

Today

And in China, A Fancy Speech. Impossible, Mr. Sheehan. Baruch's Wheat Plan.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

The learned editor of the Chefoo Daily News, who publishes an English edition of his excellent Chinese newspaper, is in New York arranging with Mr. Koenigsberg, syndicate boss, for the publication of this column in English and Chinese in Chefoo.

This "little candle throws its beams" a long way around the earth in El Mundo, Havana, out in the Atlantic, in 70 cities stretching from New York to California, also in the Honolulu Advertiser. The next step is from the Hawaiian islands to China. As there is nothing new in this column except brief reference to news, you learn that the same kind of news interests parts of the world far apart.

All read the president's world court address, an excellent speech with fancy trimmings: "My soul yearns for peace, my heart is hungry—my spirit is eager to serve—my passion is for justice over force—my mind is made up—my resolution is fixed," etc.

It had a "sink or swim, survive or perish" swing to it; very pleasing.

The president exhorted, he besought, he implored, he quoted "Lead, Kindly Light," he prayed God to keep all our minds open, and that was the most important line.

For a mind needs to be open and in working order when such a flood of earnest eloquence is poured into it.

Coming back from "Kindly Light" to cold facts, this is the part of the speech that counts:

The president will demand:

"First, that the tribunal (world court) be so constituted as to appear and to be, in theory and practice, in form and in substance, beyond the shadow of a doubt, a world court and not a league court."

"Second, that the United States shall occupy a place of perfect equality with every other power."

As to No. 1, Lord Robert Cecil, who knows more about the league of nations than President Harding could possibly know, says positively that the world court is part of the league of nations.

As to "the United States shall occupy a place of perfect equality with every other power," the answer is, that's impossible.

The president surely doesn't hope that Europe will allow us to name one-half of all the judges. Unless we have one-half the judges, we are not on a plane of equality. For Europe is Europe, and America is America. The interests of the two continents are opposed.

Europe envies, hates, and to a large extent despises this country. President Harding doesn't know that. But a trip to Europe would convince him of it, if he went disguised.

If there were six judges on that world court, not more than one would be a distinctly United States judge. The five others would be against him.

There would be no "plane of perfect equality" there.

B. M. Baruch gives farmers advice to which they will listen. Baruch knows how things are bought and sold and where the rake-off goes. He spent many years in Wall street, before leaving active business.

Baruch's suggestion that J. Ogden Armour start an export agency on behalf of farmers is a good suggestion as a starter. The scheme would need somebody that understands world-wide marketing, and that Armour understands. The farmers would not let go of control, and Baruch wouldn't suggest it.

The proposed wheat pool would not perform miracles, of course, or free the farmer from subordinating to world conditions. But it might at least give him the full American value of American wheat, which is what he wants.

Federal Agents Claim Victory in Dry Ruling Tilt

Liquor Supplies Taken From Foreign Vessels at N. Y. and Stored in Government Warehouse.

By International News Service.
New York, June 24.—Prohibition forces here claimed victory in their first brush with the ticklish job of seizing contraband liquor aboard foreign-owned vessels in American waters.

After a day of wildest confusion, during which four government departments worked at loggerheads, 7,198 bottles of British ale, 284 gallons of English whiskey, 47 gallons of European wine and 33 bottles of French liquor were stored in the government warehouse here.

Dry forces seized this stock from the British Cunarder Berengaria, and the White Star liner Baltic. The two ships docked Friday, their "beverage liquor" for the return trip packed in the holds under British customs officials' seals.

Agents Dispute Claims.
But whatever victory the prohibition agents may claim was openly disputed by the British crews.

Aboard the two vessels, in addition to their attested "medical supplies" were 1,428 bottles of ale, 131 gallons of whiskey and 115 gallons of wine.

This stock was ordered left aboard by Dr. E. K. Sprague, chief medical officer of the port of New York. In his order Dr. Sprague defied the Treasury department, the collector of the port and internal revenue chiefs.

British crews, as they sipped their wine with the mess, drank to the physician's health.

The course of future action against foreign liners with liquor aboard, was clearly outlined tonight, it was stated at the office of Palmer Canfield, prohibition chief here.

To Seize All Liquor.
"All beverage liquor will be seized regardless of protest and despite the seals of foreign governments placed upon it," it was stated at the prohibition office.

This order came directly from Acting Secretary of the Treasury McNulty, in charge of the prohibition forces in the absence of Secretary Mellon, who sailed for Europe today aboard the liquor-laden Majestic.

An effort to explain the confusion which followed the first efforts to remove the liquor from the Baltic and Berengaria was made tonight.

"A member of the ship's crew told us that Washington had ordered only a 'technical seizure,' that we were not to carry the liquor off the ships," prohibition agents declared.

