

News Review of Current Events the World Over

Labor's Liberty Legion Out for Modification of Dry Law —Governor Roosevelt Dismisses Charges Against Mayor Walker.

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LABOR'S LIBERTY Legion, as it is termed by Matthew Woll, vice president of the American Federation of Labor, is in action for the purpose of bringing about modification of the Volstead act and eventually the repeal of the Eighteenth amendment. It consists of a national committee of the organized trades, and it held a two day convention in Philadelphia that was attended by about 200 delegates from all parts of the country. Mr. Woll was in the chair, and he did not mince words in stating the aims of those workers who are opposed to prohibition, and at times his language was almost inflammatory. He declared the groups which "forced" prohibition on the country were the industrialists "who were prompted by the desire to increase their profits through higher production by making machines of human labor," and the church groups "who have admitted their failure to rule man by moral suasion, but seek to force their rule by the use of the big stick of the law."

Asserting that he did not believe in "milk and water methods," Mr. Woll continued, "There is too much law and order today. I want to see the shackles of injunction broken, if not by lawful methods, then through physical resentment. It is only by aggressiveness that states and communities will regain their privileges."

"Our nation came into being through a violent disregard of law and order. The negro was freed by bloody strife, in complete disregard of law and order. Labor unions came into being and won for American labor its high standards of living, through strikes, lockouts and other violent methods."

A report to the committee, written by Woll and I. M. Osborn, president of the cigar makers' international union, held out the hope that the legalization of light wines and beer might be enacted by the next congress. It stated that only 17 members of the senate and 45 representatives were prohibition "die hards" and that some of them were "listed among the most valued customers of Washington's well known bootleggers."

NOT worth further consideration, is in a nutshell the verdict of Governor Roosevelt of New York state in dismissing the charges against Mayor Jimmy Walker of New York city. And thus Tammany Hall wins a point in its struggle with the citizens of the metropolis who are warring on what they believe to be graft and corruption.



Gov. F. D. Roosevelt

The charges, it will be remembered, were filed by Dr. John Haynes Holmes and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise on behalf of the city affairs committee, and alleged malfeasance and misfeasance on the part of the mayor, whose removal was asked. Walker's reply was hot and vituperative, branding his accusers as "Socialists," though in later public statements he asserted the Communists were to blame for the fight on him. The governor in dismissing the charges said he did not find in the documents submitted sufficient justification to remove the mayor or to proceed further in the matter. There was no evidence, he added, that showed Walker had failed to act on information given to him or that he had failed to keep himself advised as to the activities of the subordinates beneath him.

The city affairs committee promptly announced that the fight on Mayor Walker and on civic corruption would not be abandoned.

CHAIRMAN ARTHUR WOODS of the President's commission for unemployment announced his retirement from active work with the organization because he is going to Europe to study employment conditions there. He also said that a perceptible improvement in general economic conditions has been registered in recent weeks.

IF PRESIDENT HOOVER wants to be renominated—and it is generally supposed he does—he will win by acclamation on the first ballot in the 1932 Republican convention, granting that the test of party sentiment made by the Washington Post is accurate. By the same token, Vice President Curtis will be renominated if he so desires.

The Post polled the approximately 1,000 delegates to the Republican national convention of 1928. About one-half of them answered. They were asked to state who, in their opinion, would be the party nominees next year.

As to the Presidential nomination

the responses were distributed as follows:
President Hoover—487.
Senator Dwight Morrow of New Jersey—13.
Calvin Coolidge—12.
Lowden, Dawes, Borah, and Senator Watson of Indiana received one vote each.
Theodore Roosevelt was second in the list of probabilities for second place on the ticket.

IN THIS connection it is interesting and perhaps surprising to read the statement made by former Gov. W. L. Harding of Iowa to the Republican national committee, to the effect that the farmers of the Midwest are solid in support of the federal farm board and of President Hoover's farm relief policies. This, Mr. Harding says, he learned in conversation with "thousands of farmers in my own and nearby states." He declared the Democratic seed of discontent has fallen on barren soil, and continued, "The American farmer today is selling his wheat at 20 to 30 per cent more than the farmer across the border in Canada. His corn is bringing 30 cents per bushel more than in the Argentine. The Republican tariff and the farm board—both of which the Democrats would destroy—are responsible for this advantageous condition."



