

DANGER OF VIOLENCE AMONG DESTITUTE GAINS, AS RELIEF BURDEN GROWS, SENATE TOLD

Nation's Social Workers Warn of Peril; Picture of Misery in Report More Arresting Than Any So Far Presented.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The danger of violence among destitute Americans increases daily as families are forced to live on 50 cents a person a week or meager rations from a central commissary, are herded together in congregate shelters, or are left entirely to their own resources by relief agencies that can not meet the burden placed upon them, the senate manufacturers committee has been warned by the American Association of Social Workers.

This organization, with 6,000 members, made a survey of conditions in forty-three cities, during November and December.

Its report presented to the committee by H. L. Lurie, bureau of Jewish social research of New York City, paints a picture of misery and of danger more arresting than any so far presented to the senate.

It warns that serious riots have taken place recently in Detroit, Chicago, Cleveland, Toledo, Dallas, Seattle, St. Louis and Salt Lake City, some of them reported in the press and some of them, it says, not reported.

Resentment Is Growing

"There is an undercurrent of resentment," says the report. "Disaffection and threats are becoming more prevalent, and it is believed that lack of a program and leadership among the unemployed has prevented more serious outbreaks."

"A part of the general dissatisfaction has been diverted into mutual aid and self-help projects among the unemployed."

"Fears are expressed that a mounting unrest may begin to assume violent forms of expression more frequently, if constructive and adequate measures for relieving distress arising from unemployment do not materialize in the near future."

The association summarized the situation in the following general terms. One-third of the unemployed are now receiving relief, and many more should be helped who are not.

No Money for Rents

The relief given is meager, usually food rations, which often do not attempt to provide all necessary nutritive elements, and a little coal. In some cities families are given a fourth of a ton of coal for a month. There is no money for rents, clothing, light and other necessities. Relief has reverted to primitive methods and lacks competent administration.

Work relief is being abandoned rapidly.

Ninety per cent of the money now being spent comes from public sources, but the credit facilities of cities are impaired, and state governments have failed to find new sources of revenue.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation funds, at best, have maintained emergency relief rations, on a month to month basis. Local relief administration has broken down partly as a result of the uncertainty.

Conflict on Starvation

Conflicting evidence is offered as to the extent of starvation and malnutrition. All are generally growing irritation among the unemployed is listed as serious.

The association found one city with a 300 per cent increase in the number of families needing help, and a 30 per cent increase in funds. In Florida, only \$5 and \$8 a month is being given each family.

In the forty-three cities studied the average relief per family was from \$15 to \$20 a month.

Detroit is sending unemployed men to the county almshouse, and Buffalo is considering the same course. Dallas is giving no relief to Negroes and Mexicans, and Richmond is doing almost nothing for Negroes.

Rural Areas Overburdened

In the mining counties of West Virginia large numbers of families are crowded for and "sore spots" in New Hampshire and Pennsylvania are reported.

The Scripps Foundation for Research in Population Problems, Miami university, is quoted as finding that 400,000 persons have deserted cities for the country in 1932, causing a serious situation in already overburdened rural areas. These people are living in abandoned farm houses, and makeshift shelters or are crowded in with other families.

MOCK FUNERAL HELD: 'VICTIM' FOUND DEAD

"Palbearers" Take Intoxicated Man Home, Unaware of Tragedy.

By United Press
ESSEX, Mass., Jan. 4.—When William A. Bagwell, 58, got drunk at a belated New Year's celebration, fellow merry-makers painted his face and hands red, pronounced him "dead" and held mock funeral services.

Later, "palbearers" took him home. Mrs. Bagwell found her husband, hours afterward, lying on the floor of their unheated kitchen. A doctor said Bagwell was dead—"by alcoholism and exposure."

PRISONERS TILL FARM

Grow Vegetables on Arizona State Land, Run Tannery.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 4.—Convicts in the Arizona penitentiary will not grow fat with idleness. They have been set to tilling several hundred acres on which are grown vegetables for the penitentiary and to help the poor.

A tannery also has been established to supply work. Tannic acid is obtained from the carnauba plant, which grows wild in Arizona, and which is excellent for tanning high-grade leathers.

