

BUREAU FOR THE STUDY OF CROPS

Farmers and Financiers Advocate Organization.

FEDERAL LOANS TO FARMERS

Under Federal Control, a Thorough Study Of Markets, Crops and Cost Of Transporting Foodstuffs Would Be Efficient.

Chicago.—A committee, authorized at the closing sessions of the Conference on Marketing and Farm Credits, will go to Washington in a few days and present to President Wilson the conclusions of the 500 scientific agriculturists, financiers and economists who met here.

They will appeal for the establishment by the government of a bureau for the thorough study of markets, crops and cost of transporting foodstuffs. They will assert that the appropriation of \$50,000 for such an organization, which now is pending, should be increased to \$1,000,000. They will ask for federal loans to farmers. The chairman, Frank P. Holland, also will name a committee in each state to place the matter before the state governments and secure favorable action.

Arrangements were undertaken for a second national conference to open in Chicago on April 14, 1914, and for an international conference at San Francisco in 1915.

To the President they will read the report of the committee on resolutions, which states among other things:

"The cost of taking the products of the farm to the consumer is unnecessarily large and the methods employed are wasteful. Economical and efficient methods for the distribution of these farm products are of pre-eminent importance in reducing the cost and raising the standard of living. The government should establish an effective agency for the study of the problems of marketing and for the distribution of information as to conditions and needs and rational methods of meeting these needs.

"The state governments, in similar manner, should take up the study of more economic and efficient systems of marketing. The universities, agricultural colleges, newspapers and organizations for the promotion of economic welfare, both in the city and country, should give the question their immediate attention."

GIVES LIFE TO SAVE CHILDREN.

Man Crushed Under the Hoofs Of Runaway Horses.

Philadelphia.—Sacrificing his life to prevent possible injury to school children who thronged the street, Frederick Restine, 47 years of age, was crushed to death under the hoofs of a pair of runaway horses in West Philadelphia. The pupils in a large public school in the vicinity had just been dismissed and the street was filled with boys and girls, when the horses attached to a delivery wagon came dashing along without a driver. Young children stood horror-stricken in the middle of the street when shouts of warning announced the approaching runaway. Restine sprang from the sidewalk and grasped the dragging reins. He had wound the leather thongs about his wrists when he lost his footing and was beaten to death beneath the horses' hoofs. His weight, however, brought the animals to a standstill.

WILSON EXPLAINS VISIT.

Only Dignified Way To Address Both Houses At Opening Of Session, President Says.

Washington.—President Wilson was asked what motives impelled him to renew the custom of a century ago. "The reasons," he said, "are very simple. I think that that is the only dignified way for the President to address the houses at the opening of the session instead of sending the address by messenger and letting the clerk read it perfunctorily in the familiar clerk's tone of voice. I thought that the dignified and natural thing was to read it. It is a precedent which it is true has been discontinued a long time, but which is a very respectable precedent."

ADMIRAL EATON'S WILL.

Estate To Widow Who is Charged With Murdering Him.

Plymouth, Mass.—The will of Rear Admiral Joseph G. Eaton, filed for probate here, leaves his estate, with the exception of \$600, to his widow, who is awaiting trial on the charge of having murdered him. The value of the estate is not given.

BABY FATALLY HURTS MOTHER.

Blow With Nursing Bottle Brings On Traumatic Meningitis.

New York.—Mrs. Katherine McDonough, who died in a hospital here, was the victim of a peculiar accident. Over a week ago she was struck over the eye with a nursing bottle by her infant daughter. The injury was at first regarded as trivial, but it became so painful that the mother was removed to a hospital, where traumatic meningitis developed.

NOT YET, BUT SOON



MEXICANS ARE AGAIN WARNED

Firing Across the Border Will Not Be Tolerated.

MANY AMERICANS IN DANGER

American Town Of Naco Only Separated From the Mexican Town Of Naco By a Street Fifty Feet Wide.

Washington.—Brigadier General Bliss, in command of the American forces on the Mexican frontier, reported to the War Department that in consequence of repeated firing of Mexican bullets into American territory he had again warned the commanders of the Constitutionalists and the federal forces now battling at Naco, Mexico, that further firing across the border would not be tolerated.

