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Blooming for the first time in the Western Hemisphere, the *Amorphophallus Titanum*, product of Sumatra jungles, grew to a height of 7 feet at the rate of 2 inches per hour in New York's Botanical Gardens. It emitted an odor that nauseated spectators and died after four hours of full bloom.

### RURAL PROSPERITY VIEWED AS LIKELY TO BOLSTER TRADE

Industry Slows But Business Hopes For Billion Dollar Farm Income Boost

By FREDERICK GARDNER

New York, June 13.—(AP)—The latest twist in fortune's wheel has left the farmer riding high in business calculations for the second half of the year.

Industry, beginning to feel the wear and tear of a long recovery run, may pass the prosperity touch to the farmer on the next stretch. So many business observers concluded last week as more rains in erstwhile dry areas and crops reports invited contrast with industry's heavier price.

With larger crops to market, the farmer was seen coming to the rescue of urban workers hit by higher living costs and merchants who stocked goods in anticipation of further business recovery.

Farm prices have suffered from improvement in crop prospects. But statisticians have figured larger marketings should offset lower prices, with probability total 1937 farm income may be about \$1,000,000,000 larger than last year.

For the first time in several years, railroads are looking for substantial traffic gains on agricultural products, including grain hauls to seaboard for re-opening of wheat exports. The government's crop estimates last week pointed to the largest wheat harvest since 1931. Other crops, including cotton, also have benefited, nourishing hope for expansion of exports and curtailment of food imports.

More striking than recent divergence between farm and industrial prospects was reversal of the outlook compared with a year ago. Then drought cast a deepening shadow over farm fortunes and business of the nation.

But industry, with Uncle Sam pouring a torrent of soldiers' bonus dollars into the spending stream, continued to move ahead. Industrial recovery made notable headway through the summer and autumn while drought cut the harvest and food prices rose.

Seeing industry expanding and



THE DIMPLE MACHINE

Return of short skirts has popularized dimpled knees, produced by a machine shown at the New York Gadget Show.

The State Unemployment Compensation Commission, in its Unemployment Compensation Division, now has approximately 75 employees, including 15 field men, and in addition to about 25 machine operators on temporary work for two or three months. The Employment Service Division has 215 employees in the headquarters in Raleigh and about 50 offices over the State.

the business curve advancing in face of the farmers' misfortune, many in the financial district questioned whether the farmer was still the keystone of economical structure in the United States. The country, it was pointed out, had become highly industrialized and expansion in exports of manufactured goods tended to offset losses in farm exports the last few years.

Now, back in the spotlight, the farmer is widely depicted in financial comment as the backbone of the country's business and a bulwark of strength for the immediate future.

### WAR DEBT DEFAULT TIME APPROACHING

As Usual, United States Can Expect Payment Only From Little Finland

London, June 13.—(AP)—The United States' World war allies today prepared once more to give "regretful" notice they will default the installments due June 15 on the obligations they incurred in war-time two decades ago.

The British government was expected to make the same negative reply it has made each six months since three years ago to Washington's reminder that another semi-annual installment is due on the \$4,277,000,000 Britain borrowed, which, with accrued interest, has grown to \$5,198,000,000.

Only Finland To Pay Only from Finland, could the United States expect payment. Twelve other war debts already are in default to a grand total of \$1,314,821,109, and \$205,338,754 due Tuesday will swell that to \$1,520,159,863.

(Finland notified the state department May 29 its debt installment of \$163,143, would be paid on schedule.)

Most of the debtor nations attribute failure to meet their obligations to unsettled war economic conditions.

**British Attitude** Britain's position is that so long as her debtors fail to pay what they owe her she can not further reduce her obligations to the United States. Still there have been recurrent reports that the ticklish question of war debts would be reopened by Britain or another of the debtor nations.

Sir John Simon, chancellor of the exchequer, recently declared in the house of commons, however, that any discussion of war debts would have to take into account all relevant factors, including those connected with the other inter-allied war debts and reparations as well as the "relationship between the pound sterling and other currencies.

Government leaders have indicated willingness to resume debt discussions "if such discussion

### Motorists Prize Lowly 'Hot Dog'

WASHINGTON, June 9.—(A. P.). The American Automobile Association offered some vital statistics today on that gastronomic mongrel of the highway—the hot dog.

Motorist spend \$700,000,000 for food, a large portion of which goes for frankfurters.

The organization's statisticians said the hot dog is an offspring of the sausage that adorned the banquet tables of ancient Greece. The late T. A. (Tad) Dorgan, newspaper cartoonist, they said, nicknamed the frankfurter the hot dog and made it stick.

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would be likely to produce results of value." Thus far no one has believed that such results would follow.

Britain has already repaid \$2,025,000,000 but interest piling up has brought the total still owed to \$5,198,000,000, which is more than the original loans.

Englishmen discussing the difficulties of the situation point out that all the gold in London would not liquidate the debt, and moreover the United States, already holding the largest gold stores in the world, would merely have to stow more bullion in vaults out of world commercial channels.

Payments in raw materials or manufactured goods, those observers say, would only add to the jumbled trade situation, since both nations are attempting to sell more to the other across a complicated set of tariffs and quota barriers.

Three years ago "token" payments—small sums paid to indicate good faith—were discontinued since they failed to lower the British debt appreciably or to advance a solution of the inter-government debt question.

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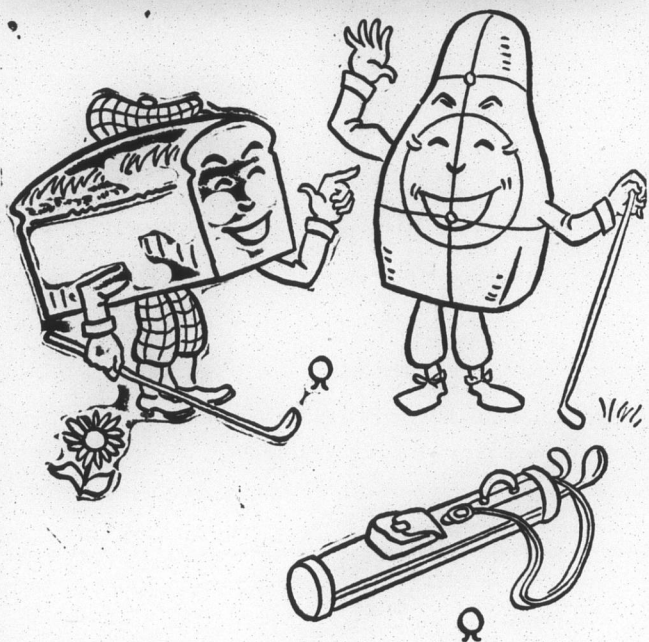
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