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HUGHES OUTLINES AID FOR EUROPE

Independent Commission Is Suggestion.

U. S. ARBITRATION OPPOSED

Success of World Parley Is Doubtful by Secretary.

INVITATION NOT GIVEN

That German Reparations Lies at Root of Economic Trouble of Today Is Realized.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 29.—A suggestion that an independent commission of men competent in financial affairs could accomplish more than a general international conference toward solution of the European reparations tangle was put forward by Secretary Hughes here tonight in the first public pronouncement on the economic crisis to come from responsible officials of the administration at Washington. The secretary, who spoke before the American Historical association, added that he had "no doubt" that distinguished Americans would be willing to serve on such a commission, which, he said, might well be kept free from any responsibility to foreign officials or any duty to obey political instructions. Once advantage had been taken of the opportunities thus afforded, he said, "the avenues of American helpfulness cannot fail to open hopefully."

U. S. Arbitration Not Asked

Referring to suggestions that the United States assume the role of arbiter in the reparations dispute, Mr. Hughes said a sufficient answer to that was the fact "that we have not been asked." He went on to say he did not believe this government should take such a burden of responsibility.

Throughout his discussion the secretary recognized that the question of German reparations lay at the root of any economic settlement. The problems abroad, he said, are world problems, and could not be disposed of "by calling them European." He declared the United States would "view with disfavor" measures which instead of producing reparations would threaten disaster, and said no one could foresee the "serious consequences" which might ensue if forcible means were adopted to obtain reparations from Germany.

"The crux of the European situation lies in the settlement of reparations," said Mr. Hughes. "There will be no adjustment of other needs, however pressing, until a definite and accepted basis for the discharge of reparations claims has been fixed. It is futile to attempt to erect any economic structure in Europe until the foundation is laid."

Reparations Not Sought

"How can the United States help in this matter? We are not seeking reparations. We are indeed asking for the reimbursement to us of the cost of our army of occupation; and, with good reason, for we have maintained our army in Europe at the request of the allies and of Germany and under an agreement that its costs with like army costs should be a first charge upon the amounts paid by Germany. Others have been paid and we have not been paid. But we are not seeking general reparations. We are bearing our own burden and through our loans a large part of Europe's burden in addition. No demands of ours stand in the way of a proper settlement of the reparations question."

Of course, we hold the obligations of European governments and there has been much discussion abroad and here with respect to them. There has been a persistent attempt ever since the armistice to link up the debts owing to our government with reparations or with projects of cancellation. This attempt was resisted in a determined manner under the former administration and under the present administration.

Matter Is Plain Enough

"The matter is plain enough from our standpoint. The capacity of Germany to pay is not at all affected by any indebtedness of any of the allies to us. That indebtedness does not diminish Germany's capacity and its removal would not increase her capacity. For example, if France had been able to finance her part in the war without borrowing at all from us, that is, by taxation and internal loans, the problem of what Germany could pay would be exactly the same. Moreover, so far as the debtors to the United States are concerned, they have unsettled credit balances, and their condition and capacity to pay cannot be properly determined until the amount that can be realized on these credits for reparations has been determined."

The administration must also consider the difficulty arising from the fact that the question of these obligations which we hold, and what shall be done with them, is not a question within the province of the executive. Not only is it not a

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SENATORS INDORSE JUDGE COKE'S CHOICE

MARSHFIELD MAN IS BACKED FOR U. S. ATTORNEY.

Walter Toozee Sr. of Salem considered for Register of Land Office in Portland.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Judge John S. Coke of Marshfield was jointly recommended today by Senators McNary and Stanford for appointment as United States attorney, district of Oregon.

Walter Toozee Sr. of Salem, Or., it is understood, is being considered for the office of register of the land office at Portland to succeed Alexander Sweeck, who is expected to be transferred to a state job at an early date by appointment of Governor-elect Pierce.

