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Cloudy and somewhat colder tonight, with possibly some rain, followed by fair and colder Thursday. Lowest temperature tonight about 30 to 35.

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## UTILITY HEADS LEND IMPETUS TO PROSPERITY

Confer With President on  
Expenditures Involving  
Billions.

### RECONDITION SIX SHIPS

Export Increases Loom;  
Hoover Now Ready to  
Step Aside.

BY RAYMOND CLAPPER  
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Heads of the nations' great utilities representing billions of dollars in street railways, gas and electric power plants were invited to confer with President Hoover today to lay before him their program for assisting in the general stimulation of business activity in the coming year.

Utilities are expected to spend nearly \$2,000,000,000 on new street cars and tracks, and gas and electric plant extensions providing construction and machinery work in dozens of localities which will give employment to thousands.

This gigantic program will supplement the billions in expenditures planned for railroads, roads, public buildings and shipbuilding as outlined in the series of conferences which President Hoover has held.

It practically completes the President's share in aiding business to gain momentum. The federal government is assisting in addition by pushing down interest rates on both industrial and agricultural working capital.

#### Last Scheduled

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Utilities heads invited to today's conference include:

#### Many in Attendance

Open C. Young, chairman of the board of directors of the General Electric Company; Samuel Insull, Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago; Charles L. Edgar, Edison Electric Illuminating Company, Boston; W. A. Jones, vice-president Cities Service Company; John B. Miller, Southern California Edison Company, Los Angeles; Guy A. Richardson, general manager Chicago Surface Lines; N. B. Sloan, president New York Edison Company; Paul S. Clapp, National Light Association, New York; J. N. Shanahan, Omaha; Council Bluffs Street Railway Company, and J. P. Barnes, Louisville Railway Company.

Expectation of additional exports during the coming months was revealed by the United States shipping board today.

#### Recondition Ships

In anticipation of substantial increases in the movements of grain, cotton and flour from gulf ports to Europe during the next several months, the shipping board has authorized the reconditioning of six steel cargo steamers now in layup," an official announcement said.

These ships, to be ready within sixty days, will be reconditioned at a cost of \$414,000.

The federal reserve board reported today that industrial activity in October continued at a higher level than a year ago and retail sales were sustained. In addition, the board reported that money rates declined throughout the period.

#### VENIRE OF 100 CALLED

Panel Summoned for Jury Service in Murder Trial Here.

A venire of 100 has been called for jury service to report in criminal court Tuesday for the trial of Charles Brown, 47, of 89 South New Jersey street, accused of the murder of his wife, Alma, at their home Aug. 18.

A step-son, Rex, 14, will be the principal witness for the state against Brown, who is alleged to have shot his wife five times, after a quarrel while he was drunk. Judge James A. Collins will hear the case.

#### One Edition

The Times, in accordance with its custom of giving its employees a part holiday on Thanksgiving day, will issue only one edition on Thursday.

## Chinese Protest Ignored

Russ Deny Commission of Any Act Amounting to Ultimatum; Manchuria to Sue for Peace.

By United Press

MOSCOW, Nov. 27.—China's appeal to the signatories of the Kellogg treaty against war, protesting the "invasion" of Manchuria by Russia, was ignored today by the Soviet government.

The official statement was in answer to reports that the council of defense had sanctioned the Red Army's advance in the direction of Harbin, looking toward a speedy occupation of the railway, after which negotiations would be begun with China regarding indemnity for Russian losses and future administration of the railway.

Soviet officials reiterated their claims that Chinese and white guardist henchmen had initiated the hostilities, obliging the red army to undertake punitive pursuit.

Despite denials of reports that the Manchurian government, centered at Mukden, would undertake independent peace negotiations with Russia, well-informed foreign circles here believed today that formal negotiations between the Mukden and Soviet governments likely would be begun in the near future.

It was believed Germany would act as intermediary for these preliminary negotiations because Germany necessarily would speak for the Chinese Nationalist government at Nanking, whereas Mukden desires to negotiate without the Nanking government's direct participation.

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#### Urge Negotiations

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Discussions from Harbin today indicated the Chinese Nationalist government had authorized Manchurian authorities to negotiate with Soviet Russia in an effort to adjust the dispute which is alleged to have provoked Russian invasion of Chinese territory.

#### PILOT KILLED IN CRASH

Plane Drops Into Business Section of Town After Accident.

