

NATION'S LEAGUE TO BE ADVOCATED HERE

Publicists of Prominence to Attend Portland Convention.

MASS MEETING TO BE HELD

Former Ambassador Gerard, ex-President Taft and Henry Van-Dyke Expected to Come.

Publicists of Nation-wide prominence will arrive shortly in Portland to crystallize sentiment in the Northwest for a league of nations. These men, who will take a leading part in the Northwest convention of the League to Enforce Peace, include ex-President Taft, James W. Gerard, former Ambassador to Germany; President Lowell, of Harvard University; Henry Van Dyke, former Minister to Holland; Frank P. Walsh, joint member with Mr. Taft on the War Labor Board, and other men of National reputation.

The League to Enforce Peace, which is committed to the principle of a league of nations, expects to have several hundred delegates to its Portland convention on February 15 and 17. Richard W. Montague, acting president, will ask the Governors of Oregon, Washington and Idaho to name delegates from every section of these three Pacific-Northwest states. In addition, there will be many delegates of the National and state associations and civic bodies.

Mass Meeting February 16. According to tentative plans, a gigantic mass meeting on Sunday evening, February 16, will be held at the Foreman at 10 o'clock, and will continue the following day. Ex-President Taft and party will arrive in Portland early Sunday evening and will be taken almost directly to the auditorium, where the convention will be staged. Governor Withycombe is expected to attend the opening meeting, as well as the convention proper, and it is also likely that legislative delegates will come from the Capitol at Salem.

Although the details of the forthcoming convention have not as yet been completed, the prime keynote, of course, will be the sympathy and sentiment of the people in this section for a league of nations which will enforce permanent peace. This will be done through the address to be given by the Nationally-known figures who are making this tour of the country on behalf of the movement.

Sessions at Auditorium. On Monday, Feb. 17, sessions will be held at the Auditorium in the morning, afternoon and evening. At noon, Mr. Taft and party will be honored with a luncheon to be given at the Multnomah hotel. Henry L. Corbett, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, will preside.

The League to Enforce Peace was organized in this country nearly two years prior to the entrance of the United States into the war against Germany. The principles of the organization first were outlined at a meeting held at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, in June, 1915. Since that time the League has been active, first in demanding that Germany be held responsible for the first step toward a permanent peace, and later, since the close of the war, in advocating the league of nations.

AUTO DAMAGE SUIT FILED

Goldendale Resident Asks \$500 as Result of Collision.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Alleging that his automobile was damaged to the extent of \$500 when run into December 1 by a seven-passenger touring car driven by a son of the defendant in the action, Richard Kaiser, manager of the Portland Goldendale Stock Farm Company ranch, has brought suit in the Superior Court at Goldendale against Dave Vanhoy, a wealthy Kluckitnat wheat grower.

The complaint filed in the case alleges that the Vanhoy youth was driving in a reckless, dangerous and unlawful manner, and that he passed the Kaiser car on the wrong side of the highway.

CENTRALIA FIXES STREETS

Damage Done by High Water Is Being Repaired.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The work of repairing the damage to streets done during the high water was started yesterday by the city. The firm of Terk Bros. was one of the heaviest losers from the high water in the business section, with about \$1000 worth of household furnishings. The town of Centralia, west of Centralia, suffered from the high water, with water pouring through the main street Thursday.

Railroad traffic on the main line was considerably improved today, although service on the South Bend line was still suspended.

Eastern Star Installs.

Multnomah chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, installed new officers at Masonic Temple, January 14. Mrs. Lena C. Mendenhall, former worthy matron, acted as installing officer. The following took office: Mrs. Louise Enke, worthy matron; Andrew Eugene, worthy patron; Mrs. Mary Wipprecht, associate matron; Miss Esther M. Caudy, secretary; Miss Evelyn Weiland, treasurer; Mrs. Edna Gieger, conductress; Mrs. Isabella Ruzg, associate conductress; Mrs. Jessie Lindgren, chaplain; Mrs. Laura Funk, marshal; Mrs. Eunice B. Caudy, organist; Mrs. Jennie Farmer, Adah; Miss Edna Wipprecht, Ruth; Mrs. Fay Wilkinson, Esther; Mrs. June Langford, Martha; Mrs. Julia Paulley, Electa; Mrs. Carrie Whitcomb, warden; J. C. Wilkinson, sentinel.

