

PATRIOTISM AND CHARITY CONFLICT

Belgian Relief Work Involves Question of Desecration of American Flag.

PROBLEM FINALLY SOLVED

Desecration of the American flag or relief for suffering Belgians— which?

Local plans by the Daughters of the American Revolution to raise funds for a Belgian relief on Saturday, King Albert's birthday, came to a standstill Tuesday when members of Omaha and Major Isaac Sadler chapters discovered that the tags to be sold on that day bore a small American flag in one corner, together with the Belgian colors and a photograph of the king.

"If we sell these tags downtown or on the streets, people will throw them away indiscriminately after purchasing them and the American flag will be lying in the gutter or on the streets where it will be trampled upon," exclaimed Mrs. Charles H. Aull, state regent. "We would lay ourselves open to great censure if we permitted this, as the Nebraska Daughters have taken as their work this year prevention of desecration of the flag."

National President Protests. Mrs. Aull stated she had registered her protest against the tags, which are being sold all over the country. Mrs. William Cummings Story of New York, national president, on whose appeal the Belgian relief work has been taken up by the Daughters, also has protested. Mrs. Aull's sister, Mrs. William Thatcher Guernsey of Kansas, opposed Mrs. Story at the last election for president general.

Mrs. Edgar Allen was another daughter who opposed the sale of the tags on the grounds that desecration of the flag would result.

"But in the meantime the Belgians are starving," protested Miss Ida Johnston, a teacher in the Omaha schools. "Our American flag stands for everything that is good. It is placed on this tag as a mark of Belgium's gratitude to the United States for what we have done for its suffering people. They say every little Belgian child they wear the American flag proudly as a mark of honor to this country. Surely no desecration was intended. Shall we then refuse to aid this suffering people who honor us highly. Ladies, I think we are splitting hairs."

Final Point is Reached. Someone volunteered the information that it would be a strange situation for the Daughters of the American Revolution to be observing a king's birthday. Another suggestion was that the flag, which is in the corner of the tag, be cut off before they are placed on sale.

"We could request purchasers not to throw the tags on the street," ventured another.

"Ladies, this meeting was called so the Daughters could aid in feeding the hungry and clothing the needy," declared Mrs. W. L. Kelly. "I think we should get busy and sell as many of these tags as we can."

No Street Sale. This was the consensus of opinion and a compromise was effected. The women will sell the tags, but not on the streets. They will be sold privately among friends of the Daughters or in the immediate neighborhood of their homes.

In discussing the desecration of the flag, protest was entered against the sale of paper napkins, score cards, tally cards and other decorations bearing the "Red, White and Blue," which are used for social purposes and then thrown about or trampled up.

Mrs. Harriet MacMurphy protested against the flaunting of soiled American flags in air shafts and another member described the use of the Stars and Stripes in advertising beer.

BITES "GENEROUS" HAND AND GETS FORTY-FIVE DAYS

After taking E. A. Harrow, 415 North Forty-fifth street, for a dime to get something to eat, Charles Compton snatched a \$5 bill from the hand which was about to give him the price of a feed. Harrow, grappled with the "panhandler" and gave him a good drubbing, but in the scuffle was bitten on the thumb.

"This is a case, in every sense of the word, of having bitten the hand that would feed you. Forty-five days" was the judge's ruling in the case.

COMMISSIONERS CONFER WITH COMMERCIAL CLUB

County Commissioners Best and McDonald were before the executive committee of the Commercial club yesterday talking over matters of good roads in general and the condition of the available road funds of the county. They secured the club of a willingness to establish a closer affiliation with the business men in the matter of road development. The matter of the proposed good roads bond issue for the county was not taken up.

Stars Delicous Book Beer.

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ARGUMENT OVER POOL GAME RESULTS IN FRACTURED JAW

The Williams, 223 Money street, Collinsville, suffered a bad case for his friend, H. L. Neely, 186 Avenue P, Collinsville, at South and Douglas streets Monday evening, and the former open losing the game attacked Williams with a billiard cue, fracturing his jaw, according to the story told in police court, Neely was fined \$3 and costs.

HOOQUIER AUTOIST SAYS THE HIGHWAYS ARE FINE

Automobile highways between Indiana and Omaha are in splendid condition, according to H. Deboe, a tourist from the Indiana capital, who passed through Nebraska enroute on his way to San Francisco. He will continue his cross-country tour over the Lincoln highway.

AN AID TO MORTGAGES.

When you feel dull and stupid after your meals, frequently take one of our "Mortgage" Tablets immediately after dinner, on an empty stomach. Obtainable everywhere—Advertisement.

MISS ELEANOR ARNETT NASH, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund S. Nash, well known in eastern and southern social circles and a member of the well known southern family for which Nashville is named, was married April 4 to Culver McWilliam of New York City.



MISS ELEANOR ARNETT NASH. Photo-Davis & Shepard.

PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE OPENS

President of Argentina Presides at Congress to Unify Laws on Criminal Affairs.

