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CONFERENCE ON FRENCH DEBT IS NOW UNDER WAY

Proposed Settlement Terms Given by Caillaux to Secretary Mellon.

4 BILLION INVOLVED

Details of Proposals Not Divulged, but Hint Is They They Are Not Satisfactory.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Documents which in effect constitute a French offer for settlement of that nation's $4,000,000,000 debt to the United States were submitted to the American debt commission today at the first meeting between the French and American negotiators.

Although the character of the proposal was not made public, it was established that to at least some members of the American commission it was not acceptable as drawn.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHIGTON, Sept. 24. — The French and American debt commissioners, meeting here today to effect a settlement of France's $4,000,000,000 war debt, pledged themselves to face the issue as practical men, recognizing the problems of each other and desirous of reaching a quick agreemnt.

France's position stated by Joseph Caillaux, her minister of finance, was that France has not forgotten "what we owe to America for her splendid work to end victoriously the war and for the generous help our people received from citizens of the United States."

Secretary Mellon, head of the American debt commission, declared he recognized the influence the present conference might have on th peace of the world, and described the American desire and duty as one in the direction of a settlement that would be fair to all and, in the practical test of time, workable.

M. Caillaux spoke very briefly explaining that the hope of the French was to "reach a settlement that would not only be practicable insofar as material interests are concerned, but ones that would be worthy of the past of the two great nations." He said the discussions between the two commissions should go forward in such a way as "to fortify peace and help the economic stabilization in the world."

"I have come from France," said M. Callaux, "intrusted by my government to meet the obligations of my country towards the United States.

"Highly accredited members of our parliament, belonging to all parties, chairman or reporters of the financial and trade commissions of the upper and lower houses have been so kind as to accompany me. Like myself, these gentlemen have the greatest desire to reach a settlement.

"W do not forget and no one in our country will ever forget what we owe to America for her splendid work to end victoriously the war and for the generous help our people received from citizens of the United States in time of need. We neither forget and we feel sure nobody on this side of the Atlantic forgets the ties knotted between both our countries at the end of the eighteenth century.

"Now, if you wish we'll go to work as practical men, desirous to come to a settlement satisfactory for all material interests, worthy of the past of the two great nations, combined in such a way as to fortify peace and help the economic stabilization in the world."

Mellon's Statement.

Replying to the French minister, Secretary Mellon said:

"One by one the world is overcoming the effects of the war which so long after its termination linger with the United States. The Dawbs plan is a forward step toward economic stability in Europe. The re-construction of devastated areas approaches conclusion; governmental expenditures are becoming more regular, more certain of estimation and more positive of being met through the transaction and budgets approaching equilibrium. There still remain, however, loose ends to be gathered in. War and post war governmental debts in many cases remain unsettled.

"To establish the binding character of an international promise and to protect its own citizens the creditor nation must seek adjustment. To keep good

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"THOUGHT" LEAVE HIM; STORIES

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 24.—William Hicklin, 27, dived to death today from the third story window of an apartment where he was living. His skull was fractured when he hit the concrete pavement and he died at a hospital.

Police were told by Mrs. Pearl Billings, 19, that Hicklin, who had shared the kitchen of an apartment occupied by Mrs. Billings and Claire Heine, apparently became jealous when she remarked that she was thinking of going back to her husband.

"Not while I'm alive," he was quoted as saying. He then left the room and jumped through the window.

OPENING CARD OF BOXING BOUTS IS DATED FOR OCT. 7

Fast Coast Welterweights Will Clash in 10-Round Headliner—Local Men to Appear.

The first fight card to be held in Roseburg under the sanction of the city's newly created boxing commission is dated for Wednesday night, October 7, at the armory, Promoter Charles H. Clough announced today. The headliners will be two of the fastest welterweights on the coast, Cal. Hermann, of Oakland, California, and Ernie Woodward, of Portland. They are scheduled for ten founds.

There will be a semi-final of six rounds between Battling Mitchell, well known local lad, and Kid Kirk, of Tacoma, each weighing around 155. Two four-round preliminaries between local lads who have demonstrated their ability in try-outs will complete the bill.

