

1—Ill-fated submarine S-4, recently raised, as it now appears in dry dock. 2—Julio Maniu, leader of the Peasant party in Rumania. 3—Norman H. Davis presenting the Woodrow Wilson foundation medal to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Gigantic Combination of Capital Announced at New York.

THE New York World announced that it regarded as an accomplished fact the biggest communications merger on record. This, it stated, was the combination of the Mackay companies, operating 5,000 Postal telegraph offices in the United States, and the International Telephone and Telegraph company.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE believes the United States can still be helpful to Nicaragua by assisting the people of that country to choose its government, despite the action of the Nicaraguan house in rejecting the McCoy bill providing for supervision of the coming election by the marine corps.

This view was reflected by an announcement from the Navy department that two additional battalions of marines had been ordered to Nicaragua to reinforce the 2,700 already on duty there.

The two additional battalions will bring the total of United States forces in Nicaragua to 3,700, the greatest number ever to operate in that country at one time. Should the marine force be unable to cope with the situation, about 1,500 blue jackets and marines on board five cruisers in Nicaraguan waters will be available for shore duty.

Secretary Wilbur said the additional marine forces were to be used primarily for overseeing the coming elections and not for action against General Sandino, rebel leader, although the troops may be employed to further the general activities of the marines in Nicaragua.

The problem now confronting the Washington government, in Mr. Coolidge's opinion, is that of devising some plan under which the United States can fulfill its obligations under the Stimson agreement according to the original spirit of that pact—one of helpfulness to the Nicaraguan people in the selection of its public officials.

ADMISSION that "we may have overlooked something" by the builder of the collapsed St. Francis dam featured the first official inquiry to fix the dam blame at the coroner's inquest over the bodies of 69 of the dam victims.

William Mulholland, seventy-two, chief engineer of the Los Angeles municipal water board, who built the dam, declared: "The only ones I now envy are those that are dead."

Loss of life in the disaster is now computed at 449 persons—272 known dead and 177 missing and believed to have perished. While search for dead continued, more than 100 tractors being used to tear through big piles of debris, authorities in the stricken zone decided to confine efforts only to reclaimable land. Debris on unreclaimable area occupied by the old bed of the Santa Clara river will be burned. Authorities said it would be impossible to put a large enough force at work to recover bodies on unreclaimable land within a reasonable time.

Evidence that a dynamite explosion may have caused the collapse of the dam and caused the flood of death on the Santa Clara river valley was

said to be in the hands of investigating authorities. So much credence was placed on the findings of deputy sheriffs assigned to the flood area that every reservoir and dam in the entire Los Angeles water system was put under a heavy guard.

AN AMERICAN girl was married March 17 to one of the wealthiest of Hindu princes in a ceremony modern in manner, medieval in splendor and ancient ritual.

The wedding, which united Miss Nancy Ann Miller of Seattle with Sir Tukooljrao Holkar, former maharajah of Indore, was witnessed by thousands of Hindus, dressed like true princes and princesses and wearing the costliest jewels money can buy. After the ceremony, which ended ten days of ritual whereby Miss Miller became a Hindu, princess and a member of the Holkar family, bride and groom were hosts at a banquet to 10,000 guests.

FEDERAL supervision of the coal industry, as tentatively suggested by Senator Gooding (Rep., Idaho), was endorsed on behalf of the United Mine Workers by John L. Lewis, president.

Lewis, who has informed the senate investigating committee that his organization is ready to meet with operators to suggest legislation to stabilize the industry, declared that the union would be "practically unanimous" in supporting federal control of coal production and marketing, because the Gooding proposal is the most constructive made to date. The coal commission idea has been endorsed also by several coal operators during the inquiry, but others refused to commit themselves.

ONE of the most pitiful tragedies in the annals of the American navy was revealed in the Charlestown (Mass.) navy yard. Eight remaining bodies were taken from the submarine S-4, now in dry dock there. At the same time it was made clear what occurred inside that vessel after it was rammed and sunk by the coast guard destroyer Paulding, on rum chasing duty, near Provincetown December 27.

Conditions shown as the water was pumped out of the S-4 made it evident that every one of the 40 men in the submarine had found temporary safety in locked compartments and had died many hours later either suffocated by deadly gases or smothered by the exhaustion of the air.

Thirty-four men had lived for an undetermined number of hours in the motor and engine room compartments. Five or six men who had lived approximately three days in the forward torpedo room had died, it was indicated, sleeping peacefully in their bunks. Some of them had partly undressed to make themselves more comfortable.

COL. CHARLES A. LINDBERGH is now a congressional medal of honor man. President Coolidge pinned the coveted emblem, the highest decoration of the American government, upon the blushing trans-Atlantic hero during a brief, impressive ceremony March 21, on the White House grounds.

