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## Laval Decides Not to Resign His French Office

Will Put the Cabinet's Fate Up to Deputies; Edouard Herriot Remains Also.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Premier Laval decided today he will not resign.

It was officially announced he reached this decision after conferences with President Lebrun and rightist members of his cabinet.

Laval and the president talked together half an hour. Laval was quoted as having said: "There may be an epidemic of resignations but I do not feel affected by the contagion."

The French press pictured France as the last big power of the League of Nations to hold out against the peril of a general European war.

Friends of Edouard Herriot, influential minister of state, who resigned as president of the dominant radical-socialist party because of criticism against Laval, said he likewise is remaining with the cabinet to the last.

French sources said the speech of defense to the house of commons yesterday by Sir Samuel Hoare, co-author of the discredited peace plan, who resigned as British foreign secretary, made Laval even more vulnerable to renewed leftist attacks.

These sources accepted Hoare's address as an indication of the proposals, denounced as suggesting too

great concessions to Italy, adjudged aggressor in the Ethiopian conflict, represented the "minimum" that Laval is willing to discuss.

### ANOTHER LAW CHALLENGED

North Platte.—The 1935 state law authorizing cities to acquire and pay damages for rights-of-way for viaducts, was challenged in a court action here. It was the sixteenth law enacted by the 1935 legislature to be challenged in the courts.

Mayor F. L. Temple and members of the city council were restrained from passing an ordinance for the appointment of appraisers to fix the property damage, and for calling a special bond election to obtain funds to pay damages in connection with a proposal to construct a viaduct across the Union Pacific tracks here.

The order was issued by District Judge I. J. Nisley. Sheriff A. J. Salisbury served the papers on the mayor and councilmen when they met to take action on the proposed ordinance. Plaintiffs say the viaduct would be a hazard to traffic and that the law is unconstitutional in that it allows cities to deprive citizens of property and that judicial power is granted the mayor and council.

You wouldn't start out on a long trip intending to drive a few miles the first day and then rest up for a week or a month before continuing. Yet that's the way a great many merchants conduct their advertising campaign. Little wonder it doesn't get results. Persistent, steady effort is what counts.

## Legislation for Agriculture Need of Nation Today

Head of Economics Department of State University Tells of Pressing Need of Time.

Some sort of legislation in the interest of agriculture is necessary if the economic order of this country is to be kept in the balance, says Prof. T. T. Bullock of the economics department of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. In a recent article on economics and its relation to the farming industry, he points out that the task today is to make leaders of both parties realize that agricultural stabilization is one of the most important problems they will consider.

"There are three reasons why the agricultural industry requires new and special aid," he states. "First, agriculture cannot, unaided, adjust itself as can most other industries to new conditions. In manufacturing, curtailed production goes hand in hand with lessened labor costs. In farming, the farmer and his own family are the laborers.

"In the second place, agricultural industries are few in number and new farming industries are not developing from time to time as in manufacturing. Consequently when adversity faces agricultural industry, labor and capital have no place of refuge close at hand. The farmer can't shift to something else without picking up home stakes and moving to a different environment and adopting a different mode of life.

"Finally, we should furnish some sort of prop to farming in order to balance the two great props given other industries, (1) the tariff and (2) lax enforcement of the anti-trust laws."

Professor Bullock says agriculture, in pushing its selfish interests, is acting in a most patriotic, if not wholly unselfish manner. The east has as much at stake as the farm belt, for it is by trading with the agricultural regions that she makes her greatest gains, provided farm income is a fairly stable one.

"Whether farm legislation should be temporary or permanent cannot be determined yet," he states. "It is quite probable that efficient farmers will be producing much more per acre and per man in 1945 than today. Wilcox, in his 'Re-Shaping Agriculture,' published recently, predicts a ten fold increase; of course, if his prediction is realized, even in a small part, extreme measures will be needed to prevent the demoralization of all midwestern industries, urban as well as rural. Fortunately that bridge need not be crossed until we have had more experience in crop control.

"By the time we are ready to consider a permanent policy for agriculture, it is quite probable that the east will be aware of its need. Until then, the west must carry on, shutting its ears to the cry of sectionalism. In pushing its selfish interests it is acting in a most patriotic, if not wholly unselfish manner."