Selection of Judge Coke as the successor to Lester W. Humphreys as United States district attorney for Oregon does not come as a surprise. There were many applicants for this appointment, but when it was learned that Judge Coke would be willing to resign from the circuit bench to accept the federal position he was viewed as the logical winner.

Provided the confirmation of the appointment is made next week, Judge Coke can resign and his successor can be named by Governor Olcott. If it is confirmed next week beyond next week, then Mr. Pierce will have the naming of a judge to fill the vacancy.

Governor Olcott will be asked to select John C. Kendall or J. T. Brand for Judge Coke's place. Each of these attorneys has a strong backing. Mr. Kendall is president of the chamber of commerce at Marshfield and Mr. Brand is city attorney.

Peculiarly enough, Mr. Brand is a law partner of Arthur K. Peck, who himself will expect the appointment to succeed Judge Coke if the appointment is within the power of Mr. Pierce. Mr. Peck was one of the advisers of Charles Hall when the latter opposed Governor Olcott for the republican nomination in the primaries, and Mr. Peck was active in collecting the charges of fraud on which Mr. Hall based his recount, and which failed to be substantiated when the contest was tried.

Judge Coke is a republican who served in the state senate and was originally appointed to the bench by Governor Chamberlain. He has since been elected twice and was elected again for six years last month.

Alex Sweeck, register of the land office and well-known democrat, said last night that he has heard nothing from Washington from the senators and it is news to him that he was about to resign. Mr. Sweeck's commission does not expire until next August and it is known that the senators have no intention of discharging him before that time. There have been rumors that Mr. Sweeck would be appointed to something by Mr. Pierce when the latter becomes governor, but the same kind of rumors have circulated with respect to all the prominent democrats.

OWNERS OF AUTOS LAG

Applications for State Licenses Come in Slowly.

Applications for automobile licenses received yesterday and Thursday at the Portland branch of the state motor license department in the courthouse came in at the rate of 1500 a day. It is estimated that there are many thousands of owners who must yet obtain license plates who cannot be accommodated between now and January 1. There were lines of waiting applicants at two or three periods yesterday and the jam is expected to be greatly increased today.

W. L. Campbell, in charge of the office, announced yesterday that he will keep the place open until 8 o'clock tonight and during ordinary business hours on Sunday and New Year's day from 9 to 5.

LIGHTNER BEGINS TERM

Portland Convict and Five Others at McNeil Island.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 29.—Dave Lightner, sentenced to three and a half years in Portland for violation of the federal narcotic laws, was taken to the McNeil Island penitentiary today to begin serving his term. He spent the night in the county jail.

Five other prisoners entered the penitentiary along with Lightner. They were Ivan E. Claeys, former Portland policeman, convicted of making a fake raid on a Japanese steamer; D. M. Lynch, Anchorage, Alaska, convicted of attempted murder; Antone Golchuck, Alaska Indian, sentenced to a life term for murder; and two Portland Japanese, convicted of smuggling Japanese laborers into this country.

TYPIST SETS NEW MARK

Stenographer Writes 700 Words in Two Minutes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Writing 700 words in two minutes with only three errors, Nathan Behren, a state supreme court stenographer, has broken his own world's record for stenographic notation, it was announced today at the New York state shorthand reporters' convention.

Behren's previous record was 277 words a minute for five minutes with three errors.

ATLANTIC GALES WRECK VESSELS

Few Smaller Craft Are Driven Ashore.

FEAR HELD FOR FREIGHTERS

S. O. S. Sent Out December 6 by Heinrich Kayser.

MUNMOTOR CALLS AID

Later Message Says Bad List Is Partly Overcome; Bretonia Out Since December 13.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Gales today continued to whip the north Atlantic into mountains and canyons, arousing fears for at least two vessels, delaying scores and sending a few smaller craft crashing into the shore.

The chief anxiety was felt for the freighter Bretonia, which sailed for this port from St. Pierre on December 13, and the German freighter Heinrich Kayser, which last reported when she sent out an S. O. S. 500 miles off Cape May on December 6. In addition a flutter ran through marine circles when the shipping board motorship Munmotor, bound for Norfolk from Boston, radioed for help off Five Fathom bank light.

