

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

DANGEROUS DECISION. THE THIRTY COUNTRY. WATCHING TEDDY. NEW OCEAN TO ROLL.

Laymen, out of respect for the courts, assume that the Supreme Court judges of California interpreted the law accurately when they decided that Le Follette's electors, although duly named by petition, should not go on the ballot in November.

The people do not like to be told by a judge, or anybody, that they may not vote for their own choice. For a moment by a majority of one, the interests of established custom, to say that State electors are the servants and agents of political conventions, and therefore the people have no right to name their own electors by petition, is DAMNABLY.

This California decision will be viewed as a great deal to those who believe that the public, having power to put judges on the bench, should also have the power to take them off.

Legislators follow California by rejecting Le Follette electors a place on the ballot. President Coolidge, much to his credit, expresses regret that any American should be forbidden to vote for the man of his choice. The President's statement will be applauded by ninety-nine per cent. of American voters.

Sombody is saving money in this country, because of higher wages or prohibition, or whatever you choose. Savings deposited in 1923, as revealed at the bankers' convention in Chicago, amounted to more than EIGHTEEN THOUSAND MILLION DOLLARS.

While the population of the country increased fourteen per cent, savings bank deposits increased 108 per cent.

Business men that put Detroit on the map and Detroit products

all over the world, prepare to add control of the flying machine industry to their automobile industry. Edsel Ford supplies money for airplane research, and puts a flying field near his Dearborn plant at the service of all working on metal airplanes. The Hudson and Packard motor companies are spending money generously in the same direction.

All that is good news for those interested in this country's independence of foreign domination. Two thousand years ago the land in Palestine was marvellously fertile, a real earthly paradise. Money would restore that fertility, and strangely enough the money more than Palestine ever dreamed of in all its glory, may be taken out of the Dead Sea.

That great body of intensely salt water is found to be heavily charged with potash. It can be got out cheaply, at a cost of 45 a ton, and marketed in Europe at \$15 a ton, against the now prevailing price of \$30. There is a chance for enterprising Americans.

Americans will watch with interest young Theodore the Second, following in his father's footsteps. The original T. R. went to the New York Legislature, so did his son. The original T. R. ran for Governor and was elected. His son is now running for Governor. Whether he will be elected or not remains to be seen.

Georges Clemenceau celebrates his eighty-third birthday in his little house on the French coast, looking out on the wild waters where ancient Basques used to catch whales.

Clemenceau's health is good, because he is wise. A fighter all his life, he avoids all controversy now, old age kills them.

Picking a rose in his garden he says, "I like flowers; they have an advantage over men, they are silent."

The average citizen in this country pays less attention to news of the war in China than he would to news about someone falling off a horse.

Yet there are 500,000 men lined up for the decisive Chinese battle that is expected. And that is no child's play. The Chinese like the Japanese are building fighting flying machines. Let that be remembered by elderly naval gentlemen dozing sweetly, unconscious of the fact that the battleship is obsolete, out of date, a joke in war. The flying machine is the new weapon, the ONLY one that counts. The air is the NEW OCEAN. Who rules that ocean, rules the world.



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Ford Withdraws Muscle Shoals Bid; Too Much Politics

(Written for The Enterprise by Edward Percy Howard, Through Autocaster Service.)

Henry Ford, master mind of production, weary of delay and tired of trying to cope with congressional methods which have turned a business proposition into a complicated political affair, has withdrawn his offer for the purchase of Muscle Shoals.

This important news announcement was made this week by Mr. Ford through Collier's Weekly, which, in a remarkable interview with the wizard manufacturer, discloses Mr. Ford's plans for the development of power and chemicals from coal in clean mining towns "in my own way and outside of political meddling."

"Muscle Shoals?" said Mr. Ford, that is not a live issue with us any longer. More than two years ago we made the best bid we knew how to make. No definite action has been taken on it. A simple affair of business which should have been decided by anyone within a week has become a complicated political affair.

"We are not in politics, and we are in business. We do not intend to be drawn into politics."

"We have been and still are deeply interested in Muscle Shoals as a national asset. There is small promise now that it ever will be a national asset—more likely it will be only an expense. That concerns everyone of us as citizens.

"In the Ford business once we make up our minds to do anything we go right ahead and do it, with the least possible waste of time, energy or money."

"We are going so fast and the settlement of Muscle Shoals' future seemed so far away, that we had to find other means to do the things we could have accomplished at Muscle Shoals. In fact we have passed Muscle Shoals. Productive business cannot wait on politics. Therefore we are withdrawing our bid.

This, Mr. Ford said, meant he had withdrawn from Muscle Shoals and everything that pertained to it. "We have made our bid," said he, "now let them make us a bid. And they will not have to wait three years for their answer. We can tell them in five minutes."

Mr. Ford explained that due to the exigencies of war the government spent much more money on Muscle Shoals than private enterprises would have spent and that as a result of the investment nitrates could be produced by the government only for war purposes, because in peace time they would be too expensive to sell to the farmers.

"Our bid," he said, "was intended to develop a method by which the public's money could be made productive and eventually returned to the public treasury at a profit, while at the same time we should produce nitrates at sufficiently low cost to sell them to the farmers at a fraction of what they now have to pay."

Mr. Ford said if it had not been for the possibility of doing something for the south he would not have waited on Muscle Shoals so long. He added, significantly, however, that Muscle Shoals is not the only hope of the south. Then he announced that while the politicians were delaying, the Ford management was pursuing its orderly business. "A great business enterprise," he said, "can never stand still."

Here Mr. Ford disclosed the fact that he has succeeded in buying about one hundred and sixty thousand acres of coal lands in Kentucky about 200 miles from Muscle Shoals.

"We find from our experience at the River Rouge that we can generate electrical power in these coal lands to any extent we may need and at a charge much less than we could under our bid at Muscle Shoals," he said.

"And also we can generate in our own way entirely outside of all political influences or political meddling," he added. "That is why we have lost interest in Muscle Shoals."

"When we bid for Muscle Shoals we could have used it. Now we can produce the same results in another way."

"It used to be that we had not any electricity anywhere, but now we have it everywhere, and we can produce it in any quantity we want, at a cost much less than we could under our bid at Muscle Shoals."

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