

News Review of Current Events the World Over

Remarkable Report on the Prohibition Problem Made by the Wickersham Commission—J. A. Farrell Says Prosperity Is Coming Back.

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George W. Wickersham

The one wholly honest member appears to be Monte Lemann of New Orleans, who refused to sign the majority report. The other ten attached their names to it and gave out statements showing that no one of them agreed with its findings in their entirety.

This majority report is against repeal of the Eighteenth amendment, and admitting that prohibition has not been enforced or observed, recommends that it be given further trial, with an enlarged force of agents. Removal of the restrictions on the prescription of medicinal liquor by physicians is advised. If the dry amendment is to be revised at all, the commission is agreed on certain phraseology which would empower congress to deal with the liquor traffic as it sees fit. Modification of the Volstead act so as to permit the manufacture and sale of light wines and beer is opposed.

In a separate report the plan for revision giving congress the power to regulate or prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor was set forth in detail by Henry W. Anderson of Virginia, and it was signed by Commissioners Anderson, Kenyon, Loesch, Pound, McCormick and Mackintosh.

Statements of the individual commissioners appended to the general report showed that of the eleven members, six consider it hopeless to expect that prohibition can be made to prohibit. Two of these six—former Secretary of War Newton D. Baker of Ohio and Prof. Monte M. Lemann of Tulane university, La.—advocate repeal of the Eighteenth amendment. The other four of these six—Mr. Anderson, Ada L. Comstock, president of Radcliffe college; Frank J. Loesch of Chicago, and Dean Roscoe Pound of Harvard law school—favor immediate revision of the Eighteenth amendment to confer the power of regulation on congress.

Five of the members—Chairman George W. Wickersham, United States Judges William S. Kenyon, Paul J. McCormick and William I. Grubb, and former Chief Justice K. M. Mackintosh, of the Washington Supreme court—stood out for a further trial. Judges Kenyon, Mackintosh and McCormick said that if the further experiment failed they would favor adoption of the Anderson plan of national regulation of liquor.

In transmitting the report to congress, President Hoover said he was in accord with its stand against repeal of the dry amendment, and added: "I do, however, see serious objections to, and therefore must not be understood as recommending the commission's proposed revision of the Eighteenth amendment which is suggested by them for possible consideration at some future time if the continued effort at enforcement should not prove successful."

Senator John J. Blaine of Wisconsin was quick to introduce a modification amendment on the general lines of the plan offered by Commissioner Anderson but confining congressional power to regulation of liquor traffic. Like the Anderson scheme, it would permit each state to decide whether it desires prohibition or a government-controlled liquor supply.

STANDING by his conviction that the funds of the Red Cross should be obtained by private subscription, President Hoover has named a committee of leading citizens to push the drive for \$10,000,000 for the relief of the drought sufferers.



Calvin Coolidge

Calvin Coolidge, his predecessor, has accepted the honorary chairmanship of this body, and Al Smith, his opponent in 1928, is a vice president. As are John W. Davis, Democratic candidate for the presidency in 1924; Gen. John J. Pershing, and Abel Davis of Chicago. John Barton Payne, head of the Red Cross, is the active chairman of the committee.

In a letter to those invited to serve on the committee the President said that "It is essential that we should maintain the sound American tradition and spirit of voluntary aid in such emergency and should not undermine that spirit which has made our Red Cross the outstanding guardian of our people in time of disaster. . . . The American way of meeting

such a relief problem has been through voluntary effort and for many years this effort has been centered in the American Red Cross, created by the people themselves to act in just such emergencies."

OBSTRUCTIONIST tactics in the senate delayed the Interior department bill, to which had been appended the \$25,000,000 appropriation for the Red Cross for food but the measure was passed. The senate also had further relief plans. The agriculture committee approved a measure to donate 20,000,000 bushels of farm board wheat to feed the hungry, the cost of the grain to be credited to the board's revolving fund; and the appropriation committee added to a pending deficiency bill \$20,000,000 for immediate public improvements.

