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ARMS SLASH PLAN BACKED BY 26 NATIONS

Japanese Opposition Chief Fear at Geneva on U. S. Proposal Success.

FRANCE IS AGAINST IT

Britain, Germany, Spain, Russia Ask Only Slight Reservations.

By United Press
GENEVA, July 23.—Premier Edouard Herriot, of France, and Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain today agreed tentatively that Germany can not be asked to pay her reparations debt now or during the period of recovery from the world crisis.

BY STEWART BROWN

United Press Staff Correspondent

GENEVA, June 23.—The American plan to reduce the world's armaments by one-third, and relieve the world of an expenditure of ten to fifteen billion dollars in ten years had the approval of twenty-six nations today.

Either publicly or privately, the representatives of these nations had informed Ambassador Hugh Gibson that their governments approved the American proposals.

Japanese opposition was the chief fear of the American delegates to the world disarmament conference. Tokyo was expected to offer greater opposition to real disarmament than the French delegates.

Japan Opposes Plan

The Japanese considered existing naval ratios only provisional until 1936, when they would be subject to revision.

The American plan might provide that present relative naval strengths continue indefinitely.

The Americans believed that French opposition, intensified by the Paris press and French politicians, could be overcome through new offers of security.

This might be achieved through a unilateral security pledge which, combined with another purely European security pact, would meet the French requirements.

Approved by Italy

Italy was the first nation to give the plan complete and unconditional approval.

Foreign Minister Dino Grandi communicated the Italian reply by telephone to Premier Benito Mussolini. Il Duce approved it immediately. He outlined the speech which Grandi later made before the commission.

Support of the plan by Germany, Spain, Russia and Great Britain was considered "practically complete," as these nations had made only slight reservations.

Plan Is Acclaimed

By JOSEPH H. BAIRD

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, June 23.—A world overburdened with armaments and resulting taxes today acclaimed President Hoover's plan for a reduction of nearly one-third in guns, ships and fighting men.

Although the Hoover plan's full success is far from sure, Ambassador Hugh Gibson at Geneva reported to State Secretary Henry L. Stimson that it had been enthusiastically received.

Italy accepted promptly and unconditionally, just as it did Mr. Hoover's debt moratorium a year ago. The other powers spoke well of the plan, but did not commit themselves finally. France said it could not disarm without security.

Britain Sacrifices Most

A competent analysis of the proposal's effect on the world's navies revealed that Great Britain would sacrifice most. It would scrap 365,846 tons of ships.

The United States would lose 306,360 tons in battleships, destroyers and submarines, while building 43,450 tons in aircraft carriers and cruisers.

Japan would lose 266,763 tons. While the administration was seeking disarmament, Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, chief of naval aeronautics, warned against neglect of defense, and said the United States by so doing is "riding for a fall." He told the American Legion at Macon, Ga.:

Cuts Armies One-Third

"We can only maintain peace by having the powers to enforce it if necessary."

The Hoover plan would abolish bombing planes, heavy artillery, gas and tanks.

It would cut armies by one-third of the surplus left when police needs have been met.

It would reduce the world's navies nearly one-third under London treaty quotas.

ACTOR WILLING TO BE AL'S 'RUNNING MATE'

Victor Moore Says His Hat Is In Ring With Smith.

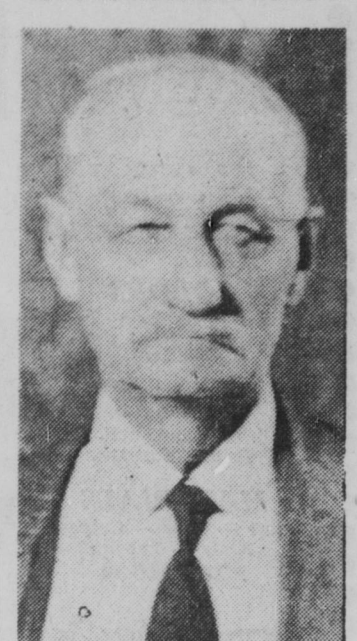
By United Press

NEW YORK, June 23.—"My hat is in the ring with Al's," Victor Moore, who plays the part of Alexander Throblebottom in "Of Thee I Sing," said today when informed that Alfred E. Smith had named the musical comedy character as a likely running mate.

