News Review of Current Events the World Over

France and Germany Create Joint Trade Commission-Young Chinese Clamor for War With Japan-Hoover's Economy Plans.

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little change in America, Somight be summarized the political and economic weather report of the week

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in Europe



denburg. Chancellor President Von Bruening and For-Hindenburg.

eign Minister Curtius grew a permanent mixed commission to pool the economic activities of the two nations. This body will be consultative and will include both employers and employees, and according to the official communique its general purpose is "to fight the economic crisis and to call for co-operation from other nations whenever necessary. This action will be the first step to co-operation which has become the need of the hour and in which all are called to participate."

When one considers that France and Germany have been bitter rivals for centuries and often active enemies, this result of the Berlin visit is remarkable. The commercial entente that is being forced may well make future wars between the two nations impossible. The commission will seek to promote trade and export agreements that will bring on a joint search for new markets. Its sponsors aver that no increase of customs tariffs is expected and that no third party is aimed at by the pact. The immediate object is co-operation in finance, industry, shipping and aviation.

When President Von Hindenburg was told the French statesmen were to call on him, the old warrior at first balked because his name is still on the allied list of World war "criminals," second only to that of the ex-kaiser. Finally Bruening and the French ambassador, Andre Francois-Poncet, persuaded him to receive the visitors, and the meeting passed off without friction,

Premier Laval, when he comes to Washington in October, will submit the Franco-German agreement to President Hoover. It was intimated in Berlin that Chancellor Bruening also may come over to see Mr. Hoover and lay before him Germany's viewpoint on war debts and reparations.

TRUCE in armaments for one year, beginning November 1, is the present aim of the League of Nations disarmament committee. Modifying the Italian proposition to meet the objections of the majority of the league members, the committee adopted this resolution:

"The assembly requests the governments invited to the disarmament conference (to be held in Geneva next February) to prepare for this event by means of an armaments truce and accordingly requests the council (of the league) to urge the governments convened to said conference to give proof of their earnest desire for a successful issue of efforts to insure and organize peace, and without prejudicing the decision of the conference or the programs of proposals submitted to it by each government, to refrain from any measure involving an increase in their armaments

"It likewise requests the council to ask the governments to state before November 1 whether they are prepared for a period of one year, as from that date, to accept this truce in armaments."

OUT in the Far East the dove of peace was getting hard usage. Prospects for warfare between Japan and China were little lessened by the efforts of President



delegates' words be-C. T. Wang. ing: "Foreign participants in the discussion are useless and my government does not think it necessary to call in outsiders." He asserted Japan desired to withdraw its troops to the railway zone as soon as it was convinced its civilian population would be safe without their protection, and added that Japan did not

want war with China. Neither does the Chinese government want war, apparently, but the Chinese people, especially the students, are clamoring for hostilities and for a nation-wide boycott of Japan as a preliminary. Because they thought Foreign Minister C. T. Wang had failed in the effort to get help from the League of Nations, the students in Nanking invaded the foreign office and attacked Mr. Wang, injuring him severely. After this outrage the min-

BETTER in Europe, worse in Asia, ister carried out his long cherished desire to resign. Alfred Sze was appointed to succeed him. The young Chinese, gathered in big mobs, assailed Japanese civilians in various cities, the worst of these outbreaks being in Hongkong. The British garrison there was called out and charged the mobs repeatedly, killing and wounding a number of the rioters. Throughout the country the students were organizing and volunteering to serve at the front against Japan. Meanwhile the Canton rebel government continued its negotiations for the union of all factions to meet the emergency.

> Now coming home to the United States, we read that President Hoover is hard at work pruning down the cost of the federal government

in the effort to meet the prospective treasury deficit of between a billion and a billion and a half dollars. According to Washington dispatches, his program contemplates a limited increase in taxes, rigorous economies in government expenditures and congressional appropriations

and continued borrowing at lowest interest rates in many years. The interest rate on the public debt, it was pointed out, is much higher than the rate that can be obtained on treasury paper at the

present time. On Tuesday it was announced that Mr. Hoover had decided to eliminate the naval building program laid out for the 1933 fiscal year and, in addition, to cut down the destroyer program, already appropriated for, from eleven ships to five. Reductions for the navy over the next three years, it was stated, stand to run as much as one hundred million dollars.

