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DAIRYMEN HOLDING GREAT MEETINGS

Series of Meetings are Well Attended and Highly Instructive, One in Hornell, Jan 26th for This District

Not since the so-called "strike" of the League dairymen in 1919 has there been such interest and enthusiasm shown in any series of meetings as is being manifested in the series of great sectional meetings now being held at various points throughout the territory embraced by the Dairymen's League Co-operative Association. The spirit of real co-operation in the interest of all milk producers, as it developed at the great annual meeting recently held in Jersey City, is spreading like wild fire throughout the territory. These meetings now being held are serving to bring the message home to those who could not attend the annual meeting and to crystallize their feelings into an attitude of staunch support for the pooling plan of the League. "Probably no group of men ever faced a problem of such vital importance to themselves as that which the League dairymen now confront. Poolers and non-poolers alike are attending these meetings and going away with renewed courage and the vision of a new day in the history of dairy farming.

It is very evident that the farmer has become tired of being told that his business is only to produce. The farmers, in the League territory at least, have declared that they are going to have something to say about marketing their products as well. For this reason many are making sacrifices to attend these meetings and to ramminate themselves with the present situation and plans of the League as they effect their own particular interests.

One of these meetings is to be held at Hornell, Jan. 26th, and the dairy men in this section are planning to attend.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS DOING GOOD WORK

After Two Years it Proves Its Worth By Its Accomplishments by Solving Serious Problems

New York, Jan. 9. — The League of Nations will be two years old tomorrow.

On this anniversary, the claim is set forth by its admirers that the League has "demonstrated that nations can co-operate without losing their sovereignty, without using force and with mutual advantage to all."

The day also is important from a League point of view because the 16th annual meeting of the Council of the League will be held tomorrow at Geneva. The council is composed of representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Belgium, Brazil, Spain and China.


It will consider the protest of the government of Lithuania concerning the elections organized to determine whether the Vilna territory should be Polish or Lithuanian, the methods devised for the division of Upper Silesia between Poland and Germany, and questions affecting mandates over backward peoples.

"The League has built up a flexible structure for inter-national co-operation," says an estimate of its accomplishments issued today by the League of Nations News Bureau. "It has solved several serious conflicts between nations and established the machinery for solving others that may arise. It has begun the creation of a new kind of international law; has advanced certain highly humanitarian projects and has provided a broad forum for international conference whether on general or technical questions."

Creation of the Permanent Court

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

I live my days in sober ways, Unnoticed and apart, But always sings and laughs and plays My real self in my heart.



Rude Rural Rhymes

WINTER WOES

Of all the ills with which I'm cured the winter furnace is the worst. On balmy days it rolls up heat, and balks on days of cold and sleet. And ever when my wife complains I do not take sufficient pains nor use my substitute for brains, once more the furnace mouth I stoke, once more the iron bars I poke among the cinders, ash and coke. I bend my frame at its equator and operate the agitator. I get the ash 'tis very true, but half the fire comes following thru. Then when my strength is quite expended I find the grate is ended. There's nothing in the world to do but clean it out and start anew. In vain my weary eyes I raise no snappy kindling meets my gaze. Jim Jones from whom I ordered wood has failed to function as he should. That cussed furnace is the reason I so lament the vanished season when every gent had B. V. D's on, when summer b'rdies lifted ills and folks could sleep without the quilts. —BOB ADAMS.

GOVERNOR MILLER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Five Were Incorporated in His Annual Message and Will Be Introduced in Bills This Week

Albany, Jan. 9. — Five and possibly more of the recommendations made by Governor Miller in his message to the legislature, will be incorporated in legislation to be introduced this week, majority leader East of the Senate, said today. The legislature will sit each day, except Saturday, this week, but beyond the introduction of bills no other business will be transacted.

Legislation to be introduced, he said would include:

Amendment to the printing law to "permit real competition" in bidding for printing.

Constitutional amendment giving legislators power to provide for the consolidation and reorganization of state departments.

Creation of a central purchasing body and a committee to fix standard prices.

Authorizing appointment of additional deputies by the attorney general within thirty days prior to election each year; the deputies to have the power to investigate illegal registration and voting.

