

HOOVER BARES FARM AID PLAN IN IOWA SPEECH

Promises to Call Conference to Draft Legislation; Scores Fee.

BY PAUL R. MALLON
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
WEST BRANCH, Ia., Aug. 22.—Speaking in a tent to the farmers and villagers of his corn belt birthplace, Herbert Hoover announced tonight he would call a conference of agricultural leaders to assist in drafting legislation to carry out his farm relief program if he is elected President.

Outstanding farmers such as Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, defeated candidate for the Republican nomination, will be invited to join the conference, Hoover said in his prepared speech delivered here in surroundings shadowed with reminiscences of the old swimming hole, the Quaker meeting house now a moving picture theater and the time when he marched in the torch light parade at Garfield's election.

Breaking the restraint of his acceptance speech, the nominee frankly talked to his townfolk about his program for modernizing American waterways to provide cheap transportation and for establishing a Federal Farm Board to develop an efficient marketing system. He did not mention the third point in his plan, tariff revision to give the farmer equality with business.

Slaps Equalization Fee

But for the first time in his campaign, the nominee took a slap at the equalization fee, embodied in the McNary-Haugen bill. He expressed gratification that changes in the fundamental structure of this Government were not necessary to give ample relief and he pointed out his plan did not "intend to put the Government into business nor to subsidize prices of farm products and pay the losses thereon either by the Federal Treasury or by a tax on the fee on the farmer."

Analyzing his proposal to develop the Mississippi Valley water system and promote an eastern outlet from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic, Hoover estimated the entire project could be completed in four years, exactly the duration of a White House term. If the Lawrence House project must be abandoned because of international objections, alternative routes must be considered, he said.

"The necessarily large advance in railway rates from the war militate against the economic setting of this whole interior section," he said. "The completion of the Panama Canal and the fact that ocean rates have increased but little since before the war, further disturbs the whole economic relationship of the Midwest."

Fights Pre-War Rates

"It is as if a row of toll gates had been placed around this whole section of the country."

Arguing that the farmer pays the freight on his products, Hoover added:

"We cannot return to pre-war rates without ruin to the farmer, therefore I have long asserted that the only hope of reducing charges upon bulk goods was through the modernization of our great interior waterways."

"By modernization I mean increasing depths to a point where we can handle 5,000 or 10,000 in a line of barges pulled by a tug. This administration has authorized the systematic undertaking of this modernization."

"We already have experience with results, for with only the main river from St. Louis to New Orleans working properly, the rates for transportation of bulk agricultural products through that section is near pre-war railway rates."

Urges Coöperative Marketing

The plan will not work disaster to the railroads because their normal expansion will more than take care of their loss in revenue from this 12,000 miles of river transportation, through twenty Midwest States, Hoover contended. His plan for encouraging the development of efficient coöperative marketing, he outlined as follows:

"A Federal Farm Board is to be set up with the necessary powers and resources to assist the industry to meet not alone the varied problems of today, but those which may arise in the future, my fundamental concept of agriculture is one controlled by its members, organized to fight its own economic battles and to determine its own destinies."

"Nor do I speak of organization in the narrow sense of traditional farm cooperation and pools, but in the much wider sense of a sound marketing organization."

Spots School Teacher

"We propose with governmental assistance and an initial advance of capital to enable the agricultural industry to reach a stature of modern business operations by which the farmer will attain his individuality."

The nominee closed his speech as he had started it with a human and idealistic touch. At the outset he remarked the presence in the audience of Mrs. Curran, his school teacher. He talked about the swimming hole down in the creek with his mudbank slide. He pondered how Aunt Hannah, who once said in meeting that the house of God would be turned into an abomination, would regard the fact that the meeting house had been turned into a movie theater.

He recollected that before he was "high enough to carry a torch he had marched in the torch-light procession celebrating the election of President Garfield."

"At that time," he said, "there were only two Democrats in town."

In closing he pledged himself to the idealistic improvement of the American home.

"The family is a unit of American life and the home is the sanctuary of moral inspiration and of the American spirit."

