

RUSSIA ACCEPTS CHANCE TO SIGN ANTI-WAR PACT

Makes Many Reservations, Requests in Answering French Invitation.

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MOSCOW, Sept. 1.—Russia has accepted France's invitation to sign the anti-war pact—but with many reservations and requests for interpretation.

M. M. Litvinoff, assistant commissar of foreign affairs, Friday handed French Ambassador Herbet a lengthy note accepting the invitation. The note said that the pact was incapable of preventing war but added:

"Nevertheless inasmuch as the pact objectively imposes certain obligations upon the powers before public opinion and gives the Soviet government a new chance to put before all participants of the pact the question of disarmament solution—the only guarantee for preventing war—the Soviet government expresses its consent to sign the pact."

Claims Pact Indefinite

Litvinoff said it seemed strange that the Soviet government had not been invited to participate in the preliminary negotiations—Russia was not invited as an original signatory—recounting the Soviet efforts on behalf of disarmament at the last disarmament conference in Geneva, and also her series of bilateral treaties for outlawing war.

He regretted the absence in the pact of any disarmament obligations and protested against the "insufficient definiteness and clearness of the first cause," which permits arbitrary interpretation by the participants.

He also cited the pact failed to mention informal wars—the pact dealing with wars of aggression—which he interpreted as "intervention, blockade by military occupation of foreign territory and foreign ports."

On this latter score he cited previous interventions in Russia and the present interventions in China.

Attacks British Clause

Litvinoff especially attacked the British reservation which deals with freedom of action towards certain regions.

"If that reservation means portions of the British Empire, then the reservation is superfluous. If it means elsewhere the participants of the pact are entitled to know where the freedom of action of the British Government begins and ends."

He concluded by saying that "this reservation the Soviet government can not but consider an attempt to use the pact itself as an instrument of imperialistic policy."

PRISONER CAN'T RECALL ALL HIS ROBBERIES

Man Confessing at Elkhart Claims to Be De Pauw Graduate.

By United Press
ELKHART, Ind., Sept. 1.—Henry Rumpf, 43, South Bend, today confessed to more robberies than he could remember, according to police here.

Rumpf, who claims to be a graduate of De Pauw University and for the past seventeen years a school teacher, confessed to petty robberies in Elkhart, Goshen, South Bend and Mishawaka.

Acting under the instructions of Rumpf, South Bend police found most of the loot in Rumpf's home in South Bend. For the most part it was composed of women's wearing apparel, jewelry and other small articles. Rumpf was returned to South Bend today from Elkhart.

MOTHER'S MEDICINE IS FATAL TO 2 CHILDREN

Babe Drinks Contents of Bottle and Dies.

By United Press
ALEXANDRIA, Va., Sept. 1.—Faith Taylor, 3, had too much acid in her blood. She lay crying fretfully in her parents' home at Ballston, Va., near here.

Her mother gave her some medicine from a bottle, then Faith went to the door to see if the doctor was coming.

Vernon Taylor, 18 months, toddled near his sister's crib. He picked up the bottle and drank. Some of the medicine clogged his windpipe. He fell, choking.

The mother took both children to a hospital here. Faith died Thursday morning. Vernon died Thursday night.

BOXER BEATS WIFE

Featherweight Champ Arrested On Wife's Complaint.

By United Press
NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 1.—Claiming that her husband misused his boxing skill and gave her a beating in a family quarrel, Mrs. "Chick" Suggs has had New England's featherweight champion arrested on an assault charge.

Mrs. Suggs told police her husband knocked her down when she resented his attentions to another woman. The boxer was released under \$300 bonds.

Support Oregon Principles

By United Press
MEXICO CITY, Sept. 1.—Standing before an oil painting and bust of Alvaro Obregon, 184 deputies of the Obregon bloc swore today to uphold the principles of the assassinated president. Ricardo Topete was re-elected leader.

British Flier Killed

By United Press
GRANTHAM, England, Sept. 1.—Pilot Officer Edward Johnstone was killed today in the crash of a Royal Air Force training plane.

Boy Takes Nose Dive in Scooter Race



Thrills galore featured the Times-Capitol Dairy Scooter Derby races Thursday at Greer St. playground. Many accidents brought disaster to contestants set to win.

The senior boy's race shown above had to be re-run because of violation of rules of the race which resulted in the spill shown. None were injured.