This certainly will be a terrible blow to Senator Frederick Hale of Maine, chairman of the naval affairs committee, and those of his colleagues who belong in the "big navy" class. Whether they can do anything about it remains to be seen. Navy officials, without wishing to be quoted, point out that if Mr. Hoover's economy plan is carried out, our navy will sink to third place by the end of 1932, when it will rank below that of Japan in all but capital ships. It may be remarked, too, that it doesn't do much good to the steel concerns, the shipvards and their employees.

SENATOR JAMES E. WATSON of Indiana, majority leader of the senate, has called to the attention of President Hoover the fact that higher tariff rates may be necessary to protect American industries from the depreciated currencies of nations that have abandoned the gold standard, these now including Denmark, Norway and Sweden. Mr. Watson says he believes that if the depreciated currency program continués for any length of time, the tariff rates of the Hawley-Smoot tariff act will be abrogated and it will be absolutely necessary to raise the rates from 20 to 25 per cent to overcome the lower production costs in countries now on the double currency standard. Canada aiready has taken such action.

There is still a lot of agitation for the sales tax which Senator Reed of Pennsylvania advocates, but treasury officials are quoted as saying there is small chance for congressional approval of the plan this winter, though they admit it might be workable. The treasury is opposed to balancing the budget through borrowing over any extended period of time, or to even temporary suspension of the sinking fund. which provides for an "orderly retirement" of the public debt.

FOLLOWING the example of United States Steel and other big corporations, the Aluminum Company of America announced a 10 per cent reduction of salaries and wages effective on October 1, throughout the company and all its subsidiaries. This concern is owned almost wholly by the Mellon family. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, still a stockholder. is said not to have been informed that the cut was coming. He declined to make any comment.

This action by the Aluminum company further aroused Congressman Wright Patman of Texas, who already had announced he would seek during the next session of congress to have Mr. Mellon removed from office because of his stock ownership in corporations. Patman says he has been working all summer gathering data to support his resolution for the impeachment of Mr. Mellon. The secretary, he asserts, is "directly interested in the business of trade and commerce" within the meaning of the old law he

"Mr. Mellon relinquished his position on the board of directors of the Aluminum company," Patman said, "but, as a stockholder, he directs the board. His brother represents him." Among the other large concerns that have just reduced salaries or wages or both are the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad, the United States Envelope company and Fairbanks, Morse & Co. The Norfolk & Western railroad has taken a step that will win wide approval. Hereafter it will not employ any married women. and any woman employee who marries will automatically lose her job.

GEN. SMEDLEY BUTLER was not the only eminent American soldier to retire from active service at the end of September. Maj. Gen. William Lassiter also went on the

retired list, after more than forty years of military service, his last post being commander of the de partment of Hawaii, He had served his country in so many foreign lands that he

was known as the army's premier globe-Born in Petersburg, Va., 64 years ago, Lassiter, when eightteen, was appointed to the United States Military academy, where he graduated four years later. He first

can war. An unusual amount of Lassiter's service has been abroad. He has served three times in the Philippines, was inspector-general of the Cuban pacification in 1908 and 1909. In 1910 he visited China, Japan and Korea on leave.

faced fire during the Spanish-Ameri-

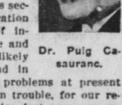
During the World war Lassiter served in France. From 1923 to 1926 he commanded the Panama canal department. At the end of his duty there he was ordered to South America as president of the plebiscitary commission on Tacna-Arica. In the same year he visited Europe and shortly afterward was assigned to the Hawaiian department.

CERTAIN politicians who have been trying, usually for their own selfish ends, to create a boom for the nomination of Calvin Coolidge next year by the Republicans received a quietus in the shape of an article by the former President published by the Saturday Evening Post. In this he quite definitely denied any idea of seeking the nomination or of accepting it if offered, and orged that all good Republicans support Mr. Hoover's candidacy for a re-nomination.

