

GERMAN SOCIALISTS WILLING FOR WILSON OR TAFT TO MEDIATE

Herr Schiedemann, Socialist Leader, Says Socialists and Chancellor Want Peace.

WILSON'S TASK ARDUOUS

Alles Unwilling to Listen to Peace Talk Now and All He Can Do Is to Announce He Would Act.

***** Pope Gets Wilson's Message. Rome, May 23.—(U. P.)—President Wilson's reply to Pope Benedict's message, reported to have suggested peace measures, reached the Vatican today. *****

By Carl W. Ackerman.

Berlin, May 23.—(U. P.)—Philip Schiedemann, Socialist leader, informed the United Press today that Woodrow Wilson or William Howard Taft would be acceptable to the German Socialists as a peacemaker. He added that appointment of a food dictator would destroy all hopes of an allied victory through a food blockade and compel Great Britain to make peace.

"Socialists desire peace," he declared. "I am confident that the imperial chancellor wants peace. There is enough food for all Germany. What is needed is absolute control of the German states which must feed Berlin and which formerly depended upon outside states.

The food dictator will be an imperial officer. The states have fought side by side and now each must put its foodstuffs aside by side. There will then be enough to last until the crops are harvested. A shortage of a few weeks will not make us sue for peace.

Wilson's Task Difficult.

Washington, May 23.—(U. P.)—President Wilson is working on his address to be delivered Saturday morning at the meeting of the