

## FUNK DISCLAIMS ALL KNOWLEDGE OF WOMEN

Says Alienation Suit Filed By Henning is Outgrowth of the Lorimer Case.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—Much interest was taken today in the disclosure that Mrs. John C. Henning, whose affections Clarence S. Funk, general manager of the International Harvester company, is charged with having alienated from her husband is a former assistant to the cashier of the Dutch and German rooms, in the Congress hotel here. Henning himself was for several years employed as a checker in the same hotel. Recently he has worked as a street car conductor.

Mrs. Henning is described as striking looking woman, of a pronounced brunette type. Before her marriage, her name was Miss Josephine O'Reilly. Mr. Funk denies positively that he ever knew her or ever spoke to a woman cashier at the Congress hotel. He continues to attribute the alienation suit to the testimony he gave in connection with the investigation of United States Senator Lorimer.

Henning and his wife were reported to be in Mobile, Ala., today by detectives employed by Mr. Funk. Counsel for Mr. Funk, declared that effort would be made to have the suit against him called for trial in the near future. James H. Marble, attorney for the United States Senate investigation committee inquiring into the case of Senator Lorimer and Edgar A. Hancock, attorney for Mr. Funk, held several conferences today, the details of which would not be made public.

## CARDINAL GIBBONS IS HONORED BY ADMIRALS

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 17.—In the cathedral here, where 50 years ago he was ordained a priest, then successively consecrated a bishop, invested with the pallium of an archbishop, and 25 years after his ordination received the red biretta of cardinal, James (Cardinal) Gibbons, archbishop of Baltimore, yesterday received homage from illustrious prelates and laymen from all parts of the country and from foreign lands.

The ecclesiastical celebration of the cardinal's dual jubilee began this morning with pontifical high mass celebrated by the cardinal, with Rev. Dr. William A. Fletcher, rector of the cathedral, as deacon and Rev. P. C. Gaven, the chancellor of the archdiocese, subdeacon.

Archbishop John J. Glennon, of St. Louis, delivered the sermon, which was an eloquent tribute to the head of the American church.

## STEEL TRUST IS HIT BY SMALLER CONCERN

Suit Alleging Combine to Force Independents to Wall Is Filed in Washington.

Washington, Oct. 17.—The Alpha Portland Cement company has filed a brief before the Interstate Commerce commission charging the United States steel corporation with attempting to wreck the independent cement manufacturers and to monopolize the business through domination of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and its power to fix freight rates and exact rebates from the carrier.

Attorneys for the Alpha company advised the commission that the Universal Portland Cement company, the cement subsidiary of the steel trust, went into the business with the avowed purpose of driving out all competition in certain parts of the country and that officers of the corporation admitted that such was the intention.

## BLAIR SOBERS UP AND IS READY TO TESTIFY

Chicago, Oct. 17.—William C. Blair, a member of the Illinois legislature that elected Senator Lorimer, after remaining in the custody of a friend, sworn in as a deputy sergeant-at-arms since Saturday, was ready this morning to resume his testimony before the Dillingham investigating committee. He is the first one of the intimate friends of Representative Tamm, who was the leader of one democratic faction in the legislature, to be called before the committee.

One of the witnesses previously heard, has stated that Blair exhibited a large amount of money after it was thought he met Mr. Tamm. The latter is to be called before the committee to explain some of the details of the supposed visit.

## UNIVERSITY MOVES TO GET MORE ROOM

Massachusetts Technology Institute Cannot Find Ground Enough in Boston.

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 17.—The new site of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will be in this city, fronting on the Charles River esplanade at the end of the Harvard bridge.

The site consists of 50 acres and will cost about \$750,000. Of this amount \$500,000 will be given by T. Coleman du Pont, a graduate of the Institute, who lives in Wilmington, Dela.

The Institute is compelled to leave Boston proper because of its growth and inability to buy needed land at a reasonable price.