Authorizing the superintendent of public works to develop the use for power purposes of surplus waters of the canal where practicable and appropriation of \$1,000,000 to start immediately the development at Crescent dam and Vissicher's Ferry.

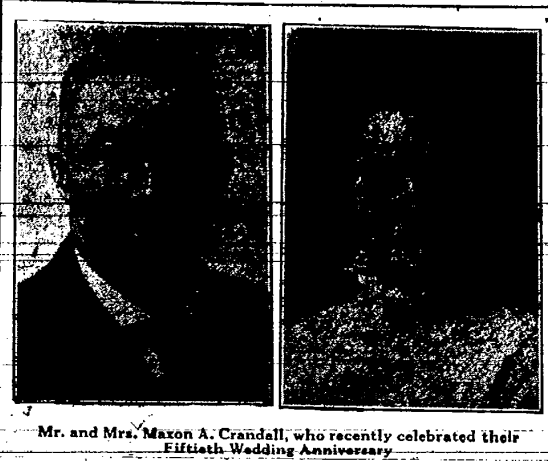
of International Justice is referred to in this statement as the "greatest single triumph" of the League. Declaring that the League's first task is to prevent war, the statement adds: "Already five disputes threatening world peace have been brought before it. Three have been settled simply and two are in negotiation. Procedure wholly new in diplomacy has been used on several occasions, but force never."

The five disputes referred to are that between Sweden and Finland over the Åland Islands; the Polish-Lithuanian dispute over the territory of Vilna, seized by General Żeligowski, the division of Upper Silesia between Poland and Germany; Yugoslav invasion of Albania; and the three-cornered controversy between Chile, Peru and Bolivia over Tana and Arica.

The statement summarized also the work accomplished by the various technical organizations or commissions sub-ordinated to the League of Nations, such as that administering the Saar Valley, the international health organizations and others. It states that under the direction of Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, 400,000 war prisoners, many of whom have been in exile for five or six years, have been returned to their homes.

JANUARY MILK PRICES CHANGED

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held in Utica on December 21st and 22nd, it was voted by the Board to offer the milk for sale to the dealers for the same prices as had prevailed in December that is, class 1, \$3.37 and class 2, \$2.25.



Mr. and Mrs. Maxon A. Crandall, who recently celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

ROBBED FARMERS OF 2 BILLION DOLLARS OBSERVED THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

Swindlers Made Systematic Carvas Among Farmers With Worthless Stock in 1919-20: We Now Suffer

It is the estimate of leading bankers of the Middle West that the horde of swindlers who swept over the agricultural belt in the flush days of 1919-20, selling stock in oil wells that never produced oil, packing-house prospects that never operated, photograph concerns that never made photographs and all kinds of fly-by-night affairs, robbed the farmers of \$2,000,000,000.

Never before was there so great a fleecing of the farmers.

The conditions were most favorable for the schemers. The men of the soil had made fine profits in the war period out of the high prices they received for their wheat and their corn, their hogs, their beaves and all their products. Some country bankers are said to have aided the plunderers, giving information to them of the financial condition of "prospects," acting as "bird dogs" to flush the game for the hunters in search of gullible victims.

Persons in cities and industrial districts who read these swindles probably remarked contemptuously "the poor rubes," and that no more of it, not thinking it concerned them. But it did and it does concern them.

No people in America can suffer or be plundered without the people of all other parts of America being affected to some degree.

Agricultural implement makers today have small sales of their machines because the farmers have little buying power. If the farmers had not been robbed they would be in position to purchase some of the machinery they need urgently, and more men would be working in agricultural machinery plants.

The worker in shoe factory, cotton mill, woolen mill or automobile plant may not see how the fleecing of the farmers concerned him, but \$2,000,000,000 taken from the agriculturists has impaired the buying power of the farm people in the purchasing of shoes, of clothes, of motor-cars and a thousand other things.

Not only that, but the man in the coal mine has less work and earns less wages when the factories are idle or operating less than full time, and the man in the steel industry has less employment when the needs of general business are reduced. The railroads have less traffic. The jobbers, commission men, retailers and bankers, big and little, have fewer items to handle.

