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## Diplomats See Test In French Parley

### Complaints Against Tariff Involved in Treaty Conversations.

Washington, D. C.—European diplomats in Washington including those of France, appear to view the tariff and commercial treaty conversations between France and the United States as virtually a test case of Europe's complaints against American high tariffs, agricultural quarantines and similar restrictions on commerce.

One French diplomat who did not wish to be quoted, even went so far as to say that France for centuries had been fighting Europe's test cases in international relationships and that the tariff discussion with the United States was only the most recent instance of the historic fact.

A canvass of the privately expressed opinions of diplomats and commercial attaches from several European countries shows them to be in substantial agreement that American commercial treaty negotiations pending or in prospect with a dozen or more countries are most unlikely to proceed with any rapidity until the French-American controversy is settled. The one other aspect of the French-American situation upon which they also agreed was that even the thought of a tariff war was intolerable to the governments of all nations.

As some of the European experts see the situation, the dispute with France is certain to air not only the irritation felt in Europe over the high American tariff schedules, but also the question of American agricultural quarantines, which have vexed relations between the United States and other countries at other times.

## U. S. JUDGES CONFER ON COAST PROBLEMS

Washington, D. C.—A meeting of the senior judges of the nine federal circuit courts of appeal, presided over by Chief Justice Taft of the United States supreme court, is to meet here to discuss judicial problems, including the crowded dockets of federal courts.

The conference, provided for by congress in a movement to speed the sometimes leaden heels of federal justice, will seek means to expedite cases to early decisions, eliminating long delays caused by appeals, which sometimes cost civil litigants much money and sometimes delay for years the serving of criminal sentences.

One of the obstacles to fast action in the courts is the bob-tailed appropriation for the federal courts' expenses, resulting from the failure of the second deficiency bill in the closing hours of congress last March. Due to lack of funds between March and July 1, many cases had to be postponed, although efforts were made to complete all pending criminal cases. The dockets, however, have many carried over cases left this fall.

## MAYOR CONVICTED BY JURY

John L. Duvall Found Guilty of Corrupt Practices.

Indianapolis.—Mayor John Duvall of Indianapolis was found guilty of violation of the corrupt practices act and was fined \$1000 and sentenced to serve 30 days in jail.

He was convicted in connection with his alleged acceptance of a bribe of \$14,500 from William H. Armitage, Indianapolis contractor, for three municipal appointments. It was charged that sum had been received by the mayor during his 1925 campaign and the mayor had failed to list the contribution.

Mayor Duvall's trial was the first to grow out of the Indiana political scandal precipitated by charges of D. C. Stephenson a year ago.

## 102,450 Pay to See Big Chicago Fight.

Washington, D. C.—Paid admission to the Dempsey-Tunney fight numbered 102,450, Internal Revenue Collector Mabel G. Reinecks at Chicago reported to the treasury department. The 10 per cent ticket tax netted \$252,065.

## Alleged Liquor Ring Broken Up.

Indianapolis, Ind.—With the indictment of 99 persons in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri, federal authorities expressed the belief that they had broken up one of the largest liquor rings in the middle west.

## Back From an Interesting Trip Through Alaska

Mr. and Mrs. Homer I. Watts have returned from an interesting trip through Alaska. Their itinerary took them as far inland as Fairbanks, and they enjoyed every mile of the long journey, which was interrupted for a few days only at the start, when their ship was requisitioned to go to the rescue of passengers on a south-bound stranded steamer.

Mr. Watts says his ideas of what Alaska really was received a jolt once he arrived in the Northern territory. Instead of barren ice fields he found a country teeming with agriculture in the district contiguous to Fairbanks. Twenty-five bushel wheat is raised there. Barley and oats average as high as 75 bushels per acre, while vegetables grow in profusion.

Crops are matured in a short season of 110 days with a rainfall of only 11 1/2 inches. Summer heat at Fairbanks hovers around 90. Eleven feet below the grain roots glacial ice is encountered.

