

America Will Be In Court And Yet She Won't; That's Compromise Reservation

Power Rests in Senate to Use the Court, and Senator Swanson's Reservation Means Little

LEAGUE THE ISSUE

This Explains Why the Fight Is Being Fought and Why the Irreconcilables Are So Bitter

By DAVID LAWRENCE

Washington, Jan. 26.—America will be in the World Court, and yet will not be unless she chooses to be. That's the paradox which comes out of the compromise reservation which is to be attached to the World Court protocol, and were it not for the fact that this is a fight against the League of Nations primarily and the World Court incidentally, it would remove the last particle of opposition to American adherence to the International Court of Justice.

Senator Swanson of Virginia, Democrat, has had the compromise reservation on his sleeve many months. He made no secret of it. However, this correspondent disclosed its support a few weeks ago and the Virginia Senator dwelt upon it in his opening speech. It provides that every time the United States is ready to use the World Court for the submission of any dispute, the Senate shall give its permission by the usual two-thirds vote. So American never, for all practical purposes, is a member of the Court unless the Senate specifically agrees. If the alignment in the Senate happens to be unfriendly to the submission of a dispute, America will not use the Court and vice versa.

Mr. Swanson offered his reservation for the simple reason that he knew very well America could not submit a question of jurisdiction of any court of justice unless the Senate agreed by a two-thirds vote. Whenever the United States has a controversy with another nation and cannot settle it by the usual processes of diplomacy it is customary for both nations to agree by treaty or convention to solve the problem some other way. That's what is called a protocol of submission. If both parties agree to submit a matter to a certain tribunal, it requires an agreement to the effect that they will each abide by the verdict. The United States Government so far as agreements with foreign powers are concerned, complies both as a President and the United States Senate. The Chief Executive can not bind the United States to agree to the verdict of any arbitration or to any tribunal's decision unless the Senate agrees too. It takes a two-thirds vote in every case to make an international agreement valid.

Senator Swanson has really put in reservation form something that is nothing more than constitutional practice anyhow. In the face of these facts, and also considering that the pro Court forces are willing to agree to a reservation permitting the United States to withdraw from membership in the Court at any time, it will be asked why the anti Court forces still keep up their opposition. The answer is that they know at heart the World Court protocol is safeguarded as outlined, but they are far more interested in the implicit rather than the explicit meaning of America's action in joining the World Court. They fear it will mean a merger of the League of Nations with the League of American states things later on.

Here's Hour That Failed Come Up To Its Name

By ROBERT MACK

Washington, Jan. 26.—The first silent hour of the 1926 international radio test week was neither silent nor international in the capital.

Working with a set accepted as one of the most efficient of the new models of receivers, and as stated by reception conditions that were excellent, the writer was able to report at the end of the international hour reception of nothing more than the squeals of a hundred or so-called re-radiating receivers.

With the apparent closing of every station in the United States for the hour there was not audible even a faint carrier wave, several of which misled thousands of listeners last year into believing they were hearing direct from Madrid or Edinburgh.

The obvious conclusion reached, therefore, was that reception of a program from a station distant more than 2,000 miles transmitted with power of not more than two kilowatts is impossible except in the rarest instances.

Weather conditions for the first international hour were surprisingly good in Washington. In the early evening up until 11 o'clock, stations in the middle West and the Southwest were heard with better than average volume, in particular WRAP at Fort Worth. The other, moreover, was completely without static. Immediately following the test hour, stations CZE, Mexico City, WFAX at Dallas, KTHS at Hot Springs and other long range transmitters were heard through the loud speaker.

Other unsuccessful efforts to tune in either European or South American stations were reported by various electrical engineers who worked diligently throughout the hour.

Additional appeals to the owners of re-radiating receivers to desist from working their sets or to tune them properly during the remaining two hours, are to be made by officials of the International Radio Week Committee.

The silent hour is to be observed nightly by American stations throughout Thursday. On Friday the hour will be occupied by the United States plants, the stations in the eastern standard time zone transmitting for the first 15 minutes, those in the central time zone the second 15 minutes, those in the Rocky Mountain zone the third 15 minutes and the Pacific Coast stations the final quarter of an hour.

