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WAR NEARER AS BRITAIN'S POWER WANES

Tight Little Isle Is Losing
Influence for Peace, Due
to Dominions' Stand.

WORLD LOOKS TO U. S.

Europe Is Alive to Danger,
But Hands of Nations
Are Tied.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS,
Scripture-Howard Foreign Editor

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Can—and will—the United States act to head off the new world war which H. G. Wells, who more than once has torn the veil from the future, predicts may come in the next two years?

Such is the situation, Wells told the National Council for the Prevention of War, that any little "accident" would be sufficient to plunge mankind into another terrible conflict, because, he said, war prevention agencies are inefficient.

The war offices, he warned, are all ready, but peace organizations are not. In a crisis, they would not be effective. All they could do is sit and talk.

The tragedy of the thing, according to diplomats here, is that Europe is fully alive to the danger, but as one country is as much involved as another, none of them is in position to head off the peril.

Great Britain Slipping

Great Britain, whose might for more than a century has been the greatest factor for peace in Europe, is slipping. Four years ago, at the imperial conference, and again this year, the dominions made it crystal clear that they are, in fact, as independent of the mother country as the United States.

Even the remaining alien thread of sentiment, all that now binds Britain and her dominions, may be cut whenever a dominion cares to do so. The right of secession is granted.

The little island of England, Scotland, and Wales, therefore, now is left alone in a seething section of the map, far from the center of whatever the future may hold. The dominions may come to its aid and they may not. They will decide, each for itself, when the crisis comes.

The chancelleries of continental Europe are fully aware of this state of affairs and Britain's prestige suffers accordingly. Her voice still is respected when she lifts it at conferences, but it no longer has the power of veto it once had.

Has Troubles at Home

Furthermore, Britain's once titanic strength is being drained by troubles of her own. Unemployment and economic depression are a menace at home and difficulties with her overseas possessions are imperiling her abroad.

Few sane Englishmen ever expect to see the pacification of India, where more than 300,000 natives are in revolt, and some are convinced that before the last word is said Soviet Russia and Britain will come to grips.

Alarmed by what they regard as the waning power of Britain, French statesmen are preaching the necessity of a stronger France. Reports from Paris say that former President Poincaré, fiercest nationalist of them all, is likely to become prime minister, replacing Premier Tardieu, himself a Poincaré disciple.

Will Stir Strife

This only can add to the general uneasiness, for certainly there will be repercussions in Germany, Italy, Poland, the Balkans and elsewhere. As Europe glowers and Britain's power wanes, the strength of the United States continues to increase. Richest and, potentially, the most powerful nation on earth, aloof from old world intrigue, which men like Wells say soon will end in war, will America step in and swing the balance in favor of peace? Or will she remain on the sidelines and let nature take its course?

PLEDGES STEADY WAR TO END COFFINISM

'We're Going to Purge Statehouse Too,' Says Woman Speaker.

"We women are going forward with a firm determination to finish our job, not only by cleaning out the courthouse, but also the statehouse," Mrs. John Corwin asserted at a meeting of women in county Democratic headquarters Monday. "The voters of Marion county began a drive against Coffinism two years ago with the unceasing of Ralph Updike and the election of Louis Ludlow to congress," Mrs. Corwin said. "The next smashing blow was struck when Coffinism was driven from the city hall and the school city. And the women of Marion county deserve a great share of the credit for these two victories for clean government."

CHURCH GROUP TO MEET

Council of Religious Education in Session Tonight.

Superintendents, pastors and church school workers will attend the annual meeting of the Marion County Council of Religious Education at 7 tonight in the Roberts Park Methodist church. Dr. A. H. Backus, new area leader, will speak. The meeting will be preceded by a supper at 6:15.

Arrest Follows Fire

HAMMOND, Ind., Oct. 21.—Vladimir Georgovich, 38, is in custody following a fire at the Morris hotel, which he operated, and where a loss of \$5,000 resulted. Firemen said bedding and furniture in the place had been soaked with kerosene. The hotel is valued at \$40,000 and was insured for \$25,000.

ILLEGAL LAUGHTER

Co-ed Jeers Fraternity Pin Ban



"Who's afraid?" This challenge was given law and order today by Miss Louise Wyrick of Ft. Wayne, Butler university co-ed, when she was informed that an old Indiana law sets a \$50 fine for persons wearing pins of secret societies of which they are not members. Miss Wyrick wears eight fraternity pins in the photo.

