

## FORD SUIT MAKES STATE DUTIES AN ISSUE IN BRAZIL

RIO JANEIRO (AP)—The recent refusal of the supreme court of Brazil to grant an injunction to Henry Ford against duties on the importation of rubber seeds from one state to another, has served to draw attention to the multiplicity of these interstate tariff walls in Brazil. The constitution of the country, like that of the United States, prohibits these levies but the provision has been honored more in the breach than in the observance.

In refusing the Ford petition, the high court explained that the finding was based entirely upon the faulty form in which the request was offered. Lawyers believe that if a technically correct petition is presented to the court, the state of Para's tariff on rubber seeds will be declared unconstitutional, giving a basis upon which to fight similar impositions throughout the republic.

The discussion has brought out that many cities have followed the examples of the states and have placed taxes upon products coming into their limits, the duties being similar to the "octroi" taxes of Paris. Along some of the railroad lines, especially those north of this city, duties have been levied on goods in transit, even when the goods are in car load lots.

Recently an American fruit canning company sent a representative to Brazil to look for sites for new plantations and canneries. He found several tracts that appealed to him but was forced to discard them when he learned that the canned products would be subject to taxes in several cities through which they would have to pass to reach the seaboard.

## FROM COAL PIT TO PANTRY TO STAGE

LONDON.—(AP)—A 17-year-old pit boy from a Welsh mine has exchanged poverty and coal dust for fame and gold through the discovery that he possesses one of the finest tenor voices in Britain. Three years ago Tommy Sandilham was thrown out of employment when his mine closed down. He came to London and got a job as a pantry boy in a West End hotel.

Tommy sang as he worked. A concert manager, who was staying at the hotel, chanced to overhear him and immediately booked the boy for a National Sunday league concert.

Tommy knew only three simple songs, but he made such a success that he was offered other engagements. The manager sent him to a teacher for training, and now Tommy sings arias in Italian.

## Freedom, Not Economy Is Spur to Home Owning

What are the principal urges underlying Americans' widespread efforts to attain home ownership? Spiritual advantages take precedence over material gains, according to the results of a questionnaire sent out by one of the national building and loan associations and reported in the American Home. It is the wish to be free from the dictation of a landlord, and the desire to provide greater safety and comfort for the children, that impel most people to save money for permanent homes.

In addition to personal privacy and freedom and bettered conditions for the children, the responses put a sense of achievement in gaining a definite and recognized standing, the pride of ownership, and the satisfaction of attaining it, high on the list. The material aspects of home ownership, the enforced saving, the building up of an investment, the getting of a tangible return for money spent, proved to be of secondary consideration.

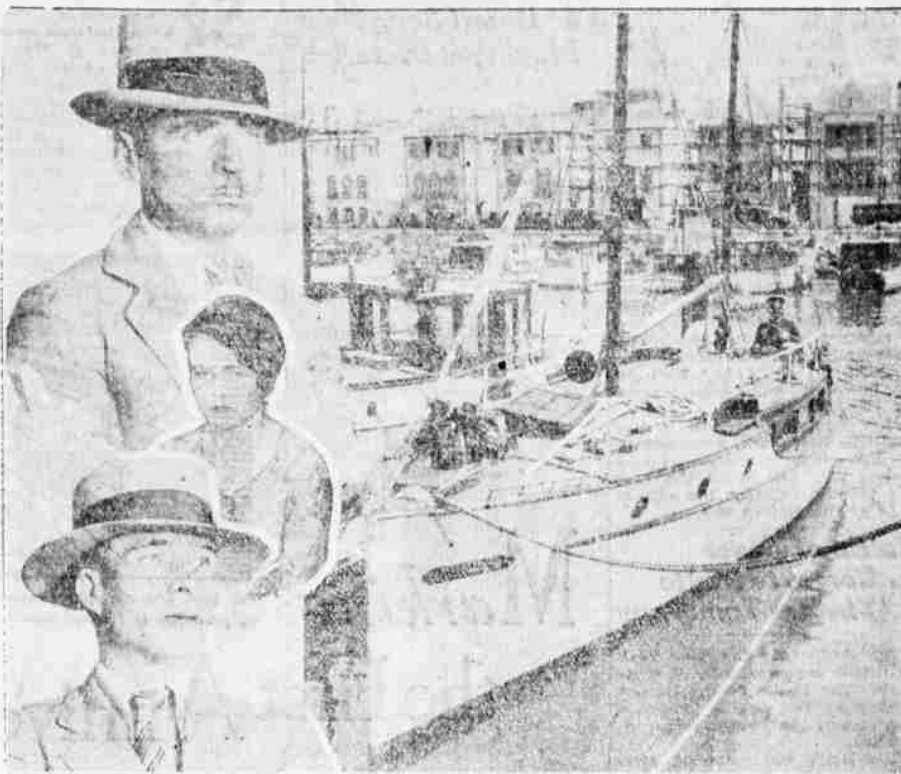
**Find Savings Over Ten Per Cent**  
The strength of feeling back of these answers is concretely indicated by the information given regarding the percentage of income being saved toward the acquisition of a home. The association which sent out the questionnaire had considered a saving of 10 per cent of the income to be satisfactory, and had taken it for granted that regular savings were hardly possible much before middle life. But the requests for information on the percentage of income that was saved and the period of which regular savings were begun brought surprising results.

