

IOWA GOVERNOR VOICES DEMAND FOR FARM AID

Past U. S. Policy Given Blame for Plight of Agriculture.

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MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich., July 25.—An appeal for Government assistance in lifting the American farmer out of economic chaos was sounded today by Governor John Hammill of Iowa, who spoke before the nineteenth annual conference of Governors, in session here.

Hammill pointed out that national and State governments are largely responsible through past policies for the present state of agriculture. Direct financial assistance is not asked, Hammill stated, but only the helpful cooperation of the Government in the plans which the farmers themselves are willing to work out.

Strikes Hopeful Note
Hammill struck a hopeful note in lauding the farm relief bill which passed the last session of Congress, indicating, indirectly at least, that much of the farm ailments may be relieved if the Government will carry out the terms of that bill.

Hammill, whose home State of Iowa is considered by many to be the State hardest hit by agricultural depression, pointed out that the farmers did not ask the Government for money, but under the terms of the bill they saw through Congress last session the farmers themselves would meet the costs of their program by contributions collected from each marketed unit of the crop so dealt with.

Hammill pointed to the "free land" policy of the Government a few decades ago as being one of the contributing factors to the present inflated production of the farms.

Farm Plant Expanded
He said also the government had encouraged excessive production during the period of the recent World War, and this had assisted in developing "an agricultural plant far greater in its capacity to produce the essential basic crops than is required by our domestic market."

He cited the Government's program of "reckless reclamation, aimed to add new acres and new producers to our present productive total."

"I say," said Hammill, "that national policies such as these have expanded our farm plant and that, therefore, it is a national responsibility to meet the situation thus created so that the farmers alone will not be called upon to bear the full consequences."

Nineteen Governors Attend
Two of the Governors, Ralph O. Brewster of Maine and John H. Trumbull of Connecticut, made the trip from Detroit in an airplane, placed at their disposal by Maj. Thomas G. Lanphier, commander of Selfridge field, Mount Clemens, Mich.

The nineteen Governors so far registered include: Fred W. Green, Michigan; Len Small, Illinois; Bibb Graves, Alabama; John H. Trumbull, Connecticut; John E. Martineau, Arkansas; Ralph O. Brewster, Maine; Robert P. Robinson, Delaware; Albert C. Ritchie, Maryland; John W. Martin, Florida; Ed Jackson, Indiana; John Hammill, Iowa; Ben S. Paulen, Kansas; Adam McMullen, Nebraska; Huntley N. Spaulding, New Hampshire; John S. Fisher, Pennsylvania; John G. Richards, South Carolina; George H. Dern, Utah; John E. Weeks, Vermont; Frank C. Emerson, Wyoming; and Lieutenant Governor Norman S. Case, Rhode Island.

McMullen Is Speaker
Brewster of Maine is chairman of the conference. Governor Adam McMullen of Nebraska supported the stand of Governor Hammill of Iowa regarding farm relief. He said:

"It is only through the same national policies that have contributed so much to the upbuilding of the industrial East that agriculture can be saved. The time has arrived for the adoption of a positive program for agriculture."

FIVE PAROLES GRANTED
Governor Jackson has granted five paroles to State Farm prisoners and refused nineteen.

Those receiving paroles were Clyde Austerliller, sentenced to two and a half years for robbery, Marion County, Jan. 13, 1926; George Guzik, ninety days, Lake County, May 6, 1927, contributing to delinquency and neglect; Clarence Morton, one year, Johnson, March 14, 1927, malicious trespass; Samuel Shimer, Muncie, two sentences, six months and \$500 and six months and \$100, Nov. 23, 1926, liquor law violations; John Townsend, Hammond, six months and \$500, April 4, 1927, larceny.

