

British Display Naval Strength To Forge New Link With France

By BATES RANEY
(Associated Press Feature Editor)
LONDON, Mar. 28. (AP)—A quarter-century of surface understanding between Great Britain and France will be celebrated all next week by a display of British sea power off Cannes, France.

The occasion will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of the signing of the "entente cordiale" fostered by the late King Edward. The Mediterranean fleet will take part in the display and Sir Austen Chamberlain and Aristide Briand may represent the foreign ministries of their respective countries.

Some observers regard the fête as another attempt to regain the solidarity which existed between world war and which was given a jolt by the recent collapse of the Anglo-French naval pact in the face of adverse world public opinion.

socially strained at the close of Anglo-French cooperation was the war and in the peace negotiations because of differing interests. There have been consist-

and French statesmen ever since ent attempts by certain British to put the relations back on a pre-war basis. The guaranteeing of French security by the treaty of Locarno gave the movement impetus, but the failure of the Anglo-French naval pact acted as a brake. Students of Anglo-French relations are realizing more and more just how efficient King Edward was as a diplomat. The entente cordiale, signed April 8, 1904, with France, was promoted largely by King Edward's influence and his reception of President Fallieres in England did much to assist the historic document. Moreover, the closer ties between England and smaller countries like Portugal and Spain, effected by King Edward, exist to this day.

The coming naval display is regarded by some students as the beginning of a new drive to consolidate public opinion, in both countries in favor of the old solidarity. A "good show" is likely to be made by the British jacksies and the publicists of both nations will probably make the most of the occasion.

CHILDBIRTH MORTALITY INCREASES IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Mar. 28. (AP)—The British government and British medical science are baffled by the problem of mortality in motherhood.

Social welfare workers in the last two decades have reduced infant mortality by one-half, but they have been unable to reduce the rate of mothers' deaths in childbirths in the slightest.

Indeed the rate of maternal mortality in 20 years in Britain has slightly increased, and the situation in this vital concern is now declared by the minister of health to be "lamentable and terrible."

The government itself has been spending about \$10,000,000 annual-

ly for maternity and child welfare services. Vast sums have been expended by voluntary organizations for the same objects.

WESTERN UNION TO REVAMP MEXICAN CABLE SYSTEM

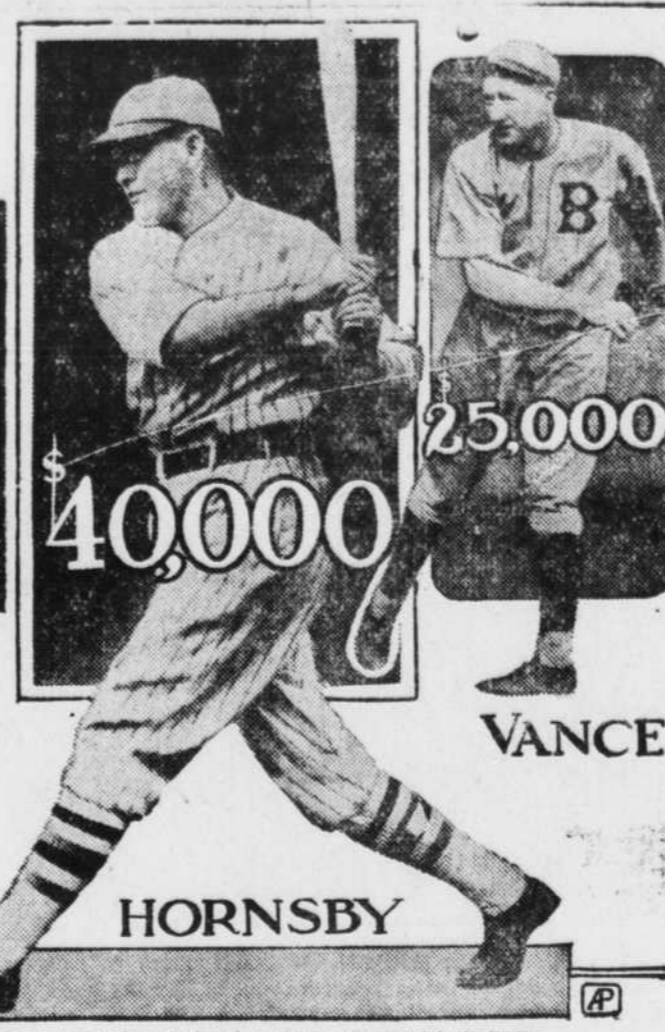
The Western Union Telegraph Company, which recently acquired a controlling interest in the Mexican Telegraph Company, announced yesterday that it is revamping the cable system of that company between this country and Mexico at a cost of approximately \$500,000.

