

# COOLIDGE WARNS AGAINST PRICE FIXING FARM AID

## 'CO-OP' MARKET PLAN SEEN AS REAL SOLUTION

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SPEAKS BEFORE GRANGE

Over-Production Is Held to Be One of Greatest Handicaps.

By United Press  
Washington, Nov. 17.—Any attempt at price fixing or putting the government in business would be fatal to the independence of the farmer and in the end would bring disaster, President Coolidge said here last night in an address before the sixty-second annual convention of the National Grange.

The President characterized the aid being given agriculture by the government as unsurpassed in world history and pointed to co-operative marketing as the most promising method of solving the problems of the American farmer.

Tax reduction virtually has relieved the farmer of federal taxes, President Coolidge said.

"This movement toward co-operative marketing still is in its infancy. It sometimes has failed, through lack of management, but it is sound in theory and when conducted in a business-like way offers the most promising solution to the marketing problems," the President said.

Price Fixing Avoided

"It avoids any attempt at price fixing or putting the government in business, both of which would be fatal to the independence of the farmer and in the end would bring disaster."

"It likewise avoids the hazardous proposal of a subsidy, which the American people never would be willing to pay for any length of time. It rests on the sound marketing principle of taking the product and disposing of it in the most advantageous way that shrewd and orderly marketing affords."

"Such further assistance as is necessary to render this effort more effective through setting up a board of administration, supplied with sufficient funds to demonstrate its soundness in its experimental stage, will may be provided by the national government."

At another point, Mr. Coolidge said one of the greatest handicaps of agriculture was temporary over-production.

World Always Hungry

"The world is hungry to consume all that the farmer ever raises," he said. "His difficulty arises from attempting to sell at the wrong time or the wrong place. The most successful method of meeting this difficulty has been through co-operative associations."

Mr. Coolidge emphasized the definite assurance of an increased gross income for agriculture because of federal aid.

In reciting examples of this aid, he mentioned governmental supervision of grain exchanges and standards for cotton; a recent \$4,000,000 appropriation for farm research; the law setting up in the department of agriculture a department for co-operative marketing; and establishment of extensive radio and wire service for supplying vital market information.

He spoke of farm loans through the federal farm loan system as a benefit "the like of which no government anywhere on earth ever before bestowed upon an industry."

In discussing the protection afforded agriculture by tariff measures, the President said:

"Practically everything that the farmer raises is well protected. Practically everything he buys for the purpose of engaging in the business of farming comes in free of duty."

He said further that about 65 per cent of American importations now come in free of duty, that between 15 and 20 per cent of the balance are farm products which are protected.

Concluding his address, the President said the great strength of the farm in national life was in the farm home, from which have sprung the ability and character of the nation.

FLAPPERS TURN COOKS

Food Expert Gives Attractive Modern Kitchen the Credit.

By United Press  
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 17.—More and more "flapper wives" are learning how to prepare meals for their husbands in the opinion of Miss Mary Ann Stuart, food expert, who conducted a cooking school here this week.

The expert attributes the desire for cooking to the attractive modern kitchen and that husbands are tired of buying meals at restaurants and really enjoy helping their wives in such kitchens.

Miss Stuart compared the kitchens of today with its high colored furniture with the drab furnishings of a few years ago.

Spite Split

By Times Special  
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 17.—Mrs. Marie Struck, who obtained a divorce from Edward S. Struck on allegations that he married her to "spite" another woman, he also testified, "He never gave me a nickel in his life." The couple was married in June, 1927, and lived together less than a month.

## They're Happy to Be Alive



Survivors—Here they are, just as they appeared when saved from the sea—a few of the 217 rescued when the S. S. Vestris went down. The camera caught them a few minutes after they had been taken from a lifeboat to the safety of the S. S. American Shippers deck—disheveled, pajama clad, some almost exhausted—but happy to be alive. Hence the smiles.

## CHARGES G. O. P. AFTER SOUTH

Attacks Congress Probe of Texas Election.

