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Germany Spreads Trade Net Over Whole of Old World

WORLD WOULD

COMMERCIAL PACTS WITH MANY LANDS ARE NEGOTIATED

Result May Be Complete Destruction of All Tariff Barriers.

ENGLAND SIGNS Italy, France and Belgium Also Being Asked for Favored Treatment.

BY CHARLES M. McCANN (United News Staff Cor.) London, Dec. 3.—Germany is deliberately making herself the centre of a vast network of commercial treaties which, if carried to logical conclusion, will incorporate all of the old world into an economic bond wherein most favored nation clauses would nullify many sections of the tariff laws in every country concerned.

MEANWHILE SEVEN GERMAN DELEGATES HAVE ARRIVED IN ROME FOR THE PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATING A COMMERCIAL TREATY WITH ITALY.

At this moment Franco-German negotiations are proceeding in Paris. The path toward a commercial accord between the ancient enemies is rough uphill and uncharted, but some headway is being made.

The significance of the new Anglo-German pact is that it represents the first step toward a general European pact which would give the same privileges to England.

Germany specifically pledges herself in the pact with England not to discriminate against British textiles and to abstain from discriminatory legislation against British ships.

England agrees to remove restrictions against German shipping agencies in Great Britain, to permit German seamen and stewards to serve on British ships, and to remove the restrictions against the Germans as former enemies entering Great Britain.

Activity in Russia. Moscow is the scene of another German effort to better industrial relations with a neighbor.

P. E. I. Attracted 1,400 Automobiles. Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 3.—More than 1,400 visiting automobiles were in the province of Prince Edward Island during last summer's tourist season, according to announcement at the annual meeting of the P. E. I. Tourist Association on Monday night.

Is Sent to Jail to Finish Solution of Crossword Puzzle

New York, Dec. 3.—Weiz Nathan, must pay \$5 fine or spend one day in jail for obstructing traffic in a restaurant hours while he was solving a crossword puzzle.

BIG CUT IN MOVE TO THE U. S. ANNOUNCED

October Showed Immigrants From Canada Fewer by 5,000.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Figures given out by the United States immigration authorities show a continued decline in the number of immigrants admitted from Canada.

GERMAN IS HELD FOR MURDER OF 8

Wife, Mother, Sister and Servants of Prisoner Were Victims.

By CARL D. GROAT. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) Berlin, Dec. 3.—A gruesome wholesale murder near Slesig, in Westphalia in which eight persons were hacked or burned to death, was revealed by police investigation today.

Squalls Do Damage In Southern France

Paris, Dec. 3.—Squalls, similar to that which recently did \$600,000 damage to Nice in four minutes, struck various parts of southern France yesterday.

Ontario Rhodes Men 23 Years Old

Toronto, Dec. 3.—Louis A. MacKay, 23 years old, a native of Hensall, Ont., has been awarded the 1925 Rhodes Scholarship for Ontario.

I. W. Wixon Gets Montreal Post

Montreal, Dec. 3.—Irving W. Wixon, who has been in the service of the U. S. Immigration Department for 17 years, has been appointed commissioner of the service in Montreal to replace Hon. John H. Clark, who recently resigned.

GIFT OF PEERAGE IS URGED FOR FORMER BRITISH PREMIER

Friends of Asquith Would Have Him Lifted from Political Turmoil.

REFUSED BEFORE

On Holiday in Egypt, Willingness Cannot Be Ascertained.

London, Dec. 3.—A number of influential persons, recognizing the general regret over former Premier Asquith's temporary elimination from public life through his defeat in the last election, have taken the occasion of his holiday in Egypt to agitate again that he be lifted above all political bickerings by the gift of a peerage in the King's New Year honors list.

PAYS NICE TRIBUTE TO CADET CORPS

General MacDonnell Says Canadian Bravery Due to School System.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 3.—Gen. Sir Archibald MacDonnell told his hearers at the St. Andrews banquet that the Canadian militia has fought for its country every 15 years since 1759.

Canada To Reopen Dublin Trade Office

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—The Canadian government is opening an office in Dublin for the purpose of developing trade with the Irish Free State.

N. B. Partnerships Are Dissolved

Fredericton, Dec. 3.—The partnership existing among George E. Estabrooks, deceased, Clarence H. Estabrooks and Parker G. Estabrooks, butchers and provision merchants, Sackville, has been dissolved.

Say Bank President Died Natural Death

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 3.—Unofficial agreement was reached last night by authorities investigating the mysterious death of William R. Fee, Alhambra and San Gabriel bank president, whose body was found a week ago in Lyle Creek Canyon, that he died from natural causes.

Mystery of the North Woods



UPPER LEFT—DEAN WHEELER. UPPER RIGHT—MR. WHEELER. BELOW—THEIR CABIN IN MINNESOTA'S NORTH WOODS. Warroad, Minn., Dec. 3.—The north woods has been the scene of another murder mystery.

SLAYER OF HALIFAX POLICEMAN IS SENTENCED TO HANG FEBRUARY 11

(By Canadian Press.) Halifax, Dec. 3.—Lewis Bevis, of Halifax, who shot and killed Police Officer Charles Fulton in a gun battle which waged with the city police on July 15, was sentenced to be hanged on February 11 by Judge Chisholm in the Supreme Court this morning.

