterly disbursements of 25 cents a share cash and one-fortieth of a share stock. In December 1920 stock dividends were discontinued.

Pierre Dupont, president of the corporation, issued a statement after today's meeting, which followed the close of the market, asserting the action on cash dividends had been taken not only to strengthen the corporation's position, but also to maintain the investment character of its debenture and preferred stock.

"The corporation is in a strong position financially," he said. "Inventories have been greatly reduced and bills payable, which amounted to about $72,000,000 on December 31, 1920, have been reduced to about $49,000,000 as of December 31, 1921. Cash on hand amounted to approximately $41,000,000; accounts payable, and other quick liabilities have likewise been reduced from $42,000,000 to $40,000,000. After writing off all determinable losses and writing down inventories, the ratio of current assets to current liabilities as of December 31, 1921, will be approximately two for one.

SOVIET RUSSIA EAGER FOR RECOGNITION BY AMERICA

Moscow, Jan. 4.—(By the A. P.)—Soviet Russian newspapers almost universally regard the appropriation of $20,000,000 by the American congress to relieve famine conditions in Russia as primarily a political or economic, rather than a humanitarian move.

While denouncing America as capitalistic and bourgeois, most of the newspapers express eagerness for recognition of the soviet government, which they regard as a likely possibility within a short time, because of the activities of Senators Borah and France and other American political leaders.

Russia and America are general discussed in the press as republics, representing the most extreme socialistic and capitalistic views and furthers removed from each other in governmental principles, but best adapted to co-operate because they do not clash economically and politically.

WEST KINGSTON

Every one around here decided that Monday was plenty cold enough, even for January.

Rev. Mr. Nichols of Providence was present at all the church services Sunday.

W. C. T. U. of this place met with Mrs. C. A. Woodmansee, Wednesday evening. Mrs. Woodmansee and Mrs. Annie K. Webster, were the hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Olwiver Watson spent New Year's with relatives in Exeter.

Several around here have harvested ice.

Schools in South Kingston began on Tuesday.

Luther Bates of Wakefield was a visitor here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Freese entertained a few friends Saturday evening. A joke Christmas tree was very much enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Burton and daughter, Mary, attended church at Wakefield, Sunday.

SCHOOL OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ILLITERATE BOYS AND GIRLS

West Palm Beach, Fla., Jan. 4.—Illiterate boys and girls under the age of twenty-one who are brought into municipal court here in future will be sentenced to the School of Opportunity instead of jail as the result of a movement launched by Municipal Judge Joe L. Earman, former newspaper publisher and editor and backed by the Rotary club and other civic organizations.

The School of Opportunity has been organized along the lines of the usual public school with a board of three trustees consisting of Judge Earman, City Manager Carl Riddle and Chief of Police Frank Matthews. Business men have offered to provide suitable clothing for students who otherwise might feel embarrassment because of their attire and Judge Earman has taken it upon himself to provide textbooks, having placed an order for $500 worth of readers, arithmetics, spelling and writing books, to which subjects the course of study will be conned.

The youngsters sentenced to the school will become members of special classes and will be instructed by a teacher employed by the city school board. Classes will be held in the city school building at hours which will not conflict with the regular classes of the school, the girls and young women to attend from 3.30 to 6.30 p. m. and the boys from 6.30 to 9.30 p. m.

In order that the students may have individual instruction, classes will be limited to twenty members and when the pupils have worked their way through a simple spelling book, a second reader and fractions they will be given diplomas with all the ceremony incident to a high school commencement.

GOV SPROUL NOT TO RESIGN FOR SENATORSHIP

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 4.—Governor William C. Sproul tonight announced that he would resign to take the senatorship made vacant by the death of Senator Boies Penrose.

"If I should ever desire to go to the United States senate," said the governor, "I shall submit my candidacy to the people of the state in the regular way—through the processes of nomination and election."

ENORMOUS INCREASE IN BUSINESS FAILURES IN 1921

New York, Jan 4—Business failures in the United States during 1921 numbered 19,652, with a total indebtedness of $627,401883, as compared with 8,881 defaults in 1920, involving $295,121,805 according to a report made public today by R. G. Dun and company.

The number of failures last year ranked next to the 1915 total of 22,006, and the indebatedness was the heaviest on record. Banking suspensions and personal bankruptcies were not included in the figures.

The business mortality increase was felt in all sections of the country—worst in the south central states with nearly 200 per cent. increase over 1920, and least on the Pacific coast, where failures were fifty per cent. greater.

Each business group shared the growth of insolvencies. Manufacturing had 4,495, compared with 2,636 the previous year, trading 13,099 as against 5,532 in 1920, while the class embracing agents, brokers and the like suffered 1,158 in comparison with 714 the year before.

The year's defaults were 92.8 per cent. larger in number in New England than those of 1920; 8.3 per cent. greater in the middle Atlantic states; 186.3 per cent. more numerous in the south Atlantic group; 125.5 per cent. heavier in the south central division and 143.6 per cent. larger in the central east, while increases of 160.2, 126.7 and 50.8 per cent. respectively, were reported by the central western, western and Pacific states.