To carry the illustration further, the butcher, the grocer and every supplier in every city, town and village feels it in his purse when anything happens to reduce the buying power of any one branch of the American people.

It is not the "poor rubes" alone who are plundered when a swindle of considerable size is perpetrated on the people. All the people are robbed. Not until this fact sinks into the consciousness of the public will effective measures be taken to stop this great evil.

The American people need nothing so much as economic education. therefore, to sell class 1 milk for January at \$3.10 per hundred and class 2 at \$2.10 per hundred. These are the base prices for three per cent milk with the usual differentials for freight and bottling.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxon A. Crandall, With 30 Friends and Neighbors, Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

About thirty old friends and neighbors gathered at the Crandall Homestead Farm on Independence Hill, two days after Christmas to help Mr. and Mrs. Maxon A. Crandall quietly celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

It is not often in these days that one spends fifty years on one farm which one's father cleared of the virgin forest, nor is it often that one home continues as a family home for four generations as has the Crandall farm, nor again, is it often that the bride and groom of fifty years maintain their activity in business and social life as have Mr. and Mrs. Crandall.

Dec. 27, 1871, Mr. and Mrs. Crandall were married at Little Genesee, N. Y., by Rev. Thos. B. Brown. They came at once to the old home in Andover, near the Independence line, which has since been their residence and where they reared their family and actively engaged in the work of the church and community, winning and maintaining the respect and love of a wide circle of friends.

They are rich in a happy home and family life, the son, E. Roger Crandall, and a daughter, Mrs. Robt. A. Spicer, with their families now share the home with Mr. and Mrs. Crandall on the farmstead. Another daughter, Mrs. Floyd Clarke, lives near by. These, with the nine grandchildren, were all present and arranged and served the guests with a bountiful dinner. Other relatives and friends came in the evening.

Valuable gifts of gold coin, cut glass, silver and handiwork were left as an expression of good will and numerous letters of appreciation and love were received from absent friends.

It was a happy occasion and here is hoping for many returns of their anniversary for continued health, happiness and usefulness for many years to come.

CHRISTMAS SEAL CAMPAIGN BEHIND

Tuberculosis Committee Say They Lack \$500 of Coming Up to Quota. Only 8 Towns Met Quota

The Christmas Seal Campaign in Allegany County has to date received \$5,219.88. This is over \$500 less than our quota of \$5,770. Over 1200 letters containing Christmas Seals and sent all over Allegany County still remain unanswered. The Tuberculosis Committee urges all who have not yet sent in their contribution thru the mail to find that stamped, addressed envelope and mail it to-day. It takes 500 persons giving \$1 each to make up that \$500, and unless you do it yourself, you can't be sure your neighbor is going to help put your county over the top.

Your money will be spent wisely and for a good cause. With tuberculosis on the decline in Allegany County, it takes money to keep it so. The Health Camp at Cuba Lake is maintained by Christmas Seals. Many other health activities have been started in our county because of Christmas Seals.

Some one of these days a man will advertise "For Sale" the very thing you so much need and want, but feel that you can't afford to buy.

W. R. C. INSTALL OFFICERS

The officers for the coming year in Edward Seaman Relief Crps No. 155, are:

- President, Mrs. Fannie Backus
- Senior Vice Pres., Mrs. Lottie Wahl
- Junior Vice Pres., Mrs. Effa Burbank
- Recording Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Hann
- Treasurer, Mrs. Sylvia Mourhes
- Chaplain, Mrs. Laura Bowen
- Conductor, Mrs. Alice Randolph
- Ass't Conductor, Mrs. Eliza Cooper
- Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Anna Stephens
- Press Cor., Mrs. Martha Orvis
- Guard, Mrs. Elizabeth Howland
- Ass't Guard, Mrs. Roxie Hann
- Color Bearers, Mrs. Nellie Gilder, Mrs. Anna McDonough, Mrs. Mertie Trowbridge, Mrs. Rose Gilbert
- Musician, Miss Lottie Randolph
- Ass't Musician, Mrs. Lelia Livermore

Mrs. Lelia Livermore was elected delegate and Mrs. Mertie Trowbridge alternate, to the department convention. The officers were installed by Past President, Mrs. Addie Coleman, after which a bountiful luncheon was enjoyed.