Promoter Clough has been deluged with applications for weeds from top-notch scrappers anxious to show their wares in a local ring, but he has proceeded carefully in order to be sure of billing men who could be relied on to deliver the goods in a clean manner. In the principals of the main event, he has two opponents with flattering records and who have never clashed with each other before.

Mitchell is well known to local ring followers as A-1 material for a good performance, but so far he has never faced an antagonist who compelled him to extend himself. His opponent on the coming card will supply this need, according to all accounts of his career, and the fans can look forward to an exciting battle. Mitchell has been training steadily for a long time and is in the best of condition. Kirk arrived in the city this week from Tacoma and has begun conditioning himself, a task that does not seem from his appearance to require much effort.

Ever since the creation of the boxing commission the local fight fans have been eagerly looking forward to the opening bill, and Promoter Clough is certain that he has one that will surely satisfy them. The frequency and quality of future bills will depend of course on the patronage. For the initial card the prices will be $$1.10 for general admission and $1.65 for ringside seats. These charges are very reasonable compared with prices charged in other cities of the state for fight bills, but Promoter Clough wished to make them as low as possible, especially for the opening card, consistent with the expense involved.

KENNEWICK BANK CLOSES ITS DOORS

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 24.—The American Security bank of Kennewick was closed this morning by its board of directors, according to a long distance telephone message to the state supervisor of banking here.

The closing was due to a heavy shrinkage of deposits following the failure of the Bank of Pasco which is located just across the Columbia River and the directors took action in order that the interests of all depositors might be fully protected, F. J. Arnold, president of the defunct institution, informed the banking department. C. S. Moody, assistant state supervisor of banking, in charge of the liquidation is now in charge of the Kennewick bank, officials said.

The Security Bank was organized in 1916, and was capitalized at $20,000. on June 30, the bank reported deposits of $95,504.

RESCUED CREW OF PLANE GIVEN WARM WELCOME

Golden Gate Echoes With Cheers as Rodgers and Aides Come Back.

FRISCO IN GAY MOOD

Two Days' Festivities Are Planned—Aviator Is Eager to Attempt Flight Again.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

U. S. S. IDAHO, San Francisco Bay, Sept. 24.—Commander John Rodgers, and his crew of the historic seaplane PN19, No. 1, returned today from San Francisco, the city from which their world-famed flight was begun.

"I want to make the hop to Honolulu," Commander Rodgers told newspaper men who boarded the Idaho off the Golden Gate this morning. "I can't stand any kind of a boat now, but an air boat. I don't know whether they will let me try again, but I sure want to go."

The skipper of the PN-9, No. 1, and his men were asleep when the newspapermen climbed aboard the battleship, but the five aviators soon arose to face the barrage of queries and cameras. Commander Rodgers presented a wide smile to the picture-takers. Despite his recent desperate adventure, he looked fit for any test the navy might put to him.

As the battleship made her way toward the harbor, Commander Rodgers, with the aid of a chart, told the news men once more the narrative of the flight.

Rodgers sad that in his opinion a flight from Honolulu to Australia could be made with little difficulty, for there would not be any hop of more than 1,000 miles in this test. It would be much easier than a flight between Honolulu and the mainland he said.

Thousands Give Welcome.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—The battleship Idaho bearing Commander John Rodgers and four members, comprising the crew of the naval seaplane PN-9, No. 1, entered the Golden Gate at 3:30 a. m. today and headed for Man-O'War Row along the Embarcadero. The Idaho was convoyed by a fleet of small craft, while overhead circled and dipped a fleet of aircraft.

The Golden Gate along both shores was lined with cheering and flag-waving crowds anxious to get the first glimpse of Commander Rodgers and his crew, while the Embarcadero and Market street were swarming with other crowds bent on welcoming home the intrepid fliers who winged their way through the Golden Gate more than three weeks ago on the attempted flight to Honolulu.

Following the forenoon parade up Market street and official welcome by Mayor James Rolph, Jr., and a citizens committee, Commander Rodgers and crew will be guests at a luncheon at the Commercial club. Women will have their inning at 3:45 p. m., when the fliers will sip tea at the St. Francis hotel as guests at the local federation of women's clubs.

The big event on the welcoming home program will be the banquet tonight at the Hotel St. Francis, at which former Senator James D. Phelan will preside.

