# G. W. PERKINS TALKS ON FOOD PROBLEMS

## Chairman of Gov. Whitman's Commission Sees Value of Cooperative Idea.

### NEW YORK SHOULD LEAD

### Legislature Will Be Asked to Coordinate Production and Distribution.

George W. Perkins, chairman of Gov. Whitman's commission on market conditions and of Mayor Mitchel's committee on food supply, addressing the Municipal Club of Brooklyn after a dinner at 131 Remsen street last night, said New York should lead off the other States with a constructive programme for the solution of the great food supply problem.

"You can do nothing by adhering to old methods or by paying much attention to precedents," he said. "I believe we have got to recognise the cooperative idea rather than old fashioned competition."

"One great thing about the markets question," Mr. Perkins said in starting his speech, which was listened to with much interest by the club members, "is that no one can claim to know very much about it. It is a question that has come upon us and has grown, like Topsy."

**No City Department Responsible.**

Mr. Perkins related some of the findings of the Mayor's committee on food supply, including the fact that there is no city department responsible for market conditions, but that different departments have different market functions that "do not get anywhere." He told of the failure to get through the Legislature a bill creating a department of markets, and said:

"If it is necessary for us to have a pure food commission, why shouldn't we have a centralized, fully equipped and authorized market department, for New York. We're going back with it this winter. We will go to Albany and strongly urged the Legislature to cooperative effort with producers on one hand and distributers on the other."

**Three Causes of High Prices.**

Mr. Perkins said one of the causes for the present high cost of foodstuffs is that a very large amount of food materials have been taken out of the country by the warring nations. Another is that because of the great prosperity which the people of this country are enjoying they are consuming more. Speculation in foodstuffs, too, has had some influence, he said.

Mr. Perkins said that cold storage ought to have some method of regulation and Federal control so that there may be the same treatment in all the States.

## EGG INJUNCTION IS NEXT

**Attorney-General's Office Plans Actions Against Stamp Violators.**

Deputy Attorney-General Leonard J. Obermeier, in charge of Attorney-General Woodbury's office in this city, said yesterday that plans are under way to apply for an injunction against egg dealers to be named by John J. Dillon, State Commissioner of Foods and Markets, to restrain them from selling refrigerator eggs without the words "cold storage" stamped on the shells, in accordance with the Commissioner's ruling.

Mr. Dillon's department is furnishing the Attorney-General with proof in the case of several alleged offenders of his order. It is understood the violations have been obtained against certain members of the New York Mercantile Exchange as well as against certain individuals and companies who retail eggs.

**Swann Unready to Prosecute.**

Mr. Dillon did not appeal to the Attorney-General for aid until after District Attorney Swann said he would not prosecute similar violations until the law giving the Commissioner the right to make rules and regulations has been tested.

No application for an injunction which members of the New York Mercantile Exchange have decided to direct against Commissioner Dillon to restrain him from enforcing his egg stamping order was made yesterday. It was said at the office of Campbell & Boland, lawyers, at 51 Chambers street, who have the matter in hand, that the application had been deferred for a day at least.

Commissioner Joseph Hartigan of the Mayor's Bureau of Weights and Measures, discussing the so-called butter boycott, which is scheduled to start throughout the State to-day, said that creamery butter is being retailed now in various parts of this city at prices ranging from 42 to 48 cents a pound.

The wholesale price of fresh gathered eggs went down 1 cent a dozen yesterday, but the wholesale price of three grades of cold storage eggs went up half a cent a dozen.

## VON TARNOW EXPLANATION.

**Lord Robert Cecil Tells House of Commons of Circumstances.**

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The circumstances regarding the requests for a safe conduct to Count Adam Tarnowski von Tarnow, the new Austro-Hungarian Ambassador to the United States, were explained in the House of Commons to-day by Lord Robert Cecil, the Minister of Blockade.

The first request for a safe conduct, said Lord Robert, was made by the Austro-Hungarian Government through Walter Hines Page, the American Ambassador. This was refused. Subsequently Ambassador Page informed the Foreign Office that the United States Government desired to receive Count Tarnowski and his suite and hoped that under these circumstances a safe conduct would be granted.

The British Government, Lord Robert added, had no desire to refuse the request, and assurance has been given that Count Tarnowski and his suite would not be prevented from landing.

## TURKS MISTREAT PRISONERS.

**U. S. Seeking to Have Relief Sent to British Captives.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Urgent representations are being made to Turkey by the American Government in an effort to bring about the forwarding of relief supplies to British prisoners of war who were described in a note received at the State Department to-day from the British Embassy to be in a most serious condition.

