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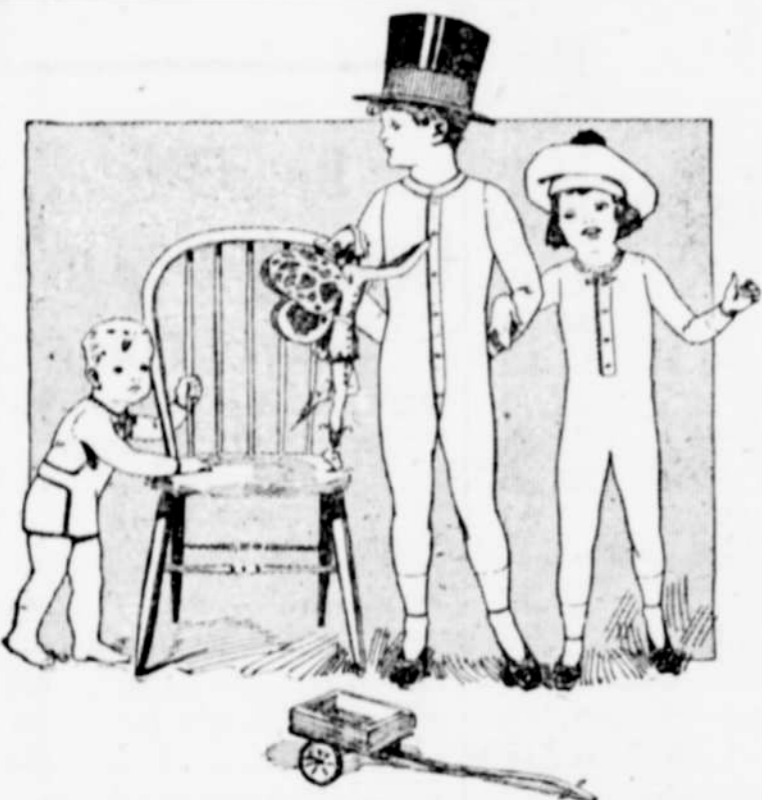
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## PRESIDENT REFUSES TO ANNUL TREATIES

Congress Held to Have Exceeded Authority in Ordering Abrogation.

Washington.—President Wilson has declined to take steps toward termination of certain commercial treaties as directed by congress in the merchant marine act, holding that "such a course would be wholly irreconcilable with the historical respect which the United States has shown for its international engagements."

Formal announcement of the president's decision was made at the state department. The merchant marine act as approved by the president on the closing day of the last congress session directed the executive within 90 days to give notice to foreign nations of the intentions of the United States to terminate any sections of existing commercial treaties which restrict the right of the American government to impose discriminatory charges on shipping in foreign bottoms.

The president, the state department's announcement said, also held that congress exceeded its authority in giving such directions. Secretary president, citing as a precedent the Colby is quoted as supporting the action of President Hayes in 1875 in refusing the demand of congress that a treaty with China be abrogated. The power of modifying treaties, President Hayes held, is not lodged by the constitution in congress.

Termination of the 32 treaties, affected by the act, the president was said to have held, "would amount to nothing less than breach or violation of said treaties, which . . . cover every point of contact and mutual dependence which constitute the modern relations between friendly states."

The announcement said that "to have vetoed the act would have sacrificed the great number of sound and enlightened provisions which it undoubtedly contains."

## TRADE BALANCE CUT SINCE 1919

Washington.—The American trade balance for the first eight months of 1920 was \$1,483,000,000, compared to more than \$2,000,000,000 for the corresponding period of 1919, according to figures made public by the department of commerce. They showed its import trade is expanding at a more rapid pace than export trade. Imports for the eight months of the year exceeded those of the 12 months of 1919 by approximately \$100,000,000. Imports in 1919 established a new high record. On the other hand, exports for the eight months were \$2,347,171,869 less than those in the 12 months of 1919 and were only \$211,000,000 greater than the exports for the first eight months of last year. The total of exports for the months was \$5,483,254,171.

The total of imports for the eight months was \$4,000,627,445, compared with \$2,261,550,440 for the corresponding period in 1919.

## DRYS TRAIL WETS OVERSEA

Would Cancel Citizenship of Brewers Who Start Foreign Business.

Washington.—Resolutions demanding that congress enact laws providing for the cancelling of the citizenship papers of Americans who go to foreign countries "to engage in business outlawed in this country," were adopted by the American section of the World Prohibition federation, meeting here in conjunction with the International Congress Against Alcoholism.

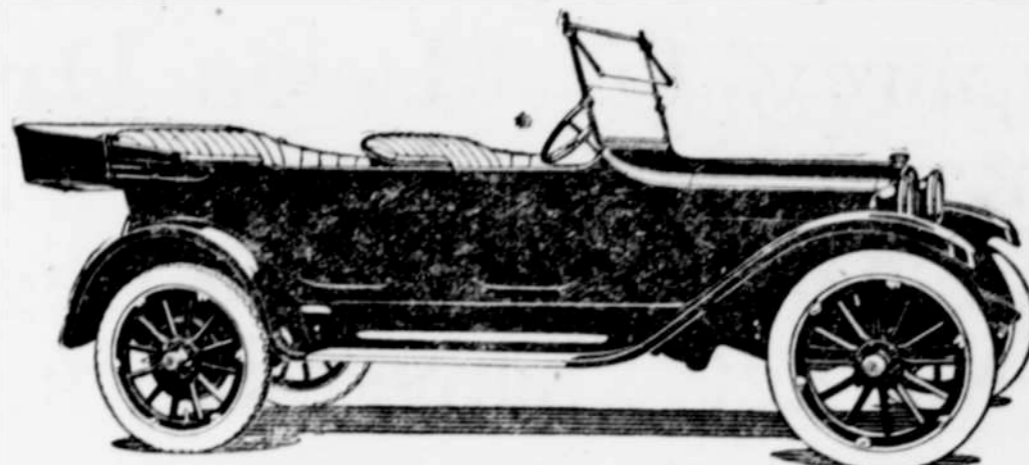
The resolutions also asked that such persons be deprived of the protection of the American government and that so far as possible they be restrained from representing themselves as Americans.

Officer Found Blain Near Still. Aberdeen, Wash.—Blindfolded, bearing three gunshot wounds and covered with two planks and a tangled mass of weeds, the body of Nicolas Koleski, 24 years old, a special officer of the Aberdeen police department, was found by boys in a shallow creek in dense woods about three miles south of South Aberdeen. He had been missing since last Tuesday, when he was assigned to hunt down operators of a still alleged to be located near the spot where his body was found.

Big League Players Indicted. Chicago.—The Cook county grand jury voted true bills against the following baseball players in connection with its investigation of alleged "throwing" of world's series games last year: Eddie Cleotie, Claude Williams, "Chick" Gandil, "Happy" Folsch, Charles Risberg, Joe Jackson, Fred McMillin, Buck Weaver. All are members of the Chicago Americans.

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