

## HUGE CROP IN RUSSIA LOOMS POTENT SCARE

'Almost Fabulous Progress' Reports Observer; our Exports Menaced

Collective Farms can Produce Wheat Less Than U. S. he Declares

By VICTOR T. HACKLER.  
MADISON, Wis., Dec. 5.—(AP)—To the question of what Russia's high speed agricultural development meant to the United States, a young American scientist offers an answer based on nine months inspection of Soviet farming.

"Our exports in the future will have to be of special high grade qualities on a limited scale."

Dr. J. G. Dickson of the University of Wisconsin is the scientist, just returned from a trip sponsored by the United States department of agriculture to study cereal diseases.

He emphasized that his views were purely personal and in no way connected with his government mission. Then he went on to describe a nation stirred by unparalleled mass enthusiasm, making "tremendous, almost fabulous" progress in an agricultural way and speeding up production of foodstuffs to a point that may well alarm the economists of other nations.

Few Hotels Found on Journey in Russia  
"I was treated well by Soviet officials," Dr. Dickson said, "and permitted to go wherever I pleased. There are no hotels or other accommodations in most places, however, so what I really did was tramp around the country almost like a bum. I carried by bed on my back."

The young scientist covered enough ground, however, and saw enough of the huge trust and collective farms to be convinced that Russia can produce wheat in such a manner to undersell any nation with standards of living such as those in this country.

The essential factor in the Soviet agricultural program is haste, Dr. Dickson said. There is no time under the "five year plan" for small experiments to try various types of seed, wheat, corn, etc. It is best adapted to certain grains. Thousands of acres are planted in crops never known to the committee before.

"I saw southern Illinois corn beans and North Dakota corn beans in the same area," Dr. Dickson said. "In 20,000 acres of cotton growing in climatic conditions similar to southern Illinois."

"Phenomenal" Results Made in Year Now Fast  
The results of the high speed, mechanized action, aided by unusually favorable weather the past season were described as "phenomenal."

Dr. Dickson estimated the wheat yield at 1,180,000,000 bushels adding "and remember they grow only four varieties." barley production reached a pre-war basis, he said, while cotton and soy beans were grown "in proportions the country never heard of before."

Of the three present types of agriculture in Russia, Dr. Dickson said he believed the "trust" or "collective" type, which is "truly an industrial unit" would outlive the others—the collective farm and the peasant farm.

In the trust farm the workers are merely wage earners, their holdings being taken over completely by the government which claims all land as a natural resource. Industrial hours are maintained with wage earners getting time and a half pay for overtime (after 4:30 p.m.) and working only five days a week.

The price of grain is set before the growing season by a committee composed of the directors of the large farms. This year the payment in paper rubles manufactured at virtually no cost to the government, corresponded to about 95 cents a bushel for wheat.

The government collects a percentage (about 25 per cent this year) of the grain as a tax for the use of the land, exporting it to pay off its foreign debts, Dr. Dickson said.

## Rankin Favors New Way South

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5.—(AP)—Establishment of an airway east of the Cascades from the Dallas south to Los Angeles by way of Reno, Nev., would be a boon to western aviation, Tex Rankin, Portland aviator, told the western regional tariff and aviation conference here today.

The conference opened immediately after the closing session of the Western States Aeronautics association and was attended by the same representatives of western states.

## LAD 2 DROWNED

SVENSON, Ore., Dec. 5.—(AP)—Gerald Dunmore, 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Dunmore, drowned in a small creek near here today. The child was playing along the bank of the stream together with other children.

## As Mr. Curtis Opened Congress



Vice President Charles Curtis on the rostrum of the senate chamber, with gavel poised as he appeared when he called to order the opening of the seventy-third congress.

## WETS LOSE IN VOTE BUT STRENGTH MORE

Move to cut out Poison in Industrial Alcohol is Defeated, 106-54

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Stimulated by November election results, the house wet bloc made a determined anti-prohibition drive today and before retiring in defeat registered the strongest assault of recent years against government poisoning of industrial alcohol.

The house vote against the amendment of Representative Linthicum, democrat, Maryland, to prohibit funds of the treasury-postoffice supply bill from being spent in poisoning alcohol, was 106 to 54, but the wet bloc leader received double last year's support of the same amendment. On a second attempt, however, late in the day, he was able to muster only 36 votes for his proposal.

