

'SACRIFICES BOUGHT FRENCH RECOVERY,' SAYS LAVAL

INSISTS OTHER NATIONS MUST 'FOLLOW SUIT'

Balanced Budget and Brave Co-Operation of Public, Is Stressed.

POINTS TO HARDSHIPS

Premier Declares Path to Prosperity Needs Brains and Courage.

An analysis, from the French viewpoint, of why France has suffered less than most nations in the general depression is given by Premier Laval in the following article. He presents the French procedure as a possible suggestion to other nations to aid themselves.

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PARIS, Sept. 30.—Pierre Laval, premier of France, in an exclusive survey of world financial and economic troubles for the United Press today, declared his faith in complete recovery.

He furnished an answer to the problem which has bothered many economists as to why France, apparently is rich and busy, her workers fully employed, and her mills and factories humming, while her neighbors and America are suffering from trade depression.

"I have no doubt that world commerce and industry eventually will recover from its present troubles and, perhaps, be stronger than ever. But other countries first must make sacrifices as great as France made in 1926, and finances must be restored to a healthy condition by a sane compression of expenses to revenue," Laval said in summarizing his opinion.

France Still Agricultural

France's present good fortune is due, in his opinion, only to a careful balancing of her disbursements and resources, following sacrifices made in 1926 when France agreed voluntarily to stabilize her franc on a gold basis at one-fifth of its previous value.

In his survey he based the present French banking, commercial and industrial strength on the following foundations:

1. France has remained agricultural, despite her tremendous industrial and commercial expansion. Diversified agriculture never knows depression.

2. Sensible protectionism. France has a tariff barrier which is designed to protect both farmer and manufacturer. Thus wheat in France is selling today at \$1.70 a bushel, compared with less than 50 cents in Canada and the United States.

Immigration Restricted

3. Careful control of immigration and limiting foreign workers by labor permits to those trades only needed by French industry and agriculture. Four million foreign workers have been repatriated since the world trade slump started and France has but 54,000 unemployed men and women workers on dole.

4. Courageous policy of the economy ax by Poincare in 1926 when all spending departments of the government found their funds slashed by decree. At the same time Frenchmen were charged with further heavy taxes which obliged a great national sacrifice.

5. The maintenance of an armed force sufficient to oblige the respect of frontiers and neighbors, thus assuring French industrialists, peasants and business men of safety and creating a sense of security and public confidence. French investors repatriated enormous holdings, particularly from London, Amsterdam and New York.

Safe Financing Helped

6. Safe, sound financing and careful control of investment markets and foreign loans, which now must have the government's sanction. As a result the Bank of France has accumulated the second greatest gold hoard in the world, now more than \$9,000,000,000 francs. The famed "woolen sock" of the French peasantry is again a fact, not a legend.

Laval laid great stress on the fact that France underwent her rapid period of depression in 1926 when the franc fell in the world exchange markets to a point where 50 and more francs were bid for a dollar.

Poincare, recalled to office and given almost dictatorial powers, set about balancing the budget by the creation of billions of francs of new taxes and cutting state expenses by 33 per cent. As a result, he was able to stabilize the franc two years later.

Peasants Hoard Savings

Laval pointed out that after that drastic financial operation which meant a heavy personal sacrifice to every French family, the nation financially was in excellent health.

As a result, when the world depression started, France felt nothing and the only slackening of trade today is due to the loss of foreign markets where the crisis has weakened the buying power.

The great mass of French peasants holds the national fortune. The great proportion of savings is in their hands and the traditional "woolen sock" is filed to overflowing, awaiting a chance to participate in some foreign investment which has the approval of the government.

Afford Jobless Relief

Already, only five years after the worst financial troubles in her history, France has re-established her wealth so solidly that since 1928 she has lent 16,000,000,000 francs to her neighbors, including England, Germany, Poland, Finland, Austria, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Greece, Rumania, Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia. They are paying her from 3 to 7 1/2 per cent on the loans.

Railroad earnings and car loadings, always an indication of domestic prosperity, are shown by the latest government reports to be 11 per cent in excess of 1930.

