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## POLISH ISSUE REMAINS

### But Poles Who at First Flatly Refused Compromise Seem Now in a More Tractable Mood

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Locarno, Oct. 14.—Chances that the Locarno conference will succeed are now good, although it is still doubtful that the negotiations can terminate this week.

The question of Germany's entrance into the League of Nations seems practically settled. The Allies will give the Germans a letter promising to use their good offices within the League to the end that the League shall make no demands upon Germany under Article 16 of the covenant without taking full account of Germany's military and economic situation. This is merely a special reiteration for Germany of what is already clearly enunciated in the covenant and in the Geneva protocol. The Germans say they must have a written document on the subject in order to quiet the German nationalists.

The German delegation even now denies that this question has been entirely solved, but admits great progress has been made. The fact of course, is that, as Germany will be a member of the council and the council's vote must be unanimous, no demand whatsoever can be made upon Germany without Germany's consent. The Germans are beginning to understand this.

Regarding the so-called Eastern question, serious negotiations are only just beginning with the interview between the German and Polish foreign ministers this morning. The Germans still refuse to allow the French a specific right to cross the demilitarized Rhineland zone to help Poland in case of German aggression against Poland.

The Czechs are proposing a compromise; namely, that alliances shall exist, but shall operate only after the League of Nations had designated the aggressor. The Poles, who at first refused this compromise, now seem inclined to accept it provided the Germans agree to arbitrate not only judicial, but also political disputes under the proposed German-Polish arbitration treaty. The next 24 hours should clarify this situation.

There remains also the question of the status and duration of the Rhineland occupation after the Germans sign the pact and enter the League. The French say the purpose of the pact is not to provide a substitute for the Versailles Treaty whose provisions, therefore, remain intact, but the Germans argue that a new situation would be created, rendering the Rhineland occupation useless and mischievous.

The spirit of the conference is still remarkably genial and there is no crisis in sight.

## STEAMER UNDERGOES COMPLETE OVERHAUL

### Annie L. Vansciver Back on Regular Run Between Norfolk and Elizabeth City, Officials Say

Having undergone its annual overhaul, the steamer Annie L. Vansciver is back on its regular run between Elizabeth City and Norfolk, via the Albemarle & Chesapeake Canal, stopping at Camden and Currituck points en route, officials of the Norfolk-Carolina Line, Inc., announced today.

The Vansciver, which is one of the largest craft plying these waters, has been repainted and renovated generally, it is declared. A Government inspected water system has been installed with running water in every room, and a cold drinking water system has been put in both forward and aft. Everything has been brought up to Federal inspection standards, it is announced.

The big steamer is under the supervision of experienced and efficient officers, the company's officials say, these including Captain D. S. Crain and Captain Garfield F. Johnson, Quartermaster Ray Tarkington, and Engineers Griffin Gilden and Ed. Conery. The steamer will take delegates and officials at the State convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy here next week on a tour of Northeastern Carolina waters.

In season, the Vansciver brings many thousands of barrels of sweet potatoes from Currituck and Camden shipping points to Elizabeth City for forwarding to the Nation's marketing centers.

## DAVIS SWORN IN

### Washington, Oct. 14.—Dwight F. Davis of Missouri was sworn in today as Secretary of War. Chief Justice Taft administered the oath and John W. Weeks, retiring secretary, stood by.

## SHE DECIDES FISH HAD A POOR CRIP

Here's one they are telling in drug stores and elsewhere that men congregate in Elizabeth City these days:

A well known local professional man who married a girl reared far from the coastal country took his wife on a fishing trip recently. They hadn't been out long before the husband hooked a large wrinkle. There was a desperate battle, and finally the fish managed to "spit out" the hook and got away.

"My goodness!" she exclaimed, in all seriousness, "Couldn't the fish hold on any tighter than that?"

## WIRELESS CLASH ACROSS PACIFIC DISTURBS JAPAN

### Unnecessary Obstacle to International Co-operation in Behalf of China, Government Decides

### GIVES IN SUDDENLY

### Tokyo Undertook to Have Waived Insistence Upon Claim to Monopoly Based on Concession

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Tokyo, Oct. 14.—It is understood here that the Japanese government has decided that the wireless tangle in China, involving a clash of big interests of Japan, the United States, Great Britain and France, constitutes an unnecessary obstacle to international co-operation in behalf of China.

Characteristically the Chinese government has been endeavoring to embroil the participants in the forthcoming customs conference in conflict over what the Japanese government has decided is a minor issue compared with a settlement of the vast problem of China's future.

