

HOOVER ANALYZES FAMINE IN RUSSIA

Farm and Transportation Decay Are Blamed.

BUSINESS DROP CITED

Volga Valley From Caspian Sea Northward Is Declared to Be Most Acute Sufferer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 2.—General decadence of agriculture, decay of transportation and a decrease of industry in general of more than 90 per cent of the pre-war output were held responsible tonight by Secretary Hoover for the food shortage in Russia.

The most acute famine area, he said, in a statement describing the economic situation there, covers the Volga valley from the Caspian sea northward. The drought there, he added, would not be so fatal were it not for the reduction in the surplus crops in other regions and the difficulties of transportation of such surpluses as do exist.

Farm Production Drops. "Overhauling such local situations there has been a steady decline in agricultural production," Mr. Hoover said, "since the revolution, owing to the lack of incentive to farmers to provide more than their own needs, to the shortage of seed and the shortage of implements. The urban population has produced little goods to offer in exchange and the currency depreciation through the increase of currency issues to over 1,000,000,000 rubles has rendered their accumulation no attraction.

Russia, before even last year's harvest, had declined from a state producing from 6,000,000 to 10,000,000 tons of food for export to a condition where there was such an insufficient supply of food for the cities that the urban population has been reduced by about one-half.

Grain Condition Discussed. An indicating the demolished grain crop in 1921, Mr. Hoover cited the quantities estimated to be requisitioned for export by the government, showing for all soviet Russia, except the Ukraine and Turkestan, 4,320,000 tons of grain, as against 7,614,000 requisitioned in 1920, while the potatoes estimated for requisition totaled 1,050,000 tons as compared with 2,015,000 last year.

The decadence in fat production," he continued, "is even more general and more acute than breadstuffs owing to the requisition of animals and the diversion of animal feeds to breadstuffs. Consequently children are suffering more acutely in many sections than adults."

Mr. Hoover showed a decrease of railway motive power from 80 to 70 resulting from a reduction from 13,186 locomotives before the war to 9,600 in 1920 now in working order, while serviceable cars decreased by from 48 to 70 per cent of the pre-war number. Roadbeds, he declared, were reported in bad condition.

Fuel Situation Serious. The fuel situation he described as "very serious," with cessation of production of coal by 80 per cent and the deterioration of the mines forcing railroads to depend much more on wood.

Tabulating the percentages of industrial production during 1920 as compared with the pre-war output, he showed the largest outputs, of 20 per cent, were in coal production and the paper industry. They ranged down to .6 per cent in copper ore out of 13 industries.

Some stimulation to imports, he asserted, has been given by shipment of the former bank reserves of gold but the total imports from April 1 to May 15 were less than 4 per cent of the pre-war average while exports for April were 1-20 of 1 per cent of the same pre-war period.

"Recent reports as to instructions given to foreign agents of the Russian government," he concluded, "indicate the practical exhaustion of gold and consequent reduction of foreign purchases."

BUDGET APPEAL PLANNED

NOTICE FILED ON TEST SUIT AGAINST PORTLAND.

Payment of About \$25,000 in Publication Notice Fees Involved, Is Estimate.

Notice of appeal to the supreme court from the decision of Circuit Judge McCourt on a test suit brought against the city to determine which of two budget laws should be followed in preparing the 1922 tax budget was filed yesterday by Deputy City Attorney Latourrette. Five days must elapse before the filing of briefs and the transcript of the circuit court record.

Judge McCourt held in deciding a friendly suit instituted by Abe Tishner that the city of Portland is not affected by the state-wide budget law, and must proceed under a law enacted by the last legislature which applies only to tax levying in counties of 100,000 population or more. The case will be appealed to the supreme court to get a final decision before the time is up for the carrying out of the budget law.

If the supreme court upholds Judge McCourt's decision, the taxpayers of Multnomah county will be saved approximately \$25,000 in publication notice fees, according to estimates. The city is not fighting the budget law, but is seeking to make sure of its ground, so the tax levy will be legal. The decision of the supreme court will apply to all tax-levying bodies in the county.