CATANIA—An earthquake of brief duration occurred in Sicily yesterday. The strongest shocks were felt at Catania, at the east base of Mount Etna, Macchia, Guardia, Roudinella and Santa Venerina.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—According to a special to the Post-Dispatch a tornado swept Hillsboro, Ind., at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, demolishing every building on the main street of the town. So far as is known no person was killed although a number are said to have been injured and narrow escapes were many. A special train carrying doctors left for the scene from Danville, Ill.

VICTORIA, B. C.—The Canadian Pacific steamer Princess Beatrice was ashore Sunday on Noble Island, off the north coast of British Columbia. The passengers and crew have been taken off by the steamer Venture.

## ASSEMBLY TAKES HAND IN REVOLT

Demand That Body Meet at Once and Prominent Men Be Released.

Peking, Oct. 17.—Members of the national assembly which was organized a year ago, as the nucleus of a Chinese parliament which is to begin its second session here on October 22, have taken a hand in the revolutionary situation. About half of the 200 members of the assembly are now in Peking. Sixty of them gathered privately yesterday and discussed the situation. They drew up a series of resolutions addressed to the throne. They were made public today.

The resolutions demand that in the interests of peace, the provincial assembly of Sze Chuen be permitted to assemble immediately and that the president and vice president of that body be released from prison to take part in the sessions. The resolutions further call for a dismissal of Sheng-Shuan-Huai, the imperial minister of posts and communications, as soon as possible. Shen negotiated the loans for the nationalization of the railroads and has been a leading advocate of the anti-provincial policy, which is regarded as largely responsible for the present uprising.

The president of the national assembly will lend his official prestige to the resolutions and will transmit them in person to the cabinet.

Banks Are Suffering. Heavy runs on the banks are continued today, and there were riotous scenes in front of several of the institutions, the policemen on duty being forced repeatedly to club back the crowds protesting the bank officials. Government bank notes are no longer passing at par, the British quotation today being at a discount of 20 per cent.

Even the foreign banks are not immune from the financial war scare. The Russo-Chinese bank in the legation quarter was the target for a prolonged run today. Delayed advices from the south are that the imperial troops were retreating from Wu Chang, near Hankow, are mobilizing at Chumai, 100 miles north of Hankow, on the railroad.

Three members of the American legation have been given permission to accompany the imperial army in its campaign against the rebels, and they left today with Gen. Ying Tchang. They are the only foreign attaches with the army. They are Lieut.-Col. W. D. Beach, Capt. James H. Reeves, the military attaché of the legation, and William R. Peck, assistant Chinese secretary, who will act as interpreter for the party.

## INHERITANCE TAX IS ASKED BY MINNESOTA

Simpson Spends Two Days in New York Endeavoring to Collect Vast Sum.

New York, Oct. 17.—George T. Simpson, attorney general of Minnesota, has returned to St. Paul after a two-day stay here, in the course of which he called on attorneys representing the estate of Russell Sage, D. O. Mills, D. Willis James, Morris K. Jesup and H. O. Havemeyer.

His purpose was to collect for the state of Minnesota claims amounting to more than \$1,000,000 for inheritance taxes. Mr. Simpson said it was the purpose of Minnesota to do nothing sensational, but to press the claims with all dignity.

"Have you collected the taxes due?" he was asked.

"No, not yet," he joined with a laugh. "The matter is in process of negotiation. We'll get it, nevertheless. The Kennedy case established a precedent that assured us of that."

"Do Forest brothers, who represented the defendants in this case, are the attorneys for the Sage estate. I have had a conference with them and they have the matter under advisement. Minnesota is only asking for its just dues and is indulging in no unjust persecution. I wish you would make that point clear."

## CARGO INCREASES IN VALUE WHILE ON SEA

Shipment Is Worth \$107,000 More at New York Than at Java Port.