Unemployment in mid-September was estimated to total less than 200,000—that figure including those working less hours than normally, well as totally unemployed.

Hey, Listeners!



Bill Hay

You've heard the voice behind this smile many a time if you are an average, or even an occasional, radio listener. It's none other than Bill Hay, who nightly introduces the famous team of Amos 'n' Andy.

Hay came to Indianapolis today to address the Kiwanis Club at a ladies' day luncheon. Immediately after the meeting he climbed into an airplane, piloted by Harold Brooks of Hoosier airport, and flew back to Chicago, to be in time for the 6 p. m. broadcast.

\$11,000 LOOT IS HAUL OF YEGGS

Cracksmen Load Safe on Truck and Escape.

Loading a 300-pound safe of the Lee pharmacy, 1048 Fairfield avenue, on a truck, yeggs early today escaped with more than \$11,000 in currency and bonds.

The robbery was discovered shortly before 6 this morning, when J. W. Lee, 5727 Central avenue, owner of the pharmacy, opened the store. He told police he closed the place about 11, Tuesday night.

To enter the store, the burglars jimmied double doors, police said. The safe apparently had been rolled across the pharmacy floor to the sidewalk and then lifted into the truck by the thieves.

Loot included hotel and club bonds valued at \$5,000 each and two real estate bonds valued at \$1,000.

In addition, Lee told police, the safe contained \$160 in currency he placed in it before closing the store. The safe was hauled from White river near the Eighty-sixth street bridge this morning. Combination had been knocked off the strongbox and only government stamps and narcotic records remained in it.

The thieves also obtained a large amount of merchandise and stamps, the value of which Lee was unable to estimate.

RED CROSS TO MEET

Speakers Named for Three Sessions of Parley.

Discussion of the outlook for the Red Cross after its fifty years of service will feature the regional conference of the organization at the Columbus Club Thursday.

Three sessions are included in the program for the Red Cross conference, while the Junior Red Cross will hold meetings of its own.

Approximately 300 persons, representing twenty-four chapters throughout the state, are expected to be present at the two sessions.

Presiding at the morning session of the group will be Eugene C. Foster, director of the Indianapolis Foundation. William H. Book, John H. Ale and Dr. William H. King will speak.

At the luncheon, William Fortune, chairman of the Indianapolis chapter, will preside. James Brown of the Terre Haute Junior Red Cross and James L. Fisher will speak.

Round table discussions will take place in the afternoon session, over which Mrs. Hugh McGibney, director of the volunteer service for the Indianapolis chapter, will preside.

E. H. K. McComb, chairman of the Indianapolis Junior Red Cross, will give the address of welcome at the meeting of younger people.

Activities of the juniors will end the Indianapolis Junior Red Cross Training high school in the afternoon.

3 OF HIGHWAY GROUP ARE OUT THURSDAY

Brown Silent on Fate of Other Four 'Due for Gate.'

Only three of the seven originally slated to leave the employ of the state highway department Thursday will go at this time, Director John J. Brown said today.

They are Owen S. Boling, Brown's assistant; Omer Manlove, garage superintendent, and his assistant Russell Gardner.

Others on the original list of those ordered fired by Governor Harry G. Leslie were Russell Bosart, assistant maintenance chief; A. O. Hastings and E. B. Lockridge, district engineers, and Paul Melsen, chief of the testing bureau.

Brown refused to comment on their fate in the future.

TIMID; GETS 30 DAYS

Actions Arouse Cop's Interest; Leaking Package Contains Boze.

A package that leaked sent Bodney Biggs, Negro, 324 Bright street, to the state penal farm for thirty days today.

Patrolman Jesse Hadley told Judge Clifton R. Cameron that he met Biggs in an alley near the latter's home Tuesday afternoon. He said he did not intend to stop Biggs, but Biggs hurled a package over the fence when he neared.

Investigating, Hadley found the package dripping alcohol and charged Biggs with blind tiger.

GRAVEL PRICE WAR BY COUNTY BOARD RENEWED

Exorbitant Cost Charge Is Denied by Snider and Vorhies.

Friction within the board of county commissioners became heated today as Commissioners George Snider and Dow Vorhies answered charges of John E. Shearer, minority board member, that exorbitant prices are paid for county road gravel.