Savings of 10 per cent of the income were found to be low rather than normal for the bulk of the answers placed the figure between 10 per cent and 25 per cent; further, regular savings were shown to have been begun during engagement days or at marriage.

**Speckles Dead**  
YONKERS, N. Y., June 29.—Louis Speckles, 62, widely known sugar refiner and for years general manager of the Federal Sugar Refining company in Yonkers, died today of a heart attack.

**PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 29.—**(AP)—Evidently it is unnecessary for a juror to see a witness to judge his reliability. George W. Rodgers, a blind musician, is on a criminal court panel. He likes the work very much.

## YACHT SEIZURE BREAKS UP BANK BANDIT GANG



Two men and a young girl were arrested in San Francisco after leaving their 50-foot motor boat (right). Lloyd Sampson confessed to a \$10,000 bank holdup in Berkeley, Cal., police report. A large arsenal and caches of currency were found in their quarters. The trio, top to bottom: Ethan McNabb, Mrs. Lita Sampson and Sampson. They are wanted in other cities.

## More About Earwigs

Portland is not an altogether disinterested spectator of the earwig war that is raging in Seattle. Portland also has earwigs, a distinction it would willingly forego, even though shared by comparatively few American cities. When the noise of combat ceases and the smoke is cleared away by the Puget sound breeze, Portland may be in a position to profit from facts developed by the present embroilment, which began in the city hall and has now reached the courts.

Just now a European beetle, under the scientific sponsorship of Professor Trevor Kincaid of the University of Washington, is in favor as an effective antagonist of the earwig. The beetle is a predatory insect, which bears the appellation *Pterostichus Vulgaris*. It attacks and destroys the earwig which is equipped with pinches to defend itself against smaller and less voracious foes. The black beetle, of Kincaid beetle, as it is called in Seattle, is not to be confused with the enemy pest that is being propagated in Portland under the direction of H. C. Atwell, in charge of earwig control. The latter is a small fly whose eggs hatch inside the earwig and produce an internal parasite.

Eventually the parasite or the predatory beetle may spell the doom of the earwig. Professor Kincaid believes that it is much more effective than the poison bait which is being used in Seattle.

From his observation he says that the insect eat the bait but go on to new depredations against flower beds and other vegetation. The poison mixture, however, is not the same that is being used in the official campaign in Portland, nor does it correspond to any of the commercial poisons on the market.

It seems certain that whatever methods are used, extermination of the earwig will be a slow and difficult process. The beetle suggestion sounds promising, but it will require time for the beetles to increase in numbers until they can cope with the earwig pest as a whole.

Dr. L. A. Howard, chief of the federal bureau of entomology, has reported that the black beetle which kills the earwig has caused damage to strawberry plantations in Europe. That is something which would bear investigation before any effort is made to introduce the beetle into the Portland situation. It is probably true that poison, as well as enemy insects, destroy great numbers of earwigs, but so far they have not approached eradication. Meanwhile, many methods of fighting them have been suggested, and the householder who will devote a little time to the attack can keep them from becoming a serious nuisance. (Portland Oregonian).

To remove the burned crust from a cake rub gently with a piece of fine sandpaper.

## ALFONSO GEDUNKS SPANISH DOUGHNUTS

MADRID.—(AP)—Visitors to Spain henceforth need not fear to follow the national custom of "gedunking" the luscious churros, a species of sweet doughnut, in their coffee. It is quite good form and they will only be following royal example.