PICKERS' WAGES FIXED

Clark County, Wash., Growers to VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 2.—Pay 6 Cents Per Box. (Special).—At a meeting Tuesday morning the directors of the Washington Growers Packing corporation, a co-operative concern representing 90 per cent acreage in Clark county, decided on the wage

scale for the 1921 harvest. Prune pickers will receive 4 cents per box, with a bonus of 2 cents for drying the entire season, optional with the individual growers.

Kill traps will receive \$5 per day while common labor will be paid \$3 per day. A price of \$10 per ton will be charged for drying. The prices announced are about 60 per cent of those of last year. The charge for drying is just half what was charged last season. Prune growers as a whole are satisfied with the result of the sale of last year's crop, despite the fact that little money was raised. This was largely due to the fact that the harvest was handled under war prices and under peace-time prices.

BOYDSTON CHARGES DEBT

ATTEMPT TO COLLECT \$100 FROM WOMAN ALLEGED.

Mrs. Mabel Baker Said to Have Promised to Return Money. Shooting Is Discussed.

Jess Boydston, who nearly killed Mabel Baker and also wounded her husband, Thomas Baker, on the afternoon of April 13, was trying to collect \$100 which he said she owed him by Mrs. Baker at the time of the shooting, he told police yesterday. Boydston declared that he fell in love with Mabel Baker under the impression that she was single and that the appearance of her husband was a crushing blow. The \$100 was given her, he was said to have asserted, with the provision that it was to be returned in case she did not marry him.

Boydston declared to have said that he demanded the return of the money from Mrs. Boydston when Baker appeared on the scene with an ax and the firing began. Reports of neighbors in the vicinity were to the effect that Mr. and Mrs. Baker were cutting fuel in a clump of brush when Boydston appeared without warning, started to shoot. Boydston declared that he watched the police searching for him from a vantage point in the rafters of the Apostolic Faith tabernacle, not more than a dozen blocks from the scene of the shooting.

STEAM HEAT RATES CUT

VOLUNTARY REDUCTIONS ARE MADE BY LOCAL COMPANY.

Northwestern Electric Follows Suggestion of Public Service Commission to Act.

Reductions of 5 cents the 1000 pounds in the price of steam heat, was made by the Northwestern Electric company yesterday. The company filed a new tariff in compliance with the suggestion of the public service commission. The reduction became effective August 1 and applies throughout the entire city of rates charged by the company, varying with the quantity of steam consumed.

A suggestion was made Saturday by the public service commission that since last February, when increased rates were authorized, items entering into the cost of steam had decreased and the company acted on this hint and voluntarily prepared a new tariff list and filed it with the commission. The order was merely formal and followed the filing of the new rates. The new rates the 1000 pounds, based upon the number of pounds of condensed steam used, are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Quantity, Price. Rows include 25,000 pounds, 50,000, 100,000, 200,000, 500,000, 1,000,000.

OIL CONCERNS CHARTERED

Klamath Petroleum Company Has \$200,000 Capital Stock.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special).—The Klamath Petroleum company with a capital stock of \$200,000, has been incorporated by W. T. Smith, W. L. Lingley and Edward Bloomingcamp. Headquarters will be in Klamath Falls.

The Crumley Business college, with a capital stock of \$25,000, has been incorporated by C. V. Crumley, Charles F. Walker and A. M. Crumley. Business headquarters of the corporation will be in Portland.

INTEREST UP TO VOTERS

Roseburg to Pass on Light and Water Bonds November 1.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special).—A special election to determine the amount of interest to be paid on bonds for construction or purchase of a municipal light and water plant has been set by the city council for November 1. City voters recently authorized a \$500,000 bond issue for construction of a municipal light and water plant, but it is now deemed advisable to purchase or condemn the present plant and the distribution system. In order to sell the bonds under the present condition of the bond market interest rate will increase and the interest rate and this will be put up to the voters.

One-Year Rule to Be Resumed.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Aug. 2.—(Special).—Freshman girls who come to college will live one year in one of the three halls, according to Miss Sybil Hadwen, director of dormitories, before being allowed to move into a sorority house. This plan has been a rule for several years, but has been suspended on account of the crowded condition of the halls.

