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FRANCE, ITALY, AND SPAIN WAGING MIGHTY WAR TO SECURE TRADE OF WORLD

Tariffs, Surtaxes and New Charges Are the Weapons Now
Being Used In Struggle to Predominate at Trade
Center of the World.

By FRANK E. MASON,
(International News Service Staff Correspondent).

PARIS, March 1.—Commercial wars have succeeded the war, and France, Italy and Spain are engaged, so to speak, in a merry little game of trying to cut each other's economic throats. Independent of each other, for they are great competitors, Italy and Spain are waging a commercial war against France.

The weapons of this post-war war are high duties, surtaxes and new charges to make good the differences in the depreciated currencies of the various countries. Against these weapons France is raising an armament in the claim that she must

take position in her commercial dealings of "the most favored

countries, but was forbidden to levy any special tariffs. Last July Italy raised the general tariff on goods, the majority of which come from France to about ten times their previous rates.

France's Position Explained.

While this increase in the Italian customs was within the letter of the treaty, France asserts that she is now in a position no better than Germany in her commerce with Italy. Paris took advantage of the cancellation clause in the agreement and notified Rome that the treaty would cease the end of January.

There is already an almost impassible economic Chinese wall along the Pyrenees which prevents the exchange of goods between France and Spain. At the end of January the same condition will blockade the Italian-French frontier if Rome and Paris do not come to an agreement before.

The orange and wine-exporting interests in Italy are bringing pressure to bear to force the Italian government to come to an early settlement. They hope that if peace can be maintained Italy will be in a position to dominate the French market for years with these particular imports.

ceptionally well kept and it is with regret that her friends see her leave her present position.

Mr. Kenny, who has accepted the position, is an ex-serviceman and is well known throughout the county. He is a member of a highly respected family in this county and is well versed as a bookkeeper and is fully capable of handling the responsible duties which will be placed upon him. He is a brother of Harry Kenny, the local lumberman.

TO TAKE FATHER'S BODY TO CALIFORNIA

The funeral of the late David M. Boyd, father of Mrs. Nettie Bryant was held at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the Undertaking Parlors, a change in the plans having been made this morning in order to permit Mrs. Bryant to leave tonight with the body for Long Beach, California, where it will be buried. Rev. R. H. Dollarhide officiated at the funeral service, following which the body was made ready for shipment to California. Mrs. Bryant will leave this evening.

CALIFORNIA ROADS BAD

Roads in northern California are very bad, according to tourists coming to this city. Between Weed and Dunsmuir, a distance of 40 miles, the average traveling time is 6 hours and many cars find assistance necessary to negotiate the highway there. In practically all other parts of the state however, the roads are reported to be very good.

SUTTON IS WANTED

Sheriff Starmer today received telegrams from the chiefs of police at Salem and Portland, each stating that Oran Sutton, had check artist arrested here Saturday, is wanted there. Sutton is wanted in Portland and there. In the event he is not indicted by the grand jury here he will be turned over to Multnomah county.

DATE PRUNES RECEIVED

Eleven thousand date prunes from arrived at Riddle yesterday and will be used to set out the Pickens ranch which was recently bought by the Oregon Nursery Company. The company will set out 200 acres to the new date prune which promises to revolutionize the prune industry in this section. Eight hundred trees were also shipped in, consigned to individual growers.

PAYROLL CLERK IS ROBBED OF \$19,000

(By Associated Press.)
MILWAUKEE, Wis., Mar. 1.—Five men held up and robbed William Ormsby, payroll clerk of the Palmolive company of \$19,000 this morning just as he was getting out of a taxicab at the company's plant. The hand-dits fled in an automobile followed by Ormsby in a taxi, but were lost to him after a chase through downtown streets.

FUEL DEFICIENCY HALTING VESSELS

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 1.—The navy department is expected to order the stop of movements of all naval vessels before night, the stoppage to be effective pending congressional action on the house appropriation committee's decision today cutting the naval fuel deficiency bill in half. Lack of funds will make this order necessary.

