

THE BELGIAN DEBT PROBLEM IS GIVEN TO THE PRESIDENT

While Visiting at His Former Home the President Grapples With Perplexing Problem.

MISSION ASKED FOR HIS ADVICE

So Far the President Has Given No Hint as to What He Thinks Should Be Done Now.

Plymouth, Vt., Aug. 17.—(AP)—In the isolation of this quaint hamlet, President Coolidge today grappled with the vexing and far reaching Belgian debt problem.

With the American debt commission appealing to him for guidance out of the maze of negotiations with Belgium's mission, he sought information as to the exact situation and the prospects for refunding settlement with Secretary Mellon and Senator Smoot of Utah.

The two debt commissioners were invited here for a conference at their request, to ascertain in advance to a resumption of negotiations between the Belgian and American debt commission in Washington tomorrow, what the Executive believed the terms of the settlement should be.

The President thus far has given no indications as to what he thinks should be done. He realizes, however, the gravity of the situation and the desirability of reaching an agreement acceptable to the American public and to Congress.

Nothing official has been learned as to what terms Belgium is willing to accept for refunding the \$480,000,000. It is believed, however, that the main points at issue are the interest rates and the schedule of payments.

Washington advices indicated that if the negotiations were to be carried to a successful conclusion there must be a material yielding by the Belgians.

Confer With President. Plymouth, Aug. 17.—Secretary Mellon and Senator Smoot, of Utah, came to the village of Plymouth today to discuss the Belgian debt situation with President Coolidge. They reached here shortly before 10 a. m. and immediately went into conference with the President. Both the Secretary of the treasury, who is chairman of the debt commission and Senator Smoot carried portfolios containing a mass of data on the negotiations which have been in progress in Washington with the Belgian mission.

NORTH CAROLINA HAD PART IN CRIME WAVE

299 Deaths Designated as Homicides in State During Last Year.

Raleigh, Aug. 17.—North Carolina contributed more than its quota to the crime wave of the nation during the past year, 299 deaths being designated as homicides in returns made on death certificates filed with the State Board of Health for 1924. Chicago, with a record or more than a murder per day for the year, may have led the country, but this State ranks well up in the forefront.

Typical of the crime wave was a large factor in the death rate of the State. It has been one of the causes of death against which both states and local health authorities have waged a major offensive. Now murder and automobile accidents each levies a greater annual toll of human life than does this once prevalent and dreaded disease.

The records show more than double the number of negro victims among the homicides as compared with the whites. The distribution is 94 white, 201 negro, and 4 Indian. The homicides are divided into four classifications. Of the total, 235 were killed with firearms, 47 by knives or other piercing instruments, 6 were babies killed closely following birth, and 11 were killed by other means.

France to Send Reply This Week.

Paris, Aug. 17.—(AP)—France's reply to Germany concerning the proposed security pact probably will not be sent to Berlin until the end of the week. It is now said it will be ready for dispatch Friday or Saturday as it still awaits the approval of Belgium and Italy.

STAR THEATRE Program For Week of August 17th to 23rd

Monday and Tuesday Richard Dix in "THE LUCKY DEVIL" Great Picture—It's a Paramount. Wednesday Only "THE KISS BARBERS" With Edmund Lowe Special Fox Picture. Thursday and Friday "NOT SO LONG AGO" With Betty Bronson and Richard Cortes It's a Paramount. Saturday Buddy Roosevelt in "CYCLONE BUDDY"

Eddie Off the Field



Eddie Collins, manager of the Chicago White Sox, enjoys nothing better than a good game of solitaire after a hard day on the ball field. He finds it restful recreation. Eddie, by the way, is quite a card shark and can hold his own with any of them. The above, photo was taken in the east just after the White Sox had finished a tough series. Eddie seems to be in deep thought over the next play.

GOVERNOR TOLD OF HOSPITAL'S NEEDS

Has Been Apprised of Conditions at State's Sanatorium for Tuberculosis Patients.

Raleigh, Aug. 17.—(AP)—The situation at the State Sanatorium for persons afflicted with tuberculosis, where it was reported Saturday that approximately thirty-six patients must be requested to leave within the next six months because of the lack of space and funds, has been officially called to the attention of Governor McLean, it was stated at the executive's office this morning.