FORTVILLE MAN IS QUESTIONED IN ROAD DEATH MYSTERY



Above—The Baldwin home at Fortville. Below at left—Baldwin and Mrs. Margaret Baldwin, his first wife. At right—Mrs. Lula Baldwin, the second wife.

Believed the victim of circumstantial evidence, Freeman Baldwin, 41, Fortville, disabled veteran of the World War, is held in the Hancock county jail at Greenfield, pending investigation of the death of his first wife, Mrs. Margaret Baldwin.

Finding of the uncollected body of a woman Oct. 6 in a road ditch in Henry county was believed by authorities to have been that of Mrs. Baldwin, but it was learned Tuesday that there is evidence she was alive more than a month after the body was found.

Hunger Death

Job Near After Months' Hunting, but Man Succumbs.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Wilfred Thompson, 56, lost his job many months ago.

Day after day, he wandered from one employment agency to another, seeking work, but never finding any.

Last week, Thompson, hungry and in ragged clothing, went to Thirty-sixth ward headquarters. He was told there would be no city work until after the New Year's holiday, and to return Tuesday.

A line of men stood Tuesday morning at the ward office awaiting the assignments to work. Thompson stood among them.

The line moved slowly. Thompson was within a few feet of the window, almost within reaching distance of the job he had looked for so long. He began to sway. His knees sagged. He fell to the sidewalk.

At Keystone hospital, physicians pronounced him dead—a victim, they said, of starvation and exposure.

DEATH SUSPECT MAY BE FREED

Attempt to Fix Identity of Woman's Body Ends in Failure.

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at Indianapolis on Nov. 8, a month and two days after the body was found.

The teacher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Renforth, residing near Fortville, was well acquainted with the first wife, as she and her family formerly lived across the street from the Baldwins.

Tells of Election Joking

According to Mrs. Inman, she was waiting for a car in the terminal on Nov. 8, when Mrs. Baldwin approached her, saying she had been working in an Indianapolis factory and was waiting for her brother to arrive from St. Louis, and that she intended to return there with him.

It was election day. Mrs. Inman and Mrs. Baldwin are of opposite political beliefs and the teacher recalls they engaged in some friendly rivalry about politics.

Mrs. Baldwin, who disappeared from her Fortville home on March 7, is credited with the following statement by Mrs. Inman:

"He choked me and was full of whisky all the time, so I just left without letting him know anything about where I was going."

Dentist Unable to Aid

Baldwin was granted a divorce from the first wife at Greenfield early in November and on Dec. 1, he and Mrs. Lula Burger, living near Whiteland, Johnson county, were married.

Baldwin and his first wife lived together ten years. She is said to have been married before and has two children living in California. The Baldwin home at Fortville, according to the second wife, is owned by the first.

Dr. B. J. Deakney, Fortville dentist, who extracted a tooth for Mrs. Margaret Baldwin in October, 1931, was unable to aid in identifying the body found at the roadside through a dental plate. A tooth identical to the one he extracted was missing, the picture showed, but so were three others.

LOCAL FIRMS SLICE PRICE ON GASOLINE

One-Cent-a-Gallon Reduction Announced Here.

Reduction of 1 cent a gallon in the retail price of gasoline has been announced by local officials of oil companies. Price of 17.4 cents has been placed on regular grade Red Crown, 20.4 on ethyl, and 19.9 cents on Standard brand of the Standard Oil Company.

The Shell Petroleum Company announces a price of 17.4 cents on its Shell "400" brand. Sinclair and several other refiners also announced price drops.

Week at World Fair for \$80, Is Chicago Promise

Low Cost Estimate Includes Railway Fare from Any Point Within 700 Miles.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Any person residing within 700 miles of Chicago may visit the World Fair next summer for one week at a cost of \$80, according to estimates compiled by the Association of Commerce.

The expense, the association said, includes railroad fare and entire expenditures for the week.

It was estimated that 60 per cent of the nation's population could attend the exposition for that amount.