Both of the commanders, he said, had promised to do their utmost to prevent cause for complaint in future.

General Bliss reported the falling of many bullets into the American town of Naco, separated by a street 50 yards wide from the Mexican town, and said that while this shooting into American territory was not malicious it could not be considered accidental. The lives and property of the American town have been in constant jeopardy for nearly a week.

APATHY THREATENS DELAY.

Adoption Of Seventeenth Amendment May Be Held Up.

Washington.—Delay in the official announcement of the adoption of the seventeenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, providing for the election of senators by direct vote of the people, is threatened because of the apparent apathy of officials of the ratifying states. Up to the close of office hours Saturday, although press reports showed that 35 states already had reported themselves in favor of the amendment, leaving only one more affirmative vote to give effect to the amendment, the State Department had received returns from only 22 states, the latest being New Mexico, which ratified the amendment March 15. The one vote necessary for complete ratification will be recorded this week, but weeks may elapse before the announcement can be made and the several states be legally authorized to adopt the new method of electing senators.

RIGHT OF HOME RULE.

New York Cities Get It In a Bill Signed By Governor.

Albany, N. Y.—The right of home rule is extended to the cities of New York State in the Cullen-Levy home rule empowering bill signed by Governor Sulzer. The bill grants to all cities of the State power to regulate, manage and control their property and their local affairs, with all the rights, privileges and jurisdiction necessary to carry their powers into execution.

U. S. TROOPS SHOT.

Fighting Of Furious Nature is Reported Near Naco, Arizona.

Naco, Ariz.—Fighting between the Federal garrison of Naco, Sonora, commanded by General Odeja and the Maderista force outside that town began one mile south of the international boundary. A number are reported wounded. Bullets falling on the United States side struck two United States cavalrymen patrolling the border.

HAWAII WOULD SECEDE.

Petition Asking For Permission, If Sugar is Made Free, Out.

Honolulu.—The Star-Bulletin says that a petition is being prepared declaring that "Whereas, Hawaii is commercially made to exist under free sugar, it be allowed to withdraw from the Union and resume its previous status of independence if a free sugar provision be enacted by Congress."

FOR FLOOD FUND OF \$100,000,000

Federal Aid Proposed by Representative Cary.

FOR DIKES AND LEVEES.

Would Take Up Relief in Territory Laid Waste By Fire, Flood, Earthquake and Other Catastrophes.

Washington.—A permanent federal fund of \$100,000,000 for relief and reconstruction work in localities laid waste by flood, fire, earthquakes and other catastrophes was proposed in a resolution introduced in the House by Representative Cary, of Wisconsin. The resolution would authorize the Treasurer of the United States to issue \$100,000,000 notes to be held subject to the orders of the Secretary of the Interior.

A clause in the bill would provide that Congress shall immediately authorize the building of dikes and levees, the strengthening and dredging of streams and reforestation. In the event of catastrophes the bill would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make from the reserve fund loans to counties, towns and municipalities affected, to the legal limit of their taxation, making the taxes of the locality security for the loan and providing for payment in annual instalments covering not more than 20 years. The loans would be made with the approval of the President and his Cabinet.

A bill to appropriate \$1,000,000 for the relief of the flood districts of Ohio was introduced.

TO LEASE EMBASSIES ABROAD.

Bacon's Bill Appropriates \$20,000 Yearly For Chief Capitals.

Washington.—A comprehensive plan for the leasing of embassies and legations abroad, and their ultimate purchase, was proposed by Senator Bacon in a bill introduced and referred to the Foreign Relations Committee. For the leasing of an official residence of the Ambassadors at Great Britain, France, Germany and Russia, the bill would authorize the appropriation annually of \$20,000 each, and the appropriation of \$10,000 each for furnishing the same. Lesser amounts are proposed for the smaller capitals.

PARCEL POST BUSINESS.

More Than 150,000,000 Packages Mailed In Three Months.

Washington.—More than 150,000,000 parcel post packages were mailed during the first three months the system was in operation, according to computations announced by postal experts and based upon reports from the 50 largest postoffices. Approximately 55 per cent. more business was handled in March than in January. Chicago leads all other cities, 6,895,744 parcels being handled in two months; New York handled 5,973,075, and Boston, 1,657,036.

