

Hoover Will Stick Firmly to the Gold Standard to the End

No Credence Given at Washington to Reports That the United States Will Desert Gold As Currency Foundation—Pressure For Bi-Metallism Growing.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22—It can be written down in the book that President Hoover will stand to the end behind the gold standard.

No credence is given here to reports circulating in many foreign countries that the United States is about to follow England and Japan and desert gold as the foundation of its currency. Officials refuse to dignify such reports with official denials. They are classed here as foreign propaganda.

Despite this stand, however, pressure is growing for diluting the currency system for shifting to bi-metallism, for in some way bringing silver into the currency foundation. There is no indication it will meet with any success, but it is gaining strength.

SPUD GROWERS OF AROOSTOOK TO ORGANIZE

Presque Isle, Me., Dec. 21—Something of a crisis is expected in the potato situation in Aroostook when a mass meeting of farmers, growers and business men generally from all over the county will be held here Wednesday afternoon to discuss the formation of a potato growers' union. This will be the climax of local meetings held in most of the potato-raising towns in the past few weeks. At these meetings delegates were elected for the coming county meeting.

The object of the proposed union is to enrol 90 per cent of the potato growers under an agreement to sell no potatoes below a price to be fixed by a committee, which price is expected to be somewhere near the production cost figured at about \$1.20 a barrel.

So far this season the market has held around 50 cents a barrel for U. S. No. 1 Green Mountains, bulk barrel measure delivered at shipping points with a few sales five or 10 cents higher and some lower. For weeks the demand has been slow and farmers have been selling but few lately. Some are hauling heavily to the starch mills, selling ungraded stock for 25 cents a barrel.

FREE CHURCHES MAY BE MADE INTO TALKIES

London, Dec. 22—The possibility of a number of free churches being sold and converted into "talkie" cinemas was mentioned by the Rev. J. A. Paton of Duluth in an address.

He said that with the continued decline in church attendances, free churches would be affected more because, unlike the established churches which would become places of pilgrimage because of their historical interest, the free churches could not rely on endowments, but depended on individual support from its members.

FOREIGN MINISTER QUILTS

(Special to The Daily Mail by the British United Press).

Nanking, Dec. 22—Dr. Wellington Koo, who became acting foreign minister of the Chinese National government with resignation of C. T. Wang, resigned today after asking the United States to safeguard China's rights.

THE KING AND QUEEN ARE AT SANDRINGHAM

(Special to The Daily Mail by the British United Press).

London, Dec. 22—King George and Queen Mary and their granddaughters Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose, children of the Duke and Duchess of York, proceeded to Sandringham by train today for the Christmas holidays.

CONGO BLACKS EXPECT MESSIAH FROM U. S. A.

Leopoldville, Belgian Congo, Dec. 22—Excited by prophecies that a Negro "Messiah" was coming from America, natives in some sections of the Belgian Congo have begun to cause trouble.

The colonial press expresses alarm at increasing native arrogance and dwindling prestige of whites.

The story is being spread that the white men are to leave the colony and that the administration will then be taken over by American Negroes.

THE BIG SHOTS GAVE DIAMON A WIDE BERTH

New York, Dec. 21—The "big shots" of gangdom gave a wide berth to the tidy Queens house where Jack Diamond, his body clad in a tuxedo awaited the arrival of the pallbearers tomorrow.

Meanwhile his relatives and their friends were making last minute arrangements for the funeral which probably will take place in the morning. The widow Mrs. Alice Kenny Diamond was trying to obtain church permission to have the services at St. Agnes Church on Manhattan or St. Stanislaus in Maspeth, Queens.

The odds of the underworld not only failed to appear at the house but they omitted flowers. The only tributes of that sort were five pieces, all from relatives.

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It is always darkest just before daylight—and we were past the short day in the year.

WILL SEND MEN TO ENGLAND RE SPUD EMBARGO

Potato Growers of Victoria County Still Are Hopeful That It Will Be Lifted—Good Market Promised.

Grand Falls, N. B., Dec. 21—Appointment of a committee to select a representative who would proceed to England in an effort to secure removal of the existing British embargo on Canadian potatoes, was made at a meeting here today of 700 potato growers, shippers, business and professional men of Victoria county. Motion for this action was carried unanimously, with authority for the committee to solicit support of the Dominion and Provincial governments.