Munmotor Has Bad List

The Munmotor, with a crew of 42 aboard, reported a bad list to starboard, but a later message stated she had righted a little. Meanwhile the coast guard cutter Kickapaw went out to her assistance from Cape May.

The most important wreck report was that of the schooner Annie L. Spindler, out of Yarmouth, N. S., which struck near Provincetown, Mass., sending her crew of six ashore in a breeches buoy. An unconfirmed report had it that she was carrying a cargo of liquor.

Shipping officers in New York, Halifax and other ports, were bombarded with wireless messages from liners reporting delays caused by mid-winter storms.

Berengaria Is Held Up

The Berengaria, bearing Ambassador Hays back to Washington from London, was one of the vessels held up. Due here today, she reported that she was still 817 miles off this port and did not expect to reach quarantine until Sunday morning.

Nearly 25 steamers which swept into port today showed the effects of the battering they had received.

Three on Manchuria Injured

The Manchuria reported three of her crew in the sick bay with injuries received when smitten by a

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MORE OIL PUMPED FROM MARION WELL

SOME OF 500 SPECTATORS CONVINCED, OTHERS NOT.

Flow Limited to Three or Four Gallons; Experts Say More Drilling Is Needed.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—With more than 500 persons from different sections of western Oregon gathered about the pump-house, directors of the Willamette Valley Oil & Gas company today proved to the satisfaction of many of the visitors that oil has been found on their property near the little town of St. Paul in Marion county. Others shook their heads and, despite the limited flow of oil, declared that they were from Missouri and would have to be shown.

Today's operations followed the announcement two weeks ago that oil had been discovered. The initial flow aggregated three gallons. Operations at the well then were suspended temporarily.

Today's flow of oil, which was limited to three or four gallons, was raised from a depth of approximately 1007 feet. The original strike was at a depth of 1010 feet. This would indicate, some experts said, that the drills have reached the oil sand, but that it will be necessary to sink the well some distance to obtain the product in substantial quantities.

Operations will be resumed at once, it was said tonight. It may be several weeks, it was declared, before the owners of the well learn definitely if they are to obtain oil in paying quantities.

The company invaded the St. Paul vicinity several months ago.

Among those at the well today were T. B. Handley, state corporation commissioner, and G. B. Gebhart, examiner of the state corporation department, but neither would issue a statement.

WORLD PARLEYS URGED

Jane Addams Says Women Favor Conferences for Peace.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Miss Jane Addams of Chicago, who will begin in January a tour of the world to sound out opinion regarding means for bringing about economic reconstruction and peace, pointed out to interviewers today that the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, over whose recent convention at The Hague she has presided, had advocated having the league of nations call economic conferences.

At such conferences, she urged, existing treaties could be wiped out and others created if such action were necessary to assure future stability.

HUSBAND AND SELF SHOT

Woman Kills Spouse and Then Attempts Suicide.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Fannie Hunt, 59 years of age, shot and killed her husband, Frederick K. Hunt, a retired naval ensign, aged 54, today and then shot herself, possibly fatally, according to a statement to which police said she swore.

Mrs. Hunt said illness had caused her to suffer from insomnia for several months and she was afraid her husband would go insane because of his constant attendance upon her.

FATTY'S COME-BACK NOW HELD ASSURED

COMEDIAN TO HEAD NEW PICTURE COMPANY.

Gavin McNab, Defender at Trials, Said to Have Organized Film Corporation.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 29.—Gavin McNab, San Francisco attorney, who defended Roscoe C. ("Fatty") Arbuckle in his three trials in the northern city for manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, screen actress, has organized a company to star the motion picture comedian in the "come-back" which he plans, it was announced here tonight by Joseph M. Schenck, producer, who previously said he would re-employ Arbuckle.

