

EUROPE SHOWS SLIGHT GAIN IN TRADE TOTAL

Wall Street Slump Felt; German Exchange Goes Down.

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PARIS, Dec. 16.—General business conditions in most of the European countries continue to show moderate improvement, according to the December trade reports compiled by commercial attachés.

Practically all European countries have been affected by the unsettled conditions growing out of the Wall Street slump, but to what extent it will be felt can not be gauged immediately.

Italy shows a steady improvement in commerce and industry. A large wheat harvest has reduced wheat imports and customs receipts, and has depressed sharply grain prices in some districts.

There has been no marked change in German business conditions. The Stock Exchange continues its downward movement, but has been less affected by the New York break than might have been expected.

Czechoslovakia is showing a decreased industrial production. A slowing up is reported in iron and steel, as well as in textiles—chiefly cotton and flax—and the lumber business is lagging.

Switzerland reports that her exports for the first three-quarters of the year 1929 exceed those of the same period of 1928 by 4,000,000 francs, with an increase of imports amounting to 20,000,000 francs. The decidedly larger volume of imports is due mainly to heavier purchases of grain. Importation of American automobiles has declined as a result of recent traffic agitation.

Spain for several months has been centering her attention on the problem of the Peseta exchange. Immediately after the government announced the withdrawal of its support of the Peseta, there was a sudden drop in the value of the standard. It has recovered partially and now stands at 7.02½ to the dollar.

PURDUE THRESHERS IN PROGRAMS OVER WLS

Entertainment and Farming Advice Series Opened Today.

Some chaff, a fair amount of straw, and a full load of good grain is promised in the annual program of the Purdue Threshing Crew, to be broadcast twice daily over WLS, Prairie Farmer station, at Chicago, in the week beginning today. The program, presented largely by alumni and sponsored by the Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association, is the third in as many years. The alumni association this year has the co-operation of Swift & Co., the Purdue agricultural experiment station, and several commercial companies, besides the broadcasting station, in putting on the program.

The program will be on the air daily from 12:45 to 1:30 p. m. and from 6:30 to 7 p. m. Music and other forms of entertainment are listed, including the Purdue concert band, which will play Wednesday evening from 8 to 9. Talks covering many phases of agriculture will be given by men from Purdue and by farmers among alumni.

Prof. C. Gaylord, of the horticultural department, is "Threshing Crew Boss" and principal announcer for the program. His assistants are W. O. Mills, chief engineer of the crew, and Dr. F. L. Walkley, who will have charge of the separator gang.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen belong to:

United Cab Company, 505 Meyer-Kiser bank, Plymouth sedan cab 14, from in front of same address.

R. F. Smith, 1612 Brookside avenue, Auburn roadster, 67-882, from Woodlawn and Hunter avenues.

Arthur Lowe, 505 LaJedee street, Chevrolet coach, 16-846, from Prospect street and Hunter avenue.

A. W. Sawings, Franklin, Ind., Ford truck, T 47-162, from Franklin, Ind.

Paul Vorhe, 1365 Madison avenue, Ford roadster, from garage at same address.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police belong to:

Richard F. Smith, 2440 North LaSalle street, Auburn roadster, found at 400 East Louisiana street.

LeRoy Roberts, 1334 Ashland avenue, Whippet coach, found at 125 South Capitol avenue.

P. C. Gurein, Summittville, Ind., Star coach, found at Pleasant Run boulevard and Lowell avenue.

Red Cab Company, 315 West Ohio street, Ford sedan, found at Ohio and East streets.