The wets fared worse on a proposal of Representative O'Connor, democrat, New York, to forbid using any of \$32,897,000 coat guard appropriation in dry law work which was lost 108 to 22 both were standing votes.

From a prohibitionist, Representative Blanton, democrat, Texas, came the major wet victory in a day of tumult. Blanton raised a point of order against an allocation of \$10,000 for educational work in behalf of prohibition enforcement and the sum was struck from the bill.

Numerous other wet proposals came from both sides of the aisle to join the Linthicum and O'Connor amendments in defeat.

## Hoover Chooses Men on Board to Retain Timber

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—President Hoover today appointed the thirteen members of the timber conservation board.

The commission is to be headed by Secretary Lamont of the commerce department, through whose office the announcement was made.

Secretaries Hyde and Wilbur are members along with John W. Blodgett, Grand Rapids, Mich.; W. M. Ritter, Columbus, Ohio; John C. Merriam, Washington, D. C.; Paul G. Ridgman, Washington, D. C.; George D. Pratt, New York; D. C. Everett, Wau-sau, Wis.; Carl R. Gray, Omaha; John N. Kirby, Houston, Texas; Louis J. Taber, Columbus, Ohio, and Charles Lathrop Pack, Lakewood, N. J.

## Cheer Funds Mount When Checks Begin to Arrive

### GOOD-WILL FUND REPORT

The honor of heading this year's "Good-Will Fund" falls to Jennie D. Nunn, 944 North 19th St., who mailed in her check for \$5.00.

Previously reported \$54.26 Street Kettles, Dec. 5th ..... 23.55 Jennie D. Nunn ..... 5.00 Total to date ..... \$83.14

By ENSIGN EARL WILLIAMS

Nothing dampens the desire to help the unfortunate more than to find that the aid does not reach its intended object. To help a blind man and find that he is a faker and not blind, to feed a hungry man and later find him spending money in a pool hall, stirs our bile; to aid a supposed worthy and needy family and find the house full of stored supplies curbs our career as philanthropists, to contribute to a supposed worthy charity and find it an

## LLOYD GEORGE ATTACKS WALL STREET'S WORK

"We are Lassooed Fast" his View; Debt Settlement Taken to Task

Only Reason Liberals do not Upset MacDonald Because of Menace

By FRANK KING  
LONDON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Considerable fog from the British political atmosphere was cleared away today by David Lloyd George, who outlined certain conditions under which a general election may be avoided for ten more years.

In a speech at the national liberal club he showered scathing criticism alike at Ramsey MacDonald's labor government and Stanley Baldwin's conservative opposition and also took a few sly jabs at the United States.

He made it evident his handiwork of liberal followers in the house of commons, who can vote the labor government out of office any day, would have done so long ago but for the fact the conservatives are pledged to protective tariff reform.

Epigrams Sparkle in Speech of old Leader  
"The Tories want a free hand in the national cupboard," he said, "our business is to keep the tariff mice away from the people's bread."

He also assailed the American debt settlement made by the former Baldwin government, saying the "mischievous" of that settlement continued to spread.

"We are lassooed fast by American finance," he asserted. "We are only beginning to realize what that terrible debt settlement means. That gold standard settlement was premature and ill thought out. We have been dragged over the course by the wild horses of Wall street."

He termed the labor government "an acknowledged failure." "Britain is between the devil and the deep sea," he went on. "Our only practical choice is between the labor party, whose avowed doctrine is socialism, and the conservative party, which is ready to plunge heedlessly into a vortex of fiscal revolution. It is a sorry choice."

With the alternative at hand, he said, the laborites cannot be given another chance and be judged from day to day until the time when the electoral can be prevailed upon to trust the liberal party with the government.

## Cherrians Plan For Decoration Of Annual Tree

Completing of plans for the decoration of the courthouse Christmas tree, a matter always handled by the Cherrians, will be done Tuesday night when that group meets at the Gray Belle at 6:30 o'clock. Election of the King Bing for the coming year and of the council nobles is also scheduled for the evening.

Fifty active Cherrians and 25 more men on the honor list are all expected to attend the meeting on Tuesday.

Grover Hillman, King Bing of the Cherrians, has called the group together.