Kelso Schools Do Good Work.

KELSO, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Edwin Twitmyer, state inspector of high schools, visited Kelso, and found the local high school and found the school work running well in spite of adverse conditions. He complimented Superintendent Frank W. Peterson and the high school faculty on the fine results achieved. Influenza has made heavy inroads on teachers and pupils, but have been absent on account of illness.

JAPANESE PARTY VISITS PORTLAND ON WAY TO EUROPEAN PEACE CONFERENCE.



PIONEER OF POLK DIES

HARDY HOLMAN SUCCEUMS AT HOME IN DALLAS.

Widow, Six Children and Brother Survive Resident Who Came to Oregon in Year 1847.

DALLAS, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Hardy Holman, a pioneer of Oregon and Polk County, and one of the early Sheriffs of this county, died at his home in this city Wednesday. Mr. Holman was born in Platt County, Missouri, on April 27, 1840. He was a son of James S. and Mary Holman. When but 7 years of age Mr. Holman crossed the plains to Oregon with his parents and settled in Polk County, where he has since made his home. In 1861 he was married to Miss Margaret Ellen Allen, a native of this county, and to them seven children were born, six of whom and the mother are still living. The children are James M. Holman, Dunsmuir, Cal.; Mrs. P. E. Meyer, Hebo, Or.; Mrs. I. N. Woods, Dallas, Or.; Andrew Holman, Portland; Mrs. A. M. Dalrymple, Portland; and Mrs. Edwin Jacobson, Troy, Mont. One brother,

VANCOUVER GROWING FAST

Numerous New Buildings and Improvements Are Made.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 19.—(Special.)—With the increasing population of Vancouver, many new buildings are planned and going up this year. Property that has been idle for years is being bought and built on and rents on stores and residences are on the increase, rather than a decline. A concrete public market is just being completed at Sixth and Washington streets; 60x75 feet at Fifth and Washington has been leased for a filling and service station; a \$25,000 hut is being built at Seventh and Reserve streets by the Salvation Army; an automobile and tire store will be built on Third street, next to the St. Francis Hotel, and several other buildings are planned in the downtown business district, to be built this Spring.

STORM GETS FRESH START

Inch of Rain on Grays Harbor Creates Another Flood.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—An inch of rain since 9 o'clock this morning creates another flood menace following a 24-hour lull in which local streams fell from seven inches to the one foot. The first train into the harbor from Seattle arrived late this afternoon. One train left in the Northern Pacific just before noon and one toward the Milwaukee at 12:45. The Owl train was scheduled to leave tonight. No trains have attempted the trip to the beach.

Reports from Elma state that many ranchers near that place have been forced to abandon their homes, taking small stock off in boats and swimming larger animals to high points.

D. A. Board Meets.

The state executive board of the Daughters of the American Revolution met Friday afternoon at the Central Library, Mrs. F. M. Wilkins, of Eugene, presiding. Plans were completed for the state conference, to be held February 13 and 19 at the Multnomah Hotel, at which time Mrs. George Thacher Guernsey, president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will be present.

Pope Receives Americans.

ROME, Friday, Jan. 24.—Pope Benedict today received a group of American naval officers.

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project on the Lower Snake River, by which thousands of acres in Franklin and Walla Walla counties would be reclaimed. Bank Stockholders Meet. KELSO, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—F. M. Carothers was re-elected president of the Kelso State Bank at the annual stockholders' meeting yesterday. F. L. Stewart was re-elected cashier and George F. Flannendon, assistant cashier. George L. Marsh, of the

Pasco to Ask for \$25,000. PASCO, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—At the regular noonday luncheon of the Pasco Chamber of Commerce a committee was appointed, consisting of Robert Jahnke, C. W. Johns and Mr. McPherson, to prepare a bill to be presented to the Legislature asking for an appropriation of \$25,000 for making a preliminary survey of the dam site for the Five-Mile Rapids Irrigation

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