

## HEFLIN SAYS VOTES READY TO PASS FARM BILL

Sees No Reason Why Speculation in Produce Should Be Permitted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—"We have the votes here to pass legislation to aid farmers of the South and West, notwithstanding the attitude of Secretary of Treasury Houston or Governor Harding of the reserve bank," Senator H. C. Heflin, Democrat of Alabama, declared to-day at the opening of the Joint House and Senate agricultural committees.

"There is no reason why these farmers are to be forced to sell on a low market and at great losses only to see their produce sold at a later date with great gain to speculators," Heflin continued.

Governor McElveen of Nebraska, who was on the witness stand at the time, made several suggestions as to the steps State governments might take to aid the farmers.

McElveen read resolutions adopted by the conference of Governors which recommended Government credit for foreign trade, further extension and renewal of credits and general aid by the Federal Reserve Board.

PROPOSSES STATE LAND LAW.

"What are you going to do in Nebraska to aid?" Senator Capper, Republican of Kansas, asked.

"We propose a system of State land loan aid whereby the farmer can obtain long-term loans," McElveen replied.

"I am going to call a special session of the Legislature in the next ten days to discuss matters to be taken up in this direction by the next Legislature."

"Plans in many States will bring the deserved relief ultimately, but we must have aid at once."

"Have your State banks granted credit to farmers?" Senator Harrison, Democrat of Mississippi, asked.

"The State banks are influenced by the policies of the Federal Reserve Board, since loans must be discounted with banks belonging to the Federal Reserve system," McElveen replied.

Representative Summers of Texas also urged the further extension of credit at once.

RESPONSIBILITY RESTS ON BEARS.

Responsibility for the recent disastrous slump in the price of farm products, was declared today by Senator Arthur Capper, Republican of Kansas, to rest chiefly on the "bears" of the Chicago Board of Trade.

Capper charged that the board, as now conducted, is the world's greatest gambling institution.

"Because a lot of market gamblers find it convenient to bet on daily quotations, the farmer who has been forced to sell his hogs and cattle at a loss, while meat still sells at war prices, is again made the goat," Capper said.

The farmer has lost more than a billion dollars by the gigantic bear raid on farm products on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Brokers and commission houses have cleaned up forty millions in margins and commissions alone. The lambs who play the market have lost more than one hundred million in the last ninety days in speculating in cotton and wheat.

EVERY CITY HAS ITS VICTIMS.

"Every city and town in the United States has its victims. There is a grain gambling conspiracy to keep the people and the farmers out of hundreds of millions of dollars, and its success depends upon how long the gamblers can prolong the raid and manipulate the market."

Capper's charges were embodied in a formal statement that he would introduce when Congress reconvenes Monday, next, a bill to stop all gambling in wheat, corn, cotton and other farm products by prohibitory taxation. Representative Thacher, Republican of Kansas, will introduce the same measure in the House, Capper also announced.

Capper declared the bill would eliminate the "heat and blackmail" and put out of business thousands of wine houses and bucketholes operating in every city in the United States, by making it impossible for gamblers and speculators to deal on Boards of Trade.

HEAVY PENALTIES PROVIDED IN BILL.

"The measure would accomplish this," he added. "By imposing a prohibitory tax of 10 per cent on all contracts for future delivery, except when made by farmers, the Senate has stated today, Haggerty will resign prior to Ft. Wayne Gun Removal Order.

William H. Haggerty, former deputy United States marshal, was not in the employ of the government when Judge Mungovan in City Court at Ft. Wayne relieved him of his revolver, as remanded to the Allen county seat yesterday. Ind. State officials, including Grand Master John B. Sell of Pennsylvania, Governor Sprau and Indiana State officials, who were Lillian Russell, the actress.

DAGHTERS AND COMMON LAW WIFE SEEK BODY.

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sell's estate is valued at \$6,000 personal property and \$2,500 real estate.

