

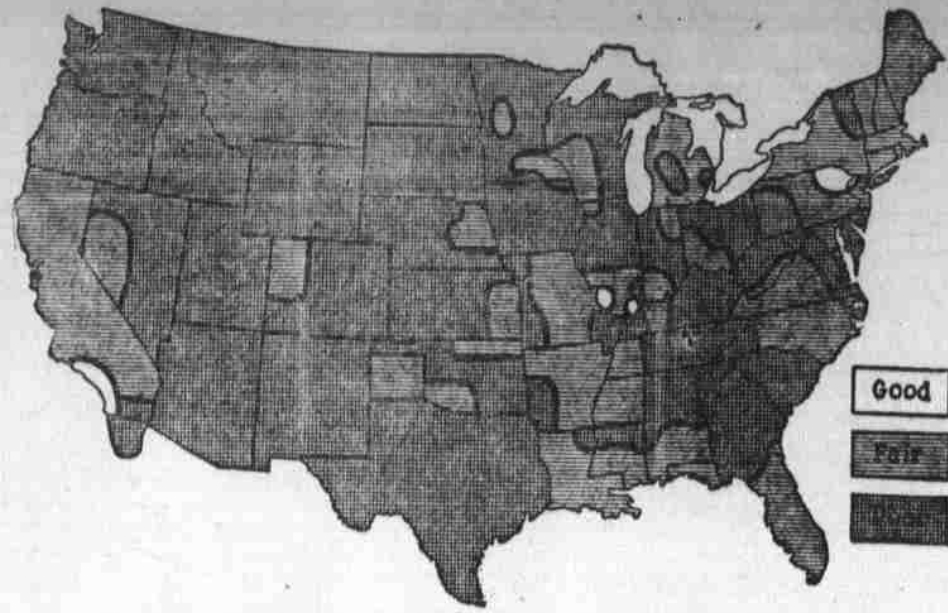
LARGE HOLIDAY CROWD LIKES "THE RIGHT GIRL"

Quite Amusing, Fairly Tuneful, Fairly Pretty Show Gives Satisfaction.

STARTS SLOW, SPEEDS UP

"The Right Girl," a frothy, fluffy, pleasant musical comedy, held the boards at the Grand last night, to the decided satisfaction of a holiday crowd that filled the theater to the doors.

BUSINESS CONDITION OF THE NATION



This map, put out by The Nation's Business, official publication of the United States Chamber of Commerce, shows actual business conditions throughout the country in December as seen by Archer Wall Douglas, the noted business authority.

By ARCHER WALL DOUGLAS.

The story of business conditions which comes from the four corners of the United States is that of continuing stagnant markets for all farm commodities, coupled with prices below the cost of production.

The situation differs as to localities in degree rather than in kind. Farmers are buying only things of immediate and pressing necessity, for the very good reason that most of them have neither money nor credit.

Business is quiet in the spring wheat states, especially where the harvest was poor, or where the quality of the wheat was not good.

One reason for the lack of a better demand for corn is the enormous crop of this cereal produced this year by the south, more than enough for its own needs when in the past it drew upon the surplus corn states for much of its wants.

Livestock, wheat and oats are only a trifle higher proportionately in price than corn and consequently there is no special reason, save necessity, to sell them. That is about the only reason that agricultural commodities are coming to market in such volume as now prevails.

Matters are somewhat better in the southern states although the recent decline in cotton put a crimp in that general buying which had got well under way.

As always, there are many minor causes that relieve and alleviate the stringency in the agricultural situation. There is the dairy cow and the poultry bird whose products furnish much money to the farmer on the whole.

More building is going on than is generally realized, because it is local and scattered. Also there is much more

looked for next spring as it is believed by that time that high priced labor and material will have got their. There is likewise general expectation that with the opening of spring it will be easier to obtain money for construction in the country districts.

Other industries are not so well off. The shipbuilding industry has become nonexistent. Mining in general offers little encouragement. Phosphate mining in Florida is mostly shut down because of lack of demand from Germany. Coal because of the presence of the anthracite regions, is not booming.

Lower costs of transportation are among the matters of moment that add hope of better business in some lines after the coming of the year. In agriculture it means a moderate increase of price to the farmer, although not necessarily to the consumer of farm products.

Industrial life, where now active, adds distinctly to the welfare of some communities. There has been better business recently in many scattered localities where shoe factories are full of work, or because of the presence of furniture factories that are fairly busy.

The universal feeling is that there can be no better times than are enduring or worth while until the prices of farm products advance materially, or else the prices of other commodities decline proportionately.

OHIO RIVER IS RISING AND IS EXPECTED TO REACH 60 FEET

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 26.—Continuing to rise at the rate of approximately one-tenth of a foot every two hours, the Ohio river at Cincinnati registered 55 feet at 7 o'clock tonight.

Reports from up-river points indicated that all the larger tributaries were receding while the main stream continued to rise slowly.

BRAND GREETS LOYD GEORGE AS LATTER GOES TO CANNES

Paris, Dec. 26 (By Associated Press)—Premier Brand greeted Premier Lloyd George, of Great Britain as he passed through Paris today on his way to Cannes for the meeting of the supreme council.

Schooner Sinks In Gulf

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 26.—The American three-masted schooner Florence Harvey, 323 tons, from Mobile for Santiago, Cuba, with a cargo of lumber sank today off Port Morgan during a north-westerly gale. The crew was saved.

