

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 "indefinite 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, 48, South Bend, today confessed to more robberies than he could remember, according to police here.

Rumpf, who claims to be a graduate of the 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 impatiently 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 Mate'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 Obregon Principles

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-elect. Ricardo Tropet was re-elected leader.

British Flier Killed

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



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 Rhodium. Jack McMahon, 24 N. Belmont Ave., Indianapolis, was first in the senior boy's race. Slobodan Yovanovich, 167 Bright St., Klingan, was second, and Floyd Skiles, 801 River Ave., Riley, was third.

Ferne Watson, 214 Gelsenkoff St., Military, was first in the girl's race. Anna Lascus, 1024 N. Belle Vie Pl., Klingan, was second, and Lettita Lupear, 516½ W. Washington St., Klingan, 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 Englert, Mary Malia, John Pappas, Francis Stefanko, Daniel Davis, Cornell Lupear, Alexander Youanovich, Victoria Maryskus, Donald Ash, Harley Francis, Christ Krethiotis, Arthur Francis, Alexander Tudor, Ferne Watson, Julia Sarich, Wayne Campbell, Kenneth Oliver, Louise Green, Marjorie Wiemers, Mary Sanford.

Winners of first, second and third in each of the three classes in the five semi-final district races will race in the finals at 10 a. m. Monday in 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 Banneke, 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 sent for officers and made the confession voluntarily. He said simply that he had killed the woman and disposed of her body.

Detectives arrested William Beatty, 42, on suspicion that he wrote a letter to Mrs. Thaw threatening the life of her son if the demands of the writer were not complied with.

Beatty, who denied any connection with the letter, was arrested in Highland Park at a place where the letter had directed \$5,000 be left.

"We demand \$5,000 from your son," the letter read. "If he doesn't take care of this matter his life will be in danger."

Threatening letters of similar nature have been received by other wealthy residents of Pittsburgh recently, police said.

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 English block, where a speaking campaign of the Circle headquarters. Miss Dorothy Cunningham, Martinsville, Replican 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."

Veterans to Meet Thursday

By Times Special
WABASH, Ind., Sept. 1.—The Wabash County Veterans' Association, Civil War survivors organization, will hold its thirty-seventh annual reunion here Thursday. Frederick Landis, Logansport, will speak.

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 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, lengthen 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. Duval, 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.

	GENERAL EXPENSES
General	\$835
City sinking	104
Wood protection sinking	115
War Memorial sinking	115
Police pension	101
Health	102
Track elevation	102
Street resurfacing	115
City street improvement	122
Board of health	102
Tuberculosis	105
Police	102
Park sinking fund	102
Recreation	101
Sanitation	101
Sanitation sinking	101
Total	\$1,10

	APPROPRIATIONS:
General fund	\$4,731,999.27
City sinking	262,978.75
Wood protection sinking	104
War Memorial sinking	115
Police pension	101
Health	102
Track elevation	102
Street resurfacing	135,000.00
City street improvement	144,500.50
Board of health	102
Tuberculosis	105
Police	102
Park sinking fund	102
Recreation	101
Sanitation	101
Sanitation sinking	101
Civil engineer, gasoline tax	50,000.00
Total	\$9,373,218.74

JUDGE CONDEMS 2,000

Men and Women Executed During One Year.

By United Press

PEKING, Sept. 1.—A foreigner living in Kweiteh, 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.

The experiments give scientific point to an old Russian folk saying:

"If you want to grow rich fast, sow your oats in the mud."

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