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# HARDING IN PLEA FOR THE

Plain Living and Square sent by the commander-in-chief of Dealing Will Save America in All Crises.

#### MUCH DEMANDED IN NEW WORLD ORDER

Clear-Thinking, Common Sense Honesty Necessities in Meeting Present Emergency-New Burdens Unavoidable and Courage Essential Renounce Extravagance and Learn New Lessons of Thrift.

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, Nov. 18 .- Plain living and square dealing were invoked by President-Elect Harding, in a peech here today, as the nation's strongest reliance during the coming period of after-war readjustment.

"Sanity, clear thinking, common ense, honesty and co-operation" vere among the qualities he named as prime necessities in meeting the ds of the new world order, and declared material interests and tional happiness would both beneat if the United States became "a imple-living people once again." lengtor Harding's speech, delivered a luncheon of the New Orleans ciation of Commerce, also conined a message of assurance for the industrial development of the south and a hope that commercial o-operation with Latin America be strengthened.

The address was a part of a five r visit to New Orleans by resident-elect, who came from his cation in Texas to take ship for a royage to the Panama Canal Zone. Courage Is Essential.

"I believe the American people ve come to realize that we must nentous problems and must them with resolute courage and practical wisdom and patriotic deon for pause nor excuse for despair

upheaval as that which came with the great war. Its civilization Unavoidably there will be readjusteturn. The incalculable sacrifice would would be vain. But there must come stability and dependabilwar, and continue to build on solid foundations. We can not escape all consequences of fevered war or unsettled conditions of its after math. There are sure to be reverses. There will be endless disica will face them with good courage

New Burdens Unavoidable. we will win. We may slow up a bit now and then; we may have bend our backs to new burdens. Surely we are going to be called non nationally, collectively and individually to renounce extravagances nd learn the old and new lessons o to our power and emphasize our stability if we become a simple-living nation once more. It will add to the sum total of our happiness.

"The big thing for all America to realize now and always is the dignity of productive labor. No matter how humble, the producers are the makers of the essentials of civilization. "There are certain fundamentals which are everlasting. Neither our own nor the world's salvation is to be worked out thru any patent nostrum. thru any miracle of statesmanship; thru and government The greater task is that of the American people themselves. It is for them under government leadership to meet the great test.

Resources Await Development. 'Our millions of bread acres are eager to respond to man's cultivating touch. We have an empire and millions more are awaiting reclamation. We have not half revealed our mines twenty-one aricles of food, made pubare unmatched in genius and unexcelled in industry. We are progressive in education. We are free in religion and mean ever to be free in press especially. We have more than the beginning of an adequate transport system. We are awakened to the possibilities of inland waterways and tardily alert to the imperative need of a merchant marine to widen commerce, world influence and

national safety. "Here we are today at one of the great gateways of Latin-America. Somehow I feel that the western misphere is our special field of influence and trade. Commerce marks the highways of friendship as well as rivalry. Our trade routes by sea to the south ought to be as dependable as our railway routes at home, and there ought to be sufficient and reassuring comity and among Americans, South, Central and North. Bind our friendship with the tithes of trade and we shall make

it indissoluble. This republic can not, will not fail if each of us does his part. If we but work and use thriftily and seek that understanding which re- By Associated Press. mutuality of interests no difficulties can long abide.

Wrong Standards. re has been a wild c tion of earnings, whether in than in terms of purchasing power. Wendling, driver of the car, received must be more concerned with only minor bruises.

### Sinn Fein Plot to Spread Typhoid Among Troops

By Associated Press.

London, Nov. 18 .- Sir Hammar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireand, said in the house of commons Ireland troops captured a document sent by the commander-in-chief of of staff containing a "series of remarkable and horrifying statements regarding the spreading of typhoid among the troops and glanders among the cavalry horses."

the substance of reward for activity than in this coin measurement. And our concern must be in a dependable rosperity which is shared.