Fairbanks is a thriving little city, the center of a vast territory, and is reached by a government-built railroad. The road is not ballasted, and trains making about 25 miles an hour, operate in daytime only and lay over at night.

One of the most impressive sights recounted by Mr. Watts, was when he saw a herd of thousands of caribou feeding on each side of the railroad while he was en route to Fairbanks. Mr. and Mrs. Watts returned with a very favorable impression of Alaska. Mr. Watts may decide to return there next year on a hunting trip with the object of securing Alaska brown bear trophies.

## Chinese Puffs on His Opium Pipe as Wife Dies From Poison

Shanghai—After seeing his wife swallow a quantity of poison, Eu Soong-ze calmly puffed away on his opium pipe while she died in agony.

Today Eu is in jail awaiting trial on charge of criminal negligence. The dead woman was 33 and the mother of two children. They had been married 12 years.

According to information obtained by Police Constable Cumming, the husband and wife quarreled and she slapped his face. Neighbors were present at the time and remonstrated with her, telling her she should not strike her husband. The wife left in a huff and came back after the visitors had gone.

"Look," she said to Eu, displaying some poison tablets.

Eu nodded indifferently. The woman placed them in her mouth and swallowed them. She then went to bed. Eu got his opium pipe, cooked a pill and calmly looked on as his wife writhed in agony.

Two hours later she was dead and Eu informed his neighbors. The police came, questioned Eu, and took him to jail.

## Ocean Not Level

Another popular belief has been shattered, says Popular Science Monthly, by the report from Washington, D. C., that, after all, the sea isn't level at all, but is a "gently sloping hill." H. G. Avers, of the coast and geodetic survey, made this announcement after extensive experimenting. The mean sea level at Biloxi, Miss., he says, is two centimeters below that at Galveston, Texas. Even more surprising is his report that the mean sea level at St. Augustine, Fla., was found to be 24 centimeters below that at Galveston, and 31 centimeters below that at Portland, Maine.

## South Dakota Protest Hill Merger.

Pierre, S. D.—Declaring that the proposed merger or unification of the Hill lines railroads would "adversely affect the operation of weaker lines serving South Dakota," and that the "consolidation would not be in the public interest," the South Dakota board of railroad commissioners has filed a petition of intervention with the interstate commerce commission.

## World Series to Open October 5.

Chicago, Ill.—The first game of the world's series will be played on October 5 in the city whose club wins the National Baseball league pennant, it was decided here at a conference among representatives of the leading clubs of the National and American leagues and Baseball Commissioner K. M. Landis.

## Democrats Hold a Meeting In Utah

### Effect Permanent Organization to Boost Smith Candidacy.

Ogden, Utah—Having completed the objects for which they were called together the delegates to the western states Democratic conference adjourned subject to the call of the chairman, with invitations to meet in either Butte, Montana, or Denver.

Here is what they did: Endorsed the candidacy of Alfred E. Smith, Governor of New York, for the nomination for president next year.

Effectuated a permanent organization of the "Al Smith for President association of the Rocky mountains and Pacific states."

Adopted a resolution declaring that "if a tariff is an economic necessity then the advantages should be equalized and made of uniform benefit as far as possible to all sections of the country."

One other subject contained in the call, that of considering the two thirds rule, effective in Democratic national conventions in making nominations and responsible for the disaster in the 1924 convention, got no further than the committee room where the committee on order of business promptly killed it, declaring later that this was considered a matter for the national organization to handle.

The endorsement of the candidacy of Smith was not obtained without opposition from Utah delegates. All others attending the meeting and representing at the final session, nine states, favored Smith, John H. Moyle, Salt Lake City, National committeeman, and former Judge Joshua Greenwood, Salt Lake City, all declared that they could not endorse the candidacy of Smith and Moyle expressed the opinion that none of those present were voicing the unanimous sentiment of their state "so why kid ourselves and try to tell the east there is a great wave of sentiment in the west for Al Smith for President?"