"The \$80 estimate includes all persons within an area bounded by Syracuse, Baltimore and Norfolk on the east; Columbia, S. C., Montgomery, Ala., and Jackson, Miss., on the south; Oklahoma City, Wichita, Kan., and Bismarck, N. D., on the west; and Winnipeg, Man., and Ottawa, Ont., on the north, the association's statement said.

"Naturally," it was pointed out, "those living nearer Chicago would attend the exposition for a week at considerably less cost. This figure not only includes railroad and Pullman fare, but hotel meals, entrance to the fair and other amusements."

WAR DEBTORS ARE LASHED BY HIRAM JOHNSON

Californian Demands That Defaulters Be Barred From Money Marts.

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Johnson said that the United States had advanced more than \$3,000,000,000 to European countries for rehabilitation after the Armistice and that "most of the nations which have signed funding agreements haven't agreed to pay even a part of those post-armistice rehabilitation loans."

Reads Wilson's Message

"So long as we accepted their promissory notes we were the most idealistic nation on earth."

More than half the members of the senate were in the chamber to hear the sharp-tongued Californian. Johnson read a communication from President Wilson to Lloyd George, written in 1920, which stated that congress never had delegated the power of cancellation or reduction of debts to any agency.

"If that position has been altered, which I doubt," he exclaimed, "it was altered without authority of law."

"That has been the position of the United States government since then, even though it might practically have been altered in 1931 and 1932."

Glorious Page in History

Johnson reviewed the Versailles treaty negotiations and declared:

"It's a glorious page in the history of our country that when we sat at the peace table when the central powers were dismembered, we asked no reward, no spoil or booty, and that some of the ideals of the war existed at the making of the peace."

"Not so with the others. They saved and carved and carved and when they took everything of value, we took nothing."

"Great Britain got 1,000 square miles."

ROB WIDOW OF MEANS OF EARNING A LIVING

Two Thieves Pose as Repair Man, Steal Washing Machine Motor.

Two thieves posing as electric repair men robbed Mrs. Gertrude Kramer, 5015 University avenue, a widow, of the means of earning a living.

Mrs. Kramer reported to police Tuesday that the men came to her home Monday and said they wished to inspect the motor of a washing machine with which she earned a living.

Informing Mrs. Kramer there was a short in the motor, the men removed it and took it away with them.

Believing the men representatives of an electric shop, Mrs. Kramer offered no objection to taking the motor. She called the shop Tuesday and was informed the motor had not been received there, and no trace of it has been found elsewhere.

180 Million Acres Form Nation's 'Last Frontier'

Land May Be Taken Up as Homesteads, But Much 'Elbow-Grease' Is Needed.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The general land office of the interior department has about 180 million acres of "last frontier" in the United States which may be taken under the homestead act.

But those who take this means of getting a "little home in the west," said Assistant Commissioner T. C. Havell of the land office, "must be prepared to back up their imagination with considerable elbow grease and horse sense."

This vast domain administered by the land office is equal to the size of New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia.

Some of it scarcely can provide a living for jackrabbits, but in other sections crops of consequential size may be raised and good bunch grass found.

"A settler can not go on to these homesteads in the same manner as the pioneers entered the west," Havell warned. "Times have changed, and tastes have, too. If a man is going to succeed in homesteading, in the last fiscal year, he must be prepared to spend many lonely hours far from neighbors."

"Second, he must prepare himself to live simply. And third, he must be prepared to work his land for what it is best suited, whether it is grazing, farming, or a combination of both."

Records of the office show an increase in the numbers turning to homesteading. In the past fiscal year, 4,551,774 acres were taken up. This is a considerable increase over the ten-year average.

Many of the homesteaders, who took up land in the last year, moved out of cities with the hope of keeping themselves out of the breadlines, Havell believes.

One does not need to go to the far west to find homestead land. Many acres are available in Alabama, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Wisconsin.

The bulk of the 180,000,000 acres, however, is in such states as Nevada, with 51,221,000 acres; Utah, with 25,197,000 acres; California, with 15,712,000 acres; and Wyoming, with 14,728,000 acres.

FLU EPIDEMICS CALL FOR PRECAUTIONS!

A Few Simple Rules That Will Put a Person on the Side of Safety!

