

**AGREE TO HOLD GRAIN FOR RAISE; BANKS CLOSE**

(New York Evening Post.)  
More than 10,000 indignant Dakota farmers agree not to sell wheat until it reaches \$2.50 a bushel—nearly a dollar above present prices—and banks close their doors all over the State. These farmers are members of the National Wheat Growers' Association. In Washington, Idaho, and Oregon a similar organization, the Northwest Wheat Growers' Association, is rapidly gaining strength. From Oklahoma to Minnesota farm papers and agricultural leaders are trying to persuade grain farmers that they can take a leaf from the book of the California Fruit Growers' Exchange, the Pacific Co-operative Poultry Producers, and the various leagues of dairymen, including that which flourishes in this State. An impossibility? Admitting that it is ridiculous to think of combining grain growers as a whole, these organizers believe that it is quite feasible to build up associations that will control the exportable surplus of wheat. They believe that the organizations can play a material role in determining prices. Incidentally they point out that they can pay for careful market news, establish statistical departments, and organize other valuable services. The plan of operation devised for these associations is simple. In general, an ironclad contract is prepared by which the farmer-member agrees to market all

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his wheat through the association for a term of years. A warehousing corporation is created subsidiary to and controlled by the co-operative association, and it issues stock. The association takes over the wheat by grades, gives receipts for it, and pools it in elevators and warehouses until it deems the market favorable. To finance the farmer while he waits for the proceeds of his crop the association borrows money upon the stored wheat as represented by cer-

tificates signed by the warehousing corporation. At the recent meeting of the grain growers' Committee of Seventeen in Chicago, Mr. Julius Barnes opposed any effort by farmers to form combinations to fix prices. He believes they would be undesirable, that they would be unsuccessful anyway, and that open, free competition will be the best safeguard of an equitable market. As a matter of fact, farmers should realize that the California Fruit Growers' Exchange and most similar bodies do not fix prices—they are simply agencies to secure the best rates the market offers. The Committee of Seventeen itself agreed that no permanent or extensive co-operative marketing movement was probable unless economic necessity forced many farmers into it. Co-operative organizations of farmers can accomplish many sound purposes, and ought to be encouraged. But if any farmers believe that they can build up associations which will add one-third to the price of wheat as if by magic, they should be disabused.

**HON. F. B. CARVELL IS CRITICIZED**

(Toronto Globe)  
Referring to some criticisms on the attitude of the Railway Board in regard to the increase in rates, Mr. Carvell, Chairman of the Board, says: "Talk about Bolshevism! I saw stuff in the Winnipeg papers such as I hope never to see again in my life-time papers that consider themselves responsible and respectable. It is not a question of the law, it is a question of what the people want; if the Board won't give them what they want, get out! Talk about Bolshevism!" "If there is a Soviet in Winnipeg they can blame some of the newspapers for it out there, because I saw newspapers there not only red in ink, but red in everything you can imagine. I am sorry to have been compelled to read such things as I have read in some of the Winnipeg newspapers about the Board trying to follow the law, and when they said the law stands in the way, to put the Board out of existence." There is a good deal of loose talk about Bolshevism. Mr. Meighen tried to link the Farmers' party with Bolshevism, because it threatens his precarious hold on office, and now Mr. Carvell calls the Winnipeg papers Bolshevist because they criticize his Board. The Winnipeg papers need no defense from us, but their attitude during the strike in the summer of 1919 is fairly good evidence of their dislike of Bolshevism.

There is nothing revolutionary about criticizing the Railway Commissioners, or even about proposing to abolish the Board, though that would be an extreme and, as we regard it, an unnecessary measure. The Railway Board is not a sacred thing nor an essential part of the constitution, but a statutory creation only a few years old. It is not even, in the strict sense, a court, for it occasionally wanders out of the field of law into that of politics and finance and declares that it is a national necessity that the Canadian Pacific Railway be kept in a healthy financial condition and that the National Railways ought not to be faced with an annual deficit. If criticism of these and other findings is Bolshevistic, we are afraid that the present Government of Canada falls under the curse, for it says, in reviewing the decision of the Board, "what constitutes a fair and reasonable rate should now be arrived at without reference to the requirements of the Canadian National system." If the Government is not tainted with Bolshevism, can the Board clear itself from that imputation while it assumes to take the place of Parliament in deciding a question of public policy? And if the Board and the Government may disagree why should the Press be silent? An exaggerated defence for persons in office is not essential to the maintenance of law, order and the constitution.

It was apparent that he had sufficient leisure to permit to leave the office. He went to the office of the chief enforcement officer in Manhattan who transferred him temporarily to another district.

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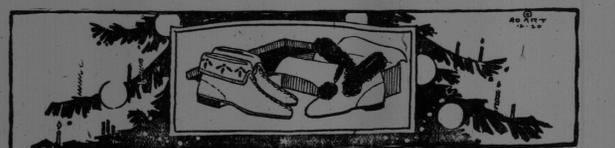
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**DRY CHIEF USES FISTS TO STOP OFFICIAL LEAK**

Captain Merrill Tells of Pummeling One of His Federal Agents in Brooklyn.

(New York Times)  
A new method in the disciplining of a federal prohibition agent was revealed yesterday by Captain Eugene E. Merrill, Chief Prohibition Enforcement Agent in Brooklyn. Captain Merrill fought with the marines in France. Before that he was a lieutenant commander in the navy. He has been in charge of the prohibition office in Brooklyn since Nov. 15, and some things that have happened have not been to his liking. He told how he undertook to remedy matters.

"For some time past there have been leaks in my office," the captain said. "Not leaks from seized evidence, but leaks as to the serving of search warrants. When my most trusted men arrived at a suspected place with a search warrant the place was always clean. It became so that I quit the use of search warrants. The climax came when some of my men went to a restaurant in Flatbush this week after a complaint had been made against it. When they arrived there they found that another of my men had preceded them by ten minutes."

"On Wednesday evening I was in a restaurant in Brooklyn looking things over when this same man came in. He sat at another table, and immediately began to tell the people who ran the place that the thing he desired most was to get me in a room with himself and prove to me that he was the better man. I decided to give him a chance to do so."

"Yesterday morning, when the entire force of men was in the office I locked the door leading to the corridor (the office is on the fourth floor of the Federal building in Brooklyn). I then closed the door leading to the office of the young lady stenographers and walked over to where this man was sitting. I told him to get on his feet. When he stood up I told him he was a skunk and that he was not fit company for the other men in the office, and that as he had evinced a desire to meet me man to man I was ready to accommodate him.

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