

WORRY GROWS IN EUROPE OVER FRANCE'S GOLD

Four-Nation Parley Fore-
seen to Seek Solution of
World Problem.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—French financial experts are convinced that the New Year will bring France, the United States, England and Germany together for an official conference seeking a solution for the mal-distribution and under-production of gold for monetary purposes.

Arrangements for this conference are said to have been made during the visit of George Harrison, Governor of the federal reserve bank of the United States. Harrison conferred with Montagu Norman, of the Bank of England, and officials of the French and German state banks in Paris and Berlin.

At the close of the present year the vaults of the Bank of France hold more than \$2,000,000,000 in gold, or approximately 18 per cent of the world's supply.

U. S. Is Biggest Holder

The United States, the world's largest holder, has more than \$4,010,000,000, while the Bank of England's reserves have dwindled down to approximately \$730,000,000. France has been draining gold from both England and Germany until both countries are complaining loudly that France and the United States' disproportionate gold holdings is one of the chief causes of the world economic crisis, when added to the fact that there is an actual shortage of raw gold for monetary purposes.

Gold historians are arguing that every business crisis in modern history always is accompanied by, or preceded by, a shortage in gold production.

Need New Gold Fields

The '48 California gold rush brought an untold era of prosperity to the United States until 1873, when a gold shortage was caused by America's conversion of her Civil War paper into gold and Germany's adoption of the gold standard.

This crisis, according to gold students, lasted until 1896 when new gold fields were found in South Africa and world business became brisk again.

Since the beginning of the present century the production of gold again has fallen off, or rather has not kept pace with the increase in international trade and the demand for gold.

Quite probably this conference will study means of developing new gold fields to remedy the present world crisis.

RADIO, AVIATION ADD TO INDUSTRY TOTAL

Goods Worth \$69,940,000 Made in U. S. Plants in 1930.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Airplanes and the radio contributed rapidly growing additions to American industry during 1929. It was shown today by the census bureau's survey of manufacturers for that year.

Workers in the 206,556 American plants produced goods worth \$69,940,000,000 last year and wage earners in these establishments received \$11,421,000,000, an average of \$13.33 per worker for the year. The production of aircraft and parts showed a total value of \$81,000,000. Wages paid in this industry were \$18,000,000. The value of manufactured radio sets increased to \$31,000,000.

WOMAN TAKES POISON

In Serious Condition at City Hospital After Suicide Attempt.

In an effort to commit suicide, Mrs. Ruby Evans, 22, of 1122 Harlan street, took poison Tuesday afternoon in an apartment at 826 North New Jersey street. She was found lying in the hall of the building by another resident. She is in serious condition at city hospital.

McQueen Named Game Warden
Everett McQueen, former state policeman who had charge of the car parking at the statehouse until retired by the Democratic regime, has been appointed game warden by the state conservation department. It was announced today. He will operate in Marion county.

EVANS' E-Z-BAKE FLOUR
AT ALL GROCERS

Saves \$18 on Yule Card Stamps; Hyde Assailed

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Arthur Hyde, agriculture secretary, today sought an official ruling upon the character and status of Christmas cards he sent under a government frank, a practice which Senator Thaddeus H. Caraway (Dem., Ark.) has insisted was an abuse of free postage privileges.

"I have never franked a personal Christmas card in my life," Hyde said. "Sufficient proof that the cards are official and not personal can be adduced from the fact that Senator Caraway received one."

The cards, Hyde said, went to agricultural colleges, farm papers, breeders' associations and similar destinations.

In calling attention to the Christmas cards, Caraway said:

"It is interesting when it is recalled that Mr. Hyde was opposed to the use of government funds to succor starving babies."

In somewhat similar vein, Hyde replied that "I have heard of no relief extended to starving babies by the senator, although he has made a great parade of his benevolent intentions in the newspapers."

Hyde said the 900 cards sent would have needed about \$18 in postage had the frank privilege not been used.

Sad New Year



King and Bobbie

Bobbie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Shubert, 1402 Kenyon avenue, can't view the New Year very happily without King, his silver gray German police dog, that strayed away or was stolen from his home ten weeks ago.

"Ask folks to make a New Year's resolution to call me, Belmont 3597, if they see King," Bobbie implored The Times.

