

Asks Aid Take Count Of Those Not Employed

Juneau, October 25, 1937
THE NOME NUGGET
Nome, Alaska.
Gentlemen:

I am taking the liberty of writing you to solicit your cooperation in the forthcoming Census of Unemployment and Partial Unemployment which Congress has decreed.

As you know, this census which is calculated to give a quick and adequate picture of unemployment conditions in the United States, will be conducted through the facilities of the Postoffice Department by the distribution of blanks to all of the 31,000,000 American homes on November 16 and 17. The unemployed and partly unemployed are being asked to fill out these blanks and return them to their local Postmasters by midnight of November 20, after which the Postoffice representatives will conduct further checks so as to eliminate duplication.

In view of the fact that it is necessary, in order to avoid the Christmas rush in post offices, to have this census out of the way by December 1, we have been forced to appeal directly to the cities, in telegrams and letters directed to Mayors, asking the appointment of citizens committees to cooperate with the local Postmasters, particularly in obtaining wide publicity in connection with the canvass and in the dissemination of information as to plans and purposes.

I am sure you will agree that unemployment is one of our major national problems. A full knowledge of the extent of unemployment; its geographical concentration; its classification by age groups; the qualifications of those unemployed, and trades most effected, is essential before the nation can undertake a comprehensive corrective plan.

A great many people have had honest differences as to the best method of taking this census. Many have favored an enumerative census; and some have called for compulsory registration. But Congress, in authorizing this census has decreed that it shall be voluntary, and the President has outlined the plan—a plan which can succeed if the cooperative spirit of all of our people can be enlisted. That is why I am appealing for your moral leadership in your city to arouse the interest of your citizens to the importance of a complete response and to an appreciation of the value of the results to be obtained.

I believe America does best that which it has the spirit to do of its own volition. That is why I am confident that a voluntary enrollment of the unemployed will succeed if our responsible leaders unite in appealing to the patriotism of our people.

I would greatly appreciate your fullest cooperation and I hope you will feel free to offer any suggestions that would contribute to the success of the enterprise.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD W. GRIFFIN,
Acting Governor.

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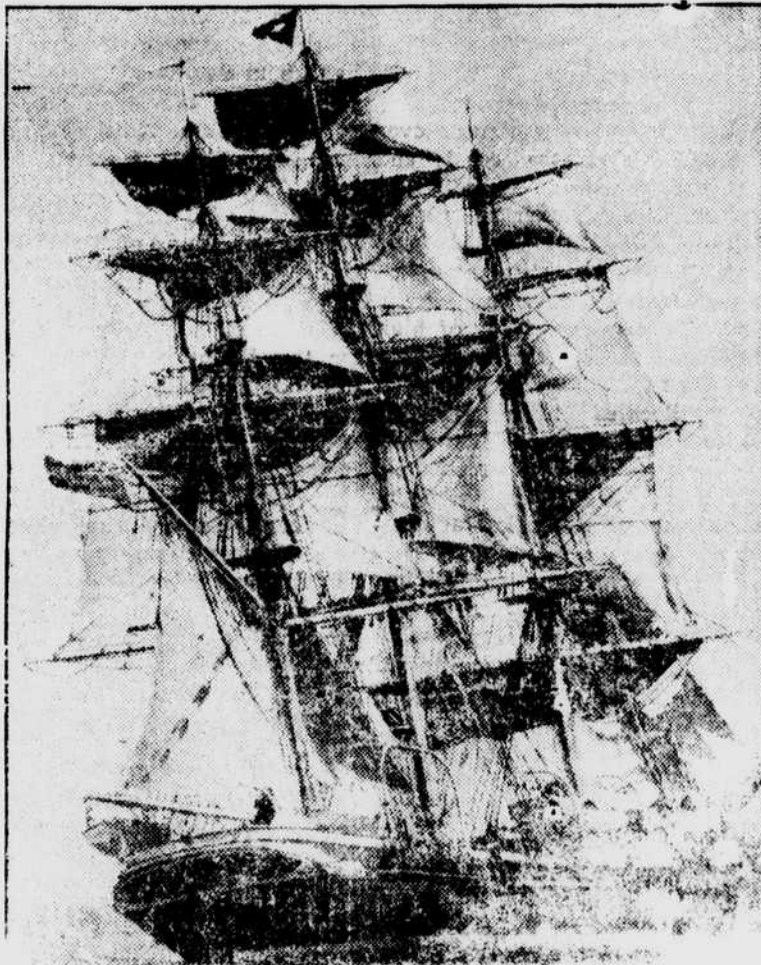
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HE HOOPS WHILE OTHERS HOLLER for college football to get underway. This is how Dan Elmer, 195-pound center candidate at the University of Minnesota, sharpens his aim. Elmer, expected to be No. 1 bidder for the Gopher center job, snaps the ball through the barrel hoop from all angles with deadly accuracy. He started using the novel scheme in his backyard long before regular practice got underway, one of the reasons the Minnesota eleven is expected to be tops again this season.



A STAR IS GONE from the cinema firmament, for Charlie Chaplin has announced the little tramp with baggy pants and big feet is



the past as the Joseph Conrad (above), other era, and another sailing vessel, the Newport, R. I., to Bermuda. Not in the modern generations had such a contest been staged.



DRILLMASTERS AT WORK, boring thousands of holes into the bedrock at Grand Coulee Dam in Washington, are awaiting arrival of President Roosevelt on an inspection trip to the project. Also included on the itinerary of the chief executive is a visit to the Columbia river Bonneville Dam. Workers using air-driven jackhammers have drilled 760 miles of holes at Grand Coulee to provide a base for the 25 million ton structure.

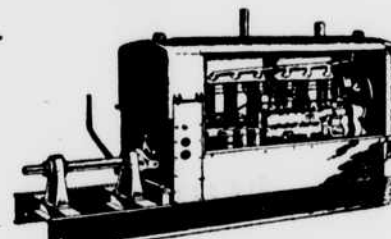
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