"But the hard part is going to be getting nominated."

The Throblebottom of the Broadway musical hit refused to allow his new off-stage prominence to interfere with the matinee performance today, but agreed to see reporters in the wings between acts.

Bowden Is New G. A. R. Commander



James Bowden

By Times Special

RICHMOND, Ind., June 23.—James Bowden, Muncie, was elected commander of the Indiana G. A. R. in a business session of delegates here today.

Other officers named were: William Mathews, Centerville, senior vice-commander; Jasper N. Collicott, North Vernon, junior vice-commander; E. H. Cowan, Crawfordsville, medical director; Q. A. Hunt, Terre Haute, chaplain, and J. B. Henneger, Indianapolis, assistant adjutant-general and assistant quartermaster-general.

Members of the council of administration named were: Charles E. Hale, Logansport; Colonel D. N. Foster, Ft. Wayne; J. M. La Follette, Bloomington; R. H. Tyner, Newcastle, and James Bird, Indianapolis.

Amos Meyers, Lafayette, is to represent Indiana at the national convention. A. Hummelshagen, Kewanee, is the alternate.

The 160 veterans here for the annual encampment began leaving for their homes following the election. They will meet at Huntington in 1933.

KIDNAP STORY TOLD BY BOY

Police Are Hunting Bandit as Abductor.

Although a 12-year-old Indianapolis boy's story of being kidnapped was discounted by Veedersburg, Ind., police, search was being made today by state authorities for a bandit answering the same description as that of the purported kidnaper.

It was learned following revelation of the boy's story that a bandit answering the description, robbed a Veedersburg restaurant early Sunday morning and escaped.

The boy, Raymond Hazelwood, 805 Oak Avenue, told Veedersburg police that he was kidnapped near his Indianapolis home shortly before noon Wednesday and carried to Veedersburg in the abductor's car.

Theodore Odle, Veedersburg policeman, said he believed the boy's story was "just an excuse for running around big," but that the child's description of his abductor tallied in detail with that of the bandit.

The boy was returned to Indianapolis early today by his father, who went to Veedersburg immediately on hearing his son was there.

Young Hazelwood said he was seized by the kidnaper, who pulled to the curb on Livingston avenue, asking if "You want to take a ride?"

"He put his hand over my mouth and I couldn't yell," Raymond Hazelwood related.

NAB NEW YORKER IN \$4,000,000 SWINDLE

Alleged Head of Confidence Ring Appeared Cultured.

By United Press

NEW YORK, June 23.—Frank P. Delphinie, middle-aged and possessed of the exterior appearances of a cultured and wealthy business man, was held by police today, charged with being head of a confidence ring that in the last ten years has had a take of \$4,000,000.

He was arrested Wednesday night and charged with grand larceny. Specifically he was charged with swindling \$177,000 from Mrs. Katherine K. Besson, 55, Pittsburgh steel heiress, and \$50,000 from a Brooklyn physician.

Wife of Calles Under Knife

BOSTON, June 23.—Dr. Harvey Cushing removed a large tumor from the brain of Senora Leonor Calles, 26, wife of former President Calles of Mexico today, and later the patient was reported as "holding up as well as can be expected."

Have You Imagination?

Can You Write? Here's a chance to put your imagination to work. Turn back to the Want Ads today and read the details about the Times-Apollo Want Ad Romance Contest which was inspired by the motion picture, "The Doomed Battalion," which opens at the Apollo theater, Friday.

Turn to Want Ad Page

SENATE VOTE ON RELIEF IS SOUGHT TODAY

Democrats Are Confident of Obtaining Passage of Vast Program.

DENY AID TO CITIES

Illinois Plea Defeated on Proposal for Funds to Help Chicago.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, June 23.—Routing the opposition at every turn, senate Democrats were confident of obtaining passage today of their \$2,000,000,000 unemployment relief program.

