

KELLOGG GROUP WORRYING ABOUT DENNIS' THREAT

Resigned Envoy to Nicaragua Menacingly Refers to Revelations.

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WASHINGTON, March 12.—"Possible revelation of an important diplomatic secret," in possession of Lawrence Dennis, secretary of legation at Managua, Nicaragua, has got the State Department here much worried, according to an organ of the Administration.

Dennis has just resigned his post in Central America. It is said he did so in disgust over the way promotions are made in the diplomatic service, charging that wealth and social position rather than merit are the deciding factors.

Charge d'affaires when General Emiliano Chamorro, Nicaraguan dictator, was told he didn't suit, it was young Dennis who was the power behind the throne when Adolfo Diaz was made president, the man whose regime the United States is now backing with several thousand marines.

Now Dennis is on a rampage against our State Department and the officials are uneasy. Not that being under fire is any novel experience in that quarter, for ever since Secretary Kellogg resigned as ambassador to the court of St. James to accept the portfolio of foreign affairs in the President's cabinet, his department has been under constant bombardment.

Attack From Within

The Dennis cannonade, however, is different. Hitherto the shells have come from outside sources. And officials, deep down in their dugout of "State secrets," have been able to sit in cozy comfort and listen to the dull rumble of big Berthas exploding harmlessly outside in the air.

But Dennis is on the inside with the rest of the officials, and if he takes it into his mind to start tossing bombs he might do considerable damage.

In a lengthy memorandum just received here, Dennis flays the "English mannerisms" and "superficial affectations" of "white-spotted" cliques in the department who deal with newspaper men. He charges that often attaches incapable of "mental exertion" are detailed to pass out information and that in consequence correspondents are "high-hatted" and affronted and presented with "stuffed shirt" statements of no account whatever.

But, says the Washington Post, generally regarded as on the inside in Mr. Kellogg's department, "like the sword of Damocles overshadowing his contentions, Mr. Dennis flourishes unostentatiously above the heads of the department a secret document whose possible revelation is a cause of real worry to the State Department."

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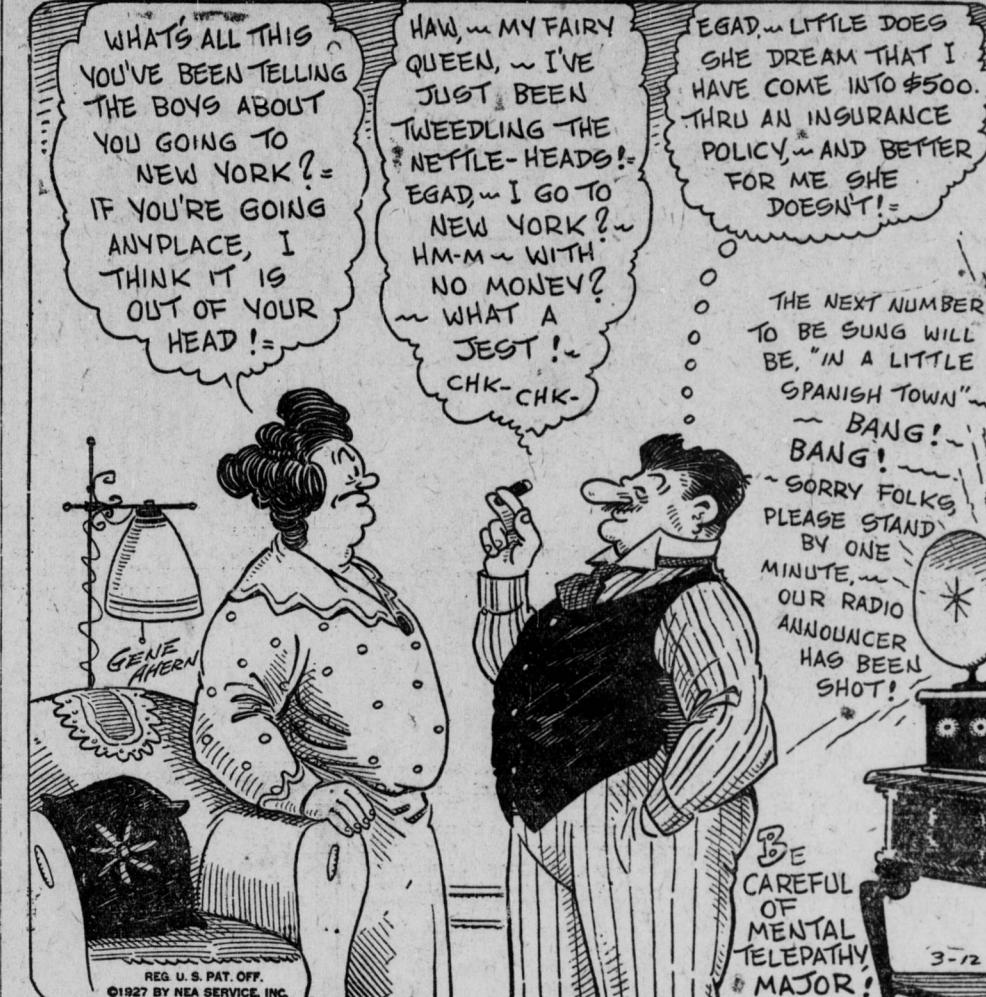
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Our Boarding House



—By Ahern

INCOME TAX NOT REDUCED BY HIGH 1926 EXEMPTIONS

Number of Taxpayers Cut in
Half, But Corporations
Bear the Burden.

