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News Review of Current Events the World Over

Efforts to Bring Insull Back From Greece for Trial—New Canada Tariff in Effect—Big Political Guns Are in Action.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

WHEN Samuel Insull, the former utilities magnate under indictment in Chicago, was about to take a plane from Italy to Greece in his flight from justice, he wrote to his wife: "I am feeling as if I were going on a real adventure. He was escorted by British troops to Athens and within a few hours of his arrival at the Grand Bretagne hotel he was taken into custody by the Athens police. At the moment Insull was merely detained on a question as to his passport; then, at the formal request of the American consul, he was arrested and taken to jail, where he was given a comfortable room. By the next morning his legal representatives had got to Premier Venizelos, at whose instance the attorney general examined the affair, found there was no legal basis for Insull's detention and ordered his release. The convention of extradition between the United States and Greece was not in force, the instruments of ratification not having been exchanged. Twenty-four hours later Insull was told he was free to go where he pleased, so far as Greece was concerned.

There was a possibility of Insull's being handed over to the United States on the strength of a former treaty, and the whole matter was to be laid before the court of appeals in Athens. Of course the American government was determined to try in every legal way to bring him back for trial. Consul Morris in Athens was instructed to keep close track of him. Developments in the Insull affair, for too numerous to be detailed here, included the decision of the banking committee of the senate to investigate the collapse of the Insull utilities system. James E. Stewart, federal operative who had charge of the committee's inquiry into the New York Stock Exchange last summer, went to Chicago vested with broad powers to inquire into all phases of the situation. Martin J. Insull, indicted with his brother and who was arrested in Orillia, Ontario, was released under bail pending extradition proceedings.

UNCLE SAM is now getting a large dose of the tariff medicine he has been giving the rest of the world for many years. At midnight of Wednesday the new Canadian tariff increases against United States products went into effect in accordance with the trade agreement between Canada and the United Kingdom, Southern Rhodesia, the Irish Free State and South Africa, reached at the recent imperial conference. The principal items on which Canada has raised the tariff against the United States products, include: 1. Iron and steel products, including steel plates, steel sheets and also structural shapes. 2. Anthracite. 3. Leather products of all kinds. 4. Gums of many varieties. 5. Chemicals of all kinds. 6. Toilet accessories, including perfumes, soaps and bath salts, in which there has been a huge trade between the United States and Canada. 7. Cotton goods. 8. Processed and fabricated steels, such as cutlery, machinery and wire products. Previously these and all other American products had been entering the Dominion under Canada's general tariff rate. Canada has been the best customer of the United States, but now much more of her trade will go to Great Britain.

AS THE Presidential campaign drew toward its close major parties unlimbered their biggest guns and the oratorical battle grew loud and fierce. For the Republicans Calvin Coolidge opened the week with an address at a rally in Madison Square garden, New York city. He came out squarely and forcibly for the policies of President Hoover and said he was convinced the public welfare required that gentleman's re-election. The former President attacked the Democratic leadership in congress for attempted raids on the federal treasury, assailed Franklin Roosevelt for failing to announce his stand on the soldier bonus question, and warmly praised Mr. Hoover for his moves to maintain "sound money."

Former Senator Jim Reed of Missouri, selected by the Democrats to reply to Mr. Hoover's Dea Moines speech, went to that Iowa city and attacked the President in his well-known scathing manner, dwelling at length on both his policies and his personality. He declared the Chief Executive's address was "a series of incorrect statements and unjustifiable deductions," and especially contradicted Mr. Hoover's statement that only the steps taken by the administration kept the country from going off the gold standard.

Senator L. J. Dickinson of Iowa, himself no mean orator and denouncer,

answered Reed on that gold standard matter, accusing the Missouriian of flagrantly misstating the facts and citing figures that he said upheld the assertions made by Mr. Hoover. The President himself, still in his new fighting mood, made his second big speech Saturday evening in Cleveland and there was a chance that he would yield to the desires of his followers in the Middle and Far West and deliver several more addresses before election day. His opponent, Governor Roosevelt, was busy in his own state during the week but found time to make a radio address over a nation-wide hookup in reply to a questionnaire on the subject of federal relief to those in distress, increased appropriations for public works as an aid to employment, unemployment insurance, and child welfare. It was announced that Governor Roosevelt's next trip would be through the South and Middle West, though why he should go into the southern states is a puzzle.