Wet members of the house engaged in a filibuster against prohibition enforcement appropriations, attacking especially funds for employment of informers, for purchase of liquor evidence and for tapping the telephone wires of suspected law violators.

ELIHU ROOT appeared before the senate foreign relations committee and eloquently defended the protocols for American adherence to the World Court which he negotiated. His arguments were forcible and his replies to questions seemed adequate, but his address did not appear to have much effect on Senators Borah, Moses and Johnson, members of the committee and opponents of adherence even with the senate's reservations.



J. A. Farrell

BUSINESS in the United States is now on the upgrade, the peak of the financial depression was passed before the beginning of the year, and the prospects for restored industrial prosperity are good. Such, at least, is the opinion of James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel corporation as expressed in an address to the National Canners and the National Wholesale Grocers associations in joint convention in Chicago. He deprecated the suggestions of revision of inter-allied war debts as a measure of relief, and urged that we do the things that we can. "Let us cut down the volume of undigested talk that rarely helps but always hampers," he said.

Granting that unemployment is considerable and that the national income has been reduced, the steel magnate contended it was essential for prosperity to maintain the purchasing power of the working classes, adding: "It is my deliberate judgment that a general reduction of wages in this country would set back the impending recovery by at least two years."

The agricultural situation Mr. Farrell described as a most serious one. But, he said, no lasting gain will be made for agriculture by resort to "quack nostrums and unsound economics."

PRICES of bread, sugar and other foodstuffs are being investigated, on order of the senate, by an agricultural subcommittee of which Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas is chairman. Senators Wagner of New York and Brookhart of Iowa, who were the authors of the resolution calling for the inquiry, first appeared before the committee and explained their views and their reasons for thinking current prices to be excessive.



Sen. Capper

Afterwards representatives of the big bread baking companies and other tradesmen were called in to tell the facts as they see them and to justify, if they could, the maintenance of present prices of bread in view of the low price of wheat.

REPRESENTATIVE FISH'S house committee on communist activities has reported, recommending strengthening the laws which would enable the authorities to curb those activities in the United States. The Russian Soviet press heaps ridicule on the report, declaring it is impudent and insolent and that it indicates the "fright of the bourgeoisie" that the Soviet republic will succeed in its industrialization plan.

Soviet officials announce that Russia is about to resume the dumping of grain on the world markets, her supply largely exceeding the needs of the Russian people.

KEEP away from Las Vegas, is the warning to jobless workers who seek employment on the Boulder dam project given out by Labor, the official organ of railroad labor organizations. The paper says:

"Despite the fact that contracts on the \$165,000,000 government project have not been awarded, Las Vegas has been flooded with thousands of jobless and destitute men. Hundreds of these unfortunate job seekers were deceived by rosenate reports circulated by unscrupulous employment agencies, in the opinion of Francis L. Jones, general director of the United States employment service.

"Capt. Robert M. Griffin of the Salvation army at Las Vegas recently declared that Las Vegas has the longest bread line in the United States, according to population. More than 7,000 jobless workers were given aid by the Salvation army in one month, Captain Griffin reports."

The first contracts for Boulder dam will not be awarded until March and men who insist on going there in search of employment are advised by the United States employment service to be prepared to take care of themselves for at least four months.



Admiral Mark Bristol

PACIFISTS and advocates of adequate national defense came together in Washington in the sixth national conference on the cause and cure of war. The big meeting was attended by more than 600 delegates from 44 states, and was held under the auspices of 11 national women's organizations whose aim in this respect is to complete the demobilization of what they call "the war machine." One of the speakers on the program was Rear Admiral Mark Bristol, chairman of the executive committee of the navy general board; and his arguments for defense were ably seconded by Admiral William V. Pratt, chief of naval operations and Edward P. Warner, former assistant secretary of the navy in charge of aeronautics. Among the pacifist speakers were Miss Jane Addams of the International League for Peace and Freedom, and Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt.