Tomorrow's round of receptions, luncheons and dinners will culminate with a dinner at the San Francisco Press Club, the concluding feature of the entertainment program in honor of Commander Rodgers and his men. Present plans call for the departure of the fliers early Saturday for Washington, D. C.

Mitchell Mistaken.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—Asked by a newspaperman today whether he had any comment to make on the charges made by Colonel William Mitchell against the military air service, Commander Rodgers said that he did not know of the charges.

"If he said that the failure of the Hawaiian flight was due to mismanagement, however, he is mistaken," the commander ventured. "I was responsible for all of the flight arrangements and know that no more could have been done than was done."

Further Flights Deferred

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—No further attempt to make a non-stop flight from California to Hawaii will be made before January, Secretary Wilbur announced today.

The seaplane PB-1, with which it is planned to make the flight, has been ordered sent back to the factory at Seattle from San Francisco for modifications in its engines based on recent tests and

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Odd Fellows Grind Out Important Business and Give Prizes in Contests

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 24.—The sovereign grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in annual convention here, decided today that before any Rebekah assembly may withdraw from the association of Rebekahs assemblies, it must secure the permission of the sovereign grand lodge.

The action was taken in upholding the protest of minority of the Rebekahs assembly of Manitoba, Canada, against the motion of the majority of that assembly in voting to withdraw from the association.

The sovereign grand lodge defeated a proposal to admit men over 18 years of age and under 50 to non-beneficial membership in the order. Under the lodge rules only men over fifty are admitted to non-beneficial membership.

The prize committee today announced the following awards:

For Patriarchs militant: Department having largest number of men in full dress uniform in line—first prize $300, Washington state; second $150, Oregon outside of Portland.

Regulation canton traveling the longest distance—first, $150, Pottstown, Pa.; second $100 Sacramento California.

Subordinate lodge coming the greatest distance with not less than 25 members: $100 prize to Imperial Lodge, Spokane.

Patriarchs militant degree team, the prize to Sacramento canton No. No.1, $250.

Ladies' auxiliary P. M. degree, first prize $200, Capital City Lodge No. 6, Seattle; second $150, Capital City Lodge No. 3, Salem, Ore.

CONDUCTOR DIES UNDER TRAIN AS IT BREAKS IN TWO

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PENDLETON, Ore., Sept. 24.—Harry S. Groves of La Grande, freight conductor on the O. W. R. & N., was instantly killed Wednesday afternoon west of a tunnel near Meacham when a freight train broke in the middle, it became known here today. There were no witnesses to the man's death, according to Justice N. Berkeley, but the train broke west of the tunnel and Grove's body was crushed under the wheels. Justice Berkeley was sent to Meacham as acting coroner to hold an inquest, but a brief survey of the situation convinced him that no inquest was necessary, so he returned to Pendleton without calling any witnesses in a formal inquest. Groves is said to have been about 50 years of age. He is survived by a widow.

VANDERBILT WILL DIVIDES ESTATE

NEW YORK, Sept. 24. — The will of the late Reginald C. Vanderbilt, who died at his summer home at Portsmouth, R. I., September 9, was filed there today. It created a trust fund of $5,000,000 for his two children and bequeathed the residue estimated at more than $7,000,000 to the widow, Mrs. Gloria Morgan Vanderbilt.

The widow, and James R. Deering, of New York, ware named executors.

Mr. Vanderbilt's first wife was Miss Cathleen Gebhard Neilson, daughter of Mrs. Frederick Neilson, from whom he was divorced in 1919. By his first wife Mr. Vanderbilt had one daughter, Cathleen, born in 1904. She will share equally in the $5,000,000 bequest with his second child, Gloria, born to Mrs. Gloria Morgan Vanderbilt in 1924.

Mrs. Gloria Morgan Vanderbilt, who was 18 years old when she and Mr. Vanderbilt were married two years ago, is the daughter of Henry Hays Morgan, American consul-general in Argentina.

TOM KAY TO HEAD PROPOSED LINEN MILLS AT SALEM

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 24.—In the most enthusiastic meeting of its kind ever held in this section the new Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., got under way in definite form today when the stockholders met, adopted by-laws, named the board of directors and started the project with a push that indicates a complete success for the enterprise.

