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## STAND ON COURT 'IFS' IS CHANGING

Polish and English Delegates Favor Giving U. S. Special Position.

FIFTH RESERVATION UP. Signatories Told American Request Is Just.

By Henry Wood  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
GENEVA, Sept. 2.—The United States Senate's reservations to the World Court were debated by the conference of court signatories here today, the last half of the fifth reservation being the first major subject of discussion.

On behalf of Poland, M. Rostkowski, law professor at the University of Cracow, insisted that the reservation should be accepted in the same spirit as the others namely, that it was intended merely to give the United States the same equality as other council members, and also to guarantee against an advisory opinion being given against the United States without the latter's consent. He held that this position was just.

Fromageot of France declared that it would be necessary first to establish whether the council resolution asking the Hague court for an advisory opinion must be passed by unanimous vote or by a majority vote. In the first case the fifth reservation would permit the United States to block such unanimous decision, but in the second case the efficacy of the United States' reservation would be jeopardized.

Sir Cecil Hurst of England, while holding that the fifth reservation gives the United States a privileged position, declared "nevertheless, I am convinced that we could afford to give the United States this special position."

Pending the establishment of certain international legal points, action on the fourth reservation was held up yesterday.

### Favorable Attitude

Comment in the league lobbies indicated a favorable attitude toward the reservations, the only discussion which might have been interpreted as unfavorable having to do with efforts to make the world court organization harmonize with the American reservation.

Observers felt a spirit existed that the United States must be brought into the World Court at all costs. Article 5, the second half of which was to be discussed at today's gathering, states:

"That the court shall not render any advisory opinion except upon public notice to all states adhering to the court and public hearings given to any state concerned. Nor shall it without the consent of the United States entertain any request for an advisory opinion touching any dispute or question which the United States has or claims interest."

### SPANISH DELEGATE MISSING

Fear Withdrawal From League Will Be Hastened.

By Frederick Kuh  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
GENEVA, Sept. 2.—When the league council met today with Foreign Minister Benes of Czechoslovakia presiding, the conspicuous absence of the Spanish delegate increased apprehension that yesterday's rejection of the Spanish claim to a permanent seat on the council would hasten Spain's withdrawal from the league.

It was understood that Spain soon will advise the secretariat of its intention of withdrawing itself from the council's activities.

Informed observers believe that Madrid will await both the council's and the assembly's formal confirmation of refusal to give Spain a permanent seat before actual withdrawal, however.

It was reported that Quinones De Leon, Spanish delegate, who for years had reserved a suite at a Geneva hotel in advance of the league gathering, has failed, for the first time, to make such reservations.

### 100 ILL AFTER PICNIC

Tainted Veal Loaf Blamed for Ptomaine Poisoning.

By United Press  
PEORIA, Ill., Sept. 2.—More than 100 persons were being treated for ptomaine poisoning today following a picnic of the Christian Endeavor Societies of the city. Most of the victims blamed tainted veal loaf.

### NON-STOP RECORD BROKEN

By United Press  
PARIS, Sept. 2.—The world's non-stop aviation record was broken by Lieutenant Arrive and Captain Viller, who charlie yesterday, south of Baghdad, in a 3,100-mile flight from Paris. The previous record was 2,800 miles.

## INDIGNANT WOMEN DECLARE WAR ON WATSON MANAGER

Terre Haute Precinct Committeewomen Demand That Mrs. Wheatcraft Be Eliminated From All Politics.

### Mrs. Wheatcraft Sponsored By Watson

Full sponsorship for the activities of Mrs. Wheatcraft was taken by Senator James Watson in an interview given to his chief defender, the Indianapolis News, on July 30, 1925, in which he said:

"Some three months ago I asked Mrs. Wheatcraft to 'look over the State with a view to selecting women district and county chairmen who could be welded into an organization for me if needed. She began that work and has partly carried it out. She will continue until her task has been accomplished."

This interview was given within a week of the time that

Mrs. Wheatcraft was asked for her resignation from the State fire marshal's office, where she was employed.

She was at that time vice chairman of the Republican committee and continued as such until the formal announcement of Watson's candidacy was filed, at which time she resigned to become his manager of woman activities. Her interview stated that she had spent all her time in the interim in Watson's behalf. The official report of Watson's campaign showed an expenditure of salary and expenses only for the eight weeks of the campaign.

At a meeting of the Republican women of Terre Haute on Wednesday evening a resolution was passed calling upon Senators Watson and Robinson, Chairman Walb and Representative Will Woodruff immediately discontinue services of Mrs. Vivian Wheatcraft, State vice chairman of the Republican party, from all work inside Indiana.