New York, Oct. 17.—Unusual interest was manifested in the arrival of the British steamship Kwara with sugar from Java by reason of the fact that the vessel's cargo increased in value in transit more than \$107,000. The Kwara sailed from Java on August 1 bound for the McCahan refinery at Tasker street wharf. When the 6,000 tons of sugar was put on board the value per 112 pounds was 15s. 6d. Yesterday's quotations for Java sugar were 18s. 6d. The advance of 3 shillings in the price will net the owners \$107,140 over and above the original purchase price.

The duty paid into the custom house on the Kwara's cargo totaled \$180,000, or on a basis of \$30 per ton. This is the second Java sugar steamship to reach here recently.

CHICAGO—John R. Walsh, ex-banker and former head of a score of railroad and quarry enterprises in this vicinity, and who was paroled Saturday from the Fort Leavenworth federal prison, spent yesterday at his home in St. Paul, Minn., outlining his plans for the future. All I want to do now is to get a little rest at home, get a new line on the tangled threads of the business enterprises I am interested in since the adjournment of clearing house notes, and get those enterprises in what shape I can.

## RICHMOND BISHOP DEAD

Richmond, Va., Oct. 17.—Right Rev. Augustine Van de Vyver, for the last 22 years bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Richmond, died here early today of complications resulting from a severe cold. He was born in 1844 in Haendel, East Flanders, Belgium.

## WILL MEET AT ST. PAUL

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 17.—The next meeting of the National Educational association will be held in St. Paul, July 6 to 12 inclusive. This was announced here today by Prof. J. M. Greenwood, of the executive committee of that organization.

## HARLAN SUCCEUMS TO SODDEN ATTACK OF THROAT TROUBLE

Associate Justice of Supreme Court Expires Suddenly in Washington.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Associate Justice John M. Harlan, the oldest member of the supreme court of the United States, for years conspicuous in Kentucky politics, once candidate for the republican nomination for vice president of the United States, a foremost constitutional authority and prominent in the councils of the Presbyterian church, died at his home in this city today. He was 78 years old last June.

Justice Harlan had been ill with acute bronchitis less than a week, but at the bench last Monday when the court heard arguments on the so-called anthracite coal trust case. The following morning Chief Justice White announced that Justice Harlan was "suddenly" ill, and yesterday asked attorneys to consider that Justice Harlan was sitting in their cases, although not physically present.

Rarely Absent. Justice Harlan, however, was in much more serious condition than his colleagues in the court realized. Despite his advanced age, he was robust and ordinarily enjoyed the best of health. He was rarely absent from the bench, an attack of influenza a few years ago being almost the only illness from which he had suffered for a long period.

The sudden death of Associate Justice Brewer, of the supreme court, who was not only a colleague on the bench, but a very close personal friend, very much affected Justice Harlan.

Chief Justice Fuller's death in the summer of 1910 was also a great shock to the venerable jurist. Justice Harlan continued to perform his share of the work of the court.

## Anxious for Record.

His great ambition to serve until next June, when all his hopes of exceeding the service of any other man who sat on that bench. As it was, his service was longer than that of any other justice, except Chief Justice Marshall, who served 34 years, 6 months and 10 days; J. Field, 34 years, 6 months and 10 days; Marshall's, 34 years, 6 months and 10 days; Harlan's, 23 years, 10 months and 25 days.

## Attacked in Court.

It was while sitting on the bench Monday that Justice Harlan first felt the attack of bronchitis. He asked then for such simple remedies as were at hand in the office of the marshal of the court, but he grew worse. By Tuesday considerable fever was manifested. On Wednesday he was markedly weaker and his condition grew worse, although it was not understood at the supreme court that his was a case of pneumonia. Yesterday he seemed a little better. His son, John M. Harlan, of Chicago, a lawyer, was summoned here, however, and another son, Dr. Richard C. Harlan, traveling in Europe, was notified.

Last night he grew worse and this morning at 8:33 o'clock death came.

## BANKER WALSH IS GRANTED A PAROLE

An Order From Washington Reached Leavenworth Saturday Morning.

Leavenworth, Kan., Oct. 16.—John R. Walsh, the former Chicago banker, was released from the federal penitentiary here shortly after noon today. Accompanied by his son, a lawyer, he arrived from the north a short time before, they entered an automobile and started at a rapid rate for Kansas City, where they will board an evening train for the north.