"We want fortune a common ession in America. We want the cotton grower of the south to have his becoming reward with the wool grower and the wheat farmer of the north. We want southern factories to be tuned to the music of the mills of the north. We want your ports to send their cargoes under the American flag to bear the message of peace and good will to all parts

"There is no sectionalism in righteous American ambitions. It is this wonderful and incomparable United States of America which sets our nearts aglow with becoming aspirations and patriotic leve—the America of the constitution, free and confident of the morrow."

Associated Press. New Orleans, Nov. 18 .- President-Elect Harding will not stop at a Mexican port on his voyage to the canal zone, as he had been urged to do by Mexican officials.

#### FIFTEEN WOMEN PREACHERS.

Methodist Church Adds Many Since Right Granted in May.

By Associated Press. this right was granted last May by the general conference of the church, here today. Miss Southard is president of an association of women preachers in the United States and Canada that represents 15 denominations. She is director of evangelism of the Epworth League.

"The first woman preacher to be icensed in the Methodist Episcopal church under this ruling," Miss Southard said, "was Miss D. Willia Caffray, of Wanatchee, Wash. Sk. came from a family of preachers and at the age of 9 wanted to preach She has been acting as associate at-Wanatchee. Her pastor, who was tent to which the Irish have devel- park where their bodies were found at the general conference, tele- oped a self-contained economic and early Sunday morning. graphed word of its decision, and cultural life, as well as the extent to

within two hours. "The same evening Miss Winifred during the last few years." Willard was licensed by the First Methodist church of Denver. At the called a meeting as soon as they

heard the news and took action. "The first woman licensed in New England was Mrs. Kate Morrison Cooper. For the past three years she had been pastor of the Methodis Episcopal church at Portsmouth, R.

. She was licensed June 10. "Ten days later Miss Mabelle H Whitney was licensed at Pittsfield, Vt. She was a supply pastor and previously had served as pastor of a Congregational church in Maine. Ter days after that Miss Capitola B. Lochner was licensed by the Proctorville, Vt., M. E. church, and in a week another Vermont woman. Miss Helen H. Wagner, a public school teacher, was licensed at Nulton."

Miss Southard herself was the eventh woman preacher licensed. "It is not an easy task to keep informed on how many women have been licensed," she said, "when they are being licensed right along in so

many sections" There is no doubt, Miss Southard Methodist women when the next conference meets in 1924."

#### FOOD DOWN 3 PER CENT.

Potatoes and Sugar Off Most-Family Expenses Decrease a Little.

By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 18 .- A decrease October thruout the United States was noted in statistics on the cost of measured our water power. We lie today by the department of labor. Greatest decreases were in prices of sugar, 24 per cent, and potatoes, 15 per cent. The price of eggs increased 14 per cent.

> for the twenty-two articles of food decreased in all the fifty-one cities from which monthly prices were tabulated except Houston, Tex.

The average family expenditures

#### THREE BLACKS LYNCHED.

Georgia Mob Shoots Two Negro Men and One Woman.

By Associated Press. Duglas, Ga., Nov. 18 -- Two negro men and one negro woman, accused of implication in the killing of Pearly Harper, a young planter of this county, were shot early today by a mob of more than 150 men, who overpowered Sheriff Tanner and two deputies while they were attempting to get the negroes to Fitzgerald for safekeeping.

## IOWA BANKER KILLED.

Maurice A. Doyle, of Ryan, Dead, Result of Auto Accident.

Ryan, Nov. 18 .- Maurice A. Doyle, assistant cashier of the Security Trust and Savings Bank, was killed last night when an automobile turnages or ed over. Dr. W. D. Kehoe, a dentist dividends, in terms of dollars rather was injured seriously. Rudolph

# PROBERS TO IRELAND PLAN OF COMMITTEE

Speakers at Irish Investigation Deplore Resort to Arms.