GOETHALS GATHERS DATA ON PROJECT

(By United Press.)
SEATTLE, March 1.—Major General George Goethals leaves tomorrow for Spokane, where he will make a short stop until Saturday, then going on to New York to compile a report on the Columbia Basin project. He has voluminous data gathered by himself and Colonel George Goethals, his son. Goethals conferred in Olympia yesterday with Dan A. Scott, state reclamation director, and other officials.

FIRE THREATENS HOLLYWOOD COLONY

(By United Press.)
HOLLYWOOD, March 1.—A two hundred thousand dollar fire destroyed a lumber yard block on the edge of the movie colony early today.

PUEBLO SUFFERS DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

(By United Press.)
PUEBLO, Colo., March 1.—A quarter of a million dollar fire destroyed the Grand opera house block today. Zero weather hampered the firemen in fighting the blaze.

THREE BROKERAGE HOUSES BANKRUPT

(By United Press.)
NEW YORK, March 1.—Three more brokerage houses failed today, making the total of broker bankrupts 28 since February 1st, when the district attorney's office started the bucket shop probe.

Pressmen Controversy Is Ended

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Mar. 1.—The controversy between the New York City daily newspapers and the web pressmen union over the arbitration award of Federal Judge Martin ended today. The afternoon papers had omitted their first editions and the morning papers had appeared in abbreviated form with most of the advertising omitted.

MURDER MYSTERY IS BEING CLEARED

Rumor of Confession Spreads
Like Wild Fire Today In
Los Angeles.

GET "THIRD DEGREE"

Six Men Under Arrest as Result of
Narcotic Den. Raid Are Being
Grilled as Possible Material
Witnesses.

(By United Press.)
LOS ANGELES, March 1.—An unconfirmed report that one of the two men named by Mrs. John Rupp, rooming house keeper, as the slayers of William Taylor, had confessed, spread like wildfire at police headquarters today.

The activities of the detectives in grilling the six men now under arrest as possible material witnesses, indicated that some new development was probable. The suspects were put under the "third degree" throughout the night, according to a report.

Mrs. Rupp said that she had "kept house" for the men, an alleged drug peddler.

Believe Mystery Solved.
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 28.—The mystery of the murder of William Desmond Taylor, film director, is solved, if the story told by Mrs. John Rupp in connection with the arrest here today of six drug peddlers is correct, tonight declared Detective Sergeant Cline, one of the police squad assigned to the case.

When Sergeant Cline, head of the police homicide squad, made that statement Mrs. Rupp, who told the police she had "kept house" for the men, had been subjected to a rigid questioning by two detectives of the Montaville bank.

WIFE KILLED AS HUSBAND SLEEPS

(By United Press.)
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Mar. 1.—With her husband asleep beside her, Mrs. Bessie Marshall, aged 40 years, was found shot dead in bed early today. The police heard the shot and investigated. A high-power rifle was found in the yard. The shot had not awakened her husband.

TACOMA BANKER FIGHTS EXTRADITION

(By United Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—Jafet Lindberg, fighting extradition from California to Washington state, where he is wanted in connection with the Scandinavian-American bank failure in Tacoma, today filed two suits charging Washington detectives with attempting to kidnap him. He also charges unjust prosecution.

CASH FEATURE MAY BE ELIMINATED

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The elimination of the cash feature of the bonus was virtually agreed upon today by the republican members of the house ways and means committee. Chairman Fordney announced that a special subcommittee of six had been named by unanimous agreement to "work out some plan that would not entail any large drafts on the federal treasury within the next two years." Such a plan would make unnecessary any immediate bonus financing and would remove the controversy in the house over the bill.

ANTI-PROHIS ARE HARD AT WORK

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Mar. 1.—William Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, today told the United Press that thirty anti-prohibition organizations have launched a combined drive to restore light wines and beer to the United States. Anderson believed that the wine and beer promoters to become the big congressional election issue next fall.

ALLEGED BANK ROBBERS NABBED

(By United Press.)
PORTLAND, March 1.—The Portland police apprehended three suspected robbers, Roy Kimbrough, Henry Schwartz and John Spor, just as they were about to enter the Grison howling alley here in the early morning hours. They are suspected of being the same men that robbed the Montaville bank.

