

# MIDDLEWEST'S LOSE IS HUGE

### Survey by National Vigilance Committee Produces Some Interesting Facts.

NEW YORK (AP)—The industrial middle-west, Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, is probably the heaviest loser in the country by the operations of the fraudulent stock promoter, according to a nationwide survey now being undertaken by the National Vigilance Committee of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World.

The survey is based upon the answers to a questionnaire sent out to 40 Better Business Bureaus and nearly 200 chambers of commerce in every state in the country. It revealed that the per capita stock loss throughout the country is about \$8, and that the group of individuals who pay the highest toll are mine and factory workers, chiefly of foreign birth.

Next to Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, the industrial east—Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, and, to a less extent, New Jersey—is the heaviest loser in the country. The old south and the agricultural middle-west of Iowa, the Dakotas, Kansas and Nebraska are relatively immune from fraudulent stock promotion. And, so also, but to a less extent, is the Rocky Mountain region. Along the Pacific coast, particularly the southern part, and in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, the losses again are heavier.

The highest per capita loss of any town or group of towns, \$49, was reported by seven adjoining towns in Pennsylvania. The combined population of all of these towns is about 19,000. Two cities of 40,000 population, one in Michigan and one in Ohio, each reported a loss of \$1,000,000, or \$25 per capita.

It is a significant fact, however, that E. Holland, president of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, said in continuing on the survey and its objective of "Investigate before You Invest," that although 99 per cent of the organizations reported losses in two communities during the past year through fraudulent or highly speculative investment, 75 per cent of this number believed that their educational and vigilance measures had proved effective in reducing them. Only about 20 per cent reported no increase in effectiveness and only about 5 per cent reported a decrease.

Mr. Holland cited examples showing how the work of vigilance organizations had saved the public and legitimate business many millions of dollars. In Detroit the Better Business Bureau in three years had reduced fraudulent stock losses from about \$25,000,000 to \$15,000,000. In Long Beach, Cal., stock promotion schemes aggregating over \$62,000,000 had been checked in seven months and their promoters thrown into bankruptcy.

Although the aggregate stock losses throughout the country are now about \$699,000,000 a year, Mr. Holland estimated that in the next two or three years, with adequate public co-operation in the "Before You Invest—Investigate" movement, this amount will have been cut in half, and \$300,000,000 will be turned back into the pockets of the American public.

### Austrian Economic Crisis Hits All Branches of Business

VIENNA (AP)—This city with an approximate population of 2,500,000 has only 3,200 private automobiles, according to figures compiled recently by the authorities, or about 1,200 less than last year. The reduction is attributed to the economic crisis which has reached virtually all branches of business, professions and walks of life.

The theatres and cafes have also been hard hit. Many Vienna restaurant proprietors have threatened to close their establishments on the ground that they are being over-taxed by the municipality.

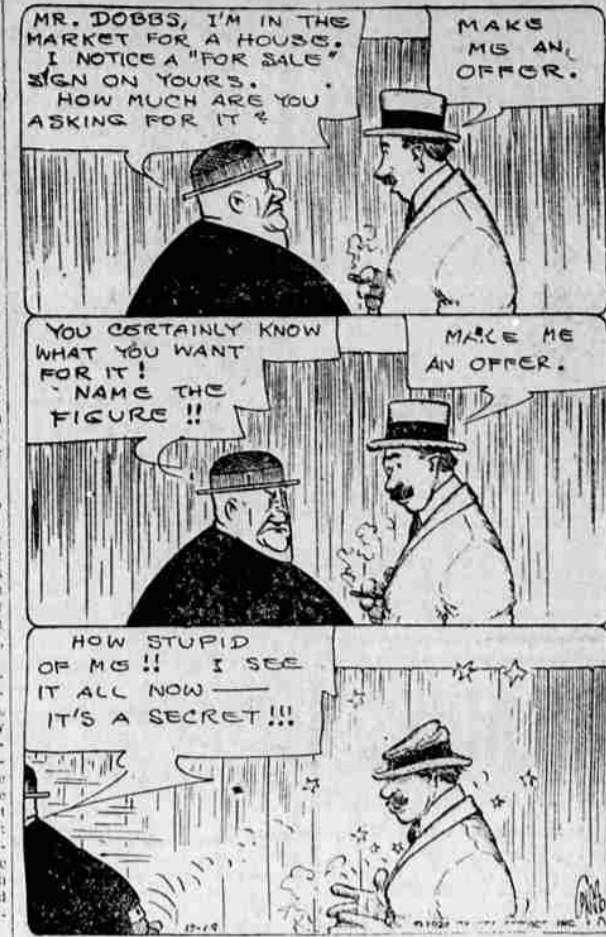
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### Sweet Home Has Gymnasium

SWET HOME, Ore.—The Sweet Home gymnasium was dedicated. A banquet was given at the conclusion of the programme. More than 200 persons were served by the high school girls. After the banquet the high school boys removed the tables from the room and the young people played games.

### COLLEGE TESTS START

CORVALLIS, Ore.—Examinations in all subjects for all students began here and will continue the entire week. Announcement has been made that no business of the barometer, the college daily, will appear during examination week.

### CHICAGO SCHOOL OPENS CLASS OF PLAY-WRITING

CHICAGO (AP)—Drama entered the official category of the fine arts at the Chicago Art Institute with the establishment of a department for the study and practice of acting, playwriting and costume design, and when the construction of a theater to house these activities was begun.

The theater will seat about 700 persons. Its architect made investigations in Europe and incorporated many special devices for the rapid and convenient handling of scenery without the usual means. The chief of these is a sky dome over the entire stage, which obviates the use of drop curtains for exterior, and of movable floors on which an entire setting, with its furniture and actors, may ride to positions within the proscenium.

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WASHINGTON (AP)—The Naval Observatory, which may observe the total solar eclipse of January 24, has had Old Sol's vagaries under observation for nearly a century.

1838 Lieutenant J. M. Gillies observed an annular or partial eclipse of the sun at Santiago, Chile. The total eclipse of 1870 was observed at Gibraltar and Sicily and eight years later another eclipse was well observed. In 1883 Caroline Island in the Pacific was used by a naval sci-

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entific party during a total eclipse.

In 1906 the total eclipse of the sun visible in the southeastern section of the United States was observed by three naval parties. They were stationed at Barnesville, Ga., Griffin, Ga., and Pinon Hurst, N. C. The next year the observatory sent an expedition to the island of Sumatra, Dutch East India, to observe the total eclipse and obtained good results.

In 1905 an expedition was dispatched to Spain and Algiers under Admiral Chester, then superintendent of the Naval Observatory. With clear weather fine observations were obtained. The last naval scientific party to observe a total solar eclipse was

### Pope Sends Aid to Filipino Sufferers of Recent Typhoon

MANILA (AP)—Pope Pius XI has cabled 130,000 lire to the Roman Catholic diocese here to be used for the benefit of those who suffered from the recent typhoon in Northern Luzon, especially in the Cagayan valley.

The typhoon which occurred during the first week in October blew down thousands of small alga houses along the Cagayan river and the floods destroyed a large part of the crops in the valley. Approximately 50 natives were drown-

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ed to Baker, Ore., in 1913, but a fine base interfered seriously with observations.

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