Mr. Walsh arrived in response to word that his father was ill. He said he did not know of the parole until he reached the prison. Young Walsh failed to bring his father's clothes and the latter departed in a suit furnished from the prison stock.

Mr. Walsh, up to the time of his parole, had served one year, eight months and 26 days of his five year sentence. When told of his release, Walsh appeared greatly pleased. Later it was announced that the aged banker's son would arrive from Chicago during the day, and that the start for home probably would be made late in the afternoon.

Mr. Walsh went before the parole board here on September 26, and presented his petition for release. The board at the same session, heard the petition for release. The board at the same session heard the petitions of a dozen other ex-bankers, besides those of 50 prisoners serving sentences for various crimes.

President Ladow and the other members of the board, made their decision in the cases a day later. On September 30, Mr. Ladow went east to submit his report to Mr. Wickham. He would divulge none of the board's proceedings except, to say that the release of John R. Walsh was exactly the same as that accorded the other petitioners.

Walsh went back to work at his task of clipping newspaper articles. It was stated that Walsh planned to improve in spirits from the time he knew definitely that he was to have an opportunity to present his petition. Despite his age he performed his prison duties to the last in a cheerful mood.

Mr. Walsh appeared before the federal board of parole in session here on September 26 and presented his petition for freedom. The last obstacle to the granting of the parole was removed in August, when the United States district Attorney at Chicago requested that the remaining indictments against the aged banker be dismissed.

Walsh's son, Richard Walsh, was expected to arrive at the prison before noon. He left Chicago last night. The order for parole was sent by telegraph by Attorney General Wickham.

## FUNK IS CHARGED WITH WINNING HENNING'S WIFE

Chicago, Oct. 16.—Suit for \$25,000 was filed in the circuit court today against Clarence S. Funk, by John Henning, who charged that Funk had alienated the affections of his wife, Mrs. Josephine Henning. The declaration stated Funk "wickedly contrived to deprive the plaintiff of the comfort, fellowship and society of Josephine and to alienate and destroy her affections on the 15th of October, 1910, and other days between that date and the commencement of the suit."

## COOL WEATHER HELPS CONDITION OF TRADE

Considering Holiday, Balance of Trade Increases Over Last Week.

New York, Oct. 16.—Bradstreet's Saturday said:

Trade conditions still show the effect of conservatism dominating demand in all lines, but the balance of business done this week has been larger, one holiday considered. The current of trade is running fuller than a year ago at this date. This is, however, not due so much to any marked improvement as it is to comparison being made with the lessening volume a year ago. Retail trade has been unquestionably benefited by cooler weather, and this probably is reflected in the many small, but in the aggregate, large sales by jobbers.

Evidences of lower prices for raw and manufactured cotton affecting buyers and limiting orders are frequent, but the output of the country's mills is unquestionably larger at present than for a number of months past.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending October 12 were 212, against 201 last week, 223 in the like week of 1910, 220 in 1909, 244 in 1908 and 194 in 1907.

Business failures in Canada for the week ending Thursday last were 19, which contrasts with 18 last week and 34 in the like week of last year.

Dun's review of trade today says: Measured by every important test, the volume of business is larger than at the corresponding period last year, and it is gradually expanding, the reports from the leading trade centers during the week being especially cheerful.

There is apparently no decisive change in basic conditions, and the increased activity recently shown is due to the fact that shelves are practically empty.

In iron and steel the business, judging from the latest reports of unfilled orders by the principal producers, while showing a slight reduction from last month, is ahead of last year, and resistance appears to concessions in price. There is a better railroad demand for rolling stock and the structural demand is also improved.

During the last fortnight there has been a notable reduction of idle cars, a sure indication of increased traffic, which is further confirmed by the September total of railroad earnings which were 2.9 larger than a year ago.

