

DEPRESSION BRINGS FEW WAGE CUTS

Commerce Secretary's Annual Report Shows Unbroken Advance in American Productivity Despite Slack Business Period.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—An unbroken advance in American productivity was cited today by Secretary Lamont as the fundamental cause of rising standards of living.

In this factor, he found "conclusive evidence" that business progress is NOT wiped out by periods of depression. This cheering word went to congress in his annual report.

"It has marked a permanent achievement," he said, "and when the present recession is over, the same upward movement will unquestionably be resumed."

"The causes at work are for the most part of a cumulative character, so that it may be said that each forward step leads to another step in the same direction."

The report dealt with the fiscal year which closed June 30. It included a survey of economic trends and a resume of the commerce department's activities.

Few Wage Cuts. Mr. Lamont said it was "a noteworthy fact that practically no cuts in wages have been made by employers as a result of the recession of business."

This he saw as contrasting sharply with the practices of previous slack periods and as evidence of a widespread conviction that "permanent progress in prosperity is dependent on liberal wages and consequent large buying power on the part of the masses of the people."

Greater skill and intelligence among the workers, improved methods of organization and management, advances in science and invention, and increased use of capital as an aid to labor, were listed as the causes of increased output per workman.

Gains in personal productivity have ranged from 57 to 115 per cent in the various branches of economic endeavor over a period of 30 years. Gains of 10 to 40 per cent were noted for the last decade.

Commodity Prices Cut. Among the major economic phenomena of the fiscal year, the commerce secretary referred to a "very considerable decline" in commodity prices, which broke "the steadiness" that characterized the price levels of recent years.

The drop ran all the way through the commodity list but was "especially marked in farm products." A decrease in the value of crops was noted, together with an increase in that of animal products.

In the field of transportation increased efficiency was noted, with railroads handling more traffic with fewer employees, fewer freight cars, and fewer locomotives than in any other year of similar business volume.

The security markets dominated financial conditions, Lamont said, and loans for the sale and purchase of securities were generally regarded as having had "a most disturbing effect" on the money market. A decline in American loans abroad was noted.

Slump World Wide. The secretary mentioned at several points in his report that business depression had been world wide and said that in several foreign countries recession had begun even earlier than in the United States.

Efforts to decrease waste in industry, a home building campaign conducted on a national scale, increased service to business both at home and abroad and continued service to commercial aviation were cited among the activities of the department.

Its services to aviation were given as the examination of aircraft and airmen for license, the maintenance of the federal airways system, assistance to communities in the selection of airports, determining the causes of accidents, and furnishing the public with information on civil aeronautics.

"Do Something" National Cry of Russians Happy Children Never Heard of Riches

By Victor Eubank. BAKUM, Adzharia Republic, U. S. S. R.—(AP)—Communist youth seems to be decidedly in the ascendency in Bakum, capital of the Adzharia.

Bakum is an oil center, with two pipe lines from Baku and a fine harbor on the Black sea taking care of huge exports.

The day I arrived here there was an immense parade of what appeared to be thousands of children. They were clean, well dressed and apparently happy.

They carried red flags and numerous banners on which were painted their slogans. Bands of boys and girls filled the air with music. They sang the international and other patriotic songs.

"What is it?" I inquired. "Have all the schools burned down?" "Nothing of the sort," replied a Bakum booster. "These children are all young communists who are celebrating the opening of the winter school term."

Later two of these youths volunteered to show the foreigners the local sights. They were Young Pioneers, not yet old enough to join the Young Communist organization.

The Pioneers are something like the Boy Scouts and get their Marxist training early. One of their tenets is to be polite and helpful to strangers. The two Pioneers positively refused the usual thank-offerings customary in other countries.

"What are you going to be when you grow up?" one of the boys was asked.

"I hope to be an engineer," was the answer of the 10-year-old.

"Do you want to become rich?" "Rich?" repeated the Young Pioneer, obviously mystified. "What does rich mean?"