## INGOT PRODUCTION LOW

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Steel ingot production in November declined to an approximate daily output of 39,378 gross tons, the lowest since June, 1924, and the lowest for November since 1921, figures published today by the American Iron and steel institute disclosed.

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"Anyone who wishes to enter the contest to decorate their homes should do so without worrying about the number of lights they can use in the decoration," said Thomas yesterday. He said the club was very desirous that every home possible in the city be decorated.

Thomas suggested that lights be placed over the entrance to the home, or in the front windows. Trees in the yard may be attractively decorated, he said, while colored lights in bushes or shrubbery about the home are very pretty.

Several veterans' organizations has sponsored the apple sales program. The signs of their project say "Buy an apple—from a vet—unemployed."

## Runaway Pair Found In Box Stall; Eats Found to be Scanty

SPOKANE, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Housekeeping in a deserted box stall isn't the nicest thing in the world, but "it wasn't so bad," two young runaways told police today. The runaways, a boy 15 and a girl 12, missing from home for three days, were found in the deserted race horse stable by detectives who followed the boy when he went to his home for food.

"We didn't have much furniture," the girl said, "but I had the place pretty clean and we gathered up some horse blankets and straw and were able to keep out the cold fairly well."

"We did get hungry, however, as all we had was a cigarette and an apple, and I don't smoke."

## MYSTERY GAS IS IN SHROUD OF FOG

64 Deaths in Horrible 3-Day Tragedy Which Scared Brussels

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Dec. 5.—(AP)—A mysterious poison fog blanketing the Meuse valley in Belgium or three days, has terrified the countryside and already caused 64 deaths. Many domestic animals also have fallen as victims.

For 72 hours an extremely heavy fog has hung over the valley, and peasants groping their way through the dense clouds of mist have died in sudden and horrible asphyxiation.

At first it was believed the casualties were caused by the choking mists aggravating respiratory complaints, but the magnitude of the epidemic has brought fears poison gas is responsible.

It is known that great quantities of German war material are buried around Liege, where most of the fatalities have occurred, and some persons believe this responsible. Others lay the trouble to some noxious by-product of an industrial works which has mixed with the fog and drifted slowly down the air currents of the valley. Still others believed a secret store of poison gas has been loosed in some manner.

Authorities Work Frantically To Determine Exact Cause  
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Panic has seized the villagers of the region, who have fled to their houses and in many cases have packed in the livestock to save the animals from the unseen, but deadly threat.

The village of Engis appears the center of the extraordinary epidemic. Fourteen deaths are reported there.

Among the other fatalities reported are eight at Flamalle Haute, four at Flamalle Grande, five at Yvoy-Ramet, ten at Jemeppe-Sur-Meuse, and seven at Othe.

Most of the terrified inhabitants are convinced that buried stores of German war gas, remnants of the supply dumps concentrated in this area during the World war, are responsible. The victims have died just as did soldiers without gas masks in the war.

## IDEAS SUGGESTED HOME DECORATION

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## Buy-Apple Move Moves West to City of Winds

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The "buy an apple—unemployed" movement has spread from New York to Chicago, where or shrubbery about the home are very pretty.

All over the downtown district, jobless men set up their apple crates and signs today. The public responded with its nickels.

## ROAD PROGRAM BELIEVED WAY TO MAKE JOBS

Van Duzer, in Conference, Says \$500,000 Might be Had Give Extra Work

Cooperation With Counties In Market-Other Roads In Legal Tariff

In case a way can be found whereby it is possible to proceed legally, the state highway commission probably will enter the fight against unemployment in Oregon and apportion a large amount of its funds for the improvement of county and market roads in cooperation with the county courts.

This was indicated by H. B. VanDuzer, chairman of the state highway commission, at a meeting called here Friday by Governor Norblad to organize a state labor employment commission.

The commission is composed of Governor Norblad, Mr. VanDuzer and C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner. Mr. VanDuzer will act as chairman of the labor commission.

Mr. VanDuzer declared at the outset of the meeting that the unemployment situation in Oregon was serious and that no improvement in conditions could be expected before next March.

"Duty of State to Give Work," Says VanDuzer  
"There are a large number of worthy men out of employment at the present time," said Mr. VanDuzer, "and it is the duty of the state of Oregon to go the limit in providing them work."

