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STATE WELFARE BEFORE PARTY, MYERS ASSERTS

United States Senator From Montana Advises Democrats To Vote Against Townley

ATTACK LEAGUE METHODS

Plea to Democrats to "Be Regular" Being Used in Montana as to G. O. P. in N. D.

(Special to the Tribune.)

Helena, Mont., Oct. 13.—Declaring "we put the welfare of our state before the party," United States Senator Henry L. Myers delivered an impassion speech here in which he called upon Demorrats to repudiate the Democratic ticket named in the primary and dominated by Townley men.

His speech was in reply to a method of campaigning being used by the Nonpartisan league in Montana, similar to a method being used in North Dakota. With the Nonpartisan candidates dominated in Montana on the democratic ticket, the Townley leaders are appealing to democrats to "vote regular" just as they are launching an underground appeal in North Dakota for republicans to vote for the Townleyized republican slate.

"Principles and not party label is what democrats stand for—good government, not party classification," said Senator Myers.

Support Republicans.

After his speech the Montana Democratic club was organized, which will support the republican candidates for state offices at the election.

"Montana must be saved. The Democratic party of Montana must be saved," he said earnestly, and solemnly. "The gravest crisis in our beloved state is confronting us at this time. We are faced by ruination, disgrace and the overturning of our form of government. All the principles of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson are set aside It is up to the Democrats of Montana to save the state from class hatred, destructive elements and ruin. I thank God there are still Democratic men and women standing for good government and not for party name with the name stolen.

"We put the welfare of our state before the party and against the element which has stolen the livery of the Lord to serve the devil. Principles and not party label is what Democrats stand for—good government, not party classification.

Won't Swallow It.

Senator Myers said he was amazed to find that the Democratic ticket was dominated by "hybrids, bolshevists and radicals, who had captured the nominations. I have been a Democrat all my life and worked hard for the party. I refuse to be swallowed by a combination of socialism and bolshevism.

"I say the so-called Democratic ticket was not nominated by Democrats and hasn't an honest Democrat on it. There is no obligation as to party fealty and no oblitation to support it.

"Stolen goods give no title and the primary law which has made this crime possible, confers to obligation upon a Democrat to approve of it. It is time for Democrats to stand up and be counted.

"Can the Democrats of Montana rise to the occasion and say, 'away with paltry party names—we stand for good government?' Equal right to all and special privileges to none, loyalty, decency and the welfare of the country, devotion to the state and patriotism. I ask you to repudiate this theft of our party name and I confidently expect a favorable response."

He discussed some of the nominees, saying the attorney general nominee professed always to be a republican and had tried to run for congress on that ticket two years ago.

"Probably he is a Socialist at heart," he added. "Yet I am supposed to support him as a Democrat. Most of those nominees I don't know, but I have been looking up their records. I understand the nominee for railroad commissioner served as a republican senator two years ago. I'll vote for a Republican, but not a Republican camouflaged as a Democrat. Take one of the associate justices for the six-year term—one Peace. Four years ago I'm told, he ran for circuit judge as a Republican. A man who has to go to Townley and Dunn to find out he is a Democrat can't get my vote for anything. Then this other justice, Palmer—I don't know where he lives, but I understand he's always been a Republican until now. Take District Judge Carleton, a Democrat of Havre, he was defeated by the present Republican county attorney running as a Democrat. That's a new brand of democracy to me.

"Colonel, you are entitled to all the joy you can get by making your political bed with Townley and Dunn.

"I don't say that all these candidates on the so-called Democratic ticket are bolshevists. I understand Haste is a Socialist. I doubt if there is a Democrat on the ticket except Matthews and Wheeler, the latter of whom has Socialist leanings, the leanings submerging his democracy.

Primary Violated.

Senator Myers said the ticket was handpicked at Great Falls in violation of the spirit of the primary law.

"The chairman of the meeting when Wheeler was here said that I would probably have a nightmare on bolshevism when I appeared at this meeting. Let's see about that. This ticket was handpicked at a convention made up of Nonpartisan leaguers and radical labor. Dunn was there with his gang. Dunn daily champions the soviet government of Russia and declares it superior to our government. He preaches revolution and abuses Presi-

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A REAL AMERICAN

It requires political courage to take the stand assumed by Senator Myers of Montana. North Dakota is presented with the same situation and there is a large group of voters here who don't take kindly to the idea of confusing issues by any cheap appeal for party regularity.

