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SAY CRISIS IN FARMING IS NEAR

Farm Bureau Federation Outlines Measures for Agricultural Relief

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—The American Farm Bureau Federation, in a statement summarizing its investigation into business, industrial and agricultural conditions, declared that America "is facing an agricultural economic condition which, if not intelligently dealt with, will lead to consequences so grave as to affect all industry to the point of imperiling the social order."

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE.

Preferential treatment in transportation to all farm produce held for shipment and to all goods consigned to farmers which are necessary to conduct the business of farming.

Ample finance, with rural banks assuming the obligation of financing the farmer with long and priority credits.

Equalization of agricultural and industrial wages, which the statement declares can be accomplished only by lowering industrial wages or increasing farm wages.

Encouragement of immigration.

"We have tried to rehabilitate our country by every method except through sweat of the brow," the statement says. "Many industries have been stimulated to the point that they are top-heavy. Liberal credit has had the effect of inflating values. Abnormal credit extensions granted manufacturers of luxuries and nonessentials have been largely expended in driving up wages and the cost of living, while the producers of essentials have been overlooked. We need more capital rather than more credit."

"The nation's prosperity depends primarily upon bumper crops for agriculture and industry must move forward hand in hand. Leaving the

interest of the farming class entirely out of the question, it will be to the advantage of the nation to grant preferential consideration to agricultural requirements, even though other industries may be temporarily handicapped."

OUR TRANSPORTATION.

Concerning transportation, the statement says, "It will be months and even years before our transportation systems can be restored to their normal efficiency, and that preference must be granted agricultural produce immediately, so as to move this year's crops."

Concerning profits, the statement adds that more profits for the farmer would not necessarily mean higher costs to the consumer.

"The consumer need not pay more, but the producer receive more," it says.

"In most cases we will find the remedy in elimination of excessive middlemen's profits."

The statement, in asking encouragement of immigration, declares that this is necessary to supply labor, and adds that "the mere fact that a man cannot speak American does not mean he will not be a good citizen."

The statement closes with a plea that the farm and farm life be advertised, to overcome the tendency of farmer boys to flock to cities.

"The home life on the farm must be given added attractions, it says. There must be more amusement, and assists to overcome the lure of the city which temporarily intoxicates the farm boy's brain."

CENSUS FIGURES.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Alameda county, Cal., (revised), containing Oakland, 344,177; increase 95,048, or 27.8 per cent.

Las Vegas, N. M., 4304, increase 549, or 12.7 per cent.

Marquette, Wis., 13,610, increase 1090, or 8.0 per cent.

Fort Dodge, Ia., (revised), 19,347; previously announced 19,213.

Bismarck, N. D., (revised), 7122; previously announced 6951.

Bryan, Tex., (revised), 6807; previously announced 6256.

OUJA HURTING GYPSY FORTUNES

(By International News Service)

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, Ohio.—The ouja board is hurting one business. Gypsy women, who rely on fortune telling for their "pin money," are not being called upon to reveal the future as frequently this year as during former touring seasons.

They blame the ouja boards for the decreased demand for "facts of the future."

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ITALIAN CRISIS DUE TO POVERTY

Conditions Go From Bad to Worse Since Signing of Armistice

By FREDERICK M. KERBY Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—The political and economic crisis in Italy is due to one cause—the natural poverty of Italy.

Behind the action of the metal workers who have seized the factories in northern Italy; behind the struggle of four factions of the Socialists in Italy, out of which emerged control by the extreme radicals; behind the election of 154 Socialist deputies at the elections in the fall of 1919; and behind the seeming paralysis of the Italian government and its abstention from the use of force against the revolutionists lies one fact—Italy's poverty.

Revolutions come when men want bread to eat and cannot get it. The metal manufacturing industries particularly, and in less degree all other heavy manufacturing in Italy today, as before the war, rests on a false foundation. Italy has practically no natural resources of raw materials on which to base industry. She must import coal, iron and vast quantities of other materials in order to run her factories.

FROM BAD TO WORSE.

Since the armistice, conditions have gone from bad to worse. Italian factory owners simply cannot compete with foreign manufacturers in their own lines. Consequently, they cannot afford to continue to produce. But Italian workers must eat. And the Italian lire, depreciated enormously by the war, left Italian workers on the verge of starvation. Faced with demands of more wages, metal factory owners decided on a lockout—were forced to decide upon it. The seizure of factories by the workers followed.

The Italian revolution, if it comes, is therefore, purely the result of natural economic causes. Hastened and directed it may be by radicals in the Socialist party who have long predicted it and prepared for it, but its coming will result from the way nature made Italy and not because Serrati, leader of the Maximist, has been able to commit Italian Socialism to Russian Bolshevism and adherence to the Third Internationale.