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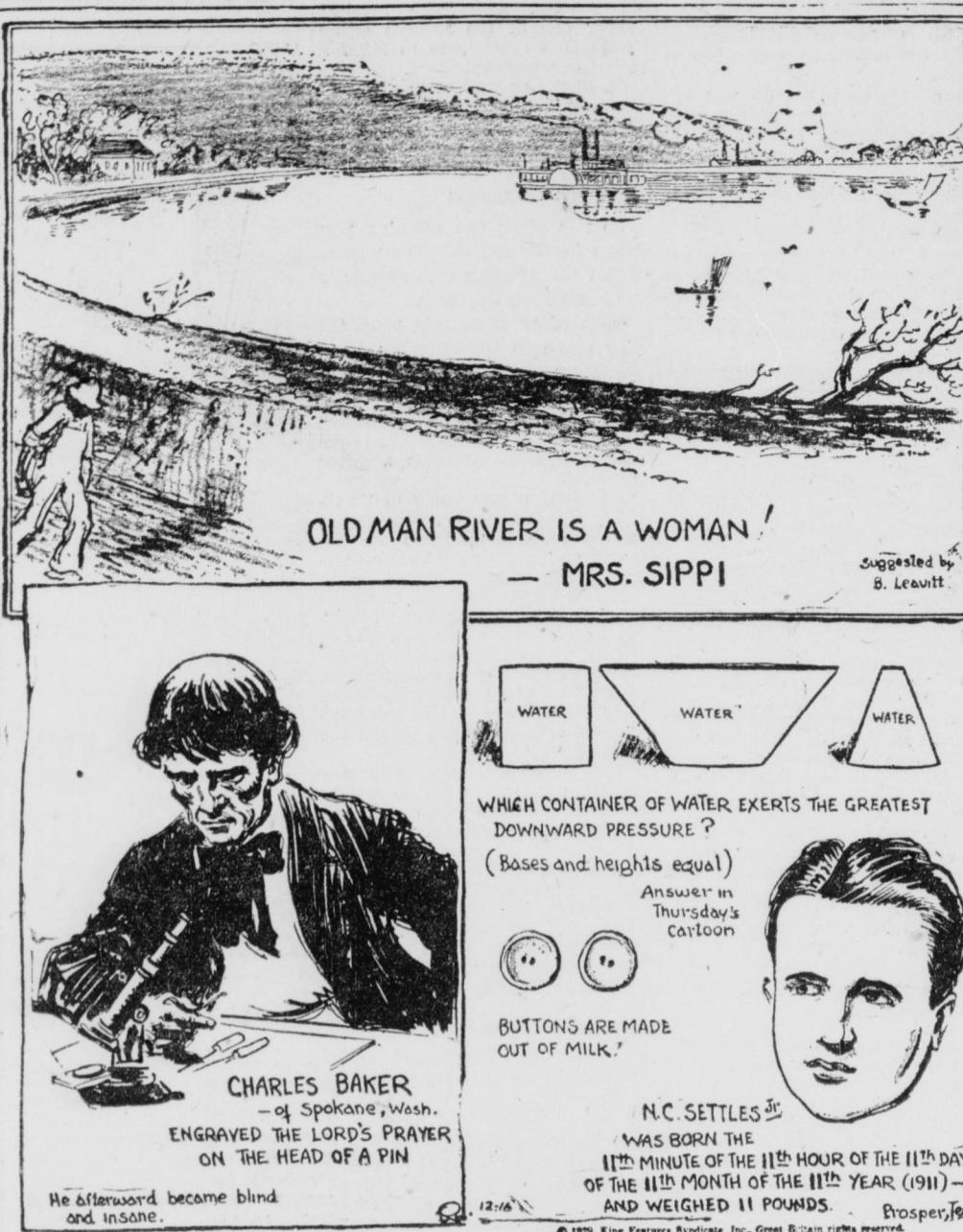
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HELD IN JAIL-BREAK

Man Arrested Here Wanted in Rushville Attempt.

By United Press
VALPARAISO, Ind., Dec. 16.—Women will not serve on Porter county juries, according to a ruling of Judge Grant Crumpacker in circuit court.

The decision resulted from a motion filed by Attorney James J. McGarvey, counsel for Phillip Buerle, Chicago youth, awaiting trial for manslaughter, who charged that the venire was illegally drawn because names of women were excluded.

In overruling a motion to set aside the panel, Judge Crumpacker held that the commissioners were not required to put the names of all qualified persons in the jury box for drawing.

The judge said he was not opposed to women jurors, but said it had been found impractical to use them. When the jury must remain out all night, there are no quarters at the courthouse for them to stay.

He is charged with having attempted to aid William Mingle, held in the Rush county jail awaiting trial on a burglary charge, to escape. Isey's wife recently was acquitted on the same charge.

SEVERAL SCHOOLS WILL USE COMPOSITE TESTS

New Series Written by Member of I. U. Faculty.

By Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 16.—Professor W. A. Wright, of the Indiana university school of education, is the author of a series of six composite achievement tests for elementary grades from three to eight, to be used in more than 60 per cent of the country schools and in a few city schools of Indiana to replace old type tests. Professor Wright has combined all the examinations for each grade into one book with a key chart to aid in grading.

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