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ALL SECTIONS IN LINE DEMANDING AID TO FARMERS

Resolutions Adopted at Federation Meeting Indicate Full Accord.

By Times Staff Correspondent
CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—The manner in which all sections of the country have decided to fight for the farmers' relief is clearly indicated by twenty-eight resolutions passed during the closing session of the American Farm Bureau Federation's three-day meeting.

The delegates were unanimous in opposition to any legislation which would make the farm loan system a bureau of the treasury. They urged that steps be taken to put the control of the system in the hands of farmers.

The convention favored an equitable revision of the entire freight rate structure, giving the farmers the benefit of lower rates.

Indian waterways were favored. Other resolutions indicated that the farmers want the merchant marine retained and kept under American ownership.

Opposition to any delay in liquidation of the Federal debt was expressed in a resolution which objected to "leaving" the debt for future generations to pay.

CLARKE ACT SEEN AS MERGER MOVE

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pressed. Andrus is now in Chicago and could not be reached at his hotel and at his office.

While board members said "it is understood that Clarke controls the Merchants Heat and Light Company," Roy C. Shaeberger, board president, said the board would await definite terms of the offer in a letter Clarke said he would write.

If the board recognized Clarke as controlling the Merchants company they would be opposed to Rucker, who is fighting to prevent merger of the Indianapolis Light and Heat Company, which Clarke admittedly controls, with the Merchants company.

That Clarke is "jumping the gun" was the opinion of those who heard him outline his proposal in advance of a public statement that he controls the Merchants Company.

Foxworthy "Surprised"

M. K. Foxworthy, general manager of the Merchants' Company professed surprise at Clarke's action and said he did not know whether the Chicago man is a company stockholder.

"I don't know what is his authority," Foxworthy said. "I did not know he had appeared before the board until I read it in the newspapers."

"I don't know whether he is a stockholder, but presume he is. You'll have to ask Mr. Clarke about that."

Not Listed

Clarke is not listed as a stockholder in a supplementary brief filed Nov. 16, before the public service commission. In that document, which purports to list "all stockholders," and which is attested by P. D. Birdsall, the stockholders named are Martin J. Insull, L. B. Andrus, T. E. Muholland, L. W. Schleser, Foxworthy and J. W. Fesler, who is company attorney.

Either Clarke has become a stockholder since that time, in advance of a ruling on the merger by the commission, or the supplementary brief is falsified, it was pointed out.

"I'll fight the town for \$250,000," Clarke promised the board of works.

"How are you going to do it?" Shaeberger asked.

"I'll outline that in a letter," Clarke replied.

Clarke Warned

Board members warned Clarke that they will not tolerate severe curtailment of lights because of the reduction in the yearly bill.

The Merchants Company and the Duvall administration board have fought for many months because the board refused to comply with terms of a contract the Merchants Company made with the Shank administration board, providing for an annual cost of at least \$400,000 for ten years.

In March, the board ordered many lights removed and refused to pay bills beyond the first three months of this year. The board ordered two corner lights to be substituted for four corner lights except in the congested district, and reduced the 15,000 lumen lights to 10,000 in the business district and 10,000 lumen illumination in the residence district to 6,000. Heavy illumination in Forest Hills, on Thirteenth St., from Northern Ave. to the Canal and in Golden Hill was reduced.

New Protest

A memorandum to the city's motion to dismiss the amended petition against the merger, was filed with the State public service commission Wednesday afternoon by Rucker and Charles Mendenhall and John W. Becker, attorneys aiding him.

It is set forth in the memorandum, as was contended in the motion to dismiss, that since the original merger petition was ruled out by the commission, because of lack of jurisdiction, the amended petition has no standing as it does not legally exist.

Frank Wampler, commissioner in charge of the merger hearing, has not set a date for arguments on the amended petition as yet.

A new national women's club, the Society of Women Geographers, has been organized with Mrs. Harriet C. Adams as president.

MAKES CASE FOR UNDOCTORED NEWS

Current Issue of the Nation Reviews State Department and Associated Press Mexican 'Red Peril.'

By N. D. Cochran
Times Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The Nation in its current issue, out today, tells from a disinterested viewpoint the story of charges of collusion between the State Department and the Associated Press, in an effort to deceive the newspapers and their readers in the matter of this country's relations with Mexico—charges made by members of the Associated Press itself.

These charges, which may lead to an investigation by this Congress, involve the right of the people to have unpoisoned truth concerning the activities of their government. They involve not only the right of the people to have the truth as to this Government's relations with other governments, but also the duty of their newspapers to supply them with unpoisoned truth. They involve the responsibility of press associations to their newspaper clients and members.

To the credit of American journalism, it should be said that the doctoring of news by the Associated Press to help the State Department deceive the people was exposed by a newspaper that is a member of that press association through its honest Washington correspondent.

The nation today says:

"Paul Y. Anderson, Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, performed a public service when he exposed the State Department in the deliberate manufacture and propagation of malicious news and the Associated Press as collaborating in the job."

