

Sinclair Commends President's Action

(By Associated Press) Paris, Jan. 29.—Harry F. Sinclair has cabled Senator Leavitt, commending President Coolidge's action to institute legal proceedings over the Teapot Dome oil leases but at the same time reiterating his determination not to return to testify further on his European business trip...

GRAND DUCAL PALACE IN WEIMAR CONVERTED INTO MUSEUM OF ART

(By Associated Press) Weimar, Thuringia, Jan. 29.—The grand ducal palace in this city has been converted into a museum under the direction of Dr. Wilhelm Kohler of the Weimar Museum. He has transferred part of the art collection of the grand dukes to the ducal castle and has restored them to the position they formerly occupied when the dukes were living in the old castle.

ARGUES THAT ALL ELDERLY PEOPLE BURDEN THE STATE

(By Associated Press) London, Jan. 28.—Many Englishmen boast of their declining death rate who live, in their slow and easy way, to be 90 or 100 years old. But the new president of the Institute of Sanitary Engineers, J. S. Alford, is not one of them. In his first presidential address, delivered recently, he set forth the opinion that further considerable reduction in the death rate was not only unlikely, but undesirable.

The trouble with most of these oldsters, Mr. Alford seemed to think, is that they keep on living but stop producing, thereby adding to the national burden of the unproductive. "There is obviously a limit to the weight we can carry in that respect," the speaker said. "If it becomes too heavy the nation will go down before another which is not so encumbered, and which may be far less intelligent."

Mr. Alford then had something to say about equality of opportunity which may seem strange to Americans. He declared equality of opportunity was a good rule for application to the young, but not for men and women over twenty. It results inevitably in inequality of achievement, he said, and political theories which do not recognize this are in conflict with Nature, "and Nature is bound to win in the long run."

"Discovery is needed in education, for instance, of how to select the distinguished best and to give the necessary basic instruction to all, without at the same time proceeding to lengths which result in super-abundant gifts being conferred on those in whom they produce discontent rather than culture."

The day Mr. Alford expressed his thoughts about old age and productivity, the press of Britain was rejoicing that the year 1923 had brought down the death rate to 11.3 a thousand, the healthiest year ever known in this country. At Bournemouth, a health resort, only a few deaths occurred during the year, and 49 of them were of persons beyond 90. Bournemouth also is boasting of its many aged residents. Its latest figures listed four women who had passed their 98th birthday and 214 inhabitants beyond 90. Those whose years exceeded 80 numbered almost 1,000. The county had 98 domestic servants in the seventies, and 3 barbers who can never see 65 again.

Drastic Changes Proposed for Veterans' Bureau

(By Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 29.—Fall authority for the director of the veterans bureau to put into force a complete administrative reorganization, both in the home office and in the field, is proposed in a preliminary report filed with the Senate by a special committee which has spent eight months in investigating the affairs of the bureau. Under the plan recommended would be created a new organization to be organized in person; to greatly simplify procedure on appeals; to make radical changes in housing...

Earnest Cook Is on Trial For Murder Of Henry Nixon

(Staff Correspondent of the Gazette) Wentworth, Jan. 29.—Earnest Cook, colored, is being tried here today for the murder of Henry Nixon, colored, at the home of Lizzie Jones, on West Washington Street, Leaksville. John Early Jones, son of Lizzie Jones, was held by the coroner's jury along with Earnest Cook, but the Grand Jury failed to find a true bill against John Early, and thus the charge is upon Earnest Cook alone.

EXPERTS STUDYING RUBBER INDUSTRY IN PHILIPPINES

(By Associated Press.) Manila, Dec. 29.—Members of the mission sent by the United States department of agriculture to study the question of rubber production in the Philippines, methods of planting, labor problems and the feasibility of extending plantation work to various sections of the archipelago, have begun their investigations on the Island of Basilan. After studying the methods employed on the few small Basilan plantations the party will proceed to Cotabato province, where rubber also is grown in small quantities. The mission expects to finish all the field work early next year and then return to Manila, where the data collected will be compiled.

