



1—View in business district of Houston, Texas, where Democratic national convention will be held. 2—Dr. C. C. Wu, appointed special envoy to United States to negotiate treaties with the Nanking Nationalists. 3—Members of Workers' Communist party demonstrating in Washington against American intervention in Nicaragua.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Schemes Against U. S. Leadership Are Likely to Fail in Havana.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

LATIN-AMERICAN statesmen who planned to undermine the leadership of the United States on the Western hemisphere during the Pan-American conference in Havana are not likely to accomplish much in that way, and may even abandon the attempt for the present. Their cause was greatly weakened by President Coolidge's visit to Havana and his diplomatic though firm address, and by the strength of the United States delegation headed by Charles Evans Hughes. During their two days in Cuba Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge quite won the hearts of the people of that republic and the President's speech at the formal opening of the conference was admitted effective in bringing closer together the United States and the smaller republics of the New world. The address was broadcast throughout this country by radio.

Mr. Hughes and the other American delegates were discreet and tactful when the conference was organized for work on Wednesday, but it was evident they were watching every move and that they were ready to head off any action condemnatory of the policies of the United States and to justify our government's course in Nicaragua and elsewhere if the necessity arose. Mr. Hughes made one move which seemed significant. At his suggestion Dr. Antonio de Bustamante of Cuba, president of the conference, was made an ex-officio member of all committees. He is in full sympathy with American policies in the Caribbean and agrees with Mr. Hughes on questions of international law that will come under discussion.

In Italy the Coolidge address and the firm attitude of the American delegates aroused much bitter comment in the newspapers, for Mussolini has been planning a union of all Latin countries to be headed by Italy, and the failure of this scheme is seen if the United States maintains and extends its hegemony on the Western continent.

President Coolidge and his party returned to Washington Thursday after a swift rail trip from Key West that was broken only by a stop of an hour in Jacksonville, Fla.

DOWN in Nicaragua the marines under direct command of General Lejeune seemed to be making marked progress in the dispersal of the Sandino band of rebels. On Wednesday there were reports in Managua, unconfirmed but credible, that Sandino himself had been killed or seriously wounded during the bombing operations of the marine aviators under Maj. R. F. Rowell, who attacked El Chipote, the mountain stronghold of the rebels. Aviators who flew over San Rafael Tuesday saw what was evidently a large funeral procession. Next day the marine air patrols reported that El Chipote had been abandoned.

TWO days of speechmaking was needed before the senate got around to declaring vacant the seat of Senator-elect Frank L. Smith of Illinois. The outcome was never in doubt, but various senators wanted to be heard, some in favor of the Reed committee's resolution and others in opposition. The language of the resolution as reported was changed so that the measure read that Smith's credentials were tainted with fraud and corruption and that as a consequence he was not entitled to membership in the senate and that a vacancy exists in the Illinois representation. The statement eliminated by the alteration was that Smith was not entitled to the oath of office because of the nature of the contributions to his campaign fund.

SENATOR HEFLIN of Alabama is convinced that the Roman Catholic church is determined to destroy him because of his attacks on the

Knights of Columbus, and on Wednesday he broke out in one of his customary tirades against the Catholics. He attributed the publication of the discredited Hearst Mexican documents to a Catholic conspiracy against him, bringing in the name of Mrs. Hearst as a member of that church. When Senator Robinson of Arkansas, a member of the committee that investigated the documents, denied that the Catholic church had anything to do with them, Hefflin in a rage demanded that Robinson be deposed as minority leader. The debate between these two Democrats then became extremely bitter and personal and was listened to by the Republicans with deep interest. Hefflin took occasion to warn his fellow Democrats against nominating Gov. Al Smith for the Presidency, asserting they should "hang their heads in shame" at the Smith candidacy. "If the Democrats should nominate Smith for the Presidency," he shouted, "the Republicans can defeat him with anybody by from 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 votes. The American people, knowing what the Roman Catholic political machine is doing, are not going to put him in the White House just now. Any leader in the South who supports Al Smith will never come back to this capitol."

