

# DIPLOMATISTS HALT BUSINESS

(By Associated Press)

MOSCOW, Jan. 15.—The business conditions of both Russia and Rumania continue to be affected by the interrupted exchange of diplomatic notes between those countries during a period of two years over the possession of Bessarabia, now occupied by the Rumanian army with civil officials co-operating in the occupation.

Business men near Russian frontiers have been frightened by these notes, thinking they would lead to war at any time. American business men and bankers in Constantinople have refused loans or participation in investments involving either Rumania or the Ukraine because of these notes.

Yet, to any one who has observed the tenor of these notes and read between the lines, they have never appeared serious. Rumanians and Russian politicians have understood each other perfectly all the while and probably laughed in their sleeves while penning vitriolic notes which, had any other countries been involved, would have either terminated in war or a reasonable adjustment.

Bessarabia, in pre-war days, was a Russian province, best known in the United States as the seat of frequent Jewish massacres, especially at Kishinev. In the general war, the Rumanians, having been overrun by Germans and Bulgarians, fled to Bessarabia. The national treasure and crown jewels, together with the jewels of the ordinary citizens of the city were bundled upon the royal train escaping from General Mackensen and taken to Russia, and later to Moscow. A little later Russia went Bolshevik, and this treasure was absorbed by the new government.

What has for several years proved an apparent misfortune to Rumania may now be a blessing in disguise. It may lead Soviet Russia, unable to pay back this money, to surrender Bessarabia. During all the long notes between the two foreign offices, there has been a sarcastic tendency on the part of the Rumanians to ask: "When do you intend to return that money you stole?"

George Catherin, the Russian Foreign Minister, has not infrequently asked: "When will Rumania's smarter army show up?" The impression prevails here that Russia with her new economic policy, will not only refrain from war but conclude to let Bessarabia remain in occupation for several years at least. Then, when the horizon is clear and business good, a Russian army may march in and take Bessarabia.

## Students at U. of O. Oppose Military Drill

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 18.—The campus was started today when the Oregon Daily Emerald published several articles and an editorial, vigorously denouncing the R. O. T. C. in which the under classmen are compelled to drill.

The Emerald, expressing what it believed to be student sentiment, has started a campaign against compulsory military drill. The Emerald declared it favors suspending military drill with suspension work, making military drill voluntary. A number of students have set forth objections to the R. O. T. C. The main arguments used are that drill is incongruous with the purpose of the students and that the system in vogue is inefficient and was established only as a war-time necessity.

The whole campus was aroused and a student petition of protest was circulated.

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## "Log Rolling"

Log rolling means originally the rolling of logs, after trees had been cut down, in a stream or into heaps. It was customary for the men of a district to assemble together for this purpose, and so log rolling afterwards came to mean, in American parlance, that mutual aid which comes only by different men going to one another in order to get their claims settled through the courts means reciprocal aid.

Code and the Law. Reason is the life of the law; nay, the common law itself is nothing else but reason. . . . The law, which is perfection of reason.—Sir Edward Coke.

## Idaho Gets Title to Large Acreage Near Priest Lake

(By Associated Press)

MISSOULA, Jan. 18.—More than half a million acres of land based title Monday from the national government to the state of Idaho, during a conference of state and forest service officials here.

Two hundred thousand acres lie along the timbered area about Priest lake, given in compensation for land taken over by creation of the national forests that included many sections No. 10 and 30, originally allotted to the state as school lands by the federal government. Elsewhere sections remain to be accounted for, it was said Monday night by forest officials.

Idaho was represented here by Ben Bush and I. H. Nash.

## ZERO WEATHER AT WOLF CREEK

(Special to The Observer) WOLF CREEK, Jan. 18.—Zero weather has been the rule here for some days. On Saturday the thermometer registered eight below.

Mrs. Will Lund is visiting relatives at Wolf. She has been in poor health for some time and we are in hopes that the change of climate will improve her health.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Gikerson visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Harrison one day last week.

The Bays Diner club met with Mrs. Henry Wallace Thursday of last week, those present were Mesdames J. A. Nice, Albert Hastings, Gilbert Gikerson, Jack Ghoram, Ella Ma Harry, H. M. Gikerson, Windom Carnes, Doris Standley, Mark Turner, and the hostess, Mrs. McHenry Wallace. A delicious lunch was served and the club met the week with Mrs. Jack Ghoram, those present were Mesdames H. M. Gikerson, J. A. Nice, Homer Cartes, Albert Hastings, Will Lovren, Gilbert Gikerson, Ella Ma Harry, Mark Turner, Doris Standley and two visitors, Mrs. Charlie Brant and Mrs. R. H. Davis, of La Grande. A delicious lunch was served and an enjoyable afternoon was spent in sewing and visiting with our neighbors. The club meets with Mrs. Will Lovren next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Turner of California and Mr. and Mrs. Crate Man of Wolf Creek visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Gikerson Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Turner started to California Sunday evening. They expected to stop in La Grande and start a few days before resuming their journey.

Mrs. Jack Gikerson and Mrs. Clifford Gikerson called on Mrs. Charlie Pratt one afternoon last week.

The Wolf Creek club met with Mrs. Oscar Smith last week. Those present were Mesdames Arthur Ghoram, Leona Ma Harry, Bessie and Margaret Gikerson, Charlie Nance, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Talley, Earl Gikerson, Alice Standley, Charlie Smith, Alice Ghoram, Gilbert Gikerson. The club met with Mrs. Clarence Talley this week. Those present were Mesdames Charlie Nance, Oscar Smith, Bessie and Gikerson, Leona Ma Harry, Montie Manning, Arthur Ghoram, Alice Standley, Mrs. Saffley. They were served with a delicious lunch by their hostess, Mrs. Talley. They will meet next week with Mrs. Charlie Nance.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Turner spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nice.