The senate debated the bill continuously for thirteen hours Wednesday, voted down every attempt to change the major aspects of the program, and then at 12:15 a. m. this morning recessed until noon.

Just before adjournment, Democratic Leader Joseph T. Robinson forced adoption of a "gag" rule limiting further debate to five minutes for each senator. Indignant insurgents declared they would try to have the rule abrogated today.

Senator George W. Norris (Rep., Neb.) charged that a coalition of Democrats and Republicans had "got together to carry out the command of some one in the White House."

Senator Robert La Follette (Rep., Wis.) threatened to vote against the relief bill if the "gag" was continued.

Before resuming consideration of relief, the senate was slated to approve finally the \$150,000,000 economy bill and send it to the President.

Hoover Senators Whipped

This was expected to be done quickly, as the house has given in to the senate on the only controversial point: Substitution of the Hoover "five-day week" plan for full government salary reductions.

Administration senators were overwhelmed, 57 to 19, when they tried to eliminate from the relief bill the \$500,000,000 public works bill issue which President Hoover opposes.

The funds would be used for construction of highways, public buildings, army and navy improvements, and river and harbor projects which congress previously has declared desirable.

The other major section of the bill would double the Reconstruction Corporation's lending power to \$3,000,000,000 to enable it to finance state and city construction of self-helping projects.

Illinois senators were defeated without a record vote when they sought an amendment to permit the corporation to provide funds for cities such as Chicago which have been unable to pay their school teachers and other civic employees.

Hoover Views Discussed

Senator James Hamilton Lewis (Dem., Ill.) introduced the amendment and Senator Otis F. Glenn (Rep., Ill.) declared there might be some of the hard-pressed cities were helped.

The proposal of La Follette and other Progressives for a \$5,000,000,000 public works bond issue was killed without a record vote. An amendment by Senator Park Trammell (Dem., Fla.) for partial payment of the veterans' bonus met a like fate.

There was considerable speculation as to whether Mr. Hoover would accept the relief bill, in view of the retention of the \$500,000,000 bond issue. It will be some time, however, before the measure reaches him.

After passage by the senate, it must go to conference with the house, which has passed its own relief program in one form or another.

Adjournment late next week is the best that congressional leaders now hope for. The house is so far ahead of the senate in its legislative work that it adjourned Wednesday until Friday.

CONVICT BOY, 14, ON CHARGE OF MURDER

Lad Gets Twenty-Five-Year Term for Oil Station Killing.

By United Press

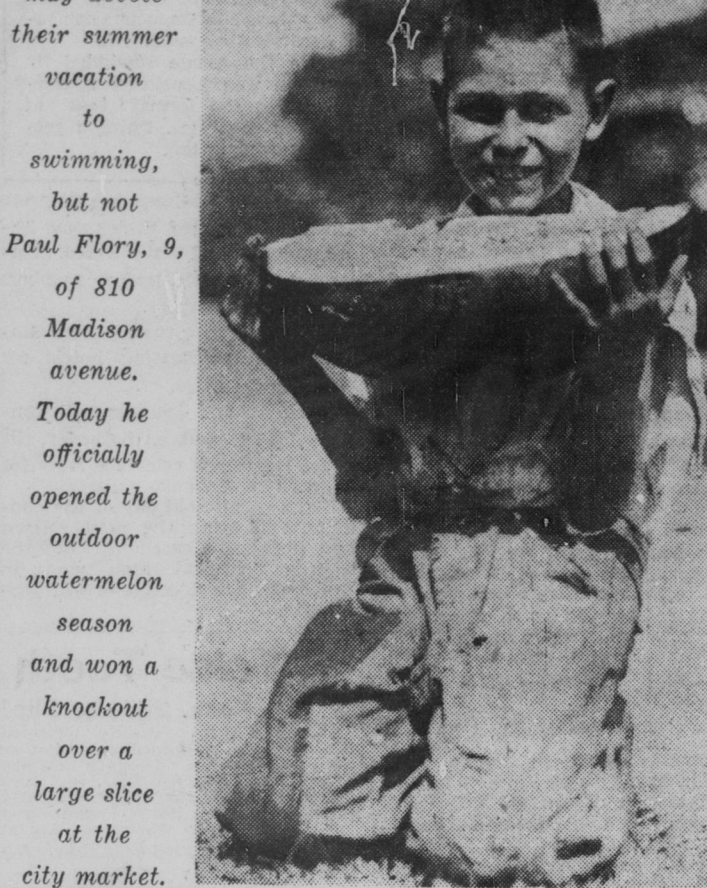
DONIPHAN, Mo., June 23.—Estle Austill, 14, St. Louis, was found guilty of murdering W. E. Haley, 55, Poplar bluff oil station operator, by a jury in circuit court here today.