T. B. Kay was elected president, T. A. Livesley, vice-president, and R. O. Snelling, secretary-treasurer, and directors elected were: T. A. Livesley, Salem; James Riddell, Monmouth; Colonel W. B. Barham, Salem; T. B. Kay, Salem; M. S. Gunderson, Silverton; Julius L. Meier, Portland, and John H. McNary, Salem. Two other directors are to be named, one by the Canadian interests and the other to be whoever is named manager of the mill.

PSEUDO PROFESSOR FORMER DERELICT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 24—The paralyzed man in the hospital at Ridgefield, who gave his name as Dr. Nathaniel Reich of Philadelphia, after being picked up on the highway early this week, was cared for at Kelso, Wash., by Cowlitz county authorities for several months last year, the Evening Columbia was informed today by Miss Ruth Englehorn, Red Cross executive at Kelso.

The man was picked up in a stupor at Kelso in July of last year, she said, and he gave the same name. He said he was in this part of the country engaged in research work. He left Kelso for Seattle. At the hospital at Ridgefield, the patient still insists that his name is Dr. Nathaniel Reich.

SPICE OF THE NEWS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

HIGHER COST OF CHARITY.

MARSEILLES—The Beggars union is declining offers under five cents.

ACTRESS TO CONSULT "KIM'S" CREATOR.

NEW YORK—Maude Adams is leaving shortly to visit Rudyard Kipling regarding the filming of "Kim."

WHEN IGNORANCE WAS BLISS.

CONSTANTINOPLE—Disguised by the shaving off of his beard, helped Prince Ahmed Seif El Pine to get here after escaping from an asylum in England. He has just learned about the great war.

DEMOCRATIC TRAINING FOR PETE.

SELCE, Jugo Slavia—Baby Prince Peter, heir to the throne, is being entertained at the American home for children.

CAILLAUX WANTED WHOLE STAGE.

NEW YORK—Hope Hampton tried to horn in on a picture of the French debt commission, but M. Caillaux would not permit it.

OFFICIAL KILLER CLOSES SWITCH.

OSSINING—The Sing Sing electrician, who has electrocuted 140 men, is to retire shortly.

WHAT PONCE DE LEON MISSED.

NEW YORK—Dr. Eugene Steinach has a new process for restoring youth, consisting of heat pads applied by machine, says Dr. Harry Benjamin, who has just returned from abroad. He has found the Steinach operation effective in 70 per cent of cases. Two women to one man are having it done.

GERMANY WILLING TO TALK SECURITY.

BERLIN, Sept. 24.—The cabinet council, under the chairmanship of President Von Hindenburg, today accepted the allies invitation to security pact conference, on the assumption that the German note of July 20 will be adopted as the basis for the negotiations.

(The German note maintained her right to strive for revision of the peace treaties to meet changed circumstances.)

Chancellor Luther and Foreign Minister Stresemann will be the German delegates to the conference with Dr. Freiderich Gauss, chief legal expert of the foreign office as secretary-general.

CITIZENSHIP IS GRANTED TO YONCALLA MAN

Stiff Examination Given Applicants for Final Naturalization Papers.

THREE CASES FAIL

One Unable to Pass Test and Two Lacked Witnesses to Prove Residence; Character.

Rev. William David Fullerton, of Yoncalla, was admitted to citizenship in the naturalization ceremonies held in the circuit court this morning. Rev. Fullerton was the only one of the four applicants before the court who succeeded in passing the barriers. Didace Rainville, a native of England, was unable to produce a sufficient number of witnesses, and his case was continued. Marion M. Clemons was unable to satisfy the court regarding his knowledge of the government, and his case was continued until November to give him an opportunity to advance further in his studies. John M. Clemons was unable to produce the depositions of witnesses and his case was set for the future.

Examinations were conducted by V. W. Tomlinson, district director of naturalization, the oath being sworn to and signed before Circuit Judge Hamilton.

The examination was very thorough, and Rev. Fullerton, a native of North Ireland, was able to answer the questions in a very good manner, although showing a few weaknesses in his knowledge of American history.

Following his admittance Judge Hamilton welcomed him into citizenship, and spoke briefly of the responsibilities which will devolve upon him. Mrs. W. A. Smick spoke on behalf of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Carl Wimberly welcomed him as a representative of the citizenship committee of the American Legion.