The rearrangement will speed up the cable service between Mexico and the United States. It is also seen as another indication of the increased economic stability of Mexico and a boon to commerce between the two countries.

Three Kings--A Hand That Can't Be Beat Barn Dance Brings Pickards Fame



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Four members of the Pickard family, Obed, Obed, Jr., Ruth, and Mrs. Ann Pickard, whose music of the barn dance days has been brought to the radio and the sidewalks of New York.

By JAY R. VESSELS
(Associated Press Sports Writer)
NEW YORK, Mar. 28. (AP)—When it comes to hitting home runs, striking 'em out or playing second base with emphasis on hitting ability, you have, respectively, Babe Ruth, Dazzy Vance and Rogers Hornsby.

So these men, at the top of their respective departments of baseball, naturally head the list when it comes to the old pay envelope. Dazzy Vance's successful drive on the Brooklyn treasury for a 1929 salary of \$25,000 gave baseball a high salaried trio that stands out in a class by itself.

Ruth, a \$70,000 beauty, stands at the peak—the highest paid player in baseball. Hornsby, without an equal in the National league and second only to Ruth in the whole world of baseball, draws down \$40,000 a year.

Which of the three will make the most from his big league baseball career? The Bambino scarcely can lose, for, counting this year, he already has drawn down around half a million. At 35 he doubtless is good for two more years in the home run business. His present \$70,000 a year contract expires this year.

Vance certainly is no present or potential competitor of the Babe's in this total salary business. Including this year, the dazzer has drawn \$110,244 for eight years of strikeout duty. Hornsby, at 32, has a three-year advantage on Ruth when it comes to age. But that doesn't necessarily mean that he will be in the harness longer than George Herman, because infielders just don't last as long.

The Bambino doubtless will be able to draw on his managerial experience for many a year in the big

salary class. But you cannot count on a man like Ruth, who will be sitting by the fireside capitalizing on his remarkable reputation to match incomes with stars, past and present long after his batting eye has been dimmed.

WASHINGTON DAYBOOK

By HERBERT C. PLUMMER
WASHINGTON, Mar. 28. — In whatever direction Washington's theater may be going, its history offers one of the most interesting chapters in the drama described so often by theatrical critics—"The Fal of the American Stage."

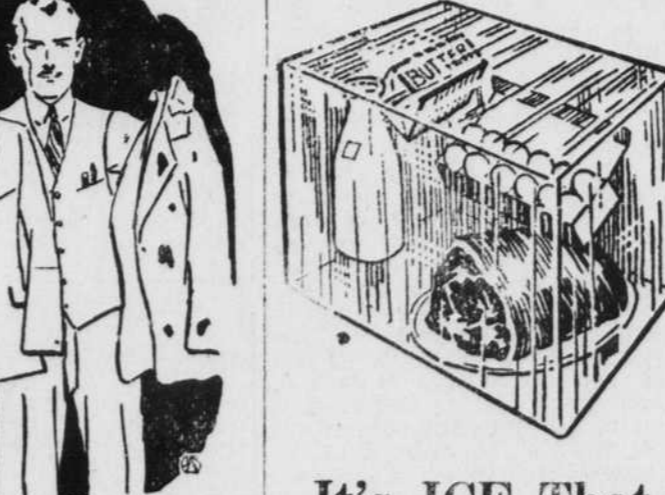
There was a time, not so long ago, when theatergoers in the national capital turned a proud and defiant eye toward New York from day it would not take a strong arm the arches of Ford's theater. To throw a stone from old Wash's to the place where one of Washington's growing number of motion picture palaces rears a decidedly modern head above the theatrical heap.