Ambassador Elkus at Constantinople already has sought diligently, but without success, permission to send on to the men relief from a large fund which has been placed at his disposal by the British Government.

Both British and State Department reports indicate that the situation of the men is very bad, but they give almost no details as to their number or location. Among them, however, are the 10,000 taken prisoner at the surrender at Kut-el-Amara.

# BARONESS GOES WITH FIANCE TO HOSPITAL

## Java Girl Refuses to Leave Ill Canadian Detained at Ellis Island.

Rather than leave her fiance, Baroness Constanca Theodora Pappenheim of the island of Java voluntarily went to Ellis Island with him yesterday after their arrival on the Dutch freighter Madioen.

Wallace Saunders of Watford, Ontario, her fiance, who was bringing his bride-to-be home to see his aged mother in Canada before the wedding, was sent to the Ellis Island hospital on his arrival here by a Public Health surgeon who thought he was suffering from nervous strain. He had been chief drillmaster of the Batavia Oil Company in Java and had suffered greatly from heat and overwork, according to the Baroness.

Baroness Constanca said they had left Java on the freighter, the only available vessel, on October 21 last, and had travelled 13,000 miles, coming here by way of Cape Town and Barbados. She nursed Saunders throughout the voyage. The family of the Baroness, who has lived thirteen years in Java, has large plantations there.

# COL. HARDING HERE TO GET $17,000,000

## Canal Zone Governor Needs Funds for His 26,000 Workers.

Col. Chester Harding, Governor of the Canal Zone, with his wife and daughter arrived here yesterday on the United Fruit liner Metapan.

On her northern journey the Metapan ran into the snowstorm which New York experienced and wore a glittering coat of ice when she entered the harbor yesterday.

Col. Harding came north with a double purpose, to spend the holidays and to appear before the Appropriation Committee at Washington to ask for $17,000,000 for maintenance and construction work on the canal. The army of 23,000 laborers will be employed on the canal for several years to come.

Col. Harding said that at present there is thirty-five feet of water in the Culebra Cut and dredges are still at work. The engineers believe that the side pressures resulting in slides have been overcome.

In the remainder of the canal the depth of water is forty feet. Col. Harding declared that in peace times the canal will be a decided paying proposition for the United States. Even during the war the tolls last month, $450,000, amount to more than the cost of operation of the canal.

Two coal pockets at Cristobal and Balboa have a combined capacity of 400,000 tons, he said. At present there is on hand about 100,000 tons. Most of the ships passing through coal on the Atlantic side.

Since the election of the President Panama has been paceful and there is harmony between the Americans and natives.

## HUNTERS DINE EXPLORERS.

**Rear Admiral Peary and Capt. Amundsen Guests of the Fraternity**

The Hunters Fraternity of America held its annual dinner last night in the studio of A. A. Anderson, 80 West Fortieth street, with Capt. Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the south pole, and Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the north pole, as guests of the fraternity. There were fifty-two diners who sat at a table in the form of a cross, decorated with snow and an electric lighted iceburg in the centre. Rear Admiral Peary sat at the top of the cross in front of a little north pole on which was an American flag. The North Star and Big Dipper were shown in electric lights in the ceiling over his head.

A miniature south pole in front of Amundsen carried the Norwegian flag and over his head gleamed the Southern Cross. Former Governor John W. Griggs of New Jersey was toastmaster. In addition to Peary, Amundsen and Mr. Anderson, the speakers were Patrick Francis Murphy and M. P. Rooseboom, a Hollander and assistant secretary of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague. Among the guests were Mayor Mitchel, Dr. George F. Kunz and President Alan R. Hawley of the Aero Club of America.

## MEAT ORDER ROUSES IRELAND.

**Catholics Want Friday Selected Instead of Thursday.**

*Special Cable Despatch to* THE SUN *from the London Times.*

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The *Times* correspondent in Dublin says a strong protest will be made in Ireland if Thursday is designated as a day on which meat is not to be eaten.

It is urged that Friday is the natural day to select, as Ireland is a strongly Catholic country.

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## STAMPEDE IN WHEAT PIT.

**Chicago Prices Advance 7¼ Cents and Then Drop 7½.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Despite a sensational advance of 7¼ cents in wheat today, based on reports of the British Premier's speech discussing the German peace offer, the market later fell back 7½c., owing chiefly to widespread gossip that the way to a peace conference had not yet been barred. Excited selling accompanied the setback in prices.

