

## WORLD NEEDS TALKED OVER BY FARMERS

Agriculturists of County Have Wide Variety of Opinions on Economic and Political Conditions.

### EXTRAVAGANCE NOTED

To obtain the opinion of farmers on a probable curtailment of crop production in 1920 and their views on agricultural conditions, the Palladium recently addressed a questionnaire to many agriculturists of this and adjacent counties.

Their replies, all of them worthy of intensive study, show a divergence of opinion on causes of the present situation, but all of them agree in the main that there is a wide margin between what the farmer received for his products and the price which the ultimate consumer pays for them.

Many farmers say if they curtailed working hours to a basis comparable with that used in cities, the production of crops would be cut to such a minimum that severe suffering would result.

Others point out that the manufacturer and merchant can add to the price of his products to meet increasing costs, but the farmer is forced to take the price which the middleman offers him for his product.

Some urge extreme economy by all classes, curtailment of federal expenses and cessation of extravagance. The series of letters, which begins with today's issue, is loaded with material for thought.

SCOTT LIGHTY—It is my opinion there will be a general curtailment of farm products this year, due to many reasons.

One reason is the labor question. It is getting difficult to hire a man to work on a farm because that man thinks he can get much better wages in town than he can on the farm. The factory owner can easily advance the wages and add it on to the product he sells, but the farmer can add nothing on the selling price; but just takes what the other fellow wants to give him for his wheat, corn and hogs.

Today a man working in a shop on the railroad without one dollar invested can make more money than lots of men on farms that have from three to five thousand dollars invested.

Another reason, we have too many middlemen, too many men that are not producers, get a big profit off of what someone else produced, making too much difference between the producer and the consumer. I am not planning to produce any more this year than in previous years, because I do not believe it will justify me to try to do so.

M. C. LINDSEY—I feel that the farmer has been made the goat, as usual. He has been producing more, not taking into consideration the cost of production, or the price which we received for our produce, which was far less than the cost of production on some things, especially hogs and cattle and horses. In summing up the general situation, I think that the labor and cost of implements will curtail the production in farming in 1920.

C. B. KEENE—in regard to the farmer, there is nothing for his these days. It is nearly all a game of chance. We have fed 32 corn to a hog last summer. Some one set the price of hogs so low in the fall that the farmers in Indiana alone lost thousands of dollars. Do you think they will stay in the hog business?

Our help has been drawn to the cities by the short hours, and the good pay. At these short hours, will production ever increase so we can buy a tool or a machine at a reasonable price? On the other hand, are we entitled to a six or eight hour day, or are we compelled to get the limit of 16 hours? If we take an eight hour day, as our city folks do, will it cut production about half. What will that mean to the consumer?

The farmer will raise what there is a profit in for him to raise. If there is no money in one class of farming, he will cater to something more profitable. We have been raising the stuff, but we do not set the price. The other fellow does that. Give us a good profit and a square deal, and we will produce the goods.

GEORGE A. KELSEY—Considering the labor problem, the constant increase in price for farming implements, machinery and everything necessary to carry on the farm, while that which is produced is declining in market value, the present inefficient system of transportation and marketing of farm products and the unsettled condition of finance do not look encouraging for increased production of either grain or live stock at present. For relief co-operation and economy in all classes of business enterprise.

A. W. KERBER—The farmers are planning about normal production. It will be curtailed by labor being short. Increased cost of production coupled with expecting lower prices tend to discourage production. Conditions are the best they ever were at present, because there is more money among the people. However, there is unrest because the wise know it cannot last. The farmer knows because his production is governed by supply and demand, they will be the first to drop. The people have money, the government is badly in debt. It is our government, therefore, that is the trouble. We are not getting off than before. We would be better economy among all classes, also better management of the government in regard to expenditure and care of public property.

LOUIS F. KILBINGER—I am planning to produce less in 1920 to some extent in order to curtail expenses and not to get caught in the swim. The reason conditions are as they are, is first, because we cannot make an even exchange of our products for the manu-

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### Social Favorite



Lady Mary Cambridge

Lady Mary Cambridge, the daughter of the marquis of Cambridge, has become a great favorite in titled social circles of England, because of her pleasant manner.