### ACCUSED OF SLAYING PLOT

Kansas City.—The estranged wife of a city fireman was held on a charge of plotting to kill her husband so she could collect his insurance. Detective Sergeant Howland said the woman, Mrs. Helen Woods, 42, approached a man with a proposition to slay her husband, the man informed police. Mrs. Woods denied the charges.

It was the third time in the past three months that Kansas City detectives have arrested persons they accused of planning murders to collect insurance or obtain money.

### NEEDS BACKSEAT DRIVER

Burlington, Ia.—To Congressman Luckey of Lincoln, Neb., a backseat driver is a necessity, not a nuisance.

The Nebraska representative was arrested by a highway patrolman here for passing another car on a hill. Arraigned in justice court at Mount Pleasant, the congressman explained "my wife usually watches the signs and tells me about them, while I do the steering. In this case she failed to see the warning sign." He was fined \$5 and costs.

### TWO MORE SEEK POST AS LINCOLN POSTMASTER

Washington, Dec. 18.—Two additional applications for the Lincoln, Neb., postmastership were filed Wednesday with the civil service commission, bringing the total to 13.

The latest applicants were Jarrett W. Ragan and John Lemly. Tuesday night was the deadline for filing, but commission will add to the list of applications in the mail Tuesday.

### COUGHLIN CASE DEBATED

Springfield, Ill.—The Illinois supreme court heard arguments on the right of Rev. Charles E. Coughlin to use Soldier Field in Chicago for a mass meeting. The Chicago park board's appeal from a ruling of Superior Court Judge Kelly in favor of the Detroit priest was taken under advisement after a one hour hearing.

Samuel A. Eettleon of Chicago, attorney for Father Coughlin, asserted the issue before the court was whether the park board had the "arbitrary power" to determine what type of gathering may be held at the field.

## High Court Has Four New Deal Laws to Decide

Tennessee Valley Arguments Concluded—Guffey Coal Act Is Taken Before Justices.

The legal life of the administration's TVA experiment was rested in the hands of the supreme court at Washington as still another new deal case—involving the Guffey coal act—headed for test before that high tribunal.

Four cases affecting new deal legislation now are awaiting decision, possibly as early as Jan. 6. Besides TVA, the others involve the original and amended AAA acts and the Bankhead cotton production control law.

Five hours of argument on constitutionality of the Tennessee valley project, intended to establish "yardstick" for measuring the reasonable cost of electric power, were concluded by James M. Beck, a former solicitor general, with the assertion that the program was "revolutionary" and "socialistic."

Speaking for the government, "Solicitor General Reed had insisted TVA was a proper exercise of federal power. He said nothing was involved in the case except the validity of a contract for transmission lines by the Alabama Power company to TVA and for an exchange of power.

"Little NRA" Test Arranged. The Guffey coal act, designed to establish a "little NRA" in the soft coal industry, was brought before the court in petitions by both the government and the Carter Coal company of West Virginia. They asked the justices to pass on a ruling by the District of Columbia supreme court which held price fixing constitutional but voided sections regulating wages and hours.

The lower court also granted the Carter company an injunction against paying a tax of more than 1-2 percent of the sale price at the mines. The act imposes a 15 percent tax of which 90 percent will be refunded to those who abided by its provisions. The government appealed from the injunction and said it had no objection to the court granting the petition of the Carter company for a review.

In his argument, forceful speaking Beck asserted that TVA enterprise "constitutes a humiliating chapter in our history" and "presents a case of administrative malevolence beyond anything ever anticipated by anyone."

Reed said that if the primary purpose of the act was to aid navigation the law was valid, but if it was to develop and sell power it was invalid. He contended the government could sell power produced as an incident to its efforts to aid navigation.

### SEEK FUND FOR N. U. STUDENTS' BUILDING

Lincoln, Dec. 18.—University of Nebraska students Wednesday were in the midst of a campaign for contributions to a fund for the construction of a student union building. Innocents, senior men's honorary society, pledged \$100 as the first organization to answer the plea for funds.

### FREMONT MAN BRUISED

Omaha.—Charles Rump of Fremont suffered bruises late Tuesday when his automobile was sideswiped by a hit and run machine on Dodge highway, twelve miles west of here. Rump's car swerved into the dirt grade at the edge of the paving, then plunged and rolled sixty feet to the bottom of the high embankment. He was taken to a hospital here.

### ADMIRAL TO RETIRE

Washington.—The navy department announced Rear Admiral Clark, chairman of the navy general board, would retire Jan. 1, and be succeeded in that post by Rear Admiral Upham.