LOCAL COMPANY FORMED TO DEVELOP VALUABLE OIL PROSPECT IN CALIFORNIA

Black Diamond Iron Syndicate Takes Over Oil Lands and Will
Issue Stock In Few Days to Cover Costs of Developing
Property—Success Is Believed Certain.

Attorney O. P. Coshow, representing the Black Diamond Iron Syndicate, left this morning for Salem to arrange the necessary legal procedure to enable that company, which is composed almost exclusively of local railroad men, to issue stock in the sum of \$150,000 to enable them to start within the next ninety days to bore for oil on one of the best looking prospects in Kern county, California. The syndicate has purchased 20 acres and has taken an option on additional 100 acres, in the very heart of the Kern county oil fields, and according to all reports and indications, has one of the finest oil prospects to be found anywhere and is now preparing to raise funds to start the actual task of boring for oil, which is expected to be reached at a depth of approximately 15 feet.

The officials of the local company are D. S. Weir, president; W. A. Marden, vice-president; Le Roy Towers, secretary, and C. O. Weber, treasurer. These men, with Charles Harpster, compose the board of directors. The membership of the company consists almost entirely of local railroad men, a few local business men holding a small part of the stock.

The syndicate was originally formed to develop some rich iron property in California. Work there has proceeded as far as possible until the open hearth smelters resume operations, at which time the company will have a large amount of ore ready for processing. In the meantime the company had some funds and there arose what appears to be a very unusual opportunity to enter the oil game.

A. H. Gill, a relative of E. S. Deardorff, an active member and one of the originators of the iron syndicate, is the owner of the extensive Gill oil holdings in California. Mr. Gill retired in Kern county many years ago and took up a government homestead. After proving up on his land he was issued a government patent, which it later developed withheld

oil and gas rights to the government. This clause in the patent was contested by Mr. Gill, who at once took the matter into the federal courts, claiming that the land was not classified as oil property and that in settling it for agricultural purposes he was entitled to a patent granting him all rights.

While this case was pending in the courts oil companies began working in the valley. The valley is in the form of a horseshoe and all around the edge of the valley are to be found huge oil fields.

The Associated and Union oil companies have working property on two sides of the Gill tract, and the Mexican and Standard Oil have bought rights on the other two sides, the Standard Oil paying a \$100,000 bonus and one-sixth royalty for the property immediately adjoining the Gill lands.

Mr. Gill, however, did not until recently secure a complete patent to his lands, the courts having after several years of litigation decided that the government had no power to withhold the oil and gas rights from the homesteader. This litigation has prevented the development of the Gill holdings, although oil companies are operating wells on the two sides and are boring on the other two sides.

Mr. Gill's son, G. A. Gill, nephew of Mr. Deardorff, came here recently for a visit with his uncle and while here gave a story of the claim. Mr. Deardorff took the matter up with the local company with the result that they purchased outright 20 acres of the property and have taken an option, with power to buy on 100 remaining acres. Mr. Gill's tract is quite extensive and the local company's 120 acres is only a very small portion of the holdings which are being eagerly sought by the largest oil companies of the country.

The syndicate has thoroughly investigated the property. All of the local officials have visited the tract and have personally inspected the

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Elk Creek Man Reported Dead

J. F. Denny, a well known Elk Creek rancher, died last night from heart failure and a relapse following an attack of influenza, according to word received in this city by telephone from Tiller this morning. Mr. Denny had been suffering from influenza for several days and exerted himself too soon after starting to recover and suffered a relapse which caused a weakened heart to collapse. Mr. Denny formerly lived at Oakland but moved to the Elk Creek country several years ago and took up a small farm there. He is survived by a wife and two children. The body is to be taken to Myrtle Creek where the funeral will be held.

PURDIN GETS 6 YEARS IN PEN

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, March 1.—Charles Wesley Purdin, convicted of manslaughter for the killing of his former wife, was sentenced to an indeterminate term of six years in the penitentiary.

KLAMATH MILLS CLOSED BY STRIKE

(By Associated Press.)
KLAMATH FALLS, March 1.—The sawmills and box factories here were closed today by a strike protesting against the change from eight to nine hours. The men's leaders estimated that 600 were out. A big parade is planned this afternoon.

