

BUSINESS IS ON UPGRADE, SAYS WHITING

Expresses His Faith in Sound Structure and Future Expansion.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—William F. Whiting, secretary of commerce, today expressed confidence in "the fundamental soundness of the business structure" of America which, if maintained, "would indicate for the immediate future a gratifying business progress."

His optimistic statement, made exclusively to United Press, was coincident with a drop in the stock market and an increase to 10 per cent in the call money rates. It followed, too, a warning by the federal reserve board against further loans for speculative purposes.

Secretary Whiting, a big business man as well as head of the commerce department despite these considerations expressed confidence in the present financial and industrial structure.

Production Maintained

He cited the fact that production and distribution by manufacturers are being maintained at steady and generally rising levels as an indication of fundamental solidity.

"The administration policies have made for a substantial and uniformly increasing stability in business for several years," Whiting said.

"This has aided in large measure to relieve the fluctuations in business of previous years. All important business indices show that broadly speaking production and distribution by manufacturers generally are being maintained at steady and gradually rising levels.

"This points to the fundamental soundness of the business structure which, if maintained, would indicate for the immediate future a gratifying business progress."

Few Are Without Work

If these conservative, constructive policies of the government and business are maintained, then there would seem to be no reason why the present economic situation should not continue."

Secretary Whiting's view was supported by the survey of the United States employment service today.

Relatively few persons in the United States were without work in January.

Further Brake on Stocks

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Unexpected action of the federal advisory council in announcing its indorsement of the federal reserve board's speculation warning offered a further check today on the "bull market" of recent months.

Already hard hit by the board's drastic warning statement of Feb. 7, Wall Street faced the prospect today of further action to restrict use of reserve bank credit for speculative purposes, going beyond its indorsement of the board, the advisory council suggested.

"That all member banks in each district be asked directly by the federal reserve bank of the district to co-operate in order to attain the end desired," the council added it thought beneficial results could be attained in this manner.

BOYS UNDER ARREST HELP INJURED POLICE

Two Released at Wabash Due to Claufer-Nurse Services.

WABASH, Ind., Feb. 16.—After serving as chauffeur-nurses for police who arrested them, Harold Butler and Carl Whisman, each 15, have been spared from punishment on charges of burglary.

After warrants had been issued for the two boys, they fled to Chattanooga, Tenn. Police Chief Charles D. Boite and Donald Munson, a special officer, went to that city by motor to return them.

En route home the automobile carrying officers and prisoners was wrecked, Boite and Munson being severely injured, while the boys were unharmed.

The car was repaired and the boys took turns driving it back to Wabash with their captors as passengers. Officials refuse to press the case against them.

Ten Feet From Death

PLYMOUTH, Ind., Feb. 16.—A narrow margin between death and life was experienced by Lester Machlin when a freight car loaded with lumber fell 25 feet from a viaduct 10 feet ahead of the automobile he was driving.



Aids Inauguration Plans



PERIL OF COLD TIGHTENS GRIP OVER EUROPE

No Hope for Relief Room; Meanwhile, Greenland Complains of Heat.

By United Press
LONDON, Feb. 16.—Suffering grew more intense today as the European cold wave, almost unprecedented in history, tightened its grasp on the continent and the British Isles.

Coal riots were reported in Breslau, Silesia, and food shortages were admitted officially in Berlin with predictions of rationing.

The death toll mounted to approximately 200 today.

Eight dead people died in Sandwich, England, from the cold, and seven other deaths were reported in the British Isles.

A bride was frozen to death near Petrikov, Poland, while she was riding with her husband in a farm wagon, while going to celebrate their wedding.

Approximately fifty people collapsed on London's streets during Friday night because of the cold.

Meteorologists gave no encouragement to Europeans for warmer weather.

Meanwhile, Greenland, Iceland, and northern Norway complained of the heat. Eskimos said snows were melting and they could not use their hunting sledges.

Temperatures were so low in Switzerland Friday that all ice sports meets were abandoned for the present.

Emergency food measures have been introduced in The Netherlands where, for the first time within the memory of the living, people could walk from Enkhuizen across the Zuider Zee to the island of Urk, a distance of fifteen miles.

NEW BOOK ON JESUS

De Pauw Professor Writes Work on Bible.

By Times Special

Can't See It

Delphi Jury Acquits Seller of 'Moon-Eyed' Horse.

By Times Special

TEXT-BOOK CHANGE OPPOSED IN HOUSE

Dangers to Standardized Course Are Seen in Two Menaces.

School book salesmen will scamper from trustee to trustee throughout Indiana instead of centering their visits on the state board of education if two bills now in the education committee of the house of representatives win passage.

Danger to standardized courses of education in the state and probable increase in text book prices were seen in the measures by legislators who will oppose them on the floor.

The bills were introduced Thursday by Representatives James H. Lowry of Indianapolis and Bertha A. Zimmerman of Terre Haute. One would increase the number of series of grade school text books chosen by the state board of education from one to four. The other would make a corresponding increase in text books chosen by the board for high schools.

At present the board selects and approves one series in each subject for grade schools, and one text book in each subject for high schools. The proposed change to four will permit township trustees and school boards to select series or books from among the four approved.