## GAMBLE IN CHARGE OF LORIMER PROBE

Dakota Senator Takes Chair During Dillingham's Absence for Short Time.

Chicago, Oct. 16.—Senator Robert J. Gamble, of South Dakota, will preside at the hearings of the United States Senate committee investigating the Lorimer case, in the absence of Senator William P. Dillingham, of Vermont, who was called from Chicago by business.

Senator W. S. Kenyon, of Iowa and Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, of Florida, also probably will be absent from the hearing today. Senator Kenyon departed for his home last night and Senator Fletcher will deliver an address at the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Waterways convention here.

Former Representative C. W. Blair, of Mount Vernon, Ill., who was on the witness stand at the hearing yesterday, was called to the witness stand by Senator Gamble, charged with being intoxicated. He was ordered under the custody of the sergeant-at-arms pending further orders of the committee.

## ONCE A "FOOTSTONE," IS NOW A HEADSTONE

Striking Inscription Engraved on Monument Over Grave at Winsted, Conn.

Winsted, Conn., Oct. 16.—"I, Edward Denslow, in this year of our Lord, erect this stone in memory of my own, grand and great-grandparents, in boyish glee I've stepped on this stone for years, but a half century I'd have my body lie here. My spirit will go I know not where. I know I must die. Who cares? You nor I."

The inscription Edward D. Denslow had cut in the headstone that marks the grave in the lower cemetery in New Boston, Mass., where he was buried this afternoon.

The stone itself is as old as the inscription for it is an old door stone which the feet of his ancestors had worn as smooth as glass. When the old home in New Boston was razed several years ago Denslow had the stepping stone removed and he decided to make it into a headstone.

Funeral services for Mr. Denslow, who died in Hartford Friday, were held here this morning.

## RODGERS AGAIN DELAYED.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 16.—Cloudy weather, with prospects of rain, further delayed C. P. Rodgers, the aviator, today, making it impossible for him to resume his flight across the continent. Rodgers said he would start as soon as the weather permitted.

Daniel Donahoe, of the law firm of Donahoe & Hartnett, counsel for Henning, declared the defendant in the suit was the general manager of the International Harvester company here.

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.—Arguments were made today in the circuit court in the suit of Mrs. Charles Stevenson, known on the stage as Kate Claxton, to have a divorce obtained by her former husband annulled.

## WASHINGTON — Preliminary official reports to date indicate that the 1911 European wheat crop will go on record as a fairly close third in magnitude to the bumper ones of the two preceding years, according to the department of agriculture's Crop Reporter.

The estimates for eight countries of Europe are 1,716,905,000 bushels, as compared with 1,747,597,000 bushels last year and 1,762,206,000 in 1909.

There are approximately 3,000,000 acres of unimproved logged off land in western Oregon and western Washington.

## LEADER OF REVOLT IN CHINA IS IN AMERICA

Has Been Here for Some Time, Exciting Interest of People in the Movement.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 16.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, leader of the revolutionists in China, was in Kansas City last night. He came here to hold a public meeting for the Chinese of Kansas City. A cablegram from Peking advising him of the situation there caused him to hurry to Chicago.

Dr. Sen has long been identified with the revolutionary movement and was one of the leaders of the plot to seize Canton in 1895, and carry the revolutionary movement throughout the empire. The plot was discovered, 15 of the instigators were put to death and Dr. Sen fled to Hong Kong, where he became a British subject.

Since that time he has labored earnestly in the cause of the revolution. In 1900 he visited and lectured in England and in this country, appealing especially to Chinese students at the universities. In England, while passing the Chinese legation building, he was induced to come inside, and then informed suddenly that he was on Chinese soil, and was placed under arrest. He was released, however, to prevent a deportation, and as an English subject the plan to kidnap him for removal to China was frustrated.

The spirit behind the revolution in China is typified in Kang Yu Wile, who has been in exile from his country since 1898, when a price upon his head was fixed.

As a student of philosophy, history, religion and economics of his country, Kang Yu Wile has an international reputation. Before 1898 he was adviser to the late emperor, but because of his ideas of reform he was driven into exile when the dowager empress resumed her regency.