Fear that if peace were indefinitely postponed the effect on American export trade in wheat might prove disastrous was to some extent a factor of the late selling stampede.

# PRO-GERMAN PLOT CASE IS A FAILURE

## Special Grand Jury Unable to Indict Rintelen, Buchanan and Others.

After holding sessions for almost three months the special Federal Grand Jury impanelled to continue the investigation into the alleged pro-German plots of Franz Rintelen, Congressman Frank Buchanan and others connected with Labor's National Peace Council reported its inability to find indictments yesterday and was discharged by Judge Martin T. Manton in the United States District Court.

Frederick R. Fortmeyer, treasurer of the National Lead Company, as foreman of the Grand Jury, presented Raymond H. Sarfaty, the Assistant United States Attorney in charge of the case, with an embossed set of resolutions commending the prosecutor for the able manner in which he conducted the inquiry.

The special Grand Jury was impanelled in the early part of October to take up matters left over by the Grand Jury which had indicted Rintelen, Buchanan and others for conspiracy to violate the Sherman law by calling strikes among munitions workers and handlers. More than fifty witnesses were called, including steamship men, exporters and labor leaders, and the testimony filled 1,000 typewritten pages. Although nothing was uncovered to justify the finding of indictments, United States Attorney H. Snowden Marshall declared yesterday that the evidence was "very interesting."

Prosecutor Sarfaty has resigned from the Federal Attorney's office and will resume private practice after January 1. He will probably be retained, however, to assist in the prosecution of Buchanan and the others whom the Federal authorities plan to place on trial about the middle of January.

## MAYOR ASKS FOR MAIL BOXES.

**Tells Postmaster-General Art Commission Approves New Design.**

Mayor Mitchel last night took a hand in the agitation for additional letter boxes for Manhattan by sending a letter to Postmaster-General Burleson calling that official's attention to the fact that the Post Office Department should have begun the installation of additional letter boxes last April.

The Mayor enclosed a newspaper clipping in which Mr. Burleson was quoted as saying that if the Art Commission of New York would withdraw its objections to the newly designed boxes the Post Office Department would lose no time in supplying them. Along with the clipping the Mayor sent the official records of the Art Commission, which showed that it approved of the design submitted.

## ALDERMEN FOR PATRIOTISM.

**Ordinance Will Prohibit "Indiscriminate" Singing of Anthem.**

The general welfare committee of the Board of Aldermen is preparing an ordinance to prevent the "indiscriminate" singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner." The ordinance will be introduced next week and will prohibit the singing of the national anthem in any dance programme or in cafes or restaurants except as part of a patriotic programme.

Along with this ordinance the general welfare committee will introduce an ordinance requiring the American flag to be displayed on all public and city owned buildings every day in the year instead of only on legal holidays.

# TWO BOYS PUT TO DEATH AT SING SING

## Go to Chair With Firm Courage After Bidding Cellmates Merry Xmas.

### WARDEN AT EXECUTIONS

### New Prison Head Says: "I am Performing a Grim Duty the Law Imposes on Me."

OSSINING, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Stanley Millstein, 19 years old, and Charles Kumrow, 20, the two boys who wanted to die long enough before Christmas to make that day of cheer one of less bitter irony to their families, went to the electric chair in Sing Sing this morning with firm courage.

Millstein went first. When Warden Moyer went to his cell at 5:45 o'clock he rose from knees beside the cot where he had spent his last few hours, kissed the crucifix which Father Cashin held out to him and then walked firmly into the death chamber. As he came to the little door through which the condemned men pass he called back to those who were bidding him goodby.

"Goodby, boys, and a Merry Christmas," he said, and then went on and seated himself in the chair. The straps and apparatus were buckled on as he gave the responses to the litany chanted by Father Cashin, who was visibly affected. The current was turned on at 5:58, and after three shocks he was pronounced dead at 6:06 o'clock. Kumrow entered the chamber a moment later, also with no sign of fear, and was quickly declared dead.

**Father Faints to See Son.**

His father, Joseph Kumrow, whose home is in Buffalo, made a last but unsuccessful attempt to see him early this morning. He is poor and was not able to get to the prison until 4:30 o'clock. He was told it was impossible for him to see his son such a short time before the hour of execution. He carried a letter from friends of his son, but it was not delivered for fear it might unnerve the boy.