## Sea Captain Here

Captain and Mrs. George Sealey of Seattle arrived the first of the week and are being entertained at the Bingham Springs summer home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dudley. Mrs. Sealey is a sister of Mrs. Dudley, and with her husband makes an annual visit to the Dudleys and also her sister, Mrs. Will M. Peterson of Pendleton, and her daughter, Mrs. S. D. Peterson of Milton.

## Entertain Chapter Official

McKenzie Chapter O. E. S. will honor the visit of their Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Bess Felters of Astoria, with a 6:30 dinner at the Athena hotel after which a session of the Chapter will be held at Masonic Hall. Mrs. Felters is being entertained at the home of Mrs. F. E. Redtke, Worthy Matron of the local chapter during her stay in the city.

## LOYD BARRETT



Lloyd Barrett, twelve years old, of Washington, D. C., who is considered by authorities to typify the youth of the future, setting a standard of honesty, helpfulness, industry and thrift.

## Hodgen is Among College Grid Leaders Who are Rated High

Eugene, Oregon—Oregon's strongest man in the line—that is how they term Beryl Hodgen, captain of the Oregon football team this year.

Hodgen plays guard, a position he was switched to after serving in his freshman and sophomore years as a back.

Captain John J. McEwan, former West Point coach, caused the change. One glimpse at the big 195-pound back was enough for McEwan to break out with the statement that Hodgen was a natural lineman, and to the line Hodgen went.

Hodgen has just turned 21 and that gives him the distinction of being one of the youngest players ever to captain the Oregon football team. Rated as one of the best guards on the Pacific coast last year, Hodgen is expected to make a strong bid for national honors this season.

Two students from Athena, who are entering the University of Oregon for the first time this year, have been pledged to Sigma Nu, national fraternity, at the close of the annual rush week for Greek letter fraternities on the campus. They are Kenneth Hodgen and Ray Dudley.

## Bumps Into Service Station

A car belonging to T. W. Cole of Lewiston, Idaho, bumped into one of the gas pumps at the Preathrey Service Station, damaged the pump, crumpled up one of the fenders and bent the front axle. A woman of the party was driving the car when the accident happened.

## Umatilla Wheat sold

Between 55 and 60 per cent of the wheat in Umatilla county has been sold, according to Henry Collins, Pendleton grain man. The yield is thought to be close to 7,000,000 bushels for Umatilla county. An exceptional yield in the lighter lands is the cause of a bumper crop this year.

## Despite His Wealth Russia Likes Ford

### Big Manufacturer is Soviet Russia's Dearest Enemy.

Moscow—Henry Ford is Soviet Russia's dearest enemy. He represents everything which Soviet Russia is against, but there is nobody whom the Russians would welcome more enthusiastically if he should decide to come as a visitor.

He is the most hated and most admired American, as well as the greatest example of the capitalism which Soviet Russia detests so wholeheartedly. The attitude toward Henry Ford is one of Russia's most astounding contradictions.

What would happen if Henry Ford, master-capitalist, the world's richest man, with tens of thousands of employees and hundreds of thousands of persons dependent on him for a living, should visit Russia this summer, the land where wealth is confiscated, where employers of labor are hated and persecuted, where Socialism in all its might is flowering?

Would the Russians let him come? Nothing official can be learned on this point, but it is sure as anything that he would probably get a visa faster and more willingly than anybody else. It is conceivable that a special train would be kept waiting to speed him triumphantly to Moscow.

He would surely be watched by secret agents. But it is doubtful if he would be prevented from going anywhere he chose and from inspecting anything he wanted to see. The Soviet factories and farms and mills would be open to him. Everything would certainly be shown to him, in the hope that some comment falling from his lips might suggest improvements or hint at ways of better operation.

That is the secret of Henry Ford's gigantic popularity in Socialist Russia. The Soviet Union is daft about machinery and Ford is the world's greatest machinist. That makes him a model for the leaders of Russia and the idol of the rank and file. They think of him as a miracle-man and they are in need of miracles. They say that they are sorry he is so extremely rich but that does not change their enthusiasm for him. They love him in spite of his money. They want to see him. There is nobody on earth who would hear him talk about it. And after he had gone, they would enthuse about him for the next 20 years, at least, and what crumbs of words had come from his lips would become a sort of superstitious law.