Runaway Boys Caught.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special).—Dennis Custer and Floyd Longwell, aged 15 and 16 years, who recently escaped from the state reform school at Salem, were picked up here last night by Southern Pacific Special Agent Stewart. They confessed to having escaped from the state school and were placed in the city jail pending word from the officials of that institution.

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MORE ARRESTS ONE FOR MAIL ROBBERIES

Band of 26 Persons Wanted in \$5,500,000 Case.

INDICTMENTS ARE SECRET

John W. Worthington, Head of Securities Company Where Loot Is Found, Arrested Before.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—Further arrests were awaited today in the federal roundup of 26 persons secretly indicted with John W. Worthington and Owen T. Evans, on charges in connection with mail robberies aggregating \$5,500,000.

Worthington, ex-private banker, who figured in a number of sensational financial cases, and Evans, bank examiner, operated the Central Securities company which the district attorney charges was the clearing house for stocks and bonds taken in robberies.

Principal robberies attributed to the band which the federal authorities seek to break up were listed as follows: \$1,000,000 stolen at Toledo, February 17, 1921; \$130,000 at Pullman, Ill., August 15, 1920; \$250,000 at Dearborn-street station, Chicago, April 6, 1921; \$50,000 at Chicago post office, Chicago, March 4, 1921; \$120,000 at Mount Vernon, Ill., January 14, 1921; \$300,000 at Decatur, Ga., September 10, 1920; \$3,500,000 at Council Bluffs, Ia., November 17, 1920; \$50,000 at Minneapolis, December 2, 1920; and \$22,000 at Centerville, Ia., March 22, 1921.

Another Case Mentioned. It was also announced that the recent disappearance of \$1,000,000 worth of Sinclair oil stock in New York might be connected with the organization.

Several of these cases, notably the Council Bluffs and Mount Vernon robberies, actual participants in the same have been convicted and sent to penitentiaries.

Worthington, in jail at Waukegan, on the specific charge of having altered government notes in his possession, denied the charges. "I know nothing about altered notes, liberty bonds or fake revenue stamps," he declared.

Worthington Arrested Before. Worthington several times has been arrested on charges of fraud and receiving stolen goods, but police charges usually have collapsed in court. His resourcefulness in obtaining large sums of money and securities soon after bankruptcy or near bankruptcy have long been the marvel of his acquaintances.

Bonds of the Sinclair Oil company which recently disappeared in New York and securities missing since the Toledo and Dearborn station, Chicago, mail robberies, were found today among the effects of the Central Securities company, whose leaders, John W. Worthington and Owen T. Evans, were arrested here yesterday, according to announcement of federal officials.

BUYERS' INFLUX IS BIG

Practically every buyer radiated optimism yesterday. There was Harry E. Mills of Mesa, Idaho, for example, executive officer of a large mercantile firm, which owns the largest fruit orchard in the state of Idaho. He said the crop is absolutely bumper and will be 400 per cent. All crops in his territory are declared to be wonderful and he said conditions here are business and business will be fine this fall and winter. Of course this means large orders from Portland firms.

Portland Market Preferred. A. Ruppel of Yoncalla, Southern Oregon, who came here yesterday with his wife after having visited Seattle's buyers' week, said he believed in buying where his dollar would do the most good and if he could have done better in the Puget sound city he would have ordered his goods there. But he found more advantageous markets here and his section of the state, he said, was humming and prosperous. Business was about to set a new stride and he was buying to meet the increased demands sure to come.

M. Beck and son of Hubbard, Or., were also optimistic. The Becks operated a sawmill property and the younger man is rebuilding a store which he will open with a new stock soon. He said the time seemed ripe to him for a big trade this fall and winter and he proposed to be ready for it. Over and over this same story, in effect, was told yesterday and the general opinion of all visiting buyers was that the selling curve, after having been sliding downward or running fairly even for months, is just at the point of showing a sharp upturn.

