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## GUNBOAT MAY CAUSE MEXICAN TROUBLE

### Europe Is Rapidly Being Restored to Old Treaty Control

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(Written for the United Press)  
LONDON, July 8.—The old treaty Europe in a more extreme form, though possibly under much more favorable circumstances, is being rapidly restored. The outlet for the adjustment of territorial disputes provided by the League of Nations, however, may render "local adjustments" practical, and failing anything better, even desirable.

The sponsor of the amendment to article XXI of the league covenant, recognizing and encouraging local application of the broad principles laid down by the league, Dr. Benes, the Czecho-Slovakian foreign minister, is also one of the moving spirits in the little entente. In an interview he discussed for the United Press the effect of the amendment and of the little entente on the peace of Central Europe.

"The amendment is an important addition, I believe," he said, "to the League of Nations covenant. There are many local problems that, for the league to attempt to settle, would provide endless complications. This amendment will provide for their settlement on the principles of the covenant by the nations concerned."

"The little entente, consisting at present of Yugoslavia, Roumania and Czechoslovakia, comes within the meaning of this amendment. It is designed to promote economic adjustments. Our nations have gained independence at a great cost and we mean to see that nothing upsets it. We have arranged treaties requiring military support in case a member of the little entente is attacked or in cases where the peace of Central Europe is prejudiced. We want to prevent war from breaking out."

"Because Czecho-Slovakia has refused to enter into a Danubian confederation, which is supposed to be able to bring about peace in Central Europe, we have been accused of seeking to keep Austria and Hungary beggared. I have opposed the Danube confederation. It is not wanted. If we formed the Danubian confederation without the other powers, we should be outnumbered two to one, which would not be bad for the fact that both Austria and Hungary are so strongly influenced by Germany. It would amount practically to a reestablishment of Mittel Europa. This we simply cannot tolerate, just as we cannot tolerate an Austro-German union."

"Austria's condition, even without any alliance, is improving. She has plenty of coal. Her chief difficulty is to get capital invested in her industries."

"Central Europe, and Austria espe-

cially, has been the victim both of internal economic depression and of worldwide depression. Within six months the worldwide depression will show a great improvement which will automatically aid Central Europe."

### JAPANESE LABOR, HUNGRY, IS NOW RADICAL

By HENRY W. KINNEY  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

TOKYO, July 8.—The Japanese laborer no longer enjoys the opportunity to make his voice felt, which was his during the golden days of the boom war years, when the supply of labor fell short of the demand. As the army of unemployed increases, the man with a job is willing to sing very small for fear that he may be dismissed. The result has been that whereas strikes recently were very common, but very little is heard of such today.

On the other hand, the workmen, realizing their powerlessness, have grown bitter, and while the union are losing in membership, owing largely to inability to pay even their modest dues, the organizations which survive are getting closer together and are becoming more radical in their views.

"The laborers are becoming more and more in favor of direct action," says M. Suzuki, the leader of the Japanese federation of labor. Personally Suzuki is against this, and as a result it is reported that he will soon cease to be the leader, while some one else who is more in harmony with the radical element, will take his place. The police are resorting to their usual tactics of suppressing anti-capitalistic speech wherever it crops up. A recent meeting in Tokyo, wherein workmen attacked the moneyed classes and demanded their "rights," resulted in several arrests, and the leaders of the various labor societies are known to be closely watched.

In the meantime the laborers are getting closer together, making common cause in times of adversity. Thus the various associations of seamen of various classes recently formed a great union uniting the scattered organizations and it seems quite likely that the workmen will emerge from their period of adversity stronger and more determined than ever they were.

### FAMINE IMMINENT IN TAMPICO OIL FIELDS, MEXICO

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 8.—The Mexican Tampico oil field situation, critical through the unemployment of hundreds of workers, has been aggravated by the presence of the American gunboat Sacramento at the port. The presence of the warship may precipitate trouble with Mexico, it is believed in semi-official circles, according to statements made today.

An actual food famine, in the oil field district seemed imminent, due to a railroad wreck near Tampico cutting off supplies and shipments of oil from Mexico City, threatening a complete suspension of work, which would add to the shut-downs caused by cessation of oil tanker shipments by the Standard Oil company.

The oil shipments have fallen off 78 per cent since the new Mexican tax law became effective, according to unofficial estimates. The tax law directly affects the employment in the Tampico oil fields and is threatening to develop the present labor unrest into something more dangerous to cope with.

Reports stating that Americans have been killed by highwaymen have reached the state department from the American consul at Tampico. The message is garbled and lacking details.

### Expert Claims That Boys Are Best Immigrants

WINNIPEG, Man., July 8.—Boys make the best immigrants, according to T. E. Sedgwick of London, who is in Canada to find farm homes for boys from English cities.