These two locations mark the strides of the theater in this city. Taste, if it is the cause, has shifted in such a manner that today finds the cuffs of legitimate houses as frayed as those of the old-time actor who has outlived his usefulness.

The Movies Win
It seems that Washington has given almost complete sway to the realm of motion pictures.

Ford's theater has been relegated to the dusty shelf of history. True, it is pointed out by barkers on sightseeing buses. It is where President Lincoln was shot by a crazed actor, and—but the barker forgets—it was where Washington's theatrical history was made and buried. That is what the old-timers say. The moderns have Poli's and the National to answer with.

In the case of Poli's theater the gleam of hope for that theater here sifts through. But it is dark many weeks in the year. Then



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NEW YORK, Mar. 28. (AP)—From the hills of Tennessee to fame along the sidewalks of New York is a long trek.

"Ma" and "Pa" Packard, with their three youngsters, have done just that without stumbling. They merely called upon radio as their supporting guide.

Known to listeners as the Pickard family, the group with its old time tunes that include melodies strummed from a jew's harp, has brought back many songs of old times. Heading these musicians is Obed Pickard, often referred to as a "one-man orchestra" because of his versatility in getting music out of numerous instruments at the same time.

With others of the family a second orchestra is formed, so that when they play on the radio variety is the least of their worries. Besides "Dad," there are "Ma," Mrs. Ann Pickard; a son, Obed, Jr., and two daughters, Ruth and Ann. The last named is 4 years old, and she sometimes gives novelty presentations, such as imitating a rooster.

The Pickards first were heard from WSM, Nashville, but last fall the big city beckoned in the form of a radio contract. They have been here since, playing regularly from WJZ and stations.

A shipment of racoons has been sent from Winnipeg to Finland for breeding purposes.

Miss Margaret Hammond of Belfast, Ireland, is said to be Britain's first woman tax collector.

VILLAGE USES SQUARE FOR ATHLETIC EVENTS

MIFFLINVILLE, Pa., Mar. 28. (AP)—Designed in the hope that it might be selected as the capital of Pennsylvania, this Columbia county village meadows in its public square the community athletic field and recreational center.

Not only is the square of sufficient size for regulation baseball, but it also has plenty of space for the accommodation of spectators and for tennis courts, flower beds and driveways.

Almost all of the streets are 100 to 150 feet in width, with about 200 feet between the building lines.

In the summer time the Mifflinville team of the Susquehanna baseball league plays all of its home games in the square.

Men Without Countries Band

BERLIN, Mar. 28. (AP)—A "Cosmopolitan Union" has been founded in Berlin with the object of establishing the legal status of the "Staatenlose" (person without citizenship). The principal aims of the "Union" will be the creation of a "cosmopolitan passport" and the founding of a welfare fund.

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UNION LABOR PLANNING ADVERTISING PROGRAM

CHICAGO, Mar. 28. (AP)—Organized labor like its employers, soon will advertise in daily newspapers.

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, has announced a survey of the national advertising field, and with the results in hand he will go before the executive council to urge an advertising program.

"We have a message for the employer, particularly for the employer of nonunion labor and for the unorganized worker," Mr. Green has said.

"Heretofore our attempts to reach these two great groups have been by means of a labor press, which by no means will be curtailed, and by public addresses and the like, but I am inclined to agree with the theory that the best place to reach these groups is in the daily newspapers."

The Hawaiian legislature has tabled a proposal to secure long weekends by celebrating most holidays on Mondays.

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