WHAT PEACE PACT GIVES IRELAND

A Free Ireland to Manage as She Will, Own Army and Navy and Religious Freedom

The new regime for Ireland has now been approved both by the British parliament and by the Dail Eireann. Creation of the Irish free state is provided for in the treaty signed last month in London after prolonged negotiations for a settlement of the Irish problem. Its provisions in substance are:

Ireland shall have the same constitutional status in the British empire as the Dominion of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, the Dominion of New Zealand and the Union of South Africa.

Ireland shall be known officially as the Irish Free State, with a parliament having powers for the government of the country and an executive responsible to that parliament.

A provisional government is to be set up, to function until an Irish parliament and a government of the Irish Free State shall be established but not longer than twelve months.

The treaty stipulates that a representative of the crown shall be appointed for Ireland in the same manner as the governor general of Canada.

Ireland is given control over all governmental affairs and is entitled to an army which shall, however, not be larger in proportion to Ireland's population than the British army is to the population of Great Britain.

One of the first steps, by virtue of ratification by the Dail, will be the withdrawal of the British forces from Ireland.

Ulster is included within the scope of the treaty, but provision is made for her to declare herself out within one month after an act of the British parliament ratifying the treaty, and to continue under the present regime provided in the government of Ireland act in 1920. In that case, however, a boundary commission is to be named to determine the boundary between Northern Ireland and the rest of Ireland.

The Irish free state will assume what may be decided by agreement or arbitration as a fair and equitable proportion of the public debt to the United Kingdom, and is to afford har-

ANDOVER BANKS ELECT DIRECTORS

Annual Meetings of Stockholders of Andover State Bank and Burrows National Bank Held Tuesday

Tuesday was banks' day in Andover. Both the Burrows National Bank and the Andover State Bank held their annual meeting of the stockholders and elected directors to care for their business the coming year.

The Burrows National Bank. At the annual stockholders meeting of the Burrows National Bank, held January 10th, the report of the condition of the bank and its earnings for the past year were the source of much gratification to the stockholders.

Out of net profits of \$8,090.53 for the year — over 32 per cent on the capital stock — \$5,590.53 were added to the undivided profits account, after paying the regular ten per cent dividend. This makes the surplus and undivided profits of the bank aggregate over \$40,000. While the capital is but \$25,000.00, the amount paid in dividends to stockholders since its organization in 1906 is \$29,625.00. The Board of Directors was re-elected, and at the directors meeting following, the same officers and committees were chosen for the ensuing year.

The Andover State Bank. The stockholders of the Andover State Bank met at the banking office of that institution at 8 o'clock, Tuesday evening. After reading a telegram from their absent President, J. M. Brundage, now in Los Angeles, Cal., and instructing Cashier Fuller to send to him a message of felicity, the following directors were re-elected: J. M. Brundage, C. E. Brown, Frank S. Clark, A. C. Frisby, C. L. Earley, Henry Horan and W. F. O'Connell.

After the business meeting of the stockholders was finished, they were all invited to a bountiful banquet served by the Phi Theta Kappa of the Methodist Church, at the church parlors. The menu was well prepared and the service faultless.

A. C. Frisby, chairman of the Board of Directors and dean of the banking fraternity in Andover, presided as toastmaster calling forth impromptu remarks from numerous gentlemen, some instructive, some witty and all good. Cashier A. D. Fuller gave a very interesting and comprehensive talk regarding the conditions the world over, showing much that in the logical conclusions reached.

The occasion was a most pleasant one and one long to be remembered by all who had occasion to be present.

bor facilities to British naval forces under terms to be fixed by a convention between the two governments. Safeguards are provided for freedom of religion and education within both the Irish free state and Northern Ireland.

Formal ratification of the pact on the part of Ireland, it is provided by the treaty, shall be at a meeting summoned for the purpose of the members elected under the government of Ireland act to sit in the house of commons of Southern Ireland. These members, with a few exceptions, are the same as those of the Dail Eireann.

The British parliament approved of the treaty last December 16th by adopting the reply to the speech from the throne requesting such approval. Various formalities of ratification, however, still remain to be complied with in order to conform to the terms of the document.

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