Mr. Rossell was stricken while driving with his wife in an automobile near the speedway. He was driving slowly and suddenly seemed to lose control of the car. He was taken to a hospital in Speedway Junction and died before medical aid could reach him. A passing automobile driver, hearing Mrs. Rossell's cries, jumped into the machine and stopped the car.

STARTED AS RAILROADER, BECAME ENGINEER.

Surviving Mr. Rossell is the common law wife, the mother, Mrs. Sarah Lawrence, 1512 Moreland Avenue; the two daughters and three half-brothers, Thomas, Lawson, Indianapolis, Scott, Lawson, Rushville, and Al Lawson, Chicago.

Mr. Rossell was born in Greensburg, and earned his first money selling papers on trains out of Indianapolis. He later served as a railroader, being promoted to the position of engineer after serving for a number of years.

Haggerty, however, was a deputy marshal when his troubles with the Ft. Wayne police, which are said to be of long standing, culminated a few weeks ago in a policeman removing his revolver after he was alleged to have flashed it on an A. F. Wayne street car conductor, who was said to have pushed him off the car. The weapon was subsequently recovered and then taken away by the City Court action, it is said. Haggerty has been stationed at Ft. Wayne as a deputy marshal for several years. It was said he was taken to the marshal's office that the Ft. Wayne police have never given him the proper cooperation. No federal officer could reach him. A passing automobile driver, hearing Mrs. Rossell's cries, jumped into the machine and stopped the car.

His business went yearly to Baltimore to contract for his supply of oysters.

He would be investigated if the incident would be investigated by the Federal Court there and that he probably will take up the matter of Haggerty's successor at that time. Haggerty resigned, the marshal said, because of ill health.

Teachers Will Meet to Boost Standards

MARY AND OWEN MUST WAIT FOR DECISION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—"If you have brandy season the plan will be to make some arrangement to have the boys festive and gay. Go ahead with your Christmas plans; draw as heavily upon the 'private stock' as demands may warrant, but I wouldn't advise trying to buy brandy for culinary purposes. It can't easily be done."

This brief advice to housewives from Justice of the Peace Oscar E. Fowler, given to radio enterous reports that government "dry" law officers looked disapprovingly upon Yuletide delicacies with an exhilarating punch.

"No move has been made to seize stocks of brandied cherries, or other preserved fruits on shelves of retail grocers or others," Kramer said. "No such move is contemplated. The law does not permit us to use brandy in making certain food products. Such products are sold to dealers, who resell them without permit. No step will be taken to interfere with legitimate business of this character."

Kramer said the ban is still on against purchases of brandy and similar intoxicants by restaurants and hotels. No regulation in force at this time allows housewives to buy brandy for home cooking.

"Well, how about it, if a fellow snarries out and gets a little liquor to spread over the fruitcake?" Kramer was asked.

"Well, they say it can be done," Kramer admitted. "But not legally."

He also said he had his hands full to prevent the Christmas rush.

INSURANCE CO. INCORPORATES.

Articles of incorporation were filed to-day by the Secretary of State by the Reliable Insurance Company of Indiana. Capital stock \$100,000, and the directors are Frank E. Dickerson, G. Rolland McDavid and Harry A. Becker.

## A FEW VERY TIMELY GIFT SUGGESTIONS



## FARM BOARD TO WAGE FIGHT ON FOOD JUGGLING

Congress to Be Besieged for Law to Throttle Food Profiteers.

### MOVE IS COUNTRY-WIDE

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—More than one million five hundred thousand farmers banded together in the National Board of Farm Organizations now are preparing for a drive in Congress to get legislation to protect the consumer and farmer from being victimized by speculators and profiteers in food. President Charles S. Barrett, president of the board, announced today that the farmers are now forced to sell their products at the lowest price in history in proportion to production costs," said Barrett.

"But 100,000 consumers are paying the highest prices in history for these same products. Billions of dollars of profit thus goes into the pockets of the speculators and middlemen," Barrett said. "The farmers are in the tries for protective legislation, the farmers, Barrett said, are organizing a country-wide public relations committee to coordinate the common aims of farmer and consumer. The committee, to be developed under the direction of the National Board of Farm Organizations, will include representatives of the National Consumers' League and the labor group, as well as farmers, according to present plans.