GIFT FOR PAST PRESIDENT OF DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS

The first meeting of the year of Clara Barton tent, No. 7, Daughters of Veterans, held Tuesday evening at Buckingham Memorial, was largely attended as this also was the installation of officers for 1921. The following were the officers installed: President, Mrs. Jennie Newbury; senior vice president, Mrs. Josephine Hiscox; junior vice president, Miss Lillie Wolf; chaplain, Mrs. Lillian Whiting; treasurer, Mrs. Lillian Brewster; council No. 1, D. Louisa Atterbury; council No. 2, Mrs. Lucy MacDougal; council No. 3, Mrs. Alice Brinkman; patriotic instructor, Miss Gladys Newbury; secretary, Mrs. M. Florence Dean; guide, Mrs. Frances Geer; press correspondent, Mrs. Emma Tyler; guard, Mrs. Imogine Evans; assistant guard, Mrs. Lillian Jewett; musician, Miss Elna Doty; color bearers, No. 1, Miss Gertrude Pendleton; No. 2, Mrs. Carrie Prentice; No. 3, Mrs. Lillian Drake; No. 4, Mrs. Hattie Parsons. The officers were installed by the past president of the tent, Mrs. D. Loisa Atterbury, who is also senior vice president of the Department of Connecticut. Miss Gertrude Pendleton acted as guide to the installing officer. During installation the officers' chairs were filled with veterans and several members of the order. Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Connecticut and commander of the local G. A. R., Orrin M. Price, was the acting chaplain at this meeting.

Following installation Mrs. Atterbury in behalf of the tent presented the retiring president, Mrs. Lena Pukallus a beautiful electric table lamp and the past president's badge. Mrs. Pukallus responded with appropriate words of acknowledgment. With the new president in the chair it was voted to hold a baked bean supper in the future. An invitation was read from the Ann Rogers Bacon tent of New London to visit them during their installation Friday night, which was accepted. Many have planned to attend and will leave Norwich on the 6.15 trolley for New London. Several reports were read from the different committees, telling of the year's work. The meeting closed in the regular form after which a social hour was spent, sandwiches, cake and coffee being served by the committee.

FARM BUREAU INSTITUTE INSTRUCTS GOSHEN PEOPLE

At a farm bureau institute held in Goshen last week two days of successful meetings were held. The women's part of the program covered several different phases of work. The clothing specialist from the college, Miss Mason gave demonstrations in dyeing and in the alteration of commercial patterns. Miss Elsie Trabue, club leader, gave a talk on boys and girls club work. Miss Stratton, the home demonstration agent, gave demonstrations in the use of a pressure cooker and in the finishing of rush-bottom chairs and also discussed the results of the weighing and measuring done in town this past year. Plans were made to organize two junior health clubs in Goshen and Waterman school district and also to hold nutrition classes for mothers in this same district.

For the men's part of the program, A. W. Manchester, farm management specialist, and J. S. Owens, the crop specialist, discussed different phases of farm business. Mr. Manchester took the value of size of business, quality of live stock and use of labor on the average Connecticut farm, while Mr. Owens discussed growing of potatoes, and crops for the dairy and the use and purchase of commercial fertilizer and lime.

At the meeting held on the second day plans were made to get in a petition for an institute for next year at an early date and J. A. Thomas was appointed poultry project leader to work up interest in the organization of a poultry club to start in this community next November.

NEW HAVEN ROAD SEEKS EXTENSION ON ITS BONDS

The New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company is quietly sounding out the European holders of its 69,762,500 franc bonds to see if they will be willing to accept a three to five year extension of the loan which matures April 1, next, says the Boston News Bureau. It is fully expected that a rate of interest of not less than 6 per cent. against the present rate of 4 per cent. will have to be offered.

No formal proposition has yet been made to these holders, but the New Haven finance committe has ben working along these lines with the idea of obtaining an expression of sentiment. It is felt that if the French holders agree to the extension it will not be such a difficult matter to get the holders of $14,116,529 par value of lodging bonds held in the United States, as they have the issue, to co-operate in the [illegible]

At par of exchange, $0.1930 [illegible] franc, face value of the French [illegible] is $13,464,162. There is, therefore, a slightly smaller par amount of [illegible] bonds than of dollar bonds outstanding. With the franc at about 8 cents, as at present, the value of the franc bonds approximately $5,581,000. Holders, however, have the option of calling for payment in pounds sterling, which is more favorable to them than the franc exchange.

It is felt that the French bondholders will appreciate the fact that nothing would be gained through placing the road in an embarrassing position by insisting upon cash payment at this time. Three to five years hence it is quite likely that exchange will be more in their favor. They would also be given an attractive interest rate in the interim. Improvement in New Haven's operating results and earnings is also counted upon to carry some weight.

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