Bathers Race in Lemonade Drinking



There was only one glass, but two straws—so two pretty girls were able to drink between swims at Mc Clure beach. The glass contained lemonade. The girls are Miss Ruth Robertson, 207 E. North St., at the left, and Miss Thelma Hofer, 2121 Olive St.

WAR SHRINE BOARD TO DISCUSS PLAZA

Goblins

By United Press
LONDON, Aug. 22.—The famous statue of Peter Pan in Kensington Gardens was tarred and feathered during the night. The gatekeeper discovered the vandalism about two hours after opening the park at 5 a. m. today. There was no clew to the perpetrators.

The statue was the work of the late Sir George Frampton and was considered one of the most beautiful in London.

COOLIDGES ON PICNIC

Visit Historic Islands for Outing.

By United Press
CEDAR ISLAND LODGE, Wis., Aug. 22.—President and Mrs. Coolidge today will visit scenes where 200 years ago Canadian and American fur traders plied their pioneer trade on the Apostle Islands.

The presidential family, as guests of Hunter L. Gary, Kansas City, Mo., and Frank H. Woods, Lincoln, Neb., will go to Bayfield, Wis., by motor, there to embark on yachts for the island regions.

The Lake Superior islands to be visited are regarded with reminders of early American trading history. The original trading post of John Jacob Astor, where a foundation was laid for one of the greatest American fortunes, will be inspected.

The party was expected to return to Cedar Island Lodge by 7 after a picnic luncheon on Bevil Island.

STREET ORATOR JAILED FOUR TIMES IN WEEK

Declares Cops "Don't Know Their Business" When Fined by Judge.

"I told you those cops don't know their business," the much-arrested Charles H. Krause, 73, of 874 E. Drive, Woodruff Place, told his attorney outside Municipal Court Tuesday afternoon after charges against him had been dismissed.

Krause was disappointed in his arraignment, however, for Municipal Judge Paul C. Wetter didn't give him a chance to talk. It is talking that has brought him to court four times within a week. The Tuesday charge was for talking out of his turn and disturbing a religious meeting at Illinois and Market Sts., Monday night.

He was arrested by Fred Hague and Carl Sheets, motor officers. When they appeared without witnesses the judge dismissed the case without giving Krause a chance to say a word. He is against religion and for single tax and the National Party.

Saying so at the Market and Illinois Sts. corner has brought him epidemic of arrests. Each time the cases have been dismissed, but once when he was fined \$10 for resisting an officer.

FOREST FIRES GAINING

Low Humidity, Wind Increase Peril to California Woods.

By United Press
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 22.—Low humidity and a slight wind today increased the danger in the forest fires that have been sweeping the San Bernardino district, forestry officials announced.

The fires are characterized as the worst in the history of California. "Thousands of acres of valuable timber and brush land have been burned over despite the efforts of hundreds of fire fighters."

Doctor Has 6,763 "Children"

By United Press
BUNKER, Mo., Aug. 22.—A celebration under the auspices of the 6,763 men, women and children who were attended at birth by Dr. J. E. Gordon, will be held here next week. Dr. Gordon has practiced here fifty-six years.

Few Changes Planned in University Park for Landscaping.

Bids for alteration of University Square and plans for landscaping of the entire World War Memorial Plaza will be taken up at the Indiana World War Commission meeting Thursday.

Comparatively few changes are to be made in University Square, said Frank Henley, commission secretary.

The contract will include new sidewalks leading to and around the fountain, changes in lights and bird baths.

Leave Fountain Unchanged

No changes will be made on the fountain or the Harrison monument, but the Colfax monument on the north side will be removed to a spot west of the fountain, to give a clear view through the center to the Shrine. Another monument will be arranged for later on the opposite side of the fountain.

Specifications call for installation of an underground irrigation system, which will be installed if bids are not excessively high. This is to be composed of a system of underground pipes with spray heads level with the ground, which are operated by an automatic valve opening and closing at certain periods of the day.

Near the sidewalk, in the center of the north side of the square, will be two handsome eighty-five-foot flagpoles with deep concrete foundations and decorative stone bases extending eight feet above the ground. The flagpoles will be capped with gold-leaf eagles and will fly the national colors on holidays and other occasions.

Would Plant 500 Trees

Landscaping plans for the plaza, if approved by the commission, will be advertised and bids will be acted on at the October session of the commission.