He was sentenced to serve twenty-five years in the state penitentiary. The boy shot Haley while trying to rob his filling station last January to get money to send his unemployed father in St. Louis.

Opens Watermelon Season

Some kids may devote their summer vacation to swimming, but not Paul Flory, 9, of 810 Madison avenue.

Today he officially opened the outdoor watermelon season and won a knockout over a large slice at the city market.



OH, LOOKIT, MAMA!

Sh-h-h, Rollo; Shocking! Shocking!

ABANDONING their worries about the Democratic national convention, city recreation and park officials today devoted their serious thinking to the "paramount question of the day."

So important is this problem that all red tape was cast aside, and officials got down to bare facts.

The whole story hangs on the annoying problem of how much sun-bathers—both male and female—dare display at municipal beaches and pools this summer.

A few weeks ago, the word came from the city hall that anything within the recognized realm of decency would be acceptable at city pools.

The inch leeway soon became a mile—it looked like that to the matrons and lifeguards—and the trouble started.

One young damsel was given the outside sign at a pool Wednesday afternoon. It was reported reliably that she had spent another five minutes in the pool there would have been a riot.

AVIATRIX HELD IN FLORIDA JAIL

Mrs. Keith-Miller Charged With Illegal Entry.

By United Press

MIAMI, Fla., June 23.—Trouble piled up today for Mrs. Jessie M. Keith-Miller, Australian aviator. Cleared of suspicion recently in the mysterious death of her fiancé, Haden Clarke, she was held on a charge of illegal entry from Australia, lodged by an unnamed complainant.

Penniless and unable to provide \$1,000 bond, Mrs. Keith-Miller was held in Dade county jail for federal immigration authorities, who made the arrest.

Mrs. Keith-Miller denied the charge of illegal entry and protested that when she came to the United States four years ago she possessed proper credentials.

"I'm not worried," she said. "I will be out of here as soon as my attorney, James Carson, returns to the city."

Captain W. N. Lancaster, her flying partner and former fiancé, is scheduled to go on trial July 5 on a charge of murdering Clarke.

LINDY NEGOTIATOR QUIZZED IN MURDER

Salvatore Spitalo Asked About Vannie Higgins' Death.

By United Press

NEW YORK, June 23.—Salvatore Spitalo, underworld intermediary of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh in the kidnapping case, was questioned by police today in their investigation of the assassination of Vannie Higgins, Brooklyn gangster.

"Vannie was my pal," Spitalo told police, "I have no idea who put him on the spot."

Spitalo acknowledged that Higgins had been associated with him and Irving Bliz, Colonel Lindbergh's second negotiator, in "business" terms.

HOME TOWN TO PAY TRIBUTE TO M'NUTT

Public Reception in Bloomington Is Scheduled for Tonight.

By United Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., June 23.—Paul V. McNutt, Democratic nominee for Governor, will be honored at a public reception here tonight.

The welcome of his home town, Bloomington, will be extended by Joseph H. Campbell, Republican mayor. Dr. O. T. Turlinger, Democratic leader, will preside and introduce John W. Cravens, Indiana university registrar, who in turn will present McNutt.