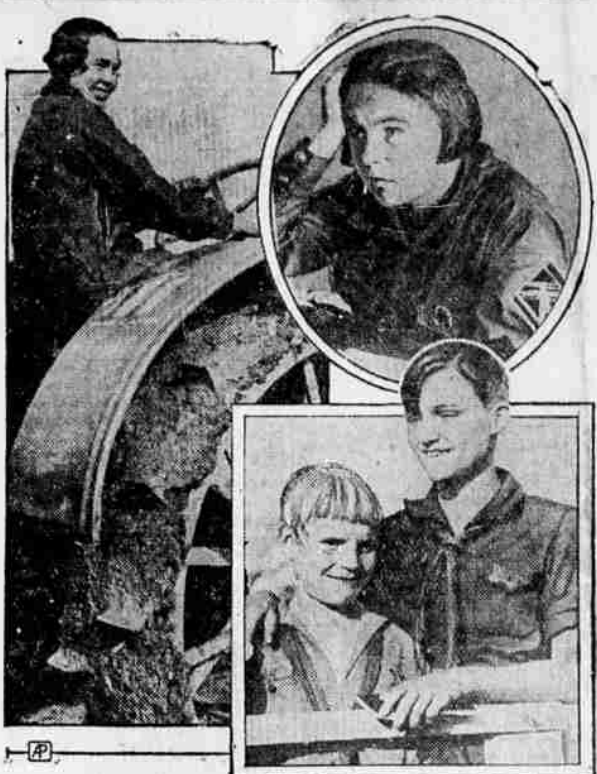
The word "rich" is not in the Soviet vocabulary.

Near Bakum, the government has established a large experimental tropical farm whereon it is trying to raise oranges, lemons and other citrus fruit.

The biggest venture is a tea plantation where already some 25,000 acres are under cultivation. At the end of the five-year plan it is expected that 150,000 acres will be planted in tea. The Soviet government thereby hopes to do away with its great tea imports.

There are as many mosques as churches in Bakum, although a percentage of both is being eliminated by the Soviet campaign against religion. The nationalities here are more mixed than in any other city of the union. They are chiefly Mohammedan, Georgian, Adzharians, Armenians, Greeks, Turks, Russians and Jews.

The Adzharian language is taught in the schools as well as Russian. The Soviets granted the Adzharians a separate republic after Georgia was taken from the Mensheviks in 1921.



The girls at the left drive a tractor on one of the huge collective farms in Soviet Russia. The girl at the right and the boys below are typical members of the Young Pioneers, youthful communist organization.

Ancient Tribal Sports Enjoyed Club Life and Gambling Is Discovery

SALT LAKE CITY.—(AP)—Discovery of an Indian mound containing a "kiva" or religious dance house, and 25 "men's club rooms," the first of its kind ever located in Utah, is reported here by Dr. Julian H. Steward, head of the archaeological department of the University of Utah.

The mound was uncovered in Millard county. Dr. Steward said discovery of a large number of "gambling sticks" in one room indicated the Indians were adept in the game and used part of their dwelling for such pastime. These sticks, he said, were used in a hand gambling game believed to have been popular among the Indians for medicinal men to write upon the walls of the houses, and an effort would be made to interpret all of the peroglyphical figures.

Skeletons were found in the mounds in addition to varieties of pottery, metals and clay figures apparently moulded to represent deities. All relics of the past tribe were preserved and will be brought to the University of Utah museum for study.

EXECUTIONS MAY KINDLE REVOLUTION

Spanish Government Declares Martial Law in Central Area — General Strike Threatens — Two Plotters Die.

MADRID, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Martial law was declared throughout Central Spain today and a proclamation to that effect was read at noon in the main square of Madrid.

MADRID, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The Spanish government feared today the execution of two reserve artillery officers by firing squad and coup de grace at Huesca Sunday night, being a nationwide conflagration of riot and revolt.