Warden Moyer witnessed the executions, the first warden to do so since McCormick's time. He took his place at the left of the witnesses, between them and the wall. He took no active part. Dr. Thomas Barry giving the signal to the electrician.

"I am performing a grim duty which I find the law imposes upon me," he said.

It was the first execution at which he had ever taken an official part and the second one he had ever seen.

**Sister Tried to Save Slayer.**

Millstein's case attracted statewide notice because of the unceasing efforts of his devoted sister, Martha, to save him from the death chair. Almost penniless, she nevertheless took much of her time from work in a Utica factory to go about pleading with people to sign a petition to Gov. Whitman for clemency. She obtained thousands of signatures. Many of those who listened to her urgings were leading professional and business men who believed the ends of justice would be better served by allowing the young man to live.

Millstein was an impressionable youth who spent much of his time in reading cheap novels and attending the movies. He thought it would be exciting to act some of the mythical adventures out in real life. With a chum, William Bellosa, he planned a robbery. They broke into a hardware store and stole some old revolvers and cartridges. Policeman John E. Creedon saw them as they emerged.

**Killed Policeman and Fled.**

Millstein resisted arrest, and in a short struggle shot Creedon. The boy escaped and joined the army, but was betrayed by Bellosa. The feeling among a large number of people that Millstein was hardly responsible because of his subnormal mentality aroused much sympathy for his plight.

"He was just a poor, foolish boy who got in bad company and whose mind was inflamed by the stories he read," his sister said of him.

Millstein's father, Joseph Millstein; his brother, Frank, and his sisters, Martha and Victoria, were visitors at the death house last night. They were at Sing Sing to-day to take the body back to Utica.

Kumrow shot and killed a tugboat captain in Buffalo. He had fewer friends than Millstein and his case aroused less sympathy than that of the boy who was electrocuted with him. In the time he was in the death house he had no visitors. He was only 20 years old.

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# MRS. DE SAULLES WINS A DIVORCE

## Joan Sawyer, the Dancer, Mentioned in Suit of Chilean Beauty.

Phoenix Ingraham, referee, recommended a decree of divorce yesterday for Mrs. Blanca Errazuris De Saulles, a Chilean beauty and wife of John Longer De Saulles, former quarterback at Yale.

According to a current report which was in no wise justified by the report which the referee filed with the Supreme Court, the woman responsible for the De Saulles trouble was Joan Sawyer, the dancer. Friends of Miss Sawyer were indignant that her name had been involved in the case by gossip when it had not been mentioned in the referee's report. A. B. Nathan, counsel for Mrs. De Saulles, said last night that Miss Sawyer's name was not mentioned in the pleadings or in the referee's final report.

De Saulles, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur De Saulles of South Bethlehem, Pa., was graduated from Yale in 1901 after captaining the football team. In 1910 he went down to Chile as representative of the South American Concessions Company, an English concern, on whose behalf he helped a railroad to bore through the Andes Mountains.

A letter of introduction to Senora Errazuriz-Vergara, reputed to be the wealthiest woman in the republic, was part of his luggage. At Vina del Mar, her large estate near Valparaiso, the young American met the Senora's daughter, Blanca, 16 and beautiful, who had just returned from a girl's school in Europe, where she had picked up most of the languages.

De Saulles married the young woman in Paris on December 19, 1911. Returning here, De Saulles organized the Woodrow Wilson College Men's League during the campaign of 1912. Later the young man was offered the post of Minister to Uruguay, but De Saulles decided that, having married Senorita Errazuriz, South America held no further attraction for him.

After he became a partner of his cousin, G. M. Heckscher, in the real estate business at Fifth avenue and Fifty-seventh street, his wife brought suit for divorce on July 27 last. Servants of Joan Sawyer, who was inciting many older persons just then to emulate her as an exponent of the hesitation, told the referee that the real estate man and the dancer had frequently kept each other company at all night places.

It was also said that Miss Sawyer's rapid transit system to her home had frequently consisted of De Saulles and a big roadster. Before the divorce action was filed De Saulles left the city.

Mrs. De Saulles will inherit the fortune of her mother, which came from an uncle, who was formerly a President of Chili. She has a son, John L. De Saulles, Jr., 3 years old, and when Nathan & Prince, her attorneys, ask for a confirmation of the referee's report to-morrow, Justice Pendleton will determine the custody of the child.

