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Prof. Horace Secrist, Director of Research, Gives Views After 6 Weeks' Tour In England

"English industries are hard pressed, the conditions of the working people as a class is extremely bad, England's export business has fallen off and her industries are feeling the results of German competition; taxa-tion is high and London's streets are filled with beggars. Strong men may be seen almost at any hour drawing pictures on the sidewalks for pennies. In this stratum of society milk is almost unknown in England and crear undreamt of."

The forgoing are some of the observations of Prof. Horace Secrist, director of the bureau of business research of Northwestern university school of commerce, formerly super-vising statistican of the United States railroad labor board, who has just returned from a six weeks' visit in England. While away Prof. Secrist wa making a study of English commerce and trade schools but his diary contains something more than dry

statistical facts. For instance these: "American cars, even the Ford, have almost disappeared from London streets. The annual tax of \$5 per horse power has resulted in the use cars of seven to ten horse power, thus avoiding higher taxation. Ninety per cent of the automobiles on Lon-

don streets are commercial vehicles "Small three and four wheeled cars of the Morris type are the automobiles most in vogue. To the middle class in England the idea of possessing an automobile is preposterous.

"1,100,000 English people were living on government dole and thousand are being supported from trade union "The standards of living in Eng-

land is much lower than in America; the regular food of the common people being fish and chips (fried pota-

"England is 50 to 100 years behind the United States in the use of mechanical power. Man power is cheap and there is always a surplus. "I saw almost no bobbed-hair girls

at English schools and I visited Oxford, Cambridge, London School of Economics, the universities of Manchester and Liverpool. "Salaries of professors are about

half as high as in our country. "Bread made of American wheat

"Rents are high, housing poor, building operations dead and as whole we may be thankful we live in

Prof. Secrist will make his educa-tional observations shortly.

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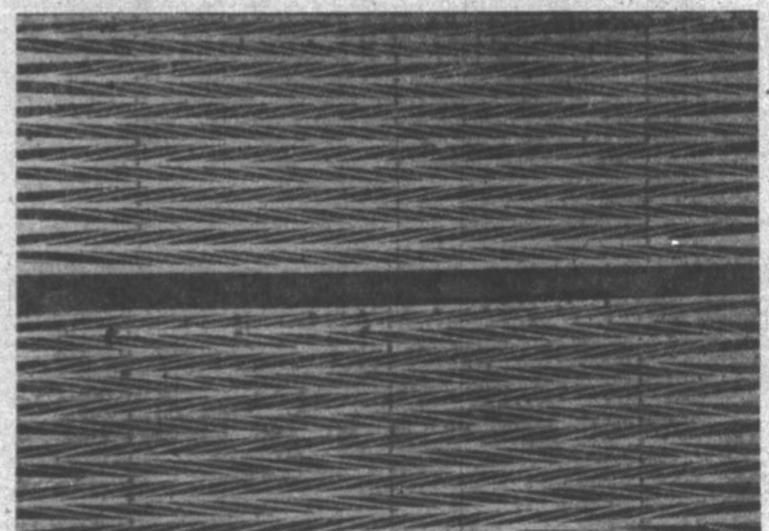
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