

Aiding Farmer First Problem, Harding Feels

Cabinet Struggles With Crisis Brought by Stagnant Market and Dumping of Foreign Products Here

Embargo Likely Remedy

Loosening of Agricultural Credits and Cutting of Rail Rates Also Talked

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, March 18.—Immediate relief for the agricultural situation is regarded by the new Administration as the serious need of the day.

The Cabinet worked over the problem for more than two hours to-day. Suggestions from the Secretary of Agriculture, various Senators and Representatives from agricultural states and others were discussed, but no definite program of action was decided on.

Here are the chief trouble-makers for the farmer and livestock grower as brought before the President: First—Stagnant markets, due to importation of cheaper products from foreign nations.

Second—High freight rates that eat up not only all the profits but most of the capital in the marketing.

Minor Remedies Applied

While the Administration has not formulated a comprehensive program for action by the executive departments or Congress, two minor steps already have been taken which indicate its friendly attitude toward the farmer.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has suspended for two months the increased rates on cattle from the ranges to feeding grounds.

It is not improbable the Administration will move to loosen up agricultural credits.

Information supplied to the President shows that the consumers are getting no benefit in lower prices from the rush of foreign agricultural products to this country.

The President, it is understood, considers the agricultural problem one, which must be disposed of by Congress immediately.

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peace times. It is suggested now that this measure be broadened to include frozen meats and two or three other commodities in which the farmers are vitally interested.

The President has authority under his war powers to lay an embargo. He is known to be reluctant to exercise his powers in times of peace, but it is said he may do this if no other way can be found to afford the necessary relief within a reasonable time.

At the Cabinet meeting there was submitted information that 100,000,000 pounds of wool now is on the sea being shipped to this country. It is being sent here to beat tariff duties and because of the advance of the exchange.

The anti-dumping bill, which also has Administration approval, will be of little aid in bringing relief to the farmer. This measure is to prevent foreign goods being dumped into this country at lower prices than sold at home.

Further Rate Relief Seen The Administration is fully aware of the transportation problem as it hits the farmer. It is being hammered fully as hard as members of Congress for reduced rates on farm products.

Every one in official circles here seems to want to get freight rates down. General reductions, however, await straightening out of the tangle over general reduction in wages.

Socialists Abandon Plan To Picket White House Satisfied at Present With Harding's Decision to Have the Debs Case Reviewed

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Announcement was made to-day by Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch at Socialist amnesty headquarters here that there would be no picketing of the White House in Socialist efforts to have amnesty extended to those imprisoned under the espionage act.

Daugherty to See Aspirants Will Look Over All Possible Appointees to Higher Offices

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Attorney General Daugherty is going to look over personally all possible appointees as Federal judges or district attorneys before selections are made in making known his intention Mr. Daugherty said to-day that he intended to call to Washington each man who came up for serious consideration in the districts and see them himself before making any appointments.

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Europe Dumps Goods Despite Surplus Here

Hoover, Alarmed at Virtual Stoppage of U.S. Commodity Movement, Finds Embargo May Be Necessary

Would Try High Tariff

Exports Decrease 200 Millions for February, While Imports Rise 6 Millions

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, March 18.—All Europe is making a "dumping grounds" of the United States for products of which this country has a surplus and commodity movements have virtually stopped, with the result that during February exports decreased almost \$200,000,000, while imports increased by \$6,000,000.

The possibility of a condition still more acute is so threatening that Mr. Hoover is giving serious consideration to a general embargo plan. This would, however, disrupt the economic machinery of the entire world, in his belief, and he is inclined to favor the alternative of an iron-clad protective tariff.

In discussing the export figures Secretary Hoover said, he does not think the report gives a true picture of the real conditions. He believes the figures carried in the January report, which placed the amount of exports for February at \$635,000,000, were inaccurate in that they were too large, and consequently the drop to \$489,000,000 for February is more violent than actually occurred.

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aid to a country with which we are technically at war.