Furniture Sales Large. Furniture houses were showing big sales to the trade yesterday, but active buying was by no means confined to them. Shoe manufacturers and wholesalers were taking big orders and in fact all lines reported record buying.

Last night both men and women visitors were entertained by the organization in charge of Buyers' week. The wives and daughters of the visitors were taken to the Heilig for a theater party to the number of several hundred. Mrs. William D. McWaters being chairman of the committee managing the affair. Men guests were taken to a smoker and hi jinks in the Arcadian gardens at the Multnomah hotel, where a lively entertainment was enjoyed.

Today there will be a big luncheon at Washington park, where 50 tables were erected yesterday under the trees. The Portland Ad club has charge of the luncheon, together with a committee from the Chamber of Commerce. Added speakers who entered the competitive lists with a talk on why Portland should be preferred as a market were Mrs. L. W. Robbins, Molalla, Or.; Mrs. Charles Hines, Eggen, Grov., Or.; Fred Sam, Moscow, Idaho; Cecil L. Brown, North Bend, Or.; A. N. Bauman, Lewiston, Idaho, and Fred McKiel, Clatskanie, Or.

Movies Are to Be Taken. Moving pictures will be taken of this luncheon, one of the biggest ever held in the city. Buyers will assemble at the Oregon building headquarters at 11 o'clock and they will be taken to the park in a great fleet of automobiles.

Tonight the big fashion show will be held at the Lyric theater and admission will be by ticket only. The last word in modes will be portrayed with the aid of models, and this feature, it is said, will be the biggest and most elaborate event of this nature ever held in the northwest. A special feature of the week will be a lecture on "Merchandising in 1921," by S. E. Congbear, advertising manager for the Armstrong Cork company, Portland department, Lancaster, Pa. Mr. Congbear, an acknowledged authority on advertising, came all the way from Pennsylvania to illustrate approved methods of retail advertising, window displays and selling methods. This lecture was arranged as an added attraction by John W. McCoy of Seattle. All buyers are invited.

DEBATING LEAGUE ELECTS

HIGH SCHOOL ORGANIZATION CHOOSES OFFICIALS.

State to Be Divided Into Eleven Districts, Each to Have Its Own Special Subject.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special).—A. C. Strange of Astoria has been elected president and Dr. Clark of the University of Oregon, secretary, of the Oregon High School Debating League. The executive committee is composed of these two officers, together with J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, and Corneilia Marvin, state librarian.

It is proposed to enlist 150 high schools of the state in the league as against 77 schools for the past year. The state will be divided into 11 districts and each will be assigned a special subject for discussion. The winning team in each district will be assigned the same subject for the interdistrict meet. The subject is: "Resolved, That Oregon should adopt a graduated state income tax."

In the intradistrict debates the northern Willamette district will debate: "Resolved, That the Plumb plan for the control and management of railroads should be adopted." The southern Willamette district will debate: "Resolved, That congress should prohibit all immigration for a period of not less than five years."

The southern Oregon district will discuss the principle of the open shop while the lower Columbia district will debate whether the Kansas industrial arbitration act should be adopted. The upper Columbia high school district will discuss the county unit school plan, while the Umatilla district will debate the question of a larger navy for this country. To the eastern Oregon district has been assigned the question of Philippine independence. In the southeastern Oregon district there will be debated whether nations should reduce their armaments to the minimum necessary for police duty.

In order that the schools of Portland may discuss a subject of local interest, that city has been assigned: "Resolved, That Portland should own and operate its street railway system." The county unit system of school administration will be discussed in the westbound Oregon district, while the district known as the west side will discuss: "Resolved, That a protective tariff is beneficial to the producers of agricultural products in the United States."

TRAIN DERAILED; 2 HURT

Pair Held on Suspicion of Tampering With Rails.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 2.—Two men were held for investigation here following derailment early today, at Inkster, 15 miles west of here, of six coaches of a westbound Michigan passenger train, and the overturning of its engine. Two trainmen and a passenger were injured, none seriously.

Investigation showed that the rails of the westbound track had been tampered with.

