

SCHEDULE OF PEACE CONFERENCE PLANNED

Four Great Powers Will Meet for Initial Action.

WORLD LEAGUE TO BE LAST

Question of Nations' Coalition, Sea Power and Limited Armament Fifth on Programme.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—(Havas).—The peace conference, according to the Petit Parisien, will proceed as follows:

- First—A conference of the four great powers, the United States, Great Britain, France and Italy.
- Second—Representation of Belgium and Serbia to be admitted for a study of the general situation.
- Third—Admission of the other allies for conferences on the problems interesting them.
- Fourth—Presentation of conditions successively to Germany, Bulgaria, Turkey, German-Austria, Hungary and the signing of the peace preliminaries.
- Fifth—A general conference concerning the question of nations, coalition, sea power, freedom of the seas, limitation of armaments and related topics.

"Scrap of Paper" to Come Up.

The Czechoslovak delegation to the peace conference will leave Prague for Paris on January 16, according to a Basel dispatch today.

The famous treaty which Germany designated as a "scrap of paper" will come up for early consideration before the peace congress. This is the treaty made in 1918 when the great powers of Europe recognized Belgium as being separate from Holland and guaranteed the neutrality of Belgium. It was the disregard of this treaty and the invasion of Belgium by German troops which brought Great Britain into the war. The Belgian parliament recently adopted unanimously a resolution asking for recognition of the independent sovereignty of Belgium and the abandonment of the guarantee of neutrality. The resolution adopted by the parliament was in response to the speech from the throne by King Albert when he re-entered Brussels.

Complete Freedom Wanted.

After expressing the gratitude to the nations aiding in the deliverance of Belgium, the resolution said: "The tragic and glorious hours which Belgium has experienced give it the right to free itself from the ties which, in the past, limited its sovereignty and enervated its international action. Belgium will thus pass to the rank of the great powers which are mistress of their destinies."

Incidentally, Germany's designation of the treaty as "a scrap of paper" involves the general question of establishing some means of guaranteeing the inviolability of treaties.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The German government has instructed its armistice commission at Spa to request the allies to release all interned Germans, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 4.—Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, the new German foreign minister, has issued a statement outlining his policy, but it has not yet reached Copenhagen. From comment in the Tageblatt of Berlin, however, it appears that he declared that Germany must not yield to every condition her opponents may wish to dictate. The Tageblatt adheres to the minister's point of view and says: "No peace must be signed which differs by the breadth of a hair from the principles of President Wilson's 14 points, which Germany has accepted and the entente willingly, or unwillingly, has signed."

IRISH COMING TO AMERICA

EMIGRATION ON LARGE SCALE IS NOW EXPECTED.

Steamship Companies Have Started Attractive Advertising Campaign Already.

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LONDON, Jan. 4.—(Special Cable).—Irish immigration to America in the near future will be on a larger scale than in the years preceding the war, according to indications in that country now, where the steamship companies have begun an attractive advertising campaign. Until passports are abolished it is not expected there will be any great rush, especially because of the lack of transit facilities.

Many Irish have been inquiring at American consulates in Ireland, as well as other places in the United Kingdom, as to whether the United States has erected a barrier against Irish immigrants, and have been informed there is no barrier if they meet the requirements of the American immigration laws. American relatives are prevailing upon their kinsfolk in Ireland to come and settle in the United States.

LIQUID OPIUM IS SEIZED

Drugs Valued at \$1000 Taken From Two Steamers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—Seizure of 314 bottles of "pochai" water, or liquid opium, and other drugs containing a strong opium content from the steamers China and Peru, was announced here today by Colonel John S. Irby, surveyor of the port. Two Chinese cabin passengers on the China were arrested. The China is a trans-Pacific and the Peru a coastwise steamer. The drugs were valued at over \$1000.

Obituary.

JOHN OLIVER, linotype operator on The Oregonian 18 years ago and more recently prominent in typographical circles in Colorado, died at his home in Denver, November 28, a victim of the influenza. Mr. Oliver, who was 49 years of age, was born in this city. Leaving Portland in 1900, he went to Helena, Mont., and later located at Denver. He was survived by his widow and two sons, Jack M. and Ray E. Oliver.

