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MOST IMPORTANT EUROPEAN CONFERENCE SINCE VERSAILLES TAKES PLACE IN FRANCE TODAY

Lloyd George Makes Opening Address to Meeting of Allied Supreme Council—Warns Powers to Work Out Rehabilitation of Europe Among Themselves.

CANNES, France, Jan. 6.—The most important European conference since the Versailles meeting began here today, with members of the allied supreme council assembled to determine Europe's economic status. Pessimism was rife, due to widely divergent views held by the English and French. The importance to America is that if the conference succeeds in establishing a strong allied policy towards European reconstruction, it is believed the United States will be certain to participate in the work.

Lloyd George Talks.

CANNES, France, Jan. 6.—Lloyd George, addressing the opening session of the allied supreme council today, warned the allied powers that they could not look to any others but themselves to work out the rehabilitation of Europe. He appealed to the allies to set aside prejudices and work together. The council approved calling an international economic conference with Germany and Russia to participate.

The French view has been that the agenda should be laid down in advance. It is understood that Premier Lloyd George agreed to this and that the question will be the first discussed by the council.

In addition to a continuation of the private talks between Premier Briand of France and Mr. Lloyd George, M. Briand had a lengthy conversation today with the Marquis Della Torre, Italian minister of foreign affairs, and also saw Premier Theunis of Belgium and Baron Hayashi of Japan. Today's developments seemed to confirm the impression that the allies are agreed on the principle of an economic conference though still debating details.

Reparations were discussed by the experts, the Belgians opposing any modification in the schedule of payments that might compromise their priority on the 2,500,000,000 gold marks due from Germany.

The French delegation is backing the Belgians, but is inclined to make concessions to the British viewpoint to the extent of reducing cash payments to 500,000,000 gold marks annually and the rest of the reparation in kind. The British go farther and desire to reduce deliveries in kind so that the total both in cash and in kind can be reduced about 25 percent from the Paris agreement, or 1,500,000,000 gold marks.

Participation by Germany in the

eventual international economic conference is now taken for granted, but there is still discussion as to what will be the consequence of the presence of Russian soviet delegates, which, it is held in French circles, would be tantamount to recognition of the soviet regime.

Proposal Adopted.

CANNES, Jan. 6.—Lloyd George's proposal for international action to rehabilitate Europe was unanimously adopted in principle by the supreme allied council today. The British premier's resolution includes negotiations with Russia.

Suit of Clothes Taken From Hotel

A suit of clothes, shoes and cap, were stolen yesterday afternoon from Albert Anderson of the Roseburg hotel, by some unknown man, apparently a transient. Mrs. Olmstead, who conducts the hotel, went to the room yesterday afternoon to make up the bed and found the stranger in the room. When she asked him what he was doing there he replied that he had been told that he might wash and clean up there. When Mrs. Olmstead asked for the name of this friend he gave a trumped up name and when told that no one by that name was stopping at the hotel he apologized very profusely and stated that he must have misunderstood the name of the hotel. The woman was suspicious of him, but as he carried no bundle and apparently had on old clothes she allowed him to go. When the roomer returned he found that the man had taken a suit of clothes and had exchanged a pair of old shoes for a good pair and had also taken a cap and a flashlight. He had tampered with a suitcase but had secured nothing as he was unable to get the suitcase open. The matter was reported to Officer Grant Wilcox who made a thorough search but it is evident that the thief caught the first train out and did not linger around the city.

George Knight, son of R. M. Knight of Canyonville, underwent an operation this morning at the Mercy hospital. Dr. Sether was in charge and the patient is doing nicely.

American Women Reject French Dictation Skirt Length

By HEDDA HOYT
(Written for the United Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—American women have definitely rejected French dictation on the length of their skirts.

Months ago Paris modistes declared that the long skirt was to be the coming vogue for women. American designers were ready to agree with them. In fact they will tell you now that the longer hem is here. Perhaps—but where?

Not on Fifth Avenue; not on Broadway; not on Hester street; nor Main street, Gopher Prairie!

At the first announcement from Paris of the long skirt, magazines of fashion were filled with illustrations of long skirted mannequins; display windows immediately ignored the tapering calves of waxed models; cloth makers sat back in swivel chairs and chuckled at the thought. And what happened?

The flapper still flaps about in knee length skirt and hose of gauze, clinging to them because she knows in summing up her charms that legs are not least. The athletic girl in flat heels and woollen hose strides around in the freedom of her short, flaring skirt. And the matron whose years recall the germ-laden hems of yesterday awaits for someone with a less shapely ankle to hasten the style. In these days when a long skirt

might suggest a physical defect, it is a brave woman who will attempt it.

