

# ARKANSAS FACES CRISIS AS FAMINE PERILS THOUSANDS

## PETTY CHARITY DOLE IS MERE DROP IN BUCKET

Farmers Near Starvation;  
Red Cross Relief Held  
Utterly Inadequate.

### SCORES WITHOUT SHOES

Infants Fed Cornbread as  
Milk Gives Out; Fear  
Heavy Death Toll.

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ENGLAND, Ark., Jan. 7.—While the dispute continues as to whether this little farming town was the scene of a food riot last Saturday, conditions steadily grow ripe for a showdown which will settle the question.

The nation has been led to believe that the Red Cross is on the job that relief has come, and that all is serene. But what the hungry folk around England want the nation to know is that the Red Cross dole amounts to approximately a dollar a month for each person, or roughly, 1 cent a meal for each hungry mouth.

Some families almost have cleared their cupboards of the rations doled out by local merchants Saturday after a group of hungry men and crying women threatened to loot the stores unless the food promised through the Red Cross was forthcoming.

### Infants Eat Cornbread

In many cases the two 15-cent cans of condensed milk included in the rations were consumed within two days and mothers are feeding infants on cornbread.

What the leaders of this town of 2,500 and the eleven surrounding communities are wondering is what will happen if nothing more substantial in the way of aid is forthcoming when the present rations are gone.

The Red Cross gave help to 305 more families Tuesday, bringing the total aided since Nov. 28 to about 1,100. Eat the hungry people in this vicinity total thousands.

Mayor Walter Williams points out that it will take 3,000 pairs of shoes alone to keep the feet of the hungry people of the neighborhood off the ground this winter.

"I don't know where the shoes are coming from, either," he added. "Even if the people get food until March, they are likely to suffer for want of clothes."

### Clothing Is Lacking

Planters are authority for the statement that there isn't a share-cropping family in Lonoke county, the home of Senator Joe Robinson, with a complete outfit of clothing for all members.

Also lacking food and clothing, there are many families without roofs of their own. In some cases, four or five families are packed together in cheap shacks. Five families are living in a dilapidated wooden school house in England.

The roof is half gone and there are no window panes to keep out the cold. Eighteen persons are occupying an abandoned house next door to the school.

Physicians throughout the county predict a heavy death toll from pellagra this spring because of starvation conditions, long enduring. They already have noted an increase in anemia, nervous disorders and intestinal troubles.

**Drought Ruins District**  
England is in the heart of what was a rich agricultural section until the summer's drought blighted the garden, feed and cotton crops. The low price received for what cotton survived the dry spell, insured ruin of the district. There is no industrial life. Highway construction and all forms of building have stopped.

A bank failure completed the desolate picture. The pitance which cotton pickers earned at an average rate of 75 cents a day, soon was spent, leaving hundreds of families without enough money to move elsewhere.

Bryant Dodd, living eight miles from England, called his case typical.

"Together with my wife and two children I ended the season with a \$40 debt," he said. "I sold my hogs for \$11 and my forty-six chickens for \$11 more, and that is all the money we have had since last summer."

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Hundreds of people who suffered for years from asthma and bronchial coughs, state that their trouble left and has not returned. Their letters and post cards will be appreciated.

Miss Rubens, arrested in a San Diego hotel when police found 120 grains of narcotics in the hem of an evening gown, must appear Jan. 13 for preliminary hearings.

### Dies in City



### REBUFF FACED BY DRY LEAGUE IN LEGISLATURE

Election of Myers, Nejdl as  
Leaders Claimed by  
Adherents.

Prospects that the Indiana Anti-Saloon league will suffer a severe rebuff, which may result in considerable loss of its political prestige, became evident today as the adherents of Representative Walter Myers (Dem., Marion), claimed his election as house speaker, and supporters of Senator James J. Nejdl (Rep., Lake), declared him elected as senate president pro-temp.

The Anti-Saloon forces are straining every effort to obtain their defeat.

Nejdl has been outspoken for years in his fight on prohibition; while Myers has been blacklisted by the league in his campaign for mayor of Indianapolis and the Democratic nomination for United States senator.

#### Myers Is Conceded

Myers is being conceded the election as Speaker at the Democratic house caucus in the house at 7:30 tonight, while Nejdl will be one of five engaged in a bitter battle in the senate caucus at the same hour in the senate chamber.

