

## RAINMAKER HATFIELD EMPLOYED BY CANADA AT \$4,000 PER INCH

(By Associated Press)  
MEDICINE HAT, Alta., March 16.—"Rainmaker" Charles M. Hatfield, who has a contract with the United Agricultural association to produce rain has come to this district from Los Angeles, Cal., and according to arrangements made by the Agricultural association, is about to begin work on his new project.

Hatfield, according to the terms of this contract, agrees to construct and build a rain precipitation and attraction plant at a favorable site to be chosen by him for his operations.

Has Number of Offers.  
In outlining plans to a meeting of the United Agricultural association, F. S. Rath, secretary, announced that the "rainmaker" has been offered inducements to visit the district of Northford, in southern Alberta, and Foremost, Saskatchewan. Farmers in general are highly enthusiastic over the prospects.

The main rain precipitation plant, according to the plan announced, will be located at Chappice Lake, about 20 miles from this city. The matter of financing the project was referred to the executive committee as was also the selection of locations for the rain gauges, which Hatfield is expected to bring with him. What methods the rainmaker intends to pursue in producing the rain has not been disclosed.

**Territory is Laid Out.**  
The contract between the United Agricultural association and Hatfield is such that his "plant" is to be kept in constant operation from the first of May, 1921, to the first day of August, 1921, in the endeavor to bring about the largest possible increased precipitation over and about that portion of Alberta, Canada, and a section of territory at least one hundred miles radius with the City of Medicine Hat, Alberta, as a center.

"And it is hereby understood and agreed," the contract read, "that of all rain falling from the first day of May, 1921, to the first day of August, 1921, in the above described district, said Hatfield, through the efforts of his operations upon the atmosphere, shall be given credit for one-half of the precipitation that falls at the uniform rate of \$4,000 per inch up to four inches or fraction thereof. The maximum consideration of the contract being \$8,000, for a four-inch rainfall.  
"All rainfall in excess of four inches no extra charges whatsoever."

**FRANCE ASKS \$500,000  
FOR WAR TIE-UP IN U. S.**  
WASHINGTON, March 16.—The Republic of France filed 25 complaints Tuesday with the interstate commerce commission against railroads serving the port of New York alleging unlawful charges for storage of war materials at New York harbor while traffic there was congested during the war. Reparation amounting to \$500,000 was asked.

**MEN CAN'T EMIGRATE  
UNLESS VICES CONSENT**  
WARSAW, March 16.—Announcement was made today in behalf of the American consul here that he will issue no visas to married men going abroad unless they can produce proof that they have the permission of their wives to make the voyage.

## Nervy 'Squarehead' Writes Letter Seeking to Join American Legion

INDIANAPOLIS, March 16.—Adj. Lemuel Bolles and other officials at national headquarters of the American Legion Tuesday unanimously voted one Johannes Nedlich of Dresden, Germany, the distinction of the "nerve squarehead" emerging from the "world war". Nedlich, it appears, after more than two years' service in the German army, has suddenly become possessed of a passion to leave his fatherland, desert the army, come to America and join the American Legion. He blandly asks the legion to send him information regarding the organization and pay his transportation to a place designated for him to report and join its ranks.

A letter addressed to national headquarters here arrived yesterday from Nedlich, making application for membership and giving a description of himself and his military service. He was apparently oblivious to the fact that the United States is still officially at war with Germany. It was said, and that American Legion membership is open only to those who served with honor against his country before the armistice was signed.

**Speculate on Motive**  
Much speculation as to the motives of the German soldier in making application was aroused by the letter at headquarters. It was generally agreed that Nedlich's chief desire was to get to America, a desire that is said to be frequently expressed by young Germans in the territory occupied by American troops. The fact that Nedlich gave his height and age were thought to indicate that he considered the legion a part of the American army and that he perhaps thought it similar to the French foreign legion, a military service department.

The letter of "the nerviest squarehead" was written in a neat German script, correct to the last detail in form, and was dated Feb. 20, 1921, from 35 Dordulthstrasse, Dresden, Free State of Saxony.

**Nedlich's Letter**  
Translated, it reads as follows:  
"The undersigned would like to be-

### Junior Order of Moose Install Officers Tuesday

Officers installed at the meeting of the Richmond lodge, No. 27, Junior Order of Moose, Tuesday night, included the following:  
Dale Seekings, past dictator; Gary Ulrich, dictator; Horace Myers, vice dictator; Lee Webb, prelate; Russell Fansher, secretary; Harold Farwig, treasurer; Russell Hilling, sergeant at arms; Robert Jordan, inner guard; Herschel Flegle, outer guard; Roland Farwig, trustee; Roy Hatfield, trustee; W. L. Seekings, governor; W. D. Fansher and Jerry Jordan, vice governors.

### Elliott is at Home Until Special Session

Representative Richard N. Elliott has arrived in Connorsville to be at home until a special session of congress is called. Referring to the patronage question, Representative Elliott is reported to have said that the postmasters of the country are under civil service and will remain so unless President Harding revokes an executive order of President Wilson.

come a member of the American Legion and would like to learn the details and particulars about the organization. I am 21 years old, 175 centimeters (a fraction over 5 feet 9 inches) tall, and have been in the army for more than two years. Free transportation to the place of reporting is expected.