It is related in circles close to the royal palace that none likes the coffee-dipped churros quite so

well as King Alfonso. This fondness is the subject of a story which Spaniards tell with great gusto. Queen Victoria Eugenie, English born wife of the king, recently remonstrated with her husband about dipping his churro in his coffee, but Alfonso, staunch nationalist, is said to have remarked that he only felt sorry if it wasn't done in England because they didn't know what they were missing.

The traveling American may not, however, eat with his fork in his right hand unless he wishes to be considered insular in his eating habits. The fork must be manipulated here with the left hand, as is done generally all over the continent.

Popularity of Reno as a divorce capital has led to inauguration of a tri-weekly air service between California and Nevada. The line is called the "Alimony Express."

## June Evenings

There is a little uptown park where fat breasted pigeons strut the curving walks, and the spray of a fountain gives the city baked air a slight touch of freshness. Catalpa blooms fall on the pavements and sometimes there is a smell of new green grass.

All about this tree-shaded bit of park where the pigeons strut and the catalpa blooms fall, are the crowded, twisted and shabby streets of a poor business and residential district. All day long the small hot rooms above the stores spew forth into the streets hordes of thin, shouting, dirty-faced children who dabble in the gutters, discovering untold treasure dear to their hearts of them. They dash nimbly among the hot, hurried crowds, making fun for themselves, running errands. Weary looking shopkeepers lean in the doors of the pinched little stores and look wistfully toward the dusty, inviting green of the little park.

Heat, turmoil, and in the heart of the discouraging endlessness of it all, a green bit of a park, and the cool spray of a fountain. It is a kindly park. The gracious curves of its wide walks are lined with green benches, never empty. The end of the day draws them out, the weary shopkeepers and the men and women from the hot little rooms over the stores. The children are there, too, reveling in the June cool of the evening.

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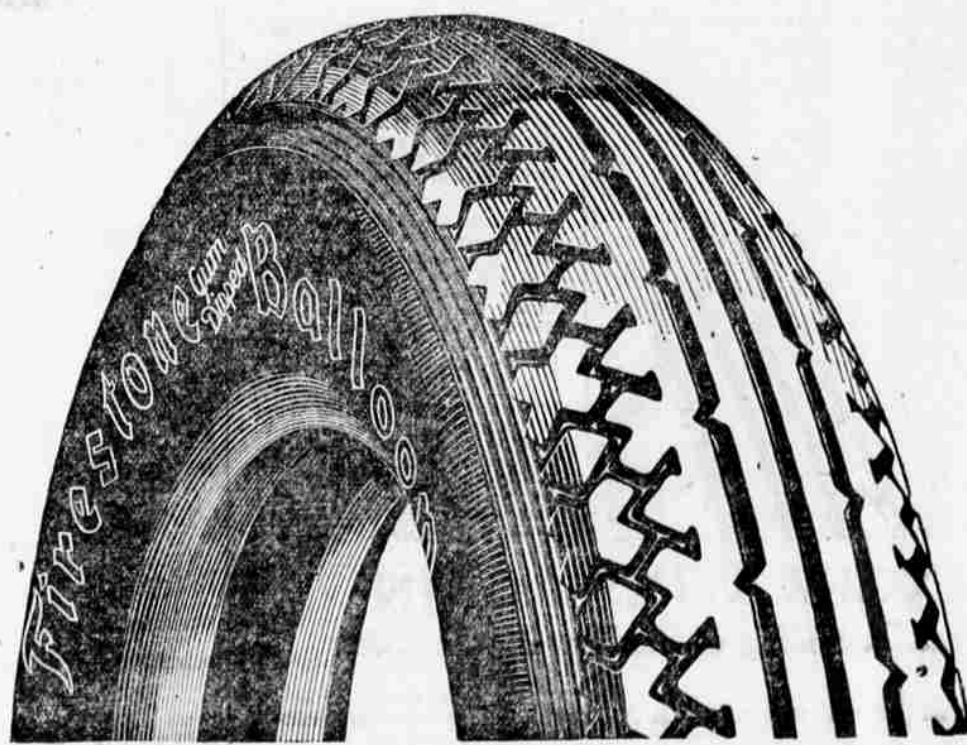
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