

HOOVER'S LAMENTS SURPRISE BRITONS

Rubber Prices Governed by
Great Increase in U. S.
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By HENRY SOMERVILLE.
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London, Dec. 30.—Businessmen here
are astonished at the declarations of
Secretary Hoover and other responsible
Americans at the high price of rubber.
The fantastic nature of Hoover's case
is illustrated by his calculation that on
the basis of rubber prices the United
States would be justified in charging
\$3 a bushel for wheat.

The question is asked why the United
States does not charge \$3 for wheat.
It is pointed out that they always have
charged the highest price they could
get and it is true that the rubber
output on British plantations has been
restricted by means of export duties,
but, it is declared, there is no moral
or economic difference between these
export duties and the import duties
which the United States imposes for
the benefit of their industries.

Facts Forgotten in America.
Two facts are frequently forgotten by
American agitators. The first is that
the present quoted prices for rubber
are nearly double those which
large American manufacturers will
actually pay during the coming year,
for they made their contracts in the
early summer. The second fact is that
it is not the restriction of the output
but increase of the demand that has
caused rubber prices to soar.

The United States department of
commerce estimates that the United
States has imported 125,000,000 pounds
of rubber more this year than last year.
British rubber users have to pay
high prices equally with Americans.
Dutch rubber producers are sharing
gains at a higher proportion than the
British, for they increased their output
when the British practiced restrictions.
Holland has been taking gold
from Britain at the rate of four million
dollars a week for the last nine weeks.
This is a good index to Holland's
prosperity resulting from the rubber
boom.

NEW MYSTERY SESSION HAS ITALY ON TIPTOE

Mussolini Meets Austen Cham-
berlain, British Foreign Min-
ister, at Rapallo.

By HIRAM K. MODERWELL.
By Radio to The Advertiser and the
Chicago Daily News.
Rome, Dec. 30.—The meeting be-
tween Premier Mussolini and Austen
Chamberlain, British foreign minister
at Rapallo, Tuesday, thrills the Italian
public with speculations of what great
things may be in the air.

Mussolini's newspaper, Popolo di
Roma, hazards the guess that the sub-
jects of conversation, were, besides the
debt settlement, Italy's position regard-
ing the possible British conflict with
Turkey, international disarmament
plans, and Italian participation in in-
ternational action in China.

But the entire article, written with
an air of great mystery, reveals little.
Certainly the conversation is accepted
here as another indication that Italy
is a full partner in the family of nations.
Mussolini aims to seize every opportunity
to assert Italy's prestige and obtain a
share in possible gains.

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700 British Investors in the Lurch As He Goes Into Bankruptcy
—Not Paid For Liquor Sold in the
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Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 30.—The 700 investors
who took a flier in rum-running, many
of them women, got little comfort out
of a statement which Sir Broderick Hart-
well, titled rum-runner, made today at
a meeting of his creditors.

Sir Broderick appeared in the bank-
ruptcy court. He declared that his
liabilities were £250,000 (\$1,200,000),
and that his only assets were amounts
due from dealers who got the liquor in
the United States and have not paid
him and apparently never will.

The final shipment which Sir Bro-
derick sent to the United States, he
asserted, alone was worth £250,000, but
in this case his partner and the dealers
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The creditors gloomily passed a
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IT IS TURNED AGAINST THEM
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New York, Dec. 30.—The two-edged
sword of the tariff is being raised
threateningly by half-a-dozen nations
in defence of their own pet products
and against those of other countries.

American flour millers have begun an
active campaign to prevent Germany
from adding 57 per cent to the tariff on
flour. Millers here contend that such
action would bar American flour from
the German market.

C. T. Vandenberg, secretary of the
Northwest Spring Wheat Millers' club,
which embraces in its membership
about one-third of the producers of
flour in the United States, asserted to-
day that the doubling of the German
tariff would be a severe blow to millers
and weaken the domestic market of
an industry employing tens of thou-
sands of men and in which hundreds
of millions of capital are invested.

ACCLAMATIONS FOR COUNCIL.
Special to The Advertiser.
Sarnia, Dec. 30.—The Sarnia town-
ship council of 1925 was returned to office
for 1926 by acclamation, when other
nominations failed to qualify. The
legislators for the township for the
ensuing year will be: Reeve, Alfred Hil-
ler; deputy-reeve, Charles Howson;
councillors, G. Lewis, Thomas Hancock.

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St. Thomas, Dec. 30.—The annual
poultry and pet stock show, being held
this week in the Nobility factory, is a
big drawing card, many visitors from
the surrounding districts visiting the
show. The complete prize list will not
be available for several days' time, but
a brief survey of the registration
cards show the following to be big
winners: Murray Fisher of Hamilton,
Charles Anderson, Aylmer, and Barnier
of Leamington in the Black Wyandotte
class; R. D. Hamilton of Aylmer in
Partridge Wyandottes; Walter Towers,
Rhode Island Reds; Harry Fowler and
John Parley in Single-Comb Reds; Wil-
liam Hussey, Black Cochins Bantams,
Harry Martin, city, and King of Aylmer
winner in Black Rosecomb Bantams.
Miss Palmer of Port Stanley was a
popular winner in rabbits, Black Lang-
shans and pigeons. J. W. Roberts, city,
wins in Black Red Games, and Smith
and Williams of Ingersoll leading in the
class for any variety of birds. William
Watson, city, and O. C. Hughes of Lon-
don are successful exhibitors of pigeons.
In bred-to-day stock, Harry Potts, city,
is the leading winner, while Hugo Doan,
city, has captured awards with Homer
pigeons. Charles Ritchie's exhibit of
Pouter Homers is outstanding. P. S.
Slaterie has a big exhibit of Magpies,
while other exhibitors worthy of men-
tion are William Watson in Dragons,
stock and other stations on these two
lines. Some seven trains are being taken
off.

The officers for 1926 of Court Strat-
ford, No. 132, C.O.F. are: P.C.R., Alf
Wendland; C.R., Les Howes; V.C.R., D.
Hunt; P.S., P. Rolph; R.S., R. Muir;
treasurer, C. McInosh; Chap., E. Hill;
S.W., W. Paul; J.W., A. Fryer; S.B.,
A. Clark; J.B., N. Brown; auditors, J.
P. Smith and W. Pepper; trustees, C.
Wendland, W. Graham and J. Mitchell.
Nominations for separate school board
today resulted in acclamations in every
ward. Avon ward, P. J. Hishon; Fal-
staff ward, A. J. Pison; Hamlet ward,
J. M. Duggan; Romeo ward, Rev. D. J.
Egan; Shakespeare ward, J. O'Donoghue.
They will serve for a two-year term.