Described Lurid Picture

The Nation then goes on to tell how Assistant Secretary of State Robert E. Olds, a former law partner of Secretary of State Kellogg, on Nov. 16 called Washington representatives of the three, national press associations into conference, pledged them to secrecy and proceeded with a lurid picture of Mexico as a hotbed of bolshevism.

The Nation then quotes Olds as saying: "Gentlemen, we feel that this picture should be presented to the American people. We cannot prove it, but we are morally certain that a warm bond of sympathy exists between Mexico City and Moscow. I want your advice and cooperation."

The Nation then proceeds: "We

VOTE SORRY SHOW, SAYS RABBI WISE

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fully expected that the Watson hold upon the political machine and even the honor of the State would be broken.

"Some of us believe if there had been an honest count, as there yet may be an honest recount, it would have been found that the people of Indiana chose, not Watson and Robinson, but Woollen and Stump as their representatives in the Senate.

"The Middle West, including your great commonwealth, cannot forever remain in pawn to the trustees of big business, who, in too large part, manage the fortunes of the Republican party.

"I make it a precept never to speak ill of the dead, so I cannot bring myself to speak either of the Ku-Klux Klan or the chairman of the Republican State committee, whose name I have heard it rumored to have been Clyde Wab.

"A sorry and sordid exhibition the Indiana Republican machine, not the party, gave of itself under the investigation of Senator Reed of Missouri.

"The great battle of the morrow, including the fortunes of the farmers, whom the Republican party has too persistently neglected, will be fought between the forces of reaction and liberalism.

"Many Republicans in this State are too enlightened to be fooled by party labels, when a party ceases to be an instrumentality of government and becomes another means to appease the organized appetites of its leaders.

"Then is the time come for American citizens, worthy of the name, to do some straight thinking. When straight thinking comes, the straight party ticket, too often made up of corrupt candidates, goes."

Nearly five hundred Kliwanians, their ladies and friends, attended the banquet at the Columbia Club. Rabbi Wise told them that faith, love and courage are the terms by which we really live, and by living thus the result is joy.

Mervin G. Hammond, retiring president of the club, and Dr. Wise were introduced by Louis J. Borinstein, who paid the speaker high tribute as a humanitarian, teacher, author, rabbi and man.

Stopped to Hug and Kiss; Got a Sticker

A young bridegroom appeared in Inspector Jones' traffic office with a sticker for double-parking.

"Inspector, we just got married and left our car while we got a room at the hotel. We stopped to hug and kiss."

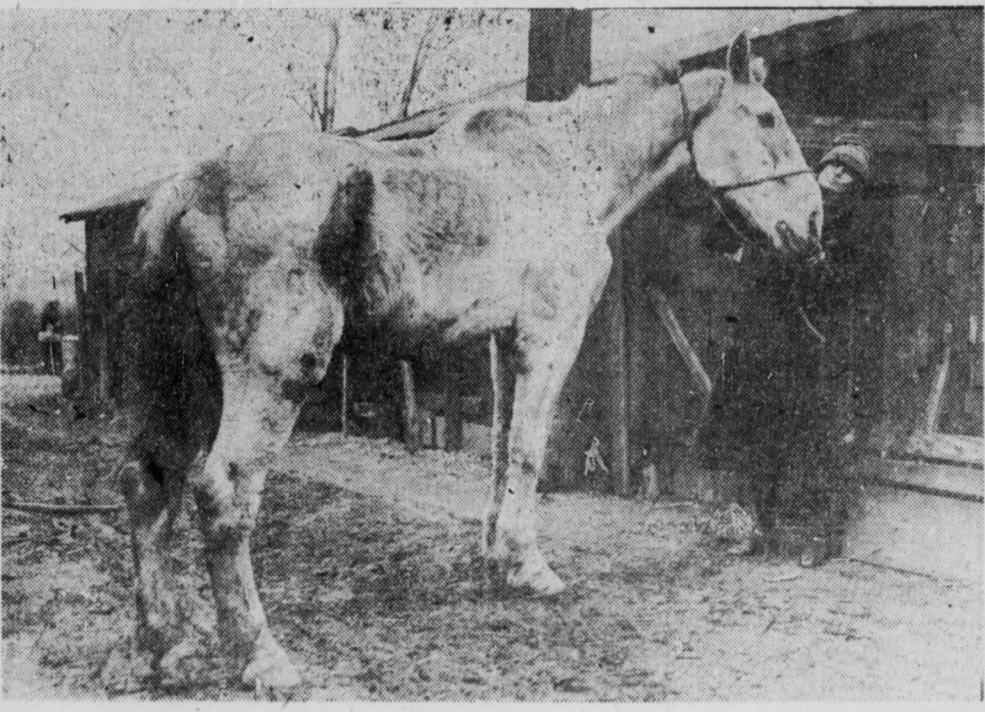
"All right. Go on back and finish the job."

A girl came to the prosecutor's office to swear out a warrant for a dog, saying the dog ate up her teddy bear.

HUNT BIG GAME

PARIS, Dec. 9.—American big game hunters are still heading for Africa. The latest are Mr. and Mrs. E. L. King of Winona, Minn., who will hunt in Tanganyika, where fare are estimated to be 75,000 buffaloes and antelopes. The University of Minnesota and the Winona Museum of Natural History will get all their specimens.