With an uprising at Jaca, Pyrenees garrison, safely put down, Premier Damazo Berenguer and his cabinet turned to face a general strike threatening today in virtually every important city in Spain.

The two to die were Captains Ferrn Galan and Garcia Hernandez, reserve officers deprived of their regular army standing after the Ciudad uprising and subsequent artillery corps disbandment.

Third Man Killed. A third principal in the abortive revolt, Pio Diaz, Jaca business man, died in an unexplained manner during recapture of the place by loyal troops.

Both Galan and Garcia died bravely. After courtmartial they were taken from the courthouse, where they stood trial in an army warehouse on the outskirts of the city. With their backs against a wall, both refused blindfold for their eyes and looked unflinchingly into the rifles of the squads of nine men each. In both cases the non-commissioned officers walked to them and delivered the coup de grace with their sidearms.

War Prisoners' Friend Dies. M. Gaston Chappelle, who during the World war, helped 1,500 Allied prisoners to escape, has died at Roubaix, France, aged 51. Chappelle was taken a prisoner at Mauthausen in September, 1914, and organized in the prison camp at Friedersfeld a regular service for the escape of war prisoners which was continued until July, 1917.

Russia is offering flax in France at very low prices.



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Women Auto Across Africa

Miss Margaret Belcher and Miss Ellen Budgett, of Cape Town, South Africa, have just completed a tour of 8,000 miles from Cape Town to Cairo in an automobile which cost \$100. The journey required 168 days, and the two women encountered snakes and were held up by floods.

Dreyfus Film Racks Berlin

"Dreyfus," a film based by the author, Richard Oswald, on the documentary evidence of the famous case, is proving a success in Berlin, Germany. Oswald has treated the tragedy of the Jewish captain exhaustively, and the result is a play of nerve-racking power.

German Operas in Dublin

When German opera was presented in Dublin, Ireland, this season, it was greeted by large and enthusiastic audiences. Musical critics were also warm in their praise. The two favorite operas were "The Flying Dutchman" and "Hansel and Gretel," which was presented twice.

RADIO

7:30 to 8:00 p.m.—Empire Builders—NBC service to KGO, KHQ, KGM, KGW, KBCA, KPSP, KTAR.
8:00 to 8:15—Popular Tunes—NBC service to KGO.
8:15 to 8:30 p.m.—Sports—NBC service to KGO.
8:00 to 9:00 p.m.—Rudy Selger's Shell Symphonists—NBC service to KPO, KFI, KHQ, KOMO, KGW, 8:00 to 8:30; 8:45 to 9:00 p.m.
8:30 to 8:45 p.m.—Amos 'n' Andy—NBC service to KGO, KHQ, KOMO, KGW, KECA, KPSP.
8:45 to 9:00 p.m.—Southern Harmony Four—NBC service to KGO.
9:00 to 9:30 p.m.—World Wanderings—NBC service to KGO, KTAR.
9:30 to 10:00 p.m.—Pacific National Singers—NBC service to KSL, KOA.
9:30 to 10:00 p.m.—The Trial of Vivienne Ware—NBC service to KGO.
10:00 to 10:30 p.m.—Musical Echoes—NBC service to KGO, KECA, KOA; KSL, 10:15 to 10:30 p.m.
10:30 to 10:45 p.m.—Yr. Frln' Scotty—NBC service to KGO, KSL, KOA.
10:45 to 11:00 p.m.—Walter V. Forner, cellist—NBC service to KGO, KSL, KOA.
11:00 to 12:00 p.m.—Dance orchestra—NBC service to KGO, KGW, KFI.
England's census will be taken on Sunday, April 26, 1931.

Health Champion Likes To Dance; Wants To Teach Home Economics

By Marian E. Snydergaard.

(Healthiest 4-H Club Farm Girl, As Told to the Associated Press)

Having health is a wonderful thing. I wish every boy and girl in the world was as healthy as the doctors say I am.

I don't suppose living as I have would give everybody health, but I'm sure it would improve health. I eat just about as I please, not too much candy or cake. I drink lots of milk and I like ice cream.

