

9 NATIONS APPROVE TWO-COURT PLAN

League Admits Albania to Surprise of Everyone.

FRENCH, BRITISH SWITCH

Former Opposition is Abandoned. Roumania Offers Aid in Ex- pedition into Armenia.

GENEVA, Dec. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Nine nations, led by Japan, today signed a protocol giving executive approval to the international court of justice set up by the league of nations. Portugal signed a provision for obligatory jurisdiction while the other nations simply gave their consent to the court plan without the obligatory provision.

The latter nations were Greece, Paraguay, Uruguay, Slav, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden. There was no ceremony, the delegates simply affixing their signatures to the protocol. It is expected that from four to six other nations will ratify the court project before the adjournment of the assembly tomorrow night.

Albania is Admitted.
The sixth member of the league of nations, Albania, was elected today with surprising unanimity, and no one was more surprised than Albania herself to find that she would be represented on the floor of the assembly at the closing session tomorrow. The committee on the admission of new states had reported unfavorably and all hope of Albania's election had been abandoned.

Armenia Comes Up Again.
The question of Armenia came up again this afternoon in the form of a proposition by the Roumanian government to participate in a military intervention. The Roumanian delegation, said to have authority from his government to propose that a force of from 20,000 to 30,000 men be organized by the powers to intervene in Armenia and that the Roumanian government would furnish its quota.

The assembly voted to refer the question to the assembly committee considering the Armenian question. The Japanese delegation made the statement that it would not press the racial equality question with reference to mandated territories, in order to permit acceptance of the mandate. After long debate during yesterday's session, regarding the report of the mandates commission complaining of the commission's refusal to submit a draft of the mandates for Syria, Mesopotamia and Palestine, except under certain conditions, the matter was left over for settlement later if possible.

Council is Arranged.
The original report of the mandates commission was a sharp arraignment of the council, but the language used was considerably softened by the full commission, following the debate on the floor of the assembly. The council declined to submit drafts of the mandates except on a promise by the commission that no reference to the provisions of the mandates would be made in the report to the assembly.

The action of the committee in recommending the rejection of the applications of Baltic states and the influence of the committee had before it a document containing the note sent August 10 to the Italian ambassador by Bainbridge Colby, American secretary of state, who stated the United States policy was that decision be held in abeyance concerning territories carved out of the ex-Russian empire.

The applications of Azerbaijan, the Ukraine and Lithuania for membership were rejected. The assembly adopted the recommendation of the committee that the special amendments committee study what modifications of the covenant were necessary to admit to honorary membership states too small for active membership.

Hotel Site Purchased.
Dooley & Co., owners of the Palace hotel, purchased the ground on which the hotel is located yesterday from Timothy Kinney, wealthy mining man of Wyoming, and his associates for \$200,000, according to an announcement.

The company making the purchase erected the hotel in 1913 for \$125,000 and at that time secured a lease on the site with an option which came due yesterday.

Shrine Elects Tonight.
At Kader Temple to Have Meeting in Armory at 8 o'clock.

Annual election of officers of Al Kader temple, Mytic Shrine, as well as the representatives to the annual reunion of the imperial council, will be held in the armory tonight. A. H. Lee, illustrious potentate of Al Kader temple, engaged the armory in order that the membership of the temple, expected to participate in the annual election, might be accommodated.

Four Children Cut Off.
Son and Daughter in Portland Lose Under Morris Korn's Will.

CHICO, Cal., Dec. 17.—Max Korn, a merchant found dead here Sunday, apparently having hanged himself,

left virtually all of his estate, valued at \$50,000, to his two daughters, Henrietta and Lena, San Francisco, his will filed today disclosed.

He bequeaths \$5 to each of three other children, Ruth and Sam Korn of San Francisco and David Korn of Portland, Or. To Mrs. Grace Senosky of Portland, another daughter, he left nothing.

Louis B. Senosky, manager of Baron's shoe store, last night said that his wife, Grace Senosky, is at present in San Francisco to attend the funeral of her father, Morris Korn, not as given out in the Associated Press dispatch.

Mr. Senosky said the information he had showed that Korn died in Abler's hospital, San Francisco. Mr. Senosky said Mr. Korn had made his home in San Francisco for the last several years with his daughter Lena and had not been in Chico for several years. The other daughter, Henrietta, who shared with Lena the greater portion of the \$50,000 estate, is a teacher in the public schools here. Sam Korn is a salesman for the Royal shoe company in Portland and Dave Korn is a resident of San Francisco, according to Senosky.

Slayer's Yarns Puzzle.
CLEWS TO VICTIM'S BODY GETS SLEUTHS NOWHERE.

Malheur Officials Beginning to Wonder if Prisoner is Cleverly Laying Insanity Plea Basis.