King of Siam

KING PRAJADHIPOK of Siam, accompanied by Queen Rambal Barni and her parents, made his official visit to Washington during the week. They arrived in the capital city from New York on Tuesday, being met at the station by Vice President Curtis and other high officials, were duly photographed, and escorted in state to the Larz Anderson mansion on Massachusetts avenue. Next day the royal couple made their formal call at the White House. Just within the front door President and Mrs. Hoover met them and led them to the Blue Room where, after brief conversation, the king requested the honor of presenting his suite. Mr. Hoover giving consent, the royal retinue entered and was introduced by the Siamese minister.

The king and queen soon after hustled back to their temporary home and the return call by Mr. and Mrs. Hoover quickly followed.

Queen Rambal Barni has been having a great time shopping in New York, purchasing quantities of feminine gear, especially hosiery and footwear. She has the reputation of being the prettiest woman of all the Far East's royalty.

OFFICIAL groups within the Protestant Episcopal church and the Presbyterian church in the United States have recommended vital alterations in the church codes that will surely cause long and loud discussion.

After six years of study, an Episcopal commission advocates a revised canon creating ecclesiastical courts to pass on problems of marriage. It would permit ministers to remarry communicants and divorced persons whose fitness had been approved, eliminate all mention of ground for divorce and remarriage, and defining nine causes for annulment.

A commission of the Presbyterian church, deploring the increasing divorce rate, given its approval to birth control practiced only "in fidelity to the highest spiritual ideals of the Christian home," and suggests the establishment of courses of instruction in marriage.

The Presbyterian report will be submitted to the general assembly of the church in Pittsburgh May 28. The Ecclesiastical revision will be presented to the general convention in Denver September 16.

EMINENT educators from all parts of the country gathered in Urbana, Ill., Friday, to take part in the formal inauguration of Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase as president of the University of Illinois. State officials, alumni and students went to make up a great throng, and the program lasted all through the day and evening. In the morning the procession formed at the library and marched to the men's gymnasium, escorted by the university's famous military band. President George Barr of the board of trustees presided over the inaugural ceremonies. Governor Emmerson extended greetings on behalf of the state; Samuel Wesley Stratton, chairman of the corporation of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, spoke for the university world, and President Ramekamp of Illinois college for the schools in the state of Illinois.



Dr. H. W. Chase

There were further festivities in the afternoon, and in the evening President and Mrs. Chase held a reception. Doctor Chase, who was formerly president of the University of North Carolina, has been acting president since last July, when he succeeded Dr. David Kinley. There was a note of sorrow in Friday's celebration, for Dr. E. A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, who was to have taken part in the program, passed away on the train on his way to Urbana; and only a few days before word had come of the death of Mrs. Kinley in Shanghai, China.

PRESIDENT HOOVER'S little trip to Cape Henry, Virginia, to take part in the celebration of the 324th anniversary of the landing of the first permanent English colonists was sadly marred by a torrential rainstorm. He and Mrs. Hoover went there on the Department of Commerce boat Sequoia, and just as the ceremonies began the downpour came. All were drenched to the skin and took refuge in the railroad station, where tea was served. The President took his wetting good naturedly, and Mrs. Hoover, too, laughed, though her new hat was ruined.



Philip Snowden

GREAT BRITAIN'S landed gentry never did like Philip Snowden much, and their feeling against him was intensified last week when he delivered his budget speech in parliament. The chancellor of the exchequer, weak from illness and a severe operation, stood bravely before the British lawmakers and announced that he intended to put through a plan for the taxation of land values. The present land system, he said, is unjust and a burden to trade and industry, and direct taxation of land values would prove a remedy. He proposed to set up machinery for national valuation, which probably would take two years. When the valuation is completed the tax would be one penny per pound on the capital value.