More than 500 trees would be included in the contract, including moving some to new sites and planting other trees of uniform size and variety.

An effort is being made to award the contract this fall in order that root pruning of trees and moving of other trees may be started during the winter months, the best season for such work.

PICK MONTGOMERY MAN

Anson S. Thomas Succeeds O. S. Swank to Farm Bureau Post.

Anson S. Thomas of Montgomery county has been appointed assistant livestock director of the Indiana Farm Bureau, it was announced today. He succeeds Oscar S. Swank, who resigns to become manager of the Evansville Producers' Commission Association. Thomas is president of the Montgomery county farm bureau.

Baby Born in T-xi

By United Press
CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—Chicago had its second "taxicab birth" within two weeks when a driver rushed Mr. and Mrs. James Murray to a hospital, arriving to find he had three passengers, the third being a ten-pound girl.

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POOL SELLERS DODGE POLICE

New Hide-and-Seek Plan Balks Raiders.

In Indianapolis today the chief in and out sport, according to police, is entitled "hide the baseball pool ticket."

Police officers are attempting to cope with the new system of concealing tickets and the sales thereof, but so far have met with no great success.

According to reports reaching policemen the new system is for the tickets to be sold in one place and the winnings, if any, divided to the customer in another nearby store, poolroom or private residence.

Also the system calls for purchase of the ticket from your favorite "broker," who either sends you to another location to obtain the ticket or sends one of his "assistants" to the storehouse.

In this way search warrants for places where witnesses say tickets are sold do not mean much, as search will reveal no tickets in the place, although that might be the agency.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to the police as stolen:

Lovie Richey, 537 Harmon St., Ford, from 537 Harmon St.
Carl Dunahan, 2303 1/2 Bellefontaine St., Pontiac, 618-944, from salesroom at 535 N. Capitol Ave.
Theo. C. Eddy, 1521 E. Michigan St., Ford coupe, 621-504, from Market and Delaware Sts.
Victor Gilliland, 318 E. St. Clair St., Pontiac coupe, 48-361, from 318 E. St. Clair St.
Kenneth W. Williams, 5520 Winthrop Ave., Chevrolet coupe, 45-004, from Senate Ave. and Washington St.
Robert S. Sloan, 946 W. Twenty-Eighth St., Ford sedan, from 946 W. Twenty-Eighth St.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police:

Fred P. Mertz, 745 Campbell St., Elcar sedan, found at Capitol Ave. and Sixteenth St.
Michael Shea, 1041 W. Twenty-Eighth St., Ford touring, found in 900 block W. Twenty-Eighth St.

Ex-Cabinet Chief's Son in Court

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Philander K. Knox Jr., son of the former secretary of state, must appear in police court here today to answer charges of reckless driving.

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STATE RUSHES PLANS TO HEAR MURDER CASES

Hopes to Try Green Mill Cases Before Other Slaying Trials.

Early trials for the three men charged with two murders at the Green Mill barbecue, E. Thirty-Eighth St., were considered likely today.

Despite the fact that five other murders, one political corruption, one arson and two manslaughter trials, all by jury, are set on the Criminal Court calendar for September and early October, it was considered likely the State will be ready as early as the defendants in the Green Mill cases.

Rupert McDonald and Lawrence Ghre, extradited here from California for the murder of Wilkinson Haag, Indianapolis drug store official, in May 1926, will be arraigned Sept. 3. They already are under indictment.

Take Up King Killing

When the grand jury goes into session at the same time, following a month's vacation, one of the first cases to be taken up will be that of Philip Smith, under arrest charged with the murder of Terrence "Red" King at the Green Mill Aug. 9, during a drinking bout.

As the State is preparing both of these cases for early trial, efforts are going forward to close permanently the Green Mill as a public nuisance.

A temporary injunction barring the use of whisky at the chicken dinner night resort already is in force, on order of Superior Judge Joseph M. Milner.

Seek to Close Resort

As soon as an indictment is returned against Smith, efforts will be made by V. H. Manifold, deputy prosecutor, who is also handling the injunction suit, to have him arraigned immediately and a date set for trial.

