

# 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 disgust 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 fact, he has just thrown a bomb, which, when its smoke clears away, will probably be found to have done some damage already.  
In a lengthy memorandum just received here, Dennis lays the “English mannerisms” and “superficial affectations” of “white-spatted” 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 “highly hated” 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.”

Policy Contradicted  
It is also known that the document concerns written instructions on the Nicaraguan situation directly contradictory to the present policy of the United States Government.

It has an ominous ring.  
Lawrence Dennis, son of well-to-do parents, was born in Georgia about thirty years ago. He is a graduate of Harvard, but much of his life has been spent abroad. He speaks several languages fluently, among them French and Spanish.

My first meeting with Dennis was at Corinto, Nicaragua. He was standing in a mixed crowd—Nicaraguans and Americans—and I took him for a Nicaraguan. Tall, slender and athletic, he is as dark as a Spaniard and his short wavy hair to match. His eyes are as black as coals.

Richard Harding Davis would have put him in a novel as a young American diplomat, the fellow behind a revolution in a small Central American Republic, the maker and unmaker of Latin-American presidents.

There is nothing “la dee da” about Dennis. He has a big square jaw, and though he wears spotless white clothes of the tropics, he isn’t ashamed of darned socks, half-soled shoes and a floppy old Panama hat.

Dennis is very outspoken. He admits he says what he thinks. It is part of his new school of diplomacy ideas. Certainly he pretty much ran things while he was in charge in Managua, and if there was a single Nicaraguan who did not know Dennis’ position on the problems at issue, it was because he was deaf, dumb and blind.

Dennis had made mistakes. And in the opinion of many in Nicaragua, even among the Conservatives, Diaz is one of them. For to most people down there, Dennis made Diaz. But just how much this was Dennis’ error and how much the State Department’s yet remains to be seen.

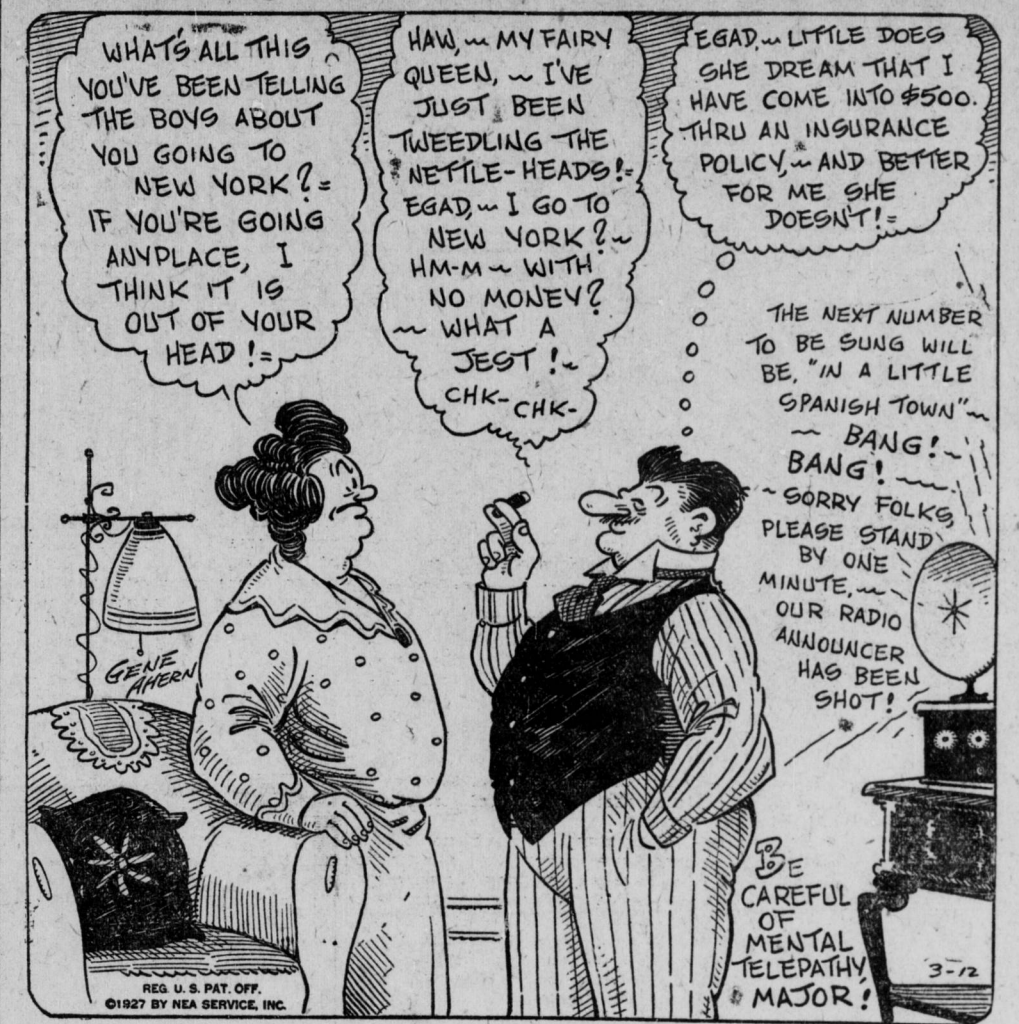
## ALLEGED LEADER HELD

Urban Pope Indicted as Liquor Conspiracy Principal.