Labourites and Liberals cheered wildly, but the Conservatives sat glumly silent. The latter will oppose the scheme, and it will be fought in the house of lords, but if the Labor party can continue in power it may be put through.

As for the present budget, Mr. Snowden announced only two changes, both temporary devices. The tax on gasoline is raised four cents a gallon to twelve cents, and there are certain alterations in the payments of income taxes. Mr. Snowden will get \$97,200,000 by withdrawal from the exchange stabilization fund that has been on deposit in New York.

SOVIET RUSSIA scored twice during the week. By order of Under Secretary of State Mills a cargo of Russian lumber, brought to Providence, R. I., was admitted to the United States over the protests of domestic producers. Mr. Mills stating that there was no evidence that it had been produced by convict labor. Of greater importance was the signing of a new credit agreement between Russia and Italy which assures large purchases by the Soviets from Italians and the extension of credits by the latter.

EGYPT'S worst railway disaster occurred when the Cairo-Alexandria express caught fire while running at high speed; at least 41 persons lost their lives.

An earthquake in Transcaucasia killed nearly 400 of the inhabitants. Ten men perished when an oil well near Gladewater, Texas, exploded and became ignited.

SILVER has sunk so low in price, the ratio in relation to gold being now about 60 to 1, that many persons think something should be done about it. Four senators are out to discover what this something may be. They are the members of the senate foreign relations subcommittee on commercial relations with China. The chairman, Key Pittman of Nevada, has just started for China, and will be joined there by Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan, who is on a trip to the Philippines. Claude Swanson of Virginia and Henrik Shipstead of Minnesota will soon sail for Europe.



Sen. Pittman

Pittman and Vandenberg will investigate the possibility of a loan of some of the treasury's surplus silver bullion to the Nationalist government of China for coinage. Swanson and Shipstead will consult with political and economic leaders of Europe concerning a possible international conference on a plan to suspend the practice of demonetizing silver coins and disposing of them as bullion. Both these ideas were presented to the President in two resolutions by the senate, but Mr. Hoover made no response.

EXTRADITION of ex-King Alfonso may be asked by the Spanish republic when he settles down somewhere; he is accused of grafting. Gen. Damaso Berenguer, dictator of Spain until two weeks ago, is in prison awaiting trial for the part he played in the Morocco military disaster of 1921 and for the execution of two officers after the revolt at Jaca last December.

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Show-Window Is Latest Feature

New Bag Useful as Container for Large Volume of Produce.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)—WNU Service.
The public, long advised against "buying a pig in a poke," can now disregard that bit of warning; that is, if the poke happens to be one of the new cotton bags with the "show-window" feature, recently devised by the United States Department of Agriculture, in co-operation with the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering.

Suitable for Farm Products.
The new bag is a result of the department's search for new uses for cotton. It is now being offered to the trade in small sizes suitable for packaging potatoes, onions and other farm products for sale to the retail customer. The bag is woven in one piece of cloth, but one side is of very open mesh so that the contents may be seen readily by the buyer. The other side of fine mesh permits the printing of the brand.

This "duplex" bag saves the retail grocer the time necessary to weigh each individual order. It also prevents customers from picking over the produce. This bag is more adapted to the ready package in many instances than is a paper bag, and when the bag is empty, the housewife can rinse the sizing out of it and use it as a dust cloth.

Promises to Be Popular.
The new bag was produced and put into use too late last season to be volume of farm produce. The attractiveness of the package, however, and the fact that bags made from this "duplex" material can compete with other bags in price are two of the features which promise to make it popular during the coming year in packaging farm products for the consumer.