Woman Seeks to Help 'Old Dobbin'



Mrs. Elizabeth Ennis and the kind of faithful old animal she wants cared for in a home for Aged Horses.

ILLNESS FATAL TO CHARLES BADGER, ACTIVE REALTOR

Vice President of Spann Co. a Resident Here Thirty-five Years.

Charles H. Badger, 65, vice president of the Spann realtors company, died at his home, 5814 Pleasant Run Blvd., today following a short illness.

Mr. Badger was born at Oshkosh, Minn., Jan. 25, 1861. He attended the public schools and a Normal College there, later entering the furniture business in Minneapolis.

Badger Thirty-five Years

Thirty-five years ago he came to Indianapolis and started the Badger Furniture Company, of which he was president for twenty-two years. For thirteen years he has been with the Spann Company.

Mr. Badger was a member of the Irvington Masonic Lodge, Columbia Club, and Irvington M. E. Church.

Rites Saturday

The widow, a daughter, Mrs. D. L. Smith, Indianapolis; five sons, Kenneth R., Indianapolis; Everett H., Columbus, Miss.; Donald C., Columbus, Miss.; George P., Clearwater, Fla.; and Stephen M., Bradenton, Fla., and one brother, Walter L. Badger, Minneapolis, survive.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. at the Irvington M. E. Church, with Dr. Joseph Rosemurgy, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Worry After Freak Storms and Quakes

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9.—Southern California was still apprehensive today following a series of earthquake shocks and freak storms last night. Calexico, near the Mexican border, was shaken by six shocks late yesterday afternoon and last night. No material damage reported.

Fires were started by lightning in two oil fields, a 2,000-barrel tank burst into flame at Santa Fe Springs, the blaze quickly spreading to six other tanks. Damage here is estimated at \$50,000.

Two tanks of the Union Oil Com-

pany, one at Brea and other at Edna, were fired by lightning with a loss nearly \$55,000.

Reports of damage of the freak storm were still coming in here this morning, with the extent of property damage still unknown.

RED NOSE WARNING

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Boots and Her Buddies

By Martin

Even a thick and thin administration organ like the New York Herald-Tribune says: "The State Department has realized as a result that it had considerable lethargy to contend with in seeking backing for a strong stand. This has been the cause for certain inspired newspaper articles as to the danger of bolshevism in Mexico overflowing into Central America."

FOoling the People

In other words, when any governmental department wants to fool the people it's mighty handy to have a semi-official propaganda agency with in call to do the work.

The most reassuring thing in this entire mess is that there are honest newspaper members of the Associated Press who will not stand for the poisoning of news at its source.

Nor will American journalism stand for any imitation in this country of the pernicious policy of European press agencies taking orders from political administrations to fool the people in the interest of secret diplomacy.

In this connection, The Nation says:

"The United Press and the International News Service maintained their independence and discriminated between news and propaganda.

We have examined the 'Glimpses' of both agencies for Nov. 16, and the dispatches sent out by these agencies were honest news reports limited to statements of fact. They did not aid the State Department in manufacturing news—though some of their subscribers bombarded them with prospects at letting

themselves be 'scooped.'

5 1/2% Mortgage Money

To Loan on Downtown Business Property

City Trust Co.

108 E. Washington St.

Bond Issue Proposed by Majority Faction in City Council Attacked.

FORD FIGHT IS EXPECTED

Board to Seek Opinion on Street Closing.

Financing of the Belt Railroad track elevation through a bond issue proposed by majority faction councilmen probably would not be legal, M. N. Beebe, track elevation engineer said today.

Beebe pointed out that the fact that the administration and city councilmen had failed to allow the legal limit of 6 per cent in the 1927 budget would militate against legality of additional appropriations.

With the present allowance of 2 per cent, only the elevation work contracted for during the Shank administration will be completed, Beebe said.

Elevation of the Pennsylvania and C. I. & W. tracks at Leota St., Southeastern Ave. and Oriental St., would be the only additional elevation not now under way to start.

Work Now in Progress

Work now is in progress on the Belt Railroad tracks at E. Tenth St. and E. Pratt St. and the Pennsylvania and C. I. & W. tracks at Pine and Cruise Sts.

A bitter fight is expected on the question of whether Oriental St. will be closed when tracks are elevated there.

Harboring to the appeal of a number of south side citizens, the Shank administration board of works ordered that the street be opened.

Protest by Ford

However, the Ford Motor Company, which has a plant at Oriental and E. Washington Sts., has pleaded with the board to close the street on the contention that its opening would cost the Ford Company thousands of dollars to reorganize its assembling process.

Ford members Wednesday told Ford representatives that they would seek a legal opinion to determine whether they could legally alter the contract made by the former board to allow the closing of the thoroughfare.

Before Grand Jury

Board members gave no additional information as to what their decision would be in the matter.

The former negotiations with city officials that attended the attempt of the Ford Company to close the street was believed to have been responsible for the appearance of George J. Steinmetz, company manager, before the Marion County grand jury investigating alleged corruption among officials a few weeks ago.

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