

# DEBT FUNDING NO SURPRISE

(By Charles P. Stewart)  
 WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—The success of the Italian war debt settlement negotiations came as no surprise to official Washington. The tip was passed out in advance that Count Volpi di Misurata had his orders from Premier Mussolini to come to terms with the United States—to get the best terms he could, but on no account to let the negotiations fall through, as the French negotiations did.

To be sure, agreeing to pay a debt and actually paying it are two quite different things. Nevertheless, the Italians did an excellent stroke of business simply in agreeing to pay. Unless and until they default, this country is bound to assume that they mean it. Thereby their credit is greatly strengthened, their money increases in value, their financial position is improved all round and—especially to the point—they're able to do some more large scale borrowing here.

All this redounds to the Mussolini government's glory. It redounds to it all the more by reason of its contrast with France's bankruptcy. Nor is it a bit likely that the wily Signor Mussolini failed to think of this detail. France, of course, is decidedly a stronger country than Italy. If the former couldn't pay it seemed reasonable to guess that the latter couldn't. And then she "came through" and surprised not those "in the know," but most people. Immediately, "Good little Italy" exclaimed everybody.

It's true that the compact between Count Volpi and Secretary Mellon will have to be ratified by the Rome government and by congress here in Washington, but indications are that there will be no hitch about this. What Premier Mussolini says "goes" in Rome, and since he wanted an agreement

## Figures in Sensational Rhinelander Annulment Suit



Scene in courtroom at White Plains, N. Y., during hearing of Rhinelander annulment suit. Left to right are Mrs. Alice Jones Rhinelander, her brother and father. The mother is a white woman and, it is claimed her father has negro blood.

and now he's got it, it's safe to predict that he'll "ack" it. On the other hand, the Italians have made themselves extremely popular here, as congress appears reasonably certain to strain every possible point in their favor.

### NICKNAMES OF GRID STARS DETERMINED BY THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP)—Out here in Iowa where the corn grows tall and the west begins, and where the University of Iowa usually has a first-class football squad, the followers of the team love to bestow colorful nicknames on their heroes.

Nick Kutresh, the flashy halfback and a holy terror to Iowa's opponents, is known as "The Flying Dutchman" and "Cowboy Nick." He gained the first sobriquet because of his fierce running when tearing through the line, and he naturally had to be a cowboy when he came from the stockyards dis-

trict of Sioux City. When the team returned from Columbus, after upsetting Ohio State, October 24, an old star had a new nickname. Fry, the human bullet who plays fullback for the Hawks, is now "Plowboy Fry." He was given this name because of the manner in which he plowed through the Ohio line—at the same time plowing through ankle-deep mud on the gridiron.

A few years back when Iowa was beating them all, Slater, a giant negro, played a wonderful game at tackle. Slater immediately became the "Duke," and that name has clung to him ever since.

### AUTO RUNS INTO TRAIN

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—A small touring car driven by Thomas Dixon, Klamath county roadmaster, crashed head-on into a moving Southern Pacific freight train. Dixon was painfully, although probably not seriously, injured. His car was completely demolished.

## Freed From Harem, Women of Turkey, Seek Husbands

ANGORA (AP)—Hundreds of beautiful women, highly trained in the social graces, arts of the toilette, dancing, music and religion, who have been freed from harems, now have the Turkish government seeking husbands for them. Most of them are wholly untrained for the practical work of life.

Abandonment of the harem also placed on the hands of the government many eunuchs, but their disposition has not been so difficult. In the absence of regular employment in the cities, they have been sent to the provincial districts for work on the farms.

When President Mustafa Kemal assumed power in Angora, one of his first official acts was to banish the harems and slave households of Sultan Mohammed VI, the prince and members of the Royal Court.

In order to set an example, most of the Nationalist government officials have one, or at most only two wives. Indeed, Mustafa Kemal Pasha has no wife at all, having recently been granted a divorce. Economic conditions also serve to make it almost impossible for one to indulge in the old luxury of plurality of wives.

Prior to the present social revolution in Turkey, every woman was obliged to veil herself from all except her father, brother and husband. If a man, either Turk or foreigner, entered the sacred precincts of the harem, he usually paid with his life, while the master also had the right to kill his unfaithful wife or concubine.

Only three foreigners, an American, a Britisher and a Frenchman, are known to have entered a real harem when it was occupied, and they were disguised as Turks and spoke the Turkish language. By posing as government representatives, they escaped the usual penalty.

Any departure from the rules of conduct in the harems was severely punished by the eunuchs, who maintained security of the places and who were euphemistically called "Masters of the Maidens," or "Chiefs of the Abodes of Felicity." While Sultan Mohammed VI had only four legal wives, he had at his disposal several hundred "favorites." Sultan Abdul Hamid was said to have had 1000 wives in his harem.

Madam Edibe Halilbey Hanoum Rey, a Turkish woman trained in the American Girls' College at Constantinople, was one of the first to agitate a change in the status of modern women, insisting that the system was wholly inconsistent with any high ideal of womanhood.

Abandonment of the harem has been noted as Turkey's most radical step in its transition from an Oriental state to a modern Western country.

### Assails Foes



The Anti-Saloon League is "singing" and Wayne B. Wheeler, its leading figure, is "recalling the facts," declared William H. Anderson, former state superintendent of the New York league, on his arrival in Chicago for a league convention. He declared Wheeler "has a pair of asbestos pajamas that enable him to sit on the lid."

## As Tips Diminish American Tourists Lose Popularity

GENOA (AP)—Once famous for his tendency to give lavish, excessive gratuities, the American tourist in Europe during the last year or two has fallen so far from grace in the eyes of the horde of European underlings, who must live by tips, as to earn a reputation for miserliness.

So confirmed is the new verdict, according to Mario Signorini, of Milan, train conductor, that conductors nowadays convict the American on sight as a "black value," which is railway vernacular for "no tip." The tourist remains in the shadow of this dreadful appellation until he proves himself innocent.

But, Signor Signorini hastens to explain, the American is not really a miser. Rather, he becomes one through a misunderstanding and through what European train conductors consider the machinations and misrepresentations of tourist agencies in America and England. "These agencies," declares Signorini, "sell tickets to tourists on the assumption that all expenses are included in the purchase price. While they may not say this, they intimate it and the tourists make up their traveling budgets accord-

ingly. Many tourists, especially those of the middle class who now travel in great numbers, work out their economic plan on this assumption. In some cases they spend as much as they can afford and are not prepared for additional expenses.

"The fact is, of course, that service on European express trains is not included in the price of the ticket. This is clearly established by law and is printed in French on the tickets. Americans, however, cannot or do not read the announcement. In addition, our company does not permit us to ask payment. The result is that we get nothing from Americans while we get the normal payments from all other travelers."

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—Billy Watson, Eureka, Cal., lightweight, and Wilbur Harrington, Klamath Indian, will head a double main event boxing bill to be staged here December 2 as a Christmas benefit for poor children. It has been an-

nounced by Matchmaker Sylvester, Mickey Gibbons, Eureka welter, and Chuck Sams of Klamath Falls will furnish the other half of the double bill.

### Railway Officers Arrest Man

THE DALLAS, Ore.—Roger De Moss, alias James Shannon, arrested

ed by O. W. B. & N. railway officers, confessed to local authorities that he was an escaped convict from San Quentin prison. Investigation by San Quentin prison officials, at request of Sheriff Christman, failed to show any record of the man having been a prisoner there. He will be held pending further investigation.

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