Juries have been ordered for the important trials in September, filling the calendar with cases of outstanding public interest. There was some conjecture today as to whether Criminal Judge James A. Collins and Prosecutor William H. Remy, when they return from their vacations, will rearrange the calendar in order to get Ghre and McDonald, and Smith to early trials.

Second only to the two Green Mill cases in public interest, is the trial of Carl Sken, 22, for the death of Mrs. Pearl Jarboe, 24, waitress, who fell or was pushed from his speeding automobile early in July, while they were on their way to a beer speakeasy.

Sken's trial is set for Sept. 10, and a special venire of jurors has been ordered to report on that day. Sken's trial will follow that of Clarence Meadows, Negro, for murder, and is followed by a third murder trial, that of Harry Pilz, for the death of Sam Farnham in a barber shop argument on the south side in January.

Claude E. Negley, ex-councilman under indictment for bribery, is to go to trial Sept. 20, special jurors having already been ordered. Then comes the Gus Sansone manslaughter trial Sept. 24, and the Clarence E. Armstrong arson case three days later, with Justice McReynolds and Andrew Reecer to follow for murder on Oct. 4 and Oct. 6.

The jury calendar is filled up to Oct. 19. Some of these cases may not be ready for trial, it was pointed out, and the Green Mill cases might be slipped in, or the entire calendar rearranged.

BACK, BACK TO INDIANA

Florida Permits Extradition of Former Kokomo Banker.

By United Press
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Aug. 22.—W. H. Arnold must return to Kokomo, Ind., to face charges in connection with collapse of the American Trust Company Bank of which he was president.

In extradition proceedings held here Tuesday before Governor John W. Martin of Florida, he decided Indiana authorities should have Arnold, and they left immediately for Palatka to arrest him and begin the trip north. He has been located in Palatka since 1924, engaged in the real estate business.

'Al Is a Cocktail With Real Gin in It'

Alice Hughes, New York Telegram staff writer, interviewed H. L. Mencken on why he is for Al Smith for President. Then she obtained Bruce Barton's views on why he is for Herbert Hoover. The two constitute a remarkable debate on the presidential candidates by two of the Nation's foremost thinkers. Today, the Times publishes Mencken's defense of Governor Al. Tomorrow the interview with Barton will be printed.

BY ALICE HUGHES

H. L. MENCKEN of Baltimore and New York and the American Mercury believes Herbert Hoover is "a fat Coolidge," but that Governor Smith is "full of human juices"; that Governor Smith is a "cocktail with real gin in it," but that Hoover is "a dose of aspirin."

Mencken, it is believed, is for Smith in the coming campaign, as against Hoover.

In an attempt to obtain confirmation of this he was asked for an interview. He assented. Here it is:

QUESTION—What are the qualifications a man should possess, according to you, to be a most effective President? Why?

MENCKEN—Above all things, he should be amusing, and in the best sense. He should be able to hold his own in the nonsensical debates that go on endlessly between opposing camps of mountebanks. These debates are the essence of politics under democracy.

He should be so skilled in fraud as to be able to unhorse and destroy other frauds. He should have some talent for the grosser and more brutal forms of invective.

The late Major General Roosevelt had all of the things.

Coolidge lies at the other extreme. He may be virtuous, but he is dumb. His ideas are those of a respectable bookkeeper in a country hardware store.

QUESTION—Of the two candidates, which fits your picture of a desirable President more completely? What makes you think so?

MENCKEN—Al is obviously superior to Lord Hoover and on all counts. Hoover is no more than a fat Coolidge. But Al is full of human juices. He knows how to fight and he knows how to laugh. He is probably twice as intelligent as Hoover and at least nine times as honest.

'Hoover Is Amusing'

If he were in the White House the stenographers would be safe. Hoover was nominated by a combination of the worst scoundrels ever heard of—the remnants of the Ohio gang, the Varg gang, the Negro mercenaries of the South and the Anti-Saloon League.

His cabinet, if he is elected, will be worse than Coolidge's perhaps even worse than Harding's.

QUESTION—How unfortunate, if any, do you believe it would be if the candidate you do not choose were elected?

MENCKEN—Unfortunately to whom? To me? I don't give a damn. Even Hoover would amuse me sufficiently. As for the people of the United States, I have no interest in their misfortune.