#### CONSERVATIVES TALK MODERATION

Deplore Widening Rift in Relations Between English-Speaking People -Commission to Study Advancement and Conditions of Irish People in Ireland-Examination of Witnesses Begins.

By Associated Press

Washington, Nov. 18 .- "Only the direst necessity can justify a resort to arms for the adjustment of disputes in Ireland," Frederic C. Howe, builders as "commission," "compen committee of 100 investigating the Irish question, declared today at the opening of the commission's hearing. He added that the conditions in Ireland "have created and are creating a widening rift in the friendly relations of English-speaking people, not only in America but all over the world.

"What the world needs is peace," Mr. Howe continued. "It needs an ending of hate. Discussion should resume in its ascendancy and reason should displace the employment of York less than ten years ago look-Chicago, Nov. 18.-Fifteen women force. The orgy of destruction which have been licensed as preachers in now ravishes Ircland is sending its dence, R. I., where he is said to have the Methodist Episcopal church since repercussions to every corner of the been a drug clerk. civilized world. It can not fall to postpone indefinitely the return of Miss M. Madeline Southard reported ordered tranquility to civilization. In addition to all this the police life of America as well as its social purposes are profoundly disturbed by the injection of the internecine war between peoples of our own flesh and

> blood. Mr. Howe said the commission had determined to send a mission to England and Ire and to make an inquiry

into conditions. "It will investigate the killings and lisorders," he said, "and also the eco-

Dennis Morgan, of Thurles, Ireland, was the first witness called. He said time she was 2,000 miles away in the he was a college teacher in Thurles east, but the enterprising Denverites and that he had been elected chair man of the town council as the labor candidate, winning over Sinn Fein and independent candidates.

#### LABOR CLEANING HOUSE.

merican Federation Gets Rid Fitzpatrick, Foster and Others. Washington, Nov. 18 .- The execuive council of the American Federation of Labor yesterday ousted John J. Fitzpatrick, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor, and William Foster from the committee to

unionize the steel workers. Fitzpatrick and Foster directed the strike last year around which clustered intimidataed and outspoken

radicalism. Fitzpatrick was replaced by M. F. Tighe, a recognized labor conservative, and Foster by J. C. Brown, also a conservative.

It appears that there is a feeling ically with radicals within their dded, that ordination will be granted ranks and that conservatism must characterize labor's leadership, be- the Thompson woman came from a trines and because the federal administration will be conservative.

There was no indication as means which may be adopted by labor to reach a common ground with of 3 per cent in retail food prices in capital on the subject of the radicals. It may be, however, that pressure against the radicals will be exerted Speakers continue to blame capital for autocratic and, in some cases, inefficient management, it was said. The council was described, however, as tending toward a policy which employers might indorse,

should unemployment compel labor to ask for jobs rather than ask what the employer will pay. A memorial to congress recommending exhaustive legislation to assist labor during the period of deflation was partly completed by the ex-

ecutive council today. Among the recommendations were That all immigration, particularly from southern Europe, be prohibited

That penalties be inflicted upon in dustrial corporations which close their doors or curtail production for the purpose of reducing wages without sufficient cause.

That courts of industrial arbitra tion be authorized to recognize the principle of trade unionism and the rights of employes to quit en masse when they can not secure redress in any other way.

Clinton Carmen Still Out. By Associated Press.

Clinton, Nov. 18 .- There were no indications early today of a settle-ment of the strike of street railway employes which has completely tied up the internal transportation facilities of the city. Vice President J. B. By Associated Press. Wiley, of Des Moines, of the Amalga-

the striking carmen today.

UNION HEAD INDICTED.

Brindell Held in \$100,000 Bail on Grafting Charge. New York, Nov. 18,-The joint legslative committee's investigation in to the "building trust" resulted yeserday in the indictment of Robert P. Prindell, president of the building trades council—one of the highest paid labor leaders in the United States-on charges of attempting to extort money from contractors by threats of calling strikes.