It makes no difference what party label a candidate wears as long as he refuses to deliver his state up to the exploiters and is pledged to the program of the anti-Townley platform.

The Tribune does not favor Senator Myers' stand on national issues, but it honors him for being a man and a real American by opposing the socialists who have captured the primaries and who seek to appropriate party prestige to which they are not entitled.

The men in this fight on Townleyism will brook no interference from politicians who seek to force socialists upon them under the disguise of Republicans or under the lash of party regularity.

VOTERS OF NORTH DAKOTA, WHATEVER YOUR POLITICS, NAIL A SOCIALIST WHENEVER HE BOBS UP UNDER THE GUISE OF A REPUBLICAN OR A DEMOCRAT.

THE TRIBUNE HAS SOME RESPECT FOR THE SOCIALIST WHO IS HONEST IN HIS CONVICTIONS AND SEEKS VOTES UNDER HIS OWN PARTY LABEL. IT HAS NOTHING BUT CONTEMPT FOR THE CANDIDATE WHO BY POLITICAL CHICANERY AND DISHONEST MANIPULATION OF THE ELECTION LAWS SEEKS TO CONCEAL HIS SOCIALISM UNDER EITHER THE REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRATIC PARTY LABEL.

Independent voters of the state BE ON YOUR GUARD.

PARK IN PATH OF FIRES IN NORTH WOODS

Wisconsin National Guard is Called Out—Rain Helps at Duluth

Superior, Wis., Oct. 13.—It was learned late this forenoon that the forest fires swept over sixty acre area, a small portion in Papitson forest park at Black River Falls, Wisconsin, during the high winds last night, despite the efforts of over 350 fire fighters from the city of Superior. A call for troop M of the Wisconsin national guard was issued by Governor E. L. Phillip early yesterday evening. The troopers were on their way to the scene of the fire one hour after the call was received here.

Senator Ray Nye, who is charge of fighting fires, announced today that there is grave danger from fires at the eastern section of the large park. A constant patrol is being kept of this district by the troopers, and by civilian fighters.

Rain Helps.

Duluth, Oct. 13.—A heavy downpour of rain yesterday and last night north and northwest of Duluth, drenched the woods and has minimized the danger from forest fires to this territory.

SEN. HARDING IS ENTERTAINED IN HISTORIC CITY

Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 13.—An outing among the Civil war land marks around Chattanooga was arranged by Tennessee Republican leaders today for Senator Warren G. Harding, who will open his third speaking campaign tonight in the municipay taberacle. An automobile trip to points of historic interest, beginning soon after the arrival of the candidate and his party, was on the day's program.

Missionary Ridge, Lookout mountain and Chickamauga were on the route of the drive, and a feature was a picnic luncheon at Signal mountain.

Republican State Chairman Gore, H. Clay Evans, a former Republican gubernatorial condidate, and Emil Washburn, were the senator's hosts on the trip. After the return to Chattanooga he was to hold a public reception and then dine privately before the night address.

ARMY AIRPLANES STAY AT FARGO

Fargo, Oct. 13.—The four airplanes en route from Alaska to Mineola, N. Y., did not leave Fargo for Winona, Minn. today as had been planned, the delay was to get a chance for a thorough overhauling of the motors and the ships. Capt. St. Clair Street now plans to get his squadron started for Winona tomorrow morning.

WEATHER REPORT

For North Dakota: Cloudy and unsettled tonight and Thursday; cooler tonight.

For twenty-four hours ending at noon, October 13.

Temperature at 7 a. m.	39
Highest yesterday	62
Lowest yesterday	48
Lowest last night	38
Precipitation	None
Highest wind velocity	12-W

ASSERTS SOVIET WILL CAMPAIGN DURING WINTER

American Officer Gives Information He Gathered in Trip in Europe

Berlin, Oct. 13.—Close observers of the Russo-Polish situation say the Russian soviet army will not content itself with defeat but will either begin a counter-offensive this winter or launch a fresh campaign in the spring.

