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FARMERS ASK QUICK REMEDY TO AVERT RUIN

General Bankruptcy Inevitable Unless Immediate Change in Conditions is Effected.

APPEAL TO PRESIDENT

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—"General bankruptcy and ruin are inevitable unless some immediate remedy is found to relieve the present price situation as it affects the farmer," says a report submitted to the agricultural conference here today by a general committee appointed to steady the situation.

The report was adopted without a dissenting vote.

Declaring that the condition of the mind of the farm population is "ominous" the committee said, "This state of mind can only be changed by a frank and fair attitude by the part of those in authority—the test of which can only be their act."

Blame Federal Reserve.

The committee blames the Federal reserve system for present prices, charging that it has arbitrarily withheld from assisting the basic industry of this country to maintain level of prices that at least meet the cost of production.

Representatives of agricultural interests meeting here to devise means of checking the downward trend of prices of farm products were hopeful today that President Wilson would give an audience during the day to a committee which planned to protest to him against the currency deflation policy of the treasury department.

A request for a conference, with members of the cabinet participating, was made of the president yesterday by Senators O'Gorman of North Carolina, and Harris, of Georgia, acting in behalf of the farmers' organizations represented at the meeting.

Appeal for Loans.

A delegation expected also to carry their appeal for a more liberal government policy with respect to loans to the federal reserve board which is holding its regular fall conference here today with governors of the various reserve banks.

Agricultural representatives gathered here declare that farmers of the country will lose billions of dollars unless the slump in the price of their products is checked.

A committee composed of representatives of each agricultural organization attending the meeting is drafting a statement to the public presenting the plight of the growers under present conditions.

Denounce Riders.

A resolution has been prepared and probably will be acted on today denouncing the activities of night riders" in cotton states. Rehabilitation of the cotton market, according to those who drew up the resolution, is hindered rather than helped by the activities of those responsible for the burning of cotton and cotton gins and for threats of violence.

The department of justice has given assurance that an investigation will be made immediately to ascertain whether federal laws have been violated, and, if they have, officials said today, federal prosecution of "night riders" and others responsible for depredations in the cotton belt will be ordered.

'Crank's' Explanation Clears Kidnapping; Trial Is Prepared

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 13.—Satisfied that the mystery surrounding the kidnapping on June 2, of Blakely Coughlin, the 13 months old son of George H. Coughlin, of Morristown, has been cleared up by the confession of August Pasquale, the authorities today began preparation for their case against the "crank" for presentation to the Montgomery county court.

Mr. Coughlin also said he felt the case had been cleared up. "I am very much relieved now that the tension is broken," he declared. "The suspense of living the rest of my life without the sure knowledge of the fate of my boy is now settled. I am glad it is over."

Charge Uncertain.

Although Pasquale, according to Major Lynn G. Adams, head of the state police, confessed that he smothered the child while miking his escape with it under his coat and threw the body in the Schuylkill river, legal authorities here today said he could not be tried on the charge of murder because of the absence of proof of the "corpus delicti, or body of the crime." A confession, they declared, could not be introduced in evidence until the corpus delicti had been shown.

A piece of steel rail with a string attached, was found yesterday by a diver, at the spot pointed out by Pasquale as the place where he threw the body. Evidences of a fire on the river bank nearby, where he told the authorities he had burned the child's clothing, also were discovered. No trace of the body, however, was found and officials believe none ever will be.

They say that after being in the water more than four months, it undoubtedly has decomposed and disappeared.

Faces Other Charges.

In addition to the kidnapping and slaying of the Coughlin boy, Pasquale also will be charged with the murder in Philadelphia, on June 1, of Mrs. Rose Asherman, who conducted a rooming house here. He told Major Adams that he went to the house for the purpose of robbery, and killed Mrs. Asherman with a piece of slate. Until confession was made public, the killing had remained a mystery. Local police said today they were convinced Pasquale was the slayer. He also is said to have confessed to the killing of a man in a saloon here about nine months ago.

Hero of Verdun



MILTON FIRM RECEIVERSHIP IS CONTESTED

Attorneys for Doddridge-Beck Company File Motion to Have Circuit Court Order Set Aside.

CLAIM NO JURISDICTION

Attorneys for the defendant company in the case of Carlton Chaney against the Doddridge-Beck company of Milton, Ind., a manufacturing concern, for appointment of a receiver for the concern, filed a motion with Judge William A. Bond in circuit court Wednesday to have the receivership set aside.

It is alleged by the attorneys for the Doddridge-Beck company that the court appointed the American Trust and Savings bank of Richmond receiver for the concern on Sept. 27 and that when this action was taken the defendant company was given no notice of the receivership. It is further alleged that notice of the appointment of a receiver was not filed with the sheriff until Sept. 30.