M'ADOO REPRESENTS THE U. S.

BUENOS AYRES, April 4.—Dr. Victorino De La Plaza, president of the republic, opened today the congress which will have under consideration the unification of legislation on criminal affairs. He warmly greeted the representatives of the various countries, who included the American secretary of the treasury, William G. McAdoo, and the finance ministers of Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and Ecuador.

The various American republics were represented by large delegations. The newspapers regret at the coincidence of the congress with the presidential elections now going on, but are giving much attention to the commercial congress, calling attention to the importance of reaching an agreement on economic questions.

La Razon says: "The most important thing in this congress is American solidarity."

El Diario says: "The presence of Secretary McAdoo gives exceptional importance to the congress in view of the enormous development of the riches of the United States."

Address of President.

President De La Plaza, in the course of his speech, said it was gratifying from the viewpoint of humanity and civilization, at the moment of the configuration in Europe, to see the meeting of young nations with a view to make easier and more intimate their economic relations, as already shown by the Pan-American financial congress at Washington, held at the suggestion of the government of the United States, and the presence of Secretary McAdoo, which was an honor to Argentina.

The eagerness of modern life, said the president, made it necessary to increase the activity of industry and commerce. He expressed the hope that a solution would be found for these questions and mentioned the fact that the first Pan-American congress awake the industry of Europe. These fears were unfounded, he declared, for the Americans, having common ideals and ambitions, were not natural, without pretending to establish an international law for themselves, that they should endeavor to harmonize the affairs of the continent in order to maintain peace and friendship.

Looking at this gathering," he continued, "it seems as though I were listening to a mysterious voice confirming no longer feeling that America's great destiny is not threatened by dangers, but illuminated by justice and good will."

Paul M. Wasth of the Federal Reserve Banking board, in Mr. McAdoo's name replied to the president's speech. Most of those who spoke emphasized the necessity of bettering the maritime communications between the Americas. In the evening President De La Plaza gave a brief reception at the government palace in honor of the delegates.

WILL VISIT PAGEANT AT LINCOLN IN JUNE

The big pageant to be held in Lincoln June 2 and 3, is to be attended by the executive committee of the Commercial club in a body. The dates include one of the popular meeting dates of the executive committee, but it has been decided to dispense with this meeting and make the trip to Lincoln.

J. F. VAILE, RAILROAD LAWYER, DIES SUDDENLY

DENVER, April 4.—Jed F. Vaile, 51, former counsel for the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad company, died last night in Pasadena, Cal., according to word received here. Vaile's death was due to heart trouble.

Little Bobbie's Pa

By WILLIAM F. KIRK.

His ideas about statesmen get a check. Bobbie's teacher says that when he grows up he will probably be a grate statesman, and Ma to Pa last night, I am so glad.

You don't need to get excited about anything his teacher says, and Pa. My teacher said that when I grew up I would be a grate robber. Of course, and Pa, she was kind of provoked when she said it, but she said it, and now look at me, about as far from a train robber as a man could be.

Yes indeed, and Ma, it talks a lot of sense to rob a train, but I don't see any reason why Bobbie shouldn't be a statesman. He is smart enough now to do better than sum of the statesmen over in Washington, and Ma.

I always thought I should have been a statesman, and Pa, I have some very clear & well defined ideas about how this nation should be run.

No doubt about it, and Ma, it is too bad that you can't spend part of your time over in Washington. I guess they miss you dreadfully.

I think it will be awful nice if we live to see the day Bobbie is a statesman, and Ma. Then you & I can run over there & visit our son, and see. Think how proud I shall be of him. I always wanted some one to be proud of in the family, and Ma.

Ain't you proud of me? and Pa.

Of course I am proud of you, and Ma, but not in a while I have to say something to bring you out of the clouds. You have such affectionate fondness for yourself, and Ma, that you don't really need much outside boosting. No wonder you have strong arms, and Ma, you have been throwing hokays at yourself for so many years that it has developed your muscles tremendous. I wish you wouldn't be so concerned, and Ma, and Ma.

I am not concerned. What you mistake for conceit is merely a thorough and clear understanding of my powerful and compelling personality, and Pa. I would be a awful fool if I didn't notice one in a while that I am a remarkable man, Pa, and Ma.

You think because your father was mayor of your town that all the political brains in our state are on your side of the family, and Pa. I wish they didn't elect him for a second term, and Pa.

He refused a second term, and Ma. Both parties wanted him for another term, but he couldn't neglect his business. His knew his business was growing rapidly, and Ma.

I suppose he put a lot of capital into it, while he was mayor, and Pa. Just what do you mean? and Ma.

That was only a little book of mine, and Pa. Here is twenty dollars, Pa, and kind of quick, I made forty dollars easy today & I said to myself, twenty of this is for my dear little wife.

You are a darling, and Ma, and I bet you would be a grand mayor.