For a time he wandered about and then found asylum under the British flag in the Straits settlement.

He had formerly spent much time in this country as an American citizen, and married as his second wife a Chinese girl in California.

## MANY CHINESE IN AMERICA AROUSED OVER SITUATION

San Francisco, Oct. 16.—Fearing that the present anti-Manchu uprising in China may develop into an anti-foreign movement, the Sui Nin Hok Sher, the young China association in the United States, is preparing to petition Washington to instruct all American officials in China to see that missionaries and other Americans there maintain absolute neutrality.

The petition will be promulgated simultaneously from the young China association and the Gee Kong tong, the Chinese Free Mason society, which is affiliated with the revolutionary party. It is said that 90 per cent of the Chinese in this country are members of the Free Masons.

A donation of \$20,000 to aid the revolution was forwarded from this city last night to Hankow. It was subscribed by Chinese in this country, and is only a small part of the sum already forwarded, or to be sent. Subscriptions, it is stated, are made secretly because of the fear, even in this country, of official vengeance on the contributors.

The rising in China has filled the Chinese quarters with great excitement. All Chinese papers are receiving bulletins by cable from Hankow and other points. These are pasted on the windows of the newspaper offices as soon as received.

All day crowds of Chinese, their faces utterly devoid of an expression, studied the reports from across the Pacific. Smothered ejaculations told of feelings which mastered even oriental habits of expression.

According to advices received here today, 20 miles of railroad track have been destroyed in the province of Hunan.

At Hankow, the foreign residents are drilling daily and preparing to defend the concessions.

## TAFT ASKED TO TAKE SUGAR TRUST'S HIDE

Meriden, Conn., Citizens Would Have President Take Up Present High Prices.

Meriden, Conn., Oct. 16.—Several Meriden citizens have addressed an appeal to President Taft to investigate the Sugar trust. Among the signers are Dr. E. W. Smith, a classmate at Yale of President Taft, and William H. Howes, who has been prominent in local civic reforms. The petition in part follows:

"Since the enactment of congress the price of sugar has nearly doubled. No reports have appeared in the public press of any shortage in the sugar crop, and no good reason has been given for the increase in price. But the Sugar trust has been to great expense for defense of charges of grafting and for heavy fines for being caught with the goods, and we believe the price of sugar has been advanced to cover these expenses."

"Recent investigations have shown that from corset springs under scale beams to bribery of United States officials nothing has escaped the notice of the Sugar trust, that could be used to rob the people. Within a short time one of our coteries of trust magnates laid plans to do business in Canada. The Canadian government did not let them skin the people for years before it acted. The trust magnates were notified that if they started any holdup operations they would go to jail. They decided not to do business in Canada."

"The job is the place to punish trust pirates. Fines have no more effect than shot blown from a bean blower."

"We believe there is a splendid opportunity for our president to serve the people, and the American citizens, by declaring that the secret service and the department of justice be instructed to camp on the trail of the Sugar trust till its hide is stretched on the wall."

## WASHINGTON, D. C.—Forewarned that the Interstate Commerce commission had found the problem so difficult that it had changed its position thereon three or four times, the supreme court of the United States yesterday undertook the task of deciding the so called "grain elevator cases."

SAN FRANCISCO—Run down by a gasoline launch last night, a cutter from the flagship California of the Pacific fleet, which was returning to the ship with the 35 members of the band aboard, was upset in the bay, and J. R. Charlie, one of the band men was drowned.

## IN SPEECH AT SACRAMENTO, CAL., HE UPHOLDS TREATIES WITH HONDURAS AND NICARAGUA.

President Taft's first important speech in California was delivered here today from the steps of the state capitol building. The president spoke in behalf of proposed treaties with Nicaragua, and Honduras and vigorously defended the policy of the administration which he said "muckraking journals" have labeled "dollar diplomacy."

