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## RUSSIAN LABOR IS IMPROVING

GENEVA, (AP)—The development of industrial conditions in Soviet Russia is dealt with in a publication just issued by the International Labor office. The volume brings out the fundamental differences between the present system and the regime which existed before 1921. The differences being the result of the process of transformation going on in Russia.

Other information on Russia given out by the labor office indicates that unemployment is increasing. The general conclusions drawn from the report are that important modifications have taken place not only in labor conditions but in the material position of the working class in Russia. Compulsory labor has been practically abolished. The engagement and dismissal of workers has been declared free, the conditions of labor are determined by free agreement between the parties and the value of work is determined by the laws of supply and demand. That greater liberty has come to Russia, declares the author, is shown by the fact that the central power confines itself to fixing a minimum wage, leaving to the parties concerned the duty of determining the actual remuneration of labor by collective agreements.

### EDUCATORS SAYS FARMERS FAIL TO ESTEEM TEACHER

NEW YORK, (AP)—The rural school in the chief defect in the education system of this country, according to educators from many states who have been participating in a series of lectures and conferences at the summer session of Columbia University. Lack of properly trained teachers, relatively large illiteracy in the population, child labor, and limited high school opportunity were stressed as handicaps of country life.

On the 200,000 rural and village teachers in the United States, only 150,000 have completed a high school course, it was brought out by Prof. Mabel Carney of Teachers College. Only 10 per cent have finished the eighth grade, and 20 per cent the sixth grade.

"The number of one-room rural school buildings in the United States is 189,237," Prof. Carney declared. "The number of children in one-teacher rural schools is 4,000,000, or about 20 per cent of the nation's total school enrollment."

Dr. Edwin Bernheim of the Kalamazoo, Mich., Normal School said that there was a lack of appreciation of teachers by farmers. The average annual salary of rural teachers was only \$729.

**LOSES BABY FROM TRUCK.** HITSVILLE, Wash.—As he was driving his car from the swimming pool August Schemman found a small baby in the road crying and took it to the Hittsville Drug company.

In the meantime, Leo Twyman, who lives in the eastern part of town, arrived at home minus a baby. When he left the park, he put the baby in his car and loaded it on the back of a Ford truck. The baby bounced off and was not noticed until he reached home. Except for bruises, the child was not hurt.

## 'OLD SOL' HAS THE 'MEASLES'

WASHINGTON, (AP)—"Old Sol" is getting the "measles" again.

Between February and August of last year the sun had a minimum of spots, Professor George H. Peters of the United States naval observatory here has observed. The number of spots now is increasing and will increase for a number of years. The sun spot cycle occurs every 11 years, says Professor Peters, and has just passed the minimum, with the next minimum in prospect for 1924.

For a number of days during the middle of 1923 no spots were seen on the sun's disc. Just where the zero point for sun spots is given rise to a difference of opinion.

During the period of sunspot maxima the intensity of the northern lights in the lower latitudes, gives evidence of intense magnetic conditions. Some spots do not produce marked northern lights, while others do. Just which spots cause probable increases in the rainbow-colored aurora is a problem which Professor Peters is working on now.

Each clear day of the year at noon, Professor Peters photographs the sun. A photometer with five inch aperture and 40 foot focal length is used. The image of the sun is taken on a plate four and a half inches in diameter. The light is thrown into the camera from the surface of an unsilvered mirror.

Professor Peters has been in charge of this work for 25 years.

**Two Salem Boys Injured.** SALEM, Ore.—Leonard Moser, 11, is at a local hospital with a broken leg, while his brother, Reuben, 14, is at home with an injured ankle, as the result of being thrown from the highway down an embankment. The accident occurred near the boys' home, where they were playing with the running gear of an old buggy. The boys lost control of the gear and it dragged them from the road.