GOVERNOR GENERAL DAVIS of the Philippines has decided not to resign, as he had intended, but to take a leave of absence instead. This was urged on him by Senator Osmena and other leaders of the Filipine nationalists. Mr. Davis has long desired to visit his wife and family in Paris. Mrs. Davis is ill and cannot live in the Philippines. So for the present there will be no more talk of giving his post to Col. Theodore Roosevelt, now governor of Porto

MEXICO'S new ambassador to washington, Dr. Jose Manuel Pulg Casauranc, has received the approval of the American government as persona grata and

probably already is on his way to his post at the National Capital, where he succeeds Senor Tellez. Dr. Puig Casauranc is considered one of his country's ablest statesmen, and he has served at home as secretary of education and secretary of industry, commerce and labor. It is not likely that be will find in



Washington any problems at present that will give him trouble, for our relations with Mexico just now are entirely satisfactory. STOCK exchanges of the country, especially that of New York, were

warned by Senator James E. Watson

of Indiana, majority leader of the sen-

ate, that the upper house is likely to

adopt a resolution for an investigation

of short selling and hear raids. "Many senators," continued Senator Watson, "are of the belief that brokerage houses should not be permitted to lend the securities of their customers unless either expressly ordered to do so by them or their consent is obtained for that purpose. They are of the opinion that an order of that kind by the stock exchange itself would be salutary at a time like this. or failing in that, that some legisla-

tion might be enacted that would compel the adoption of such a course. "They further believe that all short transactions should be thrown open to the public; that the light of day should be permitted to shine in upon all their deals; that the names of the individuals and the brokerage houses should be made public; that the stocks dealt in should be made known, and that all the details of each transaction should be subject to public scrutiny."

LONDON heard that the former sultan and caliph of Turkey had agreed to resume the duties of the caliphate with certain temporal powers at Jerusalem. The plan, which was conceived by the pan-Islam leaders, it was thought might wreck the Indian conference and also revive the Arab-Jewish quarrel in Palestine,

ELECTION of Robert D. Johnson, Democrat, to represent in congress the Seventh Missouri district, succeeding the late Sam Major, gives the Democrats 214 seats in the house, the same number now held by the Republicans. There is one Farmer-Labor

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Turn Wheat Into Pork, and Profit

In Some Ways Better Than Corn, According to Expert.

Wheat can be converted into pork more readily than into any other meat, although it can be used in almost any live stock ration, says H. B. Osland, associate in animal investigations at the Colorado Agricultural college.

What is equal to corn in feeding value, pound for pound, many experiments have shown, while several experiment stations report that it is even more valuable than corn in the hog-fattening ration. Shriveled and shrunken wheat is usually richer in protein than plump wheat, and if not too badly damaged, is fully as valuable for feed as sound wheat, it is stated.

"Tankage should always be added to the wheat ration for maximum gains and economy of production," Osland says. "Wheat is somewhat richer in protein than corn, but it requires the addition of protein to balance the ration for pigs in the dry lot.

"Wheat should always be coarsely ground or rolled for swine. Experiments indicate that this type of preparation saves 15 to 20 per cent of its feed value. If ground too fine, wheat becomes a pasty, indigestible mass when fed. Soaking wheat may increase its value slightly, but not enough to justify that practice.

"It is possible to use wheat as the only grain in the ration, but where corn is available, a mixture of corn and wheat, equal parts, is very desirable for fattening hogs. Barley or millet can also be used in the ration as a part of the grain feed along with wheat. It will take from 450 to 550 pounds of wheat or its equivalent to produce 100 pounds of pork, depending on the ration fed."

Take Steps Now to Avert

Hopper Plague in 1932 Farmers of Canada and the United States are being urged to co-operate to check a threatened grasshopper plague in 1932, using man-made devices to destroy the millions of eggs. A rainy season would keep down the pests to normal, it is asserted, but preventive work is advocated.

Two methods have been suggested. One is to plow the land so deep that eggs now being laid in the ground will not hatch. The other is to cultivate the surface of the ground late in the fall so as to expose and destroy the eggs.