Those attending the installation of officers of the Tolocant Grange Saturday were Mr. J. A. Nice, Mrs. Zephia Allen, Miss Alice Johnson, Mr. William Kester, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gikerson.

The Wolf Creek teachers gave a needle and apron social Friday night. They gave an excellent program and the tea sold well. The money was for the organ that was purchased some time ago for the school.

Mrs. R. H. Davis of La Grande is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Doris Standley.

Most everyone is preparing to put up their summer's tea next week. Friday and Saturday have been set by the M. & M. Co. as the days on which the farmers will receive their tea. Karson Elmons has put up quite a large quantity and expects to furnish quite a large number of jars with tea. He will deliver the tea three times a week for one cent per pound.

Australian "Bull Roarer." The bull-roarer, used by the aborigines of Australia in religious ceremonies, is a strip of wood attached to a string. It gives out a loud grating or "booming" noise when whirled, and this is alleged to be the voice of a spirit.

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# IRISH TO HOLD CONVENTION

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Jan. 18.—Promoters of the World Congress of the Irish race to be held in Paris for one week beginning January 21, says it will be the greatest gathering of the Irish since King Brian's historic assembly in 1014.

The various methods by which the 25,000,000 persons of Irish blood throughout the world can assist in the economic reconstruction of Ireland made necessary by the years of conflict, will be among the chief problems before the conference. The revival of Irish art, language and literature also will be considered.

One of the large halls in the center of Paris has been obtained for the sessions and an exhibition of Irish art will be held in another hall near the headquarters. The best known Irish artists are sending pictures for the exhibition.

Concurrently with the congress will be a representation of Irish drama in one of the Parisian theaters and a concert of Irish music by one of the best known orchestras in Europe.

Many descendants of Irish exiles of the 17th century who played historic roles in France and other countries have responded to the invitation of the general secretary, Miss Katherine Hughes, who will be present.

Five South American countries have already indicated a desire to send delegations. These are Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, and Peru, while delegations from New Zealand, Tasmania and other remote countries are already on their way.

## Soviet People Are Shocked at Divorce

(By Associated Press)

RIGA, Latvia, Jan. 18.—Three divorces to any one person are considered the limit in Soviet Russia, according to Parley Christensen, of Chicago, candidate for president of the United States on the Farmer-Labor ticket in 1920, who recently spent a month in Moscow. Mr. Christensen visited several bolshevik courts.

"It is fairly easy to get a divorce in Soviet Russia," said Mr. Christensen when in Riga, "but I understand the limit is three for each person. If a man or woman has appeared in the divorce courts more than three times, he or she has a very difficult time."

"I visited one divorce hearing. It was extremely simple. The pair was separated in half an hour. On arrival in the court room, the man and woman were separately questioned by the judge. He then got them together and tried to persuade them that their quarrel could be patched up and they might live together. They couldn't see it that way, so the judge took them into another room to sign papers dissolving their marriage."

Mr. Christensen also visited a number of "People's court," corresponding to police courts in America, where persons are tried for minor offenses. Most of the judges, he said, were dressed in

rough clothes, including brown flannel shirts.

"In general," said Mr. Christensen, "I was amazed at the fairness of these courts."

## REGAINING MARKETS

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Britain is regaining her foreign coal markets and her foreign trade generally is showing notable signs of recovery, says the November bulletin of the American chamber of commerce in London.

A striking feature is the reversal of the positions of the United States and Great Britain in coal exports. In September, 1928, the American exports were 4,256, 682 tons and British 1,475,823 tons. In September this year, American exports had dropped to 1,498,378 tons while the British exports increased to 3,496,579 tons.

## FAMINE BAD IN CAPE VERDE

(By Associated Press)

LISBON, Jan. 18.—Many residents of the Cape Verde islands are advocating an appeal to foreign countries for relief from the famine conditions which have prevailed there for many months, says Joaquim de Macedo, an engineer, who has just returned from the islands. The Cape Verde are controlled by Portugal but the people desire that the mother country appear to have forgotten its colony and to have left thousands of Portuguese to die of famine.

Senor Macedo described condi-

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tion in the islands as horrible. He said that 200 persons had died each day in the town of Praia in the summer months when the famine was at its worst and that the bodies were left unburied and devoured by dogs, ravens and hyenas. The people, like living skeletons, starved about the streets until they fell dying. The population of one island, he said, had been reduced by one-third and the silent, deserted streets, "resembled a gigantic necropolis."

The chief cause of the famine was brought for the last three years, Senor Macedo said the Cape Verdeans had appealed to Portugal for aid but had received only corn which could not be eaten by the weak and famine-stricken people and that many of them were unable to buy it.

Senor Macedo and others are trying to induce the Portuguese government to arrange a method by which the islanders can raise sufficient funds from the use of air cables to pay for an irrigation system and this plan has been approved by the Portuguese president. This gives promise that the situation in the islands will be improved.

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CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 18.—A statue of Pope Benedict XV has just been unveiled in the Basilica of the Holy Ghost here as a mark of gratitude of the people for the charitable attitude the pope maintained during the war. The Sultan, headed the list of subscribers which included the Holy Apparatus, Abdul Mejid Effendi and the Imperial armies.

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