HOME-MADE BREAD URGED

BAKERIES ACCUSED OF KEEPING PRICES AT HIGHEST PEAK.

"Farmer" Smith Tells Housewives' Council Members Can Overcome Profiteering by Boycott.

Roll your own rolls and bake your own bread—this was the solution of the bread problem suggested by C. L. ("Farmer") Smith, agriculturist of the Union Pacific system, speaking at the housewives' council in the story room of the library yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Smith said that the price of flour late had declined 33.3 per cent, but that no reduction of bread prices had been made by the bakers. He estimated that bread could be made in the home by the housewives at one-third the cost of buying bread at present prices from bakers.

A baker in the back of the audience informed Mr. Smith that the bakeries of the city had reduced the wages of their workmen 10 per cent without making a reduction in bread prices. The bread made in the home is more nutritious and contains less of the baker's loaf, was the declaration of Mr. Smith. He charged the bakers with being materialists of flour.

The speaker suggested that a campaign of encouraging housewives of the city to make their own bread, and teaching those who do not know how, be conducted by the council. The address of Mr. Smith was a piece of the program of the day, which is being taken up by the housewives' council.

KINDNESS WINS ESTATE

Girl 14 Years Old Receives Farm as Legacy From Workman.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special).—It pays to be kind, as 14-year-old Esther McGee learned after the death of George Heebel, a man who worked at her father's home and was treated kindly by the little girl, for Heebel left all his property to McGee—a farm worth \$10,000, located in Curry county—when he died some months ago.

The man had made a will, but this could not be found, and it was supposed it was deposited somewhere with other valuable papers which are missing. Existence of a will was proved, however, and a claim to his property, the affair recently was decided by Judge Wood of Curry county in favor of Miss McGee.

AGED MAN AUTO VICTIM

Motorcar Runs Down Milwaukee Resident and Disappears.

E. Shupert, 68 years old, a resident of Milwaukee, was killed yesterday in the main highway at Oak Grove late yesterday afternoon suffering from a compound fracture of the right leg and possible internal injuries, due to being hit by an automobile which did not stop.

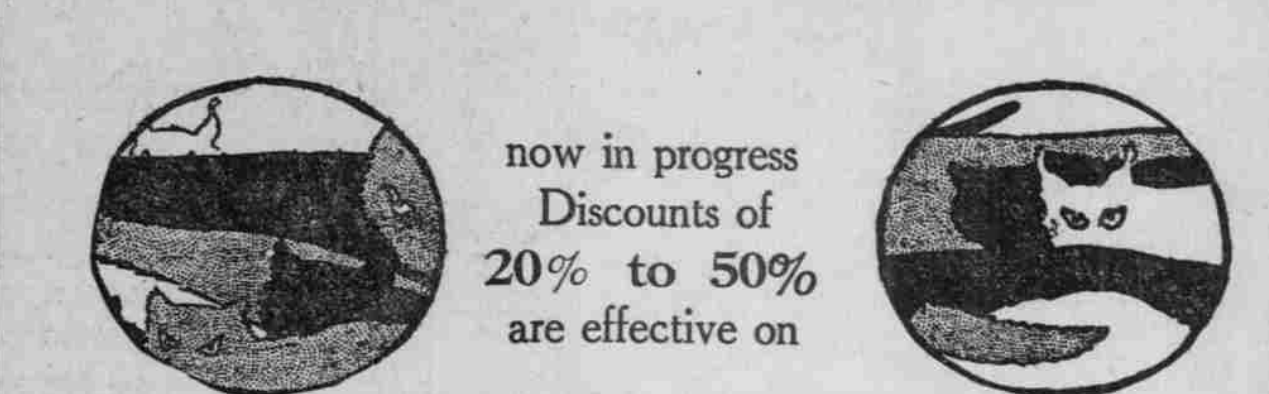
No one could be found who knew how the accident occurred. Two women driving in another car saw Hines, 68, knocked down, and gave chase to the machine in an effort to get the license number. Shupert was taken to Selwood hospital.

Shupert has an invalid wife, and a daughter, the name Mrs. Marchet, living at 897 Bybee avenue.

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