### PLAN DIRECT SALES TO CONSUMER.

The farmers' program for protective legislation begins with amendments to the anti-trust laws, to permit farmers' cooperative societies to engage in interstate business. Through many of the cooperative societies, farmers plan to sell direct to the consumer.

"As the anti-trust laws now are interpreted, the cooperative societies in many cases can be made subject to prosecution," said Barrett. "If the present interpretations of the anti-trust laws are changed, the cooperative societies can make a bid for permanence in the high cost of living."

The cooperative societies are intended to curtail and in some cases do away with altogether, of all unnecessary middlemen and food speculators. Approximately 3,000,000 farmers are now members of the societies, which, according to Barrett, dispose of over three billion dollars' worth of goods a year.

The National Farmers' Union alone with show cooperative business close to one billion dollars a year.

Under direction of the national board, attempts are not being made to organize cooperative societies in every section of the United States as part of the protective campaign. In addition to getting food direct to the consumer, the societies enable farmers to buy their seeds, machinery and other supplies wholesale, thereby increasing agricultural efficiency.

### INCREASED EFFICIENCY SPELLS LOWER PRICES.

"Yet," said Barrett, "increased efficiency for the farmer practically always decreases prices for him at the same time. Increased acreage and harvests are the result of the farmer's efforts. The farmer's only recourse therefore is to market more wisely and eliminate the middleman and speculator where possible by assuming the legitimate functions of the middleman and by encouraging the consumer to do likewise."

The Department of Agriculture has discovered through years of careful observation that a majority of the seven million farmers in the country annually are forced to dispose of the bulk of their crops in the fall immediately after harvest. This, of course, means throwing millions of pounds of food into the market months in advance of consumption. That depresses prices paid to the farmer, but boosts the prices paid the speculator and the cold storage man who buys when food is low and plentiful only to store it later at exorbitant prices."

The "ready" which will give the farmer higher prices and the consumer lower prices is gradual marketing by the farmer throughout the year.

To market gradually the farmer must have additional credit. Another step in the protective program, therefore, will be to demand that Congress investigate bank credit to determine how far farmers may obtain wider credits.

### OTHER PHASES OF LEGISLATION.

Other laws to be demanded of Congress are the protective program as outlined by the Department of Agriculture and the Government chartering and encouraging of consumers' societies which can buy direct from the farmer; regulation of the meat packing industry and cold storage business as provided in bills now pending in Congress; increased appropriations for the agriculture department especially for those divisions studying the needs of the farmer; increased marking, tagging and otherwise designating the character of seeds, feeds, fertilizers, foods, drugs and mats for wearing apparel; maintenance of the graduated income and excess profits taxes supplemented by graduated inheritance taxes to furnish the additional revenue needed to meet the expenses of government; stringent immigration laws to maintain the American standards of living and especially prohibiting admission of oriental labor; creation of proper facilities for short time loans on farm commodities and bonds of the Federal farm loan bank to encourage farmers to own and operate their own farms; tariff legislation to protect farmers in the same measure as all other interests.

### Fortune Teller and Cops Can't Find Wife.

Edward Kincaid, 435 East New York street, still is searching for his missing wife, Grace Kincaid, 18, today.

Mr. Kincaid left his rooming house on East New York street Tuesday afternoon. Kincaid consulted aclairvoyant, Arthur J. Anderson, 7 days, 1948 Yandies, in Manhattan.

Ebby Grang, 432 Bowman, chronic rheumatism.

John Allen Thorp, 68, 2214 Morgan, asthmatic pneumonia.

John L. Bucker, 44, City Hospital, tubercular peritonitis.

Matilda Rodeman, 60, 418 Fulton, carcinoma.

George Briscoe Hellman, 54, 1227 Monroe, uremia.

Harriett E. Oehler, 35, 2011 E. St. Clair, bronchitis.

Charles E. Kircher, 40, 3401½ 10th, acute dilatation of heart.

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