Contend No Notice

Attorneys for the company contend that Indiana courts have ruled that a receivership action is not commenced until notice of the appointment of a receiver has been filed with the company against which the proceedings have been instituted.

Inasmuch as the receiver for the Doddridge-Beck company assumed control of its affairs previous to the time the notice of receivership had been placed in the hands of the sheriff, attorneys for the company contend the court is without jurisdiction and no receivership exists.

Expect Immediate Reply

Attorneys for Chaney, a stockholder in the Doddridge-Beck company, who filed petition for the appointment of a receiver, are expected to file an immediate reply to the motion entered by the company's attorneys and Judge Bond probably will make his ruling Thursday.

Next Saturday is the date set for hearings on motion filed by Chaney to make the receivership for the company permanent. The Doddridge-Beck company's financial difficulties resulted from the mismanagement of its affairs by its former secretary-treasurer, the late Oscar M. Kirlin, according to allegations contained in the petition for the appointment of a receiver. Kirlin was also cashier of the defunct Farmers' bank of Milton. He committed suicide last July.

INDIANA VOLUNTEERS HOLD REUNION HERE

Members of the Old Brigade association, composed of the 8th and 18th Indiana volunteers and the first battery will hold their 45th annual reunion at the court house here on Oct. 19. After a business session in the morning, dinner will be served by the Woman's Relief corps, and in the afternoon a short program has been planned, to be followed by talks by the old soldiers.

Noah Hutton, president of the association, is the only remaining member who lives in Richmond. The late John A. Markley was secretary and after his death two years ago, his daughter, Mrs. Fred Lahman, was made secretary and honorary member of the old brigade.

The 8th Indiana volunteers were organized in this part of the state and the 18th farther south, while the first battery came from near Evansville. The three companies served together in the war and afterwards organized into the Old Brigade association. Despite the fact that the old soldiers are now scattered in every part of the country, many have announced their intention of attending.

Frank Albus, of Evansville, former secretary of the Commercial club here, asked that the club appoint a committee to investigate a factory which he is anxious to see located in Richmond. He gave an interesting talk to the club encouraging members to continue their activities in civic betterment.

How Reprisal Rioters Left Homes in Mallow After Officer's Death



Mr. Thompson standing before the ruins of his home. Following the murder of a sergeant during rioting in the town of Mallow, near Cork, the military revenged the murder by wrecking practically the whole town. The Sinn Feiners raided the Mallow barracks in the attack which resulted in the sergeant's death.

YOUNG BUSINESS MEN REFUSE TO ENDORSE SILVER STEEL STOCK

The Young Men's Business club voted against an endorsement of the Silver Steel and Iron company at its meeting in the council chamber Tuesday night after an unfavorable report was returned by the committee appointed to investigate the status of the company. A representative of the steel company spoke at the last meeting of the club.

Complete reports from the membership campaign were not given because of the absence of Howard Steinkamp, chairman of the committee, who was out of the city. It was decided, however, to continue the campaign for a short time, or until the teams which have been appointed could completely canvass their territories. The goal of the club is in sight, officers of the club state.

Finance Committee Busy

The finance committee, which has charge of the raising of the 3,000 necessary for the Armistice Day celebration, reported that it was planned to enlarge the committee so that a districting of the city could be made and a general solicitation of funds made. This probably will be started next week.

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Consider Tour

The club took under advisement the proposition of W. O. Jones, county road supervisor, to promote a tour of the county similar to the tour of the city officials, made last week under the direction of Dell Davis, city engineer. It is thought that favorable action will be taken and that people of the city be invited to visit the towns of the county.

A trip which would take in Boston, Abington, Centerville, Economy, Georgetown, Pershing, Greensfork, Milton, Cambridge City, Williamsburg, Fountain City, Bethel, Whitewater and Middleboro was outlined by the county official. He planned to arrive in Georgetown for luncheon, which he stated, could be furnished by the Ladies' Aid society of one of the churches there.

The next regular meeting of the club is scheduled for Tuesday night, Oct. 26. Efforts are being made to get permanent rooms.

PALMER ASKS SIMMS REASON FOR RESIGNING

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—Attorney-General Palmer today telephoned D. W. Simms, Indianapolis, asking his reason for resigning as special assistant to the attorney-general in the prosecution of the cases against coal operators and miners pending before Federal Judge Anderson there.

Mr. Simms' letter of resignation contained no indication why he wished to withdraw from the case, the attorney-general said. Reports that there had been a controversy between Mr. Simms and the department were denied.

Discussing reports that restrictions had been placed on evidence which Mr. Simms would be allowed to present in coal cases, Mr. Palmer declared that the only instructions sent him had been that no facts used in the conspiracy cases last winter should be employed in prosecutions of the same defendants in another trial.

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Plans for a monthly get-together meeting for all dormitory men of the association were made and will be carried out this winter, according to William Friede, in charge of this feature.