The finals of the Derby will be run at 10 a. m. Monday on the Monument Circle. All prizes will be awarded then.

Self-Made Men in Old Egypt, Too, Ruins Reveal

Career of Ancient Prince Reads Like Alger Tale.

By Science Service

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—The rise of Herbert Hoover from an Iowa farm village, and of Albert E. Smith from the sidewalks of New York, doubtless will be pointed out to many a poor and ambitious boy this fall, with the moral that "only in America could such a thing happen." But that will be claiming a little too much for our country, for similar careers were possible nearly five thousand years ago in the Egypt of the Pharaohs.

Excavations near the famous pyramids of Gizeh, reported by Prof. Hermann Junker of the University of Vienna have disclosed the climb of a poor young man to a place in the highest offices of the ancient nation on the Nile.

Seneb, the prince who started as an underling in the chambers of the royal wardrobe, had an even heavier handicap than most modern self-made men, for he was a dwarf. Scorned and laughed at by his fellows.

G. O. P. TO OPEN QUARTERS HERE

Indiana Campaign Will Be Run From English.

Indiana Hoover Club headquarters will be opened Tuesday at 106 Monument Circle, in the English block, where a speaking campaign in behalf of Herbert Hoover will be waged daily until the election.

This announcement was made today by Oscar G. Foellinger, Ft. Wayne publisher, Hoover's Indiana primary campaign manager, and a member of the Republican State campaign executive committee. Mr. Foellinger will be chairman.

Dr. Harry E. Bernard, Indianapolis secretary of the Hoover-for-President clubs of Indiana in the primary, will be secretary in charge of the Circle headquarters. Miss Dorothy Cunningham, Martinsville, Republican national committee woman for Indiana, will be vice-chairman.

Hoover clubs will be organized through the State, Foellinger said, in a spirit of "complete cooperation with the State Republican committee. The State and local clubs will intensify and supplement the regular party organization work in the State."

COMPLETE LAST PRELIMINARY IN SCOOTER DERBY

District 5 Winners Chosen for Finals Labor Day in Circle.

The last of the semi-finals of The Times-Capitol Dairy Scooter Derby were completed Friday with races in District No. 5 at Riley playground. Those in charge were Jesse P. McClure, city recreation director; Lewis Skinner and Henry Long, supervisors.

Harold Frye, 843 River Ave., Riley playground, won first in the junior boys' race. Wayne Campbell, 1824 W. Wilkins St., was second, and Robert Sanford, 1102 S. Richland Ave., was third. Both were from Rhodus. Jack McMahon, 24 N. Belmont Ave., Indianapolis, was first in the senior boys' race. Slobodan Yovanovich, 167 Bright St., Kingan, was second, and Floyd Skiles, 801 River Ave., Riley, was third.

Ferne Watson, 214 Gelsendorf St., Military, was first in the girls' race. Anna Lascus, 1024 N. Belle View Pl., Kingan, was second, and Letitia Luepner, 516 1/2 W. Washington St., Kingan, was third.

Other children who raced were Ewel Farley, Kenneth Oliver, Margaret Lucas, Harriett Mitchell, Helen Mitchell, Paul Revere, Robert Chance, James Neese, Joseph Kelly, Thomas Elkins, Beulah Huber, Hazel Engler, Mary Mallia, John Pappas, Francis Stefank, Daniel Davis, Cornell Luepner, Alexander Yovanovich, Victoria Marsyescu, Donald Ash, Harley Francis, Christ Krethling, Arthur Francis, Alexander Tudor, Ferne Watson, Julia Sarvich, Wayne Campbell, Kenneth Oliver, Louise Green, Marjorie Wiemann, Mary Sanford.

Winners of first, second and third in each of the three classes in the semi-finals district races will race in the finals at 10 a. m. Monday at the Circle. All prizes will be awarded at that time.

ADmits OLD MURDER

Prisoner Confesses Slaying Five Years Ago.

By United Press
TOLEDO, Ohio, Sept. 1.—A prisoner held in the county jail here today has confessed, according to detectives, that he murdered Mrs. Clara Banke, 45, who disappeared from Swartz Creek, Mich., five years ago.

The man's name was withheld pending the arrival of detectives from Flint, Mich., today. He was arrested here July 27, on charges of carrying concealed weapons.

Thursday night the man went to officers and made the confession voluntarily. He said simply that he had killed the woman and disposed of her body.