CITY JOBS CHANGE

Transfers and Appointments
Are Made by Moore.

Several new appointments and transfers in his department were announced today by City Engineer A. H. Moore.

Earl Johnson was promoted from junior field aid to senior field aid to succeed Herbert Bloemker, resigned. William H. Hunt, draftsman, was named to succeed Johnson. E. M. Davis was transferred from the food prevention department to succeed Hunt. Arthur L. Braun was promoted from junior to senior inspector. S. E. Moore, 221 College avenue, discharged Monday, was reinstated as senior inspector following the resignation of Fred Creators, 2608 Park avenue, who becomes a deputy sheriff.

COPS TO SEEK DRUNKS

Detroit Police Threaten to Jail Intoxicated New Year Revelers.

DETROIT, Dec. 31.—Any New Year's eye driver discovered violating traffic laws in the downtown district, whose breath smells of liquor, will be taken to court and charged with drunk driving, police announced today. The police traffic detail in the loop district will be doubled tonight, the announcement said.

AIDING POOR; STRICKEN

Police Officer on Charity Mission Suffers Paralysis Attack.

Stricken with paralysis while delivering baskets to the poor Tuesday night, patrolman Willis H. Stevens, 56, of 1318 East St. Clair street, is in serious condition today at city hospital.

Stevens was distributing baskets from the police patrol wagon in the 900 block Para street, when stricken.

Catholic School Wins

By Times Special

COLUMBUS, Ind., Dec. 31.—The St. Bartholomew Catholic school of this city won the annual Christmas seal sale contest for city schools and Mt. Pleasant school of Columbus township won the contest for Bartholomew county schools. The Catholic school, with an enrollment of fifty, sold \$55 worth of seals, an average of \$1.10 per capita, and Mt. Pleasant school, with an enrollment of seventeen, sold \$5.10 worth seals, for an average of 30 cents per capita. Silver loving cups will be presented to the winners.

ROPKEY SLATED FOR RE-ELECTION

City Council Expected to
Retain President.

Unless an open factional break occurs in the so-far harmonious city council, Ernos C. Ropkey is expected to be re-elected president during the reorganization session of the council at noon Jan. 5.

The Rev. C. A. Hilderbrand, vice-president, also is reported slated for re-election.

The noon meeting will be followed by another that night at which regular business of the council will be transacted.

Following the election, the president will name several standing committees for 1931, one of the most important being the airport committee, in view of the actual operation of municipal field soon.

Present members of the airport committee are Ropkey, Leo F. Welch and Maurice Tennant.

NUN, 70, IS DEAD

Sister Liboria Schoemann
Ill Four Days.

Sister Liboria Schoemann, for the past fourteen years attached to St. Francis hospital, died early today after a four-day battle with pneumonia. She was a former school teacher.

She was born in Cleveland. Surviving her are a sister, Mrs. Katharine Grimm and a half-brother, Augustus Knight of that city.

FUNERAL RITES SET FOR WOMAN GROCER

Rites for Mrs. Margaret Freijl Will
Be Held at 9 Friday.

Funeral will be held at 9 Friday morning in St. John's Catholic church for Mrs. Margaret Freijl, 52, who operated a grocery at 303 West McCarty street ten years before her death Tuesday in St. Vincent's hospital.

Surviving are eight children, Jacob, Carl, Harry, Bernice and Vera Freijl, and Mrs. Martha Stevenson, Mrs. Mary Davidson and Mrs. Helen Haydon. Two brothers, Louis and Tony George, all of Indianapolis, and two sisters, Mrs. Saline Harb and Mrs. Annie Ganlin, both of the republic of Brazil.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen belong to:
James Hill, 1433 Manlove avenue, Jordan sedan, found at Lincoln and Alabama streets.
Thomas Utterbach, 645 North Noble street, Ford truck, found at 413 West Washington street.
Cadillac touring, 1928-29, found at 3804 Fall Creek boulevard.

BACK HOME AGAIN

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Political Riots in Colombia
BOGOTA, Colombia, Dec. 31.—Troops and police maintained order today in the village of Capiteño, where official announcements said eight persons had been killed and fourteen wounded in political riots. Unconfirmed reports placed the number of dead at sixteen.