By Times Special  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Charging that the Republicans are applying the subpoena instead of the bayonet of carpetbagging days to the south, Representative Doring M. Black Jr., of New York, asserted today that the decision of the house campaign funds committee to investigate Texas elections was the first move to reconstruct southern states on a Republican basis.

Commenting on the committee's plan to inaugurate an inquiry in Hidalgo county Nov. 26, Black, Democratic member of the investigating body, said:

"The carried four southern states in the national election, and they intend to hold on to them. That's why we are going to Texas to look into squabbles over elections of judges and county officials. That's the reason for the inquiry—to obtain local political control through the pretense of investigating a congressional and national election."

"The is the first of many moves to make and keep the south Republican. It is carrying government by resort to the subpoena instead of the bayonet of the 1860's and 1870's."

Representative Lehigh, chairman of the committee, denied Black's allegations. He said the inquiry had been decided on following thousands of requests.

Class-y Case

SEYMOUR, Ind., Nov. 17.—Mrs. Velma Prall declares high school students who are married find the situation "very embarrassing." She is seeking a divorce from John Prall, charging cruelty and non-support, and an allegation that at the time of their marriage she was only 15 years old. Both are students at Shiloh high school here.

VOTE SUITS FILED

Elections Contested in Three Indiana Counties.

Suits contesting election results have been filed in three Indiana counties, dispatches related today.

Counties have been ordered in Sullivan county of the votes cast for sheriff and treasurer. Returns showed Frank Wible and Luther Keene, Democratic incumbents of the two offices, re-elected.

Counts are in progress in Warrick county as result of suits brought by Calvin Hopper, defeated candidate for circuit court clerk against Henry Shafer and by Caleb J. Lindsey, defeated candidate for judge of the circuit court, against Union W. Youngblood, Republican.

In Vermillion county, John Hughes, defeated Republican candidate for re-election as state representative, has filed an affidavit contesting the election of Louis Douglas, his Democratic opponent.

Hughes charged misconduct of election boards, illegal voting and bribery of voters.

Peer Shuts Off Credit

FOR WIFE, NOTED FLIER

Formal Notice Is Given Public by Lord Heath.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—Sir James Heath, husband of the famous flier, Lady Heath, today published a formal notice of not being responsible for his wife's debts.

He also withdrew Lady Heath's authority for pledging his credit.

Lady Heath is one of Great Britain's most famous aviators. holder of the world record, and also one of the few women to fly from Capetown to London. Recently she went to the United States and is making a lecture tour there now.

The Evening Standard quoted Sir James today as saying: "Of course, my announcement includes Lady Heath's tour of America. It includes her activities everywhere."

Watermelons for Christmas

MONTICELLO, Ind., Nov. 17.—Rolla Williams, who raised watermelons during the summer still has some left and says he expects to save them for Christmas dinner.

## 'DON'T STREW TACKS,' LUDLOW

Representative-Elect Urges Parties to Back Leslie.

Democrats, in defeat, share with Republicans, in victory, responsibility for conduct of the state's affairs during the coming four years of Republican reign, Louis Ludlow, representative-elect, told Jefferson Club members at the Denison, Friday night.

Drawing a state parallel from Governor Smith's valdictory radio address, Ludlow implored Democrats to regard Harry G. Leslie, Republican Governor-elect, as "the Governor, not of the Republican party, but of Indiana," and not to strew his path with "political tacks."

At the same time, Democrats were but only "for the purpose of being enjoined to be watchful and critical, constructive and helpful to the state."

Ludlow gave as the topic of his address, "Keep the Democratic Record Straight," which, he said, might appropriately have been the title of Smith's final radio address.

He described two "schools of partisan politics"; one concluding, "Our opponents have won, let them run the shooting match and take the blame for their misdeeds," the other advocating, "Let us spread all the measure of resolution, delegation calls, telegrams and long-distance telephone messages which would come to him on the subject otherwise."

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EXECUTE 16 PIRATES

Looters of British Steamer Put to Death.

