

## WORLD C. OF C. FINDS BUSINESS HORIZON BRIGHT

Delegates of 26 Nations  
Feel Depression 'Bottom'  
Is Reached.

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WASHINGTON, May 8.—That the bottom of the slump has been reached and that better times are not far off, is indicated in the reports from twenty-six nations represented at the meeting of the International Chamber of Commerce here.

While none of these nations reports a resumption of anything like normal times within its borders, and some frankly warn against jumping at conclusions, practically all are in agreement that at least three general factors make for reasonable optimism.

### New Production Necessary

First, most of the twenty-six countries report, conditions lead to the belief that the depression is at, or very close to, rock bottom, and that the tendency should soon be in the direction of recovery, perhaps not very marked at first, but steady.

Second, that stocks of manufactured goods everywhere are extremely low. New production will shortly be necessary, therefore, and consequently the employment of more labor.

Third, the psychological factor—that important intangible which seems to make bad times worse than they actually are, or good times better—seems to be on the mend as evidenced by an increase in the number of inquiries or tentative orders reported from pretty nearly every corner of the world.

### Plight Still Grave

Among the nations polled on the subject were Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary, Roumania, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Denmark, Holland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Greece, Estonia, India, Chile, Canada and the United States.

The spokesmen for none of these countries showed any inclination to answer the query with the old bromide that "prosperity is just around the corner." On the contrary, the tendency was to insist that the plight of the world still is grave, albeit with certain definitely encouraging signs showing.

In the opinion of an unmistakable majority of these business moguls in conference here, the United States and Russia likely will decide the immediate future of world events.

### GIFTS STILL COMING IN

Depression Has Little Effect on  
Presbyterian Board Funds.

By United Press  
PHILADELPHIA, May 8.—Contributions to the Presbyterian board of Christian education fell off only 31-3 per cent during the fiscal year, according to Dr. Harold McAfee Robinson, administrative secretary of the board.

The year ended with a deficit of \$87,675.33 on March 31, he announced.

### CUT THROUGH FOREST

New Highway to Be Opened in  
South Jersey Wilderness.

By United Press  
CAMDEN, N. J., May 8.—The wilderness of South Jersey, unchanged since the Indians pitched their wigwams in the pine woods, soon will be broken when the proposed New Jersey state highway to the seashore is opened.

The new road will cut through the pine woods to complete a shorter route to the ocean from Philadelphia.

### Bedford Woman Dies

By Times Special  
PLAINFIELD, Ind., May 8.—Funeral services were held here today for Mrs. Madge Chambers, 31, wife of Morris Chambers, Bedford, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Heringlake of Plainfield. She died Wednesday in an Indianapolis hospital after an illness of a week.

## Girl Flier Plans for Ocean Hop

By United Press

NEW YORK, May 8.—Laura Ingalls, girl flier, will compete with Ruth Nichols for the honor of being the first woman to fly the Atlantic, it was learned today.

Miss Ingalls learned to fly while she was a stenographer at Roosevelt field. She obtained financial backing for her proposed flight and has a Lockheed monoplane equipped with a Wasp motor similar to the ship in which Miss Nichols will fly.

Miss Ingalls intends to start from Lloyd Bennett airport on Barron island about May 15. She holds several women's records for loops and barrel rolls, and several years ago established a transcontinental record.



Laura Ingalls  
Must Face Issue.

## CITY FIRMS TO TALK GAS PLAN WITH SULLIVAN

Piping Company's Offer to  
Be Discussed at Monday  
Parley.

Conference of Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan's natural gas committee to hear representatives of more than twenty local industrial firms desiring to use natural gas will be held at 1:30 Monday in the mayor's office. City Attorney James E. Deery announced today.

Industrial firms which have contracted to purchase natural gas from the Kentucky Natural Gas Company, seeking permission to lay pipe lines in the city to the various industrial plants, have formed the Manufacturers Natural Gas Association.

Executive committee of the association will present the industries' view on the proposition at the meeting.

The Kentucky company, in addition to asking permission to serve industries under contract, has suggested it would be willing to sell natural gas at wholesale rate to the Citizens Gas Company in event the city's right to acquire the Citizens company under the 1905 charter is sustained by the United States supreme court.

The mayor's committee has set May 15 as the date for receiving formal bids for furnishing wholesale gas to the Citizens company.

The only natural gas proposition, other than that of the Kentucky company, submitted to the committee is that of the Marion County Gas Corporation, which originally proposed to take over and operate the Citizens company for the city, paying the city an annual rental fee in addition to a share of the profits.

The latter company proposed to mix natural gas with artificial gas, increasing heat units, and to reduce gas rates.

## DRY LEADER PREDICTS MODIFICATION ACTION

Jones, Hoover Backer, Says Senate  
Must Face Issue.

By United Press

SEATTLE, May 8.—Senator Wesley L. Jones, father of the "five and ten law," and among the dryest of President Hoover's senate bloc, thinks the next congress will consider modification of the dry law.

Although making it plain that he's still a dry, Jones said here he had gathered from conferences with his fellow-senators and congressmen that the issue would be a live one in the winter session.

"Congress can not repeal the eighteenth amendment," he said, "nor will it try to do so. That is strictly up to the people. What it can do, however, is to modify the Volstead act. I am confident that if such a move is made it will be given careful consideration."

## 'TRUNK KILLER' BACK IN JAIL

Emma Le Doux Fails Again  
to Obey Law; Gets Life.

By United Press

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, May 8.—Emma Le Doux, Stockton "trunk murderer," has resumed her life just where she left off five years ago.

Found "constitutionally incapable of living within the law," the elderly woman is back in the prison where she spent more than fifteen years, this time almost unquestionably for the rest of her days.

She was the first woman sentenced to be hanged in California, following the discovery in 1906 of the dismembered body of her common-law husband in a trunk in the union station at Stockton. Her sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment.

Paroled five years ago, Mrs. Le Doux was soon in trouble again and was sent back to prison. She was given another chance last January. Arrested again on a vagrancy charge, it developed, police said, that she had a hand in a marriage bureau "racket," and the decision was made to remand her to prison for life.

## ASK BORDER GOODS BAN

Seattle Merchants Claim Millions  
Lost by "Importing."

By United Press

SEATTLE, May 8.—Retail dealers of Washington are trying to have regulations enforced at the Canadian border, to prevent week-end parties from bringing articles into this country.

Each person is permitted to bring merchandise valued up to \$100 back. Washington dealers claim that millions are spent annually that should go to "home industries."

## SEEK ORDER ON COURT

Mandate Is Asked Against Probate  
Judge in Estate Case.

Suit to mandate Judge Smiley N. Chambers of probate court to issue letters of administration to Donald E. Rider Sr., as executor of the estate of the late Mrs. Ida McClintock were filed Thursday in supreme court. The McClintock will recently was upheld in Hamilton circuit court, but recognition as executor was refused Rider, the petition for mandate states.

## GRAND STAND BIDS DUE

State Fair Board to Open New Set  
of Offers Monday.

New bids for the state fair-ground grand stand seats will be opened at the statehouse Monday at 10 a. m., it was announced today by Secretary A. J. Barker of the state fair board. Former bids were rejected as too high and because only one submitted seats made in Indiana, Barker said.

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