# MORE BONUSES ADD TO HOLIDAY GAYETY

## Central Trust Co. Pays Employees 50 Per Cent. of Salary.

### WAGES ARE ALSO RAISED

### Standard Oil Co. of Indiana to Distribute $1,000,000 to Workmen.

The rush of local firms to make merry the holidays of their employees by giving them substantial Christmas bonuses showed no abatement yesterday. Among the day's announcements were the following:

The Central Trust Company will pay each employee 50 per cent. of his year's salary. This is a holiday gift, and follows the company's recent announcement that it will distribute through the year in monthly installments to each employee a total for the year of about 31 per cent. of his annual salary. For the stockholders the company voted its regular quarterly 6 per cent. and an extra dividend of 16 per cent., payable January 2 to holders of record December 22.

The Standard Oil Company of Indiana will divide about $1,000,000 among employees who receive less than $3,000 a year, each getting 10 per cent. of his year's salary. Hornblower and Weeks will give their employees 33 1-3 per cent. of their annual salaries; this firm has already given its employes 12 per cent. this year, making 45 1-3 per cent. in all.

Harriman & Co. will give 50 per cent. and the Ohio Oil Company will give 10 per cent. to all who have been in their service for one year or longer. The Union Trust Company will give a 10 per cent. Christmas bonus and 10 per cent. additional to meet increased living costs; besides this the company is making salary adjustments. Officers of that company will get bonuses upon a somewhat smaller scale.

The Atlantic National Bank will give 10 per cent. to all who have served there for one year or more. The Lincoln Trust Company will give each employee a life insurance policy for the amount of the employee's annual salary, which may be converted into an individual policy at any time the holder may desire.

The Germania Bank will give 10 per cent. to employees, which is twice the bank's usual Christmas bonus.

The Biltmore will divide $12,000 among all employees receiving $1,200 a year or less, those getting the smallest wages receiving the largest percentage of their yearly salaries.

The Pantasote Leather Company of Passaic will give to its employees bonuses ranging from four weeks salary to one week's salary, depending upon the length of service.

The Passaic National Bank of Passaic will give 10 per cent. and the Peoples Bank and Trust Company will give 7 per cent. and a group life insurance policy.

The American Surety Company declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼ per cent. and an extra dividend of 1 per cent., payable December 20, 1916, to stockholders of record December 23, 1916, making the 110th consecutive dividend paid by the company.

**Ship Brokers Sue for $38,776.**

A breach of contract suit for $38,776 was begun in the Federal court yesterday by Haneveig & Johnson, ship brokers, of Norway against the Standard Shipbuilding Corporation of 44 Whitehall street. The complaint accuses the shipbuilding corporation of failing to carry out an agreement to pay a commission of 4 per cent. for finding a purchaser for a $7,400 cargo carrying vessel.

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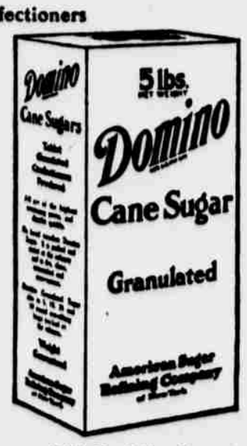


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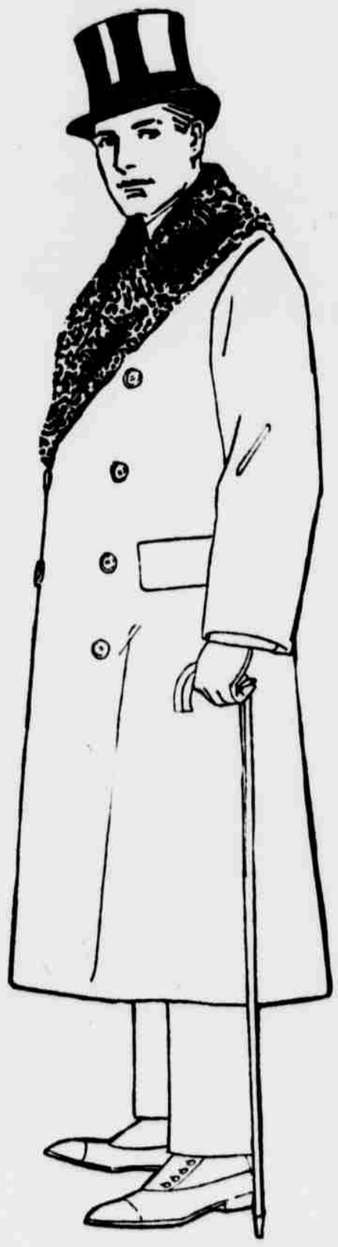

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