ONTARIO, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Is George W. Howard, the self-confessed murderer of George R. Sweeney, the Vale tailor, the most accomplished evader in Oregon? Are the officials being made the victims of his hallucinations? Is Howard still seeing visions of the body of Sweeney and in his yarns sending the officials on wild-goose chases; or is he cleverly laying the groundwork for a plea of insanity? These are the questions which the officers of Malheur county have begun asking themselves.

Dredge Blown Up, 4 Dead.
BEAVER CREW VICTIMS OF DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

Dead Body of Operator of Craft and Daughter—Sole Survivor Recovering at Hospital.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—A sudden light illumined the northern sky last night about 9 o'clock was the first evidence noted here of the worst accident in point of loss of life that ever occurred in Pacific county, when the dredger Beaver, partly owned and operated by Frank Behrke on North river, exploded last night by dynamite which was kept on the scow.

The accident claimed the lives of Mr. Behrke and his 17-year-old daughter, Blanche, Elgel Christensen and Adolph Jarve. The only survivor was Fred Welsh, who was brought to South Bend late last night in a dazed condition and who at present is recovering at the South Bend general hospital. Christensen was brought here also last night but died before medical aid could be administered.

The other victims recovered last night were floating in the water, indicating that they had been killed instantly.

The dredging outfit was engaged in building a dam at the McGowan ranch and at 8 o'clock last night finished the day's work. All members of the crew, it is thought were on the second deck of the scow, which was their quarters and from the result of the accident it is evident that the explosion struck that portion of the scow more severely. At late arrivals upon the scene said that the quarters were in flames, the lower portion not taking fire until some time after the frequent discharges of dynamite prevented them from attempting much of a search.

Knights Honor Pilgrims.
Dallas Lodgemen and Pythian Sisters Hold Big Meeting.

DALLAS, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—In commemoration of the landing of the Pilgrims, the Knights of Pythias lodge of this city, with the Pythian sisters, held a big meeting in their hall last night. A short musical programme preceded an address on the landing of the Pilgrims by G. O. Holman, an attorney of this city.

Dallas Phone Manager Named.
DALLAS, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—C. B. Sundberg, for more than seven years manager of the Dallas Telephone company, was named as manager, taking the place of H. M. Richardson, who last week was transferred to a Washington city. Mr. Sundberg was for many years owner of the Dallas system and last year disposed of his interests to the Willamette Telephone company.

BRYAN, GERARD, REED MEET WITH HARDING

President-Elect Asks Aid in Uniting Nations.

COMMONER IS PLEASED

Ex-Ambassador to Germany Joins in Expressing Satisfaction With Conference.

MARION, O., Dec. 17.—With his plan for an association of nations assuming more definite form, President-elect Harding took into his confidence today three conspicuous democrats, William Jennings Bryan, James W. Gerard and James A. Reed, and asked their advice and their aid in fashioning a programme behind which the nations can unite.

Mr. Bryan, taking the lead in expressing gratification at the day's developments, declared his faith in Mr. Harding as an honest and conscientious public servant whom the whole people would trust. The ex-secretary of state announced that he had found himself in agreement with the president-elect on "fundamentals," and that he took a hopeful view of the conference here to evolve a plan for world peace.

Gerard Joins in Praise.
Mr. Gerard, ex-ambassador to Germany and during the last campaign actively connected with the democratic national committee, joined with Mr. Bryan in expressing satisfaction at the scope of the association of nations conference.

Senator Reed reserved judgment on the outline of an association of nations laid before him by the president-elect, but declared himself delighted that one so irrefragably opposed to the Versailles covenant and to foreign entanglements generally, should have been invited to Mr. Harding's council table.

Details Not Discussed.
None would discuss in the detail the subjects touched on in their talks with the president-elect, but it became known that something more than a scattered collection of suggestions was offered for their scrutiny. It is understood that although Mr. Harding's plan still was far from complete, his talks had given him the basis of a scheme of world cooperation which he was hopeful would be practicable and acceptable to the nation.

In all of his conferences from now on it is expected that opinions will be sought with a view to perfecting that plan and ascertaining how far it may be expected to have popular support.

In his talks today, Mr. Harding was understood to have declared a particular desire that in the end the proposal should have no tinge of partisanship.

Short Sermon Delivered.
After his conference with Mr. Bryan, the president-elect accompanied his guest to a meeting of the laymen of the Marion Presbyterian church and delivered from a flag-draped pulpit a short sermon on the needs for a national consecration to the religious tenets of the fathers. He declared that in the present world, turmoil and in a search for a way out of war, no element was so much needed as a deep-seated religious faith.