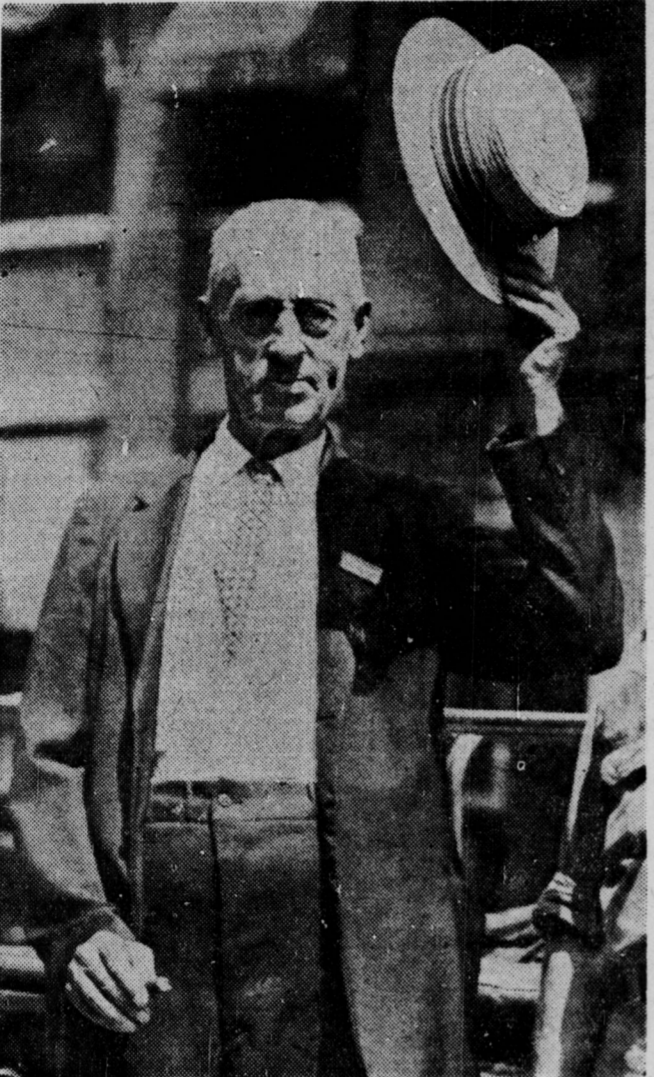
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Henry G. Cook

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He'll know fairly well then how Indianapolis looked to Lindbergh and his accompanying fliers recently, for that fire tower surely is up high. Its window sill height catches Miss Indiana up on the monument right under the chin.

For fourteen years Cook has looked down upon the city from his glass-enclosed, octagon-shaped tower room, keeping vigilant watch for fires. So familiar is he with the normal aspect of the city as it hums through the hours of late afternoon or drowns through the night (he comes on at 3 p. m., relieving another watchman) that an untoward curl of smoke during the day or a strange flash or rosy glow at night instantly attracts his attention.

Powerful field glasses are within reach, and unusual indeed is the fire that can get even a half way start before Cook pounces upon it. Telegraph keys connecting with the Gamewell room in the city hall take only a second to operate when Cook catches sight of a fire, and back to him, a moment later from the Gamewell room, comes the sharp pounding of a gong which is to say: "We've got you. We're on our way."

"Fire!" Thrill Never Dies
Many is the exciting moment that has come into Cook's experience in that tower room and like numbers of firemen who have been in service for a long time (he has served altogether for forty-one years) says the thrill that comes with the sight or sound of "fire" never dies.

"You've heard how old fire horses always respond to the sound of a gong," he said. "It's the same way with us firemen. Once in your blood, the thrill of fire fighting never gets out!"

In spite of numberless exciting experiences with fires, Cook claims that the "first few moments after the recent tornado struck Indianapolis had them all beaten for thrills, for he was in actual danger of his life.

The watch tower, situated at the high point of 295 feet (the monument is only 284½ feet) is about the best wind catcher in the city and has a perceptible vibration of probably several inches. Often when a strong wind is blowing, water in a bottle on Cook's desk moves from side to side of the vessel.

Descends Without Warning
On the night of the tornado, five of the immense plate glass windows of the tower room were crashed in. "That tornado seemed to descend without warning," relates Cook. "These windows are double and the glass is the very heaviest of plate glass, yet in a moment they were as egg shells."

"Great sheets of jagged glass suddenly seemed to be flying in every direction. It was as much as my life was worth to try to descend the steel ladder.

"Coming so suddenly upon me, there was a moment when I felt separated from all the world in a mass of terrifying, splintering glass and shrieking noise from the wind. At the side there, was my only protection—the great steel spotlight, which of course was not lighted at the time. Somehow I made my way behind it. Of course in the darkness, the wind and the rain, I could not tell just what it was all about and of course could not see the damage to city. Tornadoes are surely one thing I don't want to meet up with again."

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STUMP OF TREE USED AS PULPIT BY MINISTER

Consecration Ceremony Is Held on New Church Site.

Using a stump of a tree for a pulpit, the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith preached his first sermon Sunday afternoon on the site chosen for the new home of the University Place Christian Church at Capitol Ave. and Forty-sixth St.

This open air service was held for the purpose of consecrating the ground for the new church building. The unique pulpit was made from a tree which the Reverend Smith helped to cut down while the ground was being cleared.