"We doubted this, but fearing there might be something to it, we stopped in our work," he telephoned Washington. When he was assured the order was not official the work of seizing the liquor continued."

With the Baltic and Berengaria cases disposed of, government agents, Sunday morning, will visit the Paris, of the French line, carrying a virtual storehouse of liquor.

By Associated Press.
Washington, June 23.—Disclaiming all responsibility for the delays which complicated seizure of the Baltic and Berengaria sealed liquor stores in New York in liquor prohibition officials here sat tight today in their determination to confiscate all bar liquor brought into American waters and reiterated their previous announcement that it was up to the officials in New York harbor to carry this policy promptly into effect.

The only instructions issued from Washington during the stay, it was asserted, were intended to tighten rather than to mitigate the binding force of the confiscation program. Assistant Secretary Moss ordered Dr. E. K. Sprague, public health officer of New York, to revoke a permit the treasury board had given for the liner Berengaria to retain all liquor it carried on for medical purposes.

President Parks Dignity and Becomes Harvest Hand

Harding Goes Into Wheat Fields of Kansas After First-Hand Information on Agricultural Conditions—Pilots Tractor Around 90-Acre "Land" of Grain—Impressed With Figures.

By International News Service.
Hutchinson, Kan., June 24.—President Harding parked his dignity and got out of his private car and went into the ripening wheat fields of Kansas as a harvest hand to learn for himself some of the reasons for the widespread agricultural discontent which he has heard so much of in Washington during the last two years.

Under a broiling Kansas sun, which beat down mercilessly and left him dripping and grimy with perspiration, the president drove a binder around a 90-acre wheat field in Reno county under the critical eyes of "real dirt farmers" while they explained to him their grievances and problems.

Later he addressed an audience of 10,000 farmers at the fair grounds, a few miles from Hutchinson, and there told them what the administration at Washington has done to aid them.

Kansans Lose No Time.
The Kansans lost no time in hustling the president into the wheat fields, upon his arrival in Hutchinson. They have grievances aplenty out in this section, and they were fairly itching for an opportunity to tell the chief executive about them.

Chester O'Neal, a six-foot Kansas wheat grower who owned the field wherein the president cut and shocked the first wheat he has actually come in contact with in years, was the president's principal informant, along with Senator Arthur Capper, republican of Kansas, the leader of the farm bloc in the senate, and Governor Davis, democrat, the "dirt farmer" executive of Kansas.

"What will you get for that wheat?" asked Mr. Harding, indicating the 90-acre field of waving gold. "Sixty cents a bushel," responded O'Neal laconically. "It costs me \$1 a bushel to raise it."

"Ninety cents a bushel," exclaimed Mr. Harding. "Since when? It was a dollar and a quarter a bushel in Chicago only a short time ago."

"Yes, that is true—in Chicago," responded O'Neal. "But there is about 21 or 22 cents freight charges on a bushel of wheat, and then there is the profit taken by the local people to whom I sell my wheat."

"That field there," he went on, "has cost me about \$15 an acre to raise, counting labor, taxes, seed, etc. It will make 10, possibly 12 bushels to the acre. You see, sir, I must get a dollar or more a bushel before I can break even."

The president was inclined to doubt O'Neal's estimate of \$15 an acre cost of production.

Assessments in Dundee Will Be Checked by Board

Night Sessions Will Be Held to Investigate Complaints That Schedules Are Too Low.

Personal property schedules of every person living in Dundee will be rechecked by the board of equalization at special night meetings to begin Monday in the commissioners' offices in the courts building.

This action was taken after numerous complaints were made that certain Dundee citizens were taxed lower than their neighbors.

Dismissing, Unit-Says.
"The way some of the citizens, who live in Dundee, list their personal property is enough to disgust any one," said Commissioner Unitt. "The complaints are so many that something must be done."

Harry G. Cousinsman, county assessor, who also received some complaints, urged "that night meetings be held and persons whose taxes are lower than others, regardless of whether they are county officials, or employes, be raised."

According to member of the board, night meetings may be held all week to straighten out Dundee "dissatisfaction."

Jones Makes Complaint.
In hearing the complaint of J. E. Jones, 921 South Thirty-sixth street, who desired that his personal assessment be reduced, Commissioner Unitt expressed indignation at the way some residents of the Field club district have made out their schedules.

Currency Head Announces His Decisions Final

Comptroller McCarl Informs President He Regards His Rulings Appealing Only to Congress.

Washington, June 24.—Comptroller General McCarl, whose authority in the disbursement of public funds has been challenged several times by cabinet members and other officials, has informed President Harding that he regards his decisions as final, and appealing only to congress. He is willing to "consider" the views of interested officials at all times, but the opinion of none of them, he holds, is controlling on his office.

