

HOOVER DECLARES RECORDS SET BY 1925 PROSPERITY

All 'Boom Years' Exceeded, Says Commerce Year Book—Wages at Peak.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—All the "boom years" of American history were exceeded last year by steady, normal growth of industry and commerce, Secretary of Commerce Hoover's economic experts asserted today in the "commerce year book" for 1925, which they hailed as a banner year under all scientific measurements.

Steady growth of industry and commerce and great increases in efficiency were credited with causing the high-water mark of prosperity. The year was notable for its lack of credit inflation aside from heavy securities speculation, the report said.

High Wages
Average wages per hour in terms of money continue at least twice as high as before the war, an increase much more marked than the increase in the cost of living, and the workman "is consequently enjoying the highest real wages in our history," the report said.

The "most impressive" development of American industry is its rapidly advancing efficiency, the report stated, pointing out that the output increased at least 50 per cent in the period 1914-1925, while the number of workmen increased only 27 per cent.

Railroads, Too
Railroad traffic last year also probably set a new record. The traffic was equal to or larger than that of 1923, the previous peak year, it was said, and the net railway operating income of \$1,120,000,000 for class one roads was the highest ever reported.

American foreign trade conditions were "exceptionally favorable" except for "unreasonable prices charged" for certain raw materials controlled by foreign monopolies, especially rubber, coffee and burlaps, the report said.

Agriculture is in better condition than it has been for several years, although the farmers have not yet recovered from the great slump in prices in 1920 and 1921, the report stated.

GET FIVE AT CEMETERY

Young Men Say They Were Curious to See Body in Vault.

Five young men were arrested late Sunday night in the Round Hill cemetery, three miles south of the city on Meridian St., where it has been reported recently that a vault was broken open and coffins disturbed.

The young men gave their names as Donald and Van Baxter, 424 Harlan St.; Richard Stahl, 1209 Harlan St.; James Gregg, 919 E. Maryland St.; and Maurice Thompson, 4101 W. Washington St. They told Motor, Police Tague and Ferguson they were curious to see the perished body of a woman, reported to be in the vault.

Lawrence Reno, 530 Fletcher Ave., who caught the five said he was watching the vault, guarding the coffin of his mother. He said he has tried to keep the vault locked, but has been unable to do so.

GIRL, 15, LEAVES HOME

Sneaks Out Door—Others Reported Missing to Police.

Police searched the city today for Katherine Goodwin, 15, who ran away from her home at 2703 N. Sherman Dr., Sunday. Her parents told the officers she sneaked out the rear door at 3 p. m.

Alvina Staton, 11, of Noblesville, Ind., is missing. Her aunt Gertrude Olds, 1815 W. New York St., said the girl, when last seen, had gone to a hospital to visit her father.

Frank Wright, 40, escaped from the hospital for the insane, police were told.

No trace has been found of Mrs. C. W. Mellon, 23, of 2844 N. Olney Ave., who left home Tuesday with her 1-year-old child.

Richard Bell, 18, of 1584 Bellfontaine St., also is missing from his home.

GIDEONS TO COME HERE

Group Selects Indianapolis as 1927 Convention City.

Indianapolis has been selected as the 1927 convention city by the International Gideons, Christian Commercial Travelers Association of America, Henry T. Davis, manager of the Chamber of Commerce Convention Bureau, announced today.

News of the selection was given in a telegram sent by A. V. Gemmer of this city, state Gideon secretary and delegate to the convention, which ended Sunday at Toronto, Ont. More than 1,000 Gideons and members of their families are expected to attend the July 27 convention, Davis said. Convention headquarters will be at the English Hotel.

SOCIETIES TO PICNIC

Federated Patriotic Groups Will Have Outing Wednesday.

An entertaining program will be one of the features of the picnic to be given by the Federated Patriotic Societies, allied to the Grand Army of the Republic, at Brookside Park Wednesday. A midday picnic dinner will be served.

Members of the various organizations are to be hosts and comrades who wish automobile transportation should call Mrs. Walter Mendenhall, Riley 4846.

YOUNGEST DAUGHTER WEDS

TAMWORTH, N. H., July 26.—Mrs. Marion Cleveland Dell, youngest daughter of President Grover Cleveland, was married here Saturday to John Harlan Amen of New York.

Shaw, 70, Today, Is Banned From Radio

LONDON, July 26.—George Bernard Shaw was banned from the radio today on the occasion of his seventieth birthday which will be celebrated tonight at the Hotel Metropole, where Ramsay MacDonald, England's first Socialist premier, will preside at a dinner in honor of the empire's foremost Socialist.

