

# FRANCE PUTS LITTLE FAITH IN LEAGUE, SAY CONGRESSMEN

Necessity for league of nations reservations "making plain the American viewpoint" were urged today by Congressman Stemp of Virginia, and Echols of West Virginia, who have just returned from Europe. Both men are Republicans.

"France apparently accepted the league in exchange for other more desirable features of the peace treaty," Echols said, "and apparently has little faith in the plan."

**U. S. Interests Come First.**  
"All European countries are zealously looking after their interests, with no thought of the United States, and it is time that we limit our world views and safeguard our own interests," Stemp said. "I found generally an indifference to the League of Nations as finally worked out. The only way for Germany to avoid or ameliorate the conditions of the treaty of peace is through the league. Therefore, she favors it, while other countries do not, or are at least indifferent to it. My opinion is that reservations preserving the American point of view in every way possible is the only course to pursue."

"The French debt is about \$40,000,000,000. She will get 55 per cent of the German indemnity of \$25,000,000,000, which is more than twice the amount of her foreign debt," he said. "During the war France raised by taxation only 10 per cent of her debt, while the United States collected 35 per cent and England 23. A suitable income tax is the solution of the French financial situation."

# SAY WAR WORKERS WASTE U. S. TIME

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Mr. Fordney declared "you can find them everywhere."  
"No survey was necessary to arrive at these conclusions," he said. "I had occasion to see the facts without getting my information from another. Anyone who visits some of these departments will find this condition as a matter of course."  
Mr. Fordney has not determined on a plan to get action in the matter. He holds that the administration should first be given an opportunity to "do its duty." If it does not, then Congress may take a hand and call for an accounting.

At a caucus of House Republicans last night, the question of superfluous Government clerks in the District was discussed. It is known that leading members are viewing the situation with considerable alarm.

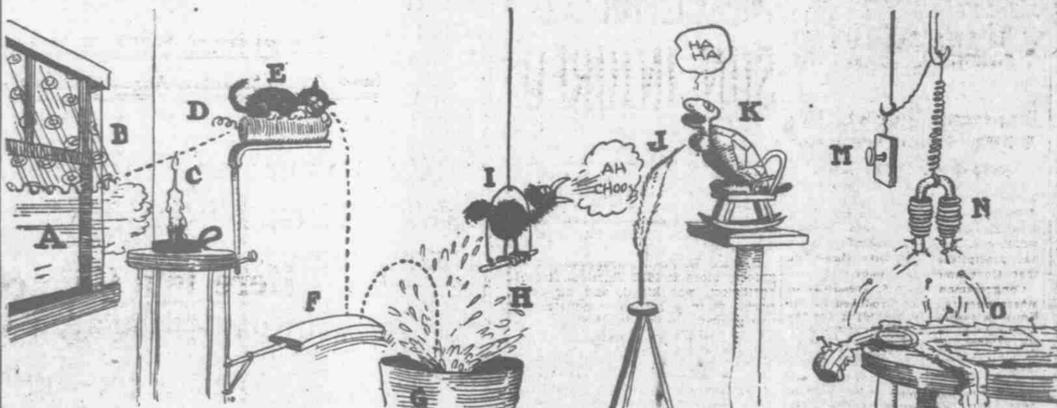
The Republican leaders would be glad to see the Administration take the initiative, since summary to dismiss 10,000, 20,000, or 30,000 clerks, as the case may be, representing all States of the nation would not popularize the Democratic party at this time.

**Work Has To Be Done.**  
Commenting on the proposition of Chairman Fordney, of the Ways and Means Committee, to discharge thousands of clerks in the Government departments in order to further economy, which was made at a conference of House Republicans last night, Luther C. Steward, president of the National Federation of Federal Employees, said today: "It is impossible to gauge the number of employees to be kept working by what it would cost to maintain them—but by the work which has to be done."

"A careful investigation of the departments might bring to light sections where some may be released, but at the same time it is likely that branches where as many more are needed may be found."

# Rube Goldberg's Boobs

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WAIT FOR BREEZE (A) TO COME IN WINDOW—CURTAIN (B) FLIES PAST CANDLE (C), TAKING FIRE AND LIGHTING FIRECRACKER (D)—WHEN FIRECRACKER GOES OFF, SLEEPING CAT (E) IS SUDDENLY AWAKENED AND JUMPS ON SPRING-BOARD (F) IN A PANIC—SPRING-BOARD REBOUNDS AND CAT DIVES INTO BUCKET (G) SPLASHING COLD WATER (H) ON TROPICAL JAZZ-BIRD (I)—JAZZ-BIRD CATCHES COLD AND SNEEZES, CAUSING FEATHER (J) TO LEAN OVER AND TICKLE TURTLE (K) UNDER CHIN—TURTLE ROCKS SO HARD WITH LAUGHTER ON TOY ROCKING-CHAIR, HE FALLS BACKWARD, PRESSING ELECTRIC BUTTON (M) WITH SHELL—THIS IMMEDIATELY TURNS ON CURRENT IN ELECTRO-MAGNET (N) WHICH PULLS ALL PINS OUT OF SHIRT (O) AND PREVENTS OWNER FROM STICKING HIMSELF TO DEATH WHEN HE PUTS IT ON.