### \$550,000 ISSUE TO BE ASKED BY BOARD

Charles Jordan, president of the Richmond school board; Superintendent of Schools J. H. Bentley, and Wilford Jessup, attorney for the school board, went to Indianapolis Monday.

They will meet the state board of tax commissioners to request permission to issue bonds for \$550,000 for the immediate construction of West Side, and East Twenty-second street junior high schools.

### State G. A. R. Plans to Meet May 25; Medsker Gets Back From Meeting

William F. Medsker, of Cambridge City, state department commander of the G. A. R., has announced tentative plans for the 1920 state encampment, which will be held at Bloomington, Ind. Medsker has returned from an organization meeting at Bloomington.

The program as tentatively outlined will probably begin on May 25, with the arrival of veterans in the university city, while on the morning of May 26, there will be meetings of the various organizations.

In the afternoon a parade and individual entertainment by the citizens of Bloomington is planned. Camp fires in the evening for the old veterans are also scheduled.

The work of the encampment will be cleared up on the morning of May 27 in order to allow the old soldiers to depart that afternoon.

Several well known speakers are to be invited. It is hoped that Daniel M. Hall, of Columbus, O., National G. A. R. Commander, will be able to be present.

The dates of the encampment, May 25, 26 and 27, are only tentatively agreed upon, and are subject to change.

### Logan Gives County Farmers Income Advice

Residents of Hagerstown and farmers living in that vicinity may obtain information concerning the payment of their income tax from A. N. Logan, county revenue officer, who will be at Hagerstown all this week.

Mr. Logan left for Hagerstown Saturday night, and will remain in Hagerstown all this week to assist taxpayers in that vicinity in filing their returns.

Next week Mr. Logan will be in Cambridge City. The local revenue office will be closed except on Friday and Saturday of this week.

### STIRRING ADDRESS BY ORBISON OPENS FATHER-SON WEEK

"Our ideal must be 100 per cent. Americanism, and Bolshevism and anarchism must go," said Judge Charles Orbison, of Indianapolis, in his address at the father and son mass meeting in the Grace M. E. church, Sunday afternoon. "The recently deported shipload of aliens, are but the forerunners of thousands that must go, and the law will only be safe when the fathers and sons of the country stand in a solid body behind it."

Fathers frequently forget their obligations to their sons, and consider the latter only as chattels and slaves, while in reality the sons are not possessions of fathers, but of God, he declared.

"It is a crime," continued the judge, "to start boys to work at an early age, to have them assume the burden of family cares so that the selfish interests of the father can be gratified. Many promising careers, many bright young lives, many a youth has been spoiled merely because the father used the boy as a chattel and slave, and not as a holy duty imparted by God."

Confide in Boys. "We need to be interested in the life of the boy, to make our lives part of the boy's life and act as counselor and companion instead of ear of the household. Often the boy's heart hunches to confide in the father his troubles and cares, but is ward off by the stern, forbidding nature of the father. Often the boy would love to roam, hunt and be a part of the daily life of his dad."

"We also have to be humane to the boy, for often he will swerve from the straight and narrow path and unless the father stoops and helps the boy to his feet, he will continue his path of degradation. It is a father's job to be a savior at all times, to save even to the uttermost."

"Boy," continued Orbison, "do not often stop to think of the long periods of worry and care caused their parents of insistent demands. The boys never realize that these demands take from the life of the parents. I do not think much of the boy that does not know how to work, who thinks that to wear expensive clothes and spend money given him by self-sacrificing parents is the real life. He who when he reaches manhood, finds that it was his actions that hastened the end of his father and mother."

Glee Club Gives Selections. The Earlham Glee club, under the direction of R. C. Sloane, gave several vocal selections preceding the address. Cyril Pitts, a local boy, sang a solo. Carl Wolfe presided. The Rev. E. Howard Brown, of the East Main Street Friends' church, gave the invocation, and the Rev. Isley made the closing prayer.