The comptroller general's "declaration of jurisdiction" came to light in publication of monthly rulings by the general accounting office. The statement bore directly on an opinion handed down in May by the attorney general's office, constraining portions of the federal employes compensation act contrary to a decision by the comptroller general. Mr. McCarl indicated he would decline to approve disbursement vouchers from the compensation commission, despite the ruling of the Justice department, unless the payments were in accordance with the comptroller general's view of the law.

Opinions Differ.
Earlier in the day, Mrs. Bessie P. Brueggeman, chairman of the commission, had announced that it would "pay cases dealing with occupational diseases as formerly." Mr. McCarl had held that such payments were to be made only in cases where injuries are determined in point of time while Department of Justice had agreed with the commissioner that such a restriction was unnecessary. The opinion of the attorney general's office was transmitted to Mr. McCarl late in May and he wrote the president that to follow such a ruling "would result in the unauthorized expenditure of public funds on unlawful awards."

Mr. McCarl continued that he could regard the opinion as sanctioning payment by the commission, since that meant for the commission to disregard the decision of the comptroller general.

Duty Placed on Office.
"The soundness of the decision need not be discussed," the letter continued. "But it seems proper to suggest the absence of any mention of the Justice department in the use of public funds and place the duty upon this office to see that the laws with respect thereto are duly observed."

"Broad discretion is vested in the employes compensation commission by the act," said the comptroller in his decision. "The exercise of this discretion this office is not concerned, but there is no power given the commission to disregard the provisions of the law in granting awards or making payments of public funds."

Tiny Runaways Returned to Parents at Red Oak, Ia.

Will Yates, 8, and Richard Yates, 5, tiny runaways found by Council Bluffs police at the Northwestern station Friday night, were placed on board a train and sent back to their parents at Red Oak, Ia. They said they had been brought to the Bluffs by a stranger in an automobile, who offered them a ride, but deserted them here.

Neither of the youngsters exhibited much concern over their absence. They ate a good meal at police headquarters, enjoyed a short nap, then engaged in a water fight with each other. When the father called them to put them on the train, he found the tiniest of the two, Richard, gravely attempting to unlock the door with a spoon.

Smoke Did Not Mean Fire.

Smoke caused by a furnace in the police building, Seventeenth and Hurvey streets, which had been lighted to heat water for the building, brought downtown fire companies to the building at 6:45 last night. There were no flames to extinguish.

Vessels Reported Held by Soviets Fast in Ice

Seattle, June 24.—The Silver Wave and the Blue Sea, two of four American trading schooners that were reported held by soviet authorities at East Cape Siberia, are fast in the ice of the Arctic ocean at Cape Yakkan, 700 miles northwest of East Cape, according to word received here. Their crews are not in custody. It was stated, but the vessels are under orders to report to East Cape as soon as the ice permits them to move.

Discussing the plight of the four vessels which include the Belinda of Nome, and the Iskum of Tacoma, traders called attention to the fact that the Belinda, Silver Wave and Blue Sea cleared from American ports before the establishment of the soviet regime, and therefore might be held entitled to American protection despite the fact, pointed out by the State department, that American vessels now enter Russian waters at their own risk.

Britain Adheres to Watchful Waiting Policy on Liquor

Papers Demand Government Intervene in Seizure of Rum Supplies by U. S. Officers.

By International News Service.
London, June 24.—British newspapers increased their pressure upon the British government to intervene in the seizure of liquor which had been carried into United States territorial waters on English liners under protection of British customs seals.

Despite the vigorous demand for action, the government stood its ground, maintaining a policy of "watchful waiting." Officials said no action would be taken at this time in behalf of British ship owners. They refused to forecast what action might be taken in the future.

News from New York that the British customs seals on the stored liquor on the White Star liner Baltic had been broken by the United States customs officers and part of the liquor seized, failed to ruffle the outward calm of British officialdom.

Members of the foreign staff said the British government never questioned the right of the United States to take such action.

Andrew Mellon, secretary of the American treasury, is to reach London next week and it is understood that some of his conversations with Premier Stanley Baldwin may relate to the "dry ship" controversy.

The Evening News, in its comment upon the liquor issue, recalled that Premier Baldwin stated in the house of commons recently that the government is considering the possibility of retaliatory measures for the American "dry ship" ruling. The newspaper suggested that the time has now come to act.

Borah Denies He Will Be Candidate for Presidency

Idaho Senator Sees Henry Ford as Possible Head of Third Party—Predicts Nomination of Harding.