HANKOW, Nov. 17.—Chinese authorities today executed sixteen of the pirates who participated in the looting of the British steamer Hsin Jhi off the island, last week. Ten others were held in custody pending investigation. Several Chinese were killed when the pirates raided the vessel, but the British and American passengers were not harmed.

TOWN IS FOR SALE

Abandoned Missouri Village Hunts a Feudal Lord.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 17.—Any one with a desire to own a town has his chance in the Ozarks.

West Eminence, a community which grew to a population of 10,000 when the timber industry was at its height and then lost every citizen when the slump came, is for sale.

The town has several residences, a hotel and a general store.

Dear Saints: Please Give Us More Indian Summer

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Indian summer—have you been having this fall, and if so, what is it?

The United States weather bureau states that it has been widespread over the country this autumn. There may be more of it.

When the weather bureau refers to Indian summer, it means "a period of mild, even warm weather, following a period of days so cold that many persons started up the furnaces."

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"In Europe the dates of Indian summer, sometimes known as St. Martin's summer, St. Luke's summer, or St. Michael's summer, are supposedly more definitely fixed than in America. The various saint's days mentioned are expected to be warm. Climatological facts, however, do not always check up with this belief."

## PROSPERITY TO WINTER IN U. S., EXPERTS SAY

Industrial, Coal and Textiles Show Increased Activity.

BY RAY TUCKER  
Times Staff Correspondent  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Evidence that the present range of prosperity will continue through the winter was found today by government experts and economists in reports of industrial and business conditions throughout the country.

As most of the basic statistics were gathered during September and October, with a national election just around the corner, President Coolidge and his cabinet associates find increased assurance that existing conditions will remain.

Retail Trade Brisk

Almost all industrial and commercial lines are active, even the coal and textile industries show some signs of recovery, and employment is on the upgrade.

Most of the improvement is shown in industries often regarded as barometers, including iron and steel, automobile manufacture and railroads.

A postoffice reports reflect increased activity at fifty centers, indicating retail trade is brisk. Increased car loadings also are reported.

Seasonal activities, including stores and factories preparing for the Christmas holidays and fruit and vegetable harvesting, provided employment for thousands.

Ship Yards Improve

In such centers as New York and Pennsylvania, the surplus of labor at the end of October consisted mainly of unskilled laborers. In such basic industries as metal trades and factories manufacturing electrical equipment, agricultural machinery and machine tools, the demand for labor was greater than the supply.

A significant development was the operation of most of the iron and steel mills at about 80 per cent capacity. A slight increase of workers was noted in locomotive works, while railroads took on additional employees. Ship yards also reported greater demand for marine machinists.

WOMEN 'NAG' HOOVER

Representation in Cabinet Is Sought.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Will a cabinet portfolio be the next step up the ladder for the woman in politics?

Nobody but President-Elect Hoover can decide that question, but it is understood in Washington that the women in the Republican party, as well as organized women in other groups, are exerting all pressure possible to influence him to select a woman.

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## Plan Two-Continent Dash

A hop from New York City to Bogota, capital of Colombia, is the feat these two South Americans plan to attempt this month. Lieutenant Benjamin Mendez, left, of the Colombian army, is the pilot. His companion is Carlos Puyo Delegado, Bogota newspaper man. The Curtis-Falcon seaplane pictured above will be used in the attempt.

LAUNCH DEAF SCHOOL FUND

\$2,000,000 Raised to Aid Coolidge Endowment.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The Coolidge fund of \$2,000,000 for the Clarke School for the Deaf at Northampton, where Grace Goodhue was a teacher when a young lawyer named Calvin Coolidge came along, was launched here Friday at the Mayflower hotel.

Plans for raising the endowment were outlined to many friends of the Coolidges and following the discussion the group went to the White House for tea.

It was pointed out that enlargement of the school will benefit many deaf persons throughout the country since many pupils become teachers.