The women will press their demand at a meeting of the Republican

### "Uninformed"

Clyde A. Walb, Republican State chairman, was asked about the action of Terre Haute women over long distance telephone today by The Times.

He is attending a Republican conference at Tri Lake, in Whitely County.

"I know nothing of that matter you're talking about," he said. "Nothing has come to me. I'll be in Indianapolis for a State committee meeting Tuesday noon and I'll be in Terre Haute Wednesday."

State committee to be held here Tuesday.

There was but one dissenting vote, that of Mrs. Grace Evans, whose name was listed in the Watson expense account as having drawn a salary of \$40 a week for seven weeks and having received expense money from the Robinson campaign fund.

The meeting at Terre Haute was the result of an interview with Mrs. Wheatcraft printed in The Indianapolis Times and the Baltimore Sun, in which she revealed the fact that she had a "poison squad" of five whispering women in each county and that the Watson triumph was a victory for gossip.

The start made by the women of Terre Haute will be followed by other women of the State, it is asserted.

Indianapolis women may join in the movement.

Mrs. Mayne Roberts, 217 E. Vermont St., Apt. 8, a member of the Indiana State Women's Republican Club, said today she would organize a group of Seventh ward Republican women to demand of Mrs. William A. Gremelsparker, president of the club, that the club take action.

Although other Indianapolis Republican women leaders refused to be quoted, one disclosed she has received numerous telephone calls from women angered by Mrs. Wheatcraft's statement.

The Terre Haute indignation meeting urged that Mrs. Wheatcraft be ousted for the "good of the party."

Thirty-seven Vigo County Republican women leaders attended the session.

Mrs. Grace S. Evans, a Negro, the only one to oppose the resolution, declared:

"The Republican party should win the coming election first by any means and hold its indignation meetings later," she said.

County Vice Chairman Mrs. Gail S. Roberts, who called the session, (Turn to Page 2)



Mrs. Vivian T. Wheatcraft

## DEADLOCK IN MEXICO CONTINUES

President Calles, in Address to Congress, Reiterates Firm Stand.

CHURCH IN STATEMENT Executive Also Justifies Nation's Oil Laws.

By A. W. Folger  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
MEXICO CITY, Sept. 2.—President Calles' address at the opening of congress, and a firm statement issued by the Mexican episcopate almost simultaneously, indicate a deadlock in Mexico's religious crisis, observers here said today.

Speaking before congress yesterday Calles had spoken of tranquility and progress in the nation, and emphasized the efforts of the government to secure strict compliance with the constitution and laws.

Referring to foreign relations, he justified the oil laws and other laws which have occasioned diplomatic correspondence. "All legitimately acquired foreign rights would be protected," he said, adding that "foreign suggestions are unnecessary."

He declared, however, that if the application of the laws was found not to be in accord with the policy of the government or if experience counseled moderation, measures would be initiated to modify them.

The Church View  
The monthly episcopate review, made public last night, charged President Calles with being responsible for the present religious situation "in that he tried to enforce the laws without their first being regulated by Congress and the cause he refused to listen to the episcopate, who asked him to withhold the religious law while it was being reconsidered."

It declared that the clergy would appeal to congress, using peaceful and legal means to permit an enduring peace.

"If We Lose" The Review said, "the loss will not be ours, but the government, as the injustice of our position is so patent to the civilized world."

The Review charged the congress was not elected by popular vote, but named by "professional politicians."

WASHINGTON ENCOURAGED  
See Hope for End of Mexican Dispute.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—Hope of a settlement of the long dispute between the United States and Mexico over alleged confiscatory provisions of the alien land and oil laws was stimulated in official circles here today by reports of President Calles' message to the Mexican congress.

Though certain portions of the message caused concern here, the following report of assertion of the Mexican president was seen as a possible opening wedge for granting American requests for modification of the disputed regulations:

"If the government finds that the application of the alien land and petroleum laws does not conform with the attitude and purposes which have guided Mexico, or if experience suggests modifications within the spirit of justice and equity, the government will initiate such modifications in accordance with the constitution and the government's policies."

### EX-EMPLOYEE ARRESTED

Charged in Connection With Auto Company Theft.

Font Brown, 22, of Chicago, today was charged with burglary and grand larceny in connection with investigation of the theft of a \$2,100 automobile and \$1,000 in accessories from the Armcoast Auto Company, 832 N. Meridian St., several days ago.

Detectives said Brown formerly was employed by the firm. Brown was arrested when he called for the auto, parked in a W. Thirty-First St. garage.