Although I am not speaking for other members of the state highway commission, I believe they will join in any plan that will help to provide necessities for persons who are without employment."

VanDuzer declared that the best results would be obtained by providing state highway funds for the improvement of county and market roads. He said such a plan would provide employment in every county in Oregon, while a scaling up of work on the state highways would confine employment to a few of the more favored sections of the state.

Mr. VanDuzer emphasized the statement that much of the work on state highways already had been advanced and that more men were at work in state construction at this time of the year than ever before.

Lessened Efficiency Likely In Emergency Program  
"I fully realize that the state highway commission will be receiving 10 per cent efficiency in an emergency program," said VanDuzer, "and it is probable that a considerable amount of money would be wasted. But be that as it may, an emergency exists and the state should step up and do its part in relieving the situation."

VanDuzer declared that such an emergency program might necessitate a change in the present highway law.

## Leading Men of Business to go To Big Dinner

One thousand business leaders from all states in the west are expected to attend the annual banquet of the western division of the chamber of commerce of the United States, to be held at the Masonic temple, Portland, next Monday evening, with William Butterworth, president of the United States chamber of commerce, as speaker.

From Salem will go Governor A. L. Norblad, Mayor T. A. Liveley, T. B. Kay, state treasurer; Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state; E. F. Slade, D. W. Eyre, W. T. Jenks, C. P. Bishop, J. N. Chambers, W. M. Hamilton, Edward Schaefer, E. E. Sisson, Frank Gibson, C. E. Wilson and William S. Walton.

## German Program is Given in Schools; First One Since '17.

The first German program to be given by a local school group since the days of the world war was held at the high school yesterday afternoon by the recently organized German club, of which Miss Anna Heist is adviser.

A feature of the program was the talk of Hanna Yemann, who attended schools in Germany until three years ago. She told of many interesting things in the German school system which seemed peculiar to the public school student in this country. Even the school baseball games in Germany aren't like those here, she told the group.

Three songs were sung in German, with two accompanied by violin. Reports, one on Blinckola, and another a review of an opera by Wagner, were also given. Delbert Jensen, president of the club, conducted the entertainment. The club is open to advanced German students.

The action today completed proceedings begun last August when the screen couple took the child from a Pasadena home.

## New Secretary of Labor Doak and His Wife are Shown in Their Home



William N. Doak, former legislative agent at the capital for the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, whom President Hoover has just appointed Secretary of Labor, is shown with his wife at their home near Washington, when he received word of his appointment to the cabinet.

## Loucks, Bowles Both Charged With Murder In Verdict at Inquest

Six Jurors are Unanimous in Portland Mystery Case; Panel Out Three Hours; Case Now Will Go Before Grand Jury

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5.—(AP)—A coroner's jury tonight unanimously blamed Irma G. Loucks, 28, or Nelson C. Bowles, 34, or both for the death of Mrs. Leone C. Bowles, 33, Portland society matron. A verdict could have been returned by four of the six jurors.

The unanimous verdict fixing the blame was a surprise. Generally it had been expected that death would be blamed on persons unknown.

The case will now go to the grand jury. "It is found by the jury," the verdict read, "that said Mrs. Leone C. Bowles on November 12, 1930, met her death as the result of a wound inflicted with murderous intent either by Irma G. Loucks, by Nelson C. Bowles, or both."

Little More Than Three Hours Needed for Verdict  
The jury of three men and three women, which had listened to voluminous testimony for nearly three days, required but little more than three hours to reach a verdict.

Mrs. Bowles, her heart pierced with a bread knife, died November 12 in an apartment leased by Irma G. Loucks, generally known as Mrs. Irma Loucks Paris. Mrs. Paris and Bowles were present in the apartment at the time and told police Mrs. Bowles stabbed herself. Seven days after the tragedy they were charged with first degree murder. Preliminary hearing of the murder charges has been set for December 9.

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Mrs. Bowles, they said, had decided to terminate their intimacies. Then, they told police, (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

## Wheeler Tears At Government Indian Control

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The government's administration of Indian affairs was assailed today by Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, as "little less than criminal."

He told interior department officials at a hearing by a senate Indian affairs sub-committee that the department was letting the government's "stature to death" and field agents were "sitting around doing nothing."