While it does not pay to become alarmed over Flu, it does not pay either to be careless. Many a case of Flu could have been avoided with a few simple precautions.

Here are a few rules which may be wisely followed:

Stay out of crowded, stuffy and smoky places.

Stay in the sunshine as much as you can.

Avoid coughers and sneezers.

Dress warmly, keep your feet dry, sleep in a well-ventilated room.

Drink lots of water. Eat plentifully of citrus fruits and their juices.

Watch out for colds. The so-called "common cold" often paves the way for flu.

At the first sign of a cold, do something about it! One of the best things you can do is to take Grove's Laxative Bromo Quinine immediately. These tablets are effective because they do four important things. They open the

Awaits Tide

Cuban Ex-President Is Exile in Florida, but Still Hopes.



General Mario Menocal

By United Press

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 4.—Like an exiled Napoleon, General Mario Menocal, former president of Cuba and leader of the opposition against the present government, nervously is waiting on the lower east coast of Florida for the tide to turn in Cuban political affairs.

Among General Menocal's followers, numbering several hundred in Florida, are many of the most educated and wealthiest Cubans, in refuge here as exiles, their goods and lands in Cuba having been confiscated.

Many of the exiles are living here incognito, but a partial list reads like an extract from Havana's Who's Who.

Most of the refugees live in beautiful Miami Beach homes and apartments, asking nothing of the United States except temporary asylum until they may return to Cuba in safety.

To safeguard the Panama canal against too much water in flood times and against too little in dry seasons, a special dam is being constructed.

MELLETT QUILTS JOB AS MAYOR OF ANDERSON

Harry R. Baldwin Is New Chief; Ill Health Is Given as Reason.

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., Jan. 4.—Harry R. Baldwin, city controller, today became mayor of Anderson, succeeding Jesse H. Mellett, whose resignation was submitted to and accepted by city council late Tuesday.

Mellett, seriously ill in Methodist hospital, Indianapolis, gave ill health as the reason for his resignation, which was submitted by his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Cole, who has served as his secretary.

He has been ill since about eighteen months ago when he suffered a paralytic stroke. His term had one year to run.

One of Baldwin's first acts was to appoint Mrs. Cole as city controller. While he announced there would be no further changes at present, reports were current here that a shakeup in the police department and possibly in other city departments is imminent.

Mellett's resignation is reported to have been submitted because of insistence of city council members.

The resignation culminates a stormy administration, in which Mellett was indicted in a federal liquor conspiracy case, on which he never has been tried because of illness, and in which numerous efforts have been made to displace him.

Mellett's indictment nearly a year ago in federal court grew out of an investigation conducted by federal dry agents, and which resulted in conviction and sentencing of Alvin Riggs, police chief; a police captain and a number of liquor dealers on liquor conspiracy charges.

This was Mellett's third term as mayor. His first term began in 1914. He resigned about a year after beginning his second term, being succeeded by his city controller, William J. Black, now state representative from Madison county.

Under the recent law permitting patents on house plants, thirty-nine already have been granted.

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Children's Bloomers, Play Suits.
Men's Garters
Ladies' Gloves
Ladies' Belts
Second Floor
5c EACH

LOOK WHAT A DIME WILL BUY!
TABLE NO. 2
Ladies' Vests
Brassieres
Scarfs
Men's Athletic Suits...
Children's Sweaters...
Ladies' Hats
Collar and Cuff Sets...
Men's Belts and
Suspenders
Second Floor
10c EACH

LOOK WHAT 15 CENTS WILL BUY!
TABLE NO. 3
Boys' Shirts and
Blouses
Infants' Sleepers
Ladies' Purses
Ladies' E'oomers
Ladies' Sweaters
Men's Caps
Men's Rayon Shirts
or Shorts
Second Floor
15c EACH

LOOK WHAT A QUARTER WILL BUY!
TABLE NO. 4
Men's Sweaters
Men's Ribbed Union
Suits
Boys' Pants
Ladies' Sweaters
Card Table Covers...
Men's Soiled Dress
Shirts
Children's Dresses...
Children's Flannel
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