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THE WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

By KIRKE SIMPSON WASHINGTON — To one with personal recollections of the Washington conference on armaments 11 years ago, one of the nine American points laid before the Geneva session by Minister Hugh Gibson reverberates in thundering tones. It is point 4, reading: "We advocate, as we long have done, the total abolition of submarines."

Records of the Washington gathering fail to show that abolition of submarines was an American policy of that day. Yet the instant British rejoinder thereto to the American plan of naval limitations presented by Secretary Hughes was to ask just that. Around that British demand that submarines be scrapped as weapons of naval warfare revolved the most critical hour of the Washington deliberations.

Out of it grew the French rejection of undersea craft which broke down at a stroke efforts to extend to combat vessels other than battleships or airplane carriers provision of the 5-5-3 treaty of naval relativity.

England's rejoinder to the French attitude as to submarines was reservation of the right to build, without restriction, those types of vessels best suited to meet the menace of undersea boats.

STARTED RACE IN CRUISERS From that, in turn, grew the race in cruiser building that vexed the naval powers up until the London naval conference in 1930. That still rumbles in congress. The controversy over 6-inch and 8-inch gun ships had its birth in the discussion of submarines at the Washington conference.

Minutes of the Washington sessions showed only an intimation, officially voiced, that the United States would be ready to consider abolition of submarines when world adherence of such a policy was to be expected.

Pending that, the view of the American advisory committee was read by Mr. Hughes without comment. That report held that "the submarine has come to stay—it has great value, a legitimate use, and no nation can deny its employment in this fashion."

VITAL ISSUE FOR ENGLAND American naval opinion influenced the drawing of that advisory committee report in 1921. If naval views on the submarine have since changed, it is not to be discovered in the news files. They would indicate that Minister Gibson's point 4 is an assertion of presidential policy, evolved since Mr. Hoover took office.

Yet that reassertion of American readiness to abolish submarines probably looms large in British eyes at Geneva. It is and has been, since 1921, a vital issue for sea-going England, dependent upon her water-carried commerce.

No one who recalls the Washington conference could have any doubts as to that.

RAIL SPLINTERS

BY JOHN H. LIGHTFOOT

Johnnie Letchworth, who was bumped off the caller job, is keeping busy with odd jobs about the city. Good luck, John.

Lynn Olive has been promoted to the position of head man in the car department on the midnight to 8 a. m. shift. The position was vacated by Charley Hammond.

It is desired that "members" only of the U. P. Tennis club will meet at the court this evening at 7:30, as President Lightfoot wishes to line up the players for the season. "I only want those who have cards or who intend to join, to attend, as the free list will not be allowed to use the court." The club has several active members. Become active.

The Union Pacific safety meeting held Thursday afternoon at the storehouse assembly room, was well attended and many interesting safety subjects were discussed. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Supt. Coey.

Engine 8804, pulling a big string of freight, had the misfortune to break the main driving axle, the accident occurring at Apex. Engine 8806 was sent out from this point to bring in the train, which was accomplished with but little delay.

Jas. McLaughlin, formerly a blacksmith helper in the local shops in the city for a few days visiting old friends.

Bill Spettigue, U. P. safety agent, spent Thursday in Las Vegas.

EVERYDAY MOVIES



"Why didn't you lead into him like I told you?" "Because he ain't fightin' fair, boss—he's usin' psychology on me."

VEGAS VERDE

North Las Vegas

GO TO L. A. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Schrader have gone to Los Angeles for a few days.

STOPPING OVER Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller of Reno are stopping over in Vegas Verde on their way home from Florida, where they have spent the past winter.

BACK IN SCHOOL Marton Weiler, who has been ill the past week, is able to return to school again.

BACK FROM COAST Mrs. McDuffy has returned from a week's visit in Los Angeles.

MRS. BEHMER HOME Mrs. Floyd Behmer is ill at her home.

FOUNTAIN GRILL TO OPEN TODAY

Newly redecorated, painted, and refinished, the Fountain Grill is opening tonight at Fifth and Bonnevilles streets. This popular cafe has announced the best of foods will be served at remarkably low prices.

A new dance floor has been installed in the cafe and the Red Rooster girl orchestra will play tonight for the opening. The establishment will cater to clubs, parties, and banquets, having a large banquet room for the purpose.

Las Vegas and their friends are cordially invited by the management to come tonight.

What President Wilson endeavored to do for democracy, our friend Bill is making it safe for U. P. employes and no fooling. Bill is doing his stuff and for a great cause. Some of our auto pilots should listen to Bill, especially on street stops.

