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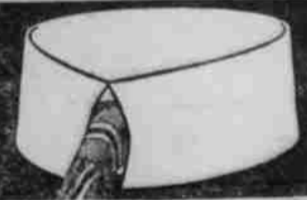
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Miss Elma Reeder, who plays the part of Vera Revendal, supporting Mr. Maurice Clark in "The Melting Pot"

"Nebraska should be proud of the sportsmanship of her crowds," declared Referee Frank Birch, ex-Earham, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, after the Ames-Nebraska basketball game last Saturday. Birch commented on the hospitality of this university and said no team could possibly find fault with a Nebraska crowd. He stated that he always received the best of treatment and was sure everyone else did. It is needless to say the refereeing of Birch is of a calibre which could receive nothing but the best treatment from any crowd. He has officiated in many of Nebraska's contests, and has always shown himself to be square and just. Birch will referee the Wesleyan-Nebraska game Friday, February 18. He has been secured for the Iowa, Notre Dame and possibly the Ames football games of next year.

The Iowa contests are held in six districts, with about seventy teams entered. The finals are played off between district champions.

The Cornhuskers and Coyotes meet again, February 18, on the Wesleyan floor. If the Cornhuskers trim the Kansas Aggies Friday and Saturday and Wesleyan the following week they will have undisputed claim to the championship of the state and Missouri Valley.

The Kansas Aggies arrive Friday for a two-game series with Sam Waugh's pupils. The Aggies have cleaned up everything in sight this year, and beat Kansas much worse than did Nebraska. Missouri as yet remains undefeated, but the dope is that the Kansas Aggies will tend to that a little later in the season. If both Nebraska and Missouri win from the Farmers, the Missouri Valley title will be clouded, since Missouri is not on the Cornhusker schedule. Dope is favoring Nebraska over the Aggies, and the Aggies over Missouri—but you never can tell.

Three more high schools have entered the Nebraska high school basketball tournament, March 8-11. Total to date, 140.

The Kansas high school basketball tournament draws only about fifty entries, in spite of the fact that Kansas is more populous than Nebraska.

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conclusive that she has a strong case, for Colombia well knows that no nation would at the present time submit to arbitrate the question of whether or not she had acted in good faith, and this as we have shown is not incidental but the fundamental question to be determined.

The provision allowing the Colombian coastwise vessels to pass through the canal free of toll is not a little surprising in view of the recent insistence of the present administration that the provision in the act of congress exempting our own coastwise vessels from tolls should be forthwith repealed. Why we have greater power in regard to other coastwise vessels than in regard to our own is not clear. Should Great Britain insist that this violates the provision in the Hay-Pauncefote treaty in regard to "all vessels" being guaranteed equal treatment we would be under the necessity of either convincing Great Britain that all vessels means all vessels when applied to our own, but not when applied to those of Colombia; or else buy off Colombia at a price which will "satisfy Colombia's sense of justice."

There are those who object to the expression of regret, which amounts to an apology. But this feeling is not well founded, for either we have wronged Colombia or we have not. If we have, an apology is certainly due her. If we have not wronged Colombia, there is no excuse for the treaty. To satisfy her sense of outraged justice regardless of its justification might readily have a tendency to encourage an epidemic of such feelings upon the part of our other neighbors, and Mexico might, eleven years hence, demand several million and some regret for our hesitation in recognizing Huerta.

The pious hope of the administration that the treaty "will give prestige to the United States throughout Spanish America," seems to evince a lack of knowledge of human nature. Prestige is not the product of concession. Whether between states or between individuals, prestige is not enhanced by yielding to arbitrary and unjust demands. I shall not attempt to discredit such demands by applying to them the epithet "belated black-mail," but if anyone else should so characterize them I would not be in a position to dispute the accuracy of the characterization.

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