Therefore Japan, adopting its favorite and frequently successful tactics of diplomacy, has yielded suddenly. The writer understands Tokyo has waived insistence upon its claim to a monopoly in wireless construction, based upon the Mitsui 1918 concession. It is understood that Mr. Yoshizawa, Japanese minister to China, has been instructed to advise the Peking government that the Japanese government is willing to abandon all question of control of China's wireless.

Japan is perfectly willing that the Chinese government absolutely own and control wireless throughout China provided the Chinese government honestly endeavors to gain the approval of other nations claiming wireless rights under contracts signed by various Peking governments since 1918.

Mr. Yoshizawa has been instructed to point out that Japan is wearied with continued propaganda emanating from Moscow, Berlin and elsewhere charging Japan with a desire to close the door of China against others. He is to inform China that, on the contrary, Japan earnestly desires that China present a practical formula whereby she can control not only radio, but all her own affairs without outside interference.

The Japanese government asserts its readiness to accept an arrangement in the wireless dispute to which England, France and the United States will also signify acceptance.

## JACK'S LAWYER

### Ray Cannon of Milwaukee, for many years a close friend of Jack Dempsey, is the heavyweight champion's new lawyer. Retaining Cannon may indicate that Dempsey expects a few legal bouts as the result of his break with his old manager, Jack Kearns.

## CONSUMPTION OF COTTON SHOWS SLIGHT INCREASE

### Washington, Oct. 14.—Cotton consumed during September totaled 483,256 bales of lint and 79,000 of linters compared with 480,645 lint and 63,583 linters for August of this year, the Census Bureau announced today.

## PHILIPPINES AGAIN ASK INDEPENDENCE

### Manila, Oct. 14.—A resolution was introduced in the Senate yesterday asking Congress and the people of the United States to grant the Philippines complete in- dependence.

## Coolidge Speaks Before American Legion



Here is President Coolidge at the speakers stand of the American Legion convention at Omaha. Just behind the radio microphones is James A. Drain, national commander of the legion. At the left can be seen the huge gong used to keep the convention in order.

## LONDON REPORT SURPRISE HERE

### News Indicating Difference Between America and Britain a Sensation

Washington, Oct. 14.—Reports circulating in London to the effect that the Washington Government was preparing, if necessary, to deal with the Chinese problem independently of other powers caused considerable surprise here, as the attitude thus far taken by Secretary Kellogg in all aspects of discussions has been that unity of action was essential.

There has been no disposition in official circles to doubt that the British government is anxious to reach a constructive customs conference in Peking as is the Washington Government.

## Polish Diva Again Would Win Place As Prima Dona In U. S.

### Her Return to This Country And Appearance on Musi- cal Horizon Raises Big Question

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Chicago, Oct. 14.—The heralded return of grand opera artists from their European sojourns, has brought back among others, Madame Ganna Walska, Polish diva and wife of Harold F. McCormick, with a renewed ambition to achieve recognition as a prima dona on the Chicago stage.

Her appearance on the American musical horizon with the announcement that she intends to sing in concert or opera here, is raising a big question as to whether Chicago society will support her ambitions.

The company with which Madame Ganna Walska will appear is not made known. The roster of prima donnas of the Chicago Civic Opera Company is filled. Another factor which shuts that opening is the influence of Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick, former wife of the extremely expensive civic opera, she is not likely to favor recognition of the woman who has taken her former husband.

Mrs. Rockefeller McCormick, while devoting most of her time to business, still is a leading force in society and society is the chief patron to recognized musical affairs.

That leads to the interesting question, being asked here, whether Harold McCormick at heavy expense is going to continue to back his wife's musical ambitions. He is reported to have invested large sums in her European appearances. The experience she gained in 20 months of musical endeavor there, is said to have overcome in a measure, her reputed stage fright and to have resulted in development of her voice.

But whether society is to back up her American appearances remains quite doubtful.

## Says Conservatism Almost Past Belief

### So Does William Sowden Sims Characterize Atti- tude Navy Toward In- novation

Washington, Oct. 14.—Rear Admiral William S. Sims, who is retired from the United States Navy, told the President's Air Board today that "it is well known" that the Navy has no "definite air policy" and that the Naval air development is hampered by "a kind of conservatism so extraordinary it is almost unbelievable."

## KILLS WIFE WHILE POLICE ARE AT DOOR

### Jersey City, Oct. 14.—Crazed, he said, because his wife, Marg- aret, refused to give up gay com- panions and trips to road houses with other men, George Winters, 21, municipal employe, today hacked her to death with a butch- er knife while a squad of police waited for him to "finish dress- ing" and let them in.

