

## 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 attaches.

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, for 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.

Pay 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. P. L. Walkey, 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, Elkhart 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 LaSalle 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 Vorhies, 1365 Madison avenue, Ford roadster, from garage at same address.

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

## BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police belong to:

Richard P. 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. Grein, Summitville, 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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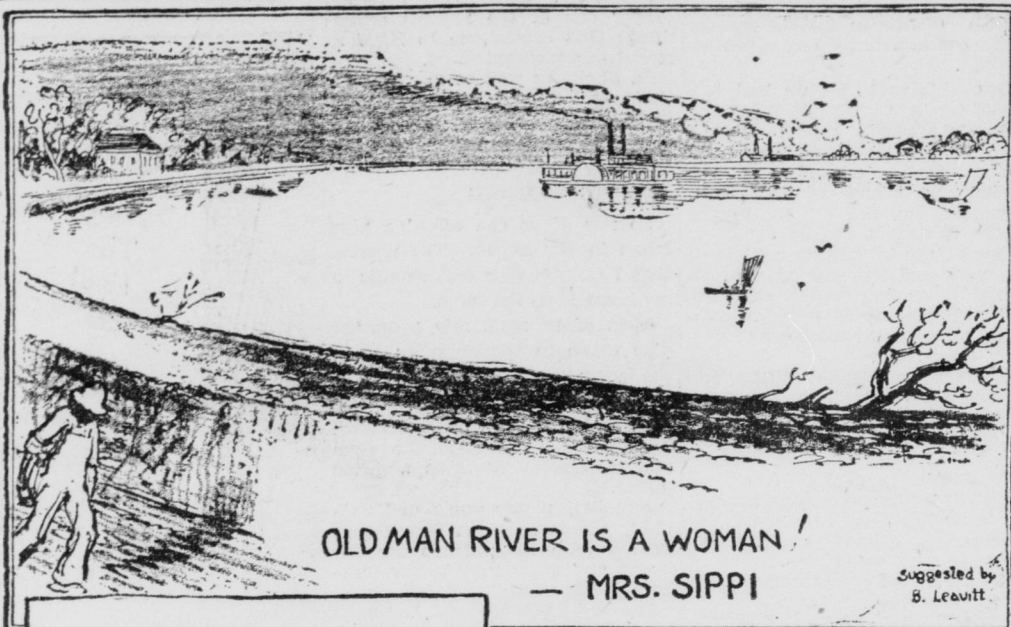
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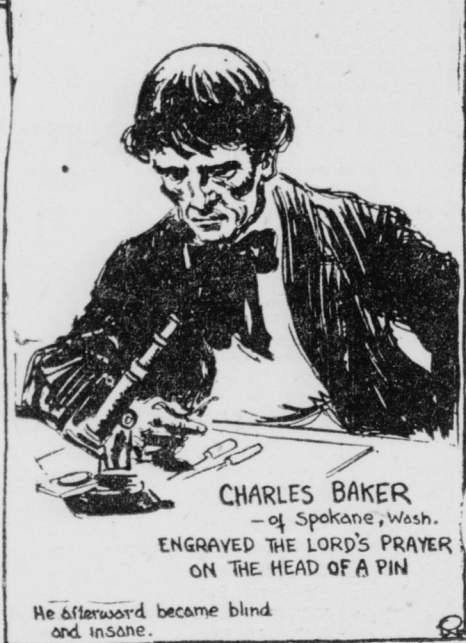
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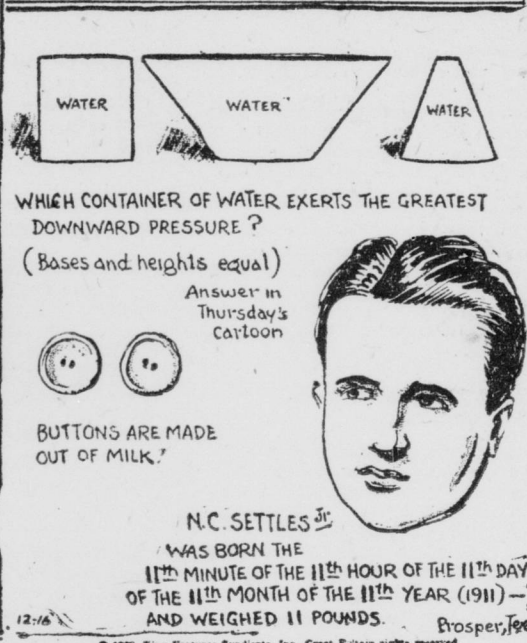
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## GIRLS' SCHOOL INMATES FOUND LOW MENTALLY

65 Per Cent Below Normal in Institutions, Says South Bend Woman.

Mental average of girls sentenced to the Indiana Girls' school at Clermont is below normal in 65 per cent of the cases and only one-fifth of these girls could be expected to compete socially with the average persons.