Broadly speaking, President Taft said he proposed treaties with these countries before the Senate would secure for them a financial agent in the United States, who would settle their existing debts on a just basis, and who would point the road to peace and prosperity to two republics, rich in natural resources, but torn by strife and revolution.

The president pointed out the efficacy of a similar arrangement with Santo Domingo, where this government collected the customs and sees that foreign debts are paid, according to a beneficial supervision that Mr. Taft said has accrued to the upbuilding of Santo Domingo. Objection to the treaties in the United States Senate, the president said, was based largely upon the proposition that they would make entangling alliances with republics in this hemisphere for the promotion of a banking contract since the money for the payment of the debts of the two republics would be furnished by American interests. Another subject discussed by the president was that the Monroe doctrine was a sufficient bond between the United States and Latin American countries.

"It is objected that this is 'dollar diplomacy,'" said the president, "and that we ought to have none of it. Give a dog a bad name and you know what follows. This is a piece of state-craft 'dollar diplomacy' is to invoke the condemnation of the muckraking journals, whose chief capital is in the use of phrases of a lurid character. The United States did not enter into this treaty for the promotion of a banking business or that of any of its citizens. It was thought advisable to favor a contract with American bankers rather than with foreign bankers because such a contract would tend to keep trade with America. This is the correct object and purpose of diplomatic negotiations."

## FARMERS TO SOLVE HIGH COST PROBLEM

National Gathering Suggests Closer Relations Between Parties Concerned.

Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 14.—Closer organization of the farmers for the purpose of relegating unearned profits and putting the producer and the consumer nearer together, today was advanced as the only possible solution of the high cost of living problem, at the opening of the session of the Farmers' National congress here.

Emphatic appeal was made by many delegates for the adoption of resolutions memorializing congress to provide a parcels post and establish a federal good roads bureau. Strong denunciation was made of tariff abuses and a movement started to have congress take action against the tariff commission.

The conserving of the National Farmers' congress into a national country life federation, modeled somewhat after the plan of the American Federation of Labor, was proposed today by Assistant Secretary of Agriculture William M. Hays, in an address before the meeting.

Mr. Hays' suggestion is the outgrowth of work he has been carrying on in the agricultural department toward country life development, and of the sentiment aroused by President Roosevelt's Country Life commission. The National Farmers' congress is one of the oldest agricultural bodies of the country.

## Same as in Germany.

Mr. Hays suggested a change in the constitution of the association, which would establish a federation familiar to the German agricultural society, a powerful factor in German rural life. The plan contemplates a body made up of delegates from all state federations and farmers, together with representatives of colleges, experiment stations and national organizations in any way associated with the improvement of conditions of farm living.

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## HOLY PLAY TABOOED IN WIDE OPEN TOWN

Pennsylvania Town, Despite Sunday Gambling, Puts Ban On Show.

Hollidaysburg, Pa., Oct. 14.—The "Life of Moses," scheduled to be produced in the Hollidaysburg theater today for the benefit of the Austin flood sufferers, was stopped on the order of district Attorney Kurtz at the instance of the Ministerial union.

Burgess Edgar Hale Jacobs took issue with the district attorney. He said: "With a Sunday excursion to the Gettysburg battlefield, Sunday drinking clubs and poker joints, a baseball gambling pool here that cleared up over \$1,000 among the boys, Sunday trolleys, all existing in this locality, I fail to see why we should draw the line at Moses."

## MIDSHIPMAN SUICIDES.

Manila, Oct. 14.—Charles Denniston Price, a midshipman of the cruiser New Orleans, belonging to the United States Asiatic fleet, committed suicide today. He shot himself in the head. The New Orleans is laying off Cavite.

## TROOPS FORCED TO FIRE ON MOB AT M'COMB CITY

McComb City, Mass., Oct. 14.—Several persons, supposed to be strikers or sympathizers, attempted to scale the barricade erected about the Illinois Central shops here shortly before midnight last night and were fired upon by outposts of the Mississippi National guards stationed here. Several shots were fired, but it is not thought any one was wounded.