Winters then stabbed himself and is expected to die.

## WOMAN CONVICTED BY OWN ADMISSION

### Admitting on the stand in re- corder's court Wednesday morning that she had never married, but was the mother of six children, Emma Rowson, colored, was fined \$10 and costs on a charge of im- morality. Tom Nixon, colored, co- defendant in the case, was acquit- ted.

Charlie Bell was required to pay the court costs upon submitting on a charge of parking his car in front of the Alkrama Theater, in violation of a city ordinance.

## CAROLINA MOTOR CLUB EXPANDING

### Formation of Accident Prevention Branch in This City Planned

A movement to secure a local branch of the accident prevention department of the Carolina Motor Club took definite shape here today when H. L. Sykes, Jr., district manager, arrived and announced plans for a membership campaign.

To date there are more than 15 members in Elizabeth City, and if the total is swelled to 60, the local organization will be perfected. This city already has a branch of the club, but local members believe the scope of this public service organization will be broadened by formation of an Elizabeth City branch.

Appointment of an accident prevention committee will be made immediately by Mr. Sykes and this body will co-operate with C. T. Matthews, director of accident prevention of the club, in carrying out locally the program the club launched this year in an effort to cut down the traffic toll. Mr. Matthews is in the city now. He will appear before various organizations to outline plans for preserving lives of motorists and pedestrians.

The Carolina Motor Club is the largest in the South and ranks high from a standpoint of service rendered members in the State as well as to motorists who are members of 748 clubs holding membership in the American Automobile Association.

Mr. Matthews will speak before the faculty and student body of the Elizabeth City Graded Schools, city officials and the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs in the course of the next two days.

## New Legion Chief and Family



The new national commander of the American Legion is John R. McQuinn of Cleveland, who served with the 37th Division during the World War. He is shown here with his wife, his daughter, Pauline, and his son, Dopaed.

## JEROME BAXTER AGAIN ON TRIAL ON LIQUOR COUNT

### Camden County Negro Dis- putes Contention of Dry Agents That His Clothing Was Wet With Booze

## QUARTET CONVICTED

### Currituck County Resident and Others Given Six Months in Jail Each on Manufacturing Charge

Trial of the case of Jerome Baxter, colored resident of the Guinea Swamp section of Camden County, against whom judgments are recorded, began with the opening of Federal Court Wednesday morning. Members of the prohibition squad who arrested Baxter on a charge of violating the Volstead Act testified to having seen him come out of a thicket near his home, carrying a jug, or bottle, and a piteer.

Baxter was found guilty, and was sentenced to a year and a day in Federal prison. Prayer for judgment was continued by Judge Meekins, however. In effect, this means that Baxter will not be required to serve the term unless he is caught in another violation of the Volstead Act.

M. J. Sorrey, Currituck farmer, convicted with three others on a liquor charge, and sentenced to six months in jail, was given the opportunity of having his sentence remitted by payment of a \$500 fine.

H. P. and R. J. Pruitt, brothers, faced the court on a charge of violating the prohibition act, officers alleging that they were caught at a still. The former was found guilty, and was fined \$150. The latter was acquitted.

Court recessed until further notice Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The docket had been cleared, and only several minor matters remained for disposal. The term continues until Saturday night, however, and should additional cases come up this week, the probability is that they will be tried, according to court attaches.

When they halted Baxter, the dry agents declared, he turned and ran for all he was worth. They managed to head off and overpower him, they said. When they caught him, he still carried the handle of the piteer, and the front of his clothing was saturated with what they contended was corn liquor. Baxter argued that it was water. They testified also to having discovered two large bottles, one nearly full of liquor, and a coil in the vicinity of Baxter's home. About half a mile away, they said, they found a large still, complete, and evidently having been in operation a few hours before.

In a civil action Tuesday afternoon against the Farmers' Manufacturing Company, Lewis T. Edwards, a former employe, was awarded damages of \$850 for injuries sustained in an accident.

Terms of six months in jail were given M. J. Sorrey of Currituck County, Allan Savake and B. P. Trees of Connecticut, and J. C. Ward of Norfolk, convicted of manufacturing liquor. The officers claimed to have caught Savage, Rees and Ward in the act of running a still on Sorrey's land, and produced a memorandum taken from Sorrey's person after his arrest in which it was indicated that he was involved in the enterprise.

The terms given the foregoing quartet were the maximum allowed under the law for first offenses of the kind.

