PRESIDENT ACTS TO BRING ABOUT PEACE

Chile and Peru Are Urged to Settle Differences.

SITUATION IS HELD GRAVE

Acting Secretary Polk Makes Public Text of Note Handed to South American Nations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Acting Secretary Polk made public at the State Department today the text of the note handed by the United States Ambassadors recently to the Presidents of Chile and Peru, urging that the two South American nations owe it to the rest of the world to compose their differences and informing them that the United States "stands ready to tender, alone or in conjunction with other countries of this hemisphere, all possible assistance to bring about an equitable solution."

The note said the United States viewed the severance of consular relations between the two governments with the gravest apprehension, particularly on the eve of the Paris peace conference, "in which it is confidently expected that steps will be taken to provide for an era of lasting peace among all peoples."

American Offers Services.

In giving out the note Mr. Polk made no comment. Yesterday he said the American Government had suggested that all South American countries, not Argentina alone, join in the effort to compose the difficulty.

Following is the note:

"The President of the United States desires to inform your excellency that the various incidents leading up to the severance of consular relations between the Republics of Chile and Peru have been viewed by the Government of the United States with the gravest apprehension. Any agitation tending to lessen the prospect for permanent peace throughout the world, particularly on the eve of the convoking of the peace conference in Paris, in which it is confidently expected that steps will be taken to provide for an era of lasting peace among all peoples, would be disastrous and those persons who had caused this condition would be charged with grave responsibility before the world for their actions.

Situation Declared Grave.

"The President of the United States feels it is his duty to draw to the attention of the governments of Chile and Peru the gravity of the present situation and to point out to these governments the duty which they owe to the rest of the world and to mankind in general to take immediate steps to restrain popular agitation and to reestablish their peaceful relations.

"That a satisfactory and peaceful solution of the matter in dispute between the two countries may be arrived at there can be no doubt, and the Government of the United States stands ready to tender alone, or in conjunction with the other countries of this hemisphere, all possible assistance to bring about an equitable solution of the matter."

FOURTEEN COUNTIES UNITE

ORGANIZATION OF STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BEGUN.

Recommendations of By-Laws to Govern Body to Be Made at Morning Session Today.

Representatives from 14 counties of Oregon registered up to noon yesterday at the initial session for the formation of the State Chamber of Commerce. The conference was called to order by Emery Olmstead, and committees on organization and program appointed. C. C. Chapman spoke on "Why Oregon Should Have a State Chamber of Commerce."

The organization committee held a session that continued throughout the afternoon, and at which a large attendance of the delegates arriving later in the day was had.

The principal theme of discussion was to determine the basis of representation for membership and voting power. The deliberations were concluded last evening and the recommendations for the by-laws to govern the organization will be made at the morning session today. The members of the committee are: F. R. Brown, Charles McKnight, F. C. Brownell, C. C. Chapman, C. I. Barr, Louis Lochman and J. V. Tallman.

The programme committee, of which J. H. Overturf, of Bend, is chairman, prepared a tentative programme for today as follows:

10:30 A. M.—State Chamber of Commerce, C. C. Chapman.
Five-minute talks by members.
1:30 P. M.—Farm Unit, William H. Crawford.
2:00 P. M.—County Agents, O. A. C. representatives.
2:30 P. M.—Irrigation District Law, Percy A. Cupper, State Engineer.
3:00 P. M.—Co-operation, L. J. Simpson.
3:30 P. M.—Reclamation, J. W. Brewer.
4:00 P. M.—Home Industries, A. G. Clark.
4:30 P. M.—Commerce, Dean Morton.
Saturday, 9:30 A. M.—Cut-over Lands, Charles L. Wheeler.

Those registered at yesterday's session, which adjourned at noon until 9:30 this morning, were:

Baker County—W. E. Meacham, H. E. Tweed.
Clackamas County—E. E. Brodie.
Clatsop County—C. I. Barr.
Coos County—John Goss, Charles Hall, J. A. Matson, Charles McKnight, Louis J. Simpson.
Deschutes County—A. A. Aya, J. H. Overturff.
Hood River County—Truman Butler, C. N. Ravlin.
Josephine County—F. S. Bramwell, Theodore P. Cramer.
Marion County—L. Lachmund, Frederick W. Smith.
Morrow County—F. R. Brown, W. P. Mahoney, F. A. McMenamin, W. W. Smead.
Umatilla County—C. K. Cranston, J. V. Tallman, S. R. Thompson.
Union County—A. W. Nelson.
Wasco County—E. O. McCoy, Edward Pease, J. E. Rorick.
Yamhill County—F. C. Graham.