Living on a farm gives anybody an opportunity to get plenty of fresh air. On our place in Grundy county, Iowa, there is plenty to do, and that gives me lots of exercise.

At high school where I am a senior, I like to play basketball and hockey.

I like dancing and the movies. I always enjoy a trip into Waterloo, which is near our farm, for there we see the movies. School parties are fun.

But watching the photographers and movie cameramen rushing around, running into each other and fussing at each other while they took our pictures after the health contest was almost as good as a moving picture.

I usually sleep nine or ten hours. Many times I walk to school two miles away. It's wonderful walking down the road through the early morning, and it's just as nice coming home, particularly in the fall when it's hazy and there is a tinge of winter in the air.

I like cooked cereal, toast, fruit, poached or boiled eggs and milk for breakfast. I try not to be late for breakfast because I enjoy it probably the best of any meal. I eat meat once or twice a day and all vegetables—yes, including spinach.

When I finish high school next June I hope to go to Iowa State college at Ames. My brother goes there. I want to study home economics and teach it.

I like boys; I've gotten pretty used to them as there are eight children in our family. I suppose some day I'll settle down to liking the boy.

College For London Police That a police college has been established in London has just been recommended by a sub-committee of the Police Council. The plan provides for a two-year course, to include periods of travel, study and police work at home and abroad; about 50 admissions to the college each year, and a capital expenditure on buildings and equipment of about \$750,000.

The next annual automobile show of Germany will be held in February.



Marian E. Snydergaard, 15-year-old Iowa girl, 4-H club health winner at the International Livestock show, is just three-tenths of one per cent off perfect in health. Her percentage of 99.7 was the nearest perfect ever made in the event.

PROMINENT COAST EDITOR SUCCEUMBS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Alfred Holman, for half a century prominently identified with Pacific coast newspapers, is dead. He passed away yesterday at the age of 72 in Hollis, Cal.

Editor of half a dozen Pacific coast dailies, Holman was perhaps best known as editor of the Argonaut, a weekly newspaper published here, with which he was associated for 17 years.

Beginning his newspaper career as a reporter on the Portland Oregonian in 1877, he rose to assistant editor.

JACKSON COUNTY TUBERCULIN FREE

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Fifteen more Oregon counties are soon to be accredited as tuberculosis free areas relative to dairy and range herd inspection, says Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian. They are Lane, Jackson, Deschutes, Crook, Klamath, Union, Wallowa, Umatilla, Morrow, Lake, Baker, Malheur, Wasco, Clackamas and Curry.

Nine counties are now tuberculosis free. They are Tillamook, Clatsop, Josephine, Polk, Washington, Lincoln, Yamhill, Hood River and Coos.

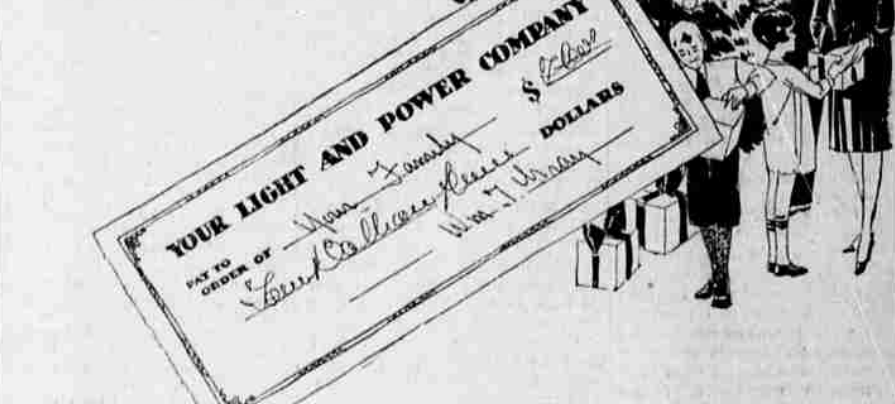
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