A letter threatening a \$100,000 libel suit was sent the publishers and author by Ralston, Gates, Laury, Van Nuy and Barnard, Taggart attorneys, Julian Ralston, a member of the firm said.

"The references in the book are grossly libelous and untrue and insulting to Senator Taggart and his family at French Lick," Ralston said.

Paragraphs in the book objected to were on page 303. One of the references was to a character "going down to Tom Taggart's and taking some of his money."

### TWO NOT IDENTIFIED

Haag Says Men Were Not Those Who Followed Him.

Two men, arrested Wednesday night by Sergeant Chitwood and held on charges of threatening of Herbert Haag, of the Haag Drug Company, were released today when Haag was unable to identify them.

Haag, murdered May 17, was threatened about two weeks ago and several days later was followed to his home at night by two men in a roadster. The men fled when a policeman appeared.

### COESSE BONDS APPROVED

State tax commissioners today approved a \$48,500 bond issue for construction of a school building at the town of Coesse in Union Township, Whitley County. The securities are to bear 4 1/2 per cent interest.

### SYRIAN BABY WINS

By United Press  
ASBURY PARK, N. J., Sept. 2.—A baby from Syria with the Yankee name of Alfred William Green today was awarded the prize at the annual baby parade here for coming the longest distance.

6 a. m. .... 73 10 a. m. .... 78  
7 a. m. .... 74 11 a. m. .... 80  
8 a. m. .... 74 12 (noon) .... 81  
9 a. m. .... 77 1 p. m. .... 81

### HOURLY TEMPERATURES

Poolroom of Bailey Roszell, 815 Massachusetts Ave., was entered Wednesday night and tobacco and money totaling \$17 taken.

## 'DON'T BITE THE HAND—'

Dog Fails to Appreciate Driver's Action—Police Shoot It.

When J. L. Burk, 1025 Union St., accidentally struck a dog while driving his car at St. Clair St. and Capitol Ave., Wednesday, he stopped and picked up the poor animal. The dog bit him and Burk went to city hospital for treatment. The animal's back was broken and police had to shoot it.

### KILLS HIS GRANDMOTHER

Youth Claims He Was Inspired by the Devil.

By United Press  
LONDON, Ohio, Sept. 2.—Claiming he was inspired by "the devil," Paul Weese, 20, today confessed to hacking to death with a butcher knife his aged grandmother, Mrs. Flora Rickards, 76.

### HENRY ON INDIAN MOUND IN FIRST FRAY AT TOLEDO

Hens Score Three Runs in Opening Inning—4,000 Fans on Hand.

First Game  
Indians ..... 000 101  
Hens ..... 300 000

By Times Special  
SWAYNE FIELD, TOLEDO, Sept. 2.—Indians and Hens clashed in a double-header this afternoon and about 4,000 fans were present when the first fray got under way. It was "Meade and Stengel day," the Hens president and manager being honored by Toledo rooters.

Henry and Hartley formed the Tribe battery in the afternoon's opener and Pfeiffer and Heving worked for the Hens. McGew and Powell umpired. Weather was cool and threatening.

The Indians cracked in the opening stanza and Toledo scored three runs to take an early lead in the first struggle. An error by Sicking proved costly.

The Indians got a runner around to start and scored on Miller's single after two Indians had been retired. George Fisher got the Indians a second marker in the sixth frame when he drove the ball over the right field fence for a home run. No one was on base at the time.

### National League

First Game  
St. Louis ..... 002 000 0  
Chicago ..... 000 000 0  
Batteries—Alexander and O'Farrell; Root and Gonzales.

### TAGGART'S NAME WILL BE DELETED

Book to Be Changed Because of Suit Threat.

Thomas Taggart's name is to be deleted from all further copies of Edna Ferber's latest novel, "Show Boat," after the threat of the Indiana Democratic leader that the book must be purged of three paragraphs referring to "Tom Taggart," "West Baden" and "roulette"—or he would sue for libel.

Nelson Doubleday of the firm of Doubleday, Page & Co., New York, announced the publishers' intention today, according to United Press dispatch.

Already 135,000 copies of the novel have been sold.

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### MORE COFFEE DRUNK

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—The United States is drinking more coffee, the Department of Commerce reported today. Imports in the year ending June 30, 1926, totaled 1,440,248,084 pounds valued at \$314,000,000.

### MOTORIST IS SLUGGED

Hugh Craig, 2120 W. McCarthy St., told police that he was riding in his car Wednesday night when two men stopped him at the W. Washington St. bridge over White River and slugged him in the face, knocking out two teeth. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Cherry, 56 N. West St., riding with Craig, were not molested. He could give no reason for the attack.