Phone news items to No. 6.

## Farmers are Ruled Eligible for Work Relief

The Resettlement Administration Advances Funds Under Work Agreement or Loan Plans.

Those farmers who have struggled for years to keep off relief rolls have won their fight. They will never have to accept a federal dole.

Such rural families can meet their needs through one of two ways, it was announced by the Resettlement Administration offices. (1) Money covering their needs will be advanced by the government, to be repaid by the farmer's own labor. (2) Loans will be advanced for the purchase of necessary seed, feed, livestock, equipment and subsistence to enable the farmer to re-establish himself.

By means of the first plan grants will be given up to the limit of available funds as needed under work agreements. Farmers under this plan are eligible to work on any project within five miles of their homes. The applicant for such work signs a note and agreement to work within six months after date of signing on a basis of the prevailing security wage rate.

The loan plan is the long time work of the Resettlement Administration. Farm management plans take into consideration all of the assets and liabilities of the farmer, the family needs and the best means of putting the farmer upon a profitable basis. The money is advanced from time to time as needed, repayable within from two to five years.

Those eligible living in towns and villages as well as farm families, if their last income was derived primarily from farming, whether as operator, tenant, share-cropper or laborer.

"Where there is no projects within five miles, grants will be given until such projects are available to fulfill work agreements," said Sherman E. Johnson, regional director. "I feel sure this announcement will be good news to farmers in this state. Practically all farmers would prefer to work out of their difficulties through either the loan or work agreement system rather than accept a federal dole."

Resettlement officials urged those wishing to benefit under this phase of the Resettlement program to get in touch with the local supervisor, local welfare agency or the county agent at once.

### RETAIL SALES SHOW A GAIN

New York.—A nationwide survey by the National Retail Drygoods association indicated that retail Christmas sales have expanded almost 10 percent over last year for the first half of December. Based on telegraphed reports from merchants in representative cities, the increase is virtually equivalent to a 20 percent improvement over the 1933 Christmas period. If it is maintained, said Channing E. Switzer, managing director of the association, the prediction of a \$4,000,000 retail business for the month will have been fulfilled. Department store sales, he said, then will have surpassed any since 1930. The gain already recorded compares with a 10 percent increase for the entire month of December, 1934, over the preceding Christmas season. Every region shared the increase, the report showed. The gain in New England was placed at 7 percent; in the middle Atlantic states, 8 percent; the middle west, 10 percent; the south, 9 percent, and the far western states, 7 percent.

### SUCCESSOR TO COOKE

Washington.—Chairman Jesse Jones of the Reconstruction corporation, announced that Emil Schram, chief of the corporation's drainage, levee and irrigation division, has been elected to succeed Norris L. Cooke as president of the electric home and farm authority.

### LARD REACHES NEW LOW

Chicago.—Cash lard sold Wednesday at \$11.90 per hundred pounds, a new low for the year. More than \$5 below the peak established the middle of August.

### OLDEST REPORTER DIES

Taft, Calif.—The man who claimed the title "world's oldest active newspaper reporter" is dead. He was Cassius George Noble, 91, a newspaperman for 76 years.

Inflated or ordinary dollars—either kind will still buy most if expended in your home community, where a part is retained to help meet the tax burden and other community obligations.

### TOWNSEND SEES VICTORY

Omaha.—The congressional victory in Michigan of the candidate who espoused his plan, is characteristic of what is going to happen in the general elections next fall, Dr. Frederick E. Townsend said here. The author of the \$200 per month pension for aged persons passed thru here en route to the coast from Rochester, Minn. He predicted that the next congress will be strongly pro-Townsend.

### DERN WILL NOT COMMENT

Omaha.—Secretary of War Dern, former Nebraskan, en route to Washington after a trip to the Philippines where he represented President Roosevelt at the inauguration of the island's first president, paused in Omaha briefly. He declined to discuss the political situation.

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Fresh Roasted Jumbo Peanuts, 2 lbs.	27c	1-lb. Box	
BRAZIL NUTS Large Med., lb.	17c	Marriet Clarke Assd. CHOCOLATES	98c
		3-lb. box, 59c; 5-lb.	