"Respectfully,  
"JOHANNES NEDLICH."  
Lemuel Bolles, national adjutant of the legion, said that the application would be ignored, except for notification of the Amaro post No. 4 of the legion at Coblenz, Germany, of the desire expressed by Nedlich. The Amaro post is the only unit organized in Germany and is composed of members of the American Expeditionary Forces stationed in that district. It was suggested that the letter might reflect a lurking desire of many Saxon soldiers who had chafed under the Prussian military regime.

### American Legion

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 16.—The American Legion of Indiana has sent its greetings and its endorsement of the all-American mass meeting to be held under the leadership of the Legion at Madison Square Garden, New York, on March 18, as an answer and a national demonstration against the revival of German propaganda activities in the United States. It was announced today by L. Russell Newgent, state adjutant of the Legion.

Colonel F. W. Galbraith, Jr., national commander of the Legion, has been placed in charge of arrangements for the meeting by a committee representing fifty patriotic, civic, fraternal, professional and labor organizations. Colonel Galbraith has sent word to Mr. Newgent that the meeting will be the "mightiest patriotic demonstration America has witnessed since the Armistice." Telegrams will be read from every state in the union. On behalf of ex-service men of Indiana, L. R. Gignilliat, state commander of the Legion, has wired Colonel Galbraith as follows:

"American Legion Indiana absolutely behind you in support of your movement to combat such dastardly German propaganda and treasonable utterances and actions as characterized recent disloyalists meeting Madison Square Garden."

In his response to the Indiana greetings Colonel Galbraith asserted that he was being deluged with telegrams from all parts of the country. He writes:  
"There has been nothing like it since the wave of patriotic ardor enveloped the nation following our declaration of war against Germany. It marks the spontaneous beginning of a great All-American counter-offensive against enemy propaganda which is sweeping America. It is the natural reaction from the national wave of resentment which swept the country in

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the wake of the exposure by the American Legion of the projected revival of German propaganda efforts in this country, the insidious objects of which were to estrange the United States and those nations which were our comrades in arms in war, and the restoration to its place of former power and influence in our national affairs of the powerful pro-German political machine of which Herr van Bernstorff and others made such good use in the imperial cause before we entered the war. The cards are on the table. The disloyalists have stated their case and America has made its answer."

### Ohio News Flashes

**COLUMBUS.**—While the extremely dry general assembly was engaged in the business of enacting harsher penalties against alcohol dampness, there was in operation about 504 feet and 11 inches from the legislative chambers a still from which dripped corn liquor. It was found by the police in a room

across the capital and near the city hall.

**DAYTON.**—Active preparations from the aviation standpoint, are going forward here for an aerial attack on warships in June or July to demonstrate the effectiveness of bombing planes against dreadnaughts. Two triplanes and a bomber from the Wilbur Wright Field will participate in the test, according to statements made by McCook field officials today.

**HAMILTON.**—In juvenile court, Judge R. S. Woodruff arraigned three boys on a charge of having disturbed a meeting of the Improvement association at Cookeville last Friday. It was alleged that they engaged in a fight because they were called "briars" by a 12 year old boy, whose eye was nearly knocked from its socket.

**DAYTON.**—Declaring himself to be outraged by the issuance of a search warrant through S. A. Probst, of the Anti-Saloon league, William M. Todd has entered suit to recover damages and also to end the action of enforcement officials in Dayton and Montgomery county. The suit was filed in common pleas court for \$15,000. In his petition Mr. Todd avers that with-

out justification his home was invaded, his furniture thrown about and his private effects searched for liquor that had no existence.

### Indiana Brevities

**BLOOMFIELD.**—Thieves who entered the Citizens' bank at Newberry, 12 miles south of here, Tuesday night, carried away two army carbines, recently purchased by the bank for protection in case of daylight holdups. Entrance had been made by boring a hole above the lock on the door and using some instrument to turn the knob.

**LAPORTE.**—Cecil Burkett, 11 years old, charged with first degree murder for the killing of Bennie Salvin, another boy about his age, will go on trial in the Starke circuit court at Knox, Ind., April 5. Burkett is alleged to have shot and killed his playmate last Thanksgiving day following a quarrel. Prosecutor J. A. Dilts will attempt to prove malice and deliberate intent to kill.

**SEYMOUR.**—With 14 cases of diphtheria reported in various parts of the

city, health authorities are considering measures against an epidemic. One death has resulted and several other patients are in a critical condition.

**GREENCASTLE.**—Clarence Booty, 25 years old, was killed instantly late Tuesday at his farm in Jefferson township when struck by lightning. Booty had driven his team from the field to the barn when the bolt hit the barn and jumped to him. The team was not hurt.

**MR. AND MRS. WILSON MAKE  
FORMAL WHITE HOUSE CALL**  
WASHINGTON, March 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson while motoring Tuesday, drove into the White House grounds. Their automobile stopped at the entrance of their former home and they handed usher cards for the President and Mrs. Harding. The President had just left for the golf links.

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