

COOLIDGE WARNS AGAINST PRICE FIXING FARM AID

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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 or its administration, supplied with sufficient funds to demonstrate its soundness in its experimental stage, will 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 cooperative 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 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 cooled furniture with the drab furnishings of a few years ago.

Spite Split

By Times Special
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 17.—Mrs. Marie Strucken has obtained a divorce from Edward S. Strucken 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



PROSPERITY TO WINTER IN U. S., EXPERTS SAY

Industrial, Coal and Textiles Show Increased Activity.

BY RAY TUCKER
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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.

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 increased of workers was noted in locomotive works, while railroads took on additional employers. Ship yards also reported greater demand for marine machinists.

'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.

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 partisanship": 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 tacks we can in the way of our successful opponents. Let us make all the trouble we can and embarrass them all we can. That's good politics."

"There is no patriotism in such a course of action," Ludlow declared. "The people are not dumb-bells, and the party that resorts to such minor and major obstructive tactics soon, without realizing it, shares the people's disgust which ordinarily would be visited solely upon the party in power if it misbehaves."

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By going to Mexico and South America, Hoover may avoid the full measure of resolutions, delegation calls, telegrams and long-distance telephone messages which would come to him on the subject otherwise.

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