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## Girl Stands By Husband, First Cousin of Mother



Mrs. Robert Holt, 18, and her third cousins, now also her step-children. They are Martha, 3, and Robert, Jr., 5.

### Relatives Seek to Have Marriage Annulled—Bridegroom in Court.

Despite efforts of relatives to have her marriage to her mother's cousin annulled, Mrs. Robert Holt, 18, of 3229 Graceland Ave. today declared she would stand by her husband.

The bride of four days was happily engaged in fixing up her new home and caring for her two young step-children, while the bridegroom appeared in municipal court to answer perjury charges filed by the girl's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler, R. R. 1, Box 67-B.

The case was continued until Friday.

Mrs. Wheeler charged Holt committed perjury when he answered no to the question on the marriage license application: "Is the male contracting party of nearer blood kin to the female contracting party than second cousin?"

Because Holt is Mrs. Wheeler's first cousin the affidavit charged Holt and his wife are "germaine" cousins, which, it was alleged, is a nearer relationship than second cousin.

"I love Bob and am going to stay with him. I think mother will forget in a few days. She was out to see me yesterday and wanted me to come back home to live," Mrs. Holt said.

Formerly in Navy  
Holt, 36, an insurance agent, is the son of Mrs. Clara Riley, 1020 S. New Jersey St. He is a former deep sea diver and served two enlistments in the United States Navy.

Robert, 5, and Martha, 3, children of Holt's former marriage are fond of their new "mother." They lived at the Wheeler home for a while before the marriage Monday.

Holt's mother is a sister of Jack Green, Mrs. Wheeler's father, living south of the city of the Shelbyville Rd. Since Holt's discharge from the Navy two years ago he has visited the Wheeler home frequently. Mrs. Holt formerly was Miss Mabel Grever.

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Unsettled tonight and Friday; showers or thunderstorms probable; not much change in temperature.

## STORM DOES DAMAGE IN CITY, STATE

Cloudburst Here Washes Out Streets—Basements Flooded.

IOWA, ILLINOIS SUFFER \$2,000,000 Loss in States to West.

Indianapolis and northern and central Indiana today were recovering from one of the heaviest thunderstorms of the year, which swept through middle western States Wednesday night, overflowing rivers, making 500 families homeless and causing property damage estimated at \$2,000,000.

The heaviest loss was in north central Illinois and Iowa.

Damage to city streets here, particularly these paved with wooden blocks, amounted to several thousand dollars, A. J. Middleton, chief inspector of the city engineer's department, said today.

Workmen cleaned up blocks washed from the streets in preparation for repairing the damage.

Rain, which fell in the city in a cloudburst, set a record for intensity for this year, Meteorologist J. H. Armstrong of the United States Weather Bureau said. Total fall for the twenty-four hours ending at 11 this morning was 3.10 inches, and of this amount 2.62 inches descended Monday night.

The torrential fall started between 9 and 10 p. m., but was heaviest between 11 and midnight.

It was preceded and accompanied by an electrical display and heavy thunder.

Streets of the city were flooded by the rain.

### In State

In the State, the heaviest rain was in the northern, central and eastern portions.

A cloudburst descended on Noblesville, the total rain being five inches. Other places having heavy rains were: Cambridge City, 3.58 inches; Maury, 2.64 inches; Anderson, 2.51 inches; and Lafayette, 2.21 inches.

More rains may come tonight and Friday, according to Armstrong. Temperature was 7 degrees above normal this morning.

Attaches of the Indianapolis street superintendent's department reported that they had received several complaints of flooded basements, but that there was no general overflow.

Paving Washed Out  
Wooden paving, which often breaks into bits in a downpour, was washed out in a number of places, necessitating closing several (Turn to Page 2)

### VALENTINO TRIP STARTS TONIGHT

Brother Arrives—Consents to Hollywood Burial.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—Accompanied by Pola Negri, actress; Alberto Guglielmi, his brother, who arrived from Italy last night, and George Ullman, his manager, the body of Rudolph Valentino will start back to Hollywood tonight.

Plans for stops en route have been abandoned. The train will run on regular schedule and the two special cars will be moved west of Chicago as fast as possible. Only in Chicago will a brief stop be made. There his Chicago friends hope to place a wreath on his coffin.

Valentino's brother, who is 35, immediately consented to burial in Hollywood upon his arrival. Pola Negri met him at the pier. The crush at the pier to see her was so great that customs inspectors could not handle Guglielmi's baggage.

### FLAPPER FANNY SAYS:

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