QUESTION—Is the prohibition question an issue to the extent that the man elected President can or will attempt to do anything much about it—either toward modification or more strict enforcement—and if so which man could be most effective toward the change you would prefer? Which most effective from the standpoint of the general good, if there is any such thing as the general good?

Drys Gentlemen?

MENCKEN—"Whether or not prohibition works for the general good I don't know. Some say it is doing and some another. My objection to it is that it tends to make life dull—that its aim is to turn us all into Methodists.

It seems to me that a man who invites me to his house and then asks me to drink hydrant water is anti-social and a scoundrel.

It probably will take years to get rid of the Eighteenth Amendment, if we ever get rid of it at all. The American people love to be swindled. Moreover, they have a high respect for law—a symptom of their general inferiority.

Al, if elected, could not get rid of

Al and the Pope

QUESTION—Is an individual record as a Governor or a Cabinet member a valuable guide to his qualifications for President? How valuable? Of the two men, which will do more to unify the thought, if any, of the citizens of the United States of America as a whole? Is that desirable?

MENCKEN—A candidate's experience certainly counts for something. Here Al shines again. The main job before a President is to handle Congress—that is, to beat a gang of professional politicians at their own game. Al has proved at Albany that he has a great deal of skill at it, but there is no evidence that Hoover has any. Nobody in Washington seems to like him. He lacks the talent for making friends. Nineteen-tenths of his chief supporters are simply professional supporters who hope to get something out of him.

I see nothing grand and gaudy in his achievements. What he did in Belgium, with the British press bureau helping powerfully, could have been done quite as well by any other engineer, and at less cost. His work in the Mississippi flood was that of a somewhat intelligent Y. M. C. A. secretary.

But Al has done really difficult things at Albany. He has a good

Ants, Roaches

Leave Suddenly

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FAVORS CIVIL SERVICE PLAN

B. J. T. Jeup Indorses Move in City Departments.

Establishment of civil service in all city departments, as recommended to Mayor L. Ert Slack by city council, was indorsed today by Sanitary Commissioner B. J. T. Jeup.

Jeup declared he is heartily in sympathy with establishing civil service, but is opposed to the creation of an additional commission to operate the regulations.

"A system of civil service depends entirely on the sincerity of the city officials for its successful operation. If department heads are in earnest about civil service they can operate the system without an additional commission," Jeup said.

"I frequently think we have too many boards in our present form of government. The first thing a city manager will do is to reduce the number of executives and select the best qualified men for heads of the branches," Jeup declared.

Mayor Slack is expected to raise the civil service issue at an early cabinet meeting.

Quakers Elect Officers

By United Press
PLAINFIELD, Ind., Aug. 22.—The Western yearly meeting of Friends in session here has elected Albert L. Copeland, Paoli, presiding clerk; Homer J. Coppick, Chicago, recording clerk, and Lillian Parlow, Kokomo, and Anna Norris, reading clerks.

head on him, and the gift of blarney.

QUESTION—What is the danger of Smith's becoming an ineffective President?

MENCKEN—The worst thing said of Al is that if he is elected President the Pope will run the country. All I can say is that, as a Protestant, born and bred, I'd rather be governed by the Pope than by the Methodist board of temperance, prohibition and public morals.

Presidents' Wives

QUESTION—Can either accomplish anything in particular in four years as President? What should they try to accomplish? Why? Will either?

MENCKEN—Yes. In four years Al could clean up the Federal bench, unhorse the Anti-Saloon League, and chase the Methodist bishops out of Washington. He could restore the Bill of Rights. Hoover could do nothing but accomplish something. He could rehabilitate the Ohio gang, compile several acres of statistics, get rid of the few good judges left on the Supreme Court bench and restore the Anti-Saloon League to its old puissance.

QUESTION—Will the type of woman each candidate has as wife be a definite help or handicap toward election?

MENCKEN—Who really cares what sort of a wife a President has? The importance of a man's wife is always greatly overestimated. Some of the best men I know have horrible wives, and vice versa. But both Al and Hoover seem to be very fortunate in their marriages. Either lady would adorn the White House.

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