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DOCTORS AND DENTISTS STRIKE IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Oct. 13.—Doctors and dentists of Chemnitz have begun a counter strike against the strike of the municipal employees.

At Plauen the municipal gas and electricity workers have gone on strike.

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OPERATORS ARE WARNED BY GOODRICH

Governor Says Commission Will Bare Facts if Refusals to Furnish Coal Continue—Alleges Accounts Padded.

DECLARER PRICE FAIR

(By Associated Press)

CANDELTON, Ind., Oct. 13.—"Many operating accounts of coal companies are padded for the purpose of avoiding the federal income tax," said Governor James P. Goodrich of Indiana, in an address at a Good Roads meeting near here today, in discussing the recent orders of the Special Coal and Food commission which recently fixed coal prices in Indiana. He declared that if the mine operators of Indiana continue their refusal to furnish coal upon the order of the commission "all the facts in the possession of the commission will be given to the public."

Discussing the assertion of Phil H. Penna, secretary-treasurer of the Indiana Bituminous Coal Operators' association, that the mine owners had no intention of complying with the orders of the commission, the governor said that men in Indiana who before the war were content with salaries of \$5,000 to \$10,000, were now drawing \$30,000 and \$40,000 for managing mines. "I don't think Penna or anyone else connected with the operators' association wants the inside facts laid before the people of the state," Governor Goodrich himself is a coal mine operator.

Declarer Price Liberal.

After discussing the origin of the special coal and food commission Governor Goodrich said in part:

"The action of the operators in defying the orders of the commission and the prices they are seeking to charge for coal in Indiana have settled beyond question the fact that neither the coal operators nor any other group of men can safely be trusted to deal fairly with the public when the fixing of prices is left entirely in their hands as in the price of coal at the present time."

"The commission has fixed a price that is liberal and under which any mine that has a right to operate, can make a fair profit. Phil Penna, the paid agent of the operators' association, makes the statement that twenty-nine mines in Indiana can not operate under the prices fixed by the commission. All these twenty-nine operators have to do to get relief is to go before the commission, show their costs, and if the facts indicate that the rate is not high enough as to their particular mine, the commission will undoubtedly modify the order."

Suspect Restoration

It is the supposition here that the coup, if it really has taken place is an effort to restore to the throne former Emperor Hsuan-Tung, son of Prince Chun.

General Lishun, commander of Chinese government troops in the provinces of Kiangsu and Kiangsi, and leader of a powerful political clique, committed suicide at Nanking today by shooting himself. The text of his will declared his action was due to developments at Peking and the failure of measures he had advocated for the salvation of the nation.

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Accounts Are Padded.

The truth of the matter is, that many of the operating accounts of the coal companies are padded for the purpose of avoiding the federal income tax.

If the operators as Penna indicates, want to pursue the same public-be-damned policy that brought the liquor business to its end and has driven the public to drastic regulatory measures as to the control of other business as to protect the people from extortion, the responsibility lies with them.

Call Commission Fair.

"The commission has shown a disposition to deal fairly with the operators in the adjustment of this matter. They only want coal for the people of Indiana at a fair price. This they intend to have if there is the power vested in them under the laws to require the operators to furnish the coal at the present time."

The operators complain that too much publicity has been given to the facts ascertained by the commission. This was not done, however, until the operators indicated pretty clearly that they did not intend to comply with any of the orders of the commission. The operators may drive the commission to do some things that under ordinary circumstances would not be done. They might just as well undertake to do things that under ordinary circumstances would not be done.

The president of the Chinese republic is Hsu Shih-Chang, who was elected in August, 1918, and inaugurated in October of that year. The cabinet, formed Aug. 11 of this year, is headed by General Chin Yun-Peng, as premier and minister of war.

To a suggestion that the people on that day be invited to read the covenant in their homes and other places, and that the announcement be made also through the schools, the governor replied that the people of the state would resent intrusion upon their worship on Sunday, and that he would not "undertake to make innocent children advocates of what they do not comprehend."

GRAND JURY SESSION GOES INTO NEXT WEEK

It was learned Wednesday that the grand jury, which began its sessions last Wednesday, will not be able to complete its work until some time next week.

The grand jury was expected to return its first indictment Wednesday afternoon against Elmer Jackson, colored, charged with the murder of Amos Carpenter colored.

Probe Milton Crash

The grand jury is now engaged in a thorough investigation of the affairs of the defunct Farmers' bank of Milton, Ind., which went into the hands of receiver two months ago following the suicide of its cashier, Oscar M. Kirlin. The purpose of the investigation is to ascertain whether any other persons were implicated with Kirlin in his alleged criminal mismanagement of the bank's affairs.

The bank investigation has been in progress all this week. Quite a number of witnesses have been examined and Wednesday a number of other witnesses were summoned to appear before the jury.

Weather Forecast

For Indiana,