The examination regarding the formation of American government and its history is quite thorough in the naturalization court. A few of the questions were as follows:

When was the declaration of Independence signed?

Give five of its most important principles.

When was the Constitution signed?

What form of government did we have before the Constitution?

What kind of government does the Constitution create?

What are the three departments of government?

How many senators in congress?

How many senators from Texas?

Who helps the president enforce laws?

How are cabinet members secured?

Are cabinet appointments subject to ratification?

Who is the Chief Justice of the U. S. supreme court?

What is the term of the Chief Justice?

How does he secure his office?

How does a circuit court judge secure office?

Who makes the laws for Douglas county?

Examiner Tomlinson was quite thorough in his examination regarding the history surrounding American independence. "When we celebrate the nation's birthday on July 4th, I believe we should know why we are celebrating," he told the court, "and that is why I ask these questions. The five great principles brought out in the Declaration of Independence: the right of trial by jury, right of habeas corpus, freedom from search and seizure, freedom from quartering of soldiers, and no taxation without representation—are as important today as they ever were in the history of our government. It was these five reasons, named in the declaration, that brought about the war of the revolution, and American history and American government surround these five principles. Because of their importance I believe every applicant should know them thoroughly before being admitted into the responsibilities of citizenship."

SURE WAY TO POVERTY.

WELLESLEY, Mass., Sept. 24.—The probable attitude of Jesus toward modern business investments was discussed by Roger W. Babson today at the national business conference at Babson Park.

The surest way to select securities in which to permanently invest is to follow Jesus' principles of forgetting self and consider the service that one's money is to render, he said.

SALEM MAN KILLS WOMAN THEN TRIES TWICE TO SUICIDE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 24.—A second attempt to end his life was made at a hospital here today by Arthur W. Meyers, who was in a critical condition after shooting to death Mrs. Betty Candler and then wounding himself. The man leaped from his bed and attempted to batter his head with a pitcher. The nurse called for help and he was overpowered.

A series of notes written by Meyers, indicated his affection for the woman caused the double shooting. In one note Meyers requested his body be buried in Salem, Oregon, where his father lives.

The couple were found 17 hours after the time neighbors heard shots fired at Mrs. Candler's home.

CITY ENGINEER OF KELSO FURNISHES BAIL OF $40,000

Faces Charge of Murdering Editor Dovery — Seen Running After the Shot Was Fired.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

KELSO, Wash., Sept 24.—George H. Norris, city engineer, was bound over to the superior court on a charge of conspiracy to murder Thomas Dovery, Kelso editor, at a preliminary hearing last night before Justice W. W. McCoy, at Castle Rock. The hearing was not marked by any demonstration. Norris was released on $40,000 bail.

Mrs. Julia Price, who conducts an auto camp at Kelso, was the principal witness last night, testifying that after hearing the shot which killed Dovery, June 19, she saw a man run through her park, and recognized him as the Kelso city engineer, though she did not know his name at the time.

The hearing last night was conducted by Prosecuting Attorney Hite Imus.

Prosecuting Attorney Imus said the case against Norris was weak.

Attorney Tom Fisk, addressing the court, said Luke S. May, criminologist in charge of the Dovery murder investigation, and Sheriff Clarke Studebaker, had told him in the presence of Prosecuting Attorney Imus that no evidence has been substantiated connecting Norris with the case, and Fisk said further "as a matter of fact we can show that Norris was miles from the scene of the murder that night — was right here in Castle Rock."

Mrs. Norris broke down following the hearing. Norris showed little effects of the ordeal.

Following his return to Kelso last night, A. Ruric Todd, deposed mayor, and complainant in the charge filed against Norris, was served with a fourth warrant charging malicious persecution. He arranged for bonds, and was released at midnight.

Other complaints were filed by E. E. Brown, A. B. Bryam and George H. Norris, through G. A. Poland, who is justice of the peace at Kelso.

Attorney Casey asked a change of venue from Poland's court, and stipulated that the change be made neither to Justice Kerr in Longview, nor to Justice J. R. Ruth in Castle Rock. Justice Poland indicated the transfer would be made to Justice Kerr as the law stipulates change to the nearest justice.

Todd advised acquaintances in Justice Kerr's court today that a brother who is an attorney in Minneapolis is coming to Kelso to assist in the prosecution of the murder charge which Todd has made against Norris.

