

# HOOVER HEARS FARM CHIEFS' RELIEF VIEWS

Confers With Numerous Political Chieftains During Day.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—President-elect Hoover canvassed the farm relief legislation situation today in conferences with congressional and agricultural organization leaders.

He was to discuss the farm problem with Senator McNary (Rep.) Oregon, author of the pending agricultural measure, and with Sam H. Thompson of Chicago, president, and Chester H. Gray, legislative representative here of the American Farm Bureau Federation, which supported the old McNary-Haugen bill, twice vetoed by President Coolidge.

The President-elect likewise was expected to hear again opposition to retention of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon in his cabinet, this time from Senator Couzens (Rep.) Michigan, long-time foe of Mellon, scheduled to see Hoover today.

Hear Couzens' Objection  
The Mellon-Couzens feud dates back to 1924, when the two wrote each other long letters arguing about tax policy, followed later by Couzens' investigation of the internal revenue bureau, with a climax in the \$11,000,000 tax suit brought by the government against the multimillionaire Michigan senator, who blamed it upon Mellon.

Couzens' objection to Mellon would be the third brought to Hoover in the last three days, both Senators Brookhart of Iowa and Nye of North Dakota having previously expressed their opposition to the treasury secretary.

Mellon generally is regarded as sure of retaining his post, though the President-elect has made no official announcement.

It appears that Hoover is resigned to an extra session. All congressional leaders who have visited him, with the exception of Senator Moses of New Hampshire, say there is no chance of farm legislation at this session, and representatives of the farm bloc and farm organizations have criticized the McNary bill as inadequate.

## May Change Farm Bill

It may be that Hoover will seek today to have McNary change his measure to embody his own program, with the idea of making it the basis of farm relief legislation in the extra session. With the farm organization leaders, the President-elect is expected to discuss the problem in general.

Other callers listed today include Senators Keyes, New Hampshire; Steiwer, Oregon, and Pine, Oklahoma; Representatives Parker, New York; Chalmers, Ohio, and Cramp-ton, Michigan; Representative-Elect Langford, Virginia, and Ogden Mills, under-secretary of the treasury, who is being boomed for either a cabinet post or a diplomatic assignment.

## COMMITTEES NAMED

Agricultural and Military C. of C. Bodies Selected.

Personnel of the military affairs and agricultural committees of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce for 1929 were announced today by Paul Q. Richley, new president. Perry Lesh of the C. P. Lesh Paper Company, was named chairman of the military affairs committee. Captain H. Weir Cook, general manager of Curtiss flying service of Indiana, is vice-chairman.

Committee members are Brigadier General George H. Jamerson, Colonel W. H. Patterson, Adjutant General William H. Kershner, Harry E. Jordan, Neal Grider, Mark H. Lamer and Colonel A. G. Daugherty. J. Edward Morris, Washington Bank and Trust Company, was appointed agricultural committee chairman, with Clarence Henry, Marion county agricultural agent, as vice-chairman.

Committee members: Milton C. Kelly, Scott Meiks, L. H. Wilson, G. I. Christie, Joseph Gayle, L. L. Needler, John Webb, Walter E. Shearer, Edwin S. Mills and A. D. Warren.

The agricultural committee, Morris said, plans to make an agricultural survey of the Indianapolis trading area embracing fourteen nearby counties, covering products, marketing, social conditions and other features of farm life with the idea of suiting production to needs of the market, and improving quality of produce to bring a better price.

Baby Born With "Extras"  
By United Press  
GREENSBURG, Ind., Jan. 12.—A baby of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Clark, had twelve fingers and toes. The extra fingers and toes were amputated soon after birth and doctors said the surgery would not even leave a scar. The rest of the baby's body was normal, attending physicians said.

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# WITNESS ACCUSSES KEYS OF BRIBERY

Tells of Huge 'Gifts' Made to Prosecutor for Escaping Trial.

By GEORGE H. BEALE  
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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12.—Jacob Berman, a suave easterner who aided in the smuggling of the \$100,000,000 Julian Petroleum Corporation, resumed the witness stand in Superior Judge Edward Butler's court today and told further of the manner in which he allegedly

bribed Asa Keyes, former district attorney. Berman, who turned state's evidence to escape prosecution with Keyes and others, was expected to be under direct examination for at least an hour and during that time he was to add to the list of moneys and gifts he turned over to Keyes and associates to insure his acquittal in the conspiracy trial, which followed collapse of the Julian corporation. He already has told of payments in excess of \$40,000. Almost moaning as he repeated the incidents, Berman said he made separate donations of \$10,000, \$7,500

and \$5,000 twice, all in cash, and many smaller contributions. At one point he said "And because Ben Getzoff said Keyes had to have \$10,000 to pay on his house immediately, I had to sell \$15,000 worth of stock to raise \$10,000 in cash." At another time he recorded he was called by Getzoff to make a gift of a \$500 Chaise lounge to Keys. "What do you mean a gift?" Berman said he asked, and his voice still indicated that he didn't consider it a gift. "Well, you better hand it over quick," he said Getzoff told him. All the money he paid out went to Getzoff, Berman said, and most of it went from Getzoff to Keys. But with all his payments, Berman declared he "got off easy" compared to Ed Rosenberg, then a Julian defendant and now a de-

fendant in the present conspiracy to bribe charges. "Rosenberg told me he paid \$125,000 to Keyes to get the right action in the Julian case," Berman testified. Berman said he came here from Brooklyn in 1924 to aid in getting the Julian company under way. Teaches Dentistry in India  
By United Press  
REDKEY, Ind., Jan. 12.—Dr. Clyde Thornburg, former resident here, has been selected as an instructor of dental surgery at the King George medical college at Lucknow, India. Dr. Thornburg is a graduate of Redkey high school and of the Indiana dental college, Indianapolis. He has been in India for more than a year.

## POINCARE IN VICTORY

Vote of Confidence Firmly Establishes Premier.

By United Press  
PARIS, Jan. 12.—Premier Raymond Poincare was established firmly at the head of the French government today with a strong majority. The premier was given a vote of confidence, 325 to 251, Friday night. The French press greeted the chamber's action today as a great victory for Poincare, and emphasized the importance of his majority. Even the most optimistic supporters of the premier had not expected so large a majority.

## SPEED WITCH TRIAL

Last of Murder Trio Fights to Evade Prison.

By United Press  
YORK, Pa., Jan. 12.—Wilbert Hess, 18-year-old believer in witchcraft, fought desperately today for freedom after his two companions, John Blymyer and 14-year-old John Curry, had been doomed to life imprisonment for the witchcraft slaying of Nelson Behmeyer. Curry was convicted speedily Friday and Hess will probably know his fate before Sunday. The court ordered all possible speed in trying Hess, the last of the trio who killed and burned Behmeyer to get his "witchlock" for burial to break a spell Behmeyer supposedly had cast.

## PUSH DEATH TRIAL

State Seeks Life of Youth for Double Murder.

By United Press  
CANTON, O., Jan. 12.—The state went forward today with plans for the trial of Edward Kaltenbaugh, Grove City (Pa.) youth indicted late Friday on two charges of murder in connection with the killing of John Oser, Canal Fulton dairyman, and his wife, Bertha. The death penalty will be demanded. The Oser were slain a week ago. Kaltenbaugh was captured and confessed, declaring he wanted the couple's new automobile.

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