FARMER SLAIN IN REVENGE

C. A. MOREY, MORROW RANCHER, KILLS A. SCHAFER.

Following Shooting, Rancher Drives to Heppner in Automobile and Surrenders to Authorities.

HEPPNER, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—C. A. Morey, 40, a farmer in the sand country, 20 miles north of Lexington, shot and killed Alfred Schafer, a neighbor rancher, yesterday.

Schafer was plowing in his field when Morey rode over from his ranch and into Schafer's field and emptied his .44-caliber revolver at Schafer as the latter sat on his plow. Four shots took effect and death was instantaneous. There were no witnesses to the shooting. Morey turned and rode home, where he left his horse, and taking his automobile, drove to Lexington and gave himself up to Deputy Sheriff Scott, who brought the man to Heppner last night and lodged him in the County Jail.

Schafer's body was brought to Heppner today and an inquest was held tonight.

Morey is reported to have made a statement to Deputy Sheriff Scott in which he intimated that Schafer had ruined his home and that he rode over and killed him. Morey has a wife and four children. Schafer was a widower, with one daughter about 15 years old. He was highly esteemed by all his neighbors.

Mrs. Flora Bowers, who had kept house for Schafer and cared for his daughter since the death of his wife, saw the plow team coming to the barn without a driver, and thinking there had been an accident, went to the field and saw the body.

Morey refused to make any statement tonight regarding the shooting, further than to say that he felt that his action was highly justifiable.

LABOR TO RALLY THURSDAY

Aim Is to Promote Plan for Erection of Labor Temple.

All labor of the city will rally next Thursday night, at the regular session of the Central Labor Council, to promote interest in the movement to erect a labor temple, as authorized by a resolution adopted at the central council session last night.

The resolution cited the fact that labor has been devoting all its energies to war work and the promotion of patriotic drives, but may now, with propriety, push its own building project. Removal of building restrictions opens the way for construction of the temple.

Criticism of the Department of Labor and the United States Employment Service for not providing return transportation for the dismissed workers was voiced. A resolution was adopted ordering that letters calling for action in the matter shall be sent to Wilfred F. Smith, head of the employment service in Portland, and to Secretary of Labor Wilson.

HEARING TO BEGIN TODAY

Phone Company to Show Reason for Asking Rate Increase.

Hearing on the application of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company for an increase in rates will begin before the Public Service Commission of Oregon at 10 A. M., today, at the Courthouse. It is expected that the company will have a lengthy presentation of data and detail information upon which the new tariffs are based.

Cities and towns that have protested will have an opportunity to introduce testimony calculated to show why the increases asked should not be granted. It is not known how many of those who have protested will appear to submit evidence. The city of Portland is to be represented by its traffic expert, and possibly by other representatives, and by counsel from the office of the City Attorney.

Whether the controversy between the company and its switchboard employes in the past, as a result of which operators claim to have been shut out of employment, will be brought into the hearing is not known.

SOLDIER, GIRL ARRESTED

Robert Lee and Hazel Vincent Held for Violating Hotel Law.

Charged with violating the hotel ordinance by wrongfully registering as man and wife, Robert Lee, 23, a discharged soldier from a Virginia training camp, and Hazel Vincent, 20, of Springfield, O., were arrested last night at the Tourist Hotel by Patrolmen Morgan and Fuller, of the war emergency squad. Lee is said by the police to be the son of A. R. Lee, a former patrolman of the Portland force, who was discharged recently by Chief of Police Johnson.

Miss Vincent told the arresting officers she paid her own fare out here with the soldier and intended to marry him, though she had met him but four days before they left Springfield.

CARD OF THANKS.

With the deepest gratitude we wish to extend our sincere thanks to the many friends and neighbors who so kindly comforted us in the sad bereavement of our beloved wife, daughter and sister; also for the beautiful floral offerings. CHARLES R. SPRINGER. H. HANIFIN. MARGARET F. HANIFIN.
Adv.

Seattle Deaths 21.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 11.—Reports of only 415 new cases of Spanish influenza today led health authorities to hope that the peak of the second epidemic of the disease had passed. There were 21 deaths from pneumonia following influenza reported.