Charles H. England, secretary to the governor, stated that he had telegraphed Mr. McLean at the camp where he is spending his vacation, advising him of the situation and that the governor in a communication today had mentioned being apprised of the conditions through the Associated Press on Saturday. Mr. England further stated that the executive had not made any statement as to his intentions in his reply, but the matter would be laid before him again when he returns, probably about the 25th of August.

Want Uniform Suits for Traffic Cops.

(By the Associated Press) Greensboro, Aug. 17.—County commissioners in convention at Blowing Rock were urged in a telegram from C. W. Roberts, vice president of the Carolina Motor Club, to insist on uniformed traffic officers and to remove speed signs that were erected prior to the passage of the uniform state speed law and are now illegal.

The wire follows: Your convention is urged to recommend that all counties establish a uniformed constabulary system for the purpose of enforcing the motor laws of each county. Action of this kind is absolutely necessary if we are to reduce accidents and protect the lives of our people while on the highway. Only uniformed officers should be permitted to serve. We further would ask that all counties properly mark their roads as required by law and remove the hundreds of illegal speed signs that are now standing. Mecklenburg, Guilford, Montgomery and Stanly are among the counties that have already inaugurated uniformed traffic officers.

Discusses Italian Debt.

Rome, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Giamoco de Martino, Italian ambassador to the United States, arrived here today from America to discuss with his government the Italian debt situation. He went immediately to the foreign office where he conferred at length on pending questions between the United States and Italy.

Anderson Again Evades Dragnet Spread For Him at Farm House

Muncie, Ind., Aug. 16.—several squads of Muncie police and members of the sheriff's force who late today received a "hot tip" that George (Dutch) Anderson, named by Ben Hance in a dying statement as the slayer of himself and his wife, was in a farm house near Hartford City, Ind., returned to this city tonight. Early tonight several squads of police in command of Chief of Police Randolph and Chief of Detective Fred Puckett, armed with riot guns, left headquarters for a farm half way between here and Hartford City, Ind., where Anderson was reported to be in hiding. Arriving at the farm the officers cautiously closed in on the place but found that Anderson, who

OFFICERS KEEP UP HUNT FOR GEORGE "DUTCH" ANDERSON

Various Persons Have Seen Him Since the Slaying of Ben Hance and His Wife.

KEEPS OFFICERS ON THE HUNT

Several Places Have Been Raided But Anderson Always Manages to Be Absent.

Muncie, Ind., Aug. 17.—(AP)—Geo. "Dutch" Anderson, mail robber, jail breaker, and pal of Gerald Chapman today still was being hunted for his latest crime, the slaying of Ben Hance and his wife, who informed on Chapman.

Anderson, who has eluded scores of Federal officers, private detectives and police departments of the entire country since he escaped from the Federal prison at Atlanta nearly a year ago, has been reported seen, numerous times on the streets here and in apartment houses since the slaying of the Hances last Friday night, but each time the police raid the place Anderson is missing. Anderson is wanted by the government to complete a 20 year sentence for robbing a mail truck on the streets of New York.

Last night the police received a hot tip that Anderson was hiding in a farm house between Muncie and Hartford City, Ind. Armed with riot guns several squads of police closed in on the place, but after a complete search of the place Anderson was missing.

Hance, the police say, has paid with his life because he violated the unwritten code of the underworld in squealing on Chapman. Chapman is now being held in the Connecticut state penitentiary under death sentence for the murder of an officer.

HOLMES-POISSON BID STRIKES TECHNICALITY

Check for Fisheries Products Company Property Should Have Been Filed With Receivers.

Wilmington, Aug. 15.—The Holmes-Poisson ten per cent increase over the Keith-Scott bid for Hilton plant of the Fisheries Products Company has struck a snag, according to a letter from former Judge V. P. Neal, of Laurinburg, a receiver of the defunct concern, to Owen D. Holmes and Louis J. Poisson, the latter of Rountree and Carr, attorneys, and to H. Ford, deputy clerk of the United States court here.

The technicality is that the check for \$4,876.30, given by Holmes and Poisson, was made payable and deposited to the credit of the United States district court of East Carolina when it should have been deposited with the Fisheries receivers, Judge Neal and Judge J. E. Weskett.