That half the potatoes now in New Brunswick will be a loss this year if some new market is not opened, that these potatoes are selling at a quarter the cost of their production, and that the British Isles, \$17,000,000 below their 10-year average, could easily absorb within three months the entire amount of potatoes left in this province, were statements made at the meeting, held under the chairmanship of B. A. Rideout.

Colorado Beetle

When 520,000 barrels of potatoes were being imported monthly into the British Isles from Germany, Poland and other European countries, Canada should be entitled at least an open competition, if not preference, it was claimed. The embargo against Canadian potatoes resulted from the pest known as the Colorado beetle, which, the meeting was told, also exists in the European countries now supplying potatoes to the British Isles.

A resolution, passed unanimously, declared the United States and Cuban markets for table potatoes had been practically closed against Canada because of high tariffs, leaving the British Isles as the only visible market. The Colorado beetle, it was said, is non-existent this season.

The Speakers

A. S. Ferguson was elected secretary at today's meeting, which was addressed by F. W. Pirie and A. Malinson, of Grand Falls, Guy G. Porter, of Devon, Andrew J. Cote, of Drummond, Fred St. Charles of St. Andre, Judson W. Corey, of Arthurette, Stephen G. Mooney, of Perth, and George Warnock and H. S. Rideout, of Grand Falls.

F. W. Pirie, Andrew J. Cote and Dan Gillespie form the committee appointed to choose the representative whom it is hoped to send to England.

'AMOS 'N' ANDY' OWN TRADEMARK

Washington, Dec. 22—No one can tack the name "Amos 'n' Andy" on a work shirt.

Neither can they use it for any other purpose. It belongs to the firm of Charles J. Correll and Freeman F. Gosden, whose skits long have been on the radio.

The patent office ruled today that Correll and Gosden are sole owners of the title. David Feldman of Baltimore had sought to register "Amos 'n' Andy" as a trade mark for shirts. Objection by Amos and Andy was sustained.

Only sleds were seen in the market on Saturday.

EXTREMISTS IN INDIA WANT WAR ON BRITAIN

Will Attempt to Force Mahatma Gandhi To Agree To It

WILL MEET ON
DECEMBER 29

Pressure To Be Brought To Bear on Congress Committee

(Special to The Daily Mail by the British United Press).

Bombay, India, Dec. 22—An attempt to force the Mahatma Gandhi, Indian Nationalist leader, to agree to a declaration of war against Great Britain will be made late this month by the extremist members of the Indian Nationalist Congress.

Subhas Chandra Bozo, one of the most popular of the extremist leaders, announced last night in a speech at Nagpur that he would exert all of his influence in the congress committee meeting December 29 to bring about the declaration.

THE C. N. LINER PRINCE HENRY HAS NEW ROUTE

(Special to The Daily Mail)

Boston, Mass. Dec. 22—"Bon voyage and congratulations on your British Admiralty distinction—wish we could enjoy Bermuda skies with you." This message was received here today Tuesday by Capt. H. O. Griffin, R. N. R. commander of the C. N. S. Prince Henry which sails tonight to inaugurate the first direct service which Boston has ever had with Bermuda. The congratulations are from William E. Hopper president of the Maritime Provinces' Club of Montreal and they refer to the privilege by which the Prince Henry becomes the third liner of Canadian Registry entitled to fly the blue ensign which is emblematic of the fact that her Capt. and seven officers are members of the Royal Naval Reserve. The other two liners thus distinguished are the C. N. S. Prince Robert and the C. N. S. Lady Rodney.

ELECTRIFIED HOMES IN U.S. ON INCREASE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22—Reports from nine states thus far canvassed in a proposed nation-wide survey indicate that the number of electrically wired homes has been increasing steadily for the last five years, according to a report of the department of commerce.

This survey is being made by the electrical equipment division of the department and was requested by manufacturing concerns, advertising agencies, promotion departments of newspapers and periodicals and others interested in locating potential markets for electrical household equipment.