CHUCK WIGGINS BACK IN JAIL

'Hoosier Playboy' Cleans Out Restaurant.

Chuck Wiggins, "the Hoosier playboy," sometimes hero and often second best participant in many ear-crushing contests in the heavy-weight prize ring, was back at his old stand "in solitary" at city prison today.

He was arrested at Illinois and Chesapeake streets late Monday night on drunkenness charges after patrons of a restaurant called in all directions as he "cleaned out the place."

Despite recollection that only a year ago, Wiggins battled a police squad until firemen reserves joined the fray, Motor Policemen Harry Schley, Charles E. Weddle, and Folly Shaw placed him under arrest with little trouble.

Docile until the barred door clanged shut on him at city prison, Chuck fought three fellow prisoners to earn his way into solitary confinement.

"Just a little training," Chuck explained after the melee. His last "training" bout gave him a ticket to the Marion county jail for several weeks.

SPEAKS FOR HOOVER

Pinchot Claim, However, Is Denied by Davis.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21.—The name of President Hoover was brought into the bitter gubernatorial fight in Pennsylvania today.

Gifford Pinchot, Republican candidate, in a noonday speech, at Washington, Pa., told his audience that President Hoover, through James J. Davis, secretary of labor, sent word that he "stands for and desires election of the whole Republican ticket in Pennsylvania."

Davis, as G. O. P. candidate for the United States senate, is Pinchot's running mate on a ticket. Other dispatches, however, quoted Davis as saying Mr. Hoover is neutral and taking no part in the campaign.

Estate Exceeds \$3,000,000

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Oct. 21.—An estate valued at more than \$3,000,000 was left by Leslie T. Igleheart, retired miller, who died recently.

FRIGID WAVE TO KEEP ITS GRIP ON CITY

Mercury Will Stay Below
Freezing Tonight, Says
Weather Man.

SNOW BLOCKADE LIFTED

Traffic Again Is Resumed
on Drifted Highways
of East.

Winter's advance guard still held undisputed sway over Indianapolis, and most of the midwest today with temperatures only slightly above the record low marks registered at many government weather observation stations Monday.

It is improbable they will rise before Thursday, J. H. Arrington, senior meteorologist at the United States weather bureau here, said. The center of the cold wave now is over central Iowa, and is moving eastward slowly.

Temperatures tonight will be slightly below freezing here, somewhat lower in northern Indiana, and on the freezing line along the Ohio river, the bureau's forecast predicted.

Lowest temperature in the state Monday night was 28 degrees, recorded at Ft. Wayne. At 6 a. m. here the mercury stood at 29 degrees.

Only the far south and the west coast in the United States escaped the cold wave that blew down from Canada last week. Having passed rapidly across the continent, the storm centered in New York state, where communications were disrupted by the heaviest October snowfall in years.

In the north central states there was little snow, but at Chicago the mercury dropped to 24 degrees. Fair skies prevailed almost everywhere the cold penetrated.

Fight Through Snow

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 21.—Lines of traffic again were moving through parts of the western New York lake shore region today, and a complete re-opening of snow-blocked highways was expected before nightfall.

Snowplows and crews of men with shovels, which went to work Sunday morning after the earliest blizzard on record here shut the country in a close grip, had succeeded in opening a double-car lane through the deep snowdrifts between here and Dunkirk.

Hundreds Sleep in Jail

Hamburg, where hundreds of motorists slept in the jail and fire station, when hotels, rooming houses and private homes were filled, still was isolated from highway traffic, but the snow plows, the natives, and the travelers who volunteered to help, had made such progress against the heavy snow, that high-dog safety catches that don't always hold, exclaimed one Titian-haired co-ed.

"It shall be unlawful for any person not a member of a secret society or other organization incorporated under the laws of Indiana . . . to wear the badge or emblem of such secret society . . . person violating the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$50."

"It isn't the law that's bothering us. It's some of these pins with doofang safety catches that don't always hold," exclaimed one Titian-haired co-ed.

LUDLOW IS INDORSED.

Railroad Brothers Back Congress-man for Re-Election.

Confirmation of the indorsement of Louis Ludlow for re-election to congress from the Seventh district by the national legislative representatives of all railroad brotherhoods is contained in a letter sent by Fred H. Flizdol, national president of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees.