An American army officer who toured Poland from Warsaw to Soldau and then visited the Russian internment camps of East Prussia said he found virtual unanimity of opinion among Poles, French and Germans that the Russians would not give up their ambition to conquer Poland without further fighting.

A French officer serving in Poland told the correspondent he believed the Russians would come back in the spring, and that they would be better organized for invasion than they were this summer. A Polish officer, graduate of an American university and serving with General Joseph Haller's army, declared he believed, and this belief prevailed among Polish officers, that the Russians were badly beaten, but would be able to reorganize and prepare for another campaign within six months. A number of Germans, who held the opinion that Poland can not endure as a nation, said they were confident Russia soon would begin a counter-offensive.

The American officer said information he had gathered led him to believe the Russians would renew the fighting early this winter. Through an interpreter he learned the attitude of the Cossacks interned in East Prussia.

"Strangely enough these Cossacks say they are not bolshevists and that few other Russians are real bolshevists," he said. "They declare they are not fighting for bolshevism, but for Russia against the Poles. They appeared to be in excellent condition and well equipped. Most of them were young fellows apparently between 25 and 30; bronzed, healthy, strapping. On the whole they showed to much better advantage than the Polish soldiers."

The American said he saw many Germans, some of them officers, laughing and talking with the Cossacks and that it was evident there was much good feeling between them.

FATHER RELIEVED AFTER "THE CRANK" CONFESSES MURDER OF KIDNAPED BOY

Philadelphia, Oct. 13.—Satisfied that the mystery surrounding the kidnaping on June 2 of Blakely Coughlin, the 13-months-old son of George H. Coughlin, of Norristown, has been cleared up by the confession of August Pasquale, the authorities today began preparation of their case against "the crank."

Mr. Coughlin also said he felt the case had been cleared up. "I am very much relieved now that the tension is broken," he declared. "The suspense of leading the rest of my life without the sure knowledge of the fate of my boy is now settled. I am glad it is over."

In addition to the kidnaping and slaying of the Coughlin boy Pasquale also will be charged with the murder in Philadelphia on June 1 of Mrs. Rose Asherman, who conducted a rooming house.

He also is said to have confessed to the killing of a man in a saloon here about nine months ago.

Pasquale, who is known as the "crank," confessed to Major Adams, of the Pennsylvania state police. He smothered the child under his coat, he confessed, buttoning his coat when he heard a noise as he was descending the ladder. He said he had gone some distance from the Coughlin home when he found the baby was dead.

Pasquale is said to have confessed the location of the body, but Major Adams would not make this public until the locality had been searched.

ARMISTICE FOR REDS AND POLES BEGINS OCT. 18

Fear Expressed That it Will be Unpopular With Both Poles and Russians

LITHUANIAN SITUATION

League of Nations Takes Hand in Settling New Dispute with Poland

Riga, Oct. 13.—A preliminary peace treaty and armistice was signed by the Polish and Russian soviet peace delegates here at 7:10 o'clock last night.

The armistice actually becomes effective at midnight on October 18, that is 144 hours from midnight.

The announcement that peace was to be signed brought great crowds to the square surrounding the Black Head House. M. Joffe and the Bolshevik delegation entered the hall first and were followed by M. Dombski and the Polish delegation. About 200 persons, including the entire diplomatic body and prominent Lettish officials, crowded the small room many of them standing.

Give and Take Peace

The head of the soviet delegation described the Riga peace as "a peace without victory.

That describes the Riga agreement accurately as it appeared to disinterested onlookers. It was a peace of give and take, which those who have followed the course of events fear will not be popular either with the bolsheviki or with the Poles.

Warsaw, Oct. 13.—Proposals that the frontier between northern and central Lithuania be defined by a plebescite have been sent to the Lithuanian government at Vilna by General Zellgouskie, commander of Polish Lithuanian troops which late last week occupied Vilna. The note added that the new state which had been created in Vilna has no intention of entering into a conflict with Lithuania.

Hope that all dificulties relative to tracing the frontier may be removed by the constituent assemblies at Kovno and Vilna is expressed by the General and he declares that the latter assembly will be summoned without delay.