In the official party will be Mrs. McNutt, R. Earl Peters, Democratic state chairman; Paul Fry, Seventh district chairman; and Pleas Greenlee, state secretary of the McNutt-for-Governor Clubs.

Delegations were expected from Brown, Owen, Gibson, Knox, Johnson, Sullivan, Greason, Daviss and Clay counties.

FAILS TO HANG SELF, ASKS COPS TO DO IT

Cook Tells Police That Rope Broke in Life Attempt.

By United Press

HARTFORD, Conn., June 23.—Unable to hang himself, Benny Stanchik, cook at the Jewish Home for Children, appealed to police today to hang him.

He walked into police headquarters "carrying the remnants of a clothesline."

"The rope broke and I can't kill myself," you'll have to do it," he announced.

He was locked up on a technical charge of breach of the peace.

INDIANA AND NEW YORK MAY DECIDE FATE OF 'STOP ROOSEVELT' DRIVE

'No Compromise,' Edict of Al in Battle for Delegates.

DENIES YOUNG 'DEAL'

Murray Fights for Smith; McAdoo Is Defending Two-Thirds Rule.

By RAYMOND CLAPPER

United Press Staff Correspondent

CHICAGO, June 23.—Alfred E. Smith refused today to join in any compromise in his fight to win the Democratic presidential nomination.

Asked concerning reports that he was considering entering a combination in favor of Owen D. Young, Smith said:

"I'm not here to compromise; I'm here to nominate myself, if I can do it. I am not here to talk about anybody else."

At the same time associates of Franklin D. Roosevelt said he has drafted a short platform with a prohibition repeal plank of less than ninety words.

His friends said it was "direct and frank," favoring prompt congressional action to start the machinery for dealing with precautions against return of the saloon.

Roosevelt heretofore has been for repeal, and his rival, Smith, is likewise for it.

Smith, however, would have action started to modify the Volstead law to obtain beer at once.

Murray Supports Shouse

The whole Roosevelt platform, it was said, was only 80 words long—one-tenth of the wording of the Republican platform.

Two of the farm belt's presidential hopes arrived today—Governor William H. Murray of Oklahoma and former Senator James A. Reed of Missouri.

Murray declared he would support Jett Shouse in his fight to win the permanent chairmanship against the Roosevelt candidate, Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana.

He also was for a prohibition plank "for sensible people." He opposes the eighteenth amendment and return of the saloon.

Unverified reports were current around convention headquarters today that Newton D. Baker of Ohio is the "private" preference of John F. Curry, leader of Tammany hall, for the presidential nomination.

Reports Not Verified

These reports, which came from close friends of Curry, could not be verified by the leader himself. He insisted that he would have nothing to say on the subject of candidates until after the New York delegation caucus Sunday.

Curry has been a long-standing foe of Smith. He has not been regarded as enthusiastic over Roosevelt.

In Washington some weeks ago Curry said that the last two candidates of the party had been from New York, and he did not think his state ought to "hog everything."

Gilbert M. Hitchcock of Nebraska today was named chairman of the platform committee in a preliminary meeting. He generally is classed as a Roosevelt man.

Governor Alfred E. Murray sat on a front row chair and with a show of apparent suspicion challenged the proposals of the Roosevelt group.

After a whispered conference with Murray, McAdoo, California's platform committee member, proposed appointment of a provisional platform subcommittee of seven. McAdoo later declared against revision of the two-thirds rule sought by Roosevelt forces.

Platform Session Delayed

Senator Cordell Hull (Dem., Tenn.) and one of the senate coteries working for Roosevelt, challenged that procedure, and Senator Burton K. Wheeler (Mont.), a Roosevelt man, complained that all committee members had not arrived, and that to attempt to go "ahead with a rump convention is foolish."

Murray jumped up: "We recently had a convention of postmasters in this town to nominate a Republican candidate," he exclaimed.

"We don't want it said that this is a convention of senators and congressmen."

"And Governors," shouted Hull, who was sitting across the aisle.

"Yes, Governors," Murray replied. "But the Governors are fresh from the people and the senators are six years behind."

