

TO CHALLENGE VERSION TOLD BY THE FRENCH

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U. S. GENEROUS

American Officials Growing Impatient Over Attempts to Picture Uncle Sam As Hard Creditor

By DAVID LAWRENCE

Washington, July 19.—America is not going to permit the people of Europe to continue to develop a spirit of animosity toward the United States on account of war debts if there is a possible way to prevent it.

This is the true meaning of the analysis just issued by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon showing that the United States has been more generous than Great Britain in the matter of war debts.

Ordinarily such a comparison would never have been made public for it implies in a sense that the British drove a harder bargain than did the American commissioners in negotiating with France.

When Sec'y Mellon points out that the United States has in effect cancelled all indebtedness incurred by France during the war and is asking now only for payment of the so-called commercial debt after the armistice he is presenting a version of the whole situation has never before been commented upon officially.

American officials are growing impatient over the studied attempts abroad to picture Uncle Sam as a hard creditor.

It is noticed significantly here, for instance, that there are no reports of protest by French veterans against the British-French settlement and that in the next few years Great Britain has required much heavier payments from France than has the United States.

Three years from now France must begin to pay Great Britain \$40,000,000 as against \$32,500,000 to the United States. On the fourth year France is to pay America \$32,500,000 whereas she is required to pay Great Britain \$50,000,000.

All economists agree that the critical time for France is the next five years. The franc is at the lowest point since the war. If there ever was a time when France needed a reduction of indebtedness it was in the first five years of the 52 year period allowed for the payment for the whole debt.

Jilted 9 Nobles; Gets Divorce



Maxine Strosser, daughter of St. Louis jilted nine European noblemen who courted her and married Gene Gordon Culver, 20-year-old son of President Edwin R. Culver of the Culver Military Academy; but now she has been given a divorce after two years of married life.

Close And Exciting Chase After Four Auto Tires

Shawboro, July 19.—A close and exciting chase terminated here Monday morning with the arrest of Wilson Harris and John Schaffner, both colored, charged with the theft of four automobile tires from Meiggs' garage at Belcross about four weeks ago.

John F. Meiggs, proprietor of Meiggs garage, spotted his tires Sunday when a man who had borrowed the automobile on which they had been put brought the car to the garage for repairs.

Wilson Harris is a Camden negro living near Indian town. John Schaffner is a member of the road force employed by the Roberts Paving Company in construction work on the paved road from Corner Gum to Silgo.

COUNSEL ARGUING CASE MRS. FREEMAN

Charlotte, July 19.—Arguments of counsel today in the trial of Mrs. Nellie Freeman "child bride" slayer of her youthful taxi-driver husband whom she killed on the night of May 23 by slashing his throat with a razor.

Frank R. McInch, state counsel, insisted that Mrs. Freeman should at least be sentenced to second degree murder inasmuch as the state had not asked for first degree. The lawyer branded the woman as an "actress" and declared that she had slashed her husband's throat while she had her arm around him caressing him.

"PANDORA" HERE ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Baseball Association Arranges for Big Show; Lawn Party Tonight

A good time is promised all who attend a lawn party to be given on the courthouse lawn tonight for the benefit of the Elizabeth City Baseball Association.

The lawn party is being given as a means to raise funds to keep the baseball team going for the next two weeks. As an additional means of raising the funds, the play "Pandora" will be given in the New High School Auditorium Friday in matinee and night performances.

"Pandora" enjoyed a highly successful run in Norfolk last week, having been given the entire week. The matinee here will begin at 2:30 o'clock, in order to permit the cast and the audience to attend the baseball game.

During the game, it is anticipated that the stars in the cast will sing several numbers, and give some specialty dancing.

In arranging for the presentation of "Pandora" here, the directors of the baseball association feel that they are offering the public an exceptionally high class production. The management of the show promises that it will be staged with all the elaborateness that will mark its production in Seattle, Chicago and Detroit, the next three cities on the company's itinerary.