Father and son week comprises four principal events, the mass meeting, Sunday, recreation day, Wednesday, father and son banquet, on Friday, and go-to-church Sunday, on Feb. 22.

Special gymnastic exercises by the Y classes will feature Wednesday's program. Special "stunt" swimming, the only event of the week, will be held. These will be under the direction of K. W. Harding, physical director, and Russell Crabb, assistant director.

More than 300 reservations for the father and son banquet Friday night have been made with C. M. Beatty, the secretary. Accommodations for only 400 are available.

Special church and Sunday school services will be held in all Protestant churches of the city and county next Sunday, and pastors are looking for record attendances of fathers and sons. Services will be held by a young people's societies Sunday night.

### ALLEYS TAKEN OUT OF SLICK'S HANDS

City Attorney Byram Robbins was instructed to notify F. E. Slick, trash contractor, and his bondsmen, that the city was going to begin the work of cleaning up the alleys of Richmond, and that the bill would be charged against him and his sureties, at the board of works meeting, Monday.

The city is getting tired of the parleying of Slick and we propose to take the matter in our own hands," said a member of the board. "Slick has failed to clear the alleys of trash after repeated notifications, and steps of this sort were necessary."

Members of the board said that the alleys were in the most deplorable condition that they were ever in and that it was practically impossible for fire trucks to get through many of the sidestreets and alleys. It was necessary for the officials to make three attempts to get through on alley Sunday in order to answer a call, it was stated.

Al Schneider, street commissioner, was ordered to get teams with which to clear the alleys and begin work as soon as possible.

### Pennsy Through Columbus Held Up; Engines Frozen

(By Associated Press) COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 16.—Traffic over the Pennsylvania railroad lines through Columbus, had been restored practically to normal early this forenoon after a tie-up of several hours, said by railroad officials to have been due to 65 engines freezing up owing to cold weather. Officials denied the trouble had been caused by a strike of shomen in the roundhouse last night as was first reported.

Extra crews, they stated, had been put to work early today thawing out the frozen engines and service was being rapidly restored.

Passenger trains from Columbus, O., passing through Richmond were still running from one half to one hour late Monday. Cold weather was given by railroad officials as the reason for delay. Sunday some of the trains were several hours behind schedule.

### State Secretary?



Newton D. Baker.

Newton D. Baker, secretary of war since the resignation early in the war of Secretary Garrison, may be offered the portfolio of secretary of state, left vacant by the resignation of Robert Lansing. Baker is known to be a favorite with President Wilson and the chief executive may, for this reason, ask Baker to take charge of the state department and adjust matters pending there to the president's satisfaction.

### WHITEWATER CHURCH BURNS; LOSS \$13,800

WHITEWATER, Ind. Feb. 16.—Fire, believed to have been caused by an overheated furnace, completely destroyed the Christian church here Sunday afternoon, with a loss estimated at \$13,800. The fire started shortly after noon, and owing to high winds, and lack of fire fighting equipment, the building was soon lost.

Calls for assistance were made to nearby towns, but none of the appeals were answered. Neighbors and members of the congregation formed a bucket brigade, but this proved inefficient against the flames, which were fanned by high winds.

The fire was first noticed by persons living near the church, who saw smoke pouring from the roof. Efforts were made to remove some of the furniture and books from the structure, but the dense smoke that filled the entire building made this impossible. Only a few chairs from the rear of the building were saved.

The church was built in 1875. It was insured for \$12,000.

### Departmental Heads of Preble Fair Announced; Plan Calf Club Contest

EATON, O., Feb. 16.—Appointment of an executive committee, auditing committee and the usual departmental heads were announced by President John H. Lamm, in a meeting here Saturday of the Preble county fair board. Plans for the boys' and girls' calf club contest, which will be a feature of the fair, next fall, were formulated.