Urban Pope, 28, of 30 E. Le Grande Ave., alleged principal in the “Pope” liquor conspiracy in which the Federal grand jury returned indictments involving fifty-six persons, was held today at the Marion County jail.

Thirty-seven of the indicted persons are Indianapolis residents, the remainder being Chicago men and women, and residents of several towns between the two points. The Government charges the ring of alleged runners disposed of 10,000 gallons of liquor here each week. About thirty of the local defendants have been arrested.

## Our Boarding House



## 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 Columbus 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, sponsors of the Home Complete Exposition.

## TAKES NEW POSITION

The Rev. Linn A. Tripp, Disciple of Christ Church pastor at Greendale 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.

## THE TINYMITES



(READ THE STORY, THEN COLOR THE PICTURE)

The cow that Clowdy chose to ride was very hard to guide, and shortly frightened Clowdy found he couldn't make him stop. He ran around 'most every way and when he reached a stack of hay, wee Clowdy lost his balance and he landed there kerflop.

The other Tines loudly cheered, and Clowdy said, “I wasn’t skinned, although I really must admit the trip was rather rough. So when we reached this pile of hay I quickly saw the safest way to get down to the ground again, ‘cause I had had enough.”

And now that all this thrill was through, they all ran back to wee Boy Blue. They found him in a meadowland, and sheep were all around. Said Scouty, “We will help you now, if you will kindly show us how.” And all the Tines joined the little sheep boy with a bound.

“Just form a long line,” Boy Blue said, “so we can drive them to their shed. If any sheep should sneak

## WATER CO. SHOWS HIGHER EARNINGS

Report Sets Net Profit for 1926 at \$1,321,843.

A slight increase in gross earnings and net income over the preceding year is shown by Indianapolis Water Company statement, filed with the Indiana public service commission late Friday, setting net earnings for 1926 at \$1,321,843.48.

Gross earnings were \$2,455,089.05; total operating expenses, including payment of taxes, amounted to \$1,176,725.02, and net income, \$959,044.99.

The company paid \$14,559.94 in dividends on its preferred stock, \$600,000 on common stock and set aside \$180,435.05 to its surplus account, which totaled \$1,304,114.55 on Dec. 31, 1926.

## Return Exceeds 6 Per Cent

With the value of the property fixed at \$19,000,000 by the United States Supreme Court, the total net earnings furnished a return of slightly more than 6 per cent.

Non-operating revenue in 1926 was \$43,479.47, and deductions in interest charges, \$527,795.49. The company spent \$843,065.08 in extensions and improvements to its service during the year, including twenty miles of new water mains, additional filtration plant equipment and service line extensions. The 1927 budget calls for improvements practically equalling in cost those of the last year.

## WOUNDED ENVOY LIVES

American Vice Consul to Brazil Stabbed 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.

## NAME CLASS OFFICERS

Scottish Rite Candidates Choose Group Honoring William J. Dobyns.

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Other officers: John F. Kurfess of 599 University Ave., vice president; Loren G. Brock of 5995 Lowell Ave., secretary; 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.

The nineteenth and twentieth degrees were conferred upon the class Friday night, the body to join the second section of the class for the concluding degrees March 29. Ritualistic work started Feb. 23.

## News Quirks

ROME—Crown Prince Humbert has been promoted from captain to major of the 90th infantry with headquarters at Turin.

SAO PAULO, Brazil—Rudyard Kipling, English author, arrived today from Rio de Janeiro and will depart Tuesday for Santos en route to Uruguay and Argentina.

SYDNEY, Australia—Addressing a gathering of women, Premier Bruce offered to resign the premiership if such action would save his party from disruption. A party argument concerns the bill to abolish the per capita payments by the commonwealth to the States.

BUCHAREST, Roumania—King Alexander and Queen Marie of Yugoslavia were guests of King Ferdinand and Queen Marie of Roumania at the royal palace. The Jugo-Slavian queen is the daughter of the Roumanian rulers. The condition of King Ferdinand, whose ill health cut short Queen Marie’s visit to the United States last fall, continues to improve, it was understood.

CHICAGO—Mrs. Alice Broge nearly stopped her divorce case when she marched up to her husband and hit him so hard that she drew blood. Mrs. Broge became incensed at her husband’s charges that another was the father of her child. She was cited for contempt of court—but she got \$20 a week alimony.

CLEVELAND, Ohio—A golf caddy who alleges he lost an eye because Raymond A. Jones failed to call “fore” before making his drive, has filed a damage suit asking \$50,000.