According to Schenck, McNab has interested a group of San Francisco financiers in the plan and they have organized a motion picture producing corporation to be capitalized at \$100,000.

It is understood the new company will seek a producing site in Los Angeles and that McNab will direct its affairs, but that it will be known as Arbuckle's company and that the comedian will be its active head.

"I had a long talk today with Roscoe," Schenck was quoted. "He recently returned from San Francisco, where he conferred with McNab and the San Francisco capitalists interested. Roscoe said McNab had organized a company which would produce his future pictures."

"Roscoe is already working on his first picture. The production will start immediately. I understand negotiations are in progress for studio space."

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Gavin McNab, counsel for Roscoe C. Arbuckle, said tonight at his home here that he was "doing the legal work incident to the organization of a motion picture company in which Arbuckle will appear, but I am not going into the motion picture business."

Mr. McNab added that he had assured the new company he would "protect all its rights against any contemplated attack against Mr. Arbuckle by those outside the motion picture industry."

800 FILM EXTRAS FIGHT

"Audience" in Prizefight Scene Wreck Arena in Battle.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—A motion picture director at Universal City, near here, hired 800 extras today to be used as the "audience" in the filming of a prizefight scene. In the excitement of the make-believe pugilistic fiesta, two of the hired spectators forgot themselves and came to blows. The fight quickly spread to the other 798 members of the "audience," and after the dust settled and a hurriedly summoned squadron of police had herded the combatants into the street, it was found that the arena was wrecked.

TURK EX-SULTAN TO SAIL

Mohammed VI to Leave for Mecca on British Warship.

MALTA, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Ex-Sultan Mohammed VI of Turkey, it is understood, will leave for Mecca Monday aboard a British warship.

He presumably will be landed at Jeddah, the port of Mecca on the Red sea.

OLD MEN EXPLAIN HOW TO PASS 90

Some Smoke and Drink, While Others Don't.

EZRA MEEKER HAS PARTY

Younger Guests Are Left in Doubt on Longevity.

VARIED THEORIES HEARD

One Thinks War Either at Home or Abroad Has Little to Do With Question.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Nine men, more than 90 years old, told how they had reached that age at Ezra Meeker's birthday dinner tonight, and yet, when they were through, the younger guests present still seemed a bit uncertain as to just how to go about it. The testimony was as follows:

John Armstrong, 95, 263 West Sixteenth street:

"I never drank or smoked."

William R. Curtis, 91, Milford, Ill.—I have never touched whiskey, beer or tobacco. I never went to war and did very little fighting at home.

One Gives Up Smoking

Thomas Lingie, 90, No. 23 Market street, Perth Amboy, N. J.—"I was all through the civil war on the gunboat Naugatuck. I used to smoke, but gave it up finally. I never take a drink except cocktails, I like them."

Daniel Kennard, 94, 1105 Cortelyou road, Brooklyn—No tobacco or liquor. I drink two cups of strong coffee after each meal.

Louis Maurer, 91, 404 West Forty-first street—I have no harmful habits. I have kept outdoors and avoided strenuous labor as much as possible.

Charles P. Benedict, 90, No. 271 A Moore street, Brooklyn—I am a vegetarian. I have avoided liquor or tobacco.

Liquor Used All of Life

George Isaacs, 93, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, New York—My father and I have used liquor all my life, rye, scotch and wine. On doctor's order I used to drink two bottles a day to cure blood poisoning. Had blood poisoning three times and never died once.

Then Mr. Meeker, who was 92 last night, cast his vote for hard work and temperance.

The dinner was held at Child's Holland house restaurant, Thirtieth street and Fifth avenue. Mr. Meeker is one of the first settlers of the state of Washington. He plans to collect the testimonials into a pamphlet. It should prove popular with all.

ITALIAN TOWNS SHAKEN

Quake Felt at Several Points, but No Damage Done.

ROME, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—An earthquake was felt at Avezzano, in the province of Aquila, at 1:35 o'clock this afternoon, according to a message received here. No damage was reported. The population was panicked, fearing a repetition of the disaster of 1915, when a violent quake razed the town, killing approximately 8000 persons.