CLAIM SUCCESSES

London, Oct. 13—Russian successes for the Russian soviet forces all along the line from south of Minsk to the Crimea are reported in the Russian soviet official statement of Tuesday. The annihilation of two companies of a Polish division in the Alexandrovsk district is claimed.

ASK REPORT

London, Oct. 13.—The league of nations has sent a telegram to Col. Chardigny at Kovno, who is in charge of the league of nations commission there, asking him to report fully on the Vilna situation and as to what treatment the members of the commission have been given and assuring him of the support of the league.

The Poles unofficially have been informed that the league considered the Vilna situation extremely grave and a violation of former Premier Paderewski's statement at the Paris meeting of the league council that the territory of Lithuania would be respected.

The case will be considered at the Brussels meeting of the council Oct. 20.

SOVIETS WIN

Constantinople, Oct. 13.—The reoccupation by the Bolsheviki of Mariupol and Berdiansk on the sea of Azov is announced.

(This represents a set-back for the forces of General Wrangel, the anti-Bolshevik commander in south Russia, who recently was reported in possession of Mariupol and in virtual control of the entire sea of Azov.)

COOLIDGE SPURNS 'LEAGUE SUNDAY'

Boston, Oct. 13.—A request by the league of nations committee, headed by President Lowell of Harvard university, that the governors of all states proclaim Sunday, October 31, as "league of nations" day, to promote a better understanding of the covenant was refused by Governor Coolidge today.

PRISONERS IN PEN IN REVOLT

Baltimore, Oct. 13.—Three prisoners were shot and a guard was badly beaten in a riot at the Maryland penitentiary here yesterday afternoon. None of the wounded were dangerously injured, it was said.

A squad of city policemen subdued the malcontents.

The shooting was done by two of the prisoners who knocked down two guards and disarmed them. They then used the guards' pistols to shoot into the other prisoners.

WIFE OF CABINET OFFICE IS DEAD

Washington, Oct. 13.—Agnes Williamson Wilson, wife of Secretary of Labor Wilson, died early today at the Wilson home here, aged 61 years. Mrs. Wilson was stricken with a paralytic stroke about ten years ago and this resulted in her death. Nine children in addition to her husband, survive.

REV. QUIGLEY IS ASSIGNED TO BISMARCK

Charles E. Vermilyea Will Preside in This District for Another Year

APPOINTMENTS MADE

Methodists End Annual Conference of Church at New Rockford

Rev. Charles E. Vermilyea was returned as district superintendent of the Bismarck district, Rev. G. N. Quigley was formally appointed pastor of the McCabe Methodist church, by the conference which has just concluded at New Rockford.

It was decided by the conference to hold the 1921 session at Valley City, N. D.

An increase of 1,100 in the membership of the Methodist churches in North Dakota was reported at the conference. The Fargo district was responsible for 50 per cent or about 600 of the new members.

A feature of the closing session was the reading by Rev. John Morange of Daxey, treasurer of the conference, of the financial reports. There is $99,000 in the Centenary fund, Mr. Morange stated.

Rev. Hughes To Sheldon

Rev. J. H. Hughes, assistant pastor of the Broadway Methodist church this last year, goes to Sheldon. Rev. George Cooper, pastor in Fargo a year ago, goes to Casselton this year. Rev. F. S. Hollet, well known in Fargo, goes to Lisbon and Rev. H. S. Harris, pastor at Lisbon last year, goes to Mandan as financial secretary of the Mandan hospital.

Rev. J. S. Wilde was asked to return to Valley City at a salary of $3 000.

According to the reports read, it was found that the salaries of ministers in the Fargo district, averaged $1,675 apiece. Increases amounting in all to $10,000 were granted this year. Jamestown, Cleveland, Spiritwood, Kensal, Wimbledon, Leal, Grace City, and Juanita were added to the Fargo district.

