

# MELLON REPORTS ON U. S. BUSINESS CONDITIONS

## Conditions Only Three Per Cent. Under Totals Of Previous 12 Months

### Liquor Enforcement Now Concerned With Domestic Manufacturer of Intoxicants

### ANNUAL REPORT FILLS A 91-PAGE PAMPHLET

### Conditions of Agriculture Generally Were Better During Past Year, Finds

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Randyling about sums running into the billions, Secretary Mellon has found that business, which reached a low point in November and December of 1927, finished the fiscal year ending June 30 only 3 per cent below that of the previous twelve months.

In his annual report the financial chief of the administration crams into a 91-page pamphlet a formidable array of figures showing the intricate fiscal operations of the government and dealing in detail with agriculture, customs affairs, taxes, business conditions, prohibition, and a great many other things and with scarcely a note of pessimism for the future.

Agriculture, as a whole, he says, made substantial gains. Automobile production experienced a major turn for the better during the year. Export trade was but lightly under the previous year and imports had but a small decline. As to liquor, he says only about 5,000,000 gallons was identified in foreign ports as presumably destined for the United States against 14,000,000 gallons the previous year.

Incidentally the Secretary says that diversion of legal liquor, including industrial alcohol, is no longer the major problem of domestic law enforcement, but that illicit manufacture from sugars and grain is the principal source of supply of the domestic market. The prevention of drug smuggling he believes to have been improved.

At the opening of the fiscal year, the Secretary says, the volume of business was nearly on a par with the year previous but soon fell off reaching its minimum in the last two months of 1927. In January recovery took place and the monthly volume thereafter was sustaine about equal to the same month of the previous year.

"There was an increase both in prices and in total cash returns for the crops and products of the year 1927-28 as compared with those of the year 1926-27, this increase representing the net result of gains in some products and losses in others," he says of agriculture. "The average price received by the farmers during the fiscal year increased about 7 per cent while there was a slight decrease in the prices paid by farmers for their purchases, according to price data compiled by the United States department of agriculture. The advantage of this increase in average prices per unit produced was partly offset by a decrease in volume. As the net effect of these two forces, the estimated gross cash income from farm products increased in the fiscal or crop year of 1927-28 by \$279,000,000 or 2.9 per cent as compared with the preceding crop year."

As to automobiles he says monthly figures indicate that a general decline which began in November 1925 reached its lowest point in November and December 1927, and that the year ended with June-July production nearly 35 per cent above the production of the same months of 1927. The total for the year, however, was 13 per cent below that of the previous year.

Export trade, the Secretary says, reached a total value of \$4,877,000, a decrease of 1.8 per cent over the previous year while imports aggregated \$4,146,000,000, a decrease of 2.5 per cent as compared to 1927.

In reviewing the financial situation Secretary Mellon calls attention that the gold stock of the United States decreased nearly \$500,000,000 from the \$4,500,000,000 on hand at the beginning of the year. The outward

## STUDENTS FLEE BURNING BLDG.

### Louisburg College Sustains Loss of \$100,000 When Main Building Burns

HENDERSON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Fire of undetermined origin early today destroyed the main building of Louisburg college, at Louisburg, N. C., driving 75 girls and teachers into the night in scant attire and resulting in injury to two firemen. The loss is estimated at approximately \$100,000.

As a result of the blaze the students, all girls, numbering between 550 and 300, today were enroute to their homes to remain over Christmas. Arrangements to resume classes cannot be made until after January 1, it was said.

The fire is believed to have started from the heating system. It was first discovered in the chapel, which is on the fourth floor, by two sisters, named Knox, whose home is at Liberty, N. C., their room was on the floor with the chapel.

Aroused shortly before 1 o'clock they opened their door and saw the flames. Hurrying to the first floor they rang the school bell giving the alarm. By doing so they lost all of their personal belongings but were credited with saving the lives of many of the 65 students and 10 teachers in the structure.

Firemen from Henderson, Raleigh and Rocky Mount answered a call for help from the Louisburg department. Although the main building was a mass of flames, the firemen saved several other newer buildings.

Morris Clifton, Louisburg banker, was slightly injured when a chair hurled from the building, struck him on the head. Marvyn Davis, Henderson fireman, was struck by a falling brick. A Raleigh fireman was slightly injured.

## Prominent Raleigh Man Dead At 89

RALEIGH, Dec. 5.—(AP)—James A. Higgs, 89, one of Raleigh's oldest and best-known citizens died suddenly in a sanitarium here today. He served throughout the war between the States as a member of the 3rd North Carolina Cavalry. He was a native of Halifax county.