BERNHARDT IS IMPROVED

Recent Collapse Held Due Only to Overexertion.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Madame Sarah Bernhardt was distinctly better today. She was able to leave her bed and had luncheon with the members of her household.

The physicians, it was announced today, have found no evidence of organic disease or chronic illness and have come to the conclusion that the recent collapse of the famous actress was due only to overexertion and strain.

IRISH REBELS EXECUTED

Two Men Put to Death as Enemies of Free State.

DUBLIN, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Two more men were put to death today as enemies of the Irish free state. Their names were given in the official account of the executions, which took place at Kilbenny, as Phelan and Murphy.

The official report said they were arrested December 15 and were found guilty of possessing arms and ammunition.

UNCLE JOE CANNON AGAIN QUITS SMOKING

FOR HOW LONG, EX-SPEAKER REFUSES TO SAY.

Reform Societies Find Little Comfort, For Leader Quits Every Now and Then.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—Uncle Joe Cannon has quit smoking again. Societies for suppression of smoking among men and women may find little comfort, however, in this announcement, for Uncle Joe quits every now and then.

"Don't you think you ought to give up those cigars?" the doctor said the other day, meeting the ex-speaker of the house.

"Sure," said Cannon, and he did. But for how long? Not even he will predict.

Mr. Cannon's cigars are not long and black, all cartoonists to the contrary notwithstanding. He uses the mildest market affords.

"Uncle Joe stops smoking," said one of his friends, repeating the question, today. "Certainly. He often switches from cigars to plug tobacco. And, at that, I guess, he smokes less than the average woman of voting age."

WINE STILL IS FLOWING

Consumption Declared as Great as Before Prohibition.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 29.—Wine is being manufactured and consumed in the United States under the guise of a home product, in fully as great quantity as before prohibition became effective, R. L. Nougaret, agriculturist of the state department of agriculture, said today.

"The vast tonnage of grapes formerly consumed industrially is easily absorbed through quasi-legal channels of disposal," he said.

"Fresh grapes now require shipping facilities during the vintage season, a period of three to four months, equal to the facilities used over an entire year's time to transport the manufactured grape products. This is brought about by an unavoidable car shortage."

STEAMER LOSES CARGO

Storm Off Oregon Coast Sweeps Lumber From Deck.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Dec. 29.—Two hundred and fifty thousand feet of lumber, light and flower company, was lost when the steamer Crockett came into port today from Grays Harbor, Wash. Gales which approached the vessel for two days off the Oregon coast, according to Captain John E. Herman, and swept away the deck cargo of about 14 miles off Cape Mendocino.

Two other lumber carriers, the wooden barkentine Thomas P. Enright and the four-masted schooner Alvena, several days overdue, have not yet been sighted.

NAVY MACHINIST KILLED

Explosion of Acetylene Plant at Mare Island Fatal.

VALLEJO, Cal., Dec. 29.—Arthur E. Perkins, machinist, first class, was killed today in the explosion of an acetylene plant at the Mare Island navy yard.

Perkins was working alone at the scene of the explosion.

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TRAFFIC REFORM TO BE DRAFTED

One-Way Plan May Get 60 Days' Trial.

ORDINANCE TO BE DRAWN

City Council Prefers Change Made Step by Step.

CAMPAIN WILL START

Extra Men to Be Hired for Strict Enforcement of Present Code; Solution Is Imperative.

Adoption of traffic reforms, including one-way traffic, step by step, each new plan to be given a 60-day trial, was favored by members of the city council and as a result Mayor Baker yesterday instructed the special traffic committee to prepare an ordinance along this line for consideration.

The step-by-step plan was suggested by officials of the Portland Railway, Light and Power company, who maintained that it was manifestly unfair for the city to require the company to expend one-third of a million dollars on an untried plan which might not prove satisfactory.

Traffic Suggestions Made.