

WEATHER.

Cloudy tonight and tomorrow; colder tonight, lowest temperature about 13 degrees; continued cold tomorrow. Temperature for twenty-four hours ended at 2 p.m. today: Highest, 48, at 1 p.m. yesterday; lowest, 21, at 5 a.m. today. Full report on page 7.

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PRESIDENT GIVES ANNOVATION AS HE URGES BROADER CREDIT FOR RELIEVING FARMERS' BURDEN

Suggests Six Vital Steps in Opening Conference.

OVER 300 EXPERTS TAKE UP PROBLEM Secretary Wallace Seeks Action to Make Aid Permanent.

Attended by approximately 300 delegates, representing agriculture in all its phases and the industries related to farming, the national agricultural conference was convened in the large ballroom of the New Willard Hotel today by Secretary Wallace, and immediately heard from President Harding a declaration of interest and sympathy by the administration in the present plight of the nation's farmers, together with a series of suggestions for remedying existing conditions.

The President, in an address touching on the agricultural situation in detail, but without attempting to dictate the course of the conference discussions, outlined a half-dozen broad questions, to the consideration of which the conference might well give its attention. These briefly included:

Development of a thorough code of law and business procedure with the proper machinery of finance through some agency to insure that turnover capital shall be as generously supplied to the farmer and on as reasonable terms as to other industries.

Formation of co-operative loaning, buying and selling associations for collection and distribution of useful and true information so as to prevent present conditions of depression and discouragements are not peculiar to agriculture, and that the same remedies which could have been of no avoidance of a great slump from war-time excesses to the hardships of readjustment. He can do so only by understanding by assuming that agriculture suffers alone, but we must fairly recognize the agricultural difficulties which accentuate the agricultural discouragements.

Methods for bringing about further reclamation, reclamation and extension of the agricultural area. Promotion of a new conception of the farmer's place in the national social and economic structure.

President Gets Overview. The President, who walked the four blocks from the White House to the New Willard Hotel, received a hearty ovation when he appeared in the conference hall.

The delegates and others in attendance, including a number of prominent business men, listened attentively, and frequently applauded the executive's statements. Especially strong approval was given to his declaration for more adequate credit facilities and applause also broke forth when the President announced his progression to assert that present conditions in the agricultural industry "is truly a national interest and not merely a concern of either a class, or a section, or a bloc."

President was followed by Secretary Wallace, who declared the conference had been called to consider the present agricultural situation and to lay down a permanent policy for the rebuilding of a sustaining agriculture.

Mr. Wallace announced that Representative Anderson of Minnesota, "agreed to be chairman of the permanent inquiry commission, would act as permanent chairman of the conference, H. C. Frison of Michigan, secretary of markets and crop estimates, as executive secretary.

Outlines Relief Plans. Secretary Wallace told the delegates that the administration would do its best to be made in three fields, which he outlined as follows:

"First, what may be done properly through legislative action. Second, what may be done through administrative action. Third, what may be done by the various agencies charged with the duty of fostering agriculture.

"Third, what may and should be done by the farmer and himself as an individual and through his organizations.

Finds Aid Sorely Needed. "It is not my purpose," the Secretary announced, "to suggest what you shall do. Realizing, however, that you have come to our invitation and that you are anxious to do what you have made plans to help you in this time to the best possible advantage."

The Secretary of Agriculture went on to say that he had concluded to set up committees to deal with the various questions which automatically present themselves in any conference called to consider agricultural problems.

Agriculture of the nation, Mr. Wallace declared, "is a backbone and our entire business and industrial life is suffering in consequence. The production of food and fiber is being ruined by low prices. Have greatly reduced the farmer's net income, and the purchasing power has been still further reduced by the disproportionately high cost of everything he needs to buy."

Chairman Anderson's Address. Chairman Sydney Anderson of the joint congressional commission of agricultural inquiry, in an address on "The Present Situation," following that by Secretary Wallace, said, in part:

"The restoration of conditions of normal opportunity to the farmers of the country is dependent, first, upon the completion of the work of reclamation, and second, upon the establishment of a means of stabilizing agricultural prices upon a profitable level. It is in the desperate character of the situation that I wish that there was some means of bringing about this condition by governmental action. But as there is no governmental panacea, that there is no magic wand of legislation and no magic wand of executive action that can bring about these results, I am persuaded that they can only be accomplished through a more efficient organization of the producers.

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Text of President's Address In Opening Farm Conference

President Harding, in opening the agricultural conference, said:

Secretary Wallace and Members of the Conference: It is an occasion of the greatest satisfaction to me that Secretary Wallace's invitation has been so widely and cordially accepted. I confess the firm belief that in the public life of a people so intelligent as the American nation most problems may be regarded as well on the way to solution when they are once reduced to their simplest terms and generally understood. This conference was called with the aim to bring about such a general understanding of the critical situation now confronting American agriculture.