DRY OFFICE WILL BE OPENED IN CHARLOTTE

Field Man in City Arranging For Opening Bureau in Old Mint Building.

Charlotte, Aug. 16.—J. D. Taylor, field supervisor of the federal prohibition department, is in Charlotte, to direct the setting up here by September 1 of headquarters for this district of the prohibition service.

Under the revised plan of prohibition enforcement headquarters for the states of North and South Carolina and Georgia will be located in Charlotte and Mr. Taylor is here to establish the office.

He has visited the prohibition headquarters at Salisbury, Atlanta and Greenville, S. C., and furniture equipment now used in those offices will be here for use in the district offices.

Crimes of 300 Years Ago.

Berlin, Aug. 17.—Traces of crimes committed in the sixteenth century have been discovered near Noustadt. Workmen digging on a site occupied in the Middle Ages by a hostel for pilgrims unearthed two human skeletons. The hostel was kept by a mother and her son, and it was discovered in 1597 that for years they had been killing and robbing rich foreign pilgrims, burying the body beneath the cellar floor. The son's sweetheart overheard a conversation between the two criminals and denounced them. Mother and son were beheaded in the public square of Munsbach.

Anti-Strike Situation Quiet.

Canton, China, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Despite rumors of trouble yesterday, the anti-foreign strike situation remained quiet today. A few foreigners are entering Canton and have not been molested. A Chinese newspaper says the government has issued a proclamation stating its intention to attack Honan Island for the purpose of driving out Li Fook Lum, former mayor of Canton.

New Liquor Law Ruling.

New York, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Federal agents must procure evidence of actual sale of liquor before they obtain search warrants against private dwellings, under a ruling today by Federal Judge Atwell, of Dallas, Texas, presiding temporarily in a local court. Judge Atwell revoked a search warrant under which the home of Daniel Masulle in the Bronx was raided.

His 50th Term



It was nothing new to Abe L. Wood to be elected recording secretary of the Jacksonville (Ill.) Trades and Labor Assembly. He is now starting his 50th term in that office.

"DRY" CHIEFS MEET IN CAPITAL CITY

General Conference Preliminary to Launching a New Enforcement Program Underway Now.

Washington, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Enlarging upon previous plans, headquarters of prohibition enforcement here has called to Washington every state second divisional chief here on duty in continental United States for a general conference preliminary to the launching of the new enforcement program.

The conference will be held tomorrow, and previously only thirty of the higher officials were expected to attend. It is now expected that the chiefs of Hawaii, Alaska and Porto Rico will be the only absentees.

Assistant Secretary Andrews, of the treasury, creator of the plan for decentralization through appointment of regional administrators, wound up a series of preliminary conferences today with his associates in the work.

WAGE CONFERENCES ARE NOT TO BE RENEWED

There Seems to Be No Chance For Settlement of Coal Wage Difficulties.

Philadelphia, Aug. 17.—(AP)—No indications of any progress toward a resumption of the wage contract conferences, halted by a disagreement in Atlantic City ten days ago were apparent today at the headquarters of either the anthracite operators or the 158,000 hard coal miners who have threatened to lay down their tools at the expiration of the present scale on August 31st.

John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers, declined to discuss reports that a resumption of the wage negotiations was imminent. He said he had "nothing to report right now," but there might be developments in a day or so. Mr. Lewis has established headquarters at a local hotel and plans to remain here several days.

Find Silos a Necessity.

Asheville, N. C., August 17.—AP—Farmers of Buncombe County are building silos to take care of the short corn crop, reports Farm Agent L. D. Thrash. In one community, he said, a dairyman started to build a silo and before he got it finished four of his neighbors had decided to build also.

Legume Campaign in Gaston.

Gastonia, N. C., August 17.—AP—A countrywide legume campaign is being put on in Gaston County, reports Farm Agent L. D. Altman. Leaders in the communities are taking orders for the cooperative purchase of seed and the acreage of soil improvement crops will be seeded this year that there has ever been in Gaston County.

"This is the most important work that we can do at this time," said Mr. Altman, "and it is in line with work being done in other counties of the droughtstricken area."