BLACKMAIL ADMITTED

Clark's Hill Youth Given One to Five-Year Reformatory Term.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Oct. 21.—A one to five-year sentence in the state reformatory was given William O. Owens, 19, Clark's Hill, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of blackmail in Tippecanoe circuit court here.

The youth was arrested after the late J. A. Balfe and J. A. Falfe Sons, Lafayette grocers, had received nine letters demanding money and threatening violence upon failure to comply.

Future Artists Study Life



A bit of expression here and a tilt to the eyebrow there, is life as it comes from the tip of paintbrushes in the art school of the John Herron Art Institute.

Upper Left—Lois Sherrill, secretary-treasurer of the school's junior class, at her easel.

Lower Left—Miss Iona Johnson (left) and Betty Ferry (right), ready to paint something else besides lips.

Upper Right—Officers of the school's four classes:

Bottom Row, Seniors (left to right)—Travis McDaniels, Knightstown, president; Nina Schnaitter, Shelbyville, vice-president; Rosalie Hirsch, Anderson, secretary-treasurer.

Second row, Juniors: Francis Howard West, Lafayette, president; Charles Yeager, Indianapolis, vice-president; Lois Sherrill, Indianapolis, secretary-treasurer.

Third row, sophomores: Floyd Hopper, West Baden, president; Mary Lee Everson, Clay City, vice-president; Iona Johnson, Indianapolis, secretary-treasurer.

Fourth row, freshmen: Robert Redding, Whiting, president; Betty Ferry, Columbus, vice-president; Donald Grimes, Greencastle, secretary-treasurer.

G. O. P. BIG GUNS TO BOOM ALONG FRONT

Republicans and Democrats
Announce Schedules
Covering State.

Three national speakers will be used by the Republicans in Indiana this week while the Democrats will be content with the local talent headed by Paul V. McNutt, former national commander of the American Legion.

The G. O. P. orators are Edwin P. Morrow, former Governor of Kentucky; Everett Sanders, candidate for representative in congress, who was secretary to President Coolidge; and Leonidas C. Dyer, Missouri representative in congress and author of the anti-lynching bill.

Democratic state meetings for the week are:

Today—Marion, McNutt; First district: Earl Crawford; Franklin, Albert Stump; Anderson, John McFadden.

Wednesday—Brookville, McNutt; Connersville, Evans Woolen; Tipton, Peters, Walter Meyers and Mrs. Flynn; Rushville, Curtis Shaker; First district, Crawford; Shelbyville, Olive B. Lewis.

Thursday—Crawfordsville, McNutt; Salem, Woolen; South Bend, Myers; First district, Crawford; Sullivan, Arthur Greenwood; Berne, L. E. Slack; Shelby county, state candidates.

Friday—Madison, McNutt; Scottsburg, Woolen; Alexandria, Fred Van Nuy; Tenth district, Crawford; Decatur, the Rev. Carl Hildebrand; English, Shaker; Shelby county, state candidates.

Saturday—Newcastle, McNutt; Corydon, Woolen, Sullivan, Myers; Tenth district, Crawford; Moreland, Stump; Sullivan, Greenwood.

Republican state meetings for the week are:

Today—Charles W. Jewett, Rockport; Robinson, Madison; Frederick K. Landis, Ft. Wayne, 7:30 p. m.; Richard Elliott, Bedford; Oswald Ryan, Hope, Bartholomew county; Bush, Spiceland, 7:30 p. m. and John J. Brown, Grand View.

Wednesday—Purdum, Crawfordville; Bush, Portland; Emmett F. Branch, Boston; Senator Robinson, Marion; Frederick E. Schortemeier, Connersville; Jewett, Princeton; Albert R. Hall, Huntington, 8 p. m.; Brown, Spencer county; Fred Gause, Newcastle.

Thursday—Senator Robinson, Newcastle; Senator James E. Watson, Elkhart; Brown, Jasper, 8 p. m.; Bush, Mitchell, 8 p. m.; Frederick K. Landis, Lebanon.

Friday—Governor W. L. Harding of Iowa, South Bend; Fred S. Purcell, Tipton; Branch, Laporte; Senator Robinson, Shelbyville; Alton Lindley, Dale; Homer Elliott, Glenwood; Arthur L. Gilmore, Lake county; George Barnard, Columbus; Attorney-General James M. O'Brien, Washington, 7:30; Edgar D. Bush Third district; Everett Sanders, Elwood, and Brown, Washington, Daviess county.

