

Pipe Smokers On The Decline, But Other Uses Of Tobacco Increase

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 (UP)—Americans are smoking more cigarettes and cigars than ever before, according to statistics compiled by the department of agriculture's bureau of agricultural economics.

"Consumption of snuff and chewing tobacco also is increasing, but the number of pipe smokers is declining, the bureau said. Consumption of tobacco as a whole is increasing."

During the fiscal year ended last July 1, withdrawals of cigarettes from warehouses increased 12 per cent over the previous year. Cigar withdrawals increased eight per cent in the same period.

Aids Growers

It all adds up, the bureau said, to good news to tobacco growers. The price outlook for this year's crop appears "fairly good," despite an estimate of 23 per cent increase in production over last year, the economists said.

The department estimated tobacco production of August 1 at 1,417,015,000 pounds, compared with 1,153,083,000 pounds last year and a 1928-32 average of 1,427,174,000 pounds.

"For most types and classes, however, reduced stocks and increasing demand are expected to offset a large part of the price-depressing effect of increased production," the bureau said.

Income Increases

Although the general price situation is not expected to be quite so favorable to growers as last

year, total income from the crop appears likely to exceed that of last year, bureau economists said.

"Domestic consumption of tobacco products is increasing, and some improvement in foreign demand is also expected," the bureau said. The carry-over of tobacco stocks probably will not be above average, even with a large crop, it was said.

Maryland Crop Off

The price outlook for Maryland tobacco is better than in 1936, the economists said, because of the smaller production indicated for that type. Although production of cigar types has increased, it still is less than probable consumption and, consequently, prices for cigar tobacco are not expected to be lower than last year.

For flue-cured tobacco, the market situation is not expected to differ greatly from that of last year, when prices averaged 22 cents a pound. The outlook for Burley and the dark air-cured types seems fairly satisfactory, but prices are not expected to be as high as last year, the bureau said.

The bureau was pessimistic concerning the outlook for fire-cured tobacco. With increased production and apparently declining consumption, the outlook for that type is "not encouraging," the bureau said.

TOO MANY BUREAUS, MCRAW ASSERTS

AUSTIN, Sept. 10 (UP)—Affable William McCraw, probable gubernatorial candidate, was on record today as accusing the state government of "going hog wild" in establishing a multiplicity of bureaus.

The attorney general aired some of his views before the senate's economy and efficiency committee yesterday, declaring "the mounting cost of government must be halted."

McCraw strongly favored abolishing special funds and redistributing the money to effect economies.

FUN IN WAR ZONE

SHANGHAI, Sept. 10 (UP)—All is not gloom in war-shocked Shanghai.

The sailors of the American cruiser Augusta gave an old-fashioned minstrel show last night at the city's largest theatre, devoting the entire proceeds from the packed house to the relief of the hundreds of Chinese and Russian children they have made their special wards.

Shanghai's sophisticated international set received the amateur troubadours' jokes and wisecracks with great glee.

In 1910 the total white population of the territory which since has become the United States was 210.

The Hudson valley ones extended 80 miles farther east than at present.

Mexico Faces A Crisis On Oil Issue

Tied In With Other Policies, It Affects Vast Interests

MEXICO CITY, D. F., Sept. 10 (UP)—Black gold is Mexico's foremost problem today.

It is the most pressing question which the regular four months session of congress, convoked here last week, must face. It is involved in a profound labor movement, part of a nation-wide democratization plan. Directly, it affects something over \$400,000,000 in foreign investments.

It is only in recent years that the petroleum issue has become a lively one in the nation. Since 1925 it had remained dormant, but threatening ever to become paramount.

Now it outranks probably the acute question of the cost of living and the perennial agrarian problem.

Favored Wage Boost

Labor was encouraged to seek higher wages when Cardenas became president nearly three years ago. A so-called "Cardenas Doctrine" was evolved, which in essence states that each industry should pay them that much, even if possibly can. In other words, if one company can pay its stenographers 500 pesos a month, it should pay them that much, even though the prevailing wage-scale for stenographers is only 100 pesos.

The Sindicato de Trabajadores Petroleros de la Republica Mexicana, the union controlling the 17,000 employees of the oil companies, began agitating for higher wages and in August, 1936, presented its demands to the companies. They asked increased wages, extra pay for work on hot days, long vacations with free trips paid to any part of the world they might desire to visit (first class), free residences, overalls, medical attention for all relatives, etc. etc. Furthermore, the union demanded that practically all the executives be members of the union.

The companies rejected the workers' demands and a strike was called, to start on November 27, 1936. On the eve of the call, Cardenas asked the union to postpone it, and to arbitrate.

Both sides agreed to the proposal, and a joint capitalist-labor convention, with department of labor officials presiding, met in Mexico City, seeking to draw up a mutually satisfactory wage scale and working agreement, which would serve to stabilize the whole industry and avoid future threat of strikes.

Long sessions were held, lasting for 120 days, with the companies paying all the expenses of the convention. Finally the time-limit expired on May 27 with the meeting deadlocked. The strike then broke. The tieup was one of the worst

COMPOSER'S SON WINS SUIT



Clifford Victor Herbert (right), son of the late Victor Herbert, composer, won a \$50,000 breach of promise suit brought by Miss Lillian Kinsinger, stenographer, in Los Angeles. Miss Kinsinger said he promised to marry her. The judge, dismissing the suit, said it was "simply a case of one person's word against another."

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