Vice President Dawes, Speaker Longworth (Rep., Ohio), members of the cabinet, and high officers of the army and navy witnessed the presentation.

THE Bank of the Soviet Union has engaged the New York law firm of Simpson, Thacher and Bartlett to fight the Bank of France's attempt to replevin \$5,210,000 in gold sent here by the Russian institution and is prepared to bring a counter-claim for losses it may sustain through the French action.

It is estimated that the Russian bank is losing from \$700 to \$1,000 in interest daily on the metal, which lies in the vaults of the Chase National bank and the Equitable Trust company. Had it not been for the French action the gold might have been out of the country by now or else used as the basis of credits with private American interests.

although the treaty has been in force for some years, the Bank of France has never filed a claim for the gold until the present action.

ACTING upon the instruction of the Canadian cabinet, Gov. Gen. Willingdon of Ontario approved orders in council commuting to life imprisonment the death sentence passed on Dorris McDonald and confirming the death sentence passed on George McDonald, her husband, both Americans. They were found guilty of the murder of Adelard Bouchard, Lachine (Quebec) taxi driver.

A TWO MILLION DOLLAR trades school as a memorial to his father, John Wannamaker, is provided in the will of Rodman Wannamaker, Philadelphia merchant. The document disposes of an estate of from \$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000, instead of \$50,000,000, which was the first estimate of its value.

THE London Daily Express says Lord Balfour, lord president of the council, former prime minister and one of the outstanding British statesmen of the present generation, is suffering from heart trouble and has canceled all his engagements. He has been ill for some time. In January he suffered a severe attack of laryngitis.

THE \$274,000,000 new warship construction program was approved by the house and sent to the senate. The vote was 287 to 57.

In passing the Butler bill, the house voted for the construction of 15 cruisers of 10,000 tons displacement each and one aircraft carrier of 13,800 tons. The measure carries a provision requesting the President to "urge the necessity" of another international conference for the limitation of naval armaments and gives him authority either in whole or in part in the event of a limitation agreement.

RECEIPTS from the March 15 income tax returns reported to the Treasury department, to the close of business March 17, aggregated \$215,500,000. On the same date a year ago the returns aggregated \$197,600,000, an increase this year of \$17,838,000.

Should this proportion hold good for the entire collection on income for the last calendar year, the treasury would receive about \$100,000,000 above its estimate.

TWENTY-TWO of the 25 countries represented on the preparatory committee for a League of Nations disarmament conference lined up against the Soviet plan for immediate complete disarmament.

Hugh S. Gibson, the United States; David Whitmarsh, Cuba; Baron Rollin Jacquemyns, Belgium; Jonker Rutgers, Holland; E. Heening, Sweden; M. Sokal, Poland, and M. Markovitch, Yugo-Slavia, added their criticisms to others, making the Russian defeat overwhelming.

NORA Bayes, comedienne who delighted audiences in Broadway and London theaters for more than a score of years and cheered many persons privately by her generous acts, died at a Brooklyn hospital.

She had gone almost directly from singing at two benefits to the hospital for an abdominal operation. She was apparently well on the way to recovery when a relapse came.

Miss Bayes once wrote that she was born in Joliet, Ill., and other sources fixed the date as 1880. Her real name was Leonora Goldberg. She is survived by her husband, Benjamin L. Friedland, whom she married three years ago on the steamship Leviathan, and by three young children she had adopted.

AN INVESTIGATION of the 1928 Presidential and congressional campaign by a special senate committee has been proposed from two sources.

Senator Nye (Rep.) of North Dakota, chairman of the Teapot Dome committee, which has been inquiring into past campaign funds, says that, if no one else proposes a resolution to have a committee check up on the organization of the two parties, he will do so.

In a formal statement Senator Capper (Rep.) of Kansas gave notice that he would seek to have the senate provide the machinery to inquire into expenditures in the coming campaign.

EASY LESSONS IN AUCTION BRIDGE

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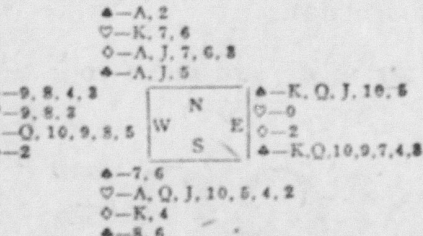
The Squeeze Play

THOSE who followed the radio auction bridge games will probably remember that the squeeze play was used quite frequently and may have wondered why they have never encountered it in their own playing. The reason is very simple—it is an unusual play and is, as a rule, recognized only by unusual players. Cases where it might be used occur with great frequency but the declarer, all unconscious of the possibility, plays his winning cards and concedes the last trick or two to the adversaries. The conditions which make it possible should be studied with care and every player should be on the alert to detect the preliminary setting for it.

