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FRANCE YIELDS ON PEARL TARIFFS



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WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The new dealers are getting a reputation in the capitals of the world as a crowd of Yankee traders. They are proud of it and brag about it in private. No one will believe it but even general state secretary Hull has been transformed into a sort of international trader.

Without the aid of whiskeys, he has been quietly swapping diplomatic beads for ivory with the Latin-Americans at Montevideo.

Here at home his state department was busy with the hasty backstage work with Europe on liquor imports in a way which has changed the entire international complexion of things.

Hull
It is too early to say how Hull will ultimately come out. But the boss bargainer in the White House was quite elated about the first new deals.

The Latin-Americans were flattered to see at the Pan-American conference. The situation largely evened them because Hull's hands were tied by existing administration tariff policies. His only hope was to make the roasting as painless as possible.

He started in by becoming friendly with Argentina. She had been the leader of the Anti-U. S. group at previous Pan-American conferences. Her foreign minister, Dr. Lamas, had his heart set on an Argentine anti-war pact. After a few conferences with Lamas, our state secretary began to see a lot of good things in that pact. He and Dr. Lamas became pals.

Results
Our first embarrassing moment at the conference came when Mexico proposed a 5 to 10 year moratorium on all Latin-American governmental debts.

Fortunately, Dr. Lamas came forward to object. He induced the conference to refer the matter to the Inter-American high commission, where it will rest in peace, probably forever.

Next the Latin wanted to end a marine trading post here carefully found out which nations were going to make Dec. 15 payments on their war debts, before our import liquor quotas were announced.

Several other deals are still in the making.

Foreign diplomats were just guessing and running around from department to department for days before the quotas were issued. Then the liquor control board made it quite clear that the existing quotas are ONLY for a three months period and will be revised.

That keeps the bargaining point still in our hands.

The stiffest direct competition for liquor market is between England and Ireland.

Irish Minister MacWhite is trying strenuously to muscle in. For weeks he worked to figure out a scheme to beat the British. He hit on the idea of increasing Irish purchases of grain in return for good Irish liquor quotas. He has pushed the state department with memos on that subject. He even had Agriculture Secretary Wallace out to dinner.

MacWhite is speaking a language the administration understands.

The result is you will get more Irish whiskey now than you did before prohibition.

Basis
This may seem to be a somewhat absurd international idealism on the part of international relations who think principles. However, no observer can forget that every time we went to an international conference with wings and a halo during the past fifteen years we usually got our wings singed and lost our halo. That also applies to our handling of exchange and tariff policies.

The practical basis of our new method is clearly rooted in our unfortunate international experiences of the past.

Plumber?
The second big leak in the gold price figure has been discovered without the aid of the secret service. In fact the leak himself is bragging about it.

A smart Washington broker figured out that insurance, as the figure is given out at the same time each day, he could arrange to have his London brokerage connection on the telephone at that moment by that device he scooped the regular cable services regularly in London. He got the figure here from a public Wall Street ticker.

Now he is sending letters around to clients, advertising the fact that

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NEW TERMS SENT FROM PARIS WHEN WINE QUOTA HELD

America Afloat On Trade Grants When Debtor Nation Plans Boost On Fruit Imports.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Unrevealed French consent to facilitate American fruit importations have been sent to Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The United States held aloof tonight from any formal agreement with France on liquor quotas until it had learned the extent of concessions reported to have been made by the French government in its American agricultural product tariff rates, including land, apples and pears.

Previous word that the French minister of agriculture intended to announce substantial increases in tariffs on American apples, pears and lard were viewed as definitely threatening an increase of the farm product trade between the two nations.

The offer to take more apples and pears was reliably reported to provide for an import license duty of 125 francs a quintal of apples and about 3 1/2 to 4 cents a pound at current exchange rates. (This would affect D'Anjou shipments from this valley)—Ed. note.

The French concessions will be subjected to the scrutiny of the American committee of two which drew up the original four months liquor import quota figures. While diplomatic negotiations normally are conducted through the state department, the liquor import question has been left to representatives of the agricultural adjustment administration and the newly formed federal alcohol control administration.

Acting Secretary of State Phillips, even before word of the French concessions was received, said no final settlement would be made until the tariff question was cleared away.

The state department earlier had cabled the embassy at Paris for details on the proposed increased tariff on the American farm products.

