

F.D.R. SEEKS EARLY ACTION ON SEAWAY

Counts on Revised Treaty, New Survey of Economic Justification and Army Examination of Costs to Speed Senate Ratification.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—President Roosevelt is expected to count heavily on three brand-new factors, in addition to national-defense considerations, in seeking early Senate ratification of a treaty with Canada covering the St. Lawrence seaway and power project.

These are:

1. A revised treaty which may make concessions here and there to overcome certain objections which helped defeat Senate ratification in 1934.

2. An entirely new survey of the economic justification of both navigation and power phases of the project. It is rated the most thorough survey ever made of the subject in the 20 years in which it has been an issue.

3. A new study of costs, now being made by Army engineers.

Is Agreement Near?

No final agreement has been reached on the form of the treaty, but conversations are going on between the two governments almost daily, and the President's flat statement that he would present the matter to the Senate indicates that an agreement is not far off.

Developments of the last day or two have indicated Mr. Roosevelt's determination to bring up his heaviest guns to get ratification this time. His calls for completion of the seaway, a "vital necessity."

The President emphasized the importance of Great Lakes inland ports and shipyards which could be free from attack and of the war-born need for more electric power on both sides of the St. Lawrence River.

John W. Slacks, of the Maritime Commission, announced that this agency was "sold" on the seaway. He said the Great Lakes region was equipped to participate in the expanding shipbuilding program, but indicated no major contracts could be let until the seaway plan was realized.

Shortage Foreseen

From the Federal Power Commission came a report indicating an electric power shortage for 1942, with upper New York State listed as one of the areas where the greatest need was likely to de-

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In New Orleans, palms and pine trees grow side by side.

SEEK PASSAGE OF LUDLOW BILL

G. O. P. Isolationists Renew Drive in Senate for War Referendum.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (U. P.)—Republican isolationists in the Senate today planned another drive in the new Congress for passage of a Constitutional amendment which would make a national referendum mandatory on a declaration of a foreign war.

Senator Gerald P. Nye (R. N. D.) will be one of the leaders of the fight for the legislation which has been opposed repeatedly by the Administration. The proposal, known as the Ludlow amendment and sponsored in the House by Rep. Louis Ludlow (D. Ind.), is pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee. It was defeated in the House.

Opponents Fear Weakening

Opponents of a war referendum charge that it would hamstring the Government in time of emergency and "weaken us with the 'bully' nations." Its supporters expect that interest in international events, emphasis on national defense legislation and the desire of the American people to keep out of war will increase their support.

Mr. Nye, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and a critic of the Administration's foreign policy, told reporters:

"I am certain that the country will present such a united front in support of it that Congress will awaken to the fact that it should be voted upon. The voters ought to be permitted to pass directly on the war issue, if any, because the mass of the people are not so hysterical as they are here in Washington since the Administration started pulling the war strings."

Approval Claimed

Senator Arthur Capper (R. Kas.), one of the original sponsors of the proposal, said he has been "overwhelmed with letters" approving of it.

Newly elected Senator C. Wayland (Curly) Brooks (R. Ill.) opposed the plan along with Senators Edwin C. Johnson (D. Colo.) and Harry S. Truman (D. Mo.).

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Mrs. Spreckles, he said, not only named her dog after Adolf Hitler's party symbol, but also built a prominent swastika in her swank estate which he said is called "Brunnhausen." She removed the swastika recently, he alleged.

Mr. Spreckles said her statement

accusing him of forcing her to entertain his German friends was untrue, adding that they were her associates, not his. He listed them as Duke Saxe-Coburg-Gotha; movie actress Leni Riefenstahl, reputedly a Hitler favorite; Prince Louis Ferdinand, grandson of the former Kaiser, and German Consul officials.

Mrs. Spreckles was proud of her German citizenship, which came with her marriage to the late Baron Von Romberg, killed in an eastern air crash several years ago, he said.

Mr. Spreckles, however, admitted these charges brought by his wife in the divorce suit that probably will be tried in January.

That he struck her May 15 when he became enraged by her admission of improper relations with other men; that he slapped her again Aug. 3 during a quarrel, and that "from time to time both used all combs to excess."

Mr. Spreckles, who is now 28, inherited \$2,500,000 when he became 21. He said his wife, who is asking \$30,000 a year alimony, inherited \$1,000,000 from Von Romberg and is "amply able" to support herself.

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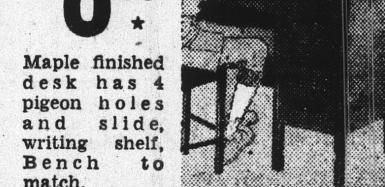
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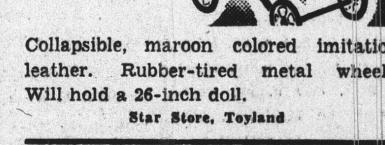
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