And the fact that the revolution, if it comes, cannot help the Italian people, but can only plunge them still further in misery and suffering (because a blockade of Italy would have much more tragic results than the blockade of Russia), can have no effect in halting the revolution. Serrati and his followers know that Italy cannot feed herself, but they fall back on the Leninist doctrine that "world revolution" will come to the aid of the Italian, and prevent an allied blockade.

Here are the inescapable facts of the Italian situation: Italy is one of the most densely populated countries in the world. Her population per square mile is more than 50 per cent greater than that of France, somewhat greater than Germany, and almost as great as that of the United Kingdom.

ONLY LUXURY PRODUCE.

With such a population, Italy must depend principally upon agriculture for her wealth production. And Italy possesses a totally insufficient proportion of agricultural land to feed her people. Moreover, the Italian climate does not favor staple crops like wheat and other grains. The country suffers from drought. The Italians have done wonders to overcome these difficulties, but the agriculturists, though they work harder than any people in the world, are able to produce largely only luxury produce—grapes, olives, lemons, oranges, figs, almonds and peaches.

The waters about Italy are peculiarly barren of fish. The British Isles fisheries produce 13 times as much wealth as do the Italian. In both agriculture and fishing the maximum of labor yields only a minimum of profit.

WORSE IN MANY WAYS.

But in manufacturing things are even worse. The United Kingdom produces more coal in a single day than Italy produces in a year. Italy has no ore to speak of. In order to supply her railroads, ships, factories and gas works with absolutely necessary coal and iron Italy must import all of it.

Conditions since the armistice have intensified this situation: The value of the lire has sunk to under 5 cents as compared with a pre-war nominal value of 19 cents. Italy's public debt is 15 billion dollars, or 17 1/2 per cent of her entire estimated national wealth. In 1919, the first year after the war, Italy was forced to import goods to the value of 16 billion lire compared with imports in 1913 of 3 billion lire. At the same time her exports in 1919 were valued at 2 billion lire compared with exports of 2 1/2 billion lire in 1913. Italian agriculture, fisheries, manufacturing and commerce simply cannot pay for what Italian workers must have to eat and exist.

The crisis was bound to come sooner or later. The Italian workers in the metal industry precipitated it when they demanded an increase in wages of 7 lire per day, or about 20 cents, measured in the present depreciated currency, because they could not meet it and decided on a lockout. The seizure of the factories followed.

DANCE

Last open air dance given by the Elks at Lorin Park will be Thursday, September 23. Members will obtain invitations for friends at the club. 5226

FALLING BRANCH CRUSHED HIS SKULL

(By International News Service)

DENVER.—Thomas Applegate, thirty-five is suffering from concussion of the brain as a result of stopping a tree branch weighing nearly half a ton with his chin.

Applegate was trimming trees in the residential section. While lowering a huge branch, that had been sawed from a tree he became entangled in the pulley rope, allowing the section to descend. It knocked Applegate's chin off, severed a portion of his cheek and crushed his skull.

GROWS BIGGEST PEACHES

(By International News Service)

CINCINNATI.—The largest peaches ever grown in this section a number of commission men claim, were taken from a four-year old freestone Elberta tree on the property of J. O. Lakmen, of Madisonville.

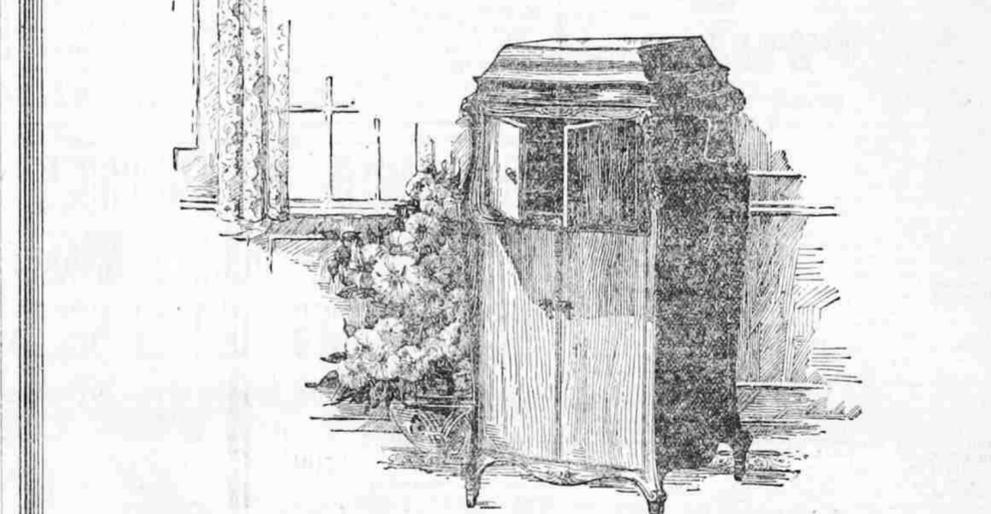
Lakmen exhibited a number of the peaches. The largest measured 10 1/2 inches and 1 1/2 inches in two circumferences.