Beautify your home with the floor lamps, end tables, etc., offered at a bargain in tonight's Misc. For Sale Want Ads.

U.S. ROYALS' WELLS CORDUROY ETC. HIRE'S CREDIT. MOTOR TIRE CO. 122 W. NEW YORK.

THE IDEAL FURNITURE CO. 141 WEST WASHINGTON ST. OUR LOCATION SAVES YOU 25%.

Three-Piece Overstuffed Suite. Like new \$69.50.

Lewis Furniture Co. United Trade-In Store. Terms 844 South Meridian Street.

MOSKIN'S Clothing on Credit 131 W. WASHINGTON ST.

STUDY BUDGET TO ADVISE CITY ON EFFICIENCY

Slack to Get Committee Report Recommending Economies.

Councilman John F. White today headed a committee of councilmen which is preparing recommendations to the Mayor to increase the efficiency and economy of operation of city government.

The councilmen's study will be an outgrowth of several weeks' perusal of the 1929 budget which was adopted formally Monday night. A tax rate of \$1.10, an increase of 7.5 cents over 1928, was approved. The levy will bring in about \$9,373,000 on the \$676,000,000 of assessable property.

Edward W. Harris, council finance chairman, and Earl Buchanan will aid White in drafting the recommendations to the city's executive.

The report will embody some of the recommendations of the Chamber of Commerce civic committee report presented the council by William H. Book, civic director, and other facts revealed at the council budget sessions.

"Persons before the budget committee gave us a number of leads to possible improvements in the governmental policies. We acquired a great deal of intimate knowledge on matters of policy which are directly of interest to a legislative body," White declared.

The recommendations will include recommendations as to more detailed budgets in 1929, budgeting of special levy expenditures, listing of salaries paid to persons receiving money from more than one department, equalization of salaries, lengthy sick leaves of police and firemen and proper use of balances in funds at the end of the fiscal year.

The position of bookkeeper in the safety board office, now held by Claude Wilson, nephew of former Mayor John L. Duvall, was not listed in the 1929 budget by council. Councilmen felt the position of secretary and bookkeeper should be combined.

City officials are prepared to defend the 7.5 increased rate before the State tax board if that body sees fit to reduce the 1929 appropriation and levy as it did last year.

RECOMMENDED LEVIES:
General fund \$3.85
City sinking015
Flood prevention sinking015
War Memorial sinking01
Police pension01
Fire pension01
Track elevation02
Street resurfacing02
Thoroughfare02
City street improvement022
Board of health01
School health01
Tuberculosis005
Park board06
Park sinking fund02
Sanitation sinking07
Sanitation07
Total \$1.10

APPROPRIATIONS:
General fund \$4,731,909.27
City sinking 262,278.75
Flood prevention sinking 100,750.00
War Memorial sinking 129,280.00
Police pension 67,500.00
Fire pension 67,500.00
Track elevation 670,000.00
Street resurfacing 135,000.00
Thoroughfare 308,250.00
City street improvement 144,500.50
Board of health 658,368.00
School health 82,000.00
Tuberculosis 60,540.00
Park board 594,554.64
Park sinking 270,885.58
Recreation 67,232.50
Sanitation 606,000.00
Sanitation sinking 257,763.10
Total \$9,373,218.74

JUDGE CONDEMNNS 2,000

Men and Women Executed During One Year.

By United Press
PEKING, Sept. 1.—A foreigner living in Kwei-teh, Honan, in territory controlled by Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, reports that one Chinese judge, Hsing Cheng-Chang, has ordered the execution of 2,000 men and women during the past year. The charge is chiefly banditry.

The report adds that recently one of the judge's own spies was involved in the theft of \$50. The judge thereupon himself shot down the man.

Smiles at Slaying Scene



Looking more like a genial host in his own estate than the defendant in a great murder trial, Leo P. Kelly, right, is shown with a deputy on the porch of the home where he is charged with murdering Mrs. Myrtle Mellus, Los Angeles society woman. Kelly, it was alleged, was the clandestine sweetheart of Mrs. Mellus.

Cold Speeds Ripening of Oats, Experiments Show

Early Chilling Is Found to Hasten Late-Maturing Crops.

By Times Special

LENINGRAD, Sept. 1.—Hardship in youth is good for oats, as it is said to be good for human beings.

