

HOOVER WINS POINT FOR MILK CONSUMER

N. Y. Dairymen and Distributors Agree to Leave Profits to Arbitration.

CONFERENCE IS SUCCESS Proposed November Advance Probably Now Will Not Take Place.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—At a conference to-day of representatives of the New York State Dairymen's League and the New York Milk Distributors with Food Administrator Hoover, it was agreed to leave the entire question of the cost of production and distribution of the milk supply of New York city, including a reasonable profit to all interests, to a commission to be appointed by the Food Administration.

The agreement on behalf of the dairymen must be ratified by the board of directors, for which purpose a meeting is to be called on Monday or Tuesday of next week. Pending the investigation by the Food Administration the distributors agreed with the Food Administrator that the October price will not be advanced to the consumer and if the action of the representatives of the Dairymen's League is, ratified the price to the consumer will not be further advanced during the present year.

The proposed November advance to the consumer, which has been held in abeyance, will, therefore, probably not take place. Those attending the conference were Arthur Williams, the New York city Federal Food Administrator; Mr. Powell and Mr. Lamb of the Food Administration; Dr. Moskowitz, Commissioner of Markets of New York city; Herbert Pratt and Herschell Jones, representing John Mitchell of the New York State Food Commission, who is ill in New York.

MILKSMEN GOUGE POOR.

J. J. Dillon Accuses Them Before Mayor's Milk Committee.

The Mayor's committee on milk, which is struggling to ascertain the cost of producing and distributing that article of food, had yesterday what many persons believed was its most interesting and entertaining session of the year. It was the presence on the witness stand of John J. Dillon, whose State Department of Foods and Markets soon will become a bureau of the State Council of Farms and Markets.

"We are imposing upon the poor of the city in our present distribution methods," Mr. Dillon said. "If the rich and proud want their milk delivered at certain hours, for the Lord's sake, let them have it and nobody will object to the price they pay for it."

The Commissioner explained his plan for the delivery of milk at stores direct from the farm, and said that allowing 74 cents a quart to the farmer (the present price) and giving the storekeeper a profit of 1 cent a quart, it is possible for consumers to get loose milk at 10 cents and bottled milk at 11 cents a quart.

When pinned down for an explanation as to why he referred to the milk companies as a monopoly, Mr. Dillon said that for years the dealers fixed the price the farmer received and then all hands charged consumers the same price. If any individual milk dealer made his own price, he continued, a "dead wagon" was sent after him to take away his business by underselling him. The "dead wagon" is a commission to-day, he asserted.

Get Throats in Competition.

The Commissioner told of an organization of milk dealers which he said existed in The Bronx who are underselling a farmers' organization, from which the grocers have been getting milk. It had been reported to him, he said, that milk bought from the farmers' creameries had been dumped in the street, and that dealers had even threatened wives of grocers that their husbands would be treated the same as Buff was treated by the poultry trust if they didn't stop buying milk from the farmers' organization.

In reply to a question by Dr. Charles E. North, the chairman, Mr. Dillon said he had presented evidence in his possession to the District Attorney, Dr. North said the committee was anxious to get such evidence and the Commissioner promised to help the committee.

"You cannot get milk cheap," Mr. Dillon went on, "until there is a full supply of milk. The farmer will produce a full supply when he knows he can dispose of it at a profit. The Federal Government might take the milk from the hands of the farmer, treat it as it must be treated, and deliver it to the consumer. This should be all done at cost. I have been trying to accomplish this, but have been hampered by useless commissions such as this (Smith and Wines). I have been trying to

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"I told Gov. Whitman the first month he was in office he could have this job if he wanted it and that instant, I have remained in office because the farmers wanted me to stay."

REFRIGERATOR MEN MUST AID NATION

President Warns Convention Delegates to Work With Food Dealers.

Fuller cooperation with the Government in its food programs and more thorough preparations on the part of business men to meet the stringent business conditions that will come were urged before the meeting of the American Refrigerator Association by David A. Brown, president of the National Association of Ice Industries, at the Astor yesterday.

"I warn you gentlemen that hard business times are ahead," he said. "Just because your bank is accommodating you now, and business generally is good at the present time, do not make the error of sitting back complacently, believing these conditions are going to last. We are in for a long war and we are going to suffer. We must prepare to meet the gravest emergencies and must begin at once to lay away for these rainy days ahead."

Mr. Brown repeated the warning given by President Horne yesterday that unless the refrigerator men and food dealers cooperate more harmoniously with the Government, a food control of force and not of cooperation will be established.

Mr. Brown said that he had just come from a trip through the West and everywhere he had found business men regarding patriotically to the Government's call. "From Chicago to the coast there is a spirit of patriotism that is an inspiration," he said. "We are proving to the world that we are a nation of patriots, although we are a nation of business men."

The two day session of the association concluded with reports yesterday afternoon.

BIG SAVING MADE IN U. S. WHEAT SUPPLY

Flour Used Is 20 P. C. Less; Mill Production Up 15 P. C.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 9.—Cooperation of millers, farmers, grain dealers and consumers has made it possible for the Food Administration Grain Corporation to effect a big saving of the country's wheat supply, Julius Barnes, president of the corporation, declared here to-day.