25 women to peel tomatoes. Van Alen Canning Corp. 5479

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EX-SERVICE MAN BRANDED I. W. W.

Acid Used to Put Letters Across His Abdomen; Investigation on

ASTORIA, Ore., Sept. 23.—The American Legion here started an investigation yesterday of the case of George H. Goetz, who was kidnapped by three men Monday night and branded with the letters "I. W. W." across his abdomen, and who was maltreated and robbed. Goetz, who is an ex-service man and by trade an expert pipe-fitter and furnace worker, is employed by the Associated Engineering company of Portland.

While seeking help to install furnaces here for the company, Goetz was walking near the corner of Sixth and Duane streets about 9:30 Monday night, when an automobile drew in to the sidewalk and three men leaped out. One of them struck him a blow over the head, knocked him unconscious.

Goetz recovered consciousness while the machine was speeding through the night, and his captors told him to be quiet.

"You'll not work again here," one of the men said.

He also heard one of them say: "There'll soon be hell to pay in Chehalis."

Then he lost consciousness again.

When he recovered himself the next time he was lying in the old cemetery at the head of French street.

Aching and dazed, he made his way to the hotel where he had been staying and sent for a doctor.

Next day he reported to Chief Police Carlson.

Local police, after having surgeons examine his hurts, say that the branding was evidently done with acid. Its location, they say, precludes the use of a branding iron, and, besides, the

Woman Holds Legion Post

MRS. GEORGE ALEXANDER WHEELOCK

NEW YORK.—The American Legion didn't need suffrage to enable women to participate in its activities. Here is Mrs. George A. Wheelock, commander of the Barbara Fritchie post, Manhattan, who has just been elected to fill the position of county treasurer of the legion.

Irregularity of the letters indicates that each was traced with a stick or iron rod held in a nervous hand.

Police are following every available clue, and believe that the outrage is the signal of a recurrent outbreak of I. W. W. activities here, such as occurred last year.

CHURCH LIFTS BAN; FLOCK OF YOUTHS SEE FIRST 'MOVIE'

ZION, Ill., Sept. 23.—One thousand Zion school children and nearly as many of their elders saw their first moving picture last night.

They packed the Zion tabernacle when Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva lifted the church ban on the movies. The pictures, taken with equipment purchased by the church, showed the Zion Bible class, the tabernacle's choir of 500 white robed singers, Voliva, delivering the benediction, the main street of Zion and the street of Zion and the industries owned by the church.

FOR SALE
Fine Elberta Peaches and Concord grapes at State Industrial School. 5474

CALLS FRIENDS OF LEAGUE TO MATCH PRESIDENT'S GIFT

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—George White, chairman of the Democratic national committee, announced here today that the committee would raise a \$500,000 national "match the president" campaign fund.

Mr. White said that a thousand friends of the league of nations would be asked to follow the example of President Wilson and subscribe \$500 each to assure the success of the Cox-Roosevelt ticket and the league itself.

CARRIES TWO WATCHES.
(By International News Service)

NEWTON, Mass.—Attorney General Gooding Carroll, admitting he is still puzzled by "daylight saving" when he wants to catch a train, states that he carries two watches, one set by railroad, the other by daylight saving time.

Don't Poison Baby.

FORTY YEARS AGO almost every mother thought her child must have PAREGORIC or laudanum to make it sleep. These drugs will produce SLEEP FROM WHICH THERE IS NO WAKING. Many are the children who have been killed or whose health has been ruined for life by paregoric, laudanum and morphine, each of which is a narcotic product of opium. Druggists are prohibited from selling either of the narcotics named to children at all, or to anybody without labelling them "poison." The definition of "narcotic" is "A medicine which relieves pain and produces sleep, but which in poisonous doses produces stupor, coma, convulsions and death." The taste and smell of medicines containing opium are disguised, and sold under the names of "Drops," "Cordials," "Soothing Syrups," etc. You should not permit any medicine to be given to your children without you or your physician know of what it is composed. CASTORIA DOES NOT CONTAIN NARCOTICS, if it bears the signature of Chas. H. F. Her.

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