This grain of the North thrives best and ripens earliest when it is sprouted at a low temperature, experiments by Prof. N. Maximow noted Russian plant physiologist indicate.

Prof. Maximow exposed seed grain to temperatures of about 42 degrees Fahrenheit, only about ten degrees above freezing. The stalks from these seeds headed out earlier than those from seeds sprouted at a warmer temperature. This was true even when the early chilling period lasted only for a few days, and the two lots of grain were grown at the same temperature for the rest of their lives. It was found that this treatment held good for all plants that have a late ripening period.

The experiments give scientific point to an old Russian folk saying: "If you want to grow rich fast, sow your oats in the mud." It has long been held by the peasants that the best time for sowing oats is while the fields are still muddy (and hence chilly) from the melting of the winter's snow.

Another striking example of the effect of early influences was obtained by Prof. Maximow, working on the influence of light. He found that the effects of artificially lengthening or shortening the day for plants were just about as pronounced when the treatment was carried on for a short period during the early seedling stage as when it was persisted in to maturity. According to its specific nature, a plant would ripen its seeds early under the stimulus of lengthened or shortened daylight hours, even though that stimulus had been applied weeks before the ripening period and then withdrawn.

Plants are not concerned primarily with the whole of the white daylight when they respond to artificial darkening, Prof. Maximow discovered. He tried cutting off parts of the light supply, and found that when red and yellow light was withdrawn the plants acted as though they were in the dark, so far as their response to the length of day was concerned.

By United Press

HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 1.—A taxpayer's Utopia has been found in Pennsylvania. Records on file in the office of the Department of Internal Affairs here show that the borough of Armagh, in Indiana county, has such limited municipal needs that the visits of the tax collector are few and far between. The last time the residents of the borough paid taxes was in 1926. Then the levy was five mills. The total tax of \$394.12 collected enabled the borough to operate in 1926, 1927 and it is still running on the same amount.

TOWN ALMOST TAXLESS

Last Levy of 5 Mills Collected in 1926.

By United Press

COLUMBUS, Ind., Sept. 1.—Miss Marjorie Hook and Miss Elizabeth Westerfield have been awarded Indiana University scholarships for high grades as students in the local high school.

Three Killed at Crossing

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DENIES HOOVER TRIED TO CHECK N. Y. DRY RAID

Mrs. Willebrandt Irked by Rumor Nominee Asked for Soft Pedal.

By Times Special
WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—Herbert Hoover is not interfering with the enforcement of the prohibition law in New York nor elsewhere in the United States.

This is on the authority of Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, assistant attorney general in charge of prohibition enforcement, who is credited with having inspired the recent spectacular raids on Broadway night clubs.

Mrs. Willebrandt, is outraged at press reports that Hoover, after conferring with H. Edmund Machold, New York State chairman, and William H. Hill, chairman of the New York Hoover-Curtis campaign committee, called in Mrs. Willebrandt and sought to have her soft-pedal her official activities.

Denies Hoover Connection

After reading the articles which appeared in some newspapers Friday Mrs. Willebrandt invited newspaper reporters to her office and dictated this statement:

"It is preposterous that Mr. Hoover is any other candidate for a high and dignified office such as the presidency of the United States would presume to control the public officers in the discharge of public duties. Mr. Hoover has not done so and will not do so. The conduct of my official duties was not discussed with Mr. Hoover."

Hoover is continuing his conferences with political friends today, his callers including Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas.

Hoover to See Babe Ruth

This afternoon he is going out to the American League ball park to watch Babe Ruth and the New York Yankees play the Washington Senators.

Hoover plans to spend Labor day quietly in Washington. He has no speeches to make nor any political engagements to keep. He plans to take a day or two off next week for his annual fishing cruise in Chesapeake Bay.

DOG CATCHER REFUSES TO USE NET IN WORK

Fears Cowboys Will Shoot Him for Butterfly Chaser.

By United Press

ODESSA, Texas, Sept. 1.—While the police department was adding riot equipment, and various county officers were displaying modern machinery for handling their business, one official flatly refused to join the up-to-date craze.

Tom Fifer, city dog-catcher, won't use a net in his end of the business, although he admits that it is being done by better class dog-catchers in other cities.

He's afraid to use one, as he explained: "If some of these old cowpunchers saw me running around town with a net, they'd think I'd started chasing butterflies and shoot me."

Old Settlers in Reunion

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