

# The WORLD In Review

## Kellogg-Briand Peace Plan Seems To Tarry; Will Rogers Opposes

By GEORGE TURNBULL

The Briand-Kellogg peace treaty, cruising laboriously through the United States senate, appears to have drifted into the doldrums of obstruction. Nothing stormy or violent about it all, with the exception of an occasional swat at Great Britain—but the treaty simply isn't getting anywhere. Borah, for probably the first time in his life leading a fight to sign Uncle Sam's name among any group of European signatures, has votes enough to put the treaty across; but neither he nor H. M. Davies nor, apparently, anyone else, can find a way to beat the tactics of its enemies. Meanwhile, Secretary Kellogg has let it be known that he wants no interpretative reservations that might reduce the significance of Uncle Sam's signature. The best bet seems to be that, ultimately, the treaty will get through, accompanied by an authorization for a lot of new cruisers—a policy of trust in God but keep your powder dry. You noticed that Will Rogers, realist, is against the treaty.

The word "powder" brings up a picture of Frau Bertha Krupp's husband, beating a warlike ton-ton in discord with the peaceful harmonies of the republican German government—which, increasingly amiable, has been signing everything of a peaceful nature laid in front of it lately. Frau Krupp's husband wants no German to forget the "insults" heaped upon his country by France and other bad boys among the neighbors. Has he read about Mr. Nobel, another powder expert, who was not always pointing his guns at people?

Mexico's new president, Emilio Portes Gil (whose name appears to be pronounced like Heel) sees a non-alcoholic Mexico on the distant horizon. A recent dispatch in the Christian Science Monitor quotes the successor of Calles as personally eager for a thoroughly dry republic but as realizing that immediate prohibition of pulque and other hard beverages would be "both ineffective and a failure." Gil is making a study of the situation to see how best to change the habits of Mexican drinkers. He hopes, by encouraging sports, music, and the theater, to wean the rising generation away from a somewhat prevalent idea that all joy is bounded north, south, east, and west by alcohol. As a more immediate means of drying up things a bit he is issuing no new ration licenses in Mexico City. Tia Juana is in Mexico.

A dry Denmark is contemplated in a proposal, sponsored by leading members of all the Danish political parties, and submitted to the Rigsdag. There, as in Mexico, it is a gradual process of alcoholic evaporation that is contemplated. The measure provides for district referenda on prohibition at the request of 25 per cent of the electors in any town or rural parish—in brief, local option.

The son of old Chang Tso-lin, who in some respects appears to be an improvement over his hardboiled parent, has accepted the sovereignty of the Nanking Nationalist government over Manchuria. Japan has acquiesced, without enthusiasm. Meanwhile, China continues to stall Tokio off on the execution of treaties which would permit Japanese penetration of Manchuria, long the goal of Japanese hopes. China's million pour into the northern land, leaving no room for Japanese surplus population; the Russian soviet government, just over the border, looms as a future trade rival of the island kingdom; and Japanese are beginning to wonder what, ultimately, they will have to show for two rather expensive wars.

Dispatches from China indicate that the government of Canton has barred the production of "Ben Hur" as undesirable Christian propaganda. The chief significance of this news lies in its revealing new China's state of mind; the net itself will probably make little difference in Christian conversion statistics.

Speaking of China—if you're interested—just at present the critics are dissecting four of the latest books purporting to interpret China and her modernism. Titles: "The Dragon and the Foreign Devils," by Johan Gunnar Anderson (Little, Brown & Co.); "The Soul of China," by Richard Wilhelm (Harcourt, Brace & Co.); "Explaining China," by John Earl Baker (D. Van Nostrand Company Ltd.); and "The Dragon Awakes," by A. Krarup Neilsen (Dodd, Mead & Co.). Four excellent books, Gardner Harding calls them, in the New York Times—one by a Swede, one by a German, one by an American, and one by a Dane. Anderson, the Swede, had been a geologist and an Arctic explorer; in China he was for 11 years in charge of the geological division

## Helps Shatter Collegiate Record



In company with two freshman swimmers, Johnny Anderson, pictured above, yesterday unofficially shattered the national intercollegiate relay swimming record by a fraction of a point. The two yearlings, Blankenburg and Walton, will not be eligible for varsity competition until next year, but their presence spells fame for Oregon's swimming teams in the future. Anderson is a junior.

of the ministry of industry. He like the Chinese but thinks extraterritoriality must be ended gradually. Wilhelm, the German, was for 25 years a teacher and administrator in Shantung and Peking. He speaks of Peking as a "town of mysterious freedom. . . . There is here no pressure of custom sufficiently strong to limit anyone's personality." He is "moderate" in his views of Chinese developments. Baker, the American, was for 10 years (1916-'26) adviser to the Chinese minister of communications; he was for two years Red Cross director of Chinese famine relief. Not a partisan of the Chinese, he analyzes their economic system in cool, searching fashion. A keen observer, with the lucidity of an engineer. Krarup Neilsen, the Dane, is a newspaper man, and his story, said to be very readable, is that of a war correspondent during the days of civil war.