## Davis Urges More Strict Laws Against Immigration

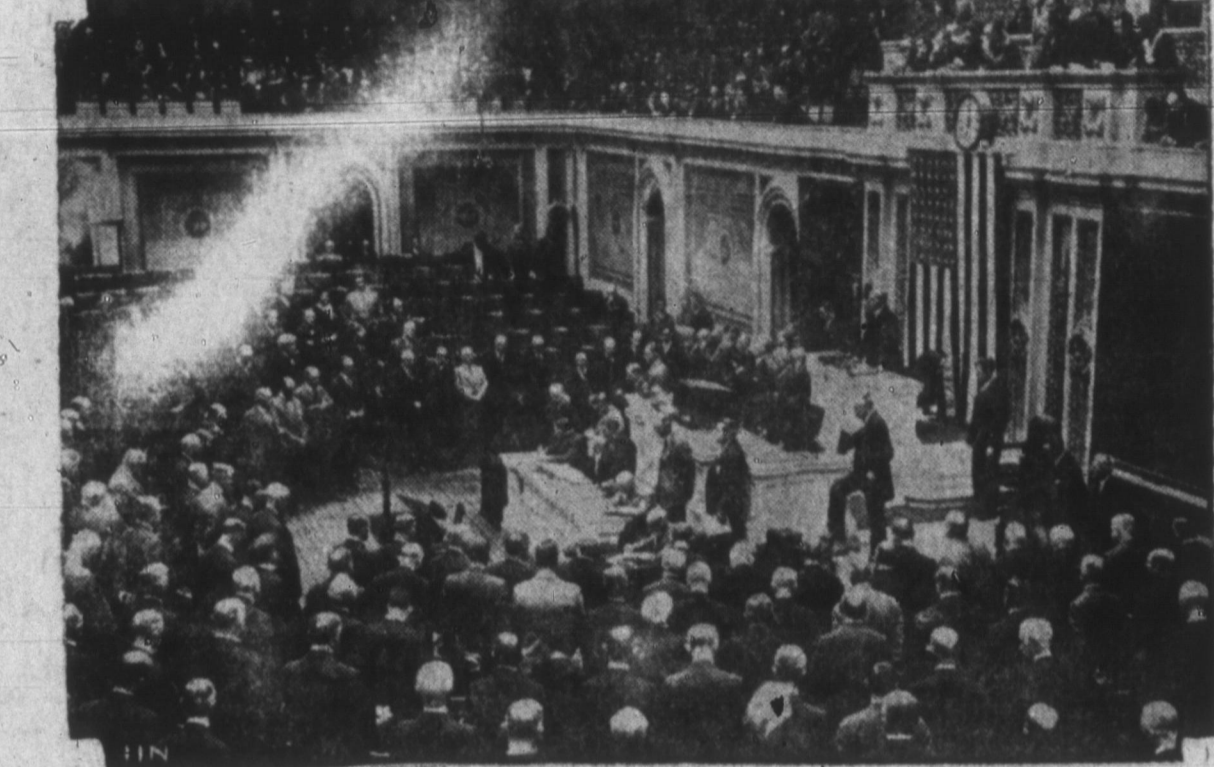
WASHINGTON, Dec. 5. (AP)—Extensive revamping of the immigration laws with the purpose of further restricting the flow of aliens into the United States is recommended by Secretary Davis of the Labor Department in his annual report.

Dealing with other phases of the department's activity, the document estimates that more than 1,400,000 workers, men, women and children, have been placed in jobs during the year by the government employment service, while its agents of conciliation, directed by Hugh L. Kerwin, have intervened in 478 industrial disputes during the year, seeking to terminate disputes that disturbed payrolls on which 350,000 workers are counted.

Work of the bureau engaged in special services for women and children, for the supervision of naturalization of aliens, and the statistical study of wages, prices, and industrial economics are likewise reviewed and the Secretary's final word expresses great satisfaction with existing industrial conditions, and optimism for even further betterment in the future.

The chief effect of the immigration legislation Secretary Davis approved would be to cut the immigration from Mexico, now running at nearly 80,000 per year, to slightly above 7,000 while leaving undisturbed the movement from other countries of the western

## Prayer Opens Seventieth Congress



The photo above shows the Rev. James S. Montgomery, chaplain of the House of Representatives, reading prayer preliminary to opening of seventieth Congress. Program of bills outlined shows trend to program of President-elect Herbert Hoover.

## PERU ACCLAIMS U. S. VISITOR

### Cheering Crowds Line 8-Mile Drive As Hoover Approaches Lima

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The "city of Kings" today received Herbert Hoover with pomp and pageantry of colorful tradition undelayed by practical modernism.

From the time of arrival of the battleship Maryland off Callao early this morning until the scheduled time for his departure late tonight, Mr. Hoover was given signs of honor by the Federal and municipal governments and by the plain people who turned out in thousands to greet him both in the principal port and the capital of the republic.