Bismarck District

Charles E. Vermilyea, district superintendent; Ashley, L. F. Green; Beach, C. E. Van Horn; Bethel, C. H. Meier, postoffice address, Pingree; Bismarck, George H. Quigley; Bowdon, to be supplied; Bowman and Mineral Springs, A. J. Obrecht; Carrington, W. L. Bennett; Center and Pleasant Valley, C. B. Madsen; Dawson and Liberty, T. Johnson; Dickinson, J. D. Smith; Douglas and Benedict, Guy L. Lewis; Driscoll, to be supplied; Emmett, to be supplied; Fort Rice, Harley Zeller; Grassy Butte circuit, A. Boalch; Hettinger and Kansas City, F. W. Hedtke; Linton, N. L. Rockwell; Makoti and Raub, C. B. Mendenhall; Mandan, W. R. Thatcher; Marmarth, Porter C. Knudson; Gress; McClusky, Denhoff and Goodrich, Moffit, t obe supplied; Mott, F. W. to be supplied; McKenzie and Sterling, William Schoffstall; Napoleon and Burnstad, L. F. Green; Robinson, D. M. Lower; Rural, Harley Zeller; Stanton, Hensler and Fort Clark, to be supplied; Steele and Sherman, W. C. Sage; Taylor and Gladstone, Virgil Merchant; Timmer circuit, to be supplied; Turtle Lake, F. F. Boothby; Underwood, F. F. Boothby; Washburn, Fairview and Conklin, Leslie Burgum; Woodworth, to be supplied.

Fargo District

James Anderson, district superintendent; Berlin and Wesley, F. E. Morrell; Caledonia, to be supplied; Casselton, G. W. Cooper; Cooperstown, E. E. Duden; Cogswell, Forman and Havana, L. E. Dodge; Dazey and Rogers, Victor Phillips; Dickey, R. A. Feenstra; Edgeley, G. H. Nelson; Ellendale and Fullerton, John Morange; Elliott and Englevale, F. G. Norris; Enderlin, to be supplied; Erie and Absaraka, F. A. Gossman; Fairmount, J. N. Loach; Fargo, First, W. C. Hodgson; Fargo, Broadway, and Prosper, J. Edward Snyder, and B. J. Stinson, assistant; Guelph and Tuddenham, T. J. McFarland; Hunter and Arthur, W. H. Driver; Judd and Nortonville, to be supplied; LaMoure, B. A. Burns; Leonard, Silas E. Fairham; Lidgerwood, George A. Jeffrey; Lisbon, F. S. Hollett; Milnor and Hamlinei, Edward Lee; Oakes, O. L. Anthony; Sheldon, Jabez Hughes; Sutton and Dover, A. M. Hewson; Tower City and Zion, to be supplied; Tyson and Bethany, to be supplied; Valley City, J. S. Wilde; Verona and Glover, B. L. Dickenson; Wahpeton, H. L. Maunder; Wheatland, O. E. Tourtellotte; Wyndmere and Barney, Archie Ritter; Jamestown, G. Lelloy White; Cleveland, George A. Finch; Wimbledon and Leal, Alfred Roe; Kensal, to be supplied; Juanita and Grace City, C. B. Thomas; Spiritwood, to be supplied.

Grand Forks Disrict

W. J. Hutcheson, district superintendent; Bathgate, Bruce and Neche, to be supplied; Cavalier, Hensel and Crystal, Benjamin Babcock; Clyde and Sarles, W. L. Clough; Devils Lake and Bethany, S. F. Halfyard; Churches Ferry and Maza, W. A. Dunnett; Cando, J. S. Miller; Drayton and Bowesmont, W. E. Vater Dunseith and Thorn, Montague Bickle; Edmore, Hampden and Loma, C. T. Ensign, Emerado and Oakville, to be supplied; Finley and Sherbrooke, H. P. Cooper; Forest River Ardoch and Inkster, Z. James; Grafton and Hoople, I. G. Hyndman; Grand Forks, First, to be supplied; Grand Forks, Grace, C. V. Bateman; Hamilton, Glasston and Carlyle, W. A. E. Maddock; Hannah and Wales, J. T. Beagarie; Hansboro, to be supplied; Hope, G. E. Martin; Lakota and Bartlett, F. Hancock; Langdon and Harvey Center, C. W. Langdon; Larimore, C. L. Wallace; Milton and Osnabrock, A. E. Coomb; Park River, Leeds, York and Hurricane Lake, supply; Perbina and Jolette, E. Trigg; Petersburg, to be supplied; Rocy Lake, W. W. Smith; St. Thomas, A. G. Birchenough; Starkweather, V. A. Major; Thompson and Reynolds, Hugh Hay; Walhalla and Concrete, S. T. James; Warwick circuit, F. Hancock; Page, Gust Book.