Sedgwick has been engaged in finding homes for English city boys in the colonies of the British empire since 1909. As the result of a personal visit to New Zealand, 50 farmers there agreed to take English boys to bring up on their farms. The boys were apprenticed to the farmers for three years. Their pay for the three years was deposited in a bank and at the end of their apprenticeship was turned over to them with the expenses of their voyage deducted. The ages of the boys ranged from 16 to 20 years. The success of this experiment led to the establishment of several thousand English boys on farm homes in Australia. Three thousand boys were placed in Victoria, 1500 in New South Wales, 300 in South Australia, and several hundred in Queensland.

"Boys," said Sedgwick, "are splendid advertisements. Their letters home exploit the attractions of their adopted country in glowing terms. They are more adaptable than adults. They absorb the traditions and customs of a new country. They usually marry a woman of the country and often they bring out their parents and relatives to settle in the same neighborhood."

## KING GEORGE PEACE MAKER; MISSING SHIPS LIST GROWS

### ULSTER PREMIER'S RECEPTION THOUGHT TO BE SIGNIFICANT

By EDWARD L. KEEN  
LONDON, July 8.—King George, apparently assuming the role of chief mediator in the Irish Sinn Fein and British government negotiations, received the Ulster premier, Craig, following a conference with Jans Smuts, South African premier yesterday. The conference with Premier Craig is considered significant in official circles.

Reports are being circulated that Ramon De Valera, president of the Irish republic, will be the next con-



KING GEORGE V OF ENGLAND

ference to be called to Buckingham palace for a session with King George.

It is believed that the king took the first step for settlement in starting Irish and British negotiations, when, in opening the Ulster parliament in Dublin recently, he asked the Irish people to forget and forgive. King George is being informed continually of the progress of the peace negotiations. It is believed that he proposed that a London conference between De Valera, Unionist leaders, and Lloyd George be held in Buckingham palace.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FORUM LUNCHEON TUESDAY AT PIONEER HALL

Forum luncheon at Chautauqua Pioneer hall at 12 o'clock next Tuesday, noon. Several important matters will be presented. Splendid music and good speaking. Call up the Chamber of Commerce at once and secure your reservations. Plans for the big Farm Bureau picnic will be made.

### Minneapolis Elks' Minstrel Show Plays to 1700

Profits Go To Boy Scouts

The Minneapolis Elks' Minstrel show, given at the Chautauqua building yesterday evening under the auspices of the local Elks lodge, played to an appreciative audience of 1700 pleasure seekers of Ashland, Medford, and the Rogue River valley, according to ticket sale figures obtained at the Elks' temple this morning.

The show, given by 85 Minneapolis Elks en route to the Elks' convention at Los Angeles, Calif., was acclaimed by theatre goers as one of the best of its kind that has ever played in this city. "Something different" in every act and applause and laughter ruled supreme. The eight black face comedians, with gaudy raiment and humorous tongue twisting, were the 'hit' of the evening.

The Minneapolis Elks' Glee club, directed by Dr. W. Rhys-Herbert, was a feature of the evening's entertainment. "Mystery" was the order of the evening when "The Great Willard, the Man who Grows," with elastic indifference, befuddled the audience by grow-

### Appoint Committee For Tennis Tourney Here July 14 to 16

July 14, 15 and 16 have been set aside as the dates for the annual tennis tournament known as the Lithia Park Title Play. Effort is being made to make this, the fifth annual meet, the most successful ever put on. Those on the committee are Mrs. F. D. Wagner, Mrs. D. Peruzzi, Rev. C. P. Koehler and H. T. Elmore and W. M. Briggs.

John Beeson, who has successfully conducted this tournament for a number of seasons, will meet with the committee tonight at 7 o'clock at the home of F. D. Wagner.

Full details regarding the tournament will be published in Saturday's paper.

### PORTLAND MAN SUICIDES, THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN DESPONDENT—UNEMPLOYED

PORTLAND, Or., July 8.—Firemen, after breaking down several floors of a burning apartment, today found the body of W. E. Muller, who suicided by drinking poison. Despondence because of lack of work is thought to have been the cause of the deed.

### LINER CALLAO DUE IN NEW YORK JUNE 20 LOST TRACE OF

NEW YORK, July 8.—The steamship Callao, of the Munson line, with 60 passengers on board, that sailed from Rio de Janeiro June 20, has not arrived here and has not been heard from, its whereabouts remaining a mystery. Shipping gossip connect the steamer with the phantom ship which is said to have approached the steamer Munalbro, of the same line, Thursday night off Philadelphia. The Callao was due here Sunday.

Efforts have been made during the past several days to reach the disappeared ship by radio without avail. The Callao must pass Cape Hatteras where several vessels have already unaccountably disappeared.

John Christian, son of James B. Christian, secretary to President Harding, is on board the Callao as a naval radio officer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 8.—Government wireless stations along the Atlantic coast have broadcasted a warning to vessels to be on the watch for a mysterious craft that may furnish a clue to the fate of the "vanishing ships."