The choral singing was in charge of the Rev. Virgil P. Brock and Mrs. Brock. The Rev. O. A. Trinkle was in charge of the prayer service at the beginning of the service.

The Rev. G. I. Hoover, secretary of the Indiana Christian Missionary Society was in charge of the formal consecration ceremony. Other pastors of the city assisted in the service.

150-POUND CALF IS BORN

Animal Freak in Wisconsin Is Dead at Birth

FLORENCE, Wis., July 25.—An 8-year-old Guernsey cow owned by Chester E. Hoyle, Fern, gave birth to an enormous calf that weighed 150 pounds. The calf, a heifer, is said to have been the largest born in this part of Wisconsin. It was born dead.

Chigger 'Cure'

ANDERSON, Ind., July 25.—Charles Pindexter, president of the Madison county board of commissioners, found the cure worse than the disease. Suffering from chiggers, he applied a mixture of carbolic acid and vaseline. Now he's walking with a cane, the mixture having seared the flesh of a leg.

AIMEE'S IN HER TEMPLE, ALL'S WELL WITH FLOCK

Financial Trouble "Ironed Out" Upon Evangelist's Return.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 25.—Calm settled over Angelus temple today, with Aimee Semple McPherson again in charge. The evangelist rushed here from Alton, Ill., abandoning a revival campaign, when word reached her there trouble was brewing.

She preached to capacity congregations three times Sunday. The trouble, which involved financial matters, will be ironed out, Mrs. McPherson said. Angelus temple church workers were dissatisfied with the methods used by Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, mother of Mrs. McPherson, in collecting and disbursing church funds.

Mrs. Kennedy probably will be relieved of part of her duties in connection with finances, Mrs. McPherson said.

King Donates Cup

WABASH, Ind., July 25.—A loving cup donated by King Albert of Belgium will be given the winner of the international horse show at Chicago next spring, it is announced here by J. D. Conner Jr., secretary of the Belgium Draft Horse Association.

Rent Telescopes to See Chicago's Squat Sultan

Flagpole Perching Is Great Financial Success for Men Below.

CHICAGO, July 25.—This city, temporary possessor of the world's flagpole sitting record, has demonstrated a technique by which flagpole sitting can be made a financial success.

Not a financial success particularly for the sitter, although Joe Powers, successor to Spider Haines of Denver as Sultan of Squat, is reported to be offered profitable vaudeville contracts.

The money is made by telescope and binocular owners. They did a rushing business at five cents a look during the closing days of Powers' record-breaking sixteen-day sit.

Didn't Work In Denver
On the basis of Chicago and Denver experiences, the two most important factors seem to be the height of the pole and the number of possible patrons who have never looked through a pair of magnifying glasses before.

In Denver the stupendous sit of Spider Haines, only slightly shorter than that of Powers, was a complete financial flop.

Although he was sitting at an altitude considerably over one mile, his cradle was only the flagpole of a six-story building where people could see him very plainly. There was no incentive to purchase glasses.

Here Speck In Sky
Here, however, Powers' perch on a lofty hotel flagpole was not discernible in detail by the naked eye in the street. This fact, coupled with the fact that there were thousands of Chicago residents to whom tele-

TAX BOARD AT WORK

Equalization of Personal Property Valuations Made.

Equalization of personal property valuations occupied the State tax board today and conferences were being held with various county auditors. Recommendations were made by the board and will be acted upon by the county boards of review next week.

Increases made thus far include: 5 per cent on all personal property in Switzerland County, 3 per cent in Noble, 25 per cent on household goods in Dubois, 25 per cent on household goods and poultry in Harrison, 15 per cent on household goods in Parke, 25 per cent on household goods and 15 per cent on automobiles in Putnam, 20 per cent on horses, cows and household goods in all but Huff Township, 30 per cent on household goods in Scottsburg and 10 per cent in the remainder of the county, 10 per cent on all automobiles. There were no decreases.

The following counties were reviewed and approved as listed: Steuben, Franklin, Ripley, Orange, Pulaski, Pike, Owen, Washington, Brown, Crawford and Starke.

DIVORCE TAX PROPOSED
Paris Would like to Fleece American Matrimonial Sufferers.

PARIS, July 25.—France has discovered that it has been overlooking an important source of revenue in the large numbers of divorcees granted foreigners who come here to secure them.

Paris lawyers have proposed the institution of a heavy tax upon divorces which not only will swell the national coffers, but will decrease the high rate of separations.

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