DR. COOK SMILES AT PLAUDITS OF CAPT AMUNDSEN

Professes Belief That Impartial Verdict of History Will Vindicate His Claims to Discovery of Pole

WORKING ON DATA

Former Explorer and Later Oil FAKER Spends Spare Time Working on Documents to Support Claims

By J. P. WRIGHT

Leavenworth, Kas., Jan. 26.—It now is the turn of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, discredited explorer and oil promoter, to smile. And his smile broadened today as he read about his duties in the Federal prison hospital more erect and with shoulders held more squarely than in years.

Apparently Dr. Cook believes Captain Roald Amundsen's recent prison visit and subsequent statement of faith in Dr. Cook yet will lead to vindication after being branded for years as a fakir.

"I have given 20 of the best years of my life to my country and my flag," said Dr. Cook in a letter to a newspaper objecting to being called a proven fakir. "I did it without one dollar of pay. All I have ever asked is a fair hearing and fair understanding."

Sunday in his cell Dr. Cook, facing four more years of a 14-year and nine months sentence for fraud, worked several hours on a table cloth he is "fancy working." He also spends hours on bed spreads and other articles of that kind.

"It's my music and painting," he told a guard. Barred by prison rules from adding by interview to his letter, Dr. Cook plainly enjoys the situation brought about by Amundsen's statement. In regard to his polar trip, Dr. Cook wrote:

"More than half my route, from the last land base to the pole has been re-examined and all my reports have been investigated almost microscopically. The great effort of Amundsen together with the long reports, go long way toward proving my claim. On the other hand, the same later reports positively disprove most of Peary's claims."

Denying that he would undercut Peary, Dr. Cook wrote that he was confident that the passing years have been favorable to his claims. He said a tabulation of late writings by explorers developed that the prevailing judgment is upon his side.

When not doing fancy work, the former explorer studies scientific works and reports of other explorers. He takes notes frequently, apparently compiling data to add to his alleged proofs he discovered the north pole.

Among these works are understandings to be books and records sent by Captain Amundsen after his visit to Dr. Cook last week. "Finding such a champion as Amundsen is to Dr. Cook almost like getting a reprieve from prison," said a guard today. "Dr. Cook looks like a new man despite his 60 years."

"Charley's Aunt" Real Hit With Audience at Alkrama

Dogged by Evil Genii of Worst Weather, Charles Kramer Players Return to Elizabeth City in One of Brightest Comedies Shown Here in Years

"Charley's Aunt" came up to expectations last night at the Alkrama. Once they had gotten fairly under way, the Charles Kramer players kept their audience in stages of amusement from a ripple to a roar until the fall of the curtain on the last act. As in "The Rat," Charles Kramer himself was at least half of the show. As Lord Tancourt Babberly, metamorphosed into the Donna Lucia DeAlvadores, widow of Don Pedro, of Brazil, he was "wrist gushing young ladies used to describe as a scream."

The singing of Rudolph Paul in a bit of an interlude in the closing act drew repeated encores. Mr. Paul has a clear, strong baritone, and in "All Alone" and several other popular songs, he was a real hit. His acting, too, was back from years in the Brazilian court, pleased her audience immensely last night. She looked her part as well as she acted it—and her acting was nothing to sneeze at. The other feminine members of the cast, Misses Elizabeth Sanderford, Anita Mae Edmondson and Jane Lane, also contributed pleasantly to the evening's diversion.

William Triplett and Walter X. Price, as rivals for the hand of the supposed Donna Lucia, provoked gales of merriment, if an old and well worn phrase may be permitted here, and LeRoy Marsh, as the distressed Charley, fitted readily into the college boy characterization that was his. All of which brings us inevitably to Frontis Wiggins as Drasset, the valet, whose only misfortune was that his part kept him too little before the footlights.

Dogged by the worst of luck in the way of weather, the Charles Kramer players have surmounted all sorts of difficulties in their two appearances here. The weather man has been dead against them. In behalf of the company, Mr. Triplett expressed the hope last night that the company might return to Elizabeth City at an early date. Being a cautious individual, he made no promises on that score, however. After rain on the first trip and snow on the second, perhaps he had an uneasy feeling that the next coming of his company might bring tidal wave, tornado and hurricane—all three.

The Charles Kramer Players have made a decidedly favorable impression in Elizabeth City, and the hope is expressed generally that they may find a way to come again in the early future.

McCRAY WOULD HAVE PLEAD ILL HEALTH

Washington, Jan. 26.—Before the President would be inclined to consider clemency for Governor McCray of Indiana, now in Atlanta penitentiary, it would be necessary for McCray to submit a new petition pointing out that ill health justifies his release.