The warning was sent out after a telephoned report from Munson Line officials at Baltimore that the mysterious craft approached their steamer Munalbro 300 miles east of Philadelphia, refused to answer signals and then, with light veiled, dashed off into the darkness.

E. T. Chamberlain, commissioner of navigation, declared that the story of Captain Giles of the Munalbro was the most substantial evidence yet offered of the suspected operations of sea marauders off the Atlantic coast.

The story also gave a new turn to the investigation of the disappearance of half a dozen ships off Cape Hatteras in the last few months.

The craft that approached the Munalbro hesitated to attack a ship of her size. It could, however, successfully attack a ship like the Carroll Deering, which sailed ashore last January, with all the crew missing, officials said.

Chamberlain said it was improbable that a seaman like Captain Giles would "go off on a cock and bull story." He is awaiting a more complete report on the incident.

### FEMININE LURE FAILS TO ATTRACT MEN TO CHURCH

OXFORD, England, July 8.—Kinemas having failed to attract young men into the churches, the clergy are thinking of going back to the old, old way of enticing a man with a maid.

It has been remarked that nearly the whole of a church congregation today is composed of women, and with the object of luring young men into the straight and narrow way, a deep and subtle plan was mooted at the vestry meeting of St. Peter-le-Bailey, here.

"Fill up the two front rows of seats with pretty girls and that will mean more men in the back seats," it was suggested.

One London clergyman, indeed, confessed that he had already put the scheme into effect—but it had not worked out correctly. He had made a selection of the prettiest girls among his flock to make collections and show people to their seats. But instead of attracting young men inside the church, he found the only result was an assorted and impatient group of young men waiting outside the church to greet the girls as they made their exit. The pious little feminine quota also took to hurrying through the service and dashing out to meet their swains before the service was thru.

### Condemned By Father's Bones

By CHARLES EDWARD HOGUE  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

SHANGHAI, July 8.—Condemned to death on the mute testimony of the skeleton of his stepfather, Chang Kang-sz is at the arsenal here today awaiting execution by a firing squad. The man's trial involved the revival of an ancient Chinese superstition that led to his confession of guilt.

It has long been the belief of the Chinese that the body of a person who has been poisoned will not decompose after burial. Also that when the flesh has been removed and the skeleton of a poison victim is boiled the bones will show a discoloration indicating the manner of death.

Chang was accused of poisoning his stepfather 13 months ago. He denied the charge, and the authorities ordered the body exhumed. After 13 months burial the body was in a state of perfect preservation! Chinese sages were called into consultation, the skeleton was removed from the flesh and boiled. It turned a bluish black.

The skeleton was carefully arranged in normal position and Chang was called in to view it. When he saw the color of the bones he broke down and confessed.

While Chang was being led to the arsenal the bones of his father, carefully arranged as in life, were placed in a coffin and returned to their grave in Footung.

### The Port of Missing Men



### Searching For The Lost Mine

EDMONTON, Alberta, July 8.—An expedition was being organized here today to search for the "lost gold mine" of Lost river.

The "lost mine" has long been one of the romantic traditions of the North, and it is believed to be fabulously rich. Apparently there have been only two men who knew how to find it. The one, a wandering Indian from the Mackenzie River district, came into Fort St. John's with a gold nugget as big as walnut, and though he could not talk any dialect, understood by local whites or Indians, he indicated by signs that he had found the lump in the dry bed of a stream to the northwest.

The other was a white trapper who returned from periodical trips into the wilderness with a quantity of coarse gold. Each time he spent his treasure with a lavish hand and then disappeared again, outwitting the efforts of trackers who tried to trail him to the source of his wealth. He was found frozen to death on the trail one day and took his secret to the grave.

The expedition now being organized will proceed on the assumption that the mine is in the bed of a dry river, known as the Lost river, because it no longer contains water except after heavy rains, and the river bed will be prospected thoroughly.

### LUXURY TAX RUNS INTO BILLIONS; HELPS PAY NATION'S DEBT

By RALPH F. COUCH  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 8.—The federal tax receipts show that approximately \$12,000,000,000 is spent annually on luxuries, recreation, movies, amusements and personal finery, according to an official report completed today.

The government is receiving a yearly income of more than \$1,000,000,000 as the result of the tax on luxury purchases, and form nearly a quarter of the total ordinary government receipts. Taxes on sporting goods, automobiles, amusement parks, fancy bathing suits, fancy summer hats for men and women are netting the government thousands of dollars daily. The soft drink purchases are helping to pay the \$900,000,000 interest due yearly on the national debt. Gum chewers have contributed over \$1,000,000, sporting goods purchasers nearly \$4,000,000, and buyers of summer furs approximately \$500,000 in tax money.

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