HINT FIREBUG TO BLAME FOR \$6,000 BLAZE

Garage and Two Trucks
Destroyed by Flames
at Coal Yard.

Fires in the city Tuesday night and early today caused several thousand dollars loss and one routed a family early this morning.

Two trucks, worth \$1,000, and a garage valued at \$5,000, burned Tuesday night at the Comfort Coal Company yards, 1741 Naomi street. J. S. Burrows, secretary and treasurer of the firm, said he did not know how the blaze originated, although it was in a neighborhood where a firebug has been active recently.

Firemen Tuesday afternoon extinguished one blaze at 518 East Tenth street, the home of Mrs. Pearl Keaton, and an hour later returned to battle a blaze in another part of the double house, at 1002 Park avenue.

In the first fire, started by a motion picture projector, damage was about \$50. While in the second blaze, in the home of Joseph Thebold, loss was about \$3,000.

An overheated fire in the gardener's house at Crow's Nest, home of J. A. Goodman, president of Real Silk Hosiery Mills, on Kessler boulevard, caused about \$100 damage.

A defective grate caused a small fire in the home of Mrs. Maude E. Dunbar, 2815 Washington boulevard, early today.

NEW LAW CODE TO BE IN FORCE

West Virginia Statutes to
Be Reversed Thursday.

By United Press
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 31.—West Virginia's new code of statutory law, a code that cost \$400,000 to revise and draft and was authorized by the 1921 legislature, will become effective Thursday.

The code was adopted by the 1929 legislature. It almost completely reverses old statutes and resulted in the killing of hundreds of laws that were considered antiquated or inadequate to cope with present day needs.

The work was begun by three commissions appointed by former Governor E. F. Morgan. The commission submitted its report in 1927, and two years later a joint legislative committee, aided by the state bar association, completed the final draft.

FARM CO-OPERATIVE TO ELECT OFFICERS

Directors of Producers' Organization to Meet Here Jan. 19.

Directors of the Producers' Commission Association, a co-operative farmer-owned organization with members in Indiana, Ohio and Illinois, will meet here Jan. 19 to elect officers for the coming year.

At the close of the annual meeting at the Severin Tuesday, three expired Tuesday were re-elected. They are M. S. Barker of Thorntown, retiring president; O. B. Goble of Charleston, Ill., vice-president, and Albert Engle of Shelbyville, Ind.

Together with the announcement that a refund to patrons of 25 per cent or \$40,000, part of the profits for the last year, of the announcement more livestock was handled at the stockyards office than ever before, and 76 per cent was transported by truck, 25 per cent of the latter by the farmer.

New Senator



The new senator from Vermont is Frank C. Partridge, above, 69-year-old lawyer and business man who has been appointed by Governor John E. Weeks to fill the vacancy in the United States senate created by the death of Senator Frank L. Greene.

Partridge, a Republican, is to occupy the seat until a successor is regularly elected.

FIRE MARSHAL ARRESTS PAIR

Two Charged as Members
of Theft, Arson Ring.

Two men are under arrest by the state fire marshal today as members of an alleged auto theft and arson ring.

They are Eugene Ratliff, 30, of 1436 East Southern avenue, and John M. Rohrman, 37, R. R. 9, Lafayette, Ind.

Specific charges are that on Nov. 10, 1929, they burned a car which they had stolen and later collected \$465 insurance on it.

Arrests were made after an investigation by Charles F. Bridges and Virgil Quinn of the state fire marshal's office.

On Dec. 20 Ratliff was given five years probation by the northern district federal court following charges of violating the Dyer act. Rohrman, who is the father of eight children, has been in the state penitentiary over a considerable period of time.

Trial will be in Tippecanoe county on charges of arson and conspiracy.

'OLD MAN D'PRESSION' IS BURNED AT STAKE

Boys Foul Business Men's Plans to
Bury Straw Effigy.

By United Press
LIBERTYVILLE, Ill., Dec. 31.—Old Man Depression, whom the business men of Libertyville planned to bury in state, was so unsightly that inspired boys burned him at the stake and so there won't be any funeral at all.

Business men of the town met last Saturday, decided that business depression had ended, so far as they were concerned, and announced they would hold a ceremony to signify its passing.