Minot District

T. A. Olson, district superintendent; Alexander, Charbonneau and Rawson, G. H. Harvey; Bowbells, W. W. Gunter; Cathay, J. W. Hilborn; Des Lacs, Carpio and Hartland, Harry Lighthall; Donnybrook and White Ash, H. A. Tewell; Grano, Grassland and Bryans, A. R. Jones; Granville, Eenbigh and Riga, to be supplied; Grenora and Hanks, J. W. Frisbee; Harvey and Manfred, E. W. Elayer; Kenmare, Norma and Rockford, Wilson Johnston; Knox, A. J. Garry; Lansford and Sherwood, William Burns; Maxbass, Renville and Newburg, T. S. Brown; Missouri Mission, Daniel Halfpenny; Minot, C. L. Clifford; Mohall, Haas, William Crossley; New Rockford, Sheyenne, Bremen, J. R. Wenrich; Noonan, Columbus, Kermit and Prairie Chapel, to be supplied; Ray and Springbrook, J. Stemjges; Rugby, Pleasant Lake, Argobright and Silva, C. D. Gambriel; Russell, Upham and Bantry, to

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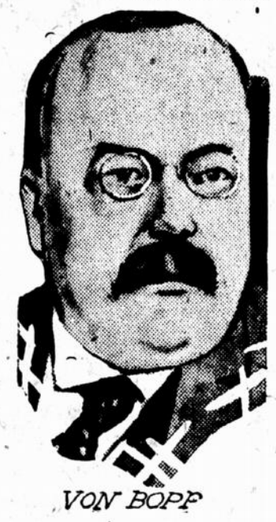
VON BOPP TO BE RELEASED?



VON BOPP

LEAVENWORTH, Kan.—There are unofficial reports here that Franz Von Bopp, German consul at San Francisco before the war, and sentenced to serve in the federal prison here for alleged seditious acts, is about to be released.

LIQUOR TRAFFIC FROM SCOTLAND HEAVIER, CLAIM

"Pussyfoot" Johnson to Investigate Advertisements of Liquor Men

Edinburg, Scotland, Oct. 13.—Advertisements appearing in Scottish newspapers in which distillers claim that their business with America has greatly increased since prohibition went into effect, will be brought to the attention of the department of justice at Washington. William E. (Pussyfoot) Johnson, prohibition leader, addressing a meeting here last night discussed these advertisements and asserted he would take this action regarding them. He charged that if the advertisements told the truth the distillers were violating the laws of "a friendly nation."

New York, Oct. 13.—Frank L. Boyd, supervising prohibition enforcement agent from New York state, has received orders from Washington to investigate the report of the existence of a "curb market" in contraband liquor in the Bowery, it was learned today.

EARTHQUAKES ARE PUZZLING TO SCIENTISTS

Unable to Account for Disturbances in North and South America

Washington, Oct. 12. — Frequent earthquakes in North and South America and Europe during the last few months have puzzled government scientists. They regard the disturbances as a geological anomaly, for they say that the greatest seismic disturbance is known definitely to be in February, March and April. Their opinion coincides with that of Father Tondorf, director of the Georgetown University Seismic observatory.

The government scientists have no particular scientific reason to suggest for the frequency of the recent earth disturbances. They are making no special study of the earthquakes and their opinion is that geology is too young a science and too little is known of it for anyone to attempt an explanation of the cause of the anomaly.

Geologists recognize that the earth's surface is in a state of continual unrest, and they explain that whenever the accumulated force passes the "breaking point" earthquakes follow. The disturbances which recently have occurred in three continents are regarded by scientists as movements of the earth's crust and yet they say that some of the shocks may have extended to a depth of 200 miles.

Fault lines or weak places in the earth are well known to the geologists, according to G. P. Merrill, curator of the national museum, who explains that because of this knowledge a general prediction regarding the area of disturbance can be made by scientists. But, he adds, "no sane man" would attempt to say exactly where or when, for a fault may extend for several hundred miles.

