

CLAIMS CABOT FOUND AMERICA

Mayor of Bristol Opposes Giving Credit to Columbus in the Coming Pageant.

(By Luther Huston)
LONDON (INS)—Who discovered America?
Well, a native! Don't start for the head of the class just yet. May-hadn't was Christopher Columbus after all. Perhaps history sharks have misused and all these years have been spilling ink on the credit for a little trick that John Cabot, of Bristol, England, really turned.

There were pressing problems facing Ramsey MacDonald when he took office as Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary of Great Britain. Yet the mayor of Bristol hardly gave MacDonald time to find out if his latchkey fitted the front door at No. 10 Downing street before he demanded that the new premier should settle the question of who discovered America.

The Prince of Wales has suggested that one of the features of the British Empire Exhibition to be held next summer should be a pageant empire. Plans for this pageant provide that one scene shall depict the intrepid Christopher Columbus as the first voyager from the Old World to land in the dark lands of the 15th amendment.

Slaves Protest
Portsmouth, the patriotic soul of the mayor of Bristol began to sizzle. Why, he spluttered, should Columbus, a foreigner, get credit for doing something that really was done by an adventurous Bristol-er? So he wrote to Premier MacDonald asking him to settle the question by decree that Cabot and not Columbus should be honored in the pageant.

"In view of the fact that John Cabot of Bristol, with a British ship and crew," wrote the mayor, "sailed from the west and reached North America in June, 1497, a year before Columbus touched the coast further south, if the discovery of America is attributed to Columbus it would be an historical inaccuracy which would cause great resentment in this historic city."

"John Cabot, although a Venetian by birth, was long a resident of our city and his son Sebastian, who was born here, was a notable merchant adventurer of this port. The Matthew, in which he sailed was British, and so was every member of its crew. It is to be a British Empire Exhibition, and Columbus has no connection with our country. He was a foreigner who sailed under a foreign flag, his enterprise being promoted by Spain."

Wasn't in 1492
Some bright American schoolboy who recalls the episode starting "In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue" may partly remark that the mayor of Bristol has his date mixed. If Cabot did not approach the "stern and rock-bound shore" until 1497, it would seem that Christopher beat John to it by about five years. But Bristol's mayor contends that the histories have it wrong and that the date of Columbus' reputed discovery is as inaccurate as the entire Christopherian episode.

Just to satisfy his own patriotic fervor, the mayor further points out in his letter to MacDonald that the first governor of Newfoundland was an ex-mayor of Bristol; that the first Englishman to set foot in Australia sailed from Bristol; that the first settlers on the shores of the Hudson river hailed from Bristol; and that the first shipbuilding to cross the Atlantic was Bristol-built and Bristol-owned. Surely, he argues, Bristol has done enough for the empire to deserve the prime minister's consideration in this Columbus-Cabot controversy.

YOUTH IS SANE
IS BELIEF OF PROSECUTORS

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Frank McDowell, aged 19, confessed slayer of his father, mother and two sisters, is not insane, prosecutors declared today. They said they had witnesses to testify to the youth simulating insanity. The attorneys claim that the real motive behind the death of the parents was the collection of \$10,000 double indemnity insurance policy, which Frank, acting as an insurance agent, was said to have underwritten for his father.

Wasco Strong for Coolidge
THE DALLES, Or.—With one exception the republicans of Wasco county indicate "Coolidge" as their favorite candidate for the presidency, according to L. L. Patterson, campaign manager for Coolidge in Oregon, who has spent the last two days interviewing the members of the party. The one exception, whose name for obvious reasons was not divulged, was a Hiram Johnson supporter, but the ward with interest to comparison between the two candidates, said L. Patterson.

New York Says "Howdy"



President and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge are shown photographed in front of the Women's National Republican Club headquarters, New York City. The executive came to Gotham to speak, and sounded the keynote of his campaign for re-election.

CENTURY LIFE CLAIMED EASY

Coroner Tells How to Live to Be 100 Years of Age; Urges More Exercise.

GALESBURG, Ill. (INS)—How to live one hundred years, and like it, was explained by Dr. G. S. Bower, prominent Illinois physician and coroner of Knox county, in an interview here. Dr. Bower classified the popular "joy killing" prescriptions for longevity as foolishness and advocated the daily use of common sense as a sure specific for a long life and a merry one.

A few "do's and don'ts" follow: "If you want to live a long time—don't worry. Be like the savages of Africa or Asia—take life as it comes, serenely. Say, 'I never have had' blood pressure. 'Eat anything you feel like eating and as much as you want. Instead of wearing out your teeth with tooth brushing, use your teeth eating hard crusts of bread. Eat hard, tough foods."

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'BIG THREE' OPTIMISTIC

Syracuse, Cornell and Colgate All Visualize Successful Sports Year

(By Chester Bahai)

SYRACUSE, N. Y. (INS.)—Syracuse may not return the intercollegiate cross-country championship this year; Cornell may not clinch the intercollegiate basketball league title in the race for which it is at present tied for the lead with Columbia; and Colgate's 1934 basketball team may not be able to grab the undisputed championship of the East, but within the breast of all followers of Cornell, Syracuse and Colgate today lurks the impression that the year just started holds great things for their favorites.

Syracuse's greatest chances for fame lie in football, lacrosse and track. Their hopes rest with the impressive schedule which will bring the Orange against Boston College, Penn State and Pittsburg on successive Saturdays in mid-season. It is a foregone conclusion that Syracuse will spend the season in lacrosse, and Coach Tom Keane feels he has track material which will live up to the reputation established in recent years by Hill runners.

Cornell looks to basketball, rowing and football for national fame. Holding its own thus far in one of the closest races ever developed in the intercollegiate basketball league, Coach Howard Orner's quintet looks like one of the strongest combinations in the East and is one of the favorites for the title.

In rowing Cornell is equipped with veteran material, and the members of the crack 1932 freshman crew, who are above the average in business, should emerge in a winning combination. Although robbed of its entire back-bank of stars, including the great Frank, Coach Gil Bodie should have little to worry about in 1934 to keep Cornell on its present football pedestal.

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"Nein!"



Fraulein Stephanie Barish (top) is trying to divorce her "mail order husband," Richard H. Dodson, of Beloit, Wis. Pending annulment immigration officials are permitting Stephanie to remain in Chicago providing she gets \$1000 to prevent her becoming a public charge. She may marry again, she says, "but nein on the mail order husbands."

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