Notwithstanding the fact that the 1926 income tax law exempted approximately one-half of the persons who formerly paid individual income tax, the Government's revenue from income tax sources in Indiana remains the same, according to M. B. Thurman, State collector of internal revenue.

"The increased tax on corporation incomes offsets the drop in individual taxes," Thurman said today.

March 15 is the closing date for filing returns and paying 1926 taxes.

Single persons may claim \$1,500 exemption on their income under the new law while married persons are allowed \$3,500 exemption on their combined incomes and \$400 exemption for each child. The old law placed the figures at \$1,000 and \$2,500 respectively.

About 10,000 corporations in Indiana are taxed under the new law same as the old, according to Deputy Collector George Foote, but the old figure of 187,000 total returns has dropped to approximately 92,000, cutting in half the number of persons required to file returns on individual incomes.

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WOUNDED ENVOY LIVES

American Vice Consul to Brazil
Slashed by Fellow Countryman.

By United Press

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 12.—Herndon Goforth, American vice consul at Sao Paulo, who was stabbed four times yesterday by a fellow countryman, was alive and considerably better at 10:30 a. m. today, the American consul at Sao Paulo informed the United Press by telephone.

David Ward, 63, attacked Goforth yesterday in the American consulate, reportedly after a dispute over a passport.

News Quirks

SCOTTISH RITE CANDIDATES CHOOSE
GROUP HONORING WILLIAM J. DOBYNS.

Charles E. Conner, 3148 E. Fall Creek Blvd., was elected president of the William Jasper Dobyns class of Scottish Rite candidates Friday.

The class name honors Dobyns, a Southport thirty-third degree Mason, who died recently.

Other officers: John F. Kurkiss of 5949 University Ave., vice president; Loren G. Brock of 5605 Lowell Ave., secretary treasurer; Henry C. Thornton, Jr., of 430 N. Pennsylvania St., historian; and George N. Schumacher of 3720 N. Pennsylvania St., orator. Robert J. Hill of Columbus was selected second vice president, and Glen B. Tharp of Danville, third vice president.

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ART CLUBS TO MEET

Chicago Woman Scheduled as
Speaker at Claypool March 28.

Mrs. C. B. King of Chicago, chairman of the Hoosier Salon Patrons' Association, will address the All-State meeting March 28 under the auspices of the Indiana Federation of Art Clubs at the Claypool.

Representatives of sixty-five Indiana cities and towns will attend. The annual banquet will precede speakers. Mrs. King visited a number of art movement promoters here Friday night at a meeting at the Claypool.

PLAN HOME EXPOSITION

This Year's Show to Eclipse Former
Events, Realtors' Aim.

Plans for Indianapolis' sixth annual Home Complete Exposition were advanced at a publicity luncheon held Friday noon at the Columbia Club.

J. F. Cantwell, director of the exposition, outlined plans which are expected to make this year's show eclipse previous expositions staged by the Indianapolis Real Estate board, sponsor of the Home Complete Exposition.

TAKES NEW POSITION

The Rev. Linn A. Tripp, Disciples of Christ Church pastor at Greenfield and Connersville, will assume his duties Monday as social service director of the Church Federation of Indianapolis, it was announced today by Ernest N. Evans, federation executive secretary.

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Hoosier Briefs

A Marion boy was given a public spanking by Prof. W. T. Brownlee, principal, when he threw a lighted match in a waste basket. The lad was required to bend over a chair and be chastised as the whole school looked on.

Walter McCartney of Shelby County is the real early bird when it comes to sowing oats. Week before last he planted twenty acres.

When a dog ate an angel-food cake, an Attica woman filed a claim for damages from George McMurtie, county auditor. McMurtie is puzzled over whether to pay it or not.

Eighty-four bottles of pre-war whisky were found when workmen razed an old shed at Mt. Vernon.

Fabled brotherly love took a peculiar twist at Evansville. Ed Wolf, 61, was arrested on a charge of theft.

Isaac Loeb, Anderson globe trotter, will return home this month after completing a trip that took him to the southernmost tip of Africa.

Thieves didn't seek an education when they went to the new high school at Lebanon. Paul Van Riper reported \$20 in cash was taken.

Adoption of United States Standards, backed by Federal inspection for Indiana apples, is a great step forward for Indiana agricultural interests, Prof. Laurenz Greene, head of the horticultural department of Purdue University, declared.

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IRVINGTON ASKS BLVDS.

East Side Residents Lay Plans for Series of Civic Meetings.

Looking to the construction of boulevards in and around the east part of the city, the Irvington Commercial and Welfare Association announced today that the first of a series of big civic meetings will be held late this month.

The committee in charge: Dr. S. J. Carr, Dr. B. J. Terrell, Fred D. Stilz, A. W. Swartz, George W. Allison, George W. Russell.

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