Majority commissioners flatly denied Shearer's allegation that they could buy gravel as low as 20 cents a cubic yard.

"We never have had bids that low," they declared.

Shearer attacked his fellow-board members for contracting with W. C. Halstead to buy 5,000 cubic yards of washed gravel at 90 cents a yard.

Explains Contract

Snider explained today that the Halstead contract relieves the county from fulfilling a previous contract, held by Halstead, calling for delivery of 20,000 cubic yards of gravel at the 90-cent price.

Courthouse records revealed that Commissioners John E. Shearer, Charles Sutton and Snider, who comprised the board in 1930, signed a contract with J. W. McCreery for the 20,000 yards at the 90-cent price.

They showed further that McCreery relinquished this contract to Charles M. Dawson of the Forty-Second Street bank on Feb. 12, 1931, to settle all debts. The bank in turn sold the contract and gravel plant, located on the Jessup farm in Washington township, to W. C. Halstead.

Takes Share of Blame

No gravel was used under the original contract, but it was piled on the Jessup farm, the owner of which received 15 cents a yard, according to Snider.

"We couldn't use 20,000 yards of gravel at this time, so that we drew up a new contract with Halstead," Snider said, also declaring: "I take my share of the blame for letting that other contract."

CAR 'NOT THAT FAST,' BUT DRIVER IS FINED

"It Won't Do 52," Says Defendant; "55 and Costs," Says Judge.

Although William Selvidge, 3419 Carrollton avenue, has a car that "won't run fifty-two miles an hour," Judge Clifton R. Cameron today fined him \$15 and costs for speeding.

Police testified that Selvidge was pursued from Thirty-fourth to Forty-seventh street on Meridian street, Tuesday night, as he weaved in and out of traffic. Officers said they heard two women in the car screaming.

"My car won't go that fast," Selvidge said.

Cameron learned that since Aug. 21, Selvidge has not paid any of a \$10 fine for speeding.

Threatened with stay in jail, Selvidge obtained the \$25 for today's assessment.

ROOSEVELT IS CHEERED

Assured Support of Northwest; Earl Peters Among Visitors.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—W. W. McDowell, Democratic state chairman of Montana, has assured Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York that he will have the backing of the Northwest as the 1932 Democratic presidential nominee, and urged Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana as his running mate.

McDowell saw Roosevelt at his home here Tuesday, along with Arthur F. Mullen, Democratic national committeeman from Nebraska, and Earl Peters, Democratic state chairman of Indiana.

38,500 ARE GIVEN JOBS

100 Days' Work Provided by Opening of Sugar Factories in West.

DENVER, Sept. 30.—Rocky Mountain sugar factories, opening this week, have provided 100 days' work for 38,500 men, in addition to the 100,000 workers employed regularly in the industry, a United Press survey revealed today.

Six thousand five hundred extra men are being put to work in the factories and 32,000 extra field laborers employed, it was disclosed by officials of the Great Western, Holly, American and National Sugar Companies.

Officer Faces Murder Charge

SALEM, Ind., Sept. 30.—Charged with the murder of Hugh Morris, 27, New Philadelphia, Arthur Moore, night marshal here, is in jail. Morris was shot fatally Sept. 21 as he fled, following arrest by the officer who charged Morris was driving an automobile with improper license plates.

NEW DELAY LOOMS ON 16TH ST. PAVING

Concrete-Asphalt Fight May Hold Up Work Until Next Year.

Possibility grew today that Sixteenth street may not be paved between Capitol and Northwestern avenues this fall, as the concrete-asphalt fight continued before the works board.

Recently, attorneys for R. A. McCallum, low concrete bidder, protested that two or three signatures of resident property holders favoring asphalt paving were fraudulent.

One, they said, was obtained through bribery, while the other was that of an owner to whom the property had been transferred so

Mayor's Sister Quizzed



"And what programs do you enjoy most on the radio, Miss Sullivan?" Miss Mary Sullivan, sister of Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan, answers the ninety questions asked by one of the enumerators gathering data for the 1932 city directory.