Would Henry Ford come to visit Soviet Russia?

It would be one of history's gigantic jokes if he would. It is no exaggeration to say that a telegram from Detroit, announcing that Henry Ford was coming, would jog the Soviet newspapers into big headlines and special editions, which anybody who knows the Soviet newspapers would be a very remarkable result. There is no doubt that he would be shown every possible courtesy. The world's first Socialist state would turn 10 somersaults to do honor to the world's richest man.

Would he be safe in Soviet Russia? Would some anarchist throw a bomb at his automobile or puncture his coat with a bullet?

The Soviet government would surely see to his safety. The chance of being shot at would be less than it is in Detroit. If Henry Ford should visit Soviet Russia, he would have a wonderful time.

## Rebekah Lodge

Mignonette Rebekah lodge met Tuesday evening, the first meeting since the summer vacation. Business was transacted and important plans were made. Next meeting will be held October 11th, and all members are urged to be present as much as is to be discussed. Meetings will start promptly at 8 o'clock hereafter.

## Death of Brother

Mrs. Lila Kirk left for Spokane Sunday evening, being called there by the death of her brother, Charles Bone. Mr. Bone's death was caused by heart failure. He is survived by his wife, one son and two sisters.

## Athena High School Makes Good Showing Against Wa-Hi Freshmen

Coach Toole's gridiron colts made a very acceptable showing against the Wa-Hi Freshmen team on the local field, Saturday afternoon, when the nifty little Athena eleven held Dimmick's brawny lads to one touchdown.

Wa-Hi gave everything she had, and the Athena lightweights handled it all through sheer pluck and endurance, up until the last five minutes of play. Then greater weight of Wa-Hi, plus substitution of fresh players, won the only touchdown of the game. Conversion was made and the game was soon over. Score 7 to 0.

This, the first game of the season, showed that Coach Toole will have a rattling good team of lightweight material. His team has had but little practice, and went against Wa-Hi without perfected signals. This necessitated grouping of the players for translation of plays from time to time, and materially placed the team at a disadvantage on offensive plays.

Athena travels to Waitsburg today, where it plays Waitsburg high school. A number of games have been scheduled, and indications point to a good attendance at the contests to be played on the local grounds.

## Three Fine Pictures at Standard Theatre

Three especially fine pictures are coming to the Standard Theatre tomorrow, Sunday and Wednesday nights.

Tomorrow night, George Jessel and Patsy Ruth Miller will be seen in Warner Brother's production of the stupendous war comedy-drama, "Private Izzy Murphy."

Sunday night that intrepid Western actor, Ken Maynard, will have the leading role in "The Devil's Saddle."

The Standard's big mid-week offering for next Wednesday will be Ben Burbridge's "The Gorilla Hunt," taking you on a thrilling journey through African jungles; a fine picture tingling with tremendous interest.

## Market Review

The market for both wheat and rye held generally steady last week. Barley and oats tended upwards. There was no material change in the general wheat market situation. Movement to market was about twice as heavy as last year. Mills were the principal buyers. Substantial premiums were paid for high protein. The supply of high grade soft winter wheat continues below the demand in St. Louis territory and some wheat is being shipped from Pacific Northwest territory to supplement the supply. Reports of corn weather were mixed and prices fluctuated widely. Barley and oats tended upward on light receipts and an active demand.

## Old Timer Returns

Sam Hall, who left Athena when it was known as Centerville, 43 years ago was here for a few hours Sunday. Sam had a hankering to see the old farm home up the flat where he lived as a boy. He drove up and located the homestead at Tom Myers place, recently purchased by Homer Watts, from Rich Thompson. Sam Hall's father was James Hall, who sold the place to Tom Myers. The only person he found here whom he knew was Dr. Sharp. Mr. Hall went from here to Weston, where his mother rests in the cemetery at that place. He is foreman of the Union Pacific steel bridge at Portland.