# By Goldberg



# TO TRAIN 10,000 AT MEADE FOR EUROPE

## Army Drives for Recruits to Replace Drafted Men on Overseas Duty.

A second expeditionary army of 10,000 men to relieve troops now on duty in Europe is to be recruited and trained immediately, according to a War Department order yesterday. The new replacement troops are to be trained for overseas service at Camp Meade.

Approximately 10,000 replacement men have been drilled at Meade since the signing of the armistice. Officers in charge of the work are now completing plans for receiving the first detachments of recruits, which are expected to arrive within the next week or ten days.

The new units are to be sent in detachments of about 1,000 to relieve drafted men overseas.

An order authorizing all recruiting stations in the country to conduct an intensive campaign. Enlistments are to be made for three years.

# AGENTS MEET TO CUT STATE COSTS

MADISON, Wis., Aug. 27.—Purchasing agents of practically every State in the Union met here today to discuss ways and means of reducing the high cost of conducting the business of States.

The State purchasing agents, in most cases the secretary of state, will spend two days in convention, during which time they will hear talks by prominent State buyers.

Governor Phillips of Wisconsin will address the meeting today, speaking on "Budgets and Budget Making."

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# KANSAS HOLDING ROUND-UP DAY

GARDEN CITY, Kan., Aug. 27.—The ninth annual cattlemen's carnival, which is to this part of the "cow country" what the Cheyenne "round-up" is to the Northwest, will be held here today, tomorrow, and Friday. Hundreds of "cowboys" and "cowgirls," many of them oldtimers in the game, have entered the lists or are here for a renewal of oldtime friendships.

A large cash prize list has attracted many famous riders for the big meet. As special attractions in the evening, a series of wrestling matches will be staged. Tonight Martin Plestina and John Petroff, "Bulgarian Tige," will wrestle. J. C. Marsh, manager for Plestina, has standing offer of \$1,000 for anyone who can throw his man.

# GROWTH OF U. S. FOREIGN TRADE SHOWN BY REPORTS

Foreign trade in the United States same nearer a balance in July than for any month in several years, the Department of Commerce announces. Imports valued at \$245,000,000 entered American ports, while exports amounted to \$270,000,000.

# HOOVER TO SUPERVISE SILESIA COAL PRODUCTION

PARIS, Aug. 27.—Herbert Hoover has been appointed by the peace conference to superintend the re-establishment of the coal production in Silesia, pending the plebiscite which will decide Silesia's status with regard to the German and Polish claims.

# ASK RECEIVER FOR THEATER.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Aug. 27.—A suit has been filed by Dr. James T. Johnson and Security-Warner, theater stockholders of the Maryland Theater Company, charging Warren and Frederick P. Mellinger with mismanagement and asking the appointment of a receiver.

# Asked for a Vacation Really Wanted a Wife; He Was Lucky, Got Both

When Joseph S. Edgerton, a reporter on The Times, made an urgent request to go on his vacation the first part of August little did his friends think the scribe was going to take unto himself a wife.

Edgerton lives at 1646 Park road northwest. James C. Edgerton, a brother, acted as best man.

# Little Known D. C. Ruler Sends Subjects to Make Life's Supreme Sacrifice

Out in Rock Creek Park, not far from the Eighteenth street entrance to the Zoo, there's a little kingdom. In government it's an absolute monarchy, but the world may be searched with a fine-tooth comb and no fairer form of administration or more contented and happy group of subjects can be found than those in this little kingdom on the border of Washington.

The ruler is Robert Lambert, an employe for twelve years of the National Zoological Park. His subjects are numerous chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs, pheasants, pigeons, and quail. His kingdom takes in about three and a half acres of the prettiest and least known section of the park, near the home of the superintendent. For ten years Lambert has ruled in his little world and found happiness.

**Hates to Leave Pets.**  
He seldom takes a vacation, for he fears harm might come to the little subjects in his absence. The Government hours are ended at 4 o'clock, but on any day, Sundays and holidays not excepted, you'll find Lambert still working among his pets after 6 o'clock in the evening.

**No Leave For Mr. Possum.**  
Bordering the little kingdom on four sides there's a wire fence. Placed along this fence there are a series of traps, baited temptingly. When Mr. Possum comes sneaking in he must pass a delectable piece of food hung temptingly on an innocent looking nail inside an oblong box. When he pokes his snout in the box and later creeps up to the bait, he finds himself brushing against a wooden peg—and bang! The door goes shut. Mr. Lambert says he caught fifty possums in one trap last year.

**Pets Know Ruler by Sight.**  
All the animals and fowls know their ruler by sight. All he has to do is to get in the chicken yard and give a whistle, and the little chickens come running and jumping and clucking for the grain they know is waiting. And he can go into the pheasant pen and pick up one of his shy little creatures, who nestles in his arm without the slightest fear.

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# Too Much Tear Gas Spread From Pulpits, Pastor Tells Fellows

STONY BROOK, N. Y., Aug. 27.—The second day's session of the general conference of the Stony Brook Assembly of the Presbyterian Church was attended by more than 1,000 ministers.

# QUICK DENOUNCES SUBCOMMITTEES

Herbert Quick, retiring member of the Farm Loan Board, today vigorously denounced the entire subcommittee system which recommends to Congress appropriations for the various departments of Government.

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