SENATOR DAVID A. REED of Pennsylvania, who went to Europe in the summer at the direction of President Hoover principally to find out the attitude of Great Britain and France on the Manchurian question, returned and immediately reported at the White House. To the press he denied categorically that any bargain or secret agreements had been made by the United States with either Great Britain or France on the course to be taken in handling the Lytton report and other developments in Japan and Manchuria. The Chinese news agency has announced that it accepted the Lytton report as a basis for negotiations with a large group of influential and powerful Chinese has declared against it, asserting that "it is suicidal for China to place further reliance in the League of Nations, which is exposed to impotence and inability to uphold right and justice."

DICTATOR JOSEF STALIN has taken steps to scotch the plot to bring about his downfall, which was mentioned in this column some weeks ago. The Communist party of Russia has expelled from its ranks as traitors Leo Kamev and Gregory Zinoviev, two once powerful friends of Lenin, and they were locked up in Lubyanka prison. The party other Bolsheviks were ousted along with them. Kamev was formerly commissar of the Moscow district and president of the party's commissar and is a brother-in-law of Leon Trotsky, the foe of Stalin. Zinoviev used to be commissar of the Leningrad district and a member of the Communist Internationale. Both were accused of plotting against Stalin in 1927 but were forgiven when they abjectly apologized. The decree of the central executive committee of the Communist party says that both commissars were discovered by the Gappasov or secret police to be falsifying documents in order to compromise the work of the party's control committee.

EUROPEAN powers are still intent on bringing about disarmament—each for the other fellows—and their various plans seem as far apart as ever. Norman H. Davis, American delegate to the disarmament conference in Geneva, is striving to reconcile the various demands as applied to naval strength, and was in London during the week trying to find a compromise between the British thesis of many and small ships within global tonnage figures and Americans' desire for fewer and bigger ships. Mr. Davis, however, did not confine himself to naval matters, but discussed disarmament generally with Prime Minister MacDonald and Sir Bolton Byres-Moncell, first lord of the admiralty. He also met Sir Walter Layton, England's leading economist, and talked about the coming world economic conference.

Premier Herriot of France also was in London, conferring with Mr. MacDonald on German demands for arms equality. He has devised a disarmament plan providing for a consultative pact which would include the United States, and he consulted Mr. Davis about this.

CAPT. WOLFGANG VON GRONAU and his three companions who were making a round-the-world flight came to grief in the Indian ocean. But their radio was working after their plane was forced down by a broken water pump, and the British steamer Karagold responded to their call and rescued them, taking them and their dying boat to Rangoon.

NORTHERN Ireland is having serious trouble with its unemployed. For two days a mob of ten thousand jobless men rioted through Belfast, fighting the police and setting fire to many large buildings. After one man had been killed and more than thirty seriously wounded, the disorder was quelled. But in a few hours the rioting was resumed with increased fury and it was necessary to call on British troops. The Bonistkilt Frasers and the king's royal rifles were sent in a hurry.

TWO years ago the American Bar Association appointed a committee on criminology to study gangsters and their operations. The committee has now made its report, stating that organized crime by gangsters is based largely on such things as the prohibition "brought about a demand for the services of outlaws such as we never had in this or any other country prior to prohibition."

The committee consists of George E. Bowman of Milwaukee, chairman; Herbert Munro of Detroit; and William D. Knight of Rockford, Ill.; all prosecuting officers.

ANNOUNCEMENT was made by the Reconstruction Finance corporation that it had deposited \$50,000 with the Treasury department as capital for its agricultural credit corporations at Minneapolis, Minn., and Wichita, Kan. Both these regional concerns were expected to start making loans to farmers and stock raisers in their respective districts. The loan agencies in Columbus, Sioux City, Spokane and Salt Lake City already had their funds.

ALL candidates for the house and senate are being polled as to their views on prohibition by the Woman's Organization for National Prohibition Reform. The replies so far tabulated show that 377 candidates of all parties are for straight repeal, 42 are evasive and 23 are opposed to repeal. Out of 238 replies from Democratic candidates, only one was opposed to straight repeal. Out of 170 replies from Republican candidates, 103 were for straight repeal, 42 evasive, and 23 opposed to repeal.

DR. ALEXANDER FLEXNER, director of the new Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, and who will be located in or near Princeton, N. J., announces that Prof. Albert Einstein, discoverer of the relativity theory, has accepted a life appointment as head of the school of mathematics. The eminent scientist will occupy a home in Princeton with his wife, Mrs. Einstein. The new institute was made prof. of the appointment of Prof. Oswald Veblen, generally recognized as one of the leading American mathematicians and until now professor of mathematics at Princeton university, as a professor in the institute's school of mathematics.