Minnesota is engaged in an experiment in suppression which is being watched carefully by all who are interested, pro or con, in the rights of the press. A law passed by the 1926 session of the state legislature makes it possible for a county district judge, in connection with the county attorney, after ex parte hearing and without jury, to suppress any newspaper which "regularly publishes malicious, scandalous, and defamatory matter." Recently this law was enforced against an offending Minneapolis weekly newspaper. Governor Christianson, a newspaper owner; Herman Roe, owner of the Northfield (Minn.) News and former president of the National Editorial association, and A. G. Erickson, publisher of the Springfield (Minn.) Advance-Press, who also is a lawyer, all defend the law as in no way endangering the rights of decent papers. On the other hand, Editor & Publisher, the Chicago Tribune, and some others outside of Minnesota believe the law strikes at the foundation of press liberties. They hold that the Minnesotans are potting a partridge with a cannon, to the danger of all non-ideals within range. Fear is expressed that too much arbitrary power is given the courts over the press, and it is contended that the laws of civil and criminal libel are sufficient to handle the situation. Mr. Erickson, the lawyer-publisher, contends that these laws notoriously are not reaching the spot; that drastic action is needed, and that the reputable newspaper, which does not "regularly" publish objectionable matter, has nothing to fear. It would be interesting to know what the United States supreme court thinks about all this.

Edwin Howland Blashfield, dean of American mural painters, became an octogenarian the other day. Two years ago he announced "retirement from public life in the art world." This gives him more time to work in his studio, for, like Leonardo, he can think of no better way to spend his old age than in wielding his beloved brushes. A recent issue of the New York Times Magazine carried photographs of some of his famous murals—in the Detroit library, in the federal courthouse at Cleveland, and in the Metropolitan museum.

Scientific wife (as the offspring is raising rain): John, will you please speak in your son?

Scientific father: Hello son.—The Son-wester.

## New Rooms in 'Shack' Will Be Installed

### Publicity Bureau To Be Put in Johnson Hall; Thacher Will Change

### Remodeling Work To Start Soon, McKinzie States

Rearrangement of offices in the Journalism building and new offices for several journalism professors and departments will be forthcoming within the very near future, it was announced Thursday by Eric W. Allen, dean of the school of journalism, who gave out plans for work to be done in and about the Journalism building.

The desire to place the publicity departments of the university and the associated students closer to President Hall's office was instrumental in bringing about the formulation of plans for remodeling of the Journalism building, it was stated.

The present plans state that the bureau of public relations, headed by George H. Godfrey, and the new bureau of the associated students of the University of Oregon, with Sam Wilderman as director, will maintain offices in the room in the basement of the Administration building where W. F. G. Thacher, professor of advertising, now holds his class sessions and advertising laboratory. Will continue classes.

Mr. Godfrey will continue to teach his publicity and camera reporting classes in the Journalism building. The work of the bureau of public relations is so closely connected with the office of the president that it was deemed best to be situated near President Hall's office, it was stated.

Edwin H. Ford, assistant professor of journalism, under the new arrangement, will occupy the office now used by the bureau of public relations.

The partition between the office now used by Mr. Ford and that of

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## Heads Girl's Meet



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The clipping bureau will be moved into the typewriter room of the Journalism building.

Dean Allen, Professor George S. Turnbull, and Harris Ellsworth, full manager of the Oregon State Editorial association, will all maintain their present office rooms.

A. P. McKinzie, superintendent of buildings and grounds of the

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university, could not announce definitely when the repairs will be started or completed. Remodeling of the Journalism building will be given as soon as other orders for repairs are filled.

## Natators Break National Record for Relay Swim

(Continued from Page One) missed equalling his own coast record in the free-style by only one-fifth of a second. The present national record is

held by the United States Naval academy, having been set in Annapolis in 1926. It is 3:09.5. Watches on the swimmers were held yesterday by Dr. Harry Scott, director of physical education; Edward Abercrombie, coach; and Loye McGee, track star. The trial was the first the three had ever made, since Blankenburg enrolled in the university only at the beginning of the present term.

Prisoner: How can I tell when I haven't heard the evidence yet?—Bradley Campus Cat.

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