Robinson said he had heard Hefflin's anti-Catholic speech a dozen times during the last year and was sick and tired of it. He went on: "It is illustrative how a good man can go wrong and how far wrong he can go and what a fool he can make of himself when he does go wrong. The senator from Alabama takes himself so seriously that he thinks he can dictate to the whole Democratic party."

The Democratic senators in caucus later gave Robinson a vote of confidence and support.

APPEARING before the house naval committee, Admiral Hughes, chief of naval operations, said that if the United States is to have a really adequate fleet it will have to spend a billion dollars, rather than the \$740,000,000 called for by the present construction program. He held it would be necessary to add at least 25 per cent more ships to the present program, which calls for the completion within the next eight years of 25 cruisers, 35 submarines, 9 destroyer leaders and 5 aircraft carriers. Our battleships, the admiral asserted, are "woefully behind" those of Great Britain in gun power, range, speed and effectiveness, and in reply to questions he disputed the theory of Admiral Sims that the battleship would be displaced by the aircraft carrier as the backbone of the fleet in the next war and that aircraft and submarines would be dominant factors.

Word comes from London that the British government has further reduced its naval building program, abandoning another cruiser, which makes a total of three dropped since the Geneva naval conference. The saving will be about \$27,500,000.

GREAT BRITAIN is extremely cautious in the matter of security agreements. In a note to the subcommittee on security of the preparatory committee on disarmament which meets in Geneva in February, the government emphatically reasserts its belief in localized agreements as opposed to generalized schemes. The note points out that the strength of an arbitration treaty depends entirely on the willingness of the people to support decisions unfavorable to themselves, which creates limits "beyond which a state cannot go in accepting binding obligations to arbitrate."

It observes that the time is not ripe for any general system of sanctions for the enforcement of arbitration treaties, and doubts that any nation which is strong enough to use force effectively would at present undertake any such general obligations to use force against a party to a dispute which refused to submit to arbitration.

FOR several weeks a Japanese delegation headed by Viscount Goto has been in Moscow trying to negotiate with the soviet government for large colonization concessions in the Amur valley of Siberia. Also, Baron Tanaka, the Japanese premier, has been moving for a Russo-Japanese alliance. Both these plans may fail

through, the former because the Russian government is determined the Japanese shall not get a strong foothold in Siberia, and the latter because of the marked disapproval of Great Britain. As a sign of this disapproval the British government suddenly decided to send five 10,000-ton cruisers to China.

Conditions throughout China are becoming more chaotic daily, if that is possible, and brigandage and piracy are increasing. The Peking and Hunan factions are fighting near Tungling lake, three army corps being involved, and the forces of Gen. Feng Yu-hsiang and Marshal Chang Tso-lin are at it again in southern Chihli and northern Honan.

TROTSKY, former Russian war commissar, has been exiled to a village on the border between Turkistan and China, and his fellow leaders of the opposition have been sent to remote posts to repent. In published letters Trotsky explains that his quarrel with Dictator Stalin is due to Stalin's determination that the Communist party shall dictate the policies of communism and the communist international, while the former war commissar says the international, the more important body of the two, should control the Russian Communist party.

The split in the Russian Communist party has had an echo in France, where many communists who adhered to Trotsky have been removed from the party pay roll and forbidden to enter the meetings.

THAT lovely peace dove that hovered over Pilsudski and Waldemars at Geneva hasn't found a place to light yet. Poland opened negotiations for a settlement but Lithuania in her reply outlined conditions so unacceptable to the Poles that a stern protest was sent from Warsaw to Kovno. The Lithuanians are further annoying the Poles by tearing up the Lithuanian portion of the railroad which formerly connected Kovno with Vilna.

TWELVE radical Republicans joined with the Democrats in the senate early in the week and brought about the adoption of a resolution recommending a downward revision of the tariff on industrial products. The vote was 54 to 34. The resolution read:

"Resolved, that many of the rates in the existing tariff schedules are excessive, that the senate favors immediate revision downward of such excessive rates, establishing a closer parity between agriculture and industry, believing it will result to the general benefit of all;

"Resolved, further, that such tariff revision should be considered and enacted during the present session of congress;

"Resolved, further, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the house of representatives."