Todd's Trial Today

KELSO, Wash., Sept. 24.—Trial of A. Ruric Todd, deposed mayor of Kelso, on a charge of malicious prosecution, on complaint of G. A. Poland of Kelso, scheduled for 10 o'clock this morning before Justice M. P. Kerr, here was postponed until 2 o'clock this afternoon at the request of R. J. Quinn, deputy prosecuting attorney, who declared that material witnesses in the case would not be able to appear until then.

Attorney John T. Casey of Seattle, will represent Todd at the trial this afternoon. Charles R. Lewis of Shelton, prosecuting attorney of Mason county, is here to assist in the case if called upon.

Three other complaints on the same charge have been filed against Todd by prominent Kelso men.

Here Today—

Miss Evangeline Knox, of Grants Pass, is visiting here today. Miss Knox is enroute to Eugene and Portland to visit.

In Today—

T. S. Thompson, Looking Glass rancher, motored here today and spent several hours transacting business.

LAND PRODUCTS SHOW OPENED; EXHIBITS FINE

Wonderful Display of Farm Products Offered by Individuals and Grange.

PROGRAM TONIGHT

Douglas County Concert Band to Offer Program Tonight; Motion Pictures to Be Shown.

Free admittance is to be provided to the Douglas County Home and Land Products show, which started this afternoon at the armory. The show is by far better than ever before with a wonderful display of products of all kinds.

Granges of the county have been busy all day filling their booths with exhibits which would do credit to a much bigger event. The displays are featured by a wide diversity of products, and form an absolute proof of the ability of Douglas county soils to produce a wide variety of crops in a most successful way.

Competition for the grange prizes appear to be extremely keen, and the exhibits are going to be difficult to judge, as all show exceptional quality. The decoration of each booth has been left to the individual or organization, and the color scheme is very attractive and in some cases unique.

The industrial displays are also exceptionally good. Because of the limited amount of space some restrictions were necessary, and it was the decision of the committee to confine the commercial displays strictly to manufacturing or wholesale distributing concerns of the community.

Individual farm exhibits are also unusually attractive and it is really remarkable to see the vast amount of produce which some of the large farms of the county are putting on display as samples of the great number of different kinds of produce brought forth on one farm.

The show opened this afternoon at 2 o'clock, with an address by C. J. Hurd, former county agent and now market specialist for the Oregon Agricultural College. This evening the program will be furnished by the Douglas County Concert Band, assisted by Mrs. Fred Strang, soprano soloist, who will sing with band accompaniment. Other numbers include a ballet dance by Miss Marjorie Miller of Oakland, and a saxaphone duet by Mrs. Donald Gubbs and Mrs. Lyman Spencer.

During the evening The California Oregon Power Company will show interesting motion pictures, showing power development in southern Oregon, and also interesting pictures of scenic places and sport activities in the state.

Prof. C. C. Long, extension specialist in horticulture at the Oregon Agriculture College, arrived this morning and will judge the exhibits at the show.

Mr. Antles received a telegram this morning from W. D. "Boone" Dodson, manager of the Portland chamber of commerce, that he will be a visitor on Saturday.

A bright atmosphere is given to the show by the immense flower display which has been arranged under the direction of Mrs. Ponsler. Hundreds upon hundreds of bright blossoms were taken to the armory today and are being arranged on the long tables provided for that purpose. These flowers have brought comments from all, who have visited the armory during the day, and are worth going a great distance to see.

AMERICAN SCHOOLS BURNED IN NEW RELIGIOUS WAR

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24.—Urgent appeals for aid have reached the Near East Relief office here from a rapidly increasing group of Christian refugees gathered along the northern borders of Palestine. They are native Christians, who have been pushed southward by raiding bands of the fanatical Moslem Druses, now in revolt against France along the Syrian frontier.

An American missionary, Miss Mary Ford, makes the following official report: "Nearly all the Christian towns in the district called Hauran have been burned and the population driven out. American mission churches and schools were destroyed. This is the first disturbance in this area for more than twenty years."

BABE RUTH AN OFFICER.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Babe Ruth was sworn in today as a lieutenant of the police reserves with authority to supervise baseball and other athletic activities of the New York department.