RACE SUICIDE IN PARIS.

Only One Birth To Every Thirty Families Last Year.

Paris.—The birth rate in the French capital for 1912 was the lowest since 1861, according to a municipal report just made public. There was only one birth for every 30 families. The infantile death rate was 143 per 1,000. Prohibitive rentals are said to have been the chief cause for the decrease in the number of births.

DOCTORS EXEMPT.

Physicians Not Necessarily Liable For Burns Resulting From X-Ray.

Washington.—Skilled physicians who burn or injure patients with X-ray treatment are not necessarily liable in damages, the Supreme Court solemnly decided in denying the right to pecuniary balm of a former housekeeper at the Belgian Legation for a back blistered under an X-ray machine.

DIRECT CHOICE OF SENATORS

The Amendment Now Part of the Constitution.

IS RATIFIED BY 36 STATES.

Proclamation By Secretary Of State Only Needed To Make It Effective. Connecticut's Ratification Gives Necessary Number.

Washington.—Direct election of United States senators by the people was authorized and made compulsory Tuesday, when the Connecticut legislature ratified the constitutional amendment submitted by Congress less than a year ago. Ratification already had been given by 35 states. The situation that results throughout the country, where many legislatures have adjourned until 1915, is such as to leave confusion in the minds of members of the Senate, as to how the early steps toward direct election of senators will be carried out.

While the proclamation of the secretary of state, announcing final ratification of the amendment by 36 states, is required by law, Senators Bristow and Borah, leaders in the direct elections fight in Congress, expressed the opinion that the amendment is for all practical purposes now a part of the Constitution.

"Any man who may be elected to the Senate hereafter must be elected directly," said Senator Borah.

The new amendment gives to the state legislatures, however, the right to prescribe the methods for electing senators.

ATONEMENT FOR BROTHER.

Automobile Bandit's Sister Will Enter Convent.

Chicago.—Mary Webb, 19 years old, sister of Robert Webb, the most daring of the automobile bandits of last winter, will enter a convent as atonement for the crimes to which her brother has confessed. She admitted this intention as she sat, a spectator in Judge Kersten's court and her brother confirmed it. Brother and sister are alone in the world.

FATE HANGS ON WATER.

Man Sentenced For Killing Indian Claims Court Lacked Jurisdiction.

Washington.—Conviction in California of James Donnelly for the murder of an Indian in 1902 on the Hoopa Indian Reservation was affirmed by the Supreme Court. Donnelly got a life sentence. He contended that the murder occurred between the high and low water mark of the Klamath river, thus denying the jurisdiction of the Federal courts.

WOMAN MADE CITY TREASURER.

Three Others Given Offices In Kansas City, Kan.

Kansas City, Mo.—With the appointment of four women to city offices in Kansas City, Kan., five important positions in the government of that municipality are held by women. Miss Laura A. Jost was appointed city treasurer; Mrs. Merle Addison Cutler and Miss Esther Bower, deputy treasurers, and Miss Beulah Reitz, city clerk.

ARMY AVIATOR KILLED.

Lieut. Rex Chandler Drops Into the Bay At San Diego.

San Diego, Cal.—Lieut. Rex Chandler, of the aviator corps of the United States Army, was killed and Lieut. Louis H. Brereton was seriously injured when their hydroaeroplanes dropped into the bay here. The men lost control of the machine. Chandler was caught in the machine when it struck the water and was drowned.

WOMEN LOSE IN BAY STATE.

Senate Accepts Adverse Report On Suffrage Amendment.

Boston.—The fight for women suffrage in the present Legislature probably ended in defeat. The Senate accepted the adverse reports of the committee on constitutional amendments on three resolutions providing for the enfranchisement of women. It is expected that the House will concur in the adverse reports.

CLARK'S SON NAMED.

Gets Position Of Adviser To Father. Salary is \$4,600.

Washington.—Bennett Champ Clark, son of the Speaker, was appointed House parliamentarian. The job, which carries a salary of \$4,600 a year, makes him adviser to his father on all disputed points of order. Clark is 23 years old and a graduate of the University of Missouri. He is the youngest man to hold this responsible post.