Collective extortion charges against Attorney Richter declared in appealing to the court to place the labor gate \$1,000.000.

After pleading not guilty, Brindell \$100,000 bail bond. He was given nine and the car shortage, they said. days to amend or change his plea or make necessary motions,

The indictment, the second re- mittee. turned by the additional grand jury andling cases growing out of the legislative investigation contained three counts. In it Brindell was charged specifically with attempting to extort \$7,500 from Jacob Fradus, house wrecker, by threatening to call a strike on a demolition job unless the money was paid him. He said he was bankrupted and put out of business by Brindell.

chairman of the commission from the sation," "rake-off," "our bet," "divvy," and "berries," one "berry" signifying

He holds a life contract as busi ness agent of the dock builders' approximately 4,800, each member of which contributes 50 cents a month of which contributes 50 cents a month out of his dues to Brindell's salary. which from this one union alone is estimated at approximately \$30,000 a

Brindell's rise as a labor leader has been phenomenal, He came to New ing for work, coming from Provi-

He first appeared in the local la bor movement as a dock builder, having had previous experience in this work in Canada, where he claimes a have been a member of a Quebec deck workers' union at the age of 13.

#### BCOZE KILLED ACTRESSES.

Ramey and Thompson Women Succumbed to Exposure and Alcohol. Chicago, Nov. 18 .- The Grant park death mystery entered its final stage last night. The police had rounded up and questioned all but one of the forr and Miss Itllian Thompson, actresses, nomic conditions in Ireland, the ex- to the roadway at the east edge of the

The three prisoners, who range in she was licensed as a local preacher which the Irish people have evolved age from 18 to 20 years, have conessed. Their names are: Harris Jorgensen, son of Mrs. C. H. Jorgenson, 4828 Magnolia avenue, a mechanic in Clark's garage, Broad-

vay and Lawrence avenue. Lawrence Jorgensen, / boatswain's mate stationed at Camp Lucee, Great

Lakes Naval Training station, a rother of Harris.

Marcus Brumberg, son of Mr. and
Marcus Brumberg, of 919 SherBrumberg of 919 SherBeneath Debris. brother of Harris. Mrs. Eli H. Brumberg of 919 Sheridan road. The elder Brumberg is a oaker at 3819 Broadway.

The fourth member of the auto, a lake boat cook of the name of Mc-Carthy is being sought. The clearing up of the mystery thru the three confessions brought forth these revelations: That the women found dead in

Grant Park were intoxicated before they met the automobile party on Saturday night.

That previous to their desertion in the park they had been attacked by at least two members of the auto

That they died of alcoholic haustion and exposure. That apparently they had lost or spent the \$90 intrusted to them by their consorts. Meek and McCarthy. that the council should deal emphat- before meeting the men with whom they took their last wild auto ride. That the deep cut on the hand of

cause organized labor can not hope broken wine bottle from which she to exert great power if its founda- had been drinking, and was not retions are weakened by radical doc- ceived during a struggle, as had been thought. sen and the Brumberg boy have been statement of Lawrence Jorgensen

found to agree in every detail. The however, contained many things denied by the other two. All three statements have been compared, and will be checked up. Bolstering the story of the young

men that they had not given the women "doped" whiskey, or caused manner, was the statement of Coroner's Chemist McNally, who after a had come to the women in each case from alcoholic exhaustion and pois-

## SUGAR DROPS AGAIN.

Reaches New Low Price of 91/2 Cents in Chicago.

Chicago, Nov. 18 .- With suga reaching a new low price of 914 cent pound as compared with the maximum a year ago of 30 cents, a new milestone in the record of declining prices was reached yesterday. There were less spectacular price reductions in nearly all food com-

modities, but a straight cut of 1' per cent in the retail of rolled oats aided the household provisioning perspective. Twenty-ounce packages which have retailed at 18 to 19 cents will sell at 15 and 16 cents. Recent decline in oat prices brought the cut, Clothing prices, more radically cut than most of the necessities, have reached a stable basis, according to announcement by the National Asso-

# English-Russian Trade to Be Pushed.

London, Nov. 18.-Premier Lloyd-George stated in the house of com-

tric Railway Employes, arrived this mons today that the cabinet had demorning and is in conference with cided that a draft of an agreement to carry out the July arrangements for trade with Russia should be prepared and he hoped it would be ready for submission to the Russian govern ment within a few days.