The institute, it is announced, will be exclusively a postgraduate university, actively separated from the "collegiate" activities of existing American higher education. It will be devoted to the study of mathematics in the spirit of pure science without outside distractions.

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KENTUCKY Good Roads Leader Weille Is Dead Paducah, Ky.—Ben Weille, seventy-five, merchant and former member of the Kentucky state highway commission, and an outstanding "good roads" advocate since 1909, died at his home here after a brief illness.

Ex-Senator W. A. Smith Dies Grand Rapids, Mich.—Former United States Senator William Alden Smith, whose quarter of a century of service in congress included both the Spanish-American and World war periods, died at his home here. He was seventy-three years old.

China Accepts Lytton Report Geneva.—It was announced that China has accepted the Lytton report on Manchuria as a basis for discussion with the League of Nations council of a settlement of the Manchurian situation in which Japan sponsored an independent state.

Candidate for Governor Dies Kansas City, Mo.—Francis M. Wilson, Democratic nominee for governor of Missouri at the November 8 election, died at his home.

BIG FUND READY FOR FARM LOANS

R. F. C. Announces 18 Millions Now Available.

Washington.—The Reconstruction Finance corporation announced that \$6,000,000 has been deposited with the Treasury department as capital for its agricultural credit corporations at Minneapolis, Minn., and Wichita, Kan. Both regionally expected to start making loans to farmers and stock men in their respective districts immediately.

The corporation has now placed a total of \$18,000,000 in the treasury subject to call of the regional agricultural loan agencies. \$12,000,000 having been deposited for the corporations in Columbus, Ohio; Sioux City, Iowa; Spokane, Wash., and Salt Lake City, Utah. Under the law, each of the regional credit offices will serve an initial capitalization of \$3,000,000.

The Agricultural Credit corporation at Minneapolis will serve farmers and stock men in Wisconsin, Michigan, North Dakota, and Minnesota, while the corporation at Wichita will serve the district comprising the states of Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, and New Mexico. The board of directors of the corporation approved a loan of \$19,500 to the state of Texas to meet the emergency relief needs in Brewster county until the end of this year. Most of the fund, the corporation said, will be used in providing work relief, as much construction work has been made unnecessary by September floods which ravaged highways and bridges in Brewster county.

New York.—Acting Mayor Joseph V. McGee denied the reports of civic and business organizations asking the city to seek a loan from the Reconstruction Finance corporation to build the triborough bridge and the proposed Thirty-eight street tunnel. He announced his opposition to asking Washington to help the city with these projects.

WASHINGTON BRIEFS

The United States Supreme court refused to review the contention of the Pan-American Petroleum company that three leases of oil in naval reserves in California, were legal.

Three pedigree bloodhounds have been added to the crime detection department of the Washington police force. The gift of the breed between San Francisco and Oakland.

A uniform law for controlling narcotics in the United States was approved by the national conference of commissioners on state laws.

The new home loan banks will handle no cash. Franklin W. Fort, chairman of the board, explained he wanted this information broadcast so machine gunners will feel no temptation to shoot up the new institutions.

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INSULL ARRESTED AND THEN FREED

Greek Officials Decided He Couldn't Be Held.

Athens.—Samuel Insull, indicted at Chicago for embezzlement and larceny in the collapse of his financial empire, was formally placed under arrest here by request of the United States government.

It was the first move in the government's fight to extradite him and return him to the United States. After being detained over night in a comfortable room in the prison building, Insull was freed from police detention and given his unconditional liberty. He cannot, however, leave the country without further passport visa.

This action was taken notwithstanding the request of the United States consulate that he be held pending extradition, when the Greek officials decided there was no legal ground for holding him longer since the documents of ratification of the recently-negotiated extradition treaty between Greece and the United States have not been exchanged.

The order for Mr. Insull's release was given by Minister of the Interior Bacopulos after he had conferred with Prime Minister Venizelos. The public prosecutor also studied the case and decided that no legal grounds for holding Insull existed.

It was understood that application for extradition would have to be made by American authorities in the usual way. This would mean that, unless he should agree to return to the United States without objection, Mr. Insull's rights would be passed on by the Greek courts which would determine whether the new treaty, in the absence of the exchange of instruments of ratification, is effective.

Insull is reported to have told the police that he was willing to return to Chicago "after the election" to answer to grand jury indictments.