Coccidiosis Is Common Malady of Young Chicks

"Too much emphasis cannot be given to sanitary measures for the prevention of coccidiosis in chickens," said Dr. J. F. Bullard, of Purdue university. "This is a common disease of poultry," he continued, "and it is responsible for heavy losses in young birds from two to fifteen weeks of age."
The coccidium, which is the cause of the disease, is passed in large numbers in the droppings. For a short time after they are passed out, coccidia are incapable of producing disease in birds that may take them into the body with water or feed. It is quite obvious, if young chicks are given clean brooders and if the brooders are kept clean, runs and lots have not been used for poultry during the past year or several months, that this disease can be controlled. Chicks and young birds should be kept apart from the adult breeding flock.

Large Potato Yield on Pennsylvania State Farm

The state hospital at Allentown, Pa., has one of the best farms in the country. What its scientific management costs is more than made up by the fine crops. Its yield of potatoes last season was something phenomenal. On a single measured acre this farm produced 603 bushels of potatoes, while on 28 acres there was a yield far above the country's average. The seed used for this wonderful yield was obtained in northern Michigan and was of the russet variety. To prepare the land at Allentown soy beans and seven tons per acre of barnyard fertilizer were plowed under in the fall and 950 pounds of commercial fertilizer was applied on each acre in the row. A fertilizer heavy with phosphate and potash was adopted.

Succulent Feeds Full of Necessary Vitamins

There was a time when all vegetables were classed as green feed in the hen's ration. We now know that mangels, apples, pumpkin pulp and sugar-beet pulp may have some value as a bulky and appetizing succulent feed but cannot be classed as green feed. Carrots have been found to contain vitamins which make them very close to green feed in the ration of the hen. Some poultrymen find that hens which eat carrots are apt to produce eggs with rich yellow yolks and such eggs seem to have a high percentage of hatchability in the spring. Some feeds that are both succulent and full of necessary vitamins are the green leaves of alfalfa and head lettuce.

Individual Farrowing Pens Favored for Sows

Sows that farrow in March or April should be placed in individual pens at least six by eight feet in size at least a day or two before they farrow. These pens should be equipped with "guard rails" around the walls to protect the pigs from the sow when she lies down. The farrowing pens should be lightly bedded with short, clean, chaffy straw so that the small pigs cannot get tangled up in it and be unable to get out of the way of the sow when she moves and lies down as is likely to be the case if too much long straw is used. Enough artificial heat should be provided to take the chill off the building and to dry up the moisture in it.

Asparagus Valuable Forward Truck Crop

Well-Cared for Plantation Is Profitable for Years.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)—WNU Service.
Within the last ten or twelve years asparagus has become perhaps the most important of all the perennial vegetable crops in this country and one of the most valuable early truck crops, the United States Department of Agriculture says.

Between 1918 and 1928 the asparagus acreage of the country increased from 30,500 acres to 94,930 acres. More than 95 per cent of this acreage is in the six states, California, New Jersey, South Carolina, Georgia, Illinois and Maryland. More than half of it is in California alone. About half the asparagus is grown for fresh consumption and half for canning. The Sacramento and San Joaquin river valleys of California grow almost all the asparagus for canning.

A well-cared-for plantation may yield profitable crops for 15 to 20 years, but as a rule it is advantageous to renew the beds after eight or ten years.

Ross C. Thompson, associate horticulturist in the office of horticultural crops and diseases, bureau of plant industry of the department, outlines conditions of soil, climate and culture necessary for successful asparagus growing in Farmers' Bulletin 1646-F, Asparagus Culture. This bulletin, which supersedes an earlier publication on asparagus, may be obtained free by applying to the office of information, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Comparatively Easy to Raise Healthy Chicks

Lyman G. Neel, extension poultry specialist at Clemson college, South Carolina, points out that poultry and well developed pullets can be raised only if proper attention is paid to the details of poultry culture.

In order to make it comparatively easy to raise healthy chicks, Neel sets down seven essentials for growing healthy chicks. The seven points in the chick raising program consist of the following practices:

1. Start with vigorous, disease-free chicks.
2. Hatch chicks at proper season.
3. Use clean range, separate from mature flock.
4. Use clean portable house with dependable brooder.
5. Use clean, well-balanced feed.
6. Separate cockerels and pullets at broiler age.
7. Brood each hatch separately.