Spokane, June 24.—Unqualified assertion that he "will not be a presidential candidate" and "will not lead a third party," was made by United States Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, here while he was in a barber's chair. He was on his way to Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, where he was to address a farmers' convention.

He expressed the opinion that President Harding will be nominated by acclamation in the republican national convention, but said the democratic situation, in his opinion, was "perplexing." He mentioned William G. McAdoo, Governor Smith of New York, Henry Ford and Oscar Underwood as "likely democratic nominees" and said Ford should not be regarded as a joke as a presidential possibility.

If there is a third party movement, Mr. Borah said, he regards Ford as the most likely man to head it.

"It would cost money and much time to develop a third party organization and Mr. Ford is a man with both," he added. Declaring that the public ownership of railroads, coal mines and other public utilities probably would be the issue upon which a third party would be formed, Senator Borah continued:

"These are all questions which the old parties can settle if they see fit to do so. If we don't find a solution for the present conditions, I believe there will be a mass movement for public ownership."

"There is much talk about reading me out of the republican party," the senator said with a smile, "but that is a difficult task. I am well satisfied with the party and I am sorry that others are not. I never found much trouble in the party. I am putting forth my best efforts on the inside."

Lumber Industry Solidly Behind Work of Hoover

Chicago, June 24.—The lumber industry is solidly behind the Department of Commerce's statement issued by John W. Blodgett of Grand Rapids, Mich., chairman of the central committee on lumber standardization, said.

The lumber industry "values highly and will contribute in every practical way to the efficient co-operation which Secretary Hoover is giving to American business," said the statement of the committee, which represents more than 100 organizations of lumber producers, distributors and consumers participating in the standardization of lumber sizes and grades.

Fall Denies Prohibition Will Be Campaign Issue

By International News Service.
London, June 24.—Prohibition will not be an issue in the American presidential campaign next year because the republican and democratic parties are afraid to make an issue of it, former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall of New Mexico told International News Service.

Mr. Fall, at one time United States senator from New Mexico, is in Europe on his vacation.

Sioux City Man Heads Foreign War Veterans

Dubuque, Ia., June 24.—Ernest J. Boughrey, Sioux City, was unanimously elected commander of the Iowa department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the closing session of the third annual encampment here. Ottumwa was chosen as the 1924 encampment city.

Other officers: Senior vice commander, Dr. H. B. Saylor, Des Moines; junior vice commander, Elmer Jensen, Davenport; quartermaster, Fred W. Haller, Davenport; judge advocate, Everett A. Waller, Sioux City; chaplain, Rev. J. L. Whelan; patriotic instructor, Paul J. Richards, Dubuque; chief of staff, William L. Whelan, Sioux City; adjutant, Ward Murphy, Sioux City; color guard, Clarence Schroeder, Davenport; historian, J. A. Milan, Sioux City.

Ross Cox Buried in Central City

Banker Arranged Funeral and Urged Completion of "Y" Drive Before Death.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Central City, Neb., June 24.—Funeral services for Ross B. Cox, vice president of the Central City National bank, were held at the Christian church this afternoon, Rev. E. O. Sweeney, pastor, being assisted by Rev. Mr. Utterback, pastor of the Christian church at Palmer. Mr. Cox died at St. Francis hospital in Grand Island Friday afternoon after an illness of seven weeks.

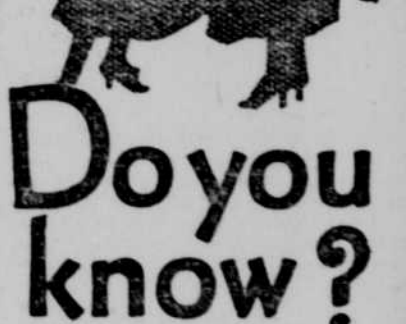
The only son of Levi and Emma Cox, he was born at Palmer 37 years ago, and there he grew to manhood. In 1909 he entered the Loup Valley State bank at Palmer, and served as an officer of that institution until 1914, when elected county treasurer of Merrick county. At the expiration of his second term in 1918, he entered the National Bank of Commerce at Lincoln. Later that same year he returned to this city to become vice president of the Central City National bank.

Mr. Cox was treasurer of the Merrick county Red Cross and a worker in behalf of the Y. M. C. A. Just prior to his illness he was leader in a campaign to relieve the local shortage of an indebtedness of \$3,000. Of this amount \$2,500 had been raised, and it was his dying request that the drive be completed.

Mr. Cox remained conscious until a few hours preceding his death, and outlined every detail in connection with his funeral, naming the bearers, songs and the speakers. The bearers were Ray Smith, Lloyd Peterson, A. C. Nicholas, M. V. Lambert, E. H. Phares and James Carna. Mr. Cox is survived by his wife, two sons and an infant daughter.

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