At the residence of her son, E. E. Brodie, 715 Seventh street, Oregon City, funeral services for Mrs. Julia M. Brodie were held last Monday. Mrs. Brodie was 82 years, five months old and the widow of the late E. H. Brodie, Civil War veteran and member of the G. A. R. The following children survive: Mrs. Kate M. Heavers, of Portland; Mrs. L. A. Borchers, of Turn Point Light Station, Wash.; Robert A. Brodie, of Eugene, and E. E. Brodie, of Oregon

BERGER TESTIMONY ENDS

CONSPIRACY CASE TO GO TO JURY NEXT TUESDAY.

German Code Letter Mysteriously Disappears From Documentary Exhibits of Prosecution.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Presentation of testimony in the trial of Congressman-elect Victor L. Berger, of Milwaukee, and four other Socialist leaders charged with conspiracy to violate the espionage law was concluded today and the case will be given to the jury next Tuesday afternoon. Argument of counsel to the jury will begin Monday morning. Each side has been allotted five and one half hours for closing argument.

The defense closed its testimony shortly before noon and the Government called six witnesses in rebuttal. L. T. Plummer, an investigator for the District Attorney's office, told how the German code letter which Private Arnold Schiller testified had been used in the alleged underground plot to smuggle Socialist slackers into Mexico had mysteriously disappeared from the documentary exhibits in the case after

LONG DISTANCE RATES UP

POSTMASTER-GENERAL ISSUES ORDER REVISING TARIFFS.

New Schedule Based Upon Station-to-Station Messages for Air-Line Mileage.

Long-distance telephone rates in Oregon will be lowered considerably by a new order made by Postmaster-General Burleson, effective January 1, according to E. J. Cousin, city traffic examiner, who has received a copy of the new rates.

The new tariff is for tolls throughout the United States, and by this order long-distance rates are standardized. The new rates are based upon station-to-station messages for air-line mileage at six miles for the first mile, up to 4 miles and for longer distances at eight miles for 5 cents.

Under the new rates no provision has been made for special rates established from Portland to Oregon City, Vancouver and Salem, which under the old schedule were cheaper than the Government schedule.

One exception has been made in that the Postmaster-General's order, in that rates now established within a county or an area which are not in excess of 10 cents shall remain effective, but no further rates of this character can be established without specific approval of the Postmaster-General.

HUSBAND SEEKS DIVORCE

Jesses Booth, of Chealls, Says Wife Admits Loving Portlander.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 4.—(Special).—Because his wife, Linda Booth, of Portland, Ore., admits that she loves John Jacobson better than she does her husband, Jesse Booth, of Vader, Wash., the latter has filed an action for divorce in the Lewis County Superior Court at this place.

June 11, 1911, the couple was married in Chehalis. In his complaint plaintiff charges that defendant has been cruel; that personal indignities have been heaped upon him; that Mrs. Booth has admitted that she married him to spite another man; that she is in love with John Jacobson, of Portland, and wants to marry the latter, it even being alleged that she has tried to do away with her husband.

In November last, while in Portland, Mrs. Booth caused her husband's arrest and later agreed to withdraw the charge if he would allow her a divorce, according to his claims.

TRAFFIC CLUB IS WIELDED

Railroads Furnish Poor Service to Small Packers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Operation of refrigerator cars by independent meat packers was declared "theoretically possible," in reality "a losing venture," by Chairman Colver, of the Federal Trade Commission at the House Interstate Commerce Committee's meat industry hearing. "Railroads furnish such poor service to small packers that they soon find they cannot afford to continue to operate the cars," he said.

Mr. Colver said the large packers "wield a traffic club over the railroads and threaten to take their business away unless perfect service is given."

Serbia's Losses Estimated.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—Serbia's financial losses due to the war total 1,977,000,000 francs, according to a Belgrade dispatch to the Temps.

New Discovery Makes Mushroom Profits Bigger

Mushroom Spawns Now Grows From "Spores." Greatly Increases Crop. Now, if Ever, Is Time to Make Money Growing Mushrooms.