Heretofore Paris has been a bright and shining symbol of style and chic. When Paris designers said short vamps, short hair, short corsets, and short skirts, we wasted no time in "outsourcing" them. But when they start lengthening, in the vanguard of the dough boy, we are not so "toot-sweet."

White gloves are being supplanted by taupe and grays and ever darker shades for dress wear.

The popular side panel effect for skirts can be used to utmost advantage on afternoon and evening gowns by hanging long strings of jet or pearl beads from the side waist line to the hem of the gown.

It is pleasing to see so many women wearing their hair in the real nature given shades lately. Henna and walnut stains to say nothing of peroxide, seem to have faded away. Even the younger faces have, now and then, a streak of gray surrounding their brows.

In speaking of coiffures, where, oh where, are the little ears which were predicted to show themselves this season?

Winter finds the ever popular coat suit a trifle longer in coat length than the past few seasons. "Maroon," or chestnut brown, seems to be the prevailing shade for suits and lends itself admirably to fur trimmings such as sable and kolinsky.

The latest shade used for undergarments comes from Paris and is called rose-beige. It has more of a flesh tone than what formerly was termed "flesh" as the introduction of tan might suggest.

ALLEGED MURDERER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—Arthur Burch, on trial for alleged complicity with Madalynn Obenchain for the murder of John Belton Kennedy, attempted suicide yesterday, according to information leaking from the sheriff's office today. Burch wrenched himself free from his guards and started to leap head first from the jail balcony to the concrete floor below, when another guard caught him. His attorneys say he is insane.

DESPONDENT WOMAN DROWNS HERSELF

SALEM, Jan. 6.—Mrs. Martha Williams, aged 58, despondent and in ill health, drowned herself in a creek near her home this morning. She was dressed only in her night clothes.

JACK BRITTON TO DEFEND HIS TITLE

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Welterweight champion, Jack Britton, will defend his title against Dave Shade at the Madison Square Garden January 31. A contract for a 15 round decision bout was signed.

DOUGLAS COUNTY TAKES FIRST PLACE

Leads in Activities at Convention of Oregon State Teachers Association.

COUNCILS ARE WATCHED

Committee Retained to Continue Report on Success of Teacher Council Work in Rural Schools—Experiment is Successful.

Douglas county has taken a foremost place in the educational circles of the state, as shown by the results of the Oregon State Teachers Association meeting and the state convention of county superintendents. Douglas county was not only the best county in the state from a point of representation, outside of Multnomah county, but more offices came to this county than to any other, and its delegates were members of all of the important committees and largely directed the affairs of the association convention.

The convention was held at Portland and as a natural consequence Multnomah county had the largest delegation. Douglas county, however, had eleven delegates present, and much greater showing than was made by any other section of the state.

In the election, County School Superintendent Brown was elected to the executive committee. At a meeting of the grade teachers' association Mrs. J. K. Falbe was elected president of the association and Mrs. Mabel Church was chosen for the position of secretary.

The greatest honor, however, paid Douglas county, was the adoption of its rural teachers council plan as a national experiment. All other committees appointed by the association at its former meeting were discharged but the committee on rural teachers councils was continued for the express purpose of obtaining data on Douglas county's experiment and from the results to frame a report to be adopted at the next meeting.

The zone educational meetings and teachers councils plan was first originated in Douglas county. Other counties have been keeping a close check on the results and a great deal of interest is being shown. The fact that Douglas county has forged to the front as one of the leading educational counties of the state, is largely accredited to the work of these councils and to efficient rural supervision and it is very probable that after next year the plan will be worked out throughout the entire state.

Clogged Sewer Causes Dismissal

The Rose school was dismissed today because of a broken city sewer which caused the basement to become flooded with water to a depth of about six inches. The sewer became plugged up from some unknown cause yesterday afternoon and this morning the city street cleaning department started work in opening up the clogged pipe. Because of the conditions existing in the school and the inability to operate the heating apparatus it became necessary to dismiss the children until repairs are completed.

NEW NAVAL TREATY ALMOST COMPLETED

Document That Binds Five Powers in Agreement Being Drafted.

WILL BE MADE PUBLIC

Probably Be Published at the Plenary Session of Arms Conference Tomorrow—Sea Will Be Purged of Outlaw Divers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The new naval treaty, binding the five great sea powers to limitation of naval armament and expressing a hope that the smaller nations will live up to its spirit, was virtually completed by the arms conference drafting experts today. This document, the first of its kind in the world's history, will probably be given to the world at the conference plenary session next week.