The situation was further complicated by the fact that federal alcohol control administration yesterday announced that an accord had been reached which would result in a "substantial increase" above the four months import quota for French wine.

In light of developments today, this accord apparently had not reached the signature stage when the French tariff complications arose to endanger the agreement.

The French embassy here did not evidence concern over the outcome. Spokesmen indicated a belief that American products still would find a good market in France despite any possible increase in import levy.

LINDBERGH'S LAND AT MIAMI, PLAN HOME HOP MON.

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Swooping down gracefully from southern skies, a trim but work-worn seaplane landed gently on the waters of the International airport here today, bringing home the sky-journing Charles A. Lindbergh.

While thousands lined the docks and cheered the famous pilot and his wife, completed a 900-mile flight from San Pedro, Dominican Republic, to set foot on North American soil for the first time since they left New York last July on an aerial odyssey of three foreign continents.

During these five months, the celebrated couple compiled valuable data for air route mapping on a journey that took them across the North Atlantic to Europe, south to Africa, over the South Atlantic to Brazil and thru the West Indies to Florida.

Col. Lindbergh and his wife will remain here tomorrow and hop off, probably early Monday morning for New York. Their plane was pulled ashore late today for an over-hauling.

Advice, That's All
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Hugh E. Johnson, recovery administrator, tonight refused the demand of a group attending a consumers' conference here for consumer representation on code authorities, but told them he would accept all the advice they had to offer.

VALLEY STREAM, N. Y., Dec. 16.—(AP)—The mothers of two duck hunters missing since Sunday in the marshes of Amityville, Long Island, telegraphed President Roosevelt today asking his help in the search. Tonight six coast guard stations were on an intensive search for the men on orders from Washington.

GIRL ON STAND IN MOTHER'S TRIAL



Twelve-year-old June Hanson (left) took the stand in circuit court at Rockford, Ill., and described the burning of her father's body, June's mother, Mrs. May Hanson (right) is on trial for the "torch slaying" of her husband. (Associated Press Photo)

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Mrs. May Hanson, 34, was sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment tonight after a jury convicted her of murdering her husband with blazing gasoline.

Mrs. Hanson smiled as she heard the verdict and attempted to comfort her 12-year-old daughter June, chief witness in the trial, who wept on her shoulder. Mrs. Hanson's mother, Mrs. Alice Mulder, was arrested and collapsed.

The verdict climaxed a trial of nearly two weeks in which Mrs. Hanson was pictured as hating her former husband for several years, and of plotting his death.

RUM CONTROL IN STATE EFFECTIVE IN MONTH, HOPE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16.—(AP)—The Oregon state liquor commission hopes the new state control system may be operating within 30 days.

After three days of constant consideration and deliberation, the three-man commission adjourned today, to meet some time next week for further study of the control plan under which every drop of legal liquor in Oregon will be administered by the official group.

Today, Arch J. Tourtelotte, Portland accountant, hurried north to the province of British Columbia for a speedy but intensive study of the control system there.

In Portland it was agreed existing methods of city and county control will continue in operation until the Knox law is definitely operative.

The Portland city council has decided to co-operate fully with the state in liquor control. Although there was talk of a test case some days ago, such an action now is not planned.

Chairman McMoran of the commission said it may be two or three weeks before appointment of a liquor administrator will be made. The administrator, on a salary basis, will direct the entire state control setup under the direction of the non-salaried commissioners.

McMoran explained that the commission is interested primarily in seeing that prices are no higher than those consistent with good business, so that the bootlegger will not find his activities profitable.

FEDERAL GIVING NO SIGN PUBLIC TO QUIT HELPING

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The necessity of retaining the American standard of living throughout the present depression as a guard to future civilization was stressed today by Newton D. Baker, former secretary of war.

Baker spoke before the first general meeting of the Boston Emergency Campaign of 1934 in which 1200 persons participated.

The American standard of living was defined by Baker as that which gives the American citizen a large enough income for living a little more. The government, he said, would take care of food and shelter, but the private agencies would have to supply the necessities which have built up the standards of civilization known as American.

"Our task this year," he said, "is to make people realize that an assumption of the purely material giving of the federal government does not lessen one whit the necessity for private giving. The government has said that no one shall starve, that no one shall freeze, that no one shall go unsheltered. It was necessary for the government to take this stand. But it does not relieve the great need for the sort of undertaking you are just about to launch in Boston. To fill the material needs into chaos by this depression is not enough."