ORDERS RETURN OF CREW'S PROPERTY

U. S. Court Brands Seizure From British Vessel as an Outrage. Boston, Dec. 3.—Because of alleged failure to obey Judge Morton's order, to return to the crew of the British schooner Marjorie E. Buchanan \$1,000 worth of personal property seized by the prize crew of the cutter Tampa, when the schooner was taken as a ram runner on October 24, Attorney Matthew I. McGrath has filed a motion in Federal Court here asking that assistant United States Attorney Lawrence Curtis be adjudged in contempt and imprisoned.

Paris Combats Its Traffic Problems

Paris, Dec. 3.—Traffic conditions in Paris, showing no signs of betterment, the prefect has issued a decree banning slow moving vehicles from the area around the boulevards between the hours of 3 and 7 p.m. Other measures are contemplated, including suppression of street car service except in the outside quarters and reducing the number of stopping places for automobiles.

Loses Two Thumbs on One Hand, Now Seeks Competition For Both of Them

Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 3.—Born with two thumbs on the right hand and losing them recently in an anthracite mine accident, Anthony Gusati, a miner, in a letter to the district office of the United Mine Workers, yesterday asked that he receive the backing of that body in his fight for compensation for the loss of both.

FIRE AND HIGH WIND THREATEN BUSINESS SECTION OF DIGBY

\$15,000 Damage Done when Garage and Contents Destroyed.

5 CARS BURNED

Firemen and Citizens Have Difficulty Subduing the Flames.

(Special to The Times-Star.) Digby, Dec. 3.—With a high wind blowing, Digby was the scene, at 3 o'clock this morning, of a very serious fire. At the beginning, the entire business section of the town was in danger of being wiped out.

LEAGUE COUNCIL TO HAVE RICH SETTING

Will Meet in One of Rome's Most Luxurious Palaces Next Week.

Rome, Dec. 3.—Elaborate preparations are in the making for the meeting here, beginning next Monday of the League of Nations' council.

Flapper Bandit Working London

London, Dec. 3.—London has its own "bobbed hair bandit," according to police reports. These describe the woman as about 23 years old, a blonde with bobbed hair, and say she is working in conjunction with a man, allegedly her husband, and another woman.

Little Evidence in Gough Trial

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 3.—The trial of R. P. Cough, Home Bank director, on a charge of concealing in false returns of the bank's condition, brought forth little new evidence yesterday.

Ocean G. Smith, Out on Suspended Sentence, is Witness.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 3.—The trial of Ocean G. Smith, former accountant of the bank, who was yesterday allowed to go on suspended sentence following conviction on a charge of negligence, was continued today.

New-Made Mason, Pestered By Wife, Sues For Divorce

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 3.—A judge here has been called upon to decide whether a man has a right to keep a secret from his wife.

CANADA'S EXPORT TO U. K. INCREASE

Imports, However, Show Falling Off—Same Condition in U. S. Trade

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—Exports from Canada to the United Kingdom during the last twelve months show a marked increase over the export figures for the preceding 12 months.

IS CONVICTED OF DYNAMITE THEFT

Stewart and Companion Allowed to go on Suspended Sentence.

(Special to The Times-Star.) Fredericton, Dec. 3.—In the police court this morning before Police Magistrate Limerick, Hedley Stewart was convicted of theft of dynamite from the Nashwaak Pulp and Paper Company.

Loot In Moose Jaw Robbery Was \$36,600

Moose Jaw, Sask., Dec. 3.—The amount stolen from the Moose Jaw post office by armed bandits last night is definitely placed at \$36,600.

Weather Report

Mild With Showers. Maritime—Strong winds or gales from south and southwest; mild with showers.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include Victoria, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, and New York. Temperatures range from 28 to 42 degrees.

U. S. PRESIDENT URGES ADHERENCE TO WORLD COURT

Reiterates, However, Disposition Against Joining League of Nations.

STRESSES ECONOMY

Hopes This Will Result in Tax Reduction Next Fiscal Year.

(By Canadian Press.) Washington, Dec. 3.—President Coolidge, in his annual message to congress today, advised United States adherence to the World Court of International Justice.

Arms Reduction

Two new pronouncements marked the President's discussion of foreign affairs. One touched on reduction of world armaments, and the other had reference to the outlawing of war.

Tax Reduction

Combining discussion of tax revision with his statement on economy, the executive said that if Congress, at this session, kept within the budget he had presented "it will then be possible to have a moderate amount of tax reduction and all the tax reform that the congress may wish for during the next fiscal year."

Domestic Affairs

Outstanding recommendations on domestic affairs made by the President included: Such action as will maintain the policy of constantly working toward the full treaty strength of the navy.

Budget Is Reduced

Washington, Dec. 3.—(Canadian Press.) The cost of running the United States Government for the fiscal year 1926 was estimated at \$3,729,519,846.48, an estimated reduction of \$89,225,931.72 from the expenditures of the current fiscal year, in the annual budget sent to Congress by President Coolidge yesterday.