She was one of the first women to be interviewed by the enumerators.

AUTO THIEF KILLED BY POLICE BULLET

Pretty Dirty

By United Press CHICAGO, Sept. 30.—Pigs are pigs, after all, and it is not cruel to let them wallow in the mud, the state had decided after expending several thousand dollars to settle the question.

Mrs. Irene Castle McLaughlin, the former famous dancer, brought up the question when she had Farmer William Schroeder arrested.

"His sties are not even fit for a pig," declared Mrs. McLaughlin, who personally visited the Schroeder farm before starting the suit. "It may seem silly for me to be here, but I love animals, even pigs, and they are entitled to a clean place to live."

Schroeder was fined \$10 and costs in July by Justice Sengstock of Morton Grove. He appealed, and after a lengthy trial in criminal court, was acquitted.

COLLEGE WILL OPEN MONDAY

Indiana State Term to Be in Four Parts.

By Times Special TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Sept. 30.—The school year of Indiana State Teachers college will open Monday.

The term will be in four parts with registration Monday for the fall period; Jan. 4, winter; March 28, spring, and June 26, summer.

Annual activities of the year will be the annual meeting of the Indiana College Physics Teachers association to be held Oct. 16 and 17. Faculty changes for the school year include the following:

Dr. Waldo F. Mitchell, who will come from De Pauw university to head the department of social studies. He will succeed the late Dean Frank S. Bogardus.

Miss Hazel Armstrong will be head librarian, succeeding Edward Fitzroy.

Sylvan Yeager, formerly of the training school industrial arts department, will be assistant principal of the school.

PILOT UNINJURED WHEN PLANE STRIKES WIRES

Twelve of Forty-Eight Strands Broken Along Railroad Track.

By Times Special ARNOLD, Ind., Sept. 30.—Although an airplane piloted by Curtis D. Howell, Ft. Wayne, crashed into forty-eight telephone and telegraph wires along the Pennsylvania railroad a mile east of here, he escaped injury.

Twelve of the wires were broken and the plane badly damaged. Howell, who had had only ten minutes of solo flying, was using a plane he assembled for the first time.

recently it appeared the transfer was made in order to list him as a freeholder.

However, the board declined to determine the status of the signatures, but Edward S. Knight, corporation counsel, reported that the third signature favoring asphalt, that of the Indianapolis Encaustic Tile Company, was not legal on the petition, because a corporation could not be termed a resident freeholder.

That firm, however, today had asked that its stand be changed in favor of concrete.

At present two signatures ask asphalt paving and one favors concrete. The board indicated it might scrap all plans to pave the newly widened street and begin proceeding anew.

'HUSH' MOVE TO CUT BUDGET OF SCHOOLS BARED

Tax Board Chairman Fails in Secret Visit to 'Pass Buck' to Others.

By BEN STERN

Demand that no newspapermen be present and that secrecy be maintained, James E. Showalter, chairman of the state tax board, made two visits to the Indianapolis school board to confer with members regarding next year's budget, it was learned today.

On these visits, Showalter asked the board voluntarily to cut its sinking fund levy from 8 cents to 5 cents.

He requested that the board voluntarily slash to save the tax board from criticism because it would "leave a better taste in the mouths of the public."

Showalter today admitted that he made the visits and the demand.

Secret Is Out

The secret of his conferences had been kept inviolate for a week, but under questioning Russell L. Willson, board chairman, today stated that Showalter had asked that newspapermen not be advised of the meetings.

"We told the tax board head that we would not announce the fact that the meetings had been held, but that if we were questioned we would narrate what occurred."

This is the first time in the history of the state tax board that the chairman has made visits to local officials with the request that they do the cutting to keep the tax board from being criticised. All discussions of school taxation in the past have been deemed a matter of public record.

Showalter would not tell who had prompted him to do this.

Didn't Want Enmity

"I didn't want to win the enmity of the school board by cutting the proposed rate and so I went over there."

"I also wanted to do some plain talking and that is why I asked that the reporters not be told about the visits," he declared. "Newspapers sometimes do not print things accurately, and I want to speak right out," he elaborated.