Denby's Resignation Has Been Requested

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 29.—Secretary Denby announced after a cabinet meeting at which the oil lease investigation was considered that "I am so convinced I did the right thing that I would do it again tomorrow, regardless of the consequences." The secretary said, "I feel I carried out the will of Congress and that my activities served best the interest of the people, consequently I have nothing to regret, and no reason to resign." Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, whose name also has been prominent in the investigation, was declared by Denby to be "entirely and absolutely in the clear." President Coolidge, when asked a direct question by callers to the Robinson resolution, requesting the resignation of Denby, replied that it was a matter he did not care to discuss.

COMPANIES CONSIDER INSURANCE OF YEARLY INCOME FROM BONDS

(By Associated Press) New York, Jan. 29.—A plan for guaranteeing the principal and interest of diversified investment bonds, applicable either to individual or corporate holdings, has been evolved by leading surety companies. The plan, in effect, is an extension of the guarantees now issued covering mortgages and deferred payment automobile notes, and will cover State, municipal, railroad, industrial and public utility bonds. "There is a growing demand on the part of investors who have their funds tied up in diversified securities, to obtain some kind of a guarantee," said R. H. Towner, head of a rating bureau which worked out the details of the premium charges to be made for the service. "That guarantee, it was thought, could be given preferably through a surety instrument." Bankers have hesitated to comment on this new form of guarantee, but they admit that it may have a far-reaching effect on the field of investment banking.

THE GAZETTE IN EVERY HOME

THEFT OF PAIR OF BOOTS BRINGS 53 BESIDES PRISONER TO COURT

(By Associated Press) Stamford, England, Jan. 29.—For the trial of one man, eventually put on probation for stealing a pair of boots, the following had to attend at the quarter sessions: the recorder, the mayor, the deputy mayor, the clerk and his deputy, a prosecuting solicitor, a police constable, an inspector, two sergeants, four constables, 40 jurymen and 100 witnesses and the defendant.

Henry Ford Thinks It Unnecessary to Further Discuss Offer

(By Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 29.—Henry Ford informed the House military committee he thought it unnecessary for himself or any representative to appear before that committee to further discuss his offer for Muscle Shoals. "Further hearings would only serve to delay action and unnecessarily consume the time of a busy and important committee of Congress already in possession of all the facts," Ford said in a telegram to Chairman Kahn.

CANARY SINGS TUNES

(By Associated Press) Santa Clara, Cal., Jan. 29.—Mrs. Nye Farley, a singer living in this vicinity, is said to have trained a 4-year-old canary bird to whistle popular melodies. Johnnie, the bird, is limited only by the range of his notes, according to report. Neighbors say he can reproduce the air of "Listen to the Mocking Bird," with the exception of one low note which he cannot reach. Johnnie is reported to have several other tunes in his repertoire.

PUZZLING

I'm seeking an answer—pray who can supply it? Why does stock go downward whenever I buy it?—Farm Life.

Read Your County's Daily Paper First

DIVORCE UNKNOWN IN GARTZ

(By Associated Press) Stettin, Jan. 29.—The little town of Gartz, near here, claims the record in Germany for married couples who have passed their golden wedding anniversaries. Within the last few months the sixtieth anniversaries of twenty-one couples of Gartz have been celebrated by the principals and most of the 5,000 population. There has not been a divorce in Gartz, it is said, within the recollection of the oldest inhabitant.

BERLIN BUILDING ACTIVITY DROPS

Berlin, Jan. 29.—Building construction in Berlin during 1923 fell far below the record of 1922. In the last quarter it was only 48 per cent of the amount for the corresponding period of 1923.

