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## Some Aspects of the Farmers' Problems

By **BERNARD M. BARUCH**

(Reprinted from Atlantic Monthly)

The whole rural world is in a ferment of unrest, and there is an unparalleled volume of protest as to the terms, if not as to the principle, of the settlement. It is not only the farmer, but the whole rural world, that is protesting against the terms, if not as to the principle, of the settlement. It is not only the farmer, but the whole rural world, that is protesting against the terms, if not as to the principle, of the settlement.

Investigation of the subject conclusively proves that, while there is much overstatement of grievances and misconception of remedies, the farmers are right in complaining of wrongs long endured, and right in holding that it is feasible to relieve their life with honor to the rest of the community. This being the case of an industry that contributes in the vast material form alone, about one-third of the national annual wealth production and is the source of livelihood of about 40 per cent of the population, it is an admission that the subject is one of grave concern. Not only do the farmers make up one-half of the nation, but the well-being of the other half depends upon them.

So long as we have nations, a wise political economy will aim at a large degree of national self-sufficiency and self-entailment. Home fed when the food supply was far removed from the belly. Like her, we shall destroy our own agriculture and extend our sources of food distant and precarious, if we do not see to it that our farmers are well and fairly paid for their services. The farm gives the nation men as well as food. Cities derive their vitality and are forever renewed from the country, but an impoverished countryside exports intelligence and retains intelligence. Only the lower grades of mentality and character will remain in the city, the farm, unless agriculture is capable of being pursued with contentment and adequate compensation. Hence, to smother and impoverish the farmer is to dry up and contaminate the vital sources of the nation.

The war showed convincingly how dependent the nation is on the full productivity of the farms. Despite herculean efforts, agricultural production kept only a few weeks or months ahead of consumption, and that only by increasing the acreage of certain staple crops at the cost of reducing that of others. We ought not to forget that land when we ponder on the farmer's problems. They are truly human problems, and these should be no attempt to deal with them as if they were purely selfish demands of a class or group antagonistic to the rest of the community. Rather should we consider agriculture in the light of broad national policy. Just as we consider oil, coal, steel, wheat, and so forth, as sources of national strength. Our growing population and a higher standard of living demand increasing food supplies, and more wool, cotton, limes, and the rest. With the disappearance of free and cheap fertile land, additional acreage and increased yields can come only from costly effort. This we need not expect from an impoverished or unhappy rural population.

It will not do to take a narrow view of the rural discontent, or to appreciate it from the standpoint of mere expediency. This is possibly an age of flux and change and new deals. Because a thing always has been so no longer means that it is righteous, or always shall be so. More, perhaps, than ever before, there is a widespread feeling that all human relations should be improved by taking the long view, and not becoming for the moment and not to leave his destiny largely to chance and natural incidence.

Prudent and orderly adjustment of production and distribution is recognized as wise management in every business but that of farming. Yet, I remain to say, there is no other industry in which it is so important to the public—in the city-dweller—that production should be sure, steady, and increasing, and that distribution should be in proportion to the need. The unorganized farmer naturally acts blindly and impulsively and, in consequence, surplus and dearth, accompanied by disconcerting price-variations, harass the consumer. One year potatoes rot in the fields because of excess production, and there is a scarcity of the things that have been discarded to make way for the exportation of the potato acreage; next year the published farmers miss their fields on some other crop, and potatoes enter the class of luxuries; and so on.

Agriculture is the greatest and fundamentally the most important of our American industries. The cities are but the branches of the tree of national life, the roots of which go deep into the land. We all flourish or decline with the farmer. So, when we of the cities read of the present universal distress of the farmers, of a slump of six billion dollars in the farm value of their crops to a single year, or their inability to meet mortgages or to pay current bills, and how, seeking relief from their ills, they are clamoring for farm pools, insurances, farmers' strikes, and bonded legislation abolishing grain exchanges, private cattle markets, and the like, we ought not hastily to brand them as economic heretics and highwaymen and hurt at them the charge of being seekers of special privilege. Rather, we should ask if their trouble is not ours, and see what can be done to improve the situation. Purely from self-interest, if for no higher motive, we should help them. All of us want to get back permanently to "normalcy"; but is it reasonable to hope for that condition unless our greatest and most basic industry can be put on a sound and solid permanent foundation? The farmers are not entitled to special privileges; but are they not right in demanding that they be placed on an equal footing with the buyers of their products and with other industries?

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All persons indebted to her said testatrix are requested to make immediate payment to him.

This the 14th day of January, 1922.  
W. E. DANIEL,  
Executor of last will and Testament of Mrs. Indiana V. Daniel, deceased.  
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**Sale of Land By Trustee.**

By virtue of the power contained in a certain deed of trust dated January 10, 1920, executed by Geo. Long and Julia Long, his wife, to the undersigned trustee for secure payment of the indebtedness therein mentioned, I, T. E. Briggs, the same having been duly recorded in Book 217, Office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County, do hereby advise that the power of sale contained in said deed of trust, I will sell at public auction at the Court House in Halifax, North Carolina, on

**Saturday, February 18, 1922,**

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