#### TO INVESTIGATE ST. LOUIS.

Senate Committee Ready to Look Into Building Problems.

By Associated Press. St. Louis, Nov. 18 .- The senate committee touring the country investigating housing and reconstruction problems today was prepared to go Brindell, Special Assistant District and construction engineers were ready to furnish the committee with data on conditions here and, it was said leader under heavy bail, will aggre- would offer recommendations for bringing about an improvement. St. Louis said the building industry here was held a prisoner in the criminal has not recovered from the virtual courts building for more than an suspension necessitated by the war hour until his counsel could obtain a It has been hampered also by strikes Senator Calder, of New York, is

#### AUTO HITS LIVE WIRE.

chairman of the investigating com-

Three Persons Electrocuted in Pe culiar Accident in Wisconsin.

By Associated Press. Sturgeon Bay, Wis., Nov. 18 .-Three persons were electrocuted here at 7:30 o'clock last night when their automobile plunged over a bridge and struck an electric wire carrying

23,000 volts. The dead are: Miss Louise Landers, 21 years old, a school teacher of Cardner, Wis.; Arthur Delwiche, 27, driver of the machine, and Clements Denil, 22, also of Gardner.

#### SELF-RULE WANTED BY INDIAN RACE

Society of American Indians Asks as Commissioner of Indians Affairs -Want Better Educational Facilities-Would Reopen Institute.

St. Louis, Nov. 18.-Resolutions irging the appointment of a mem-Indians who are wards of the government were prepared for introduction at the ninth annual conference of the Society of American Indians here today.

the Indians are under the supervision the government their interest would be best served by having one of their own people in charge of the office of Indian affairs, explaining he would be better acquainted with

their needs. The resolution on education urged Carlisle Institute be reopened or that another school furnishing equal facilities be established. The annual election is sheduled late this afternoon. The conference will end Saturday.

#### TWO WORKMEN KILLED.

By Associated Press.

Indianapolis, Nov. 18.-Fifty workmen engaged in erecting the steel to create a national farm marketing frame of a three-story building at the Emmerich manual training high City, Ga., who was elected presiden school here were buried beneath the of the union for the fifteenth conmass of steel when the frame collapsed today while they were at work. Two persons are known to not to form or create a corner but have been killed and thirty were in-

jured. Two Indictments in "Building Trust."

By Associated Press. New York, Nov. 18 .- Two new indictments charging crime as a result of the investigation of the "building trust" here were returned by the additional grand jury here today. The names of those indicted or the offenses charged were not made public.

# Today's News

The Weather Sun rises Nov. 19 at 6:45; sets at

Iowa-Generally fair tonight and Friday; warmer Friday and in northwest portion tonight.

Range of temperature at Marshalltown: Wednesday, 42 and 20; Tuesday, 36 and 13; Nov. 17, 1919, 43 and 30. At 7 this morning, 29; yesterday,

#### PAGE ONE.

Telegraphic News: Amazing Confession in Mail Robbery.

Harding Pleads For Simple Life. Commission to Investigate Ireland. PAGES TWO AND THREE. owa News:

Nelson Wants to Atone For Crime Sentiment For One Session Only. Clark Sees No Breakers Ahead. PAGE FOUR. Sports News and Story: "Doing It For the Kids."

Notable Figure Quits Baseball. The Substitute Millionaire. PAGE SIX An Invitation to Thieves Let Everybody Help Huff.

AGES SEVEN, EIGHT, NINE, TEN AND ELEVEN. Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Jarrett Found Dead.