A French scientist has just recently discovered the secret process of greatly increasing the yield of the mushroom crop without additional cost to the grower. Instead of producing the spawn or "threadlike roots" of the mushroom from the flesh of this plant, it is now produced for the first time in history from the original seed or "spore." This new "spore culture" is producing a sensational mushroom crop with all uncertainties, assuring the absolute uniformity of any variety of mushroom grown. The opportunity for making money growing mushrooms was never greater than today, for men young or advanced in years, women and children, whether living in the city or country. Almost any home has a place suitable for the purpose such as basements, barns, sheds, boxes, etc. The end of the war has brought a tremendous increase in demand. Mushrooms sell at high prices. The market is everywhere. They are known as a splendid substitute for meat. Let us show you how you may make from \$10 to \$20 a week in this simple industry. We will also send you free the new official book containing facts from America's greatest mushroom authority, "The Truth About Mushrooms." Write to Bureau of Mushroom Industry, Dept. 522, 5005 W. Nor. Ave., Chicago, Ill. White today.—(Adv.)

CITY WOULD BUY SCHOONER

OWNERSHIP OF FISHING VESSEL ADVOCATED BY BIGELOW.

Request Will Be Presented at Coming Meeting of Port of Portland Heads.

The city of Portland will make strenuous efforts to retaining the fishing schooner Pultizer, which belongs to the Port of Portland, but which has been used for the past eight months by the city in connection with the municipal fish market.

City Commissioner Bigelow, now in charge of the municipal fish market, and City Commissioner Kellaher, who for the past year has operated the city fish market, are planning to appear before the Port of Portland Commission at its next meeting and urge the members of that body to reconsider its decision to secure the return of the boat.

The Port of Portland, at its last meeting, decided the Pultizer would be needed in carrying pilots out to sea in meeting incoming ships and returning pilots from sea after they have

Yakima to Submit Library Plan.

WIDESPREAD INTEREST IS MANIFESTED HERE IN PLANS FOR LEGISLATION THIS WINTER CREATING COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEMS. A TENTATIVE PLAN WORKED OUT BY A LIBRARY WORKER FOR A YAKIMA COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$16,000 WILL BE USED AS THE BASIS FOR LEGISLATION WHICH THE YAKIMA DELEGATION WILL SUPPORT.

Mrs. E. Schiller and son wish to express their sincere thanks to their many friends for their kindness and sympathy in our recent bereavement.—Adv.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

PROMPT HEARING DESIRED

GOVERNMENT DESIRES RULING IN OIL LAND CASES.

Court Decision May Affect Other Suits and Serve to Guide Land Department.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The Supreme Court was asked by the Government today to hear as soon as possible arguments in proceedings brought to cancel patents to land valued at \$10,000,000 granted to the Southern Pacific Railway Company.

"The case is of importance," said the motion filed by Solicitor-General King, "because its decision will probably materially affect several pending cases involving a large oil acreage of great value, and will also guide the land department in cases presented to it."

The Government claims that in securing the patents for the land, which is part of California Naval Oil Reserve No. 1, the company concealed the fact that it contained valuable oil deposits. The Federal District Court upheld the Government, but the Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the decision.

BRIDGE REPAIR DECIDED ON

Olympic Highway Structure Near Aberdeen to Be Rebuilt.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 4.—(Special).—At a recent meeting of county and city officials, decision was made in the matter of repairing the long trestle on the Olympic Highway at the east entrance to Aberdeen. The expense will be shared 50-50 by county and city.

The State Highway Commissioner Allen was present at the meeting and approved the settlement.

LIBERTY

A PLAY WHICH NO WORDS CAN DO JUSTICE TO—
AN ACTRESS WHO ATTAINS THE UNATTAINABLE—

The Great NAZIMOVA

in the triumph of her career

EYE for EYE

From Henry, Kistemaekers' drama "L'Occident"

DARING IN ITS INTENSITY
BOUNDLESS IN ITS BEAUTY

SEVEN ACTS THAT PORTRAY EVERY HUMAN EMOTION AND THRILL

MURTAGH'S CONCERT

STARTING AT 12:30 ON OUR GIANT ORGAN

PROGRAMME:
Selection From "The Spring Maid" (Requested).....Reinhard
Minuet in G (Requested).....Beethoven
"My Little Birch Canoe" (Requested).....Robert
"Good-Bye".....Tosti
Quartet From "Rigoletto".....Verdi