A straw man, dubbed Old Man Depression, was placed in a basket. All the business men and most of the school children of the town joined in the procession which followed the basket to a park, where the "body" was supposed to lie in state for a week.

Protests were made that the straw man was "so gruesome it frightened tourists," and the boys, inspired by the objectors, burned the effigy Tuesday night.

AIM BILL AT LOW WAGES IN ROAD BUILDING

Minimum Pay Proposed for
All Laborers on Public
Projects.

Reflecting the results of The Times' investigation conducted last summer showing that contractors on state highways were forcing laborers into peonage by taking advantage of the economic depression, a bill directed at this evil is to be introduced in the coming legislature.

This measure, drafted and sponsored by Representative E. Curtis White of Indianapolis, prescribes minimum wages for all workmen employed by contractors on public works.

This measure provides that the minimum wage which must be paid shall be determined by the prevailing rates paid workmen, including laborers and mechanics in the locality where the public construction is being done. This provision would apply to all contracts for public works by local governmental divisions as well as state contracts.

Schedules of what must be paid by contractors would have to be filed with the state or local governmental unit.

Any contractor refusing to honor the wage determined by the state or local unit or by court upon appeal shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall not be fined more than \$500 for the first offense, and \$1,000 and

forfeit of contract for the second offense.

Another proposed labor law would amend the state board of education membership statute and provide that member representing the laboring population, who shall be a member in good standing of a bona fide labor organization, be appointed.

'TALKIE' STAR ENDS COLDS QUICK WAY DOCTORS URGE

Doctors Show How to Relieve
Coughs Quickly to Avoid
Ruining Sound Films



ROBERT MONTGOMERY
Starring in "Love in the Rough," "War Nurse," "The Divorcee," etc.

When Indianapolis people catch cold they are sure to feel miserable and may risk pneumonia. But Hollywood stars also know that a cough, sneeze or hoarseness is sure to spoil expensive sound films. So they now end colds with Ayer's Pectoral—a remedy which doctors found to be quickest and surest of different methods tested for head colds, coughs and chest colds.

Robert Montgomery, for example, had a severe cold which made him feel too miserable to work. Then he started taking a spoonful of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral every 15 minutes so that his cold would be relieved in time to resume work at the studio next day.

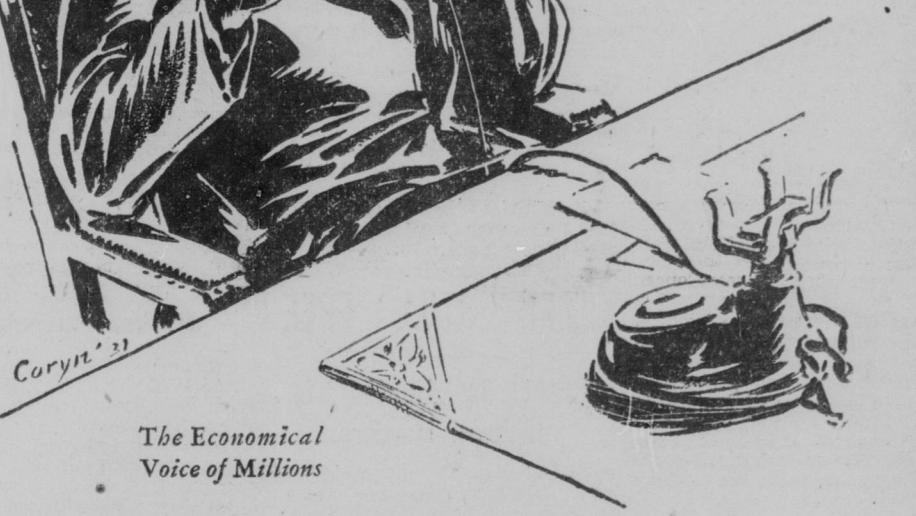
"The quick relief from Ayer's Pectoral was certainly remarkable," says Mr. Montgomery. "Almost immediately my cold began to disappear. By night, I was a great deal better and the next morning I awoke with the welcome freedom from congestion. In a day or so Ayer's Pectoral licked the cold completely and I was able to resume work without loss of time."

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