We have doctors to examine people for ailments, so as to take proper steps to keep them going. Well and good. The U. P. has Jake Pfeister on this work to look over the various engines and figure out their ailments. Jake can do that to perfection. You're a good engine doctor, Jake.

at night with only one headlight. During the past week there have been three accidents because of this "one-eyed auto" driving.

With the constantly increasing traffic, the menace to others is too great to justify our officials in overlooking the bad habit.

Occasionally, of course, lights will fail when out on the road and cannot be fixed until a garage is reached. Such cases should be given every consideration. But if there are those who deliberately endanger lives by driving with defective lights, or one light, or none at all, as sometimes is done, they should be decisively dealt with.

SCREEN LIFE IN HOLLYWOOD

By HUBBARD KEAVY

HOLLYWOOD — Warner Baxter hired a valet, not because he needed a valet, but because he wanted to learn French.

They were to converse only in French. That wasn't possible at first because it took the actor too long to explain in very bad parley-vois that he wanted the black pants, not the white coat.

Finally Baxter decided he had made a bad deal. It appeared to him that he was teaching Edouard Marcel to speak English, instead of Edouard teaching him to speak the language of the Gauls.

THIS DEAL WORKS So they made a new deal. In addition to Ed's salary for valeting—a very easy job inasmuch as Baxter doesn't like to be waited upon—he was to get a bonus of 25 cents every time Baxter forgot himself and lapsed into English.

Also, Ed was to be fined a quarter every time he himself had to use English. The first week netted Marcel \$17.75 bonus money. Last week he

made only half a dollar, and Baxter says that within another month he'll be getting his French lessons for nothing.

Baxter told me that his mother handles all his mail. Widowed before Warner was born, Mrs. Baxter got in the habit of looking after him. Some time ago, when she acquired a daughter-in-law, Winifred Bryson, she handed that job over to her, but the fan mail work still is her own. And every letter gets prompt attention.

REAL AND UNREAL Weldon Heyburn emerged unscratched from a battle with 190-pound George O'Brien in "The Gay Caballero" and then fell

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MANHATTAN MIRRORS

By United Press NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (U.P.)—Two large tears rolled from the limpid eyes of Mike, the Central park elephant, today. He was suffering, as so many New Yorkers are, from a severe cold.

A feeling keeper "mixed him a hot toddy—two quarts of whisky, hot water, and quinine to taste. Mike, using his trunk as a straw, quaffed the concoction and embraced the keeper. His watery eyes took on a benign expression. "I do believe," Bob Hurton, the keeper, said, "that Mike is developing these colds on purpose. He was deliberately standing in a draft yesterday. But there's no danger of his going haywire on that little bit of whisky. That's just a cocktail to him—to make him take his quinine."

Announcement by Dr. Robert W. Norwood that the marble walls of St. Bartholomew's church are now showing a naturally "painted" figure of Christ has led to a city-wide search for other examples of nature's artistic works.

The Waldorf Astoria produced two figures in its marble panellings today. One is a "gnome" in the corner of the grand ball room. The black lines in the stone form themselves into the picture of a wizened little man with a sugar-loaf hat and a long, Santa Claus-like beard. The other is a picture of a wide-eyed mouse.

And speaking of Santa Claus, those who wonder what the professional red-nosed men who put on white whiskers and red coats in Yuletide demonstrations at de-

partment stores do for a living during the rest of the year have found out. They put in Continental uniforms of blue and buff, cocked hats and white wigs, and pose as George Washington.

There are at least a dozen "George Washingtons" opening automobile doors for the gentry as they alight to do their shopping along Fifth avenue.

Earl Sparling suggests a setting for a mystery story. It would be the upper floors of the St. Regis restaurant building at 43rd street and Broadway.

The entire front of the three top floors of the building used to be covered by an electric sign. Rental of this space was \$30,000 a year—more than the owners of the building could get for the floors.

Under the fire laws, the windows behind the sign had to be bricked up. Now the sign has been taken down, and there stands a spectral building in the heart of Manhattan, its inside like a tomb, cold, pitch dark, and silent.

What has been going on behind those "blind" windows all these years?

Charles Cosmo Cosentino, humming operatic airs as he sold shirts in a downtown department store, attracted the attention of Pauline Winslow, American composer, as she wandered through the aisles. Cosentino, who had studied opera for years, was given an audition. Today it is said he is a find, and after two recitals in Washington he will get his chance to sign with the masters of the Metropolitan—if all goes well.

PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURT

February 25, 1932

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