Russian Reds Expel Score as "Traitors"

Moscow.—The central control committee of the Communist party expelled twenty of its members, some of them prominent leaders of the Soviet regime since the days of the revolution, on a charge of having organized a counter-revolutionary movement advocating dissolution of the collective and state farms.

The group included Gregory Zinoviev, former head of the committee, and Leo Kamev, brother-in-law of Leon Trotsky, military leader of the revolution, who is now in exile in Turkey.

Other members of the group were former followers of Trotsky and members of the right wing of the party. They were charged with circulating anti-party literature opposing the present policy of collectivization.

Three Alleged Bandits Escape Waukegan Jail

Waukegan, Ill.—Three bandits held for the robbery of the Lake County State bank at North Chicago, in which they wounded and permanently disabled a woman employee, overpowered a guard and escaped from the Lake county jail here. They fled into a ravine traversing the city.

The men, all Chicagoans, are Ernest Rupprecht, twenty-four, an ex-convict; Clifford Heaney, twenty-one, paroled from Papineau recently, who is said to have admitted wounding the bank employee, and Joseph Beck, twenty.

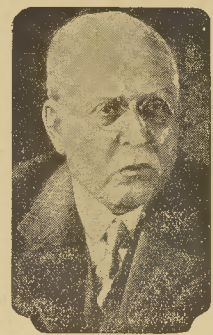
Three on Way to Funeral in Auto Killed by Train

Wyanconda, Mo.—Three persons, father, mother and son, on route to Ottumwa, Iowa, from Lewisville, Mo., to attend a funeral, were killed when their automobile was struck by a Santa Fe fast train at a crossing near here. The dead are Wiley Shoemaker, fifty; Mrs. Shoemaker, forty-four, and their son, Harold, twenty-one.

Answers Midnight Doorbell; Is Slain

Los Angeles.—Answering the front doorbell at his home shortly after midnight, Charles H. Seull, fifty-one, superintendent of an engraving company, was shot and killed by an unidentified man, who escaped.

SAMUEL INSULL



Recent photograph of Samuel Insull of Chicago, former utilities magnate, who fled to Athens, Greece, to avoid extradition and trial on charges of embezzlement and larceny.

BROOKLYN HOUSEWIFE TAKES FATAL "RIDE"

Mother of Five Is Murdered With a Dagger.

New York.—The ride murder of a housewife slain mysteriously with a red-handled dagger, puzzled Brooklyn authorities.

Mrs. Gemma Pignataro, thirty-six-year-old mother of five children, was killed some time after she set out to care for a neighbor's sick child.

Her body was found in an automobile that had smashed against a tree at Dyker heights. At her feet lay the knife that had severed her jugular vein.

Detectives questioned her husband and two other men, one of them the owner of the wrecked car. All denied knowledge of the killing. Delving into the woman's history, the police obtained information that led them to suspect gangsters.

The detectives said she had a brother, Louis Ribbis, who was right-hand man for the late Frankie Ulan, Brooklyn gang chief, and "one of the boys" of Capone. This brother was murdered ten years ago in New Jersey. The dead woman's husband, Fred, was wounded in 1914 by an unidentified foe. He recovered.

Scratched notes indicated that Mrs. Pignataro struggled against death. The police believe that in the struggle the killers lost control of the car, which hit a tree. Two men were seen to flee from it after the crash.

Milwaukee's Mayor Is Warring on Bombers

Milwaukee.—With three members of a motion picture operators' union in jail, Mayor Daniel W. Hoan declared he would close all motion picture theaters in Milwaukee unless the unions agreed to suppress all forms of violence.

While the three union men were being held in jail, police continued their investigation of the bombing of the Parkway theater, in which six people in an audience of 800 were injured. The men held are Chester Mills, forty-one, business agent of the Motion Picture Operators' union, 164, and former operator at the theater; Raymond Koenig and Harry Morris, operators.

Although he declared none of the men was involved in the throwing of the bomb, Inspector John Bouschek declared their detention and union records will lead to the arrest of the actual bombers.

Slays His Friend by Accident; Kills Self

International Falls, Minn.—Carl Lang, seventeen, shot and killed himself in remorse after accidentally killing Amos Angyer, twenty, while the two were hunting in the woods on the Minnesota side of the border near Duon, Ont.

Korean Executed for Attempt on Mikado

Tokyo.—Li Hoshu, the Korean who recently was convicted of an attempt to bomb the carriage of Emperor Hirohito last January 3, was executed at Ichigaya prison. Mention of the method of execution was forbidden.