## A Novel Contest

The Bible school of the Christian church is engaged in an auto race and car building contest for the purpose of adding new members and having an increased attendance. Sides have been chosen to represent the Buick, the Hudson and the Reo. The leaders are Mrs. Eager for the Buick, Mrs. Thompson for the Hudson and Mrs. Michener for the Reo. The contest will run for six weeks and the completed car will be the winner. Much interest and enthusiasm is being created by the contest.

Many bets were made on the outcome of the Tunney-Dempsey championship fight. A freak bet recorded in Athena was won by Frank Ames from Leon Miller. Mr. Miller paid his wager in full by pushing a wheelbarrow, with Mr. Ames as passenger down Main street, and up Fifth street, to Mr. Ames' home.

## Edward E. Spafford Heads the Legion

### New York Naval Commander Named President of Order in Paris.

Paris.—Commander Edward E. Spafford of New York, U. S. N., and Mrs. Robert Walbridge, Peterborough, N. H., were elected to lead the American Legion and the American Legion auxiliary, respectively, during the next 12 months.

Spafford was elected national commander of the legion without opposition. Mrs. Walbridge defeated Mrs. Louise Ficklen, Washington, Ga., for the auxiliary presidency.

The following were elected national vice commanders: John T. Raffis, Coleville, Wash.; Ralph T. O'Neil, Topeka, Kan.; Paul R. Younts, Charlotte, N. C.; J. M. Henry, Winona, Minn., and Dan W. Spurlock, Shreveport, La.

The Rev. Gill Robb Wilson, a Presbyterian of Trenton, N. J., was elected national chaplain of the legion.

Pelham Bissell of New York was elected to the command of the "Forty and Eight" organization within the legion which makes the fun for the outfit. Bissell's title is Chef De Chemin De Fer.

The legion adopted a resolution urging the organization of a national department of aeronautics with cabinet representation equal to that enjoyed by the Army and Navy.

Another resolution opposed further reduction of American naval strength unless other powers reduced proportionately.

## MAY DISCIPLINE CRITIC OF NAVY

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Wilbur of the navy has under consideration the disciplining of one of the service's chief officers, Rear Admiral Thomas P. Magruder, for a recent magazine article criticizing the navy's administration.

Admiral Magruder, who is commander of the fourth naval district, is said to have violated a naval regulation which stipulates that articles on military affairs by persons in the service shall be submitted to the secretary before publication.

The article, which was published under the title of "The Navy Economy," charged the navy was over-organized and failed to practice economy.

Whether the regulation of failing to supply a copy of his article would be invoked against Admiral Magruder has not been disclosed by navy department officials and Secretary Wilbur has declined to comment on the article beyond a brief statement that no action had yet been taken.

## TUNNEY DECISION STANDS

### Boxing Commission Refuses to Consider Dempsey Manager's Protest.

Chicago.—Gene Tunney will remain undisputed world's heavyweight boxing champion.

The Illinois boxing commission, John C. Rieghelmer, chairman, announced, will not consider a protest of the decision of the Tunney-Dempsey bout filed by Dempsey's manager. The decision was rendered by Referee Dave Barry who stand.

Tunney's victory was disputed because it was claimed the champion was saved from losing his crown in the seventh round by a count that was actually several seconds longer than the toll of nine.

It was unquestionably a "long count," from 12 to 14 seconds, in all, to take the varying count of ringside observers—but its explanation lay in the fact that Illinois boxing rules compelled the fighter scoring the knock-down to go to his corner before the count starts. The time elapsing during Dempsey's backing off to a corner accounted for the late start of the count, boxing commissioners explained.

## Senator Clark's Estate \$43,000,000.

New York, N. Y.—An estate of \$43,000,000 was left by former United States Senator William Andrew Clark of Butte, Mont., who died here March 2, 1925, according to an appraisal just filed.