

France Unkindly To Disarmament Idea of Coolidge

PARIS, Feb. 12, (U.P.)—Foreign Minister Briand, tonight was believed to be formulating a reply to President Coolidge's naval disarmament proposals, which would "verge upon rejection" of the scheme as suggested by Mr. Coolidge.

From an informant whose knowledge of the nature of the proposed French reply to the naval limitations suggestion, the United Press learned that Briand's reply would cause a profound impression.

The cabinet met today and requested Briand to prepare to reply after members of the cabinet had agreed upon its general outline. It was understood that Briand's reply, while not an outright refusal, would constitute a strong statement of the French disarmament thesis, which is that naval, land and air armaments are indivisible and must be discussed together, if at all.

There was likelihood, the United Press was informed, that Briand's note would make suggestions to the United States government, probably proposing that Mr. Coolidge make his proposal to the preparatory commission of the League of Nations, and also to the smaller powers.

Briand's reply, the United Press was informed, would object to the Coolidge proposal because "it would take disarmament from the jurisdiction of the league," because it did not include small states, and because it did not take into account the potential war strength of nations in determining the extent to which disarmament would be desirable.

Billion Merger Plan is Filed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12, (U.P.)—The Van Sweringen brothers of Cleveland, who started life as newsboys, began another attempt today to obtain the approval of the interstate commerce commission to their gigantic railroad merger plan, sometimes called the billion dollar merger.

Formal application for approval of the revised plan was filed with the commission today. The first application proposing the famous Nickel Plate plan, was rejected by the commission last spring.

The present application makes the Chesapeake and Ohio the basic line of the system, C. & O. minority stockholders having fought the merger plan as being unfair to their efforts. The plan alters also some features of the treatment accorded to the minority in the settlements, the commission having condemned the original plan as lacking in such protection.

BROTHERS EXPECTED IN CUSTODY SHORTLY

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ment he was serving had a price on his head totaling several thousand dollars.

After his arrest D'Autremont said he had enlisted in Chicago in April, 1924, and arrived in the islands for foreign service early in 1925. He had been under suspicion some time, the reports said and admitted his identity immediately.

Postal authorities here were hopeful that Hugh would give them some clue leading to the hiding place of the other two elusive brothers and thus end the hunt which has engaged the attention of hundreds of men.

That the crime was committed by amateurs was the opinion of all investigators. It was too bloody, they said, to be the work of professional train bandits. The train was in Siskiyou tunnel.

The mail car was dynamited and the clerk killed and his body burned. The engineer, fireman and brakeman were shot down and killed. The force of the explosion was too great and had there been anything of value in the car it would have been torn to shreds.

HARVARD STUDENTS BATTLE WITH COPS

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the building and the free-for-all started on the streets.

The students, numbering about 300, were mauling the handful of police opposing them and a riot call was sent in.

Pop bottles, clubs, fists and nightsticks were the chief weapons.

The police drove the students into Harvard square, where they made a determined stand. Gradually the students were being overcome and they broke and fled for the college grounds. At gates special university police held back the enraged city police to prevent further bloodshed.

Two hours after the riot started the thoroughly aroused police were still battering at the gates of the university. The college police kept them back, however, and students bombarded them with bottles, broken furniture and other missiles from dormitory windows.

WEATHER FORECAST
OREGON: Generally fair in west portions; rains, snow, east part Sunday.

WINS POLAND SPRINGS RACES



Photo shows Leonard Seppala and his lead dog "Buliken," together with cup given as first prize for the winning of the Poland Springs dog sled races, held at Poland Springs, Me. It was planned to hold two days of racing, but rain caused cancellation of the second day's races. Seppala was driver of the famous dog team which brought anti-toxin to diphtheria-stricken Nome in 1925.

Holy Rota Annuls Twenty-Two Knots

ROME, Feb. 12, (U.N.)—Twenty-two marriages were annulled by the holy rota of the Roman Catholic church in 1926, it was announced today.

Applications for such action had been received from 45 persons. Twenty-one were refused outright, while two were granted decrees to the effect that the marriages had not been consummated.

In the latter cases the wives were prohibited from marrying again.

The annulments were granted because of violence or fear, because the true consent was lacking, because the marriage contracts were made clandestinely, because of a prenuptial agreement that there would be no children and because of defective consent and mental defections.

POE VALLEY NOTES

Mr. Helm from Medford is moving his family into the J. T. Roberts place of 160 acres which he has just purchased in upper Poe valley near the school house.

The Palace meat market has purchased the ranch known as the John Simmons from Mr. Thompson who lives on the Al Mark ranch. It is situated near Steven Griffith's place in lower Poe valley. It will be used for pasture.

Earl and Clarence Webber are hauling hay from the Mechem ranch this week to their home near John Van Meter in lower Poe valley.

Eddie Roberts has leased the Frank Morris ranch for one year from the Vogt Bros. who live on the Mechem place. He is going to farm it this coming year. It looks good to the dry farmers with so much moisture in the land.