We all understand that this conference is not a legislative body. Its recommendations will require to be written into the statute books by other authorities or applied in administration after sanction by those who must assume responsibility. But we do confidently anticipate that the considerations here had will be helpful and illuminating to those immediately responsible for the formulation of public policy in dealing with these problems. Therefore, it has seemed to me, I can make no more appropriate observation than that your work here will be of value precisely as you address yourselves to the realities, the matters of fact, the understanding of the conditions as they are, and the proposal of feasible and practicable methods for dealing with those conditions.

Concerning the grim reality of the present crisis in agriculture, there can be no differences of opinion. The present depression and discouragements are not peculiar to agriculture, and that the same remedies which could have been of no avoidance of a great slump from war-time excesses to the hardships of readjustment. He can do so only by understanding by assuming that agriculture suffers alone, but we must fairly recognize the agricultural difficulties which accentuate the agricultural discouragements.

War Devoted of Farmers. I do not need to tell you or the country of the supreme service that the farmer rendered our nation and the world during the war. Peculiar circumstances placed our allies in Europe, as well as our own country, in a position of peculiar dependence upon the farmer of the American farmer. With his labor supply limited and in conditions which made his production cost high beyond all precedent, the farmer rose to the emergency, and he did so with a nobility and a heroism of which we can never cease to be proud.

Now, in his hour of disaster, he is being asked to do more than he has ever done before. He is being asked to do more than he has ever done before. He is being asked to do more than he has ever done before. He is being asked to do more than he has ever done before.

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EXPERTS PLAN ATTACK ON "CAPITALIST" FORCES

Great Powers Blamed for Counter Revolutionary Attacks Against Moscow Regime.

By the Associated Press. LONDON, January 23.—Bolshevik delegates to the Genoa conference will present reparation claims there against various European powers and the United States. If these claims are made in terms of bolshevik rubles, new names for large amounts may be necessary, for the familiar terms of the decimal system will not cover the staggering sums claimed by this country, which issues single bills for one hundred million rubles, and discusses deficits of trillions of rubles as mere bagatelles.

Leonid Kravins, Maxim Litvinoff, M. Rakawski, scores of other bolshevik leaders, who probably will go to Genoa, juggle figures with the same indifference that a professional strong man shows while tossing weights about a stage. The Versailles conference mustered no such brigades of experts as the Moscow government has in its service months ago, and has been training for the communist attack upon capitalism since the time of the Brest-Litovsk peace treaty. Every possible brand of political, social, historical and economic expert has been drafted, and Russia has a variety of them at the disposal of the government.

Foreign debts owed by Russia and the claims of other governments against the soviet regime will be as nothing when compared with the amounts that Moscow has chalked up against England, France and America. The Alabama claims, upon which the United States was successful after the civil war, form the chief precedent upon which the bolshevik government will base its claims. Reams of documents will be presented to show the responsibility of the United States for the loss of the Russian fleet in the Baltic, the loss of the Baltic states, the loss of the Baltic states, the loss of the Baltic states.

As western imagination cannot comprehend the figures represented by bolshevik money, it seems probable Moscow will make her claims in gold rubles—the hated currency upon which the communist government is basing its effort to return to the old economy. At first there was a disposition to make claims for all damage done to property in the various movements against the soviet government as well as for lives sacrificed and indirect damage to business, the prestige of the old economy, the loss of the Baltic states, the loss of the Baltic states.

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Five Octaves In Range Of Serbian In Range Contra F and High A

By Cable to The Star and Chicago Daily News. Copyright, 1922. VIENNA, Austria, January 21.—The Austrian Association for Experimental Phonetics believes that a marvel has been discovered in the person of Michael Georgevic Prita, a Serbian, whose voice commands five octaves. Prof. Leopold Rethl of the University of Vienna, a noted laryngologist, who examined Prita, says the Serbian singer hits contra F with forty-two vibrations per second, and goes out a break and with full tone through the baritone and tenor zones and then, after a slight transition, registers to soprano like a falsetto, striking high A with 1,740 vibrations per second. Prita is planning to bring his highest and lowest F to the United States.

CURB UPON ARMS EXPORTS TO CHINA MAY BE TAKEN UP

Far East Committee Also May Get Text of Russo-Chinese Pact of 1896.

By G. GOULD LINCOLN. An important statement regarding Siberia, declaring that Japan has no intention of impairing the territorial integrity of Russia, was made by Baron Shidehara, Japanese ambassador, at a meeting of the far east committee of the Washington conference today. The Japanese spokesman made it clear to the conference committee that Japan has every intention of withdrawing her troops from Siberia, including Sakhalin, when he is convinced that a stable government, capable of protecting the Japanese nationals in that territory, has been established.