Saturday—Senator Robinson, Wabash; Guilmon, Marion; Brown, Swiss City, Spencer county; Lieutenant Governor Bush, Connersville; Everett Sanders, Kokomo; Senator Watson, state candidate tour Lake county.

PRUSSIANS AT ODDS

Dissolution of Diet Is Voted
Down.

BERLIN, Oct. 21.—The Prussian diet, scene of stormy political scenes for the last week, voted 240 to 189 today to defeat a motion for dissolution of the diet.

The motion was made by members of the Economic party. The Fascists repeatedly had demanded that the diet be dissolved and new elections held, but Premier Otto Braun, a Socialist, had refused.

FIGHT OBSCENE FILMS

Catholics Launch Drive Against Improper Pictures and Books.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21.—A Catholic screen commission to represent the Knights of Columbus in a drive against obscene and improper motion pictures, stage productions and literature was in process of formation today with the indorsement of Patrick Cardinal Hays of New York.

Befriended Man Robs

ANDERSON, Ind., Oct. 21.—Telling H. S. Scott, filling station attendant, that he wished shelter from cold, a man who entered the station covered Scott with a revolver and robbed him of \$50.

Broadway Sparkles With New Life; Stage Stars Back on Job

Richard Bennett Shines as
Tasty Old Confederate
Fire Eater.

BY GILBERT SWAN

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Broadway is pepping up. Familiar names and familiar faces are again to be found in the incandescent lanes.

Within a week the theater has welcomed back Richard Bennett and Jane Cowl, who have heard the trumpeting of new Gershwin music and cheered three smoking-hot music revues; has gone slightly ga-ga over a new found blues singer and has heard the approaching footfalls of Lenore Ulric and a dozen other favorites.

Taking the various events one at a time—Bennett was first to arrive, with a character study that further assures him a place upon the heights.

The Bennett album of portraits has contained the most varied types, ranging from the hard-boiled jargonist of the film studios to the present old southern colonel.

And by virtue of his continued excellence in portraying these diverse characters, Bennett finds himself hailed as the worthy successor of the late Arnold Daly.

Bennett's latest creation is a julep-drinking, Yankee-hating, testy old coder who can't forget the confederacy and is somewhat of a "professional southerner."



Broadway's latest overnight favorite—Ethel Merman, "Torch Song" discovery of "Girl Crazy."

Jane Cowl Wins Converts
for Shakespeare With
Her Acting.

He messes up lives all about him and, while exaggerated almost to comic strip dimensions at times, still makes an elegant caricature. There is plenty of bite in this "solid south."

ALSO Miss Cowl, after floundering almost in several more or less ineffectual roles, brings to town a Shakespeare that should make new converts for that neglected gentlemen.

Miss Cowl's "Twelfth Night" is different. It is staged, dressed and acted with a combination of the delicate and the lusty that surely must echo the old Shakespeare spirit.

It makes Shakespeare fine fun and it makes the fantastic unrealities. Through it all roams one of the loveliest Violas that the stage has ever seen—Miss Cowl, exquisite to look upon and exquisite in performance.

GEORGE GERSHWIN having become our national anthemist, any new melody which he may contribute takes on the stature of an event and is awaited by a cheering Manhattan mob.



Libby Holman, Manhattan's favorite blues warbler, who returns to Broadway in "Three's A Crowd."

Ethel Merman, "Torch Song"
Girl, Scores Big Hit for
Gershwin.

In "Girl Crazy," Gershwin has crossed the Rockies and written with a new zest; a pace-setting, noisy, breathless sort of score.

And in this new bit of Gershwin, wherein only once or twice is one reminded of "Rhapsody in Blue," there appears one Ethel Merman.

This Miss-Merman belongs to a school of blues singing reminiscent of the best of the old Barbary Coast shouters—hardboiled and "low," with a wall Two of her songs, "Sam and Delilah" and "I've Got Rhythm," might be included as part of the current talk-of-the-town.

LAST season it was Libby Holman, who chants in a deeper, more dramatic fashion and, to my way of thinking, is a better artist.

Miss Holman returned with "Three's A Crowd," from the pen of Howard Riez, the publicity agent who insists on writing sketches and lyrics.

And while she has no song to compare with "Moanin' Low," still she has several numbers that will continue to stop the show.