The new executive committee of the board is made up of John Unger, Josiah Flora and Julius W. H. Hine. Auditing committee is made up of George W. Riner, John Noakes and Arthur Morton. The departmental heads are—Speed, Jesse L. Haston; horses and mules, John Unger and Josiah Flora; cattle, Arthur Morton; hogs, W. C. Johnson; gates, George W. Riner; amphitheater, H. A. Hine; art hall, Julius Waters; machinery hall, Cleve Montgomery; privileges, Stanley S. Hart; agricultural hall, John Noakes; school exhibit, County School Superintendent W. S. Fogarty and Henry Dastymple.

Jose L. Haston, superintendent of the fairgrounds for the year. He will appoint a custodian of the grounds, the appointment being subject to confirmation of the board.

Applicants for membership in the boys' and girls' calf club contest must have two applications on file with the board on or before March 1. It was decided by the board in planning for the contest. Prospective members will be able to secure application blanks from the board member in their respective township. After the time for filing the application with the board expires, the board will proceed with the purchasing of the necessary number of calves. Already the board has quotations on calves from several sources.

### Bolsheviki Concentrate Troops for Spring Drive

PARIS, Sunday, Feb. 16.—Bolsheviki military leaders are taking advantage of the cold clear weather to improve their positions along the Polish battle front, according to advices received here.

The principal point of concentration on the northern front is near Smolensk, where a crack division arrived recently after a month's rest. In two other districts—near Gomel, in the center of the line, and at far from Kiev, further south—the Soviet troops are utilizing main line railroads extending to the interior of Russia. Direct communication from Gomel, Smolensk and Kiev is impossible, as no railroad parallels the present Bolshevik front, and the army of Poland who have come recently from Poland are unable to say whether the Reds will remain at their concentration points or be distributed for the early spring drive which has been predicted in the event of failure to open peace negotiations with Poland.

One of the best Bolshevik divisions is reported to have arrived at Smolensk in addition to the troops brought from rest camps, and several other divisions have been shifted to that district during the last few weeks.

### BIDS RECEIVED FOR SHIPS; OPPOSITION TO SALE DEVELOPS

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Despite protests voiced in the senate and elsewhere and court proceedings designed to stay the action, the shipping board today received bids for the 30 former German liners.

When the ships first were offered by groups in the services in which the board had planned originally to operate them, no bids were received, but spirited bidding developed later for individual vessels or selected groups to run in specified services.

While the bidding was in progress, these developments came: Associate Justice Bailey of the district supreme court took under advisement the application of William Randolph Hearst, of New York, for an injunction to stop the sale of the vessels. He will give a decision Friday.

White house officials announced that President Wilson would inform the senate that there was "no basis" for reports that there was an agreement between the shipping board and British interests for the sale of the vessels. Information as to this report is asked in a resolution by Senator Brandegee, Republican, Connecticut.

The senate again debated the sale, with Senators Ashurst and McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee, seeking to put the senate on record as opposing the sale.

### Expert Not Needed on K. of P. Building, Belief of Board of Works

The board of works Monday instructed City Clerk Stephens to prepare a letter to be handed to council Monday night on the investigation of the condition of the Knights of Pythias building.

The letter will oppose the action of the council committee in recommending the employment of an expert to examine the structure.

"The opposition is based on the fact that the city has already had three of the best experts examine the building and the country to do this," said a board member, in regard to the re-building of the front.

The board will recommend that the building front be rebuilt and passed upon by the fire chief and building inspector.

### HOLLAND WILLING TO INTERN WILLIAM; ALLIES SATISFIED

(By Associated Press) THE HAGUE, Feb. 16.—The latest allied note to Holland with regard to extradition of the former German emperor, reversed the original demand for his surrender, and asks only his internment, with the suggestion that the former monarch be sent to one of the Dutch islands in the East Indies, it became known today.

The Associated Press learns on excellent authority that the Dutch government has already determined to reply with an order actually to intern Wilhelm at Doorn.

Holland would accept the full responsibility of preventing him from endangering the peace of the world, establishing a guard over him and a strict censorship.