BRITISH VOTE NOVEL IN NATION'S HISTORY

Balloting in One Day to Relieve Usual Suspense.

600 SEATS ARE CONTESTED

Return of Mr. Lloyd George's Coalition to Power Unquestioned by Political Leaders.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—British voters will go to the polls Saturday in the Parliament elections under circumstances wholly novel in the history of the country. All the balloting will be done in one day, instead of there being elections in different districts spread over weeks, with long drawn-out excitement and suspense. Another novel proceeding is that the votes will not be counted for a fortnight, in order that the ballots of soldiers abroad may be counted with the others.

Among the political leaders the return of Mr. Lloyd George's coalition to power is unquestioned, although it may command only a minority of the votes on account of the number of candidates in the field.

Many Seats Contested.

There are 600 contested seats, with a total of 1518 candidates running for them. In 513 of these districts each has a candidate pledged to support Lloyd George's government through thick and thin, if elected.

Of them 358 are Conservatives, 113 Liberals and 42 others of various parties.

Of the 1065 running outside the coalition, 271 are Asquith Liberals, 39 Conservatives and 376 Laborites.

Ex-Premier Asquith's Liberal supporters have attacked the Premier because many of the old-time Liberal members who refused to give their pledged support to the Premier were "frozen out" and their seats allotted to Conservatives by the coalition.

Conscription Made Issue.

This quarrel obscured other issues during the first day of the electioneering. Afterwards the opposition criticized the Premier's policy looking to the punishment of the former German Emperor, getting big indemnities from Germany and expelling the Germans from this country.

The question of conscription has come to the front at the eleventh hour. The Liberals and Laborites are not satisfied with Mr. Lloyd George's declaration that the country's future military policy is dependent upon the result of the peace conference. They demand the unconditional scrapping of conscription with the signing of peace.

LIVESTOCK SHOW TO GO ON

NEW ORGANIZATION FORMED BY PROMINENT BREEDERS.

Frank Brown, of Carlton, Elected President and William Pollman, of Baker, Vice-President.

The Pacific International Livestock Association is undergoing a period of reconstruction. Last night at a largely attended meeting of representative men of the livestock interests of the Northwest, a new organization was formed to maintain the annual show on a proper scale, and members of its board of directors and leaders chosen. At 5 o'clock this afternoon the breeders will meet at the Imperial to adopt the constitution and by-laws and authorize the necessary steps for incorporation. It is probable the existing corporation will be taken over by the new, as it was the consensus of opinion that the co-ordination of all the breeders must be had to organize and maintain the association on the plane it should occupy.

Frank Brown, of Carlton, was elected president; William Pollman, of Baker, vice-president, and E. L. Potter, of the Oregon Agricultural College, secretary. The fourteen members of the board of directors elected last night are;

Henry Thiessen, Sweetwater, Idaho; C. L. Hawley, McCray, Or.; Frank Rothburt, Spokane; Duncan Dunn, Wapato, Wash.; F. A. Koser, Rickreall, Or.; Otto Battles, Yakima; A. C. Ruby, Portland; Thomas Carmichael, Gaston; Ray Fox, Lyons, Or.; Ed Carey, Carlton; Nat. McDougall (Hunt Club), Portland; George Gus, Yakima; C. C. Berkley, Hay Creek, Or., and William Pollman, of Baker.

COURT'S RIGHTS AT ISSUE

Jurisdiction Over British Vessels Up to Supreme Tribunal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Permission to institute proceedings contesting the right of American courts to have jurisdiction over British vessels engaged in the Admiralty service was asked of the Supreme Court today in a motion and memorandum presented by the British Embassy.

The question resulted from the libelling in New York harbor of the Admiralty transport Gleneden, against which $400,000 damages were claimed as a result of a collision with an Italian steamship in European waters on November 19 last.

WILSON HELD AS FRIEND

Visit of President Abroad Welcomed by Switzerland Head.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—(Havas.)—Gustave Ador, newly elected president of Switzerland, in an interview with a correspondent of the Journal, declared that he believed the visit of President Wilson to Europe was a guarantee that the future society of nations would be based on right, justice and a respect for popular will.

The Swiss democracy, he added, believed it had a strong friend in President Wilson.