MRS. PANKHURST FED BY FORCE.

London Paper Says Suffragette is In a State Of Collapse.

London.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, who is on a hunger strike in Holloway Jail, has been forcibly fed, according to The Express, and is in a state of collapse. Her condition is considered serious. She refused food and resisted all efforts to feed her.

SNAPSHOTS AT STATE NEWS

All Pennsylvania Gleaned for Items of Interest.

REPORTS ABOUT CROPS GOOD

Farmers Busy in Every Locality—Churches Raising Funds for Many Worthy Objects—Items of Business and Pleasure that Interest.

Royersford citizens complain of a short water supply.

One plumber has already contracted for fitting up 48 new houses at Renovo this summer.

Slipping into a pool of molten iron at the Lukens plant, Dominick Guiney was fatally burned at Coatesville.

Taking fire between Girardville and Mahanoy Plane, a touring car owned by former Coroner Donohoe, of Schuylkill county, was destroyed.

Mrs. W. E. Seel, of Harrisburg, appointed State secretary for the Pennsylvania Sunshine Society, has announced her acceptance of the post.

Mrs. Josephine Carroll and young Mary Barber were killed by a train on a Fort Wayne Railway bridge at New Brighton.

Columbia County Commissioners offer \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the thief who stole Wesley Stittler's horse.

Joseph McKeone, of St. Clair, in trying to save the life of his employer, Joseph H. Long (electrocuted as he was repairing a broken electric wire), was himself badly burned and will lose his right foot.

In an address to students in economics at Muhlenberg College Mrs. Annie E. Lelsnering, of Allentown, Deputy State Factory Inspector, declared that lazy fathers are to blame for most child labor.

Ex-Senator F. E. Baldwin, of Austin, has had recorded a deed that went through the Austin flood in his safe. It is in a fair state of preservation, but shows unmistakable evidences of the disaster.

These State death warrants have been issued: Frank M. Calhoun, Huntington county, May 8; Dominick Petrelli, Westmoreland county, April 29, and Joseph Erjaerviz, Westmoreland county, May 8.

York counties are signing a petition to the Legislature favoring the passage of the Martin bill for an appropriation of \$200,000 for a bridge across the Susquehanna River from Middletown to Newberry township.

Mrs. Davenport, wife of the Rev. E. C. Davenport, who was a former resident of Berwick, now residing in California; Mrs. George Jones, of Scranton, and Mrs. V. P. Eves, of Millville, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Kressler at Bloomsburg. Mrs. Davenport and Mrs. Jones are sisters, and they are first cousins of Mrs. Eves and Mr. Kressler, who are first cousins. This is the first in nearly 35 years that these ladies have seen one another.

Watson's town's Civic Club has a new campaign for town improvements under way. They want to make a swimming pool of a part of the old canal, put up a town clock, get rid of lines of freight cars at the passenger station, and to beautify the entrance to the park. This park is on historic ground. It was the site chosen for the first Presbyterian church in that part of the State. As it was feared that the Indians might sneak down the river, the people went farther in and built the present Warrior Run Church. The old site was used as the original Warrior Run graveyard. This place was turned into a park.

A score of young men at Farrell, Mercer county, have organized a "Bachelor Club." There are more young women in Farrell of marriageable age than men, and Farrell girls are famed for their beauty, but the bachelors assert they are determined to resist feminine wiles, and any member who breaks his vow and marries will be considered a social outcast. The officers are: President, John Leyshon; vice-president, Earl McCree; secretary, Robert A. Irvin; treasurer, S. J. McCree; doorkeeper, William Owens. In retaliation the young women of Farrell are talking of organizing a club, taking a vow never to wed and to quit making fudge for members of the Bachelor Club.

Dr. E. C. Statler was elected president of the Allentown Board of Health.

The Allentown Chamber of Commerce is energetically engaged in an effort to get cheaper gas.

On account of scarcity of labor, No. 1 blast furnace of the Crane Iron Company, at Catasauqua, has shut down.

According to the South Bethlehem assessors, that borough has a valuation of \$8,288,943, with a 7-mill school, 3-mill borough and 3-mill county tax.