"When Willson said that he would like to have the reporters present, I said I would not go."

Showalter has been under fire from several sources for his attitude on the school city budget.

School board members pointed out at the hearings before the tax board that of the proposed \$1.01 rate, but 94 cents is for school maintenance, while the remainder is for the operation of the kindergarten and libraries.

Called Stetson to Parley

The tax board head first called Paul Stetson, school superintendent, Oct. 17, and asked for a conference. Showalter then presented his proposition, that the board voluntarily cut its budget, to Stetson.

The school superintendent declared that this was a matter for the school board, and Showalter asked that a conference be arranged with the members.

At 12:30 p. m., Oct. 21, he appeared before the board to plead that they make the slash.

Members pointed out to him that the statutes make it mandatory that 5 per cent of the outstanding bonded indebtedness of the school city be paid into the sinking fund, so they could not reduce the rate on this item.

Up to Tax Board

"It would leave a better taste in the mouths of the citizens if you voluntarily would make the reduction," Showalter told the board.

"The tax board does not want to appear in the guise of slashing the budget arbitrarily," he explained.

Showalter was told that the school board would not take any such step and that the burden and bonus for making the reduction, if there be one, must rest upon the tax board.

CATHOLICS DEBATE AID

Charities Conference Proposes to Float Federal Bond Issue.

By United Press WILKESBARE, Pa., Sept. 30.—Recommendations for relief of the unemployed in the United States this winter were to be consolidated today into a uniform program in the final session of the National Conference of Catholic Charities.

Delegates had for consideration the program outlined by the conference leader, Dr. John A. Ryan, Washington, D. C., proposing an immediate federal bond issue of \$5,000,000,000 for road building and other public works, and recommending that the federal government rather than the states carry the burden of relief work.

SUIT VICTOR COURTED

Marriage Proposals Follow \$3,000 Verdict for Breach of Promise.

By Times Special EVANSVILLE, Ind., Sept. 30.—Miss Viola Buchanan, 27, who was given judgment for \$3,000 in her \$150,000 breach of promise suit against 75-year-old Thomas Hunnel, says she has received many letters proposing marriage since the verdict. The letters came from various parts of the country.

She declares she wants no more elderly lovers. "I have gone with older men all my life," she says.

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(in The Times) for the Greatest Values of the Year!

The Sale of Sales Is on the Way!

Runs Since 1717



Donald Ames and the old clock

By NEA Service BETHESDA, O., Sept. 30.—All records for "strikes" in this labor troubled county of Belmont have been broken and laid on the shelf by an old wooden clock.

Made entirely by hand, with all mechanical parts of wood, the clock has been striking its booming gong continuously since brought over from England in 1717.

It has been for five generations in the Charles H. Ames family, in whose home it now rests.

'JUNKER' AUTO TAGGED MENACE

Hoosier State Pushes Move to Curb Peril.

Old, "should-be-junked" wrecks no longer will chug and wheeze down the highways if the Hoosier State Automobile Association has anything to say about it.

At the annual association meeting in Indianapolis Tuesday it was pointed out that "a car being driven in such bad condition that it can not be controlled is just as much of a menace as a drunken driver."

Commendation was made of the drivers' license law as the means of effectively reaching the worst element of bad drivers. Uniform license fees of \$3 was considered in line with economy.

M. E. Nobles of Indianapolis was re-elected secretary. Jay Paul of Huntington and Clem McConaha, Richmond, were added to the board of directors. All other officers and executive committees were re-elected to serve for another year.

BOYS' CLUB TO MEET

Varied Program Scheduled for Session Friday Night.

One of the most interesting meetings of the Boys Club Association is promised for Friday night at its club rooms, English avenue at Laurel street.

Brief talks will be given by members of the staff, work of the club will be presented, homage will be paid those who have given so freely of time and money to the furtherance of Boys' Club ideals and graduates will be introduced.

LESLIE OFF TO SERIES

Governor Is to See Athletics, Cards Clash at St. Louis.

Governor Harry G. Leslie left at noon today for St. Louis to attend the opening of the world's series between the Athletics and Cards there Thursday. He was accompanied by Fred Cunningham, road contractor.

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