As the battleship came to anchor, seaplanes of the Peruvian navy saluted it by circling over the vessel time and again, while Mr. Hoover awaited the call of the foreign minister.

Landing in Callao, Mr. Hoover was greeted by Mayor Carlos Roe in the Plaza Grau where naval and military guards were drawn up in his honor. Amid the cheers of thousands who pressed around the automobiles, carrying the Hoover party the president-elect drove the eight miles to Lima. Cavalry guards were stationed at short intervals along the way. The road way was decorated with such placards as "Hoover, symbol of a great people," "The United States and Peru March Together."

## STUDENTS ENTER SLOGAN CONTEST

### High School Boys and Girls Offer Excellent Mottos For Chest

Students of the Goldsboro High school proved themselves to be quite clever in the coining of slogans, as the large number of catchy and appealing mottos turned in by them for use in the fourth annual appeal of the Community Chest revealed. Approximately fifty were submitted by these young scholars, and many of them showed unmistakable signs of talent.

It was a sort of contest which brought the deluge. Dr. Charles B. Miller, chairman of this year's Chest appeal, asked the student body of the high school to coin a slogan for the drive, offering as an inducement, the publication of the name of the student producer of the best one.

The Chest committee which had the choosing of the slogan met and read over those sent in. After eliminating all but four, final choice was made of one submitted by a member of 2A English class taught by Miss Christine Visk: "The spirit of giving is the spirit of living."

However, due to the rush of getting out the publicity on short notice, another slogan had already been printed on the letters and other bits of advertising material. Still, the committee decided that the above motto was worth bringing to the attention of the public. At this particular time, when financial difficulties, due to stringent times, are pinching in on the destitute of the city, there is much need of the spirit of giving among those who are fortunate enough to have the wherewith to give.

Some of the "mighty" worthwhile slogans submitted by the same class that won first place are: "Giving is the joy of living," "Open your heart and give," "Give as you would, to your brother," "We are all brothers," "Take time to give, it will help you to live," "Spread less, save more for the Community Chest," "Give to the poor and be happy," and "God loves the cheerful giver." The names of those

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## 19 Days to Christmas

THE TUBERCULOUS LADY GOT PAPA A GOOD TOB NOW IN THE PICKLE WORKS. IF HE WENT BACK TO TRUCKIN' HE WOULD GET SICK AGAIN.

Christmas seals help prevent Relapses

## KILLED MAN TO TAKE HIS WIFE

### This Is Charge Confronting Paul Reed, Illinois Young Man

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 5.—(AP)—A brother and a nephew of Paul Reed Rockford youth charged with the murder of Vernon Plegler, also of Rockford by attaching a bomb to the starter of Plegler's automobile last July today testified the defendant had stolen dynamite the day before the bombing.

Arthur Reed, Paul's older brother, testified Paul had visited his home for the first time in six months, the day before Plegler was killed, seeking dynamite.

Kenneth Reed, Vernon's son, and Paul's nephew, told how he and his uncle had stolen three sticks of dynamite some percussion caps and a length of fuse from the county high way commissioner's shack that night.

Several former neighbors of the Plegler's told of the alleged love affair between Mrs. Ivy Plegler, the slain man's widow, and Paul Reed. The state contends Reed killed Plegler because of his infatuation for Mrs. Plegler.

## DUPONT QUILTS

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 5.—(AP)—United States Senator T. Coleman DuPont of Delaware has resigned his seat in the senate because of ill health.

## 2 Rape Cases Thrown Out In Wayne Superior Court

Charges of rape against two Negroes were yesterday thrown out in Wayne county superior court, one case alleging forgery settled and trial of Leroy Warrick of Grantham, charged with assault upon his wife, started.

"I don't think we will go any further in this," said Solicitor Williams after Jesse Thomas, young son of John Thomas, Negro, charged with rape by Lula Morgan, had told his story. That ended the charge.

The alleged act was supposed to have been witnessed by a boy and he was offered as a witness for the state. He had been instructed to relate what he saw when he walked into the room, reputed as the scene of the crime.

## Little Boy Seriously Injured as He Dashes Into Path of an Auto

## CHECK FLASHER BELIEVED HELD

### Joe A. Williams of Mt. Olive Arrested And Held In Jail Here

Clever sleuthing on the part of members of the local police department yesterday landed in Wayne county jail Joe A. Williams of the Mt. Olive section, charged with check flashing. The case was immediately brought before the grand jury and a true bill found.

Police are convinced that Williams had gone into the check flashing business. When arrested the man had three checks with names of prominent Wayne county men signed on them. One was for \$1 and signed by the name of N. J. Creel of Mt. Olive and another for \$18 and signed by the name of Hamp Kornegay of Mt. Olive.