PARENT THWARTS BABE'S KIDNAPER

MERCHANTVILLE, N. J., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Awakened by an intruder creeping into her bedroom, Mrs. H. Ennis Jones, wife of a former Philadelphia banker, today told what police described as an attempt to kidnap her 11-month-old son, asleep in his crib in the same room.

Crawling on hands and knees, the man, described as young and dark complexioned, had almost reached Mrs. Jones' bed directly beside the crib, when she was awakened.

"Don't make a sound," he warned. Defying him, Mrs. Jones snatched on a flashlight she kept under her pillow, holding the glare in his face, she screamed for her husband in an adjoining room.

The intruder fled. Mr. Jones rushed from his room, a pistol in his hand, but caught only a fleeting glimpse of the intruder as he ran through the rear door of the palatial home.

CHILD Killed
CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Thrown from her frightened horse, Jane Lewis, aged 10, was fatally injured at Fort Francis E. Warren late today.

Life for Negro
LEESBURG, Va., Dec. 16.—(AP)—A sentence of life imprisonment was imposed today on George Cawford, charged with murdering Mrs. Agnes Boring Hickey, prominent Middleburg, Va. schoolwoman.

Finds \$120,000 On Street; Hunts Up Owner to Return

ROCHESTER, Minn., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Joseph P. Meighen, vice-president of a bank at Preston, Minn., today experienced the thrill of finding \$120,000 in cash and certificates of deposit on a sidewalk here.

Meighen traced the owner, whose identity was kept secret, and returned the fortune. The envelope containing the money had been dropped near a filling station shortly before Meighen drove in for gasoline.

CHAMBERS, VANCE FAMOUS AUTHORS TO FINAL REWARD

Tragedy Closes One Career, Operation The Other—Both Wove Romantic Tales, Stirring Drama.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—(AP) Death closed the books today for Louis Joseph Vance and Robert W. Chambers.

Vance—he wrote words into romance along strange trails of stranger places—was burned to death at his apartment here.

Chambers—he chipped his words from the rainbow and changed romantic incidents of history into glamorous drama—died at Doctors' hospital following an operation.

Vance was 54; Chambers was 68. Burns to Death
An employee of Vance's apartment house found his body, burned badly, in a smoldering chair. Police suggested he fell asleep and his cigarette set the upholstery afire. He wore only his trousers.

Authorities began an investigation. One theory was that he suffered a heart attack and collapsed as he attempted to rise from the chair.

Chambers underwent an operation for an intestinal ailment three days ago and never rallied.

The two authors had much in common, including a fascinating cadence in their works. Both began their careers as artists.

Vance was an artist for a New York newspaper after he completed his studies at Polytechnic Institute in Brooklyn and was an illustrator for magazines.

Chambers was born in Brooklyn, where Vance went to school. Vance was born in Washington, where his father was a newspaper man.

Prolific, Popular
Vance turned to writing in 1900 and wrote short stories for magazines, using many pseudonyms. Once he had seven stories appearing simultaneously under as many different names.

In 1906, he brought out "The Brass Bowl," and his fame was assured.

Later came "The Lone Wolf" and such glamorous things as "Terrence O'Rourke, Gentleman Adventurer," and "The Road to En-Dor," as well as such creeping mysteries as "The Destroying Angel."

Prolific and tireless, he wrote rapidly and frequently. Many of his books were best sellers. His style was virile and his plots, Chambers, temperamental and retiring, wrote his first novel, "In the Quarter," in 1893.

He wrote anything—verse, sociological novels, children's stories and plays. But his historical romances made him famous.

His style was virile and he wrote about things that fascinated him—wars and adventures on the grisly-middie passage of the slave trade, pirates and gold and love.

Chambers married Miss Eliza Vaughn Moller in 1898 and, N. Y. They also maintained a home here. His widow and son, Robert Edward Stewart Chambers, survive him.

Vance is survived by his son, William Vance, who edits a newspaper in Vienna.

MOTHER CRAZED BY TOT'S COUGH

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Believed by police to have been driven mad by the whooping cough of her six-year-old daughter, Mrs. Ruth Anderson, 32, today said the child to death here today and then cut her own throat.