The Business Field.

Mystery Surrounds Cause of Death. Factories Laying Off Employes. Urges Newspaper Advertising Italian Boys Confess Robbery. Train Kills Aged Man

PAGE TWELVE. Markets and General: Sharp Rally in Wheat. Corn Touches Low Level. Hogs Sell Lower.

# CALLS STRIKE

#### National Society With 800 000 Members Issues Call.

URGED AS STEP IN RETALIAT

All Local Branches of National Farmers Union Asked to Withhold Products From Market Until Higher Prices Are Forced-Association Includes Growers of Grains, Cotton, Wool and Live Stock.

Kansas City, Nov. 18 .- A nationwide producers strike to combat the falling prices of farm products was urged in a call sent out today by the National Farmers Union to its local if necessary, extend its territorial exunions thruout the country, representing producers of grain, cotton,

The proposed strike was urged in retaliation for what the convention considered abnormal deflation in prices of farm products, thru which it was asserted American farmers Appointment of One of Their Race have been robbed of \$1,000,000,000 in reduced value of products now on hand.

wool and live stock said to number

hold this year's production from the market "until profit-making levels" were restored. The action of the National Farmers Union was in line with a "wheat strike" called several weeks ago by the Wheat Growers Association of

wheat crop was being held off the occasion had specifically denied the market by farmers. Threaten Reduced Production Reduction of production in the fuure was threatened "unless the prices of our products are fairly re adjusted to the end that we may bb tain just returns for our labors and

approved by the convention. Officials of the organization poin ted out that the members were not under obligations to obey the terms of the strike, but expressed the belief that such a movement would be

all farmer organizations of the coun try was called to meet in St. Louis Dec. 16 to consider the creation of The resolutions calling for th strike were adopted in executive ses

sion last evening and announced later officers of the organization Adoption was preceded by considerable discussion, officials said. Not Seeking Corner. Concerning the St. Louis meeting

board Charles S. Barrett, of Union secutive time, said today: "The purpose of the meeting market our products. The urban tional.

step, as it is the unstability of the market that has caused inflated Other resolutions adopted at executive session, officials said today included one urging strict enforcement of the immigration laws and

deportation of aliens seeking to overthrow the government. Legislation for the recall of United

#### The meeting here will late today.

NO "STRIKE" IN IOWA. Farm Federation Officials Take More

Conservative Attitude. By Associated Press, Chicago, Nov. 18.-Advice to farm ers to curtail production activities and wait for price readjustment was wages, the highest in the history of given in statements made today by the industry, has been greeted J. R. Howard, president of the Am- much interest in union labor circles, erican Farm Bureau Federation, and as an indication possibly of the at-C. W. Hunt, of Iowa Farm Bureau titude that manufacturers in other Federation. They declared that the districts may take, regardless of the market price of many farm products depressed market conditions and the was below the cost of production, general curtailment of the working and while not contemplating a farm- schedule. ers' strike, urged producers to "slow down" until prices adjust them-

"Prices are frightfully low," Mr. Howard said. "All farm products have declined in price, the average arrived at this week approximately 76 per cent. The farmer doesn't think tion and be compelled to buy clothing and farm machinery at a 15 per modities come down to our products the decision of the electorate. we will go ahead with production. "We believe there is no great surand corn, but all meats are short. It his annual message to congress. is a matter of adjustment and supply

No Strike in lowa. Mr. Hunt declared that the lowe federation did not contemplate a strike and was not in favor of one. By Associated Press. He gave figures showing that the cost of production was more than the Mexican coal miners who seized the another of the numerous blind pasmarket price in several cases. Wheat, mines at Mont Clova, district of Coand corn costing the farmer about \$1 cording to reports was selling at 50 to 60 cents.

and demand.

## Reported Treaty On Mexico Denied By Washington

By Associated Press.