ALIEN PROPERTY IS SOLD

Bayer Company's Plant Goes Under Hammer at Albany.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 12.—The Bayer Company, manufacturers of chemicals, dyestuffs and proprietary compounds, with a large plant at Rensselaer, N. Y., was sold at auction today to the Sterling Products Company, of Wheeling, West Virginia.

The purchase price was $5,310,000 and the property is also subject to a Government tax of $1,034,000. The sale was ordered by the alien property custodian.

Sunday School Convention Put Off.

The Sunday school convention to have been held at the First Free Methodist Church today and at the Central Free Methodist Church on Sunday has been deferred on account of the illness of Rev. C. R. Ebey, of Los Angeles, who was to have presided.

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LAST PRISONERS RETURN

560 Americans, Held in Germany, Leave for Vichy.

GENEVA, Dec. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The last contingent of American prisoners from Germany, numbering 560, left here last night for Vichy, where they will rest before leaving for home.

The contingent consists mainly of men from Georgia and Indiana. All the troops were deeply touched by the reception accorded them by the Swiss people, who loaded them with gifts and flowers.

PANAMA BASE IS SOUGHT

United States Begins Negotiations for Purchase of Property.

PANAMA, Dec. 12.—Negotiations have been begun by the United States for the purchase of property rights on the Island of Taboga, at the Pacific entrance of the Panama Canal, in Panaman territory. It is said the plan is to add to the canal fortifications six batteries of Coast Artillery and a post of 3000 men.

The cost of the property rights, it is said, will aggregate $15,000,000.

Brazil Names Delegates.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 12.—It was announced today that the representatives of Brazil to the peace conference at Versailles will be Dr. Epitacio Pessoa, Dr. Pandia Caloreras and Olyntho M. de Magalhaes, Minister to France. Drs. Pessoa and Caloreras already are on their way to France.

CHURCH POLICY DECIDED

Presbyterian Churches of America Agree on Welfare Work.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 12.—As a result of a two-day conference held here the United, Canadian, Southern and Northern Presbyterian Churches, representing in total about 5,000,000 members, will unite on a campaign to look after the welfare of Presbyterians who have served, or who are serving, with the colors.

They will rehabilitate men in need of it, aid the wounded, help men obtain positions and others complete their education. A uniform policy for all Presbyterian Churches has been decided upon.

More Bonds Essential.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Five to five and one-half billion dollars more of bonds will have to be issued to finance the Government this year, Secretary McAdoo told the House ways and means committee today in discussing financial questions. He based this on an estimate of $18,000,000,000 in expenditures and members of the committee said the estimate was not too high.

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ALDER STREET AT WEST PARK

VICTOR BERGER ON TRIAL

TESTIMONY AGAINST SOCIALIST REPRESENTATIVE GIVEN.

Defense Denies Allegations of Indictment and Insists Laws Were Not Violated.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Initial testimony from a Government witness in support of the charge that Victor L. Berger, Representative-elect from Milwaukee; Adolph Germer, National secretary of the Socialist party; J. Louis Engdahl, William F. Kruse and Rev. Irwin St. John Tucker, leading Socialists, are guilty of conspiracy to violate the espionage act, was given today before Judge Landis in the United States District Court.

The first witness was Arnold A. Schiller, a Camp Grant soldier, who entered the service in September, 1917, and was a member of the 332d Field Artillery. Schiller, now stationed in the depot brigade at Camp Grant, was formerly a distributor employed by the American Socialist, of which William F. Kruse is editor.

The entire morning session was occupied with the opening statement of Attorney Stedman, chief counsel for the defense, who denied specific allegations of the charge in the indictment and declared that Socialists, while opposed to war, obeyed the laws of the country and were patriotic citizens.

Henry A. Cochems, counsel for Victor L. Berger, reviewed the life of Mr. Berger in his opening statement for his client. He declared that the defense would show that in all things which affect Government action the defendants have complied with the law.

CZECHS ENTER BOHEMIA

Zwickau, Border Town, Occupied by Troops.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—(Havas.)—Zwickau, a town of Bohemia, just south of the border of Saxony, has been occupied by Czecho-Slovak troops.

Dresden, the Saxon capital, is 40 miles northwest of Zwickau.

Mr. Piez Succeeds Mr. Schwab.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Formal announcement was made today by the Shipping Board that Charles Piez has been elected Director-General of the Emergency Fleet Corporation to succeed Charles M. Schwab who resigned last week. Mr. Piez has been vice-president and general manager of the corporation.

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