

1—Panoramic view of the Anglo-Indian round table conference in London, with Prime Minister MacDonald in the chair. 2—Team from the Oklahoma A. and M. college which won the live stock judging contest at the International Live Stock exposition in Chicago. 3—Speaker Nicholas Longworth wielding the gavel at the opening of the short session of congress.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Hoover Asks Congress for \$150,000,000 to Provide Work for Unemployed.

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CONGRESS, in its short session, was asked by President Hoover on Tuesday to appropriate from \$100,000,000 to \$150,000,000 for the acceleration of public works construction in order to provide employment for men out of work. It was asked also to make this emergency fund distributable upon recommendation of a cabinet committee approved by the President. With that amount available, the President said it would be possible to expend a total of \$650,000,000 upon construction of all kinds in the next 12 months.

"Our immediate problem," said the message "is the increase of employment for the next six months, and new plans which do not produce such immediate results, or which extend commitments beyond this period, are not warranted."

The President also urged that an appropriation be made to the Department of Agriculture to be loaned to farmers for the purpose of buying seed and feed for animals. He said congress should complete legislation, already started, in respect to Muscle Shoals, bus regulation, relief of congestion in the courts, reorganization of the border patrol in prevention of smuggling, and law enforcement in the District of Columbia. He said there was need of revision of the immigration laws and that the deportation laws should be strengthened.

Surveying the finances of the country, Mr. Hoover more than intimated the income tax reduction could not be continued on 1930 incomes. The estimated treasury deficit for the present fiscal year is about \$180,000,000, and he declared that "most rigid economy is necessary to avoid increase in taxes."

NEXT day President Hoover sent in his annual budget message, in which he warned congress not to undertake any expansion of governmental expenditures other than those required under the proposed unemployment and drought relief programs, and said he regretted he could not recommend a continuance of the income tax reduction. The budget he submitted provides for total expenditures of \$4,054,519,200 for the fiscal year 1932, exclusive of postal expenditures paid from postal revenues, as compared with estimated expenditures of \$4,014,941,900 in the fiscal year 1931 and actual expenditures of \$3,904,152,487 in the fiscal year 1930. To the senate the President submitted the World court protocols, as he had promised, together with a message urging American ratification. There were indications that the question would not reach final settlement this winter.

Nominations sent to the senate included the name of William N. Doak of Virginia to be secretary of labor in place of James J. Davis; George Otis Smith and Frank R. McNinch as members of the power commission, and a long list of recess nominations made during the summer.

Senator Nye, chairman of the campaign fund investigation committee, believed he had uncovered large unreported expenditures in behalf of the Davis-Brown ticket in Pennsylvania, so he asked the senate to defer the swearing in of Jim Davis as senator. This would have meant that Joe Grundy would continue to occupy the seat, and many senators don't like him, so they voted 58 to 27 to seat Davis. On Wednesday both Davis and Dwight W. Morrow took the oath, and the senate was then complete, with 53 Republicans, 42 Democrats and 1 Farmer-Laborite.

IN HIS message on the state of the Union the President said nothing about prohibition, but in the budget message he made it clear the administration intended to continue its policy of vigorous enforcement of the dry

laws. He recommended an increase of more than three million dollars in the funds allotted to the prohibition and industrial alcohol bureaus.

This was highly pleasing to the dry members of congress, but it only stirred the wets to more energetic plans for attack on prohibition. These latter decided to try to knock out the bureau of prohibition increase, which Director Woodcock intends to use in employing about five hundred new enforcement agents. The wet leaders also resolved to make a fight on alcohol poisoning and for a vote on a beer modification bill. Senator Bingham and Representative Goss, both of Connecticut, already had introduced 4 per cent beer and medicinal liquor bills.

SENATOR TASKER L. ODDIE of Nevada has introduced a bill that will have considerable support in congress, even if it does not pass. It is designed to bar the entrance of products from Soviet Russia into the United States, especially lumber, pulp wood, wood pulp, matches, glue, coal, manganese ore, etc., which have allegedly been dumped into this country at prices below the cost of production here.

OVERPRODUCTION is the chief threat against American agriculture today, and if the farmers would avoid ruin they must all unite to curb it. So declared Secretary of Agriculture Hyde in his yearly report. He said:

"I want to emphasize the need for equitable, intelligent, systematic and collective action to bring supply into better relationship with demand."

Citing the particular overabundance of wheat, the agriculture secretary said producers of that grain could expect federal help only if they made a practical approach to the task of combining to adjust output to needs.

Lower farm incomes from the production of 1930 as compared with the previous year were predicted by the cabinet officer. He estimated the aggregate gross income from 1930 crops at about \$3,950,000,000, or about 16 per cent less than in 1929. He attributed the current slump in agricultural prices to continued overproduction and "the worldwide business depression," resulting in lessened demand.

ESTIMATES put out by the American Federation of Labor set the number of American laboring men out of work in November at 4,800,000. President William Green predicted that at the present rate of increase the jobless would number 7,000,000 by February. Neither figure covered office workers or farm laborers out of employment.