NO GRAIN MARKET BECAUSE OF THE CHICAGO ELECTION

No grain market was held in any of the leading centers yesterday because of the Chicago election.

Next Genuine Book Beer.

On draught and in bottles on and after April 5th. Be sure and have a case of this delicious brew sent to your home. Write J. Swalsola, Retail Dealer, Phone Douglas 222.

No Trouble to Remove Superfluous Hair

(Trust Tips.)

If it is all easy matter to rid the skin of objectionable hair or freckles, if you proceed as follows: Mix a paste by mixing water and a little powdered Borax. Apply to hairy surface, and in 2 or 3 minutes rub off. Wash the skin and the hairs are gone. This method of banishing hairy growth is painless and does not hurt the skin, but to avoid disappointment, be certain to get real Borax. —Advertisement.

CARDINAL MERCIER'S LETTER GIVEN OUT

Text of Pastoral Note Which Called Forth Threat from German Governor of Belgium.

BELGIUM HAS MORAL TRIUMPH

LONDON, April 4.—Cardinal Mercier's pastoral letter which evoked a remonstrance from Governor General Von Bissing last month, has just been received here. After expressing joy at being back among his fellow countrymen and stating that his journey to Rome had been blessed beyond what he had dared to hope, the Belgian cardinal, turning to the position of Belgium says:

"Let us even suppose that the finish or the issue of the gigantic war now being fought in Europe and in Asia Minor should be uncertain, one fact is already established in civilization and history—the moral triumph of Belgium. In union with your king and government, you have made immense sacrifices for your country. Peoples abroad understand your spirit of sacrifice; you are admired and your generation has taken its place gloriously in history. Is not that a conquest, my brethren? Are you not the most glorious of conquerors?"

"I know that you were, that the hearts of mothers and wives are broken, that lives are being lost on the banks of the Yser. The imprisonment of our nation on our own soil is sadly prolonged. "We shall win, but we are not yet at the end of our sufferings. France, Great Britain and Russia have pledged themselves to make no peace until Belgium has recovered its entire independence and been largely indemnified. Italy in turn has adhered to this pledge. Our future is not in doubt, but we must be prepared for it."

Threat of Von Bissing.

On March 9 a letter, addressed by Governor General von Bissing to Cardinal Mercier in connection with the latter's pastoral letter was published. The letter said in part:

"Your eminence, in pastoral letters, indulges in political statements, against which I decidedly protest. It is quite inexcusable that your eminence should raise unjustified hopes regarding the issue of the war. Thus, for instance, your eminence has mentioned inaccurate utterances of persons who are not in touch with events and who certainly cannot be called experts. You speak of the possibility that a decision such as you desire could be expected by the spreading of diseases. "By such arbitrariness you cause among a credulous population noxious excitement and induce them to oppose the administration work of those who are in occupation of the country. E-

pecially inadmissible in a pastoral letter is a hint at menace to the religious liberty of the people of the occupied territory. \* \* \* In these circumstances I shall henceforth sternly prosecute any political activity and any stirring up of hostile sentiment against the authority of the occupying power, which authority is legitimate, according to international law. \* \* \* I warn your eminence to desist from political activity."

A request published in Berlin regarding Cardinal Mercier's pastoral letter said that, according to advice from German officials in Brussels, the cardinal stated in it that if he once doubted the final victory his faith had now been restored as a result of his conversations with North Americans and South Americans, who had inspired him with unshakable confidence in Belgium's victory.

The Koelnische Zeitung announced on March 31 according to a Havas dispatch from Berne, that the printer who printed Cardinal Mercier's pastoral letter, had been sentenced to a year's imprisonment.

GATES AND KAUFMAN WILL SHOOT FOR COMBS TROPHY

Will Kaufman and Lester Gates of Columbia have been matched to shoot for the Combs trophy during the registered tournament, which will be held at Columbia May 3 and 4. The trophy match will be the last 100 targets on the program of May 4. Gates is the present holder of the cup.

Schwab Opposes Government Plan for Armor Plate

NEWARK, N. J., April 4.—Charles J. Schwab, chairman of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, told the stockholders at their annual meeting here today that if the government builds its proposed armor plant the corporation's investment of \$7,000,000 in an armor plant "will be rendered practically valueless." In order "to save as much as possible" of this investment he said, the corporation has "taken steps to bring to the attention of congress as frankly, openly and as vigorously" as it could, "the consideration which we feel should prevail" in a rejection of the government's plan. "I desire to state in the most unequivocal terms," he added, "that no representative of the Bethlehem Steel corporation is seeking nor has sought to influence legislation as to the size of naval or military expenditures."

NONPAREIL CLUB WILL HOLD ATHLETIC CARNIVAL

The Nonpareil Athletic club, Twenty-fourth and Vinton streets, will stage a big athletic program at its club rooms

this evening. Two big tag-of-war and a number of other events will be held. The principal sporting match will be between the Nonpareil team and the street car company crew. The club wishes it understood that ladies are invited to attend their entertainments.

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