Attempts to cash a check for \$14 and signed by the name of D. B. Burns, Goldsboro dairyman, led to the arrest of Williams. In his pockets at the time of his arrest were the names and telephone numbers of the Brown Drug store, Murchinson Drug store, Palace Drug Store and Vinson Drug store. Police say that his game was to call the stores; tell them that it was D. B. Burns speaking and to ask if they would cash a check he was sending down.

In person he called at the Andrews Drug Store and attempted to cash the Burns check. The proprietor of this store identified him positively as the man who attempted to cash the check after he was arrested yesterday.

Police said that it was possible he had secured money for other checks. Williams, they said, is a brother of a Williams who passed through here about a year ago and forged a check for a large amount on W. O. Mitchell and who is now doing a term for forgery in Guilford county.

## Add Warren Knocked Down 3 Times, Wins

DURHAM, Dec. 5.—(AP)—After being knocked down three times in the first round and ending the session reeling and groggy Add Warren came back in the second and knocked out George Avera with a right across to the body in a bout here tonight. Some 2,500 fans saw Warren make his homecoming at comeback.

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In this case he proved that he was not in Goldsboro on the date that the robbery was said to have taken place. In the other two cases, Judge Daniels suspended sentenced upon payment of costs and on condition that Mr. Whitley be reimbursed for his losses. The aged father of Wells was in court to plead for mercy from the court.

"He's a good boy, except when he's drinking," Mr. Wells told Judge Daniels "then the bad crowd takes him along to get the money. All he gets out of it is the drunk."

Judge Daniels enquired of Mr. Wells why the good citizen of Greene did not organize to stop liquor drinking. Reported as of considerable extent.

"We have, Judge," Mr. Wells replied, "Some of us are giving good time to it and we have sent three to the roads for it."

The state had rested in the charge of assault against Leroy Warrick when court recessed for the day. Mrs. Warrick testified that her husband had kicked her, leaving a large blue place, when he remonstrated with her for kicking one of the children and that on another occasion he had "choked me down on the floor." The testimony of the children and of neighbors was offered by the state in corroboration.

## GREENSBORO MAN WAS DRIVER OF THE AUTO

### Exonerated of Any Blame In Connection With Injury of The Boy

Bynum Adams, 8-year old son of Mrs. Will Adams, a widow, was seriously injured yesterday afternoon when he dashed into the path of the automobile driven by R. E. Lifer of Greensboro in front of the postoffice driveway on North John Street. It will be impossible to determine the full extent of the lad's injuries until X-ray pictures can be developed today, it was said.

Bynum, according to an eye witness, had been playing with three little Negro boys. They climbed onto the rear of an automobile parked on the eastern curb of the street. The Negro boys jumped down presently and Bynum attempted to do likewise. His legs were too short for the jump and a foot caught in the rear bumper, throwing him face first to the pavement. His nose was bleeding when he got up, and apparently stunned from the effects of the fall, ran unseeing into the path of the car driven by Mr. Lifer.

The front of the car struck the boy and he went down under it. Mr. Lifer, badly upset by the occurrence, was not able to say whether or not a wheel passed over the lad. "One man who saw it," he told The News, "said that a wheel went over him and another said it did not. I think some part of the car must have hit him, though, after he fell, because I could feel it. It was terrible," and the Greensboro man wrung his hands nervously.

Before the rear wheels had passed over the boy, however, Mr. Lifer brought his car—a Chevrolet coach—to a halt. Mrs. Lifer was accompanying her husband at the time of the accident, one report declared. Another was that one rear wheel stopped on the boy's chest and had to be pushed off.

Mr. Lifer, who is employed by the M. G. Newell house of Greensboro as a salesman of dairy machinery, had just checked out of the Hotel Goldsboro and was en route to Raleigh when the accident occurred. In order to be of any assistance, however, he registered at the hotel here and remained overnight. Officers who investigated the case agreed that he was without fault in the matter.

The little boy was hurried to the Goldsboro Hospital by Simon Lewis, and it was said last night that at no time has he lost consciousness since the accident. He was able to give his name when entered at the hospital.

## ASK DONATIONS OF BROKEN TOYS

### High School Students Will Repair Them For Benefit of Unfortunates

The students of the Goldsboro High School have decided upon a most profitable way to spend their minutes. This profitable way is in making over toys for less fortunate children. Work started yesterday morning and Miss Janis Ippock, is acting as supervisor.

The purpose of this article is to ask mothers, fathers, and children to gather up the toys that are scattered about the house and give them to some high school student, who will be glad to bring them to school where they will be worked over before being distributed. If any one has some donation to make and has no way of getting it to the high school call 99-J and some one will call for it. Nothing is to old to be remodeled by these students and frequently toys that you may consider worthless and worn out can be made into a first class toy, and may bring joy to the heart of some youngster that would otherwise be without toys Christmas.