It was announced in New York that John D. Rockefeller and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., had made a joint contribution of \$1,000,000 to the local emergency employment committee's fund for the unemployed. This was a handsome gift, but not anywhere near so large, proportionately, as the contribution of any one of many thousands of citizens to the same cause.

"JIMMY," a little black Aberdeen Angus bred by J. F. McKenny of King City, Mo., was declared the grand champion steer at the International Live Stock show in Chicago. He was sold at auction, bringing only \$2.50 a pound. Herman Trelle, bringing a sample of hard red spring wheat which he grew at Wembley, Alberta, 1,200 miles north of Chicago, was crowned wheat champion; and Herbert C. Watson of Tipton, Ind., won the national corn championship. Purdue, the University of Illinois and Iowa State college took most of the blue ribbons for sheep and swine. Collynie Clipper Star, a Shorthorn bull owned by F. W. Hubble of Des Moines which has been winning first prizes all his life, took the senior and grand champion ribbons in its class. Fourteen hundred boys and girls of the 4-H club were guests of the exposition and special awards were given 432 of them for their agricultural achievements. A team from Oklahoma A. and M. college won the trophy for the best live stock judging, outscoring twenty-two other college teams. The intercollegiate meat judging contest was won by a team of students from the University of Missouri, individual honors

in this event went to Miss Eva Buel of Nebraska university.

SCOTLAND'S coal miners all went on strike against the application of the "spread-over" hours arrangement, but the English miners voted 250,000 to 209,000 to reject a proposal for a general strike. The vote represented a triumph for Prime Minister MacDonald and members of the cabinet, who had sat with the delegates' conference for hours, urging all efforts for settlement of the difficulties with the mine operators, including, if necessary, indorsement of the spreadover.

GOVERNMENT agents in Portugal uncovered a big conspiracy to bring on a revolution, part of the plan being to blow up public buildings in Lisbon. The police arrested a number of alleged conspirators and found more than 600 bombs in the homes of some of them. The plotters already were distributing bombs to extremists in taxicabs and motor trucks. Politicians of the Republican-Democratic party and several army officers are involved.

OFFICIAL announcement was made in Rome of the arrest by the Ova, the Fascist secret police, of about thirty men accused of conspiring against the Fascist regime, and the prisoners are said to have confessed their guilt. Some of the culprits are intellectuals and others are just Communists.

GERMANY has caused uneasiness throughout Europe by a protest to the League of Nations over the alleged terrorism against German minorities in Polish Silesia. The accusations made by Foreign Minister Curtius are serious and it is evident the German government intends to force an examination of the matter by the League's council during the meeting which opens January 19. The situation is made more grave by France's attitude, inasmuch as the Paris government is pledged to defend the integrity of Poland with the same determination as the Rhine, and military action between Germany and Poland also would draw French armed intervention against Germany.

Learning that the German Fascists were organizing a frontier force to resist "Polish aggression," the police raided the castle of a baron near the Polish border, arrested 250 Fascists all fully armed and in uniform and seized three truck loads of arms and munitions. On neighboring estates were found large caches of rifles, ammunition, barbed wire and other materials of war.

PREMIER TARDIEU of France, who had resisted the attacks of his opponents for months, finally was defeated Thursday when the senate passed a vote of non-confidence, 147 to 139. Of course Tardieu and his cabinet resigned, and the result was described as the most serious governmental crisis in many years. One of the chief factors in the downfall of Tardieu was the fact that several members of his cabinet were involved in a huge financial scandal, the failure of Alfred Oustric. He also was accused of trying to make himself a dictator.

MISSING for several days and given up for lost after she started a flight from Havana to Miami, Mrs. J. M. Keith-Miller of Australia turned up safe and sound on one of the Andros Islands of the Bahama group. She had been driven far out of her course by a gale and made a forced landing on the islet when her gas gave out. A fishing boat took her to Nassau. She planned to return for her plane and fly it to Miami.

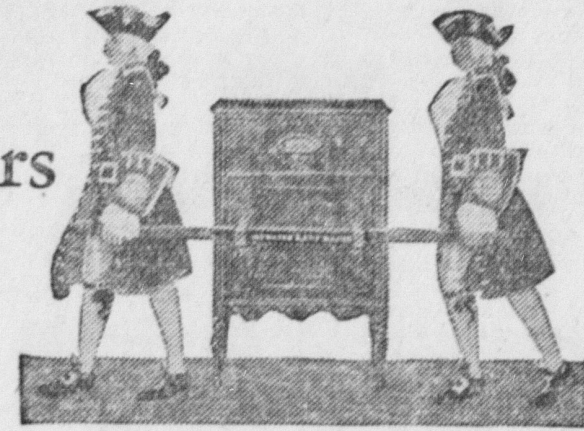
ONE definite decision has been made by the Indian round table conference in London. It is that Burma is to be separated from India and set up as a dominion of the British empire at the earliest possible date. Burma has a population of about 13,250,000. Its capital is Rangoon.

MRS. MARY JONES, known as Mother Jones, who had been the militant friend and advocate of the laboring man, died near Washington, after an illness of more than a year. She was 100 years old last May. (© by Western Newspaper Union.)

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