By United Press

WESTLBURG, L. I., Nov. 27.—A biplane crashed on the roof of a building at Maple and Post avenues today, fatally injuring the pilot, who died in Nassau hospital. The pilot was believed to be James Pisani, about 18 or 20 years old, of Brooklyn.

After the crash, the plane fell into the business section of Westbury and attracted a large crowd. The ship was the property of the Roosevelt aviation school. Officials rushed to the scene of the accident, but could not ascertain the cause.

#### Newly Wed Couple Killed

COLUMBUS, Ind., Nov. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Markland of this city were killed instantly this morning when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Big Four freight train on a crossing at Nortonburg. The couple was married Nov. 19 in this city. Mrs. Markland before her marriage was Mrs. Emma McComas.

#### Aged Farmer Dies

By Times Special

ALEXANDRIA, Ind., Nov. 27.—Granville Hicks, 77, farmer, is dead at his home here.

#### CEMENT CONTRACT LET ON LOW BID

U. S. May Move to Stop Commuting From Across Border.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The labor department is contemplating issuance of regulation to prevent aliens lawfully admitted to this country from living outside the United States while working here, the United Press learned today.

The rule would apply particularly to alien workmen in Buffalo and other towns on the Canadian and Mexican borders.

#### Barrel Prices Range from \$2.12 to \$2.42

Depending upon place of delivery. Any deliveries made to where the Marquette company bid will have to meet the price and commissioners declare the company saved them \$80,000.

## MANIAC BEATS WOMAN WITH POKER; FLEES

Posse of Citizens, Deputy Sheriffs Comb Swamp Near Lawrence.

By United Press

Mrs. Floyd Groves Breaks Away and Calls Aid From Garage.

By United Press

Posse of citizens and deputy sheriffs combed woods and swamps lands near Lawrence this afternoon seeking a man, believed insane, who attacked Mrs. Floyd Groves, 30, on the rear porch of her home in Lawrence shortly before noon.

He wrested a poker from her hand and wielded it on her neck and head before she broke away and ran to a garage across the street for aid.

As she fled, the maniac circled the house, and ran east from Pendleton park, through swamps into nearby woods.

Mrs. Groves was seized by the crazed man when she stepped to the porch from the kitchen where she had been washing clothing.

"I've got you! I've got you!" he gloated as he grasped her, Mrs. Groves said.

Her hand fell on the stove poker, and she tried to beat off his attack. In his struggle to take the weapon from her the maniac ripped her clothes. Then he beat her with the poker.

Breaking away, she ran to the Lawrence Motor Inn, screaming for aid. Lester Bradgion and Alvin Thompson, garage employees, who went to the house, searched the vicinity for the man, finding only footprints leading toward a swamp.

Her assailant was short, wore ragged clothing and had several days' growth of beard, Mrs. Groves said.

## REPORT FUND DRIVE PLEDGE

Leaders Hoping to Reach Quota at Session.

By United Press

With their leaders optimistic in belief that the \$786,853 goal would be reached, workers in the tenth annual Community Fund drive were to meet at noon today at the Claypool for a final report of pledges collected during the twelve days' campaign.

At the last report meeting, Monday, subscriptions were \$151,790 short of the goal. Total pledges reported thus far are \$645,062.58.

"Thirty-five social agencies in the city depend on the success of this drive," Hugh McK. Landon reminded team captains and division chairmen today. "The campaign must not fall short of its quota, which already is too small to conduct all the social service work we should do in 1930."

By United Press

MISS MARGARET WATTS of White-land is the "Goose-Girl" in the left upper photo weighing out a fine "quacker" for Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wentzell, 2337 North Delaware street.

"Beauty and the Beast" would be the apt title for the lower left photo of Kathleen Morgan, 230 East Pratt street, with a 32-pound tom" raised by C. M. Jacoby of Action.

"I'm buying a few cookies for the kiddies at the Little Sisters of the Poor—to help Thanksgiving day along. And I'm not a grandma, but I've been called one for a long time" laughingly remarks Miss Mary Walsh, 67, of 520 Vermont street, as she shops at the meat market.

Odgen employed Lyle and West upon recommendation of the Indiana Anti-Saloon League, he said.

Lyle was close to the league under the regime of the late Dr. E. S. Shumaker, state superintendent.

"I haven't had any luck in this business since Dr. Shumaker died," he lamented today. "You see the politicians were afraid of Shumaker and they knew he was backing me."

By United Press

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