Mexico City, Nov. 18 .- The text of a treaty alleged to have been signed in Washington in May, 1917, by the inited States, Great Britain and ance, outlining their course of ac-

on in Mexico and South America, as published this morning by La anguardia, a newspaper recently es ablished to support former Minister of the Treasury Luis Cabrera. The important clauses of the

treaty, according to the newspaper, provided for recognition of the Monroe doctrine by Great Britain and France and priority for United States rights in Mexico. England agreed not to permit Japan to acquire territory in Central or South America or on the Pacific ocean. Extensive provisions were made

or the development of the Tampico oil fields for the benefit of the three La Vanguardia asserts nations. ven to the extent of furnishing roops in case such action should be necessary to provide a continuous low of oil, the United States agree ing to the priority of English rights to such fuel supplies.

"In case Japan objects the United States and British fleets are to unite against the orientals," says the newspaper's version of the alleged treaty. "The United States may acquire control of the Mexican railroads and,

pansion to the Panama canal." La Vanguardia says that the text of the treaty, as published by it, is an authenticated copy obtained in the United States from an unnamed

Not So, Says Washington. Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 18 .- Under Sec etary Davis, of the state department, denied today that the United States, Great Britain and France had entered into any treaty outlining their All farmers were appealed to to course of action in Mexico and South America, as alleged by La Vanguardia, a Mexico City newspaper. State department officials said

similar report regarding an alleged reaty between the three countries had been circulated in Mexico City the United States. Delegates asserted on last Oct. 8, and that the Mexican a considerable quantity of this year's minister of foreign affairs on that

clared. "We think the farmers ought to slow down until there is a price adjustment. No one is suffering; no ne is in want of food products. The farmer is willing to take a loss, but he can't lose it all.

investments," in another resolution "The market is showing some reponse already, and in sixty days there ought to be a readjustment in market prices. The Iiwa bankers are willing to go with us and work with avorable conditions soon."

TEXTILE OUTPUT CUT HALF.

Majority of Mills in East Cutting Down Working Forces. Boston, Mass., Nov. 18.-Curtailment of production, which began some months ago in New England textile industries employing 300,000 operatives, has reached a point where the total output is less than one-half that of one year ago, according to a

banvass today of the great mill centers. In some instances the curtailment runs as high as 80 per cent. A few mills have shut down entirely. The majority have adopted a working schedule of three or four days a week. Mills that continue in operation on to find a reasonable, rational way to full time with full crews are excep-

population should welcome such a Thus far, only isolated announce ments of wage reductions have appeared and those have been for the most part in small mills where operatives have been presented the choice of a 10 per cent wage cut or a shutdown, the manufacturers finding themselves "unable to continue business under the former wage expense. In only one of the big textile mills now operating, that of the Lawrence States senators and representatives Manufacturing Company in Lowell, known as the largest hosiery plant in the world, has there been a wage cut. The mill recently resumed production after a shutdown with a

wage reduction of from 20 to 33 per River after several conferences between cotton manufacturers' operatives' committees providing for a continuance of the present scale of

PRESIDENT'S HEALTH BETTER. Ending of Suspense Over Election

Outcome Helps Executive. By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 18.-President Wilson's health was said today by he ought to take a 72 per cent reduc- White House officials, to have shown them from their purpose, he decided improvement since the election and to stay with them and see if he could the consequent removal of the cent reduction. When other com- anxiety shown by the president over from being discovered and caught in

Despite the cold weather, Mr. Wilson spends a portion of each day on lost and that it was but a question plus of foodstuffs. Wheat this year is the south portico of the White House. of time when his brother would be under production. Oats are normal. He also is devoting much to public caught, Merl almost verged upon the There is an overproduction of rice business and to the preparation of

#### MEXICANS BANISH GRINGOES.

Strikers at Mont Clova Order Am ericans to Leave Country.

Laredo, Tex., Nov. 18.-Striking which, he said, cost \$1.88 a bushel to ahuila, yesterday, have notified all "Prices are too low," Mr. Hunt de- va, Laredo, today...

