

# New Yorkers For A Day

World's Financial Depression Has Reached Malay Peninsula, and the Rubber Industry, Mainstay of the People, Has Gone to Smash—Prohibition Sentiment Is on Backward Swing in New England.

By Roger Batchelder.

"People in the United States really know little about financial depression," asserted Miss Frances Akers, missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church to Sillawan, Malay Peninsula, who has just returned to New York. "The collapse of the rubber boom in the Federated Malay States has brought about a terrible situation," she went on. "Rubber which formerly sold as high as \$1.10 a pound (Straits money, worth about half in United States currency), is now selling for from 2 to 5 cents—when a buyer can be found.

"Small planters have left their checks and gone to increase the army of the unemployed in the cities of the Peninsula. The vast plantations owned and operated by European companies are being closed down and the white managers sent home for an indefinite period. The small shopkeepers who lived by the trade of the

coolies are going into bankruptcy and having their stocks sold by their creditors at auction. There is hardly any money anywhere save small coins. Land owners are offering to sell their land at ridiculously low prices, but there is no one to buy. One 400-acre estate of rubber-bearing trees was offered for sale for \$50. It became a joke among the people, who asked, 'But who has the fifty?' Rubber is everywhere. The very living rooms in the homes of the tauliks, rich Chinese planters, are filled with rubber. Every hut has its store, unsold. The docks in the cities are piled high with it, as are the warehouses.

"It is only the bounty of nature which keeps the Chinese and Tamil people from starvation as widespread as that which ravaged North China. The coconut tree furnishes practically all the necessities of life to the poor and grows in profusion in the jungles. The natives make houses, cooking oil, food, sugar and even alcoholic beverages from the coconut trees or their products. The mission schools and orphanage at Sillawan have been badly crippled by the financial situation, and education has been practically discontinued for the time being."

## PROHIBITION SENTIMENT SWINGING.

"There has been a great change of sentiment in this country concerning Prohibition," asserted a Boston guest of the Commodore last night. "I have noticed it in my trips to different parts of the country, but the attitude

of my own section has emphasized my belief.

"New England has not been a liquor stronghold since Revolutionary days. There has always been plenty to drink, but the antagonism to the saloon has been universal. The smaller communities, relying on the cities for their bottled supply, went 'no license' year after year. The farmers made their ciders and wines and never thought of the problem save to poll a 'dry' vote at town meeting.

"During the past year, however, the problem has come to their notice for the first time. And while the farmers and suburban residents do not actually want liquor to come back, they are disgusted by the enforcement force and the misuse of the law. They are beginning to believe that liquor, after all, was the lesser evil."

## MR. SWEET ON CANDY.

"The per capita consumption of candy throughout the country amounts to \$3 yearly," according to Leon Sweet, a candy manufacturer of Salt Lake City, who is at the Belmont. "I believe that the West has much to be thankful for," he declared, "for the depression has not hit our candy business so hard as it has here. Conditions along the Atlantic seaboard, however, are getting better."

Mr. Sweet said that confectioners in States west of Colorado do an annual business of \$35,000,000.

## "AS OTHERS SEE US."

"I like New York because I was born here," asserted Collingwood Freeman, eight-year-old son of a Havana manufacturer, who is at the Pennsylvania. "I was born

in Collingwood Hotel, and that's where I got my name.

"I like the United States because you have nice toys here and lots of goodies that we don't have in Cuba. And I tell you I like travelling around," he said in conclusion.

## MEMBER OF NOTED FIRM FINDS NEW YORK CHANGED.

Joseph Phillips Bedson, General Manager of Richard Johnson & Nephew, Ltd., Manchester, England, has arrived in New York on his first visit in sixteen years. His father was the head of the firm when it made material for the suspension bridge at Niagara, then one of the world's wonders. The company also had a part in making the first Atlantic cable.

"I'm on a vacation," Mr. Bedson said. "After sixteen years I find that New York has grown beyond recognition, and I am glad to say that its appearance is much more artistic than in the olden days."

## THE FARTHEST FROM HOME.

The "New Yorker for a Day or Two" who is farthest from home to-day is Paul Stanfield, who is at the Pennsylvania. His home town, Melbourne, is over 12,000 miles from Broadway.

## IN NEW YORK TO-DAY.

Empire State Democracy, luncheon, Commodore, 1 P. M.  
National Automobile Underwriters' Conference, meeting and luncheon, Commodore, 1 P. M.  
Delta Upsilon, luncheon, Cafe Boulevard, 1 P. M.  
Dahlia Show, Pennsylvania.  
Master Blacksmiths' Association, dinner, Pennsylvania.  
La Jeunesse, meeting, Pennsylvania, 2 P. M.  
Krakauer Society, meeting, Pennsylvania, 3 P. M.  
New York Federation Musical Club, meeting, Pennsylvania, 3 P. M.  
Independent Order Daughters of St.

George, Grand Lodge, convention, Park Avenue Hotel, 3 A. M.

Bursary Association of America, meeting, Pennsylvania, 10 A. M.  
National Association of Printing Ink Makers, luncheon, Pennsylvania.  
Commercial Development, meeting, Pennsylvania, 10 A. M.  
Bookbinders' Association, luncheon, Pennsylvania.  
One Hundred and Fifth Field Hospital, meeting, Astor, 8 P. M.  
Theatre Owners Chamber of Commerce, luncheon, Astor, 1:30 P. M.  
Centenary of the Consummation of the Independence of Mexico, dinner, Astor, 8 P. M.  
Eastern Association of Glass Distributors, meeting, McAlpin, 2 P. M.; banquet and dance, evening.  
American Dahlia Society, show, Pennsylvania, morning, afternoon and evening.  
Women's Republica Club, reception, Plaza, afternoon.

## COLUMBIA RECOGNIZES AID OF LANGUAGES TO TRADE.

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Columbia University's Slavonic department, of which Prof. John Dymally Prince is head, will give a wider range of foreign language courses this year than ever before. Every known language necessary for the betterment of foreign trade will be taught. The department, during the absence of Dr. Prince on his newly-appointed mission as Minister to Denmark, will be under the supervision of Dr. Clarence A. Manning. Russian, Polish, Czech-Slovak, Jugoslav and Bulgarian languages will be given by the department. Courses in Armenian, Chinese and Japanese will be given by the university. Elementary Russian will be given by Ivan S. Andreevski, instructor in university extension. Reading, writing and speaking Russian will be stressed in this course. The university will also teach Russian and easy Russian reading, advanced Russian, lectures on Russian literature of the nineteenth century, contemporary Russian literature and the history of the Russian sects.

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