The Germans have to live, and my chief desire," replied Mr. Hoover, "is to see the commodities move. However, I cannot venture an opinion. The War Finance Corporation is not involved in European affairs.

Secretary Hoover also announced that in furthering his plan to establish closer relations between home industries and foreign marketing agencies, he will confer this week with executives of the United States Chamber of Commerce, who expect to carry out a cooperation scheme through which there will be formed in each trade group a definite advisory committee.

Kellogg and McCormick For Foreign Committee Will Get Important Assignments if Membership Is 16; Norris to Go on Agriculture

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, March 18.—Senators Kellogg, of Minnesota, and McCormick, of Illinois, will both be put on the Republican side of the Foreign Relations Committee, according to present plans of the Committee on Committees.

The competition for places on this committee has been keen. To-day the Committee on Committees discovered that if the major committees were cut to fifteen members, nine Republicans and six Democrats, as first planned, there would not be enough places for each Senator to be on a major or first-class committee.

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Roads Can't Bear Labor Charge, Asserts Ivy Lee

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Rail Unions Present New Bill of Rights

Reduction on Reading Takes Effect April 26 Management Asks Conference With Employees to Reach an Agreement on Rates of Pay

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It was expected, labor leaders said, to draw out from the executives placed on the stand an alleged divided stand on the national agreement question. Carl R. Gray, president of the Union Pacific, and W. W. Atterbury were on hand, but their appearance was postponed until to-morrow.

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on investment. In 1920, with an investment stated by the Interstate Commerce Commission to amount to \$18,000,000, the railroads earned about \$150,000,000, or a return on the investment of .0079 per cent.

The operating costs of running the railroads include a charge for labor that cannot be sustained under existing conditions; labor is charging more than the traffic will bear.

Jersey Central's Wage Cuts The Jersey Central's wage reductions will cut from five to fifteen cents an hour from the pay of freight yard men, baggage porters, laborers and trimmers, who now get from 50 to 61 1/2 cents an hour.

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MORE MILK TESTIMONY

IN the Saturday Evening Post of March 5th, Alonzo E. Taylor adds this to the increasing mass of testimony in favor of the food value of milk.

"Dairy products comprise about 15% of the calories of our diet. This should not be reduced and the urban (city) consumption of whole milk should be increased. There is no substitute for milk. Milk will contribute lime salts, vitamins and balanced proteins."

Every day, the word of authority adds new emphasis to the importance of milk as a regular part of your food supply. We say "regular" because the economies and benefits of milk can be fully realized only by its regular use.

SHEFFIELD FARMS CO., Inc., NEW YORK

Packer Employees Vote for Walk-Out, 21,482 to 207

Chicago Ballot Effective if Union Chiefs or Government Fail to Induce Restoration of 8-Hour Day

CHICAGO, March 18.—By a vote of 21,482 to 207, union workers in Chicago packing plants went on record to-day in favor of a strike if they are "unable to induce the packers to maintain the eight-hour workday."

The exact wording of the ballot on which the workers voted follows: "Do you favor and authorize a strike in the event that the government or our organization is unable to induce the packers to maintain the eight-hour workday and compliance with the agreement entered into with the United States Department of Labor?"

After withdrawing from the agreement, the packers announced wage reductions of from 12 1/2 to 15 per cent and changed the workday from 8 hours to 10 hours before overtime would be paid.

The present strike ballot, it was said by union leaders, is worded in such a way as to make it possible for the strike to be averted at the packer-labor conference called by Secretary of Labor Davis to meet in Washington on Monday.

Robbers Take All Cash in Bank Made Official Hand Out \$6,000 NILES, Mich., March 18.—Three armed bandits entered the private bank of G. A. Blakeslee, at Galien, Mich., twenty miles from here, at noon to-day, and after forcing the cashier into a corner, escaped with all the available cash.

The union's answer to the charges is that they are false and made for the purpose of binding the public to the real issues dealing a serious blow to the unionism in this industry.

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