And the best travesty satire and Gilbert and Sullivan sort of thing to be found in town, continues to be revealed in the winter edition



Richard Bennett, in his role of the mini-julep old colonel in "Solid South."

G. O. P. FEARS COUNTY ROUT; CALLS FOR AID

State Chairman Rogers Is
Drafted as Spellbinder
for Candidates.

DODGE COFFINISM ISSUE

Office Seekers Deny They
Are Under Thumb of
Party Boss.

BY BEN STERN

The Republican county committee, desperate over the Nov. 4 election outlook, has called Elza O. Rogers, state chairman, to its aid. Abandoning his many important duties at state headquarters, Rogers stumped the county Monday night, speaking at four rallies and uttering a refrain of "Support the President."

"You have a fine ticket," and "Ignore Democratic mud-slinging." Yet despite this attempt to ignore "Coffinism," speaker after speaker referred to the "attempt to identify the candidates with a man who no longer is active in the organization."

Even Clyde Robinson, county treasurer, picked by George V. Coffin for county chairman, took up the refrain, at meetings packed with candidates, job holders, and precinct committeemen.

Charges Have Effect

"That the charge of 'Coffinism' is hurting was attested by Paul E. Torgard, Republican candidate for Washington township trustee, who declared at a rally at Forty-second street and Broadway: 'Some are falling for the stuff on the radio (charges of Coffinism), and if I was not a loyal Republican I would fall for it, too.'"

Homer Elliott, former United States district attorney, declared that "Coffinism is just a name. He doesn't control the entire list of men on the ticket."

However, Walter O. Pritchard, Coffin candidate for judge of the criminal court; George Winkler, Coffin candidate for re-election as sheriff; and John Shearer, Coffin candidate for re-election as county commissioner, failed to arise at any of the meetings they attended to disclaim the Coffin vote.

Pritchard 'Agrees'

Pritchard, who has won the title of "Agreeing Walter," in a short speech said:

"I agree with everything that has been said tonight. It is hard to expound my own virtues, but I agree with what the chairman, Delbert Wilmetts, said about me."

Wilmetts had praised Pritchard as "able, fearless and conscientious." Judge James A. Leathers, candidate for re-election to superior court one, joined in the praise, saying:

He declared that all candidates for judges, including himself, were "able, conscientious, peerless, experienced, valuable assets with high standards, dignified, courageous and capable, with splendid records."

Star's Victory Plea

A few more members were laid upon the pyre which consumed modesty by Judson L. Stark, candidate for re-election as prosecutor, who asked if voters were going to "turn me and my twenty-two deputies into a bunch of office junkies because we have done our duty?"

Stark attacked the hanging of the Coffinism label upon the ticket, and boasted how he, with the aid of his twenty-two deputies, has obtained the conviction of 78-year-old John Blum, Coffin precinct committeeman, for vote frauds.

**ACTS FOR EFFICIENCY
ON SQUAD CAR RULES**

Kinney Issues New Orders on Cops
Radio Procedure.

Orders to squads on emergency "run procedure, designed to produce greater efficiency, were posted at police headquarters today by Police Chief Jerry Kinney.

The new squad car on the scene of an "holdup robbery," or other emergency will collect all descriptions and details of the crime and telephone the information immediately to the captain on duty at headquarters, who will broadcast it over WMPZ, police radio station.

Other squads will remain around the scene, to pick up this information, the orders detail.

Heretofore all cars have gone directly to the source of the call, and as much as twenty minutes consumed collecting data before search or other investigation was begun, according to Chief Kinney.

**DEMOCRAT FORECASTS
VICTORY IN COUNTY**

Only Failure to Get Out Vote Will
Block Party, Swain Says.

Importance of organization was stressed at a meeting of Marion county Democratic precinct and ward committeemen Monday night at the Claypool.

"Only failure of the Democratic organization to function on election day will forestall a complete victory," declared H. Nathan Swain, county chairman.

The poll books reveal approximately 75,000 persons have been polled Democratic, and if we get out this vote we are assured of victory," Swain said.

The workers were instructed to furnish all voters with lists of Democratic candidates and ask that they be compared with those of the Republican opponents. "If they do compare our candidates with those of the opposition on facts there can be no doubt of their verdict at the polls," Swain said.

Albert Stump, chairman of speakers' bureau, presided.

Hostess Buys Painting

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Oct. 21.—Arthur E. Ayres, wealthy operator here, has purchased a painting, "Port Said," by the artist, P. du Gardier.