Senators French, Clement (Rep., Vanderburgh); G. Oliver Holmes (Rep., Lake); Lee J. Hartley (Rep., Noble and Allen), and I. Floyd Garrott (Rep., Tippecanoe and Benton), are the other four contenders.

Although it was said today that the five Marion county Republican senators had agreed Tuesday to support Holmes for president, Senator J. Clyde Hoffman (Rep., Marion), declared today that the question of president had not arisen, as the meeting was confined to patronage appointments.

#### Delegation to Caucus

A meeting of the Marion county senators is expected to be held this afternoon.

Senator Roy M. Friedley (Rep., Delaware) has announced his candidacy for senate caucus chairman, while Representative Miles Farnas (Rep., Randolph) is expected to preside over the Republican representatives' caucus at the Sevier, at 7:30, when Representative James M. Knapp (Rep., Wayne), who was 1929 speaker, will be named minority leader.

Three Democratic senators, Walter Chambers (Hancock, Henry and Madison), Addison Drake (Sullivan and Vigo), Democratic nominee for Lieutenant-Governor in 1928, and Chester Perkins (St. Joseph), are vying for senate minority leader. Chambers, former state chairman, is new appointee of the education committee.

Robert J. Aley, Robert White Blake, Louis Brandt, Hilton U. Brown, Mrs. Mary S. Carey, Charles C. Cray, Miss Annae Cusse, W. J. Daniels, Lawrence B. Davis, Herbert Folts, Eugene C. Foster, Albert S. Goldstein, I. J. Good, Miss M. E. Hoag, Karl Von Hirsch, Mrs. Hirsch, Mrs. Eleanor Hester, John E. Mellett, Fred Johnson, Earl W. Kiger, John J. Madden, William Maub, G. A. Milleit, Dr. Edward L. Mitchell, Earl Moshitz, Dr. Louis Serafin, Dr. Ade A. Schweitzer, Philip Zoercher and Leo Welch.

### SEVEN RETAIN POSTS WITH MADISON COUNTY

#### One New Job Created as Board Dispenses 1931 Patronage.

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Jan. 7.—Seven county employees were retained and one additional office created when the Madison county board of commissioners passed out 1931 jobs.

Those given positions are Lewis E. Kimberlin, county attorney; J. Cromer Aldredge, pauper attorney; William Wade, courthouse custodian; Mrs. Florence Evans, courthouse matron; Richard Manis, custodian at the county heating plant; Dr. Clarence Rozelle, orphans' home physician; Dr. O. E. McWilliams, jail physician; Dr. C. A. Walton, infirmary physician. Aldredge is a new appointee, his duties having previously been performed by the county attorney.

Shifts will occur Jan. 1, 1932, when Democrats gain control of the board of commissioners.

Salary of Judge Bartlett H. Campbell, superior court, was increased \$1,000. He will receive \$7,000 a year, the same as Judge Carl F. Morrow of circuit court.

### THIRD JUROR CHOSEN

Another Venuire to Be Summoned in  
Effort to Impale Group.

By Times Special

Third member of the Marion county grand jury was selected today by Criminal Judge Frank J. Baker, leaving three additional members yet to be chosen.

With two other members named Monday, Baker Thursday will summon a third venuire in an effort to impale the probe body by the end of the week. Harry A. Ryan, 4429 Manlove avenue, was picked today.

### REVOLT WOUNDS FATAL

Alabama Newspaper Man Sustains  
Injuries in Panama City.

By United Press

PANAMA CITY, Jan. 7.—Hartwell F. Ayers, Alabama newspaper man, wounded accidentally in the recent revolution here, died early today.

Ayers made a remarkable fight for life against heavy odds. He was wounded in the neck, abdomen and lungs. Doctors praised his cheerfulness and courage.

Father of Six Dies

By Times Special

COLUMBUS, Ind., Jan. 7.—Fred Schulz, 62, farmer of Bartholomew county, is dead at his home in the tiny neighborhood east of here. He was a widower and lived in the county and there he spent his life. He was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church. He leaves his widow and three sons: Henry, Fred Jr., and Robert, Bartholomew county; three daughters: Mrs. Ben Wehmeyer, Mrs. Clifford Scheidt and Mrs. Clarence Armuth.

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