The bodies were discovered by the woman's husband, 32, a stevedore, father of the child, when he returned home from work. The daughter lay in bed and the mother was sprawled on the floor nearby, the knife beside her.

Anderson told police the child, June, had been ill with whooping cough for some time and that the mother had lost much sleep because of it. He declared, however, that his wife was apparently in good spirits when he left for work.

MARRIED WOMAN'S FERVID EPISTLE IS CLUE IN MURDER

'Daddy Dear' Note To Mysteriously Slain Pasadena Dentist—Trip To Resort Together.

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Police here today were arranging to question an unnamed married woman author of a "daddy dear" letter to Dr. Leonard Sleever, while a coroner's jury in Los Angeles returned a verdict that the local dentist and musician came to his death here Tuesday from the hands of an "unknowing" person with homicidal intent.

Police said the married woman they will question occupied a room adjoining the dentist at a southern California mountain resort in May, last year, and the dentist paid the bill. The hotel receipts and the letter were found in Dr. Sleever's trunk.

A portion of the letter disclosed by the police read:
"Daddy dear, I'm coming back to you as soon as possible."
"It was said by police that this woman had an appointment with Dr. Sleever the latter part of this week. The woman's husband also will be questioned, the police said."

The letter read in part:
"My daddy dear, you came to me last night in my dreams so sweet, with your two precious lips, so warm, so passionate and loving, like no other woman knows. Oh daddy, I love you. I even heard the words of love, my lover uses with our live, daddy. Daddy what have you done to me? Could any man ever possess me like you have? No! No! Impossible! For love we are created and yet for love I have suffered agonies. Only my love is the sum of my destiny. The fate of my soul is in the hands of love. Are you?"

"The bonds of love are my master. Can I go to you, do these words convey the meaning and depth of my love to you, daddy?"
"This I want to tell you, the words from my very soul that you are the one and only one I'll ever love. I want you. I want to be yours, all yours, with my undivided love, but what fate holds, who knows. If I have to give up all my greatest and most powerful of all my love for you, I will not be the cause of something terrible caused only by me for my happiness."

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Led on a false trail by a woman who screamed a confession to the killing of Dr. Leonard Sleever, 44, dentist, and later retracted her statement, police turned again to a study of the life of the dentist in hope of uncovering some clue to explain his death.

3 KILLED, 3 HURT IN AUTO CRASHES WILLAMETTE AREA

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Two persons were killed and three were injured in an automobile collision on the Santiam highway three miles east of here tonight.

Ray Barger, about 45, of Brownsville, driver of one of the two machines, and his companion, Lester Green, about 35, also of Brownsville, were killed.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessa Wilcox and their son, Aa, all of Aumsville, were injured. Wilcox, 55, suffered a fractured jaw and other serious injuries. Mrs. Wilcox, 21, was less seriously hurt. The son, 21, who was driving their car, received head lacerations. They were brought to a hospital here.

Witnesses said that Barger's car appeared to swerve out of control, nearly left the highway, then cut suddenly across the road and into the path of the Wilcox car.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN HOTEL ROOM

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The bodies of a 20-year-old woman and a 17-year-old girl, who registered into a hotel here last Thursday as Mrs. Mary H. Schumacker and daughter, Miss J. H. Schumacker of Chicago, were found tonight in the hotel room. Detectives said the elder woman apparently had had the girl and then ended her own life with poison.

San Jose Del Cabo, Lower California, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Benjamin Diaz Grajales, federal governmental commissioner in Lower California, was assassinated in Toluca Santos today, according to dispatches received here. The alleged killer was arrested a few hours after the crime in La Paz.

Dentist Slain



Dr. Leonard Sleever, 30, prominent Pasadena, Calif., dentist, was fatally shot by unidentified assailant as he locked his automobile. His pockets were emptied. (Associated Press Photo)

MODERATE GAINS IN BUSINESS FOR PAST WEEK SHOWN

Auburn To Spend Million For 1934 Needs—Chain Stores, Packers, Parcel Post Trend Rises.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Statistics appearing during the past week indicated a moderately improved business tendency according to Moody's Index figures for freight car loadings, electric power production, and steel ingot output.