This conclusion is reached as the result of a five-year survey just completed, made public by Miss Gladys D. Frith of South Bend at the mental health conference at the Claypool today.

Dr. Frith formerly was research assistant in clinical psychology at James Whitcomb Riley hospital. She stated the survey was conducted under direction of Dr. Herman H. Young, clinical psychologist of Indiana university.

Most Are Retarded  
"Survey results," she told the conference, "show that while 10 per cent of the girls were 14 years and 6 months of age, or older, only 9 per cent were ready for high school. Most of them were retarded in school."

Warden Walter H. Daly talked on the defective adult delinquent and cited prison figures from the Michigan City institution, of which he is head.

"The child guidance clinic is the latest and most effective medical instrument developed for the preservation of the individual as such," Dr. Frank J. O'Brien, director of the psychological clinic at Louisville, told the gathering. "Its field embodies the use and development of scientific data in the fields of medicine, sociology, social work, psychology and religion."

Usefulness Shown  
Child guidance must involve the home, Dr. H. P. Langer, director of the child guidance clinic at Indiana university school of medicine, asserted.

"The study of each child," she

said, "includes, among other things, a study of the individuals influencing his conduct and the program for constructively influencing his conduct includes the development of a mental hygiene viewpoint in those individuals situated nearest to the mental life of the child."

Special teacher training for these in charge of the special schools for the atypical child and conduct of such schools was discussed in talks by Superintendent L. C. Ward of the Ft. Wayne public schools and Miss Catherine Filmer, principal of the School for Feeble Minded Youth at Ft. Wayne.

"The nervous and excitable teacher has no place in the special school," Miss Milner declared. "Patience and perseverance are of paramount importance. A sense of humor is essential. The teacher must know her subject matter so well that she can adapt the instruction to fit the needs of the individual child."

## YULETIDE PARTY TO BE HELD BY BOY SCOUTS

Christmas Basket Ingredients to Be Used for Admission.

Boy Scouts of troop No. 69 will hold their annual Christmas party at Utley hut, 3731 Boulevard place, at 7:30 p. m. Thursday.

An article of food which will afterward help to fill Christmas baskets to be distributed to needy families will be the only admission charge.

Mrs. C. G. Swan and Mrs. G. W. Morris will have charge of the program. Seven tenderfoot badges will be awarded and troop No. 69 jerseys will be given scouts who have attained the first class rank during the year. C. E. Utley, for whom the troop headquarters was named, will distribute gifts.

## PIONEERS PICK CHIEF

Elect William H. Insley at Annual Meeting.

William H. Insley was chosen to succeed Charles N. Thompson as president of the Society of Indiana pioneers at the annual meeting and banquet of the society at the Claypool Saturday night.

The banquet was the final event on the two-day program of the state history conference.

President Thompson has served since 1925. Mrs. W. T. Lafferty, Kentucky historian, traced the history of the Ohio river and the Ohio river valley from the advent of the first white man to its present state.

She predicted a renewed interest

in the river with re-establishment of traffic under the channelization plan.

Arrangements for the dinner were made by Mrs. Clarence Forsyth and a committee consisting of Mrs. Walter H. Montgomery, Herbert W. Poltz, Francis H. Insley and Merrill B. Barkley. More than five hundred attended.

## Young Bands Sentenced

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 16.—Emile Hesse and Raymond Klawinski, both 18, who aspired to learn safe-cracking here overnight, are in the state reformatory. They stole several acetylene torches, an automobile and enough explosives to wreck a city block. Officers arrested them while they stood in consultation before a store safe which contained \$13,000. Hesse was given a 25 year term and Klawinski ten.

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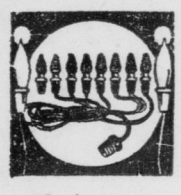
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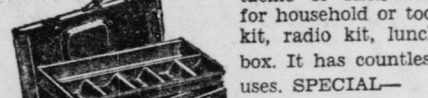
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