But in some instances he held the Indian blameless.

## Floria, 'Will Be Adopted by Lloyd and Wife

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Harold Lloyd, film comedian, and his wife, formerly Mildred Davis, screen actress, appeared in superior court today and formally decreed adoption of Gloria Gabriella Freeman, 5.

The child will be known henceforth as Marjorie Elizabeth Lloyd, and will be a playmate for the Lloyd daughter, Gloria-Mildred.

## Oregon Briefs

PAPERS OFF \$25  
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5.—(AP)—John Walker, 28, confessed holdup man from Swan River, Manitoba, Canada, wants police records to be correct.

Walker, police records said, held up a waffle shop here last night and escaped with \$52.

Today Walker came to police headquarters, walked up to Sergeant Mass and said: "I guess you want me. I stuck up a waffle shop last night and the papers said I got away with \$52. I didn't get any such smart. I got exactly \$25. Why can't you fellows keep them little details straight?"

AIRPLANE UNIDENTIFIED  
EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 5.—(AP)—An unidentified airplane made a forced landing in a newly seeded grain field near Lorane late today. The pilot told farmers the engine stalled on him. The farmers reported the pilot left immediately for Eugene, but he had not arrived here several hours later.

TIME, MONEY, LACKING  
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5.—(AP)—Frank J. Miller, chairman of the public service commission, said today he opposed a general

## McNARY LEADS IN GIVING OF DROUGHT HELP

\$60,000,000 Bill is Hurried Through Committee, Despite Hoover

Loans to Farmers for Feed, Seed, Fertilizer, are Made Possible

The Day in Washington  
By The Associated Press  
House rejected proposal to prohibit use of government funds for poisoning industrial alcohol.

William Z. Foster, communist leader, refused to tell names of members of the American communist central committee.

Senate agriculture committee approved \$60,000,000 for drought relief instead of \$25,000,000 recommended by the administration.

Senate interstate commerce committee decided to question the five appointees to the power commission. Senator Wheeler charged government administration of Indian affairs was "little less than criminal."

Senator Nye sent investigators into Pennsylvania to check up on Davis-Brown primary expenditures.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Emergency relief plans were pushed forward in both houses of congress today as the senate agriculture committee, ignoring the recommendations of the administration, voted to appropriate \$60,000,000 for loans to farmers in drought and storm stricken areas.

The committee unanimously approved the McNary-Awell resolution to authorize \$60,000,000 for loans to farmers not only for feed, seed and fertilizer, but also for food.

Republicans on the committee joined in revolt against the administration's limitation of \$25,000,000 after Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic leader, denounced the lower figure and warned that the fight would be carried to the floor of the senate.

McNary Keeps Committee in Session All Day  
Chairman McNary kept the committee in session all day to get action. He announced he would submit the report to the senate Monday and ask for immediate action.

## Federal Money For Roads More Than Ever Now

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The amount of federal aid road funds now available to the states for new highway projects is larger than allotments made thus far this year.

The government has allotted to the states \$131,112,533 on projects under the construction or approved and the balance available was \$155,883,876 as of November 30.

Projects already under construction or approved are estimated to cost \$312,898,720. This year's program, when completed, will add 12,355 miles to the federal aid system.

## Burglar Corrects Error Plane Down at Lorane Miller Opposes Probe 140 Families Come in

Investigation of telephone rates in Oregon because of lack of time and money.

A state-wide investigation was discussed following a public service commission order last Thursday for an investigation of charges made by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company for telephone service to hotels in the state outside of Portland.

5388 ACRES LAND SOLD  
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5.—(AP)—W. G. Ide, manager of the Oregon state chamber of commerce, issued a report today saying the chamber's settlement campaign had brought 140 new families to Oregon during November. Those new families, the report said, had invested a total of \$60,700 in Oregon, purchasing 5388 acres of land in the one month.

BORLESKE CALLS CONCLAVE  
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5.—(AP)—R. Vincent Borleske, Whitman coach, announced today the annual Northwest conference fall meeting will be held here December 12 and 13. The meeting will be held to determine basketball, baseball, track, tennis, and football schedules. Representatives from Whitman, Willamette, Pacific, Linfield, College of Idaho and College of Puget Sound, will attend.