For the best time of many moons, Keno Valentine dance, Sat. Night.

Process is Found to Solidify Wood

BROOKLINE, Mass., Feb. 12, (U.N.)—Working night after night in the cellar of their home, a society leader and her husband have invented a wood-curing preparation which, they claim, will revolutionize the use of wood for commercial purposes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Randolph Coolidge, 3rd, prominent in Brookline society, announced they had perfected a treatment which would make wood last indefinitely. They said that neither fire or decay would have any effect on a piece of wood after it had been properly treated.

By using a sap preparation to solidify wood, they have also found a way to make wood fireproof, according to Mr. Coolidge.

REPRESENTATIVE McNARY IS HAPPY MAN INDEED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12, (U.N.)—Senator Charles L. McNary, Oregon, republican, co-author of the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill, is the most pleased man in Washington.

"It was a great victory," he said, with a broad smile. "Our vote this afternoon certainly should help the bill in the house."

"It shows that the farmers cannot be disregarded by congress. I do not know what President Coolidge will do with the bill if it comes to him for his signature, but he cannot help but be impressed by the decisive vote."

KILLING MULE COSTLY

WRAY, Colo., Feb. 12, (U.N.)—Homer Murphy, farmer, living near here, paid \$65 and costs in justice court today for killing a neighbor's mule with a pitchfork.

Murphy was said to have thrown the fork at the mule, owned by Tom Stallings, inflicting fatal wounds.

Life Sentence on Boy is Reversed

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12, (U.N.)—Joseph Tassey, the 17-year old boy who thought crime was easy, but who admitted his mistake when sentenced to a life term in San Quentin penitentiary, is going to get another sentence.

The United States district court of appeals yesterday reversed the trial court in Sacramento which sentenced Tassey and the state appeal court which upheld the verdict.

The boy was ordered returned to the custody of the Sacramento sheriff, and he will go back to that city as a ward of the juvenile court.

Tassey, found guilty of eight counts of robbery, admitted the crimes, saying he had believed crime furnished an easy living. He was carrying a revolver when arrested and was sentenced to from ten years to life imprisonment.

He became San Quentin's youngest prisoner.

Clubwomen took up the lad's case and represented by Miss Valla E. Parkinson, Sacramento attorney, finally obtained his release from the penitentiary.

Religious Cult Practices Abuse

BRIDGEWATER, N. D., Feb. 12, (U.P.)—After being tied to her bed for three days while members of a religious cult made weird gestures and shouts to "extract the devil" from her body, Mrs. W. Wolman was rescued today by a committee of business men.

When found by the committee she was in a state of hypnosis and Dr. G. H. Glauser said she had been without food for five days.

The woman was considerably weakened by the ordeal but Dr. Glauser said she would recover.

The religious cult is made up of farmers living outside Bridgewater and they are believed to have called at Mrs. Wolman's home early this week and started their "vigil against the devil." They were fanatical in their shouting when the business men arrived at the Wolman home and had to be forced to leave the house.

Supposed Suicide Believed Murder

DENVER, Feb. 12, (U.P.)—Investigation into the death here of Arthur Hutchinson, 45, wealthy San Francisco sportsman, was started tonight when three diamond rings he usually wore could not be located.

Hutchinson's body was found in City Park today. He had been shot through the mouth with a revolver found in his right hand.

Police at first thought Hutchinson who was recovering from a paralytic stroke, a suicide, but later changed their theory when it was found his diamond rings were missing.

LITTLE CHILD KILLED

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 12, (U.P.)—A few minutes after her father had given her a nickel to buy an apple in a grocery across the street, three-year old Jane Sexton was killed Friday by a lumber truck. She was struck after she had bought the apple and was recrossing the street.

Railroad Official Takes His Own Life

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12, (U.P.)—A blood clot, long in the brain, has been held responsible for the sudden seizure of insanity that caused Edward Chambers, second vice president of the Santa Fe railroad, to commit suicide by leaping from a hospital window early Friday.

Chambers had been operated on for a minor ailment and appeared to be sleeping comfortably at 3 a. m. when he jumped from his bed, yanked a potted flower from a stand and hurled it at Miss Florence Yates, his nurse.

The railroad man then dashed about his room, overturning chairs and tables, finally throwing himself from a window.

Rail officials from various sections of the country sent telegrams of condolence to associates and surviving relatives.

"Chambers was one of the greatest traffic officials in America, perhaps the greatest," wired W. R. Storey, president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe.

REVENUE MEN ARE COMING TO CHECK

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of February for three days, and will return there March 4, to remain until the 15th. They will go to Ashland from here, to be available to Jackson county taxpayers from February 28 until March 3.

LATZO TO MEET PILTZ

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 12, (U.P.)—Pete Latzo, world's welterweight boxing champion, will meet Billy Piltz, Tulsa welterweight here next Friday night in a ten round match under the auspices of the State Federation of Labor, it was announced today.

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