Radio broadcasting is a government monopoly in Great Britain and the only broadcasting agency, the British Broadcasting Company, is not permitted to put speeches or other matter on the air unless approved by Sir William Mitchell-Thomson, the postmaster general. Shaw refused to submit his speech to Sir William.

CHANNEY IS REAL MYSTERY MAN IN THE FILM WORLD

Jungmeyer Gives Interesting Facts on a Popular Player.

By Jack Jungmeyer, NEA Service Writer.
HOLLYWOOD, July 26.—The cloistered simplicity of Lon Chaney's off-stage life, in striking contrast to that of most Hollywood celebrities, has raised an air of mystery about this side of the famous character actor's existence. Very few of his studio associates know where Chaney goes or what he does after he removes the green paint.

He goes home. Then, with scarcely a variation, he eats supper with



Lon Chaney

his good wife, helps her wipe the dishes, dons his slippers, reads the real estate page of the newspaper and goes to bed. Once in a while he attends a fight. Outside visiting and visitors are rare events.

Hollywood's showplaces and saloons see none of Chaney. Hence the "mystery" about the man who has made a tidy fortune and a great reputation with his grotesque grimaces and bodily distortions.

Always Aloof
There is something definitely aloof if not exactly anti-social about Chaney. He lives much within himself.

No man in his profession takes himself more seriously or studies the possibilities of mimicry more earnestly than the creator of such striking screen roles as the fake cripple of "The Miracle Man," "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," "Fagin," "The Phantom of the Opera," the crook in "The Unholy Three," the evil brother in "The Blackbird," and the dive keeper in his most recent "The Road to Mandalay."

The front door of his modest home is the deadline between professional concerns and domestic relaxations. Beyond its sill shop is taboo. And while Chaney himself never seems completely free from brooding some new character to add to his galaxy of crooks, outcasts or unfortunates, the occasional visitor may not pry into these preoccupations.

"My home," says Lon, "is my own, and the public, I'm sure, has no curiosity about my domestic life." Thus, amiably and tactfully, he has always diverted an intrusive interest in his private affairs.

He Studies Hands
Character study, the scrutiny of faces and gesturing hands, the revelation of a man's spirit in his physical contours, is an absorbing passion with Chaney.

Always he is on the alert for these character indications to be utilized combined and emphasized in his screen portraits. Frequently he follows strangers for miles, making mental notes of physical peculiarities and expressive gestures. Rogues' galleries are mines of information and suggestion.

Hands fascinate him peculiarly. Members of Chaney's family were deaf-mutes, and Lon was compelled to communicate with them by manual talk. He understands to unusual degree how thought, impulse, passion may be conveyed by fist and finger.

Deep absorption, alternating between his professional and his home life, is the keynote of Lon Chaney's double devotion and whatever "mystery" may adhere in domestic seclusion.

SEEK ESCAPED NEGRO
Gets Away From Patrolman as Wagon Is Being Called.

Search is being made today for the Negro who escaped from Patrolman Gibson after knocking the officer down when he attempted to place him under arrest, early Sunday.

Patrolman Gibson reported to Lieut. Fred Winkler that he found the Negro at Michigan St. and King Ave., with a knife and flashlight. When he took the Negro to the call box to summon the patrol wagon, the man knocked him down. Gibson reported he fired five shots, one of which struck the Negro.

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They Set World Record



Linton Wells and Edward Evans are shown on arrival at the Cleveland (Ohio) airport, on the last leg of their record-breaking dash around the world in twenty-eight days. They arrived in Cleveland in separate planes from Chamite field, Illinois, and immediately took off for New York, the end of their journey. Wells, a newspaper man, is shown in the plane shaking hands with Evans, millionaire Detroitier, just after his plane landed.

GLADIOLUS SHOW WILL BE JULY 31

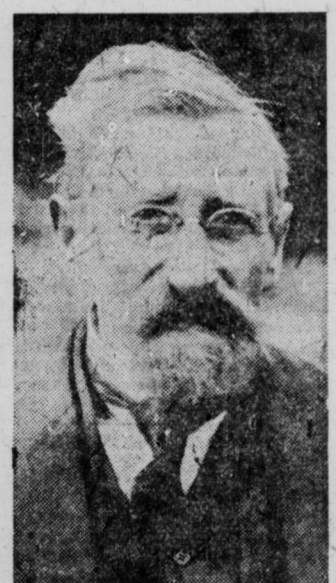
Outlook Good, Says Officials of Bank.