Simply explained, the squeeze play is compelling the adversaries to discard either a commanding card of a suit in which declarer holds the second best, or a guard for a stopper of a suit in which declarer holds several.

This may be done by leading a number of good cards in no trump or in a trump declaration after the trumps have been exhausted. For instance, suppose that declarer is playing no trump and his hand is reduced to the following four cards: hearts—King and nine; diamonds—ten; clubs—five. Senior has: hearts—Queen, eight and six; diamonds—Jack. Dummy has: hearts—Ace, ten, seven and two. Junior has no diamonds or clubs, and two small hearts have been discarded. Declarer leads his good five of clubs and senior is caught in the squeeze. If he discards his Jack of diamonds declarer will win the last three tricks with the ten of diamonds and the Ace and King of hearts; and if he discards a heart declarer will lead hearts, catch the Queen on the second lead taken by dummy's Ace, and the ten of hearts will be good for the last trick.

The following complete deal illustrates this play and is also worthy of note regarding the bidding:



East deals and bids one spade, the higher suit of his "two-sulter." South bids three hearts, jumping the bid unnecessarily in an effort to stop West from supporting his partner's spades. West and North pass and East shows his second suit by bidding four clubs. South can count only six sure tricks and so must pass, hoping for help from his partner. West decidedly prefers spades to clubs; therefore changes the bid to four spades. This is not a raise and does not indicate to his partner that he has a raising hand, but simply states that he prefers spades. North bids five hearts and all pass.

West leads his singleton club, dummy declares and counts his losing cards. One spade and one club seem to be losers—can he get rid of them? He can—finesse the diamonds and if he is successful and can establish the suit a grand slam will be easy; otherwise he must wait and see what develops.

The play of the hand follows:

Table with 5 columns (W, N, E, S) and 13 rows of card distributions. West: C2, H3, H4, D8, D9, D10, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8, S9. North: C4, H5, H6, D7, D8, D9, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8, S9, S10. East: C5, H6, H7, D9, D10, D11, S5, S6, S7, S8, S9, S10, S11. South: C6, H7, H8, D10, D11, D12, S6, S7, S8, S9, S10, S11, S12.

At trick 7 declarer saw the possibility of a squeeze play and so discarded a spade and saved his small club. Upon the tricks 9 to 11 the discards from dummy were governed by West's discards. If West had thrown away his Queen of diamonds dummy's six would have been made good, but it was discarded on trick 11 because West still held the Queen. On trick 11 East was caught—his discard of the King of clubs made declarer's eight good; while if he had thrown the Queen of spades dummy's two of spades would have been good.

Derogatory Appellation

The word "doughface" was first coined by John Randolph of Roanoke. It means a person who is pliable and yielding. Randolph applied the term to northern politicians who truckled to the slave power. He branded the Missouri compromise as "a dirty bargain, helped on by eighteen northern doughfaces." The epithet immediately passed into the slang vocabulary of politics. One authority suggests that possibly Randolph was improperly quoted and that what he really meant was "doe-faces," referring to the meekness of the doe. It seems more probable, however, that in its original application the term compared certain yielding politicians with the kneadable character of dough. James Russell Lowell defined "doughface" as a contented lickspittle, a common variety of northern politicians.—Kansas City Star.

Roses in Profusion

One thousand varieties of roses are included in the vast rose garden of the University of Texas at Austin. Every known variety of rose grown in Texas and many varieties from other states are among the specimens in this remarkable garden, one of the largest in the world. The garden is under the supervision of Dr. B. C. Thorp, professor of botany at the University of Texas. The rose garden is a part of the Texas Botanical garden, which was established two years ago.

The BABY



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Education by Mail To meet educational needs of families living in remote parts of Manitoba and of children unable on account of physical handicap to attend school, a system of correspondence instruction has been inaugurated by the provincial department of education. It is estimated that about every fourth person in the province of Manitoba is seeking by study to reach a higher educational standard.

Women, Here are Facts!

Roanoke, Va.—"There is a difference of seventeen years in the ages of my last two children and all that time I suffered with feminine weakness which completely undermined my health. I was nervous and weak, grew very thin and pale, and suffered untold agony with pain and distress. I doctored all the while and took medicine with no result. I finally decided to quit all doctoring and take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. From then on I began to regain my health. Expectancy followed and that baby was the strongest, healthiest and smartest of any of my children and has always been so."—Mrs. F. P. Ferguson, 613 4th Ave. N. W. All dealers. Tablets or liquid.

Palestine

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