More than \$1,000,000 of the total has already been pledged. Among the donors are William Boyce Thompson and family, who gave \$135,000; the late Clarence W. Barron, Earle P. Charlton, Henry L. Doherty and Fred M. Kirby, each of whom gave \$100,000; Andrew Mellon, \$100,000; Cyrus H. K. Curtis, Edward S. Harkness, William A. Paine, Frank Phillips and John J. Raskob, each contributing \$50,000; Clarence Dillon and Arthur Curtiss James, \$25,000 each; Edwin C. Jameson, George D. Pratt and Herbert L. Pratt, each \$20,000; Mr. and Mrs. George F. Fuller, \$10,000; Joseph H. Graham, Robert L. Studley and Albert H. Wiggin, \$10,000 each; Mrs. Francis A. Kinnicut and Frank H. Metcalf, \$7,500 each; Howard Clark Davis, Jeremiah Milbank, the Horace A. Moses Foundation, George F. Papphen and Aloph S. Ochs, \$5,000 each.

MAN HIT BY TRUCK

IS HURT SERIOUSLY

Machine Skids and Hurts Victim to Pavement.

Struck by a motor truck at Illinois and Washington streets early Friday, John W. Krause, 34, of 3333 Graceland avenue, was injured critically when he was hurled to the pavement. He was taken to city hospital suffering from a severe scalp wound and probable internal injuries.

The accident occurred when the truck skidded on the slippery pavement as David Heffert, 1003 East Ohio street, the driver, applied the brakes.

ADMIT CAR THEFTS

Arrest 3 Boys; Confess Stealing 15 Autos Autos.

Three boys, who admitted to police they have stolen fifteen motor cars in the last two months and stripped them of accessories, were arrested Friday night after confession of the trio had stolen the automobile of Patrolman John Moorman, 1432 Silver avenue.

Moorman, with a police emergency squad, located his car near Ray and Reiserer streets, stripped of parts, and found the boys hiding in nearby weeds.

John Poe, 17, of 1520 Sheppard street, admitted to police he was the leader of the trio and confessed to the car thefts. He was slated at police headquarters on charges of vehicle taking. The other boys were taken to the detention home.

CONVICTED OF MURDER

By United Press

ERIE, Pa., Nov. 17.—Rubin Britchey, 36, of Chaneysville, Pa., charged with killing Leonard Kohler, 43, of Louisville, Ky., during a row over a gun, was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter by a jury late Thursday after several hours' deliberation. As the verdict was read Britchey broke down, crying "I didn't kill him."

He was literally carried back to jail by deputy sheriffs. He has a wife and two children in Chaneysville. Judge Rossiter deferred sentence.

SURVIVES BROKEN NECK

East Chicago Man Will Return to Work in Four Weeks.

EAST CHICAGO, Ind., Nov. 17.—L. G. White is recovering from a broken neck suffered Oct. 10 in a fall from a scaffold and within three weeks will be able to have a cast removed and a week after that return to work.

No explanation of these angles of the case has been made. Cunningham is an assistant professor of agriculture at Purdue university.

NEGRO LEADER JAILED

Henry Lee Gets Thirty Days Liquor Charge.

Henry (Goosey) Lee, Negro Republican political leader, whose frequent jousts with the law have left him virtually unscathed, lost a decision in criminal court Friday and was sentenced to thirty days in jail and fined \$100 on a liquor charge.

On trial with him were Felix Williams and George Graham, both Negro Republican workers. Williams drew the same penalty and Graham was discharged by Judge James A. Collins.

The case against the trio grew out of a raid last month on the Negro Racing Drivers Club at 525 Indiana avenue, when police found six gallons of liquor and arrested twenty-four revelers.

## SLATE FEUSTEL FOR CHIEF OF INSULL FIRMS

Ft. Wayne Man Talked to Succeed Todd as Tram Boss.

Robert M. Feustel, Ft. Wayne, president of the Indiana Service Corporation, may become chief of Insull-owned public utilities in Indiana and possibly succeed the late Robert I. Todd as president of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company, according to rumor current in utility and political circles.

Officers of the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Company, and the street railway company, would not comment on the rumor.