In the suggestion that the association of nations plan be divested of all partisan color, the president-elect found himself in perfect accord with Mr. Bryan, who made an active fight to keep the league issue out of the recent campaign, advocating acceptance of the republican reservations after it became agreed that universal ratification was impossible. It was not revealed, however, what part Mr. Bryan recommended for the Versailles covenant in the new association plan.

Harding Held Conscientious.
"I believe that Mr. Harding is not only an honest and conscientious man," said Mr. Bryan after the conference, "but I believe he is a man whose whole purpose is to do what he believes is best for the American people. It is not expected, of course, that every one will agree as to what is best, but I believe that if a man wants to do that and if that is all of his purpose, the people will trust him and be hopeful."

Vegetables Are Needed.
EUGENE, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—There is a big demand for canned carrots, parsnips and turnips according to O. Holt, manager of the canning of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, and he has called upon the farmers in this part of the valley to bring in these products. Mr. Holt said that the plant needs at least 50 tons of carrots and 35 tons of parsnips and turnips to fill the orders now on the association's books. He says there is also a demand for

Hobos Fire Church Furnace.
COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 17.—

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OF
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Canned Meats

At prices that meet the public approval—That are low enough to mean a savings in your expense lists?

built upon recognition of the same God. We have every faith that our nation will take its fitting place in an association of nations for world peace and I believe we are going to be able to do it without the surrendering of anything we hold dear as a heritage of the American people."

DAIRY DAY BIG SUCCESS

Cattle Judging Interesting Feature of Lane County Farmers' Week.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Yesterday was "dairy day" at the Lane county farmers' week. Seventy-five farmers were present from all parts of the county. The opening even a feature of the day's programme, was a dairy-cattle judging demonstration in the street in front of the Chamber of Commerce building. The cattle were Holsteins from the herd of Max Arpe. One cow had produced above 17,000 pounds of milk in nine months. The demonstration was conducted by Professor E. B. Pitts of Oregon Agricultural college. The discussions of the day centered around projects for the improvement of the livestock of the county. These projects were "better sires, disease eradication and cow testing. The speakers were E. P. Whitney, county agent; Professors Brandt, Allen and Pitts of Oregon Agricultural college, and M. S. Shrock of the Dairymen's league. W. F. Reed, as dairyman, was chairman of the day.

ROAD REPAIR OPPOSED

Club Wants County to Wait for Federal and State Aid.

LEBANON, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—A committee from the Lebanon commercial club waited on the Linn county court recently and urged that body not to spend the bond money voted last year for the improvement of the Lebanon-Cascadia road until such time as the state highway commission and the federal government co-operated in the improvement of this highway. This road was designated in the law as one of the secondary state highways, and is also a federal road which the government has undertaken to improve.

The club was opposed to the county's making the improvements that it contemplated, for the reason that they were of only a temporary nature. This community considers the road from Lebanon to central Oregon by the way of Fish Lake one of the most important secondary roads in the state.

DALLAS HAZARDS PROBED

Deputy Fire Marshals Investigate City Conditions.

DALLAS, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—G. W. Stokes, H. Sykes and Gilbert Allen, deputies from the state fire marshal's office, are in Dallas this week inspecting schools, churches and factory buildings and other property for fire hazards.

The deputy fire marshals met with the Dallas fire department Wednesday evening and recommended the purchase of new fire-fighting equipment, including an engine for pumping water from the mains, the La-Croire river or other sources of water supply.

BIG MILL TO SHUT DOWN

Salem Plant of Spaulding Logging Company Closes Today.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The C. K. Spaulding Logging company, which operates extensively in the Willamette valley, today announced that the Salem plant of the corporation would close tomorrow night indefinitely. Approximately 400 men will be thrown out of employment, including those now at work in the company's camps in various parts of Marion county.

Uncertainty of the lumber market and the necessity for immediate repairs were given by Charles K. Spaulding, president of the corporation, as reasons for suspension of operations. During the second period the local mill will be equipped with new boilers and other improvements, involving an outlay of more than \$10,000.

Retiring Chairman Host.
Frank E. Andrews, retiring chairman of the membership committee of the chamber of commerce, gave a luncheon to the members of the committee yesterday. The work of the year was reviewed and at the conclusion Mr. Andrews received a fine

Cherrians to Entertain.
SALEM, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—C. E. Knowland, kinsman of the Salem cherrians, will be formally ushered into office at coronation ceremonies to be held here January 4. The Portland Rosarians, Albany Jubarians, Vancouver Prunarians and Eugene Radiators will be invited to attend the ceremony. A banquet and dance will be features of the occasion.