Stribling and Budd Draw

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 26.—Young Stribling of Macon and "Battling" Budd, of Atlanta were given a draw by Referee Dewitt at the end of a fast 10-round lightweight bout here tonight.

Father Laid Dead

FIND MISSING MAN WITH TOP OF HEAD BLOWN AWAY

Bristol, Va.-Tenn., Dec. 26.—The body of Charles Swinney, aged 23, with the top of his head blown away by the charge of a shotgun, was found today by searchers within a stone's throw of his home in Holston Valley, after he had been missing since last Tuesday.

VIGOROUS PROSECUTION OF LIQUOR SMUGGLING CASES

New York, Dec. 26.—Vigorous prosecution of liquor smuggling cases, consideration of which will be resumed in the federal courts of Memphis, Tenn., next month, is planned by the department of justice, William J. Burns, chief of the bureau of investigation, said tonight.

HANLON AND CHANEY WIN AT BOUTS AT BALTIMORE

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—Jimmy Hanlon, Denver, and George Chaney, Baltimore, were the winners today in two of the principal bouts of holiday matinees. Hanlon outpointed Joe Tiptit, Philadelphia, in a fast eight-round fight, while Chaney easily defeated Mike Paulson, St. Paul, also in an eight-round bout. Chaney had the better of every round.

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MURDERED SPORTSMAN IS FOUND IN MITCHELL

Detective Comes Upon Body of B. L. Hartsell After Following Trail of 1,500 Miles.

MISSING SINCE LAST APRIL

Asheville, Dec. 26.—Mystery which for months surrounded the disappearance of B. L. Hartsell, wealthy clubman and sportsman of New York, who has been missing since last April, is believed to have been solved with the identification of a body in the woods of Mitchell county, as that of the missing clubman.

Detective Elmo W. Brim, of Galax, Va., sports having tracked the clubman over 1,500 miles, 340 of which he made on foot through the Appalachian mountains, and claims to have information that Hartsell was murdered by persons in the Pigeon Roost creek section of Mitchell county.

Upon leaving New York, Mr. Hartsell announced he would walk from Roanoke, Va., to north Georgia for the purpose of hardening his muscles and preparing for a big game hunt in a foreign country which he contemplated with other New York clubmen. He was to write his brother each 30 days of his whereabouts, and after more than a month had elapsed and no word had been received a hunt was started.

Detectives arrived here about six weeks ago and began work upon a clue which led them over Mount Mitchell, highest peak east of the Rockies, through the mountainous sections of Tazewell county and into a remote section of Mitchell, where the body was found.

CHILE ACCEPTS PROPOSAL OF PERU TO TALK OVER DISPUTES

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 26.—(By Associated Press.)—The Chilean government has forwarded a note to the Peruvian government accepting Peru's proposal that the two countries designate plenipotentiaries to meet at Washington to continue negotiations for a solution of pending disputes. The negotiations between Chile and Peru were begun a fortnight ago. Their chief need is a settlement of the Tacna-Arica controversy.

DAVE MELLON CARRIED THE HEAVY END OF THE FUN-MAKING AND CARRIED IT WELL INDEED. He had some corking good lines to begin with—the work of Raymond W. Peck—and his comedy was sufficiently novel to give an effect of spontaneity that vastly pleased his audience. But he had able seconding from Charles P. Morrison, the ponderous father who every time he opened his mouth let the moonshine in. Wade Booth made an acceptable, if somewhat stereotyped, lover, and the women of the piece were personable and sang the not very difficult music acceptably. A dancer, called after the monosyllabic fashion for the moment prevalent among dancers, simply "Pam," did some very pretty work.

GERMAN SUMMONED TO WAR DEBT DISCUSSION

His Mission Concerns Germany's Reply To the Reparations Commission's Inquiries—Meeting At Paris.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—Dr. Fischer, chairman of the German war debt commission, has been instructed to proceed to Paris for oral discussions with the reparations commission. His mission concerns Germany's forthcoming reply to the reparations commission's inquiries and was decided upon after informal conferences between the members of the cabinet, Dr. Rathenau and Rudolf Havenstein, president of the reichsbank, at which several under secretaries of the ministries of finance and economics also were present.

Although Dr. Rathenau has been in constant touch with the cabinet and also with President Ebert since his return from London, where he was engaged in reparations affairs, official quarters decline to discuss the information he brought back, or to give any indication of the nature of the reply, which it is expected will be dispatched to Paris before the end of the week.

FAMILY WIPED OUT BY FUMES FROM DEFECTIVE GAS HEATER

Detroit, Dec. 26.—Fumes from a defective gas heater caused the death of Gaetano Malmonti, his wife and three children here Saturday night as the family was preparing to celebrate the holiday. Police, called by neighbors whose anxiety had been aroused today by the fact that the Christmas tree in the Malmonti home was brightly lighted since Saturday night, while none of the family had been seen, broke down a window and discovered the tragedy.

The bodies of Mrs. Malmonti and the children were found in their beds. Malmonti's body was found near his wife's bed, where he had apparently been overcome when he tried to arouse his wife.

VERDICT OF SUICIDE AFTER FALL FROM A THIRD FLOOR

Macon, Ga., Dec. 26.—A coroner's jury today rendered a verdict of suicide in the case of P. F. Armstrong, of Atlanta and Miami, who died in a hospital after a fall from the third floor of a local hotel Sunday night. Police, however, at the instigation of relatives are searching tonight for a woman who is said to have been with him for three days prior to the time he registered at the hotel. They claim he had \$1.30 in his pockets last Friday. Only 25 cents was found in his clothing.

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