TRY LOCATE STORES EVANGELIST VISITED

Los Angeles, July 19.—Officials investigating the Almee Semple McPherson kidnaping case are attempting to locate the stores in which the evangelist purchased clothing during her absence from Angeles Temple, in the effort to complete the evidence for presentation to the county grand jury when it convenes tomorrow.

Meanwhile search is being continued in North Carolina for Kenneth G. Ormiston, Temple radio operator and friend of the evangelist. He is sought to testify before the grand jury concerning charges that he accompanied the evangelist to various cities after her disappearance.

AGED EMPLOYE SHOT AND PAYROLL TAKEN

Newark, N. J., July 19.—George M. Condit, a 70 year old employee of Reid Ice Cream Company, was shot to death today by three hold-up men who wounded another employee and escaped with the \$15,000 payroll.

CONSTABLE GETS BUSY NAGS HEAD

Two Participants in Affray Arrested After Bites and Blows

Nags Head, July 19.—Pressed into service the first day after his arrival, Constable Ben Kinnett Saturday arrested J. J. Peterson and Henry Beasley for participating in an affray, to which each pleaded guilty and in which the latter bit Peterson's lip to such an extent that a good bit of blood was lost and three stitches had to be taken in the wound to close it sufficiently to heal.

The altercation took place on the edge of the sound a few yards down the shore from the post office between four and five o'clock while Peterson was bringing in fish for the evening delivery with the aid of three youths who are spending some time here.

The car of James Hathaway was standing close to the participants and from this Peterson procured an empty Coca Cola bottle with which he attempted to strike Beasley, when Hathaway, coming up at the moment, grasped his arm from behind and pulled him to his feet at which juncture Beasley's mouth struck Peterson's face and he bit the latter on the lower lip causing a gash of considerable extent.

A good sized crowd was present at the trial which was held in the store of L. J. Wool, presiding justice. A fine of five dollars and costs was imposed on each participant, each to pay one-half the costs. Peterson noted an appeal and bond was placed at \$100, but he later withdrew the appeal and both parties submitted to the fine.

HAS SOIL SURVEYS

Representative Lindsay Warren announces that he has a limited number of soil surveys of Camden and Currituck counties which he will be glad to send to any interested citizen upon request.

Shep Finds His Master Again



Shep, good-natured dog shown above, was "expelled" from the Printers' Home at Colorado Springs, Colo., recently because he ran across the flower beds. The printers in the home took up a fund and shipped him to Frank Morrow (above), his owner, at Greenville, S. C. Union trainmen all along the route gave Shep a helping hand, and now he's a mascot of the Greenville Typo Union.

STRIKERS ARRESTED; DISORDERLY CONDUCT

New York, July 19.—Two hundred striking garment workers were arrested today charged with disorderly conduct.

Nearly 100 patrolmen invaded the district bounded by Twenty-fifth and Thirty-ninth streets and Fifth and Eighth avenues and herded the strikers into patrols.

FUNERAL MRS. WHITEHURST

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Whitehurst, who died Friday morning at her home on Cypress street, was conducted at the home Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock by her pastor, Dr. J. H. Thayer, and burial was made in Hollywood Cemetery.

Two of her favorite hymns, "Lead Kindly Light" and "The Christian's Goodnight," were sung by the quartet of Blackwell Memorial Choir.

Active pallbearers were: C. D. Gallop, M. P. Gallop, Gale Whitehurst, Andrew Toxey, M. B. Sawyer, J. C. Sawyer, P. G. Sawyer and R. M. Sawyer.

BELIEVES DR. BOYER PROVE INNOCENCE

Statesville, July 19.—Doctor H. K. Boyer, counsel for Doctor Shelby Chapman, pastor of Central Methodist Church at Asheville, who is to go on trial here tomorrow before the church court on charges of gross immorality, expressed confidence today that his client would prove his innocence.

DR. WILLIAMS RETURNS

Dr. C. B. Williams has returned after spending the week end with his family at Virginia Beach.