G. G. McPherson, tried Tuesday night on a charge of manufacturing liquor, was acquitted, the jury deciding that the evidence against him was of a highly inconclusive character.

## BIDS OPENED FOR SLIGO ROAD

### Raleigh, Oct. 14.—Low bids for 21 State highway construction projects were opened Tuesday by the State Highway Commission in one of the largest lettings in the history of the commission. The low bids totaled \$4,011,128.16.

Bids were asked on 22 projects but no bids were received for the construction of Project 642, Ireddell County, bridge over Ireddell Creek on Route 26.

Included in the bids opened were Projects 111-B and 117-B, Camden and Currituck counties; 11-82 miles of paving between Camden and Sligo. Low bid for roadway by Roberts Paving Company, of Salisbury, at \$267,359.59.

## ELECTION PRIMATE BEFORE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF U. S.

### New Orleans, Oct. 14.—Election of a Primate, the first in the history of the church, was the principal business here today be- fore the house of bishops of the Episcopal Church in the United States, which is beginning its eighth day of triennial general conference.

## Good Roads Huge Saving American Farmer Moving Crops To The Market

## GAME PUT OFF ACCOUNT RAIN

### Commissioner Landis Takes Action After the Ground Is Drenched

### Forbes Field, Pittsburgh, Oct. 14.—A downpour of rain washed out the seventh and deciding game of the world series today between Wash- ington and Pittsburgh.

Commissioner Landis called off the contest until tomorrow after a steady downpour had drenched the field and a good share of the crowd.

The only word from Commissioner Landis 15 minutes after the hour for starting was "Sit tight for a little while."

The commissioner said he wanted to hold off postponement until there was no doubt about playing conditions.

He said it looked bad but thought a lot up in showers still would still make the game possible. The game was definitely called off however, at 2:30 o'clock.

## INSANITY TO BE PLEA OF BROOKS

### Hendersonville, Oct. 14.—Cross examination by Robert R. Reynolds of the prosecution this morning failed to break down the testimony of Mrs. C. E. Brooks, wife of Bonnie L. Brooks, on trial for murder of Sam Y. Bryson, former mayor.

Mrs. Brooks declared that for weeks prior to the shooting her husband appeared to be insane and apparently had no idea of the crime he had committed. The plea for the defense indicates that insanity will be the principal plea.

## BOOKS TO OPEN THIS WEEK FOR NEW ELECTION

### Balloting November 17 Will Determine Fate of Rural High School

Registration books will open Thursday, October 15, for the election to be held with a view to levying a special school tax of 30 cents per \$100 property valuation in four small school districts in the vicinity of Elizabeth City, with the ultimate purpose of providing high school facilities for the school children in the territory affected. The election is to be held on Tuesday, November 17.

All persons who registered in the last school election held in this territory must register again if they are to vote. Supt. M. P. Jennings, of the County schools, announces. The election area comprises Corinth, Nixonton, Banks and Small's school districts. The registration period will close on Saturday, November 7. The following Saturday will be challenge day. The election will be held on the Tuesday after that.

E. P. Cartwright has been appointed registrar for the Corinth district, and W. H. Reid for the Nixonton, Banks and Small's districts. On each Saturday during the registration period, Mr. Cartwright will sit at Cartwright's, or Corinth schoolhouse, and Mr. Reid at C. C. Pritchard's store at Halls Creek. Voters are reminded that they may register at any other time, except on Sunday, at the homes of the registrars.

Persons in close touch with the situation in the proposed special tax district express high confidence in the successful outcome of the election. If the special tax is passed, the school authorities contemplate erection of a large and adequately equipped rural high school on a site to be selected probably on the Hertford Highway, somewhere in the vicinity of Corinth Church.

## CAPITOL IS "SAVED" FROM "BOMBING"

### Newport News, Oct. 14.—The Capitol, White House and the city of Washington in general was "saved" from a "bombing" raid by 38 airplanes from Langley Field today by inclement weather. No new date for the "attack" was fixed.

## CONFERENCE VOTES ON UNIFICATION THURSDAY

### Stateville, Oct. 14.—The West- ern North Carolina conference voted today to take a ballot to- morrow morning at 11 o'clock on the proposed unification of the Southern and Northern Methodist Churches.

## COTTON MARKET

### New York, Oct. 14.—Spot cot- ton closed quiet, middling \$1.65, a decline of 15 points. Futures closing bid: Oct. 21, 21.31, Dec. 21.31, Jan. 20.58, March 20.55, May 21.04, July 21.51.