Mr. Barnes said the decrease in flour consumption amounts to 20 per cent, while flour mills have increased their production 15 per cent above last year. This is in line, he added, with the corporation's policy of encouraging flour milling and exportation of flour rather than wheat. Flour exports will total approximately 35,000,000 barrels, as compared with a normal export of 15,000,000 barrels, he said.

"Despite many perplexing problems, including some dissatisfaction among farmers with the wheat price fixed by the Government, I feel justified in saying that the food corporation has brought the country out of a situation approaching a flour famine," Mr. Barnes said. "Besides, in sixty days we have succeeded in discharging this country's obligations to the Allies as far as humanly possible."

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Bloody Window Weight Found.

A window sash weight with which Dr. Chapin's skull had been crushed was found blood stained and wrapped in a towel late this afternoon in an alley back of the hotel.

This afternoon the theory was advanced that Dr. Chapin had been murdered when he refused to break a promise he made to his wife to quit the drug habit.

On the eve of making good that pledge, there came a call from the "other world" he was renouncing—a call from the Chicago man who is said to have smuggled him narcotics in the past. It is believed Dr. Chapin went to the hotel room to see the Chicago man, to break away, to announce his reformation. A few hours later he was found on the floor of the room with his skull crushed. He died soon after.

The police see another motive for the murder of Dr. Chapin by the mysterious drug runner, who knew the Federal penalty that awaited him if arrested again, as he had been before, and should the doctor testify against him.

Turn pieces of an express company receipt may lead to the capture of the slayer. The scraps of the receipt have been pieced together by the police and show the name of the suspected murderer, a former Cleveland druggist, and the existence of an illicit trade in narcotics in which he was engaged, and a probable motive for the killing.

The illicit traffic uncovered was the handling of drugs in violation of the Federal law. This discovery brought in its trail the admission by Mrs. Chapin that her husband was addicted to the use of narcotic drugs and that the suspect kept him supplied.

Mrs. Chapin, who was the widow of Valentine Fries, wealthy Sandusky boat owner and lumberman, before she married "the Blind Doctor," as the murder victim was known, last night told the police her husband went to the hotel yesterday afternoon to meet a man who recently came from Chicago with whom he had had business dealings in the past.

Dr. Chapin, known to a wide circle of friends as "the Blind Doctor," was 47 years old and had spent the greater part of his manhood in traveling. He had written several books and was the author of a number of motion picture scenarios.



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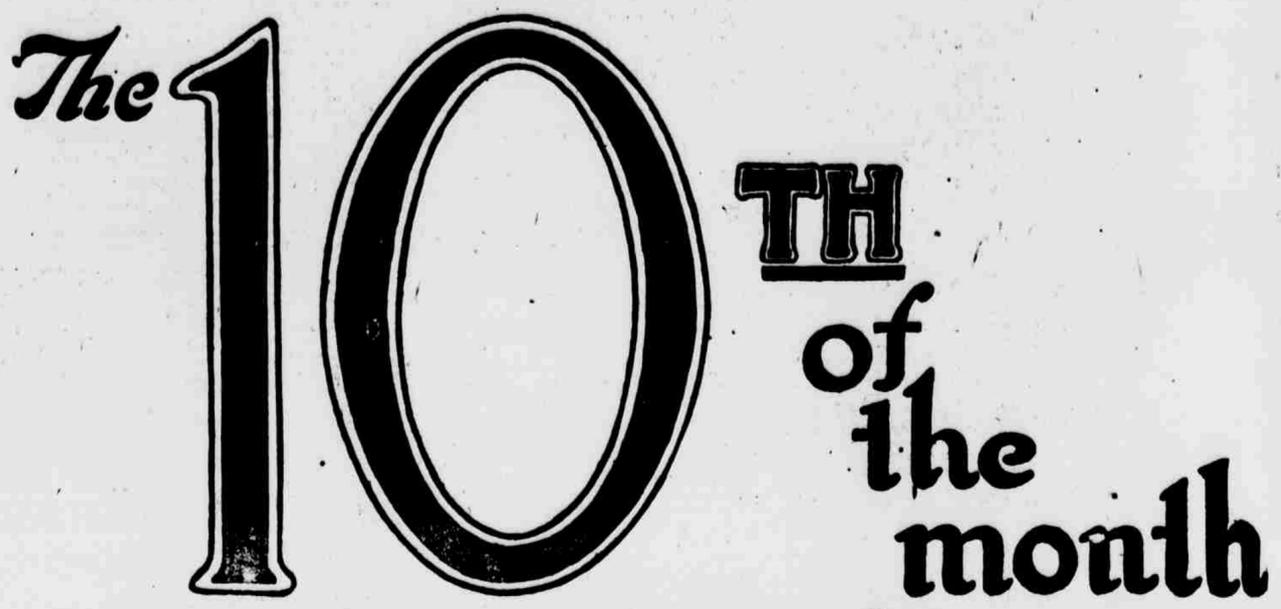
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