### Board of Works Will Consult Engineer on Light Plant Contract

Action on the proposed contract of the Wayne Light and Power company was again postponed by the board of works in session Monday, a motion of John Peltz to withhold decision until it had time to investigate prices of equipment and other matters that would be essential to the plant in the event the contract was let.

"It is our intention, also," said Harry Gilbert, president of the board, "to consult some electrical engineer in regard to the advisability of letting such a contract."

### State Health Officer Inspects County Schools

Dr. C. E. Helwig, of the state board of health, with County Health Officer J. M. Bulla and C. O. Williams, county superintendent, conducted a survey of township and township schools Monday, relative to the physical condition of the buildings.

The survey will continue throughout Tuesday. Among the schools to be investigated are Greensfork, Abington, Milton, Pershing and Williamsburg.

### Weather Forecast

For Indiana by the United States Weather Bureau—Fair and not so cold tonight and Tuesday.

Today's Temperature  
Noon ..... 10  
Maximum ..... 5  
Minimum ..... Zero.  
For Wayne County by W. E. Moore  
—Partly cloudy, somewhat unsettled, tonight and Tuesday; Gradual moderation in temperature.  
General Conditions—The cold wave which affected all states east of the Rocky mountains has two centers, one over the northern states, the other over the far south. The lowest temperature, 30 below zero, was at Devils Lake North Dakota, with freezing temperature in Arkansas and a part of Mississippi, with snow in Memphis Tenn. The weather is moderating over the west and it will not be so cold here in the next twenty-four hours, although considerable wind.

### Special Attorney



Judge W. H. Elchhorn, special judge in the famous Indianapolis election fraud cases in which 150 men were indicted, is assisting the government in the trial of Senator Newberry and 154 others charged with fraud in the senatorial campaign against Henry Ford.

### LEGION WILL URGE BONUS LEGISLATION

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—A bonus for ex-service men and compulsory military training were announced as the principal aims of the legislative committee of the American Legion members of which were here today for a series of conferences with congressmen. Franklin D'Olier, national commander of the legion, was present to direct the activities of the committee.

The bonus issue, which was sidetracked after considerable agitation at the first annual convention of the legion in Minneapolis, through a vote to leave the question to congress, for week was revived at national headquarters in Indianapolis.

It was claimed that on account of the dilatoriness of congress, the legion was determined to press the matter by asking for specific settlement by the government of a \$50 bond for each month of service performed during the war. Such a bonus, it was estimated, would cost the government approximately \$1,900,000,000.

The legion already has gone on record as favoring compulsory military training.

### It Finds Bread Short; Warns He Will Prosecute If Practice Is Continued

Any Richmond grocer who sells bread baked by Ohio bakers, or any Indiana representative of these bakers which does not weigh up to the amount printed on the wrapper, is liable to criminal charges after Feb. 15, according to announcement Monday, by William A. Hunt, city inspector of weights and measures.

Rumors that Ohio bakers had been shipping bread into Richmond, marked one pound, which upon weighing show but 12 ounces, reached Hunt last week. He investigated, found the rumors to be true, he said, and Saturday conferred with the state commissioner of weights and measures I. R. Miller, at Indianapolis, who authorized him to issue the warning.

Indiana baking laws require that bread can only be baked in pound, pound and a half, pound and three quarters and all units of a pound," said Hunt. "These bakers have been shipping bread into Richmond which was labeled one pound and weighed but 12 ounces, and their alleged 24 ounce loaves weight but 20 ounces."

"By this practice the Ohio bakers are breaking a state law by selling a 12 ounce loaf of bread, and a Federal law by misrepresentation of products. A heavy penalty is attached to either offense."

### Mercury Spends Sunday Visiting Zero Marker

Saturday night the thermometer dropped to 9 above zero in the city, Sunday, it dropped to even zero, and at 7 a. m. Monday, one degree below zero was registered. These are official temperatures, as city thermometers read as low as eight below zero early Monday. A whistling wind added to pedestrians' discomfort.

However, Richmonders need not order a fresh supply of coal. The government forecast for Monday predicts rising temperatures. Areas of high barometric pressure prevail all over the western part of the country.