Outlaw Subs Banned.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The five greatest naval powers of the world decreed today as between themselves abolition of submarine warfare against merchant ships. To purge the seas forever of this hidden menace to peaceful folk and ships, the world is asked to subscribe to the decree as a new principle of international law.

As adopted by the naval committee of the arms conference the resolution proposed by Elihu Root and amended by Arthur J. Balfour, to become immediately effective between the five signatory powers, runs as follows:

"The signatory powers recognize the practical impossibility of using submarines as commerce destroyers without violating, as they were violated in the war of 1914-1918, requirements universally accepted by civilized nations for the protection of the lives of neutrals and non-combatants, and to the end that the prohibition of the use of submarines as commerce destroyers shall be universally accepted as a part of the law of nations they now accept that prohibition themselves and they invite all other nations to adhere thereto."

Action of the committees is final so far as the conference and the five naval powers are concerned. The conference merely will give formal ratification to the anti-submarine pact when the five power treaty in which it will be incorporated comes up in open session.

Conclude Sub Debate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Consideration of submarine questions was concluded today by the five-power naval committee with the adoption of the final Root resolution, declaring that submarine commanders who with or without orders violate the existing international law of submarine warfare shall be guilty of piracy. The American delegation through Root, thereupon brought forth a new proposal to prohibit the use of gas in future wars. It was received favorably, but the decision went over until tomorrow. The piracy resolution was widened to include commanders of all naval vessels who violated the recognized rules.

Young Man Dies at Wilbur Home

Marshall Thompson, aged 18 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Thompson, of Wilbur, died this morning at the family home in Wilbur. The young man had been suffering for a number of years with a weak heart and was quite ill during the past few days. He was born at Scottsburg and passed practically his entire life in this county. During the past two years the family has been residing at Wilbur. He leaves his parents and two sisters, Irene and Esther, both of whom reside at Wilbur. He was a grandson of Judge Thompson.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Wilbur church and interment will take place at the Wilbur cemetery.

SENATOR TO DEFEND SELF

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Senator Newberry is to address the senate Monday to answer the charges that he is to be ousted.

TRIAL CANNOT START

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—Arbuckle's second trial for alleged manslaughter following the death of Miss Virginia Rappe cannot begin Monday, Judge Landerback, trying the case told the attorneys today.

COUPLE DISAPPEARS ON WEDDING DAY

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—Society is abuzz with the news of the disappearance of John F. Cudahy, son of the millionaire Chicago meat packer, and Miss Louise Francis, of St. Louis, on what was to have been their wedding day. Miss Francis' mother is also gone. Friends say they are both "touring." None know of young Cudahy's whereabouts. The wedding was postponed in December "for reasons."

FORMER PREMIER DIED TODAY

TOKIO, Jan. 6.—Viscount Shigenobu Okuma, former premier of Japan, died today.

FIERCE RIOTING DISTURBS BELFAST

BELFAST, Jan. 6.—More rioting tore Belfast last night. Two were wounded when troops fired into a riotous crowd.

CONGRESS LEADERS TO MEET WITH PRES.

Will Form Legislative Program Under Guidance of Pres. Harding.

FAVOR SOLDIERS' BONUS

Way to Raise Money to Provide Vets With Adjusted Compensation, One of the Subjects to be Discussed Saturday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—A group of congressional leaders will meet at the White House Saturday night to frame a legislative program under Harding's guidance. Harding has agreed that the soldiers' bonus bill must be passed soon, but a way to raise the money must be found. The president again asked prompt action on the foreign refunding agricultural and the bloc also will be discussed.

Harding Opposes Bloc.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—President Harding was said tonight by members of the senate agricultural bloc to have indicated at a conference today his disapproval of bloc-sponsored legislation providing for farmer representation on the federal reserve board.

Views of the president on the legislation, which is to be taken up in the senate for final consideration January 17, were outlined to Senators Kuylen of Iowa and Capper of Kansas, both republicans, and bloc leaders, who called at the White House, accompanied by Senator Kellogg of Minnesota, republican.

None of the three senators would discuss the visit, but other members of the agricultural bloc said it was their understanding that the president had indicated his disapproval of the legislation. Some of these bloc members said that the president went so far as to indicate he might veto the bill if passed, but other members said this was not their understanding.

The president, it was said by bloc members, said that he desired in every way to promote the interests of the farmers, but that the pending legislation would tie the hands of the executive with respect to appointments.