The Roosevelt protests forced McAdoo to put his motion over until 2 p. m., when the committee will resume.

First Ballot Claims Are Challenged

BY RAY TUCKER

Times Staff Writer

CHICAGO, June 23.—Claims of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt's spokesmen that he will be nominated for the presidency on the Democratic convention's first ballot were challenged by his rivals today with figures indicating that he may fall short about 100 votes.

This estimate is based on the belief that many favorite sons and untrusted delegations headed by Alfred E. Smith of New York will hold out against the New York Governor for enough ballots to prevent a bandwagon rush.

Among the delegates claimed by the "Stop Roosevelt" faction, however, are ninety-six whose attitude will not be known until the balloting begins.

Roosevelt needs 770 out of 1,154 votes for the nomination, with 385 as the minimum his enemies must have to hold him by one vote.

They claim that they have 483 for a last-ditch fight, and expect to corral secondary strength if they can maintain their lines for a few roll calls.

But among their "stop Roosevelt" army are included eighteen doubtful delegates in Pennsylvania, twenty-eight in Illinois, thirty in Indiana and about twenty in New York, where Tammany Leader John F. Curry will dominate. Everything depends on what this bloc does on the first ballot and subsequent ballots.

The anti-Roosevelt people's calculations are based on the expectation that the following delegations and favorite sons will hold out against him to the end: Alfred E. Smith of New York, 134; John H. Garner

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COUNTY OFFICE SHAKEUP LOOMS

Prosecutor to Order Shift in Two Branches.

Branding methods of operation in the prosecutor and clerk's office at police headquarters as "terrible," Prosecutor Herbert E. Wilson today said he will order "sweeping changes."

Wilson completed an investigation of the offices following the requested resignation of Paschel Pyle, deputy clerk, who, Municipal Judge William H. Sheaffer charged had released a woman sentenced to a boozing conviction.

Pyle will be questioned by Wilson. Since his withdrawal from office Pyle has made no statement in connection with the alleged irregularity in the case.

Wilson said he will work out the clerk's office changes with Glenn B. Ralston, county clerk.

Revisions in the prosecutor's office will include an attempt to have the office enclosed so the public can not have access to the records. Locks on the doors of the office will be changed immediately, Wilson said.

"Handling of records and business in the office is terrible," Wilson said. "The affidavits are made out in the open and any person, including professional bondsmen, can see for whom warrants are issued."

"In addition to the changes I have in mind, state accounts board examiners now are investigating records in the offices."

VICE SQUADS' STOOL PIGEON DIES OF TUMOR

Chile Acuna, 'Framer' of Innocent Women, Succumbs at Gotham.

By United Press

NEW YORK, June 23.—Chile Acuna, dapper little South American waiter-stool pigeon, who testified that vice squads framed innocent women, and thus helped bring on a city-wide investigation, is dead of a brain tumor.

His death on Wednesday night, it was predicted, may result in attempt to throw out several verdicts returned against perjury members of the New York police department, who, he testified, had helped him "frame" from thirty to forty out of 150 women convicted on immorality charges.

Recently Acuna, by permission of a Brooklyn court, changed his name to Charles Mason, to escape the scorn heaped on him as a stool pigeon.

U. S. COPIES TAX FORMS

Indiana Auditor Notified That State Style Will Be Model.

Forms used in collection of the state gasoline tax, the work of Floyd E. Williamson, state auditor, will be models for those to be used in collecting the new federal tax of 1 cent a gallon, he was advised today by Representative Louis Ludlow.

Ludlow wrote that he had been requested to obtain copies of the forms by David Burnett, internal revenue collector.

Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m. 72 10 a. m. 80
7 a. m. 74 11 a. m. 81
8 a. m. 77 12 (noon) 81
9 a. m. 80 1 p. m. 82

Situation Is Reminiscent of Many Democrat Parleys of Past.

SURVEY BARES POWER

If Both Sides Hold Fast, Hoosiers and Tammany to Decide Vote.

By MORRIS DE HAVEN TRACY

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