

U. S. ACCUSED OF WORKING AGAINST WHEAT RECOVERY

International Market Committee Finds This Country Guilty of Casting Obstacles in Pathway

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LONDON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The United States is among the countries the international wheat marketing committee has found guilty of placing obstacles in the way of world-wide recovery in that commodity.

While Americans have taken the lead in efforts being made in meetings here to raise the wheat price level, it was learned today the negotiators find operation of the Pacific Northwest Emergency Export association in the United States a depressing factor.

Coast Group Blamed. The organization, which operates in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, was listed by the delegates as among the subsidies which are defeating chances of success through any remedial measures.

The committee, a part of the world wheat commission set up last summer when export quotas were set for the major producing nations, is making an exhaustive investigation of all direct and indirect subsidies in an effort to determine whether schemes suggested here for the improvement of the world market are workable.

Sells at Loss. The P. N. E. E. is held by many of the delegates, contributes to the world wheat glut by buying home wheat and selling it at a considerable loss on world markets—the United States secretary of the treasury making up the association's losses from the millers' process tax.

The American association engages, according to information here, in active selling in China and Central America.

Delegates concede that the P. N. E. E. is considered necessary by the farmers of the area served because in many cases they are too far from the main population centers in the United States to compete successfully in the domestic market, railroad transportation costs making that prohibitive.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Department of agriculture officials denied today the United States is obstructing recovery of the world wheat market.

They said there was an understanding at the time of the original London conference that the United States would proceed with export sales under its quota, set at 47,000,000 bushels.

They added that to date the export association has marketed, chiefly in the Far East, about 2,500,000 bushels of wheat as the first part of an intended sale of 35,000,000 bushels.

Under the plan of the Pacific Northwest Export association it buys wheat from growers in Washington, Oregon and northern Idaho, paying them on the basis of wheat prices at interior markets, and sells the wheat at a lower price on the world market, making up the difference from funds gained from the processing tax on wheat.

This activity is one phase of the wheat acreage reduction program, since farmers who benefit from the export association's work agreed to reduce their acreage in 1934.

REED AND BRIDE HONEYMOONING

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 15.—(AP)—James A. Reed and his bride, the former Mrs. Nell Quinlan Donnelly, were "honey-mooning" here today, having slipped quietly into Memphis last night.

The 72-year-old former senator from Missouri said he and his bride, owner of a Kansas City dress manufacturing business, were trying to avoid publicity, but he consented to an interview in which he criticized the Roosevelt program.

"I think we are headed for a whole lot of trouble," Mr. Reed said, "piling up the national debt to a point where we will ultimately break down the national credit."

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MRS. PRUITT WINNER IN LADIES BOWLING

On the Smoke House alleys, Wednesday afternoon, the Ladies' league had its weekly tournament, with Mrs. Roy Pruitt taking first honors and Mrs. Stan Sherwood finishing second. There were several new lady bowlers present who showed promise of rolling good scores in the future.

The Commercial league rolls its first game next Wednesday, with the Elks meeting the Old Golds and the Mail Tribune meeting the Domestic Laundry.

Friday night is turkey night and all bowlers are invited to come and compete in the handicap singles for turkeys.

GRANTS PASS FORGER SUSPECT IS ARRESTED

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Leonard E. Boyd, 29, listed as wanted at Grants Pass for questioning in a forgery case, was arrested at Crown Point last night by state police, and was booked at the city jail here as a fugitive.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Blackwell, who were with him, were ordered held for department of justice investigators. Their son, Delroy Blackwell, 5 years old, was placed in charge of the city jail matron.

River and Creek Fishing Good Now

State Police Officer Mace Pewtherer of Grants Pass was in Medford yesterday and reported fishing good at Deer creek and Savage Rapids dam. He stated that the operator of the Deer creek service station on the Redwood highway counted 81 steelheads and silverides in a short time.

CHILDREN CREMATED WHILE PARENTS GONE

WRANGELL, Alaska, Dec. 15.—(AP) Imprisoned in their blazing home, three children of Tony Hernandez, a Mexican, burned to death here Thursday while their parents were away from the house. The dead were: Juanita, 4; Julia, 2; and Tony, a baby.

FRENCH AIR ARMADA HEADING FOR HOME

TUNIS, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The French air corps "Black Squadron" of 28 airplanes arrived here today from a mass flight over French Africa, which was continued since November 8. The fliers expect to arrive home just before Christmas.

Unemployed of Gardena, Cal., enjoyed a dinner of baby jobbers and abaloues when a judge ordered 650 pounds of the delicacies, confiscated by the game department, distributed to the jobless.

SANTA'S ROLE LIKED BY MAN WHO PLAYS IT FOR FORTY YEARS

OAKLAND, Cal.—(UP) A man who has impersonated Santa Claus for 40 years and who, because of the fact, hasn't eaten a Christmas dinner at home for that many times, is ready to don the attire of Kris Kringle again and is pleased to do it.

He is Captain William I. Day of Oakland, secretary-treasurer of the Masonic board of relief. He said recently that he has played the jolly saint for "so long and so often that he cannot remember when he started, except that it was 40 or so years ago."

"I'm sure I look the part better now," he added, "I'll admit to 60 years—just getting to be the right age for Santa Claus. Children are all alike to me. They're children and that's enough."

He has climbed down the Christmas chimney atop Mt. Diablo in the Sierra Nevada foothills and has unloaded his pack from an airplane. He's been every kind of a Santa Claus to all kinds of children. Three years ago he impersonated Santa nine times in one day and dropped into bed exhausted, but pleased.

Day has already received 500 invitations for the coming holiday. "And if I accept," he said, "I'm going to claim some sort of a championship."

Oregon Weather. Unsettled; light rains in west portion tonight and Saturday and snow or rain in east portion tonight; moderate temperature; moderate changeable winds offshore.

EAGLE PT. CANTATA SET FOR THURSDAY

The evening of Thursday, December 21, a cantata, "Chimes of the Holy Night," is to be presented at the Presbyterian church in Eagle Point, under the direction of Yetta Olson. Mrs. Lyle Schoppert of Medford is the accompanist.

Those in the choir are: Sopranos, Mrs. Lottie VanScoy, Mrs. Madeline Barrett, Mrs. Roy Stanley, Mrs. Roy Smith, Eleanor Throckmorton and Minnie Putman; altos, Mrs. Al Mittelsteadt, Wilda Darnelle, Donna Earl, Beulah Tingleaf and Harriet Short; tenors, Charles Sturgill, Gerald Hansen and Leiland Dryminger; basses, Dr. Forbes, Harold Grow, Berland Stanley and Clifford Ayers.

Wisconsin's 77 breweries sold 454,971 barrels of beer during the first four months of operation after the return of beer.

Work of the civilian conservation corps in Washington and Oregon was appraised at \$5,321,663 by the forest service.

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