Making Profit or Loss in Feeding of Cattle

Profit or loss per steer is frequently used as a standard of measurement in determining the profitability of cattle feeding. This method is satisfactory, and probably preferable on those farms where the major portion of the feed is purchased. The majority of farms on which cattle are fed feed home-grown corn and hay, and purchase protein supplements. It sometimes happens that the feeder is actually ahead financially when his cattle show a loss per steer after charging market prices for feeds, as compared with other years, when the cattle pay market prices for feeds and a reasonable profit.

Deficiency of Lime

Soils deficient in lime are unable, even with liberal fertilizer treatment, to produce hay of good quality, tests at the Pennsylvania state college revealed. Lime with manure produced 16 per cent more total clovers in the hay mixture and 29 per cent more red clover than the hay produced with manure alone.

Emergency Hay Crops

In considering emergency hay crops for this year it is well to remember that oats, wheat, soy beans, and other crops can be used. Using last year's meadows for hay again this year is another possibility, even if it does upset the rotation. In most cases a heavy yield can be expected if the field is fertilized early in the spring.

FARM NOTES

The best seasons to cut trees for fence posts are late fall, winter and early spring.

When fields are too stony or too poor to grow crops, they should be made to return profit by growing trees.

It is poor economy any time to cut and sell the smaller trees which will double their own value in a few years.

In order to get the most efficient and economical use of a piece of farm machinery, it is important to keep it working as many days in the year as possible.

Necro and internal parasites in pigs are best prevented by sanitary management, by which we mean keeping the organisms and eggs which propagate the two apart from the pigs.

Curculio overwinters in brush, stone walls, and the like. The removal of these hiding places will help control. You know that trees near woods are never as clean as others. A cleared area will help.

Adrift With Humor

COULD NOT BE HELPED

The hotel guest was thoroughly annoyed. People were running backward along the corridor outside his room, making a terrible noise. So he took the telephone and spoke to the manager's office.

"I can't get to sleep with all this noise going on," he complained angrily. "I'm sorry, sir," said the voice of an excited clerk, "but I'm afraid we can't control the movements of the fire brigade."

Has One Good Point

"Archibald is a great comfort to me."
"I don't see how you can say that. Why, he's the most firesome chump I ever met."
"That's just the point. Every time I look at him I feel that I could amount to a whole lot less."—Pathfinder.

IF SALARY SUITED



Jack—I think we could be very congenial, don't you?
Jill—How much do you earn?

Advantage in Disagreement
A disagreement often moves toward brotherly salvation. And an affection stronger proves through reconciliation.

Detail

Rastus—Here am a telegram from the master in Africa stating he am sending us some lions' tails.
Circus Owner's Wife—Lions' tails? Rastus—Well, read it yourself. It say plain, "Captured two lions, sending details by mail."

CAUSE OF BREAK



"How is it you don't speak to Bess any more?"
"She won three of my engagement rings from me playing bridge."

The Mystified Moron
He read the mystery tales which claim "The world's attention, day by day, till homicide seemed like a game. Which maybe 'twould be fun to play!"

Now Be Good
Griggs—What do I think of your new hat? Well, if I were you I wouldn't wear it to a dog fight.

His Wife—But I was planning on wearing my other one when we visit your people, dear.

Ho, Hum!

"It says here that style experts declare a well dressed man's wardrobe will cost \$5,000 this year," said the missus.

"Huh!" growled her husband, "I'll go right on being a mighty sick dressed man if that's what it costs to be well dressed."

Depends
"Are you in favor of women taking part in public affairs?"

"It's all right if you really want the affairs public."—Bennington Banner.

Living in Hope
The literary critic met a young and aspiring author at his club.

"I've just read a book of yours," he said.

"My last one?" queried the author, hopefully.

"I hope so," replied the critic.

Consolation
Myrtle—Mabel's new husband may be rich, but he certainly looks like an awful headache.

Gert—Yeh! But she'll have plenty dough to buy all the aspirin she needs.