Farm Pickets Halt Twin Cities Produce

Minneapolis, Minn.—Farmers' holiday pickets at Hood River, near here, Des Moines, have succeeded in forcing the halt of produce being for Twin Cities markets. Planks studded with nails enforced the pickets' demands.

Former College Head a Suicide

Washington, Pa.—Returning to the scene of his joys and triumphs, Dr. Simon S. Baker, sixty-five, former president of Washington and Jefferson college, sent a bullet into his brain and died.

KIDNAPERS SEIZE BANKER AND WIFE

Bold Plan to Obtain Ransom Is Foiled.

Chicago.—Norman B. Collins, president of two Chicago banks, who was kidnaped near his home in Wilmette and held for \$5,000 ransom, was released by his captors on the North-west side. He is thirty-nine years old and head of the Security State and Second Security State banks, both on Milwaukee avenue.

No ransom was paid for his release, although the kidnapers gave explicit directions as to the manner in which the money was to be turned over to them. Any effort on their part to collect it would probably have been met with machine gun fire, for police had laid a careful trap for their arrest on the basis of the instructions in the abductors' note.

Collins, somewhat nervous and hungry, but otherwise none the worse for his 11 hours of captivity, said that he left his home in Wilmette in the family car with his wife, Alice, bound for the North Western railroad station. At Seventh street and Lake avenue, he said, three men in a "wreck of a car" forced them to the curb, and ordered him and his wife into their car. There they taped their eyes with adhesive. Then one got out and drove Collins' car behind.

"Up to this time I thought the men were robbers," said Mr. Collins. "On the way they said they were kidnapers and wanted \$100,000. Not having any money on me, or any immediately available, much less the amount they asked, I told them their demand was impossible. They scaled down their demands finally to \$5,000. I told them to allow my wife to see James R. Forgan, Jr., vice president of the First National bank, and they agreed. They let her go."

Mrs. Collins in the driver, still blindfolded, to her car about six miles from Wilmette and released. She notified the authorities.

Alexander Jamie, chief investigator for the Secret Six, was notified. He held the trap. Detective Louis Nichols dressed in Mrs. Collins' clothes and started out in her car. Crouched in the rear were Lieut. Leo Carr and Sgt. William Knowles. They reached the designated intersection and for two hours defied the square mile. Three blocks behind, in another car, rode Jamie, Mrs. Collins, and Mr. Forgan. The trap proved unnecessary.

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Big Wet Majority in Congress Is Predicted

New York.—The woman's organization for national prohibition reform made public a preliminary report on questionnaires sent candidates for the United States senate and house with the comment by Mrs. Charles H. Sabbin, national chairman, that "a large wet Democratic majority in the Seventy-third congress" was indicated.

The organization, which set out to query all candidates for congress, announced it had received 228 replies from Democrats thus far and 170 from Republicans; that 227 of the Democrats favored outright repeal and one opposed it; that 105 Republicans favored repeal, twenty-three were opposed to it and forty-two gave answers which the organization statement listed as "evasive."

Earthquake and Storm Hit California Towns

Brawley, Calif.—A severe earthquake shook the district for two days, shook Brawley and El Centro at the height of an intense rain storm which resulted in the derailment of a Southern Pacific passenger train, flooding of highways, and damage to irrigation canals.

The earth tremor, most distinct of the 48 hour series, sent residents of the two towns rushing into the downpour. Insecure buildings were deserted for shelter in substantial structures.

Fire in 2 Montana Towns Cause \$300,000 Damage

Missoula, Mont.—Business district fires in Butte, Mont., and Missoula caused damage estimated at \$300,000. Four Butte business establishments were destroyed by fire which swept a three-story building. The loss was estimated at about \$100,000. In Missoula the Hammond block, a city landmark, was destroyed in a \$200,000 fire, the origin of which had not been ascertained.

Start Work Nov. 1 on Locks for Mississippi Channel

Quincy, Ill.—The dam and locks for the national channel in the Mississippi at Canton, Mo., will be started by November 1, when 300 men will be employed. The dam will extend across the river to Meyer, a distance of about 4,000 feet. It is expected the project will be finished in about two years.

Einstein Takes Life Post in U. S.

New York.—Prof. Albert Einstein, famous German scientist, has accepted for life the position as professor of mathematical and theoretical physics at the new Institute for Advanced Study which will open at Princeton, N. J. Abraham Flexner, director, announced.

Veteran Editor Dead

Bozeman, Mont.—William McCure Boie, seventy-four, veteran Montana newspaper editor, died here.