City Police Take Up Thrilling Chase

The city police force was today placed on the trail of a boy's pony express wagon and the police blotter bears the record of the case as: Stolen, one pony express wagon, left hind wheel dished, rear axle piece together with a board, rebuilt body, Reward offered, 4 cents.

The thrilling chase started this morning when three small lads appeared before the Chief of Police and with voices broken with sobs told of having their wagon stolen from them. It seems that they had been warned to stay away from the river, but they went to see the high water, and when they came back to the sidewalk, they found their means of transportation had departed, evidently guided by the hand of a potential auto thief.

After hearing the story and details of a severe lecture on obedience Chief of Police Shambrook, informed the youngsters that the city police force would be instructed to locate the vehicle and return it to them.

DE VALERA RESIGNS AS IRISH REPUBLIC PRESIDENT THEN WITHDRAWS RESIGNATION

Makes Dramatic Speech in the Dail Saying That He "Will Never Become a Subject of Great Britain"—Failure to Gain Compromise Cause.

(By Associated Press.)

DUBLIN, Jan. 6.—Official announcement was made this afternoon that Eamon De Valera had resigned the presidency of the Irish republic. De Valera opened the afternoon session of the Dail Eireann by saying the split over the treaty was fundamental and irrevocable. De Valera in announcing his own resignation to the Dail, said the cabinet also had resigned. Before the afternoon session opened, Liam Roisic, of Cork, said the situation was extremely critical, and he feared civil strife might ensue from a division of the country on the treaty. The committee which sought to bring about an agreement failed.

Withdraws Resignation.

DUBLIN, Jan. 6.—De Valera, after presenting his resignation as president of the Irish republic to the Dail today, withdrew it upon condition that the Dail vote on the proposed British peace treaty tomorrow. De Valera's resignation speech was dramatic as he declared his intention to fight British sovereignty.

"I will never become a British subject," he exclaimed, declaring his belief that the Irish-British pact would be signed.

De Valera Sick at Heart.

DUBLIN, Jan. 6.—De Valera told the Dail he would offer himself for re-election, standing on the principles of 1916. He said he must have the cabinet supporting him, and would demand all resources be given him to defend the republic. Later he said he was sick at heart and intended to retire to private life. He spoke with tears in his eyes.

Effort for Compromise Failed.

DUBLIN, Jan. 6.—De Valera's resignation was the result of his failure to effect a compromise on the treaty. His alternate proposals, which were read in the Dail Eireann last night were not acceptable to the treaty proponents.

Mr. De Valera protested against what he termed misrepresentation, and said he would deserve impeachment if he had done as he was alleged. He challenged anybody to produce anything he had said about abandoning the republic. He defied anybody in Ireland to say that he did. The text of the most important provisions of De Valera's alternative proposal follow:

Status of Ireland: That the legislature, executive and judicial authority of Ireland shall be derived solely from the people of Ireland.

Mrs. Ralph Hunsaker is in this city for a short stay. Mrs. Hunsaker now lives at Ashland.

Interest In Japanese Question Spreading to New England

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—(United Press.)—"Interest in the Japanese question, until recently confined largely to the Pacific coast, has spread even into New England," said Ray Long, editor-in-chief of the International Magazine company, in an interview today.

"I base this assertion upon the fact that Peter H. Kyne's book, 'The Pride of Palomar,' which has to do with the Japanese in California, is now rated as the best seller in New England, although books on this question have been of comparatively small interest in the past on the Atlantic seaboard. This direct change in the public interest in the general Japanese subject seems to me to be a very significant fact and to show that the American public as a whole is now giving close attention to the Oriental problem."

"Our records indicate this interest"

Committee Decided To Have Exposition

(By United Press.)

PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—The statewide 1925 exposition executive committee adopted resolutions yesterday declaring for the exposition, but to wipe out legislative action and start a new plan, which will be formulated. The resolution adopted follows: Be it resolved: That the 1925 executive committee of the Oregon exposition reaffirm its purpose to proceed with the plans for holding the 1925 exposition and that this committee give immediate consideration to ways and means for providing funds for holding such exposition, and that a plan therefore be submitted by this committee to representative bodies in all portions of the state for the purpose of obtaining statewide cooperation, and that action on such plans be taken at the earliest possible date.

Adopted by unanimous vote.

Our Daily Bank Robbery

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 6.—The Day and Night Bank, with deposits of three million dollars, did not open today. The state bank commissioner announced that he found a shortage of over a hundred thousand dollars. A O. Meiningner, cashier, has not appeared at the bank since Wednesday, it is said.