Eggs are now being laid in millions upon millions, experts state. Almost the entire area today, from the Rockles to the Great Lakes, and from the north Saskatchewan river to the prairies of the southwest United States has become fertile breeding ground for hoppers and locusts. In some of the country districts this year visitation of the insects has been so heavy that they have plugged up radiators of motor cars driving through,

Use Ground Barley for

Fattening Steer Calves Ground barley in the fattening ration in the place of shelled corn gives very good results, it was found in a feeding experiment with fattening steer calves at the University of Minnesota in 1930. Other checks from a companion feeding experiment showed that when two pounds of cane molasses replaced two pounds of shelled corn in the ration of shelled corn, linseed meal and alfalfa hay, the molasses failed to equal corn pound for pound in feeding value and resulted in lower profits. By substituting two pounds of molasses for two pounds of ground shelled corn in the ground mixed ration the consumption of feed was slightly increased and the profit was also slightly increased. Adding two pounds of mollasses per steer per day to the ration of ground barley (full fed), linseed meal and alfalfa hay failed to improve the ration in any way except to increase total feed consumption and resulted in lower profits.

Hogging Down Corn

Oh some dairy farms spring litters of pigs are turned into cornfields where they may help themselves to as much corn as they want. Other dairymen who also raise swine could well consider the economies in this practice.

One can make mistakes in hogging down corn. It is not good economy to turn a few hogs into a large field of corn. They will get too much of it on the ground and not clean it up. Small fields or fenced off portions of large fields are better.

One can waste corn in another way by not having the proper protein supplement available. It takes too much corn for 100 pounds gain in this way. A simple mineral mixture is also helpful in reducing the feed for 100 pounds

Help Your Own Business

The price of soybean meal is now on a comparable basis with linseed oilmeal and cottonseed meal. Dairymen and cattle feeders who usually use either linseed or cottonseed in their feeding program will be doing service to the soybean growers if they will substitute soybean meal for the other protein concentrates during the fall and winter. Careful tests have proved that soylean meal is equal in feeding value to either linseed or cottonseed meal.-Prairie Farmer.

Effective Way to Fight Quack Grass

Plow Shallow in Fall, and Drag Frequently.

A single hard-fought battle may cripple quack grass temporarily, but victory comes from continual sniping and strategy rather than from heavy fighting, according to H. B. Hartwig of the New York State College of Agriculture.

The weed has fleshy creeping roots and when these roots are cut and covered with earth they sprout like so many potato eyes. In addition, the plant grows seeds. With these two ways of spreading quack grass maintains itself persistently once it is seeded, he explains.

The first move in the campaign is to plow shallow in the fall. The ground is then dragged, and the dragging is repeated often enough to keep the green leaves from showing. Do not disk, Mr. Hartwig, warns, for disking cuts and buries the root pieces and only spreads the quack. When the quack is dragged often enough and no leaves appear the plants have no opportunity to store food and the continued dragging belps starve and weaken the plants. The exposure to sunshine also helps the starving

Repeated draggings in the spring should weaken the quack so a smother crop should complete the work. But many persons rely too much on the smother crop without weakening the quack first, he says. A little cultivation stimulates the quack and is worse than none. It is the continued work, well timed, with a smother crop to complete the rout after the quack is weakened that does the job.

Get Only the Highest

Grade of Alfalfa Seed "Much of the trouble with alfalfa hay has been due to unhardy seed," said Dr. L. W. Durnell, Colorado Agricultural college, at a recent meeting. He said that growers should learn where the seed is produced before they buy it and be sure the seed is hardy for their conditions. He explained an analysis of alfalfa seed bought for \$9 a bushel, which showed only 40 per cent germination. This seed, laboratory tests proved, contained one-half as much weed seed as alfalfa seed

and 32 different kinds of weed seeds.