GHANDI'S TWO SONS CRITICIZE BRITISH POLICIES IN INDIA

(By Associated Press) Bombay, Jan. 29.—New light has been thrown upon the purposes of Mahatma Gandhi by the visit of an English journalist, Drew Pearson, to the imprisoned politician's former home at Ahmedabad. The reporter was entertained by Gandhi's wife and sons, and recounts his experience in the columns of the Voice of India. After giving a colorful picture of the Ghandi home and its surroundings, Mr. Pearson writes: "After we adjourned to Ghandi's room, I sat under his picture, talking with his two sons and his secretary. Ramesdas, the elder son, had just returned from South Africa. The younger son, Devadas, and Desai, the secretary, had been released from prison sentences of nine months and one year, respectively. "I asked if Mr. Ghandi desired India's complete separation from the British Empire. "No," replied Devadas, "he wishes only the self-government enjoyed by Australia and New Zealand. He says that if the English become Indianized, we can accommodate them. If they wish to remain in India along with their own civilization, we have no room for them. "My father thinks that English voters make their newspaper their Bible. Their views swing like a pendulum, following the man who is a powerful orator or who gives many a reception. He believes that if India copies England she will be ruined. "The English are too commercial," broke in Ramesdas. "Father used to quote Napoleon, who called them a nation of shop-keepers. He was fond of the story told of the late President Kruger, who, when asked if there was any gold in the moon, replied it was extremely unlikely because, if true, the English already would have annexed it. They wish to convert the whole world into a market for their goods. We can always understand them if we remember that money is their god."

Does Ruin Face You?

IS there no home pride in our towns when so many of our merchants and business men, place their advertisements in an out-of-town paper, and thus encourage an organ in another State that never had any heart interest in North Carolina or Rockingham County. A blind man should be able to see that this policy in assisting a paper published in another State and launched primarily by competing merchants will shortly spell ruin to our local stores. There is in this proposition a very vital principle. Once the habit is established of going out of town to do our shopping, the movement will gain momentum the older the habit grows, and bankruptcy is as sure to follow our merchants as day follows night. In one day alone and in one single out-of-town store, Leaksville people made purchases amounting to \$1,200. It was a gent's furnishing store at that and the blame can not be placed on our women. Does an out-of-town State newspaper help to pay for local public improvements? Does out-of-county merchants contribute anything to the support of our schools, churches, street paving, good roads or anything else that adds to our community prosperity? There must be a right-about face in this matter. Merchants who have their money invested in stocks of goods, store buildings and other property, must take the first steps to develop home pride in patronizing your local daily newspaper and trading at home. Merchants must bear themselves and stop the flow of business across the State line. Tomorrow we will comment on "Your Local Paper."

SUPPOSED STUDIO COPY PROVES TO BE A TITIAN EXPERIMENTAL WORK

(By Associated Press) London, Jan. 29.—Titian's painting "Venus and Adonis" in the National Gallery here has been considered to be only a studio repetition of one at Madrid, but in the course of renovating operations the discovery has been made that the painting is a first experimental version of the subject by the master himself. It exhibits Titian's style in the transition period between the "Bacchus and Ariadne" and the famous "Mother and Child."

CANVASS SHOWS MANY BERLIN SCHOOL CHILDREN NEED FOOD

(By Associated Press) Berlin, Jan. 29.—A canvass by teachers of six elementary schools for boys and six for girls in Berlin showed that in spite of the relief work which is being carried on by various organizations there are many hungry children in the schools. The canvass showed that 16.5 per cent of the children had had no breakfast before going to school, and on the preceding day only 8.19 per cent had had only one warm meal. The clothing and shoes of 15.8 per cent were wholly inadequate for cold weather.

BALL PLAYERS IN COUNTY EMPLOY

(By Associated Press) Cleveland, Jan. 29.—Bill Wambagans, recently traded to Boston Red Sox by Cleveland, and pitcher George Uhle are employed this winter in the county treasurer's office.

FRENCH BELIEVE GRANGE IN LINE FOR BILLIARD TITLE

(By Associated Press) Paris, Jan. 29.—Felix Grange, the French youth who has just won the 18.2 balkline billiard championship of France with a grand average of 35.72 for the five games of the tournament, is said by Louis Cure, the veteran French player, to be the finest draw shot player in the world. In the final game against Edmond Derbier, the 1923 champion, Grange scored a high run of 248, clicking off the 500 points in seven innings. Thirty-nine of the points scored during the run were draw shots, some of which were extremely difficult and might have been played around the table, but Grange was willing to run the risk in order to keep the balls together. There are many who predict Grange's victory over Roger Conti, and the subsequent honor for the world's championship contest in the United States next year.