DISPATCHES from Geneva say that the central opium board of the League of Nations was compelled, by objections from representatives of France and Yugoslavia, to delete from its report caustic criticism of the "abnormal" narcotics consumption in Japan and France, the inference being that drugs supposedly for medical purposes had escaped from regular channels and been made available to the illicit dope dealers. The expurgated report read to the league council merely mentioned "certain countries," but at the same time unfolded to the council the fact that seizures of opium illicitly transported were now in tons where heretofore they had been in junces.

The league commission to study Briand's United States of Europe scheme decided, after a warm debate, to invite Russia, Turkey and Iceland to participate in the discussions of the economic phases of the plan when it is taken up again probably next May.

PAUL VON HINDENBURG, president of the German republic, was the chief figure in the enthusiastic celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of German unity; and the eighty-three-year-old warrior seemed almost as vigorous as he must have been on January 18, 1871.



President Von Hindenburg

when as a lieutenant in the Hall of Mirrors at Versailles and heard Bismarck proclaim the federated state of Germany an empire. The ceremonies in Berlin opened with a solemn assembly of all members of the government in the reichstag where Chancellor Bruening made an appeal for mutual understanding and repeated Bismarck's pledge that the nation would seek wealth through peace, not war. Then President von Hindenburg attended a reunion in the Berlin Sportpalast where about 12,000 former officers and soldiers gathered.

HAVING adopted a skeletonized plan for giving India dominion status, the round table conference in London adjourned with most of the delegates satisfied. However, the Gandhi adherents in India are not at all pleased with the scheme and immediately began attacking it in various ways. National congress newspapers denounce it as a system of camouflage independence designed to provide safeguards for Great Britain.

BAREHEADED and wearing ordinary street clothes, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh went to a gathering of distinguished officials and diplomats in Washington and received from the hands of Ambassador Claudel of France the cross of commander of the Legion of Honor.

In presenting the cross, Ambassador Claudel said the westward flight of Coste and Bellonte last September was a success largely because Lindbergh had mapped the trans-Atlantic course. It was in recognition of this service to the two Frenchmen as well as his own record making flight that the medal was awarded, he said.

Among those at the presentation were Secretary Adams, Senator Morrow, Lindbergh's father-in-law, and Chairman Wickersham of the law enforcement commission. (© 1931, Western Newspaper Union.)

Community Building

Excellent Results of Child Health Program

A five-year health program in the elementary schools of Little Rock, Ark., has built up a health consciousness in the entire community, not only in the city, but in the county and state as well. Martha C. Allis relates in a description of this work in *Hygeia Magazine*.

In the primary grades the health teaching is handled by the teacher of the grade. In the fourth, fifth and sixth there is a health teacher for the group. At the beginning of each term, the nurse, teacher and health director inspect and score the children for defects and health habits and then they co-operate in efforts to have corrections made. The aim of the program is twofold: teaching and getting corrections made, but it is intended that the teaching shall so interest the child that he will get corrections made. Miss Allis points out.

That the Little Rock program has achieved this result is shown by the fact that every child knows his defect or failing and works hard to get rid of it. Both teachers and children work like beavers to get as many perfect children as possible in each room. The five-year report shows that 18,553 children had dental corrections; 2,500, tonsil and adenoid operations; 2,171, eyes corrected and 5,327, other corrections.

The health program has been carried out in sixteen white and seven colored schools, reaching approximately 7,000 white and 3,000 colored children. Although there are not as many corrections of defects among negro children, the work has been successful among them.

Easy to Remodel Home by System of Changes

Modernizing the home does not necessarily mean remodeling the entire dwelling. Many home owners have adopted the plan of remodeling or re-fitting one room each year. Others start modernizing their homes first by making the changes most needed and then doing less vital alteration work later.