Dar-esSalaam, Tanganyika, Dec. 22—An African native here is now pointed out as the man who caught in his grave.

Pronounced dead his realtives had assembled and the drama had reached the moment of burial when the chief actor coughed loudly.

He recovered expressed a belief that he had been under a spell and started for the village witch-doctor who coughed once and bed.

One trouble with reformers is they lack patience. Still, if they had audience they wouldn't be reformers.

Scenes of Terror On Board of an Atlantic Liner

The Cunarder Tuscania Reaches Glasgow After Being Battered For Two Days by Heavy Seas—One Passenger Succumbed to Hemorrhage—Captain Stuck to the Bridge.

GLASGOW, Scotland, Dec. 22—Scenes of terror aboard the Cunard liner Tuscania when heavy seas battered the ship throughout two days and caused the death of a woman passenger and injury to thirty-six others were described today by passengers and crew of the ship.

The death passenger was Mrs. Sarah Rogers, of Coleraine, Ireland, returning from a visit to the United States. She died from a hemorrhage after she was knocked down by a wave and dashed against a steel door in an alley way in the third-class section.

The Captain of the Tuscania stayed on the bridge throughout the two days of the storm. Members of the crew thought "it was all up," they said, but were kept busy trying to quiet the passengers.

WILL CONTINUE DRIVE AGAINST THE BANDITS

(Special to The Daily Mail by the British United Press).

Mukden, Manchuria, Dec. 22—General Shigeru Honjo, commanding Japanese expeditionary forces announced today that a general offensive against bandits will be continued until all Chinese forces are driven from Manchuria.

His statement was regarded as an indication that the long feared attack on Chinchow was impending.

NEW SOVIET FIVE YEAR PLAN DOOMS FARMING

Moscow, Dec. 22—Complete elimination of the individual peasant farmer and a doubling of Russia's crop bearing area are contemplated by the second five-year plan, which will become effective in 1933.

A preliminary draft of the agricultural phase of the new program provides for complete collectivization of the land, with 75 per cent in collective and state farms.

CHURCHILL IS ABLE TO QUIT THE HOSPITAL

New York N. Y. Dec. 21—Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill was moved from Lenox Hill Hospital back to his apartment at his hotel today but he was put right back to bed on his arrival there and his physician said he would probably have to remain there several days longer.

The noted British statesman's face was liberally crisscrossed with strips of adhesive tape and he arrived at the hotel he appeared to be fatigued from an automobile ride of 17 blocks down Park Avenue.

As soon as he has recovered sufficiently to leave the hotel the manager of his lecture tour announced, he and Mrs. Churchill and their daughter, Miss Diana, will leave for Cuba, returning in time for him to resume his tour.

LOW RATES TO STIMULATE RAIL TRAFFIC

(Special to The Daily Mail)

Montreal, Que. Dec. 22—Special Christmas and New Year fares, applicable on Canadian Railways and good between stations in Canada and many sections of the United States, by which passengers will have the benefit of return tickets, with generous travelling dates, at the rate of one and one third regular one way fare will assist in stimulating Canadian holiday traffic, stated C. W. Johnston, General Passenger Traffic Manager of the Canadian National Railways, on Canadian National lines. These tickets will be on sale from all Canadian stations and also from stations in Maine, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont, including Buffalo, Blackrock and Suspension Bridge. These holiday tickets will be good going from Dec. 22 to Dec. 24 and returning will be good until Jan. 4 and 5th.

COPPER AUTO LICENSE PLATES FOR ARIZONA

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 22—Novelty makes a lot of difference according to assessors of Arizona's various counties who have reported an unusually brisk demand for 1932 automobile license plates well in advance of the deadline.

The Arizona plates this year are made of gleaming copper, this form of plate being used as a means of advertising the state's red metal output and it seems that everyone is anxious to get the new type of plate.

INDIAN LEADERS SENTENCED TO PRISON TERMS

(Special to The Daily Mail)

Allahabad, India, Dec. 22—Sentences to prison at rigorous labor were returned against two prominent Indian leaders today, the Pandit Krishnakant Malaviyaya and Purshotamdas Tandon, for participation in the "no rent" campaign. Malaviya was sentenced to nine months and Tandon to on year.