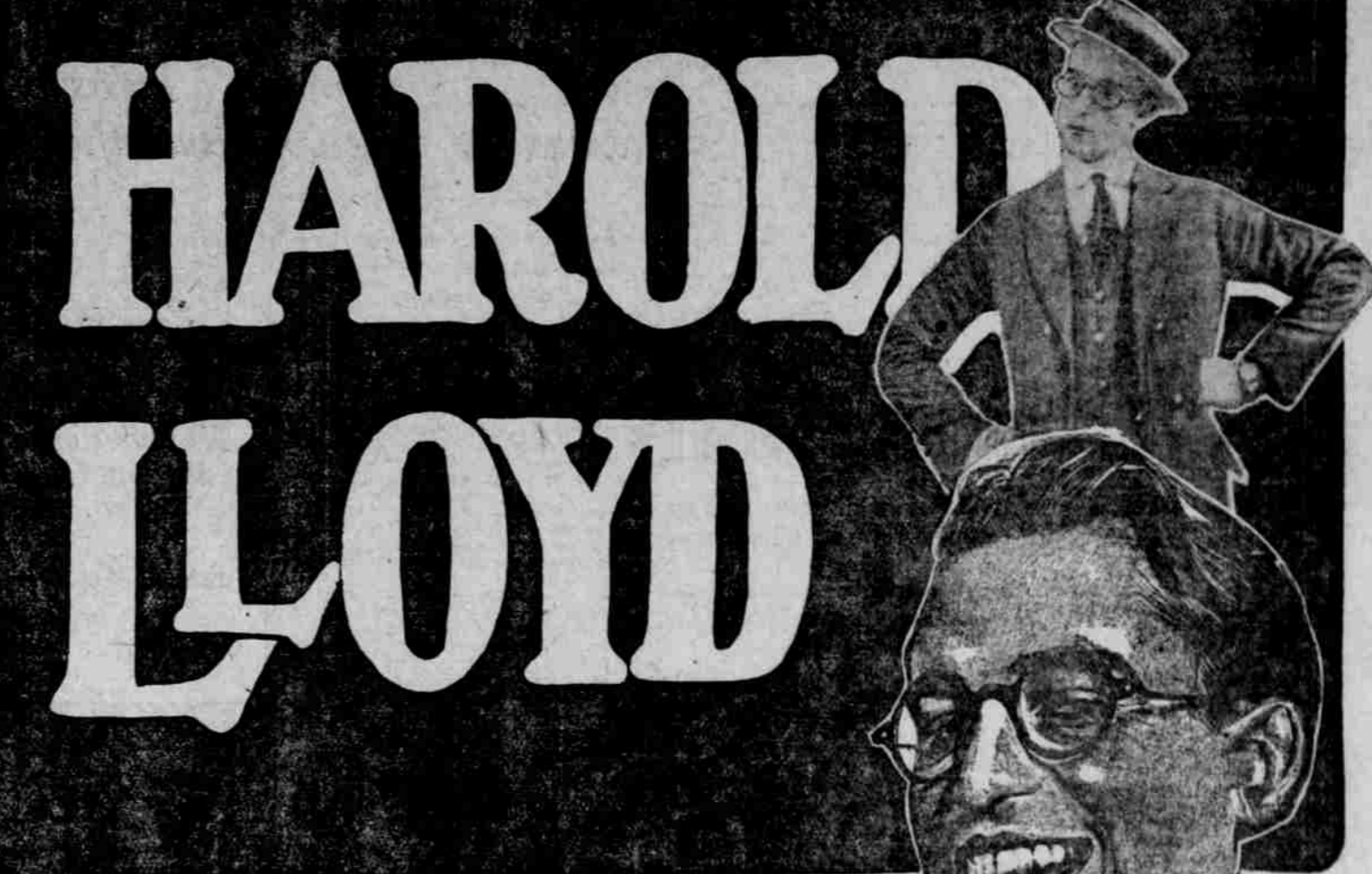
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That's what you get out of this greatest of all comedians in this marvelous mix-up with a magic mirror.

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and "HONEST HUTCH"
From the popular Saturday Evening Post Story, "Old Hutch Lives Up to It"—the story of the world's laziest man. Good-humored laziness is frequently funny. This is an extreme case that makes one of the best comedies ever screened.

Programme
Messenger Boy.....Tate
Berceuse (from Jocelyn).....Codard
Blue Danube.....Strauss
Selection from "Mary".....Hirsch
(Newest New York success.)



(Special.)—Unwittingly the Christian church ministered to the physical, if not the spiritual, comfort of unknown guests a few nights ago. When George Young, the sexton, arrived at the church one morning he found everything cozy and comfortable, and upon examination found that hobos had broken into the basement in the night, had built a fire in the furnace and had apparently enjoyed a pleasant night's rest.

PEOPLES
NEW SHOW TODAY
DIRECTION JENSEN-VON HERBERG
WEST PARK BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND ALDER

Shirley Mason
The Romance of a Girl From Nowhere



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