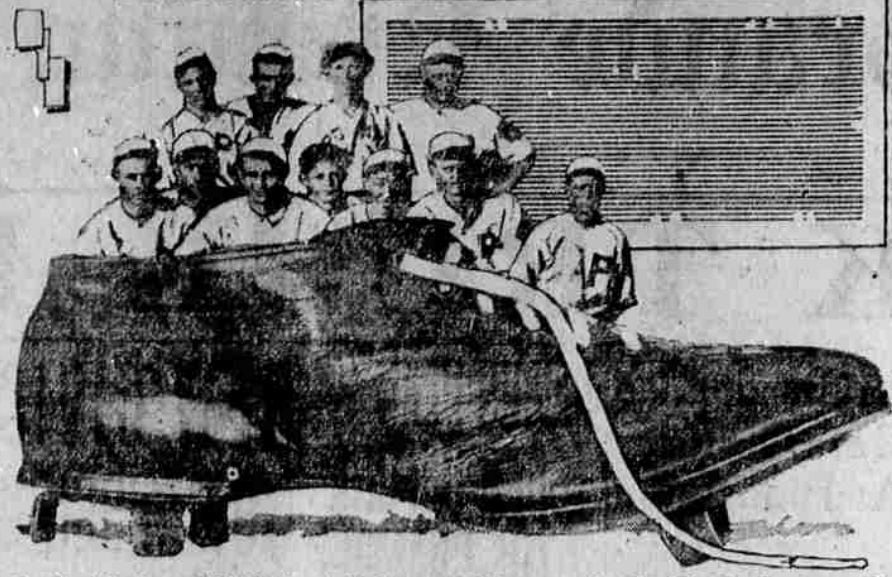
Boredom is the state when life seems to hold nothing in prospect except another cigarette.

### Davis Accepts



Here is John W. Davis, Democratic presidential nominee, delivering his message of acceptance at the formal notification ceremonies at Clarkburg, W. Va. Just below his upraised hand is the microphone which carried his speech to radio fans throughout the country.

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### UNEMPLOYMENT CAUSE PROBED BY LABOR BODY

GENEVA, (AP)—The unemployment suffered throughout the world from 1920 to 1922 is closely connected with the periodical crises which have afflicted the working classes and humanity as a whole for a century, according to a report issued by the International Labor office, which gives the results of an international inquiry into the subject.

The report remarks that this conclusion is contrary to a fairly widespread idea. It declares that while it is true that the great questions of international relations resulting from the war and the treaties of peace have gravely affected the national economy of many countries, resulting in the complication and aggravation of unemployment, the inquiry indicates that part from certain exceptional available statistics show scarcely any correlation between changes in unemployment and the fluctuations in foreign trade.

The report adds that in many countries the period of most intense unemployment was accompanied by a greater volume of exports than at some other date.

### Cattle Being Tested

TOLEDO, Ore.—The yearly testing of Lincoln county dairy cows, started by County Agent Cooper in 1918, has been continued, with the result that resulting danger in buying in outside untested stock, Lincoln county farmers have averted the danger most isolated counties encountered when their dairy industry started abroad. The original county cows were free and most of the readers found could be traced to outside origin. Dr. DeHlinger of the state veterinarian's office is in the county now attending particularly to testing the registered stock to be exhibited at the county fair September 2 to 6. The fair board has a ruling that only tested cattle may be shown.

### Green Prune Shipment Large

MONMOUTH, Ore.—Prune growers of Polk county are shipping approximately one-third of the crop green to the east. This is the first season any considerable amount of the crop has been handled in this manner and is being done to prevent a recurrence of loss from lack of drying facilities, such as happened the last two years. It also provides an immediate cash payment for the growers. The prevailing price for picking green is 10 cents per bushel of those remaining the entire season. The return to the grower is \$25 per ton. The crop this year is 75 per cent of normal.

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### Publicist Urges Japs To Reject Americanism

TOKIO, (AP)—An article in the newspaper Kokumin, written by Kanzo Uchimura, one of the most outspoken leaders of the movement to separate the native Christian churches of Japan from the American missionary bodies, urges the Japanese to "get away from the Americanization which has been interfering our national life for the last five years."

Uchimura, himself a Christian, has for several years worked as an independent missionary without American help. He has been one of the leaders of the popular protest against the American industrialization not excluding Japanese.

Referring to the agitation for the boycott of American goods, Uchimura writes: "The American way of living, the American civilization, is more poisonous than anything else manufactured in the United States. Few Japanese are aware of the extent to which our country has become Americanized. Our newspaper advertisements are in

the American style. The sensational tone of our journals with their headlines is nothing but an Americanism. In these matters the British way is far superior to the American. Our papers should follow the example of such moderate, respectable journals as the London Times and the Manchester Guardian.

"The so-called cultural movement which has been going on in Japan for the past four or five years has been nothing but a process of Americanization. When Japan dispenses with the American way of living she will easily and without inconvenience be able to dispense with American goods."

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