The fifth annual Gladiolus Show of the Bankers Trust Company, to be held in the north lobby of the bank, July 31, promises to be greater than any preceding ones from the view point of both number and quality of entries, according to officials of the bank. The Garden Flowers Society will cooperate in the show.

The show is open to both amateurs and advanced amateur growers of the flower, and prizes of considerable value have been offered by the bank, with which professional growers are cooperating. In addition members of the American Gladiolus Society for Amateurs will be eligible for the three trophies of that organization which are offered at this show. The Bankers Trust Company's silver and bronze gladiolus medals also will be awarded as sweepstakes prizes in the amateur section of the show.

Judging of the exhibits will be made Friday night and the show will be open to the public all day Saturday, July 31.

Body of Steele to Rest in Hills



Under an oak tree in the Brown County hills he loved so well the ashes of Theodore C. Steele famous Indiana artist will be buried. Funeral services were to be held at 4 p. m. today at the Flanner and Buchanan mortuary.

BANDIT STEALS AUTO

Early Motorist Held Up on W. Michigan St., by Negro.

A lone Negro bandit early today held him up on Michigan street west of the White River bridge and took his auto, watch and seventy cents, James Allen, Negro, of Lawrenceville, Ill., reported to police.

Allen, who has been visiting here, said he was on his way to Greencastle, Ind., and had stopped to look at a tree when the man appeared, threatened him with a revolver, took his watch and money and drove off in his car.

CUPID'S ARROWS BARRED

Jugoslavia Forbids School Teachers to Marry Without Consent.

BELGRADE, July 26.—Spinster "school mams" are at a premium in Jugoslavia. Recently there has been such a high "mortality rate" from cupid's arrows that the government has taken the matter in hand.

The minister of education issued a decree that henceforth no woman school teacher could marry without his consent and further ruled that under no circumstances could a woman teacher marry a man who was also a school teacher.

THINKING PEOPLE

favor cremation. You are invited to visit the Indianapolis Crematory, 28 W. Fall Creek Boulevard.

Last Rites Held for C. B. Whiteman



C. B. Whiteman

Services were held this afternoon at the Flanner & Buchanan mortuary for C. B. Whiteman, 48, of 1101 Newman Ave., who died at the Methodist Hospital Saturday after a lingering illness. Burial was in Memorial Park cemetery.

Mr. Whiteman was a member of the Indianapolis fire department for twenty-six years, being stationed at engine house No. 2 seven years. He was a member of Lodge No. 56, Knights of Pythias, and the Local Order of Moose.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Sarah W. Whiteman; the mother, Mrs. Anna M. Whiteman, and a brother, Herbert C. Whiteman, all of Indianapolis.

OSAGE TRIAL OPENED

Picturesque Cattleman Charged With "Murder for Profit."

GUTHRIE, Okla., July 26.—A trial of alleged "murder for profit"—one of the many incidents in the four years "reign of terror" in the Osage Indian nation—opens in Federal Court today.

W. K. Hobbins, king of the Osage Hills, and his partner, John Ramsey, face charges of slaying Henry Roan Horse, wealthy Indian. A special staff of prosecutors has arrived to press the charges against the two picturesque cattleman.

"HINDU NOTHING"

CHICAGO—After vainly attempting suicide, pretty Elizabeth Wells, 18, said she tried to take her life because her father disapproved of a Hindu religion she believed in.

"Hindu religion nothing," said father. "I spanked her across my knee when she didn't come home until 2 a. m."

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DESERT REALISM WILL BE SEEN IN BARBARA WORTH

Movie Writer Tells What Film Fans Will See Very Soon.

By Jack Jungmeyer, NEA Service Writer.

BARBARA WORTH, Nev., July 26.—Here in the Black Rock desert, an ancient lake bed haunted by mirage, and remote from the small towns of a sparsely settled region, Henry King is filming Harold Bell Wright's "The Winning of Barbara Worth" for Samuel Goldwyn, under conditions approximating those described by the author.

Mitigated by excellent camp organization, the conditions faced by the movie company nevertheless are arduous enough to demand much of that self-discipline, patience, will and courage which Wright ascribed to the reclamation pioneers of his romance.

Intense heat, parching sand storms. The depressive effect of the alkali desolation. The inevitable monotony of hard routine in such a movie outpost as this. All these during many weeks of filming present a very real test of caliber for the 400 people now here.