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All Unmarried Women, 16 to 30, in Bulgaria, Compelled to Work

By CONSTANTINE STEPHANOVE. By Cable to The Star and Chicago Daily News. Copyright, 1922. SOFIA, Bulgaria, January 23.—Bulgaria is making unique history these days. The government is calling upon all unmarried women between the ages of sixteen and thirty to do compulsory service. Hitherto it has called only on the young men. The girls are recruited for four months and the service of each is to be performed as near her home as possible. They are working in hospitals, libraries, churches, schools and other public institutions. The work lasts until evening. No girl is exempt, though Mohammedans are permitted to do their share of labor at home. No medical certificates are required, but every recruit wishing to be excused is required to fill out a blank stating the cause of her inability to carry out her service obligation. It is estimated that the state is to work a considerable number of more than 100,000 girls.

HEARTY BID TO U. S. IN LONDON SPEECH

British Opinion Indicates America Would Be "Life of the Genoa Party."

By N. O. MESSENGER. Speaking of conferences, Premier Lloyd George's speech in London last Saturday is interpreted in conference circles in Washington as being a very hearty bid for the participation of the United States in the Genoa conference. His and the expressions of other European statesmen would seem to indicate that Uncle Sam is expected to be "the life of the party" in case he elects to hang his tall hat on the hall rack at the Genoa meeting. It may be a sad affair without him.

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CONGRATULATE TO ELECT SUCCESSOR TO POPE OPENS FEB. 1 OR 2

American Cardinals May Not Arrive in Time for First Sessions.

BODY OF BENEDICT LIES IN STATE IN ST. PETER'S

Solemn and Impressive Ceremonies Attend Procession From Vatican. Immense Crowds Present.

By the Associated Press. ROME, January 23.—The meeting of the sacred college in conclave, to elect a successor to the late Pope Benedict will open February 1 or February 2, it was stated today. While all the cardinals resident in Europe are expected to reach Rome in time for the conclave, it is considered extremely doubtful whether the American cardinals will find it possible to be present, at least for the opening of the session, as the date set is barely ten days away.

Likely Candidates. Cardinals Maffi, La Fontaine and Ratti, of Pisa, Venice and Milan, respectively, are the most prominently mentioned in Vatican circles today as the most likely candidates for the position as successor to Pope Benedict. In these circles Cardinal Maffi apparently is a pronounced favorite, even of these three prelates.

Public Admitted. Word was given that the public of Rome would be admitted to St. Peter's up to 11 o'clock, and immense crowds immediately began entering the vast edifice and filing by the body.

The body is robed in white, with stole and chasuble of red, embroidered with gold. The head, wearing the papal mitre, is cushioned with cushions of red and gold velvet. The hands, wearing the pontifical gloves of purple silk and holding the rosary, are clasped over the breast. The body, as it was solemnly brought into St. Peter's was borne upon a red covered bier, and was dressed in traditional costumes of scarlet. The procession was headed by the gendarmes of the papal guard, in their uniforms of blue and white, walking with the papal guard in their full uniform and plumes of black feathers standing erect.

One Dressed in Black. One of the cardinals who followed in the procession, Cardinal Casquet, alone was dressed in full black. Cardinals Fruehwirt and Poggiani stood out in the distinction of their white dominical robes, while the remainder of the cardinal more than two scores in number, due to the arrival of a number of Italian cardinals, wore the red of their rank.

All moved with bowed heads, reciting their prayers and, in a very slow pace, their faces grave with the solemnity of the occasion. The members of the sacred college, in their black mourning robes, followed the pope's body, and the members of the diplomatic corps, in black mourning robes, followed the pope's body, and the members of the diplomatic corps, in black mourning robes, followed the pope's body.

Passing from the throne room to the hall of Clementine, the cortege entered the loggia and proceeded down the Scala regia to the first floor, then along the loggia of Raphael to the Pope's robing room for religious ceremonies, passing through the very corridor where it is thought his holiness caught the cold which resulted in his death. The procession then passed through the sala ducale to the stairs of Constantine, and thence to the pontifical bedroom to look upon the face of the departed holy father.

Benedict wore his papal robes and in his hands was a rosary. His face was somewhat drawn, indicating the intense suffering through which he passed before death intervened.

Body in Brass Bed. The body lay on a simple brass bed, with four large candelabra with burning candles at each corner. Two noble guards in full dress uniforms of striking red, with their gleaming gold belts and high Roman helmets, stood at right attention at the foot of the bed. With swords drawn they appeared like sentinels on the foot of the bed there were several prie-dieu, where visitors knelt and offered prayers for the soul of the departed pontiff. Alongside the wall during the day presided one of them would go to the bedside of the pontiff, kneel and pray for the soul of the departed pontiff's body and kiss his hands, feet and head.

Palatino on Wall. On the walls of the modestly furnished apartment were four oil paintings. Beside the bed stood a small table. On that side of the bed from which the windows overlooked St. Peter's Square there stood through out the day a group of priests, with wicks and overture after

WARNS LANDLORDS WHO OVERCHARGE

Senator King Intimates Ball Law Extension Lies With Them.

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