# **AMAZING TURN** IN \$3,000,000 MAIL ROBBER

Boy Confesses and Exonerates Brother Who Had Confessed.

#### PART OF STOLEN MAIL DESTROYED

Contents of Five of Sacks, Containing Thousands of Dollars in Cash and Bonds, Burned When Youthful Thieves Become Fearful of Arrest -Four Sacks Still Missing-Phillips' Remarkable Story.

Specal to Times-Republican.

Council Bluffs, Nov. 18.—The third confession in the \$3,500,000 mail car made to local investigators here late last night when Orville Phillips, 17 years old, younger brother of Merl Phillips, who already has confessed, told the agents that he and Fred E. Poffenbarger, 20, also in custody, did the job and that his brother Meri had

nothing to do with the robbery. Merl, who already has confessed to standing guard on the locomotive, did not take a part in the robbery and made his confession in an effort to save and protect, according to the story of Orville. Orville gave himself up to save his brother, who was perjuring himself to save him. Meri knew of the plans of Poffenbarger and Orville, according to Orville, and was on the engine to afford them proection, he said.

A third man helped rob the gar and was outside in the auto when Poffenbarger and Orville threw out the sacks, but no amount of grilling on the part of the officials so far has brought out the identity of the third nan or what became of him. Stolen Mall Burned.

Five of the mail sacks were re-covered late yesterday afternoon after Orville had revealed their whereabouts to the officials. Four-were in the north end of Spoon Lake, under the ice, shoved into an ordi-nary mail sack. The other was lo-cated in an outhouse in Cochren park. The sacks were empty. The boys say they burned the when they became afraid of detection the farmers, and we look for more but so far have not made public the

amount of the stuff they burned, if they knew. Orville gave himself up after he had learned that his brother and Poffenbarger were under arrest and that his brother had not only incriminated himself but was sticking to his story in a way that has caused

wonder on the part of the officials. Does Some Tall Lying. Merl had told every kind of a story in the world to shield his brother. even to giving fake descriptions persons supposed to have taken part in the case, and identifying an innocent person, Frank Williams, in Omaha, as one of the men who assisted in the robbery. He gave the name of Ray Roberts, Frank Williams and a score of others as the persons who assisted him. At times he expanded his story to include his entire family, then contracted it to his original recitation. When the questioning became too hot for him

he simply hung his head and refused Poffenbarger was nearly as good. He told much the same story as Phillips, but cleverness of the investigators succeeded in breaking down the yarns to such an extent that Orville thought best to give him-

self up. Who the third man is Orville has not told publicly. Poffenbarger has not, neither has Merl, so far as can be learned. Today the boys are being grilled in an effort to learn the identity of the other men and the location of the four stolen sacks not yet recovered.

Four Sacks Still Missing. What has become of the sacks the boys say they don't know. Officials are questioning them in the belief that they do know. None of the bonds have been recovered. The boys say they have been burned, and they were not in the sacks recovered. Another phase of the sensational, spectacular and wierd story which. unless contradicted by subsequent developments, will stand as one of the most amazing modern incidents n crime, is the continued effort of Merl Phillips to save his brother. Merl, when he first learned of the to rob the mail train labored with them to give up their wild plans, but to no avail; and finally, finding that nothing he could do would swerve not as a last resort protect them the act of robbing the mail car. Finally, when he saw that all was act of surrendering himself in order to act as a shield for his brother, and then he was arrested and grilled, and for hours and hours was not permitted to get a wink of sleep in the effort to force a confession from him. He smiled and held his counsel or dove into an angle that took the experienced government men sages in which Merl led them. Almost equally dramatic is the

produce, was selling at about \$1.50, Americans to leave the district, ac- surrender of Orville Phillips, whose reaching the brotherly affection and regard was United States consular office Neu- aroused by the efforts which Meriwas making on his behalf.