The purchaser got only 19 pounds of

live alfalfa seed and actually paid 47 cents a pound for it. Feeding Garbage to Hogs Where garbage is available in considerable amounts, it can be used as a

feed for hogs with some success. Tests have shown that 20 pounds of garbage will produce a pound of grain in hogs. Analyses of garbage weight basis give the following results: Protein, 15-18 per cent: carbohydrates, 31-69 per cent; fat, 13-33 per cent; ash, 16-36 per cent. The danger in feeding garbage is in

having some injurious substance present such as glass, paper, soap, sawdust, etc., or in exposing the hogs to hog cholera through the presence of rinds from hogs that had the disease. Hogs fed on garbage should be immunized against hog cholera, and some arrangement should be made so that objectionable substances will not be put in the garbage. The garbage is sometimes cooked, to prevent disease. but this makes it difficult for hogs to pick out and leave injurious substances that they will not eat when it is not cooked.

Safety Bull Pens

The Orange County (Va.) Dairy Herd Improvement association reports that all the herd sires in the association are now housed in safe-keeper bull pens. The bureau of dairy industry, United States Department of Agriculture, asks, "Are there other associations that can duplicate this record?" If there are, the bureau would like to hear from them. This report means that all the herd sires in this association are being kept under conditions which should insure long breeding life, as well as safety for the herd owner and his family.

Agricultural Squibs

The smaller the keel or breast bone of a fowl, the less breast meat.

Common sense and experience will raise more chicks to laying age than the advice of a dozen neighbors.

Turning stock on pasture before the grass has a well-established top and root growth may damage the pasture and reduce the season's total feed from it.

Legume hays of good quality are high in protein and calcium. They are the best source of calcium and if home-grown are usually the cheapest source of protein.

Scenting pigs with kerosene is suggested as a means of inducing a sow to adopt the young of others.

In the form of butter, milk fat is easily digested, is unequaled in concentrated energy value, palatability, flavor, and vitamin content, claim students of nutrition. . . .

The Most Important Apple Insects. a revised edition of Farmers' Bulletin No. 1270-F, just issued, may be obtained free from the Department of Agriculture, Washington



LETTING HIM DOWN

The new member of the city council felt very proud of himself, and nodded amicably at any passerby whom he thought he had seen before.

"Excuse me, sir," responded one man to whom he had given a particular affable bow, "but I think I saw your likeness in the papers."

"Er-yes, my photograph has been rather prominent la ," gushed the

"I thought I could tell your face again," continued the other. "And, do you know, I've tried that very same medicine for my rehumatism and it hasn't cured me."

OCTOPUS DEFINED



Willie-Dad, what's an octopus? Dad-Why-er-I think it's a cat that has only eight lives instead of

He Couldn't Imagine

Mother, who had unexpected visitors to dinner, whispered aside to Johnny -Johnny, when the pie is passed, you are to say you don't want any. Johnny (obediently, later)-I don't want any ple, thank you-but why

don't I want any?

As Usual

First Explorer-Ah, there is the skull of a woman. Second-How can you tell it is the skull of a woman? First-Can't you see the mouth is open?-Pathfinder.

Disturbing

Beggar-I haven't even a shirt to my back. Man-My word! What do you fasten your collars to?-Das Klein Witzblatt, Leipsig.

Progressive

Archie-Why do you call me "Pil-

Mabel-Well, every time you call you make a little progress .- Pathfinder Magazine.

A Kindly Assurance

"You talked all through my solo," said the musician, a little resentfully. "Oh, that's all right," said the selfsufficient sage. "I wasn't saying anything you would care about hearing."

GREAT SPOUTER



First Fish-That whale make a good politician. Second Fish-Why? First Fish-Because he's such a great spouter!

Poor Papa! Wife-How do you like my new gown? Husband-Terrible. That's my way

of hooking at it.

Or an Automobile Commercial Traveler-The idea of forever is so vast that men scarcely

comprehend it. Listener-What? Have you never paid installments on a plano?-Pages Gaies (Yverdon).

Conservative Spender Mrs. Waggs-Is your husband thrif-

ty, Mrs. Taggs? Mrs. Taggs-He must be-I only give him half my wages and he's al ways got money in his pocket.

The Girls Nowadays! Girl-The heck with a career. I'm going to get myself a boy friend. Music Instructor (pleading)-But, my dear, your art is so promising!

breach of promise, can 1? Young Webster

Girl-Sure, but I can't use it for

Teacher-What do you understand by the word "deficit," Johnny? Johnny-It's what you've got when you haven't as much as you had when you had nothin'.