Perhaps the first year the front porch can be rebuilt, the second year the attic can be made into an extra room or two, the third year new floors can be laid in the first-floor rooms and so on until the dwelling has been brought up to date.

By spreading the cost of improvements over a period of time many householders have been able to pay for modernizing operations out of income. In this manner many old homes have been gradually improved until they compare favorably with many newer structures without putting the owner to great immediate expense.

Fighting City Dirt

A professor at the University of Illinois college of medicine thinks that the dust, smoke and grime of the modern city makes this the dirtiest age of history and that the time will come when the people will abhor these nuisances, which he calls atrocities. A fair degree of abhorrence already exists. It has not waited for the water and other power development and segregation of industries, which the professor sees as a condition of its coming. But couldn't the professor tell the public how its objection to the uncleanliness in cities could get it somewhere without waiting for developments that will be the work of generations? In short, how the cities are to curb their smoke nuisances in the winter months?—Kansas City Star.

Vines for Every Purpose

Vines can be grown anywhere if they are planted properly and selected according to their natural habits and inclinations. There are varieties for every purpose—annual and perennial, hardy and tender, shade-loving and sun-seeking, evergreen and deciduous. Some are noted for their lovely blossoms; others for their colorful fruits and berries. Whether you desire a dense screen, a tall climber or a ground cover, you will find a vine that will exactly serve your purpose. Even apartment dwellers may know the charm of Mother Nature's graceful draperies—the ever-popular ivy and wandering jew will thrive in window boxes or pots.

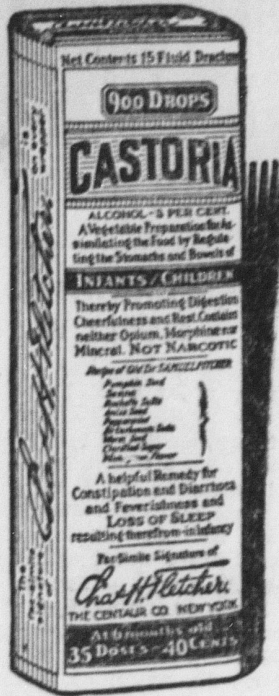
Health Service

That national health is a dollars and cents asset to the country and that absence of disease in a city not only makes it a more desirable place in which to live, but also brings added citizens and increased industry to it, were two of the points made in an address on "Public Health Service: A Sound Investment," by Dr. Louis I. Dublin, statistician of the Metropolitan Life, before the American Public Health association at Fort Worth, Texas.

Community Helps

Vigorous action by individual and local groups should be directed to: Cleaning objectionable things off the roadsides. In and on the fringes of our villages, planning and zoning for the protection of the roadsides; cleaning up and patrolling roadsides in the rural districts, landscaping and planting areas which may be improved.

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Kilmainham Jail Now

Merely Historic Relic

The Kilmainham jail, Ireland, which has played a prominent part in Irish history, has been abandoned finally as a place of detention and handed over to the Dublin county council for other disposition. The graves of two men executed there after the Phoenix murders in 1882 are indicated by stone slabs now overgrown with weeds, and marks on the wall testify to the spot on which the leaders of the Easter 1916 uprising met their death. Frank Teeing, while awaiting execution there after the killing of fourteen British officers in November, 1920, was rescued from the jail under dramatic circumstances. Charles Stewart Parnell's room is still pointed out, and a white stone set in the wall shows where the scaffold was erected for the execution of Gen. Thomas E. Burke, Irish-American officer, who came over to take charge of the Fenian forces in Tipperary more than sixty years ago. On the prison walls are the names of John Dillon, Thomas Seaton, William O'Brien and William Redmond, father of the present Irish M. P., who fell fighting in Flanders in 1917.

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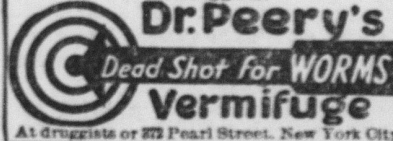
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