LA FOLLETTE READY TO CONTINUE WORK STARTED BY FATHER

Makes Plea for Himself and Not Solely Because of the Fine Record Made by His Father.

NO NEW POLICY GETS ATTENTION

Will Strive to Carry on the Policies Advocated by Voters at Time His Father Was Elected.

Madison, Wis., Aug. 17.—(AP)—Robert M. La Follette, Jr., candidate for nomination at the Republican primary for the unexpired term of the late Senator La Follette, today pledged himself to continue his father's policies.

Mr. La Follette said he did not ask support because he was Mr. La Follette's son, asserting that "at the same time relationship does not disqualify me." He declared he was "free from any political entanglements."

"I am a candidate on the platform endorsed by the voters of Wisconsin three years ago, when Robert M. La Follette was elected to his fourth term in the United States Senate. If I am chosen to fill the unexpired term, I shall do all in my power to fulfill the pledges and carry out the program outlined in that platform."

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Firm at Advance of 13 to 17 Points, December Selling Up to 23.85.

New York, Aug. 17.—(AP)—The cotton market opened firm today at an advance of 13 to 17 points. Failure of over-Sunday weather reports to show anticipated rains in the southwest evidently disappointed some of Saturday's sellers. This combined with relatively steady Liverpool cables led to considerable covering or rebuying and the market sold up to 23.85 for December after the call, or about 23 to 24 points net higher on active positions.

These figures appeared to attract southern or local selling, however, and there were reactions of several points, although prices held fairly steady at the end of the first hour.

Cotton futures opened firm. Oct. 23.50; Dec. 23.76; Jan. 23.22; March 23.65; May 23.85.

Politics Causes Riot in Sing Sing Prison; Two Convicts Injured.

Ossining, N. Y., Aug. 15.—Eight prisoners were locked up in solitary confinement and two more were in the hospital today as a result of a riot in the Sing Sing mess hall which threw the prison into an uproar. Asked what started the uproar, one inmate replied: "Why prison politics of course. The combatants on one side belonged to the 'Tammany' party that won the recent political election in the prison and the 'cheese' fellows belonged to the 'cheese' party that lost." The attendants declared that knives, razors and crockery were used as weapons and one prisoner was seriously injured. James Cleary, leader of the minority party, also was hurt.

Wisconsin Democrats Name William Bruce For U. S. Senate.

Waukegan, Aug. 17.—William George Bruce, president of the Milwaukee harbor commission and a leader in civic affairs, late Saturday was chosen by the democratic state conference as a candidate for the seat in the United States senate left vacant by the death of Senator Robert M. La Follette. Mr. Bruce is one of the leaders in the St. Lawrence Deep Waterways association.

W. W. Ormond Fatally Shot By W. B. Cole, of Rockingham

Rockingham, Aug. 16.—A conference of the attorneys of W. B. Cole, charged with killing Bill Ormond here on the streets Saturday afternoon, was held here this afternoon and it is understood that it was decided to abandon the proposed plan of going to Carthage Monday and seeking by means of habeas corpus proceedings the liberation of Mr. Cole under bond.

The attorneys who so far are said to have been retained for Mr. Cole's defense are Bynum and Henry J. Chesley Sedberry and H. S. Boggan, all of Rockingham, and James H. Poy, of Raleigh, and James A. Lockhart, of Charlotte. Mr. Poy was in Rockingham today in consultation.

It is scarcely likely Mr. Cole will seek his liberty under bond at all, but await the October 5th term of court to present his defense.

No statement has been made by either Mr. Cole or his attorneys as to why he took the life of young Ormond, though his friends insist that he was justified and that all will be explained in due time.

It is generally reported that young Ormond, who was 30 years old, and Miss Elizabeth Cole, who is about 26, had been going together for several years. A series of letters is said to have passed between the two in which each is alleged to have threatened the other. At any rate,

For Evolution



James Robert Wilson, Rhea Springs, Tenn., aluminum plant worker, and father of five children, wants them taught evolution. To insure this, he has filed in the federal court at Knoxville a bill which would make the Tennessee statute against teaching evolution null and void.

STILL SEEKING AIR BASE IN THE ARCTIC

Planes in McMillan Party Find Water But When They Get Ready to Land Ice Has Formed.