COUNTY COURT MEETS TODAY

The county court met today in its regular monthly session. Today was spent attending to the usual routine of bills and tomorrow road petitions will be considered. On Friday the court is to receive bids and allow contracts for some very important road work. The most important contract probably will be the paving of one mile of the Eisenhower section of the Garden Valley road. There is much interest in this project and a large number of bids are expected. Bids will also be received for 2 1/2 miles of grading and graveling in

Happy Valley; for the grading and graveling of 2 miles of the Bacon section of the Umquica road; for the grading and graveling of the Mill- town Hill section; and the construction of cement culverts at Marvin Hill and Cleveland.

YAP TREATY IS OPPOSED BY FEW

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 1.—Futile efforts to attach amendments and reservations to the Yap treaty were renewed today in the senate with the administration leaders presenting a solid front against every proposed change or qualification and showing little disposition to reply at length to the continued assaults of the irreconcilables. The leaders declare that more than enough votes to ratify have been assured.

Approved by Vote.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(U. P.) The senate today approved the first of the conference treaties with Japan regarding Yap, 67 to 22.

OPPONENTS OF SHIP SUBSIDY GETTING BUSY

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 1.—"No bonus for the shipping interests until after the soldiers get their bonus," the opponents of Harding's ship subsidy plan soiled as a slogan today. The sentiment in both congressional houses was that Harding, through his aide yesterday, broke down much long standing opposition to the ship plan. The opponents of the subsidy, led by Senator Borah, will attack the plan on the grounds that the federal government should not give money to private interests, while Harding virtually declares that this is "the last and only chance" to save the American merchant marine. "I don't think this is the time to either a bonus or a subsidy," Senator Borah said.

ARRANGING FOR GROUNDS

Twilight League officials today opened negotiations to again secure the baseball grounds in West Roseburg for the use of the league. The grounds have been improved each year and it is expected that this year they will be in very good condition.

Woman Solomon Will Decide Which Wife Is Mother of Disputed Baby

Strangest Case Since Biblical
Days Unfolded in Case
at Washington.

(International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, March 1.—Miss Kathryn Sellers, judge of the District of Columbia juvenile court, today shared honors with King Solomon, the "wisest of the wise," when she essayed to decide the parentship of a seven-month-old baby ardently claimed by two women.

The women are as strangely different as the stories they have unfolded, each averring that she is the real mother. One is an Italian, Mrs. Maria Antonio Mattio, who recently arrived in this country; and the other is Mrs. Etta Peck, of Tuxedo, Maryland.

The Italian woman claims she put her child in the custody of Mrs. Peck, being unable to care for it at the time of birth. Mrs. Peck admits receiving the child, but declares she gave it to another woman who took it to Georgia. In the meantime, Mrs. Peck says, a child had been born to her.

"Is It My Baby?"
But the doughy little woman who recently left the sunny shores of Italy for the "promised land," only to step into her present difficulty, refuses Mrs. Peck's story.

"She has not sent my baby away," says Mrs. Mattio. "It is my baby she says was born to her."

On the other hand, Mrs. Peck emphatically denies Mrs. Mattio's statement and declares she will fight to the utmost for the custody of the child. And that's that.

The story begins in the early summer. Mrs. Mattio comes to America and then to Washington. A few days later a baby is born, but Mrs. Mattio is unable to care for it. So, on the advice of friends, she advertises for some family to take care of the child.

Offers to Care for It.
Under the name of Mrs. Mary



The disputed baby.

Smith, Mrs. Peck offers to care for the child. An arrangement is made and Mrs. Peck takes the girl to her home in Euxedo. This was late in August.

But for the timely advent of Miss Agnes Ferriter, Red Cross worker in Prince George's county, which encompasses Tuxedo, the story probably would have ended here. Miss Ferriter learned that Mrs. Peck was ill in bed and decided to visit her.

Entering the house, she found Mrs. Peck and was informed that a baby had just been born.

"How old is this child?" asked Miss Ferriter.

"Four days," was the response.

Whereupon Miss Ferriter promptly suggested that Mrs. Peck return to bed.

"Oh, no! In our family the women are always out of bed within a