AUBURN, Ind., Dec. 16.—(AP)—The Auburn Automobile company plans to spend more than \$10,000,000 in new tools and dies in preparation for the 1934 production schedule, W. H. Beal, president of the company, announced today.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—(AP)—With sales amounting to a little more than \$500,000,000, Swift & Company, meat packers, reported today net income of \$10,140,000 for the fiscal year ending October 28, 1933. This compares to a \$5,337,798 deficit in 1932. The company reported having used net income partly to set up a \$4,267,000 reserve against possible future losses due to declining inventory prices.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—(AP)—There was a 20 per cent increase in the amount of parcel post handled through the Chicago post department this December. Postmaster Ernest J. Kristegen said.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The domestic sugar bureau reports beet sugar deliveries in the United States last month totaled 1,809,925 against 1,707,373 last year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Sales of reporting chain stores systems in this federal reserve district for November were six per cent higher than a year ago.

KLAMATH RUSTLER GIVEN LONG TERM

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 16.—(AP)—They don't stage an impromptu hanging for it any more, but it's still a serious offense to rustle livestock. Lester Hixon, convicted of the theft of livestock, was told by the court today that "every legitimate cattleman in the county is nervous while you are at large," then sentenced him to 10 years in prison. He was convicted in one minute.

Hixon is known in Jackson county.

MEXICAN OFFICER ASSASSIN VICTIM

SAN JOSE DEL CARO, Lower California, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Benjamin Diaz Grajales, federal governmental commissioner in Lower California, was assassinated in Toluca Santos today, according to dispatches received here. The alleged killer was arrested a few hours after the crime in La Paz.

CHANCELLOR KERR RETIRES IN JUNE UPSTATE REPORT

Higher Education Armistice Agreed Upon Salem Paper Says; And List Terms.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 16.—(AP)—In a signed article, the Statesman says "an armistice has been called in the field of higher education in Oregon if one can fully accredit reports seeping out to the news front in the last fortnight."

The cessation of hostilities is not a calm before a new battle, the article says.

Further, the various factions in the flap of six weeks past are reported to be in substantial agreement on these points:

First—Dr. W. J. Kerr will terminate his service as chancellor of higher education on or about June 30, 1934.

Second—No extensive investigation will be made by the state board of higher education into affairs at Eugene.

Third—A casual checkup of Dean Wayne B. Morse may be made meanwhile and his wrists slapped. His removal from the Eugene faculty is not contemplated.

Fourth—Quietly the board will at once start the quest for an out-of-state chancellor, his services to begin the school year of 1934-1935.

Fifth—There will be public commendation by the board in due time of the work of Dr. Kerr. In no sense will his retirement be held an ouster.

Sixth—Governor Julius L. Meier will be in no hurry to appoint a successor to Roscoe Nelson, resigned board member.

Seventh—During the armistice period disgruntled Eugene townsmen and faculty members will keep silent and work for a successful school year, 1933-1934.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16.—(AP)—A statement that he has "not resigned" was the only answer Dr. W. J. Kerr, chancellor of higher education in Oregon, would make to a report published in a Salem newspaper that he would retire at the end of the school year.

Based at Eugene by telephone, the chancellor declined to discuss the report.

Willard Marks of Albany, acting president of the state board of higher education, declared, however, that the board has not yet taken any action and that there is no authoritative basis for the report.

Oregon: Unsettled Sunday and Monday; occasional rains in west and local snows northeast portion; no change in temperature; fresh to strong wind offshore.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—(AP)—George Hansen, 34, tonight told police he was abducted and released near Urbana, Ill., by four men, one of them Allen R. Brinkley, 37, missing guard for the Hanks Express company, who has been accused of embarking \$39,000 from one of the company's armored trucks.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 15.—Roscoe Turner and I just breezed in here in two hours, 400 miles, to a benefit. Roscoe's jokes better be good, for with the Democrats doing all that can be done and the Republicans keeping still, why don't they make me much to work on, so my little riddles are not so hot.

France handed us their year-ly laugh. We told 'em it was debt-paying time and they just said "yeah!" They have even borrowed our English language.

Say, with Jesse Jones offering \$34 an ounce for new gold, every man, woman, or child that could get a burro and a pick have gone to the hills. This country has gone "nugget-minded," and if they do what they ought to do and make silver a money instead of just a thing to shoot craps with, why the whole West will boom and we will have the king coming over with a pick and shovel.

Will Rogers
GREAT MOUNTAIN STRAIGHTENING