WASHINGTON—Because of an agreement modifying South Carolina’s Sunday blue laws so gasoline can be sold, the A. A. A. announced it would cooperate with the State in “solution of her motoring problems, and development of her fine touring assets.”

NEW YORK—Cubist drawings of crazy skyscrapers are having their effect on architects. The sides of “setbacks” on a new skyscraper opposite the Woolworth Bldg. are far enough off line for the naked eye. The base of the building is not quite rectangular, but the tower is, the architect explained.

ALBANY—Censorship of stage and literature in New York was considered unlikely when John Knight, Senate majority leader, definitely aligned himself in opposition to bills to regulate the stage and keep books clean.

NEW YORK—Twelve women, most of them in the teens, were arranged in the Court of Special Sessions in one day on shoplifting charges. Four said they were small town girls playing with bright lights for the first time.

LEGHORN, Italy—Eighty persons were arrested when police raided a clandestine Communist headquarters seizing revolvers, rifles and a sum of money.

ANGORA—A Turco-Russian commercial treaty has been signed.

WASHINGTON—Popularity of silk wearing apparel resulted last year in a 6 per cent increase in manufactures, a Commerce Department report showed. Manufactures last year were valued at \$808,979,399, compared with \$761,322,119, the previous year.

# 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. Bert 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.

Federal taxes in Indiana net the Government a total of \$38,000,000 annually, \$23,000,000 of which is from the income tax. Of this figure corporations pay \$15,000,000.

“The new law increasing individual exemptions has reduced the work of this office more than half,” Thurman said.

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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 Altice woman filed a claim for damages with George McMurtrie, county auditor. McMurtrie 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 stealing sixty-one chickens, on request of Adam Wolf, his brother.

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 Lipper 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. Laurence Greene, head of the horticultural department of Purdue University, declared.

## IRVINGTON ASKS BLVD.

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. Stitz, A. W. Swartz, George W. Allison, George W. Russell.

At a meeting this week with the board of park commissioners, plans were discussed to hook up Irvington with north side boulevards and to place Ellenberger Woods, Brookside park and Dearborn Park in a chain connected by suitable drives.

## Courtesy Trip Planned

The first spring courtesy trip of the wholesale trade division of the Chamber of Commerce will be made March 23 and 24. Bloomington, Bedford, French Lick, and towns along the route will be visited to promote better trade relationship and co-operation. The tour will be made by automobile.

# HOOSIER DEATH MYSTERY SOLVED

Youths Say Man Slain in Hold-up.

By United Press  
ROCHESTER, Ind., March 12.—Mystery surrounding the slaying of Ray “Foxy” Flynn of Rochester, whose body, pierced by a bullet, was found beside a road near here Jan. 31, was believed cleared today following reported confession of three local youths, arrested following an investigation of the slaying.

The youths, Chester Young, Verne Spohn and Glen Buttman, are being held in separate cells at the county jail here and are reported to have made confession of an attempted

robbery which ended in the death of Flynn.  
According to the alleged confession, Young, Spohn, Butt and Flynn planned a robbery at Deedsville, near here, but that after reaching Deedsville they abandoned the plan and started back to this city. On their return they stopped to ask the route of a farmer and, after gaining the desired information, proceeded to hold him up. As they drove away, the farmer, whose name they gave as Lukenbill, was said to have opened fire, wounding Flynn fatally. He died in the car just before the trio reached Rochester, and they placed his body beside the road, returning without him.

NEW YORK—They’re taking gold out of the air in Wall Street. The Government has perfected a device in the United States assay office which recovers metal that formerly went up the flues in fumes and dust when gold was smelted. Six hundred ounces of gold, valued at \$12,400 have been recovered.



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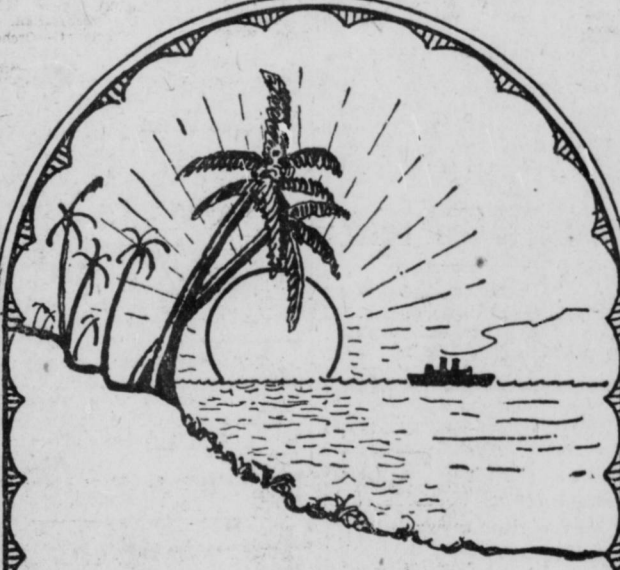
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