Sun at 120
Blasted by sand, sweating under a sun that rises to 120 degrees, and watching a file of actors depicting the fearful flight of homesteaders from a deluge (as Wright described it), I speculated how many sentimental readers of "Barbara Worth," lamenting perhaps their own prosaic life, would pay the price of discomfort for similar romance.

Routine awakens the camp at 4:30, with breakfast at 5:30. An hour later the cameras are grinding. They continue until sunset. Man and beast become gray with alkali dust. Lips chap. Eyes squint painfully at the crystalline glare. Warmish water scarcely shakes the thirst. Children whimper. Women in calicos and sunbonnets sigh.

Nevada cowboys, used to this land, ride their parts in the picture, then look laconically on while Hollywood tenderfeet fume and fret. Ronald

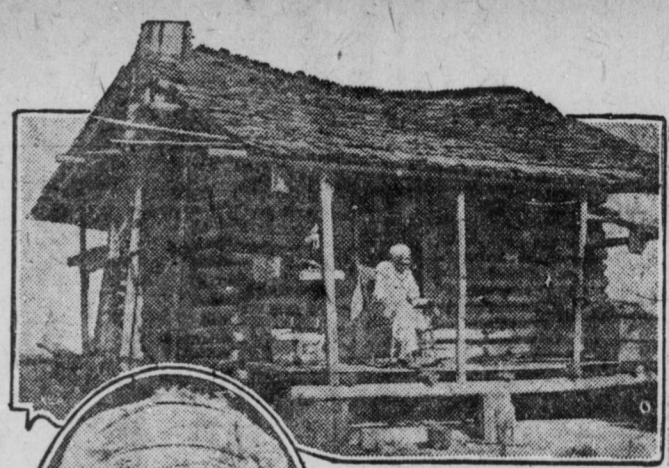
Colman, as "Willard Holmes," the hero, is imperturbable; and nothing flusters the composure of the blond Vilma Banky, who enacts "Barbara."

Stamp of Realism
Far out on the flat the wind devils muster their dust spirals for a charge upon the camp. Weird mirages display their lying promise of water. And the naked Harlequin Mountains stick out taunting tongues at the tolling movie folk, plodding in now for wash-up and a rush to the mess shack and quick retirement to the sleeping tents.

The setting for "Barbara Worth" has had plenty of its own drama and tragic episode. Five miles from camp, out on the dry lake bed, stands a buggy, and beside it the skeleton of a horse.

Here, an old prospector, driving fifty miles for supplies, was recently

Former Slave Is 121 Years Old



In 1864, five years before Abraham Lincoln was born, a colored girl was born in the slave quarters on an Arkansas plantation. She was more than 60 years old when the Civil War ended and she was given her freedom. And she is still living sixty-one years after the death of her emancipator. She is "Aunt Winnie," and she lives alone in a hut near Natchitoches, La., rounding out her 121st year of life.

caught in a rain storm. He died, bogged down in the cement-like mud, in trying to ride his second horse to safety. The desert has other skeletons, too.

Up the canyons across the lake bed live certain Plute Indians, whose guns are notched for white men slain. And in the movie camp, working as extra players, are members of two factions in an old sheepmen's war for precious waterholes—the feud held in abeyance now.

TRAIN KILLS HOOSIER
Fatal Crossing Crash Near Bluffton—Another Seriously Hurt.

BLUFFTON, Ind., July 26.—William Eversole, 65, was killed and Homer Sparks, employee in a Bluffton garage, was seriously injured today when their auto was struck by a freight train on the Nickel Plate railroad near here.

FRENCH FRANC CONTINUES GAIN

Poincare Prepares for Huge Tax Increase.

PARIS, July 26.—The franc was continuing to improve today as Premier Poincare, possessed of the cabinet's approval of his financial projects, prepared to put a tremendous burden of taxation on France.

Before noon the franc had risen to 130 to the pound sterling and 39.07 to the dollar, compared with the last closing prices, 129 to the pound and 40.70 to the dollar.

It was understood that Poincare expects to raise approximately \$125,000,000 to \$100,000,000 by new taxes. The premier has promised to appear before the chamber Tuesday with his financial program and his cabinet and he will demand an immediate vote of confidence, after which the government would proceed with the imposition of new taxes and, what probably would be more difficult, their collection.

TO MEET AT FT. FRIENDLY

The auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will hold its regular meeting Tuesday evening in its new hall at Ft. Friendly, 612 N. Illinois St. As this is the first gathering in the new hall, it will be made a social as well as a business meeting.

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