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Weather

Fair and warmer today and tomorrow

British Rail Strike Comes to Conclusion

(By Associated Press) London, Jan. 29.—The strike of locomotive men which has seriously interfered with railway traffic in Great Britain since January 20th, ended this morning when representatives of both men and companies reached an agreement with the mediation committee of the trade union congress. The strikers were instructed to resume work immediately.

LEIPSPIC INVITES ECONOMISTS

(By Associated Press) Leipzig, Jan. 29.—An institute of world economics has been established here under the direction of Dr. Ernst Sculze, head of the University of Leipzig. Economists from all over the world will be invited to lecture, especially on the economic effects of the war on the various nations.

BERLIN SELLS FRENCH CHAMPAGNE

(By Associated Press) Berlin, Jan. 29.—One of the odd combinations brought about by the Berlin attitude toward Paris is that of French champagne being displayed for sale in a wine shop window along with the sign "No goods sold here to French or Belgians." The signs appeared in nearly all stores last January when French troops occupied the Ruhr.

FORMER OFFICIAL TURNS THIEF

(By Associated Press) Munich, Jan. 29.—Emil Pielmeier, minister of war during the Communist uprising in Munich early in 1918, was arrested recently on a charge of stealing bicycles. The police said Pielmeier had been following the practice for months. Most of the other insurrection cabinet members, including Kurt Eisner, the leader, were shot by government troops.

STATE WOULD STEM RUSH OF GERMANS TO LEAVE COUNTRY

(By Associated Press) Hamburg, Jan. 29.—Canada, South America and Russia are the three countries toward which prospective German emigrants are turning their eyes since the United States quota became exhausted. Emigration to Russia is not encouraged. A few German scouts are going to that country to look over the situation with a view to locating colonies of farmers, especially in Siberia, but the average German peasant has little enthusiasm for the movement. Many Germans who were colonized in Russia before the war have returned home and told of the way they were treated when their land was taken and their crops confiscated. The newspapers have published this information, and it has dampened the enthusiasm for life under a Communist regime.

BRITISH LIABILITIES REACH NEARLY 40 BILLION DOLLARS

(By Associated Press) London, Jan. 29.—The total gross liabilities of Great Britain at the close of the financial year were 7,845,725,746 pounds (\$39,22,628,730). The total in 1914 was 706,154,110 pounds. The figures are taken from statistics relating to the national debt made public here. The total liabilities at the close of the last financial year showed a decrease of 100,199,599 pounds over the previous twelve months. The funded debt showed a net increase of 417,233,428 pounds and the unfunded debt a net decrease of 318,621,928. The increase of the nominal debt on conversion of the exchequer national war and treasury bonds into three and one-half per cent conversion loan amounted to 127,824,564 pounds and the capitalization of arrears of interest on the United States government loan to 107,914,030 pounds.

FILMS AID GERMAN FARMERS

(By Associated Press) Koenigsberg, Germany, Jan. 29.—Young pigs, handled scientifically, can be made to take on weight at the rate of two pounds a day, according to government experts. A film showing how this is done, as well as illustrating the best methods of feeding stock and poultry, has been shown this winter to the farmers of east Prussia.

Secretary Fall on Verge of Breakdown

(By Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 29.—Former Secretary Fall is on the verge of a nervous breakdown, the Senate oil committee was told by his counsel, Levi Cooke, urging that the whole committee or a subcommittee examine Fall in his sick room.

EDUCATION BY RADIO PLAN OF UNIVERSITIES

Berkeley, Cal., Jan. 29.—Establishment of possible "air universities," or classes taught by radio, will be discussed at the meeting of the National University Extension Association at Madison, Wis., beginning April 24, it is announced here by Allyn G. Smith, chairman of the University of California's extension division. Mr. Smith, a member of the association's educational radio broadcasting committee, is gathering statistics on this phase of broadcasting. The committee will submit recommendations to the association. Eighty licenses to broadcast have been granted to educational institutions.