LARD, Dold's White Rose, 1-lb. pkg.	13c
TURKEYS, finest quality, lb.	31c
GEESE, grain fed quality, lb.	19c
DUCKS, choice quality, lb.	21c
CHICKENS, native fresh dressed, lb.	22c
OYSTERS, pint, 23c; Quart	45c
MINCE MEAT, 2 lbs.	25c
ROAST, choice Beef Shoulder, lb.	12c
BOSTON BUTT PORK ROAST, lb.	22c
HAMBURGER, 2 lbs.	23c
STEAK, Sirloin or Short Cuts, 2 lbs.	29c
PORK CHOPS, lb.	25c
SAUSAGE, Swift's Bulk, lb.	15c
BOILED HAM, vacuum cooked, 2-lb. can	98c
BACON, Hinky-Dinky Sliced, 1-lb. pkg.	38c

ORANGES, 176's, 39c doz.; 216's, 33c; 288's	27c
Fancy California Seedling Navelas	
GRAPES, fancy sweet Calif. Red Emperors, lb.	6c
APPLES, fancy Idaho Rome Beauty, 6 lbs.	25c
CRANBERRIES, fancy, sweet, full of juice, doz.	12 1/2c
TANGERINES, large, red Wisconsin, 1-lb. bag	19c
GRAPEFRUIT, medium size, doz., 38c; 6 for	19c
Sweet, juicy Texas Marsh Seedless	
LETTUCE, large 5 doz. size, firm, fresh Iceberg, ea.	6c
RADISHES, fresh, full red Texas, lge. bunches, 2 for	5c
YAMS, Louisiana Porto Ricans, 6 lbs.	19c
CELERY, tender Calif., lge. well bleached stalks, ea.	10c
CABBAGE, solid, green Wisc. Holland Seed, lb.	2 1/2c

Harvest King CORN No. 2 Can 2 for	15c	Summer Isle Broken Slices Pineapple No. 2 1/2 Can	18c	Sliced Tick Tock Peaches No. 2 1/2 Can 2 for	25c
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SWANS DOWN Cake Flour, pkg.	29c	Chef Leon MINCE MEAT 16-oz. Jar, 18c	33c
VICTOR (2 1/4-lb.) Cake Flour, pkg.	17c	Superior Dill or Sour PICKLES Quart Jar	15c

Powdered or Brown SUGAR, 3 lbs.	21c
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## Society Women Wear Gowns Designed By Fashion Students



No longer is the young fashion student simply a novice with a career many years ahead. This year, three hundred young women, students in the Traphagen School of Fashion, in New York City, competed for prizes and for representation at the Beaux Arts Ball—one of the big social events of the winter season.

When the Beaux Arts Society Costume Committee met to pass on the girls' colored drawings, it was found that many parts of the United States had been represented by the prize and honorable mention winners.

On Dec. 6th, when all society met for this annual gala event, nearly 200 of the Traphagen students were found to be represented on the colorful ball room floor by the incredibly and fantastically beautiful costumes worn by New York fashion leaders. The ball was planned in the spirit of a party given by an Eastern Maharajah. Costumes were of Indian, Persian and Balinese inspiration; and the girl students were credited with exceptional originality and colorful and artistic sophistication. Many of their costumes, fashion experts think, will have a subtle influence on the everyday clothes women will be wearing soon.

Miss Betty Felton, of Goldsboro, N. C., pictured above, was among the first prize winners. Among the other young women who reaped this public acclaim—while they are still students—were: Lois Dwyer, worth Douglass, L. I.; Doris Jackson, Laisades Park, N. J.; Anna



Gehret, Shillington, Pa.; Marie Hubb, Minneapolis, Minn.; June Lang, Greenwich, Conn.; Doris Lauterstein, Montclair, N. J.; Helen Messina, Hallelville, Okla.; Amy Nakashima, of Japan and Salt Lake City, Utah; Page Aleshire, Charleston, W. Va.; Nadja Gajdoski, Norwalk, Conn.; Josephine Hildebrandt, Alenburst, N. J.; Mollie LaMonte, Essex Falls, N. J.; Lella Ogston, New York City; Deborah S. Pearson, Wyncoote, Pa.; Isabelle Owyne Pugh, Durham, N. C.; Babette Rubel, Memphis, Tenn.; Ruth Rosazza, Holyoke, Mass.; Barbara Sanborn, Portland, Me.; Ruth Allen Simpson, Mahwah, N. J.; Elizabeth Vroman, Maplewood, N. J., and Frances Yervasi, Pittsfield, Mass.