

## FARM LABOR STRIKE IN CHILE BEGINNING OF NEW RELATIONSHIP

(By Associated Press)

SANTIAGO, Chile, April 5.—The first farm laborers' strike in Chile was called recently by several hundred workers on the 20,000-acre estate of an English woman near here. While the actual movement was confined to one farm and involved a relatively small number of men, it attracted widespread interest and has been pointed out as marking the beginning of a new era in the existing relations between the land proprietor and the Chilean agricultural laborer.

The immediate cause of the trouble, it is said, was the refusal of the laborers to continue working until sunset during the harvest, according to long established custom in this country. The provincial governor investigated the strike and announced "there had been a current of propaganda passing between the Chilean federation of labor and workers on various farms in the department." Workers also demanded increased wages, dismissal of the overseer and the right to organize. The latter was granted and the dispute finally was settled after President Alessandri had admonished the men to return to the fields.

18 Cents Per Day

The "Inquilino" system prevails on most of the large estates which form a characteristic feature of the farming region of central Chile. Under the system the worker is given possession of a plot of land for purposes of cultivation, a house and rights of pasture. On the estate where the strike took place, the daily wages were 80 centavos (about 18 cents at normal exchange).

The South Pacific Mail, discussing the strike, says "relations between the employer and employee on the farms hitherto have been somewhat patriarchal. The patron has been the ultimate court of appeal and, it might be said, absolute master of the liberties, if not the lives, of the peasantry who are linked to these estates by the 'Inquilino' system. On the great haciendas (estates) the laborers and their families have remained for many years in a virtual state of feudal servitude. It is not surprising, therefore, that at the present day, when the self-consciousness of the worker all over the world has awakened, that the Chilean people should seek some amelioration of his often hard lot."

The owner of the estate where the laborers went on strike said the walk-out was the direct result of action of "subversive elements." She declared she had provided her employees with good homes, schools and medical attendance.

### FLIGHT IN PLANE RESTORES SPEECH



Henry A. Renz telephoning his mother after the flight.

Henry A. Renz, ex-soldier, Washington, had been unable to speak for eight months when he took a ride in an airplane recently. The flight was taken at the suggestion of Dr. Charles H. McEnerney of the public health service after all other suggested remedies had failed. The aviator took Renz up 14,000 feet and then fell into a "nose dive." When the plane landed Renz found his voice restored.

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politician and enjoys considerable popularity, but political experts indict him with the charge that he was in last year's senatorial contest and suffered the fate of all the other Democratic candidates in the state. He was overwhelmed.

When the question is asked in Washington if Marshall could be drafted as a candidate for the senate, his friends generally reply that he could. The former vice-president likes politics. Discussing the Marshall boom the Washington Star says:

"What Democrat would shake down more easily or effectively in the senate? He would be perfectly at home. He would be exceedingly popular on both sides of the chamber."

The Star believes Marshall could

be induced to accept the senatorial nomination even in the face of admittedly strong Republican opposition. "The court house cannot possess the attraction for him it did before he had tasted of the pleasures of national life and office," the Star comments. "He has been for more than a decade away from his profession, and younger men are in the lead there now. So why not another try at politics. The adjuration follows: Keep your eye on Marshall."

The question of broadening the field of activities for the vice-president of the United States is to be considered in the proposed re-organization of the federal establishment. To enlarge the work and the dignity of the second most important public office in the republic it is understood the administration favors the following plan:

First, to have the vice-president act as a general counselor, sitting with the cabinet on questions of administrative policy.

Second, to have the vice-president act as an informal counselor, assisting the president in political appointments and to represent him on certain occasions.

Third, to have the vice-president act as an aid to the president in securing cordial and co-operative relations between the executive and legislative branches of the government in putting through legislative programs.

Washington correspondents have made the pleasing discovery that President Harding has "news sense." Only a newspaper man can appreciate what that means. When the correspondents met with the President recently he incidentally referred them to the head of one of the departments for some information, "and it's a pretty good story," he added. It was more than that, it was a rattling good story.

Washington correspondents of the present generation can recall only one other president who had "news sense," Theodore Roosevelt.

### News of the Counties

CAMDEN, O.—The Dayton District Ministerial conference of the M. E. church will meet in Camden April 19-20. Bishop Anderson will preach Tuesday evening.

WEBSTER, Ind.—The Phalanx minstrel troupe of the Second Presbyterian church of Richmond, will give

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a show at the Friends church here, Saturday evening, April 9, at 8 o'clock. Every body is invited to attend these meetings.

### CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

#### LEAGUE MEETS APRIL 14

BALTIMORE, April 5.—The fortieth annual meeting of the National Civil Service Reform league will be held here April 14. Speakers will include Henry Law Wilson, ex-ambassador to Mexico; Senator Thomas R. Sterling of South Dakota; Mrs. Helen H. Gardner and Representative S. D. Fess, of Ohio.

### Another Youngest Veteran Discovered in Kansas

(By Associated Press)

FORT SCOTT, Kan., April 5.—Fort Scott's claim to the youngest veteran of the World war is disputed. Herman Lange, of this city, who was but 14 when he enlisted, held this record, it was believed. But a letter from Mrs. Joe Walter, of Garrett, Ind., to a local newspaper states that her son, Leo L. Madden, enlisted and went overseas at the age of 13 with the Rainbow division and was at the

front 18 months with the 150th Field artillery.

He sailed for France Aug. 17, 1917, and he was not 14 years old until Oct. 10 of that year, according to his mother. After coming home young Leo re-enlisted and was sent to Camp Grant, Ill., where he is stationed with the 52nd Infantry.

The British government is granting the sum of \$300,000 a year for direct assistance to companies in commercial development of air traffic.

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