SERIES RECEIPTS BELOW LAST YEAR

Cleveland, Oct. 13.—Figures for this year's world series given out today by John E. Bruce, secretary of the national commission, show that neither the attendance nor the gate receipts were as great as in last year's contests. They place the 1920 series well toward the top in the records for all years, however.

Total attendance for 1920 was 178,737 (7 games) and for 1919 it was 236,928 (8 games).

Total receipts in 1920 were 564,800 as opposed to $722,414 in 1919.

DEFLATION OF CURRENCY HELD FARMER INJURY

Federal Reserve Board Policy Blamed for Decline in Farm Prices

WANT A NEW POLICY

Ask More Liberal Loans Thru Reserve System at Washington Meeting

Chicago, Oct. 13.—Wheat prices in Chicago today reflected the decline of value yesterday in the Northwest while the market here was closed. Later, however, something of a rally took place here in connection with gossip that one of the largest millers in the United States had made an investigation which showed that domestic producers were holding between 65 and 70 percent of their wheat. Opening prices, which ranged from 1 1-4 to 3 cents lower with December $2.05 to $2.06 and March $2.01 1-2 to $.02 were followed by moderate prices.

upturns from initial bottom

Washington, Oct. 13.—"General bankruptcy and ruin are inevitable unless some immediate remedy is found to relieve the present price situation as it affects the farmer," says a report submitted to the agricultural conference here by a general committee appointed to study the situation.

The committee blames the Federal Reserve system for present prices, charging that it has arbitrarily withheld from assisting from the basic industry to maintain a level of prices that would at least meet the cost of production.

Declaring that the conditions of the minds of the farmer population is "ominous" the committee says this state of mind can only be changed by a frank and fair attitude on the part of those in authority—the test of which can be only their acts.

To See Wilson

Representatives of agricultural interests meeting here were hopeful that President Wilson would give an audience during the day to a committee which planned to protest to him against the currency deflation policy of the treasury department.

A request for a conference with members of the cabinet participating was made yesterday of the President by Senator Overman, of North Carolina, and Harris, of Georgia, acting in behalf of the farmers' organizations represented at the meeting.

Want Policy Changed

A delegation expected also to carry their appeal for a more liberal government policy with respect to loans to the federal reserve board which is holding its regular fall conference here today with Governors of the various reserve banks.

Agricultural representatives gathered here declare that farmers of the country will lose billions of dollars unless the slump in the price of their products is checked.

A committee composed of representatives of each agricultural organization attending the meeting is drafting a statement to the public presenting the plight of the growers under present prices.

DEFENDS TRADING

Minneapolis, Oct. 12.—Resolutions covering problems of vital importance to the grain industry were being prepared by committees of the Grain Dealers' National association for presentation at the concluding day's session today of the association's annual convention.

Throughout the day the convention considered questions of transportation, new legislation and recent price changes and tonight was addressed by Harry Wheeler of Chicago, former president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, who spoke on the war's effect on business.

John H. McMillan, Minneapolis grain man, declared "trading in contracts for future delivery of grain is a vital part of the commercial world and is of vast economic value."

"We have life insurance and fire insurance," he said. "Hedging, or protecting, in the futures market, which has been severely criticized, is grain insurance pure and simple.

"Take away the futures market and you take away the law of supply and demand. Then producers would soon be at the mercy of a few powerful groups. Germany tried to eliminate futures trading and failed utterly."

Discussing recent price slumps he said "it is absurd to charge the futures market with the decline in wheat. Three factors account for the decline. Flour buying by bakers and the public generally has been abnormally light. Export demand has greatly lessened. The Canadian wheat crop is being marketed in this country. There are many other contributing causes, such as movement of the spring wheat crop and the surplus available for export. Then there is the general feeling in America that prices of all commodities must come down."

BANKS FINANCE COTTON CROP

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 13.All banks of Los Angeles have joined in an agreement to finance the cotton crops of California, Arizona and New Mexico to the extent of 2,500,000, according to an announcement today by J. Dabney Day, vice president of the First National bank.