It is regarded improbable a successor to Todd in the directorate and official staff of a dozen or more utilities will be selected until after the public service commission has acted on the merger petition now before it.

The proposed merger would consolidate into a \$70,000,000 company, to be known as the Indiana Electric Corporation, the vast Insull-owned Central Indiana Power Company, serving 179 Indiana communities, the T. H. I. & E. traction company and the Terre Haute Traction and Light Company.

He's a National Figure

The Indianapolis Street Railway Company is not a party to the proposed merger, but because of the interlocking directorate of the street railway company and the companies to be merged with Insull's interests, it is regarded not improbable that Feustel's selection to head the great corporation would result in his election to succeed Todd as head of the city street railway company.

Feustel is a national utility figure. As consulting engineer, he served the states of Rhode Island and New Jersey in solving their street railway puzzle, and Maine in untangling Portland's street railway problem. He performed similar service for Toronto, Canada.

He was construction engineer for miernurban and city railway properties in northern Indiana from 1903 to 1907; assistant chief engineer of the Wisconsin railroad commission, 1907 to 1913; chief engineer of the public utilities company of Illinois, 1914-1915, and since 1916, president of the Indiana Service Corporation.

His familiarity with street railway conditions resulted in his being placed in sole charge of valuation and contract rate proceedings of street railway system of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

Say He Backed Leslie

In the course of the recent political campaign, rumor had it that Feustel was backing the candidacy of Harry G. Leslie of Lafayette, Republican Governor-elect. Feustel and Leslie were classmates at Purdue university, where Feustel received his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering.

Feustel welcomed Leslie to Ft. Wayne on the occasion of Leslie's radio address there, Oct. 9, and accompanied him to a luncheon club speaking engagement.

The Ft. Wayne traction executive has extensive interests in industries of the city and has been prominent in civic activities there.

He is 44 years old, vice-president of the Ft. Wayne Chamber of Commerce, president of the Ft. Wayne Art school, thirty-second degree Mason and active member of Rotary, University, Quest and other civic clubs.

Todd was a director of the Central Indiana Power Company, of which Samuel Insull is chairman and Martin J. Insull president.

Rumor has it that they would retain these posts under the merged company, but make Feustel the managerial head in Indiana.

COLLEGE PRESS BODY

OF NATION IN SESSION

Nineteen States Represented at Meeting in Lafayette.

By Times Special  
LAFAYETTE, Ind., Nov. 17.—The convention of the National College Press Association was to close here this afternoon after a two-day session at which nineteen states were represented by forty-eight editors and business managers of college newspapers.

Indiana was represented by James H. Ronald, editor, the Quaker Kill, Earlham college, Ellettsburg, Ind., Johnson, editor, Normal Advance, Indiana state, Terre Haute, and H. Kester, business manager of the Advance.

On the speakers' program Thursday were Barton Reese Pogue, Taylor university, Upland; Boyd Gurley, editor, The Indianapolis Times, and Edwin V. O'Neil, Indianapolis, executive secretary of Sigma Delta Chi, national journalistic fraternity.

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## Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to the police as stolen:

Herschel Burns, West Minnesota street south of Mickleville, Ford coupe, from Senate avenue and Washington street.

Marvin Hufford Pr., 2419 Broadway, Chrysler roadster, 711-056, from 25 West Sixteenth street.

Athan Taylor, 759 East McCarty street, Ford sedan, from 1100 Prospect street.

Lena M. Bange, 1442 West Morris street, Chevrolet touring, from Ohio street and Capitol avenue.

Henry Williams, 1456 Fletcher avenue, Ford Touring, 706-090, from in front of 1456 Fletcher avenue.

Joe Laker, 1822 East Eleventh street, Ford roadster, 636-480, from Pine and Washington streets.

George Speth, 2140 South Delaware street, Chevrolet coach, 704-181, from in front of 1502 Union street.

James Halftad, Connersville, Ind., Durant sedan, 208-322, from Connersville, Ind.

Harry Turner, 873 Edgemont avenue, Chevrolet touring, 662-916, from Holmes avenue and Michigan street.