WANTS REVISE LAW ON MILITARY COURT

Washington, Jan. 26.—Investigation of the Mitchell court martial case with a view of revising the law governing military courts was proposed today in a resolution by Representative Connolly, Democrat of Texas. The special house committee.

COTTON MARKETS

Choosing Up

Choosing up sides is a serious business with these youthful aspirants for baseball fame at the Coral Gables Military Academy in Florida, especially so when they are being coached by no less a personage than Stanley Harris, manager of the Washington Senators, and of the Coral Gables city diamond team. The two boys certainly look in earnest. We're betting on the little fellow with the white shirt.



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Rubber Gouge Nil As Compared To Oil Hold-Up

By CHARLES P. STEWART

Washington, Jan. 26.—Americans think it's something awful the way they're being gouged now by British rubber producers.

But the United States Geological Survey hints, it isn't a circumstance to what's coming a few years hence, when this country and Mexico got down about to the bottom of their oil reservoirs.

The survey gives them about 10 years before they begin to feel the pinch seriously.

Alex Johnson, employed for a number of years by Cooper Cleaning Works is anxious for the public to know that he is not the Alex Johnson figuring in police court Monday. The names are the same, but there the similarity ends.

FUNERAL OF CHILD

BATTLE LIKELY TO CENTER ABOUT SALARY - WAGE

Although Next Session of General Assembly Almost Year Off, Straws Pointing That Direction MEETS OPPOSITION

Commission Appointed Last Year Said to Have Exceeded Powers; Some Want It Abolished

By The Associated Press

Raleigh, Jan. 26.—Although the next regular session of the North Carolina General Assembly is a year away, it already appears likely that one of the battles of the session will center around the State Salary and Wage Commission, created by the last General Assembly, a year ago.

The commission has met with opposition, if not actual defiance, from some department heads; W. H. Neal, representative from McDowell County, has declared that the commission has exceeded the powers the Legislature intended to confer upon it; and H. Hoyle Sisk, executive secretary of the commission, in a statement issued in defense of the body, declared that members of the General Assembly had told him of being approached and requested to use their influence to have the commission abolished at the next session of the General Assembly.

Mr. Sisk indicated in his statement defending the commission "for the purpose of keeping the actual facts before the public"—that the matter would come before the Legislature. He not only referred to efforts to have the commission abolished, but pointed out that the commission "expects and will be prepared to give to the next Legislature a full report of the work done by it, and welcomes a thorough investigation of its acts."

And he added that the commission was of the opinion "that the Legislature may be able to obtain some useful information from the material furnished" by the commission.

The Salary and Wage Commission was created with the authority to classify positions, and fix salaries with a view to eliminating waste and dispensing with any inequalities. When its first report was made, it fixed, among other things, the working hours, vacation leave, holidays, etc., of State employees.

The first difficulty arose over the question of holidays. The commission's provision for the employees to have holidays on only six of the 12 legal holidays fixed by the Legislature, on the theory that employees in most private business do not come work on every legal holiday. November 11, Armistice Day, was not included in the list of holidays recognized by the commission.

Shortly after Armistice Day, Frank D. Grist, Commissioner of Labor and Printing, and closely allied with the American Legion in this State, announced that his office would be closed on Armistice Day. At a meeting of the commission, a ruling was sought of the Attorney General, and he ruled that the commission had no authority to require State employees to observe legal holidays.

The commission then modified its position to allow Armistice Day as a recognized holiday, and announced that it would probably cut the two-weeks vacation period in half, to make up for the additional five days holiday on which employees would not be required to work, by virtue of the Attorney General's opinion.

Mr. Durham later issued a statement, explaining his action. He was congratulated by the United Daughters of the Confederacy organizations and private individuals on his stand.

Steps Toward Formation Of District Chamber Are Taken at Edenton Event

COAST GUARD MEN INDICTED FOR AID IN RUM RUNNING

New York, Jan. 26.—Thirteen and 48 other individuals were indicted today by the Federal grand jury investigating an alleged syndicate headed by "Bill" Dwyer, former race-track owner.

Nine of the Coast Guard men named in the indictment are still in active service. Three separate indictments were returned charging the 61 defendants with violation of the Federal prohibition law and conspiracy to violate the law.

The grand jury has spent six weeks in investigating the alleged rum running.

Various theories are advanced here as to the manner in which death came to the man whose bones were found Friday afternoon in a deep swamp in Camden County, near the point where the Dismal Swamp Canal and Pasquotank River meet. There is much speculation also as to his identity.