Provisions is made in the high school text book bill to restrict the state board to changing two of four previously selected books in any one subject, when it meets to consider books on that subject at five-year intervals.

Lowry said the bills were sponsored by the state board of education, teachers and parent-teacher associations, trustees and educational associations throughout the state. He said he had made an investigation of the situation before introducing the bills and was satisfied they were not partial to any particular text book publisher or publishers.

COLD LULLS NIAGARA

Ice Cones 20 Feet High, Now Hang on Cataract Walls.

By United Press

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The cold spell of the last few weeks has helped to lull the mighty roar of the Horseshoe and American Falls here.

Due to intense cold, huge ice cones forming in the Niagara river have caused the rushing water to become a placid stream.

Ice cones, some estimated at twenty feet in length, hang majestically along the wall of the cataract. Between cracks in the ice near the edge of the precipice, thin lines of water pour down and pound on the jagged rocks below in a feeble effort to emulate the thunderous roar of Niagara in its full strength.

STOCKHOLDERS PAID

Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr., Mails \$1,000,000 to 5,000.

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 16.—Trust certificates giving beneficial interests from inheritance of Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr., have been mailed to about 5,000 persons who made investments in his publishing enterprise, it was announced here.

The certificates total about \$1,000,000 and will be reimbursed at the death of either of Vanderbilt's father or mother.

DUKE MANSION IS SOLD

Another of New York's Fifth Avenue Homes Will Be Razed.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The mansion of the late Benjamin N. Duke has been added to the number of elaborate Fifth avenue homes that will be demolished.

It has been sold to an unidentified group of bankers and will be torn down to make way for an apartment house. The transaction involved \$5,000,000.

Auto Victim, 82, Buried

LA FONTAINE, Ind., Feb. 16.—Funeral services were held today for Mrs. Katie Hursh, 82, who died Wednesday from effects of injuries suffered in an auto accident last fall.

Five Held for 'Most Brutal Murder'



Tell-tale wagon tracks led from the dark South Georgia swamp in which lay the mutilated body of Ira Byrd, a farmer, back to Byrd's own home. Officers discovered first the "death wagon," then crimson stains on a porch, and later blood spots on an axe. With these as a nucleus they built up a murder case against the slain man's widow, with whom he had quarreled and four neighboring farmers. The quintet of defendants in this "most brutal killing" in Georgia crime history, shortly to come to trial, are pictured above, left to right, at top: Powell Brandon, Lawton Dixon and Levy Smith; and at bottom, Dan Tyre and Mrs. Byrd, the widow.

Must Be Dry

Any person who wants to quiz Senator Chester A. Perkins, South Bend, regarding his resolution to memorialize congress for a change in the eighteenth amendment to permit passing of liquor regulation laws must first sign an affidavit that he never has broken any current dry laws. Perkins took this stand in answering a "dry" letter today.

WIRES TO THEATER CUT

Labor Trouble Blamed for Crippling Show at Bloomington.

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 16.—Labor trouble during remodeling of the Indiana theater is believed to have been back of cutting electric wires leading into the theater, spoiling its plans for a first showing of talking pictures.

Patrons waited forty minutes while efforts to locate the trouble were made. Several then went to the box office and took refunds. Others remained and saw a belated student of the Bible.

"Sir, we would see Jesus," taken from John 12:21 is the key to the book. The author seeks to picture "Jesus as he was" and has written for the minister, layman, student or teacher.

"Christianity must be more than a Christ-cult, more than a powerful and efficient organization. A Christianity that is in any appreciable measure true to the Galilean genius that gave it birth must be a spiritual movement that claims and commands the hearts of men that supplies men as individuals and as groups with those inner resources that are necessary for the living of human life religiously," declares the author in the introduction.

LENROOT APPOINTMENT DRAWS SENATE FIRE

Fight May Be Made on Nomination to Customs Court.

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Appointment of former Senator Irvine L. Lenroot of Wisconsin as associate judge of the court of customs appeals provoked criticism among some senators today. Whether a fight will be made on his confirmation has not been determined.

Criticism of Lenroot arose from his employment by the joint committee of national utility associations to appear before a senate committee when the power lobby successfully sought to have a proposed senate investigation diverted to the federal trade commission.

Lenroot served nine years in the senate and, after his defeat in 1926 by Senator John J. Blaurock, established a law office in Washington. According to testimony before the senate, his firm received a fee of \$20,000 from the utilities.

C. Isaac, membership secretary, spoke on the campaign. W. F. Hendren, R. J. Duke, William E. Hart and Leo T. Brown, divisional leaders, held conferences with team members. William S. Springer of the Security Auto Insurance Company, was made leader of a team in the drive for the fourth consecutive year.

VIOLA DANA DIVORCED; MOTHER FOLLOWS SUIT

Parent of Actress Charges Her Husband Is Cruel.

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 16.—Viola Dana, film actress, and her mother, Mrs. Marie Flugrath, both appeared in the divorce courts here.

Shortly after Miss Dana was divorced from her husband, Maurice (Lefty) Flynn, former Yale football player, Mrs. Flugrath appeared and asked for a divorce from Emil Flugrath.

The daughter charged her husband with being habitually drunk. Mrs. Flugrath said her husband was cruel and that he ignored her. Her case was taken under advisement.

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