### Railroad Executive Asked to Meet Hines

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Director General Hines today telegraphed T. DeWitt Cuyler, of New York, chairman of the association of railroad executives, asking him to designate a committee to meet here for conference with railroad administration officials on "railroad wage questions and related subjects." The request was understood to have been made at the suggestion of President Wilson.

## PRESIDENT'S ADRIATIC NOTE IS ANSWERED

Premiers Make Short Reply to American Chief Executive's Objection to Settlement of Jugo-Slav Muss.

### THREAT IS INTIMATED

(By Associated Press) PARIS, Feb. 16.—Prompt rejection of President Wilson's objections to the compromise agreement by which England, France and Italy hoped to settle with Jugo-Slavia questions relative to the future status of the Eastern coast of the Adriatic is reported in the Echo de Paris.

Premiers Lloyd George of Great Britain, and Millerand of France, drafted the reply to the American chief executive and insisted Jugo-Slavia must agree to the compromise, with the alternative of seeing the treaty of London become operative. It is said. At the same time the premier's reply was sent to Washington, the foreign minister of Jugo-Slavia was notified the viewpoint of the British and French governments had not been altered by the seemingly unexpected action of Mr. Wilson.

Contents of the Wilson note have not been made public. He is said, however, to have given intimation the United States would "find it impossible to continue to concern itself on European affairs, if the allies proceed to settle the Adriatic problem without consulting the United States."

It is said the President entered serious objections to the ultimatum to the Belgrade government on Jan. 20, and declared it differed from the program framed by Premiers Clemenceau and Lloyd George. It was asserted that an American representative, last December.

While not connected with the situation resulting from the Wilson note, a cabinet crisis has arisen at Belgrade. The ministry, led by Premier Davidovitch resigned yesterday, announcing that this was the sequel of the refusal of Prince Alexander to dissolve the present provisional parliament and call for the election of a constituent assembly. It is probable this situation will delay still further settlement of the Adriatic problem.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—President Wilson, it was learned today at the white house, did not say in his note to the Entente premiers regarding the Fiume question, that the United States would no longer be able to concern itself in European affairs if a Fiume settlement were made without consulting America.

Officials said the interpretation of the president's note by the Paris Temps was "too sweeping." They said the United States would not withdraw from participation in the peace treaty and the league of nations, if the treaty were ratified by the senate, but that it would be withdrawn from any participation in the Fiume settlement, including the policing of the Adriatic.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Up to noon today the reply of the Allied Supreme council to President Wilson's note relative to the proposed Adriatic compromise, had not been dispatched to Washington. It was learned after a meeting of the council that the note was being treated as a sensational development by the London press.

### Street Car Fares Go Up In 460 Cities of U. S.

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Street car fares in 460 cities throughout the country have been increased, according to figures given out today by the Illinois Bureau of Public Utility Information, which attributed the advances directly to high material and labor costs. In 50 cities 10-cent fares are being paid, the report said.

As an indication of the "financial peril" of the electric street railroad industry, the committee asserted that in 1919, 48 companies, with a total of 3,781 miles of track, went into the hands of receivers, while during the past three years 98 companies, representing approximately one-sixth of the entire mileage of the country had become involved in bankruptcy courts.

### Mexican Bandits Haul in \$50,000 American Citizen

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Wilson Welsh Adams, an American, has been captured by bandits in Zacatecas, Mexico, and is being held for \$50,000 pesos ransom, the state department was advised today.

### Township Trustees Wait to Select Agent; No Quorum

Lack of a quorum made it necessary to postpone the call meeting of the township trustees of the county, Monday, to select an agricultural agent for Wayne county. County Superintendent Williams has issued a call for another meeting of the trustees for Friday, at 10 a. m. The bad weather was the cause of the failure to be present.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS IS SOLUTION OF EXCHANGE PARIS, Feb. 16.—Necessary elements for bringing about a solution of problems regarding international exchange have been found in the workings of the league of nations, according to a statement made in London to a correspondent of the Petit Parisien by Frederic Francois-Marsal, French minister of finance.