COTTON MARKET

New York, July 19.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 17.32, Dec. 17.16, Jan. 17.20, March 17.38, May 17.53.

"Mistress Of Mystery" Is Author New Serial Which Begins Thursday

Carolyn Wells, Creator of Fascinating Puzzles and Stories, Has Written "The Vanity Case," Mystery of Modern Life, for Advance Readers.

By GENE COHN, New Service Writer

New York, July 19.—"It all began on a rainy day. A friend dropped in and suggested that, to pass the time, she read aloud to my mother and me. The book was one of Anna Katherine Green's mystery stories. I had never before so much as heard of a detective story—I was just a girl then—but it got into my blood and has never got out."

Thus does Carolyn Wells, America's "mistress of mystery," explain how her career as one of the world's outstanding writers of mystery tales began.

some form of problem. One must have a corner in the brain that works that way.

"My first volume was a recollection of charades. At that time charades had quite the same vogue as crossword puzzles have today."

Books of jingles, anthologies and children's books came in legion from her pen.

are no mysteries. Everything has a solution."

Miss Wells has little patience with the mystery stories and crimes in real life. She refuses to follow murder mysteries in newspapers.

"They lack the rounding-out and lack form," she asserts. "They are scattered and jump and rarely work out right."

When ordinary problems lose their zest she sets out on self-imposed quests.

Thus two years ago, during a conversation among writer friends, she suddenly expressed the determination to become a collector of rare books. She suggested collecting Walt Whitman and her friends laughed.

"It can't be done," they said. "All the rare Whitman's are collected. You're too late." Today she has the world's best Whitman collection. Recently she secured a paper-covered copy of the 1855 edition of "Leaves of Grass."

Gay Sabbath Party Proves Expensive For The Host

Largely on account of none too savory reputation with regard to the liquor laws, Peter Nixon, colored, living on Cypress street, was fined \$100 and costs in recorder's court Monday morning in connection with a police raid Sunday night on his home.

The officers offered as evidence a full pint of liquor, a second pint bottle, about half full, and several empty bottles and whisky glasses. The assortment was found in the house, they testified.

Nixon was absent when the officers arrived, but came in later. He denied all knowledge of the liquor or of the coming of his guests, testifying he and his wife had gone for an automobile ride. The State, however, held him responsible on the ground that those present were his home life guests.

The inference to be gathered from their testimony was that at some time or other during the evening, the liquor must have been snaked in under its own motive power, and must have hidden itself so effectively that nobody knew it was there until the officers found it.

WOMEN AT HEAD OF OPIUM RING AT THE CAPITAL

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PEDDLERS AROUND

Under-Cover Investigation Has Been Going on for Months While Public Thought Task Given Up

By ROBERT T. SMALL, (Copyright, 1926, by The Advance) Washington, July 19.—Women are the leaders of Washington's opium ring which Government authorities are endeavoring to smash.

Narcotic officers say this is the case in nearly all parts of the country. Fourteen women, some of them with babies in their arms, have been arrested here in raids during the past 24 hours and held on charges of possessing and selling drugs.

Women have long been acting as assistants to bootleggers, especially in the eastern districts where they are used largely as decoys while supplies of booze are being delivered or transported from one city to another.

With narcotics, however, it is different. Women peddlers of the stuff abound here in the national capital. An under-cover investigation of the situation within the shadows of the Capitol and the White House has been in progress for six months or more.

Narcotic work is far more difficult than bootlegging investigations. The stuff is not easy to obtain and generally the agent must undergo careful scrutiny before obtaining evidence.

It is an interesting phase of criminal psychology that drug sellers are treated far more roughly than bootleggers and generally are given far more severe sentences, although the Volstead Act is just as stringent in its way as the Harrison narcotic law.

o'clock instead of the usual hour of 9, the hour being changed to permit the arrival of Prosecuting Attorney J. H. LeRoy, Jr., from a week-end trip to Nags Head.