Washington, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Two messages from the MacMillan Arctic party yesterday told the navy department a story of a battle by the expedition's air unit to establish an intermediate operating base at Flagger Ford in Ellesmere Island.

They related how the navy planes at last had located open water there only to return a short time later to find this water clogged with ice. A brief description also was given of the ice skirted shores of the fjord and it was said that the plane NA-2, damaged by ice several days ago, was being repaired on the deck of the Perry and would be ready for service within a short while.

Reputables Reported Confession.

Manchester, N. H., Aug. 17.—(AP)—Louis Labombard, of Merrimack, N. H., who the authorities assert confessed to the killing of the Misses Helen and Georgiana Gillis, aged sisters at Hudson, N. H., on July 22nd, has denied participation in the crime and has repudiated the purported confession, his counsel announced today.

Solicitor Haseleton said that he had not been informed of the denial.

Farm demonstration agents at work in piedmont North Carolina held 156 meetings in July at which there were 9,152 folks. These agents also visited 307 communities, nearly 1,400 farmers and traveled about 16,000 miles carrying on their work, reports district agent E. S. Millisaps.

Every business house in Apex, Wake County, save two, ordered to some North Carolina counties.

With Our Advertisers.

Second week in Greater Movie Season at Concord Theatre. Splendid program for this week. See ad. Run right to Clin's Pharmacy. They have it, or will get it if it is made.

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Taking Testimony in Dime Trial.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 17.—(AP)—Taking of testimony in the trial of Rudolph Disse, 20 year old slayer of three persons on July 28 last, was started in Hastings Court today. Commonwealth Attorney Dave Statler filed in the prosecution's opening statement to the jury characterized the killing of Henry Grady Carter, Disse's rival for the affections of Mrs. Vivian Tomlin Peers, 18 year old clothing model who was also killed, as a "wilful, premeditated murder."

Part of Japan Flooded by Rain.

Tokyo, Aug. 17.—(AP)—A violent rain storm flooded various parts of Japan today. Several persons were drowned. Damage is estimated at between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000.

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Generally fair tonight and little change in temperature.

POLITICAL POT IN NEW YORK BOILING HIGHER THAN EVER

Nomination Petitions Must Be Filed by Friday, All Candidates Are Getting Affairs in Shape.

BOTH PARTIES IN MIDST OF FIGHTS

Charges Waterman Is "Invisible Candidate" and Gov. Smith Is Asked to Save City.

New York, Aug. 17.—(AP)—With the time for filing nomination petitions expiring Friday, the municipal political pot is boiling stronger than ever.

William H. Bennett, so-called insurgent republican candidate for mayor, last night called for a real republican conference to designate a man in place of Frank D. Waterman, fountain pen manufacturer, who he charged was an "invisible candidate handed out on a slip of paper" by Charles D. Hilles, republican national committee man, and city committee chairman. Former Assemblyman Thomas Wilmott, chairman of the municipal civil league, called upon Gov. Smith in the name of loyal Brooklyn democrats, to rescue that borough of 2,000,000 people from "the blight of Hynanism." The governor has already promised to stamp every borough for the Tammany ticket.

The Women's Democratic Union, under the leadership of Mrs. John Blair, endorsed the Tammany ticket headed by State Senator James J. Walker, against Mayor John F. Hylan, who is seeking re-election.

'LOVE PIRATE' HAS \$4,000 WILSON WOMAN'S GEM

Man Arrested in Norfolk Admits It But Says He Didn't Intend to Keep Jewels.

Newark, Aug. 15.—Charles Watts, 40, alleged love pirate, was held under \$5,000 bond today following a preliminary hearing on charges he has swigged women of three states out of a quantity of jewelry. Watts admitted having possession of \$4,000 worth of jewelry belonging to a Wilson, N. C., woman when faced by his accuser and identified today but he declared he did not intend to keep the valuables.

Another hearing has been set for August 27. A woman from Bluefield, W. Va., has been called to identify Watts and police meantime asked the court to hold the prisoner as a fugitive from justice for North Carolina authorities.

Women allege Watts gained possession of their valuables on pretenses assumed after he had made swift love to them.

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