Some hold that the man in the soldier's uniform and black cap possibly was engaged in moonshining operations in the vicinity of the swamp, and that he was shot in a battle with raiding dry officers. Perhaps he was only wounded, and dropped and died while in flight, they suggest. Or he might have been killed or mortally wounded in a drunken brawl near a still.

Some color is lent the moonshiner theory by the circumstance that nobody answering to the general description of the corpse has disappeared from Camden County within a year and more. Recent still raids in the general vicinity of Burnt Mill have netted several visitors from Norfolk and other Tidewater Virginia cities, proving that reckless fellows from those cities are continuing, more or less, in moonshining operations in this section.

Thus, it is declared, it could easily have happened that somebody without kin or close friends might have dropped completely out of sight without causing comment. In the eddying drifts of the Norfolk underworld, there are many such. They come and go, and their friends—such friends as they have—are discreetly silent on the subject, so far as the authorities are concerned. And for an obvious reason.

Silenced forever, the grim, rotting corpse in Pasquotank River Swamp can give no clue to the fate that befell him.

MINISTERS NAMED EUROPEAN NATIONS

Washington, Jan. 26.—H. Percival Dodge of Massachusetts was nominated today to be minister to Denmark and John Dwyneley Prince of New Jersey to be minister to the kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes.

Two Members of Committee of Six Appointed to Go Into Details of Organization for Entire Section

HERTFORD "IN LINE"

Edenton Takes Lead in Movement to Build Stronger Community of Interest in Albemarle

Definite steps toward formation of an Albemarle Chamber of Commerce, to advance the interests of the six counties north of Albemarle Sound, were taken last night at the annual banquet of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce through appointment of two members of a ways and means committee to go into the details incident to forming it. Representatives of the Chambers of Commerce in Edenton and Elizabeth City were present also, and pledged their organizations to similar action in the immediate future.

Among the activities planned jointly by the three Albemarle communities is an advertising campaign for the entire district, with Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton bearing the expense. This has been discussed tentatively in recent Chamber of Commerce meetings here and in Hertford, and has been accorded general approval.

Visitors from here at last night's event were President M. Leigh Sheep, of the local Chamber of Commerce, and Senator P. H. Williams, Secretary of the Elizabeth City Chamber, had intended to attend, but was prevented by illness.

Good Results Cited

Mr. Sheep, the first speaker, talked on the necessity for co-operative effort in order to advance the interests of the Albemarle District, citing specific instances of the good results accomplished through it in the year past, notably the authorization for construction of the Chowan Bridge near Edenton, to link the Albemarle with the remainder of the State. He stressed the necessity for formation of an Albemarle Chamber of Commerce in order to have an organization ready to act at all times in the advancement of the section. W. Selby Harney, of Edenton, was toastmaster at the banquet.

State Senator Williams, next on the program, touched upon three zones, or cycles, in which he declared all individuals were included. He described the first in stage of utter selfishness, in which the individual was concerned only with his personal needs and problems. He saw the second as the co-operative zone, in which men worked together in Chambers of Commerce and otherwise for the general good. The third he pictured as the sacrificial stage, in which the individual dropped his personal concerns to work for the benefit of the community without regard to any benefit he might derive. "There are a few such men in every community," he declared. "We need more of them."

McMullan Paid Tribute

In this last connection, Senator Williams cited the personal efforts of Representative J. H. McMullan, of Edenton, for the Chowan Bridge, declaring Mr. McMullan made financial and other sacrifices he could not afford, and which offered no prospect of benefiting him personally, in helping to put across the project. The bridge is under construction, slated for completion this year.

J. W. Grist, representative of a Chicago business institute, discussed problems of distribution affecting this and other sections. He is conducting an institute in Edenton this week.

Describing as the most imperative need of Edenton, Hertford and Elizabeth City the bringing of hydro-electric power to the Albemarle section, R. G. Shackell, editor of the Edenton News and secretary of the Chamber of Commerce there, reminded the Elizabeth City representatives that both Edenton and Hertford were looking to this city for leadership in obtaining it. He gave hearty endorsement to the suggestion for formation of a district Chamber of Commerce.

Hertford Pledges Aid

President Brinn, of the Hertford Chamber of Commerce, and Secretary Brinn, of the Hertford organization and editor of the Hertford News, also endorsed the suggestion, and afterwards a motion was passed for the appointment of two members of a committee to work out the details.

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