That was fine as far as it went, but next day the house, by a vote of 183 to 164 tabled the resolution, after an attempt to have it referred to the ways and means committee. As in the senate, the radical Republicans of the house voted with the Democrats, against shelving the measure.

COMPLYING with the wishes of the administration, the senate finance committee postponed consideration of the tax bill passed by the house until March 15, when, according to Senator Smoot, it will be possible to determine more accurately the amount of revenues and expenditures during the coming year. Democratic members vainly insisted on immediate action.

MERELY to clear up the question of Herbert Hoover's regularity as a Republican, former Senator Calder, president of the National Republican club, issued a statement that Mr. Hoover has been a member of that club since 1909 and that a condition of membership is membership in the Republican party. Members of the treasury staff in Washington already are actively at work in the interests of the Hoover boom, though Secretary Mellon remains noncommittal on his own preference. In the senate Senator Shortridge predicted that Hoover would be the next President, and being questioned by Democrats, he added: "He will continue the policies of this administration."

A Wife's Transformation

The Story of the Comeback of a Woman Gone to Seed
By Mary Culbertson Miller

INSTALLMENT XIV

Imitating the Wet Seal.
"NOW — we'll lie on the floor face downward," said the rhythm instructor. "Stretch your hands out as far as they can reach and press your feet close together. Fix this in your mind—the seal is sunning himself on the rocks." After several minutes the instructor went on, "Ooooo . . . the waves are splashing up around you; now the spray has cooled your warm body. Raise yourself lazily. Move the right fore-flipper closer to your body, now the left; now raise the forepart of your body from the rocks. Stretch your shoulders and hang your head between. Keep that position a few minutes. Now . . . slowly raise your head to one side to look over the ocean, then down . . . and around to the other side. Back and forth—back and forth you swing your head, always finding something of interest to see in the far distance."

Helen became quite enamored of her rhythm movements. It required no effort of will to report at the studio at her particular hour. One morning when they were well along in the course the rhythm instructor said: "You are standing much better, Mrs. Crane, but I'm going to drill a little tomorrow on a sitting posture. We'll do that after your regular work is over."

"That will be all for today. Tomorrow I'd like you to come to me at the same time." The instructor was examining her note book. "That will be your hour during your course, if it is convenient, Mrs. Crane."

"I can make my other appointments fit in nicely," Helen agreed.

Caterpillar and Turtle.
"To meet your needs we'll include the 'Caterpillar' and the 'Turtle.' I think that will be all. Miss Whyte insists that we show a material change in body contour in such a limited time that I shall employ only the work that will straighten out your settles satisfactorily." The rhythm instructor was smiling. "That reminds me of a little jingle: When people say, 'She's settled down,' I listen with a lurking doubt; It means we'll get her by and by And have to stretch her settles out."

A trill of honest-to-goodness mirth greeted that. "Well, I'm glad I've found you to stretch mine out." That was fervently declared.

"Here's another one that I think a little amusing," said the instructor:

"I like rhythm better than doctors For putting my parts in their place, And learning my posture from nature Is better than wearing a brace. Besides, when I'm through with the doctor, I'm glad, for his treatment's a bore. But when I get perfect through rhythm, I want to keep on all the more."

"I love that. I'm sure I'll be keeping on too. I should imagine this work would improve one's dancing, too."

"You'll be a nymph—if you stay with us," laughed the instructor. "In the summer we'll take you out in the woods and you may dance and play at will."

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Science Has Numbered Hairs on Human Head

The number of hairs on a man's head varies somewhat with race, climate, age, health, and hair color. Dr. Arthur Selwyn Brown, writing in Popular Mechanics Magazine, says there are about 1,200 hairs per square inch on the head of a middle-aged man, and 100 per square inch on the face.

"A woman with black hair," he writes, "has about 600 hairs per square inch on the top of her head, while a blond has 700 per square inch. A black-haired person usually has the thickest hair and the blond the finest."

"The total number of hairs on the head of any ordinary black-haired woman is about 110,000, while a blond has 150,000, and a red-haired woman only 30,000. A woman's hair is heavier and coarser than a man's and it grows longer. The average length of hair of women of the Anglo-Saxon race is from eighteen to thirty inches, and that of men between six and ten inches."

Disposal of Property Calls for Cool Mind

When making a will, one is advised to consult a good lawyer, for the reason that a slight legal flaw, such as a nonprofessional is likely to make, will invalidate an otherwise perfect instrument. It is good advice to say that no one should make a will unless and until he has definitely decided in his own mind what he wants his will to accomplish. A will ought to be a deliberately planned act. "Being sound in mind and body" is a phrase used in thousands of wills to indicate that the testator knows what he is doing. But even more valuable it would be for the testator to say: "Being sound in mind and body, having carefully deliberated, bearing no ill will toward any one, and not being in haste, I do now make this my last will and testament." Don't make a will when you are in a hurry, when you are angry, or when you are sick. —Outlook.

Disinfection Is Best for Scab

Kills Organisms on Tubers and Prevents Introduction Into Soil.

The importance of seed disinfection in the growing of a clean crop of potatoes is much greater than the average grower realizes. Potato specialists at the college of agriculture in New Brunswick point out that in tests conducted in 1920 disinfected seed showed an increase of 33.9 bushels per acre over untreated seed. In addition to the increase in yield there was a considerable reduction in the number of scabby potatoes.

Kills Organisms.

Not only will disinfection kill organisms on the tuber, but it prevents their introduction into the soil as well. This is especially true of scab organisms. Unquestionably, if seed treatment had been more generally adopted in the past, more growers would not now be growing scabby potatoes.

There are two chemicals commonly recommended for seed treatment, formaldehyde and corrosive sublimate. Formaldehyde does not give as efficient control of scab, so the use of corrosive sublimate is advised. This material is a poison and must be kept away from animals; furthermore, it corrodes metal and must be made up and used in wooden containers.

Mix Corrosive Sublimate.

Mix corrosive sublimate at the rate of 4 ounces to 30 gallons of water. The potatoes should be soaked in this solution for at least one-half hour, but if heavily infected with scab or rhizoctonia, continue the treatment one hour. As soon as potatoes are treated they should be removed from the solution and dried. Corrosive sublimate is removed from the solution by the potatoes, so measures must be adopted to keep it up to original strength. This may be done by adding one-half ounce of dissolved corrosive sublimate after treating every four bushels. Seed can be treated for four to five cents a bushel.

Swine Flu Exceedingly Expensive to Breeders

Since the introduction of preventive measures for hog cholera, greater loss is sustained by hog producers from flu than from cholera. Flu undoubtedly causes greater financial loss to the producer of hogs than any other single disease. While many hogs actually die from flu the main damage occasioned by this disease is the result of loss in condition of the herd. When a herd is infected with the flu, even though recovery is secured without loss from death, there is a tremendous waste of feed, for the porkers not only fail to gain in weight while affected with the disease, but generally they also lose weight. When brood sows become affected with the flu, the problem is still more serious because it very often causes abortion and if not, many of the pigs will be born dead, so that the average number of pigs raised per sow, even though no sows are lost, may be reduced by 100 per cent, which makes the pigs very expensive. The thing to do is to institute preventive measures against this disease by supplying good, well ventilated sleeping quarters, kept well bedded.

Take Vigorous Measures Against Pest of Rodents

With rats and mice in evidence in large numbers, farmers will do well to begin vigorous control measures against these filthy, destructive pests.

Powdered barium carbonate, mixed with various types of food on a basis of one part of the poison to four parts of the selected food, has proved very effective.

In the control of large rats, which are especially destructive to young poultry, a rabbit carcass with the poison worked into knife cuts, has given unusually good results. The poison should be worked into the cuts in the proportion of one part to four of the flesh, and the carcass placed where rats will have ready access, but poultry and other domestic animals will not be endangered. Securing the carcass firmly with wire will prevent large rats from dragging it away.

Short Farm Notes

Scrub seed should not be allowed to reproduce themselves.

Look up last year's garden plan and study it for improvements.

Plan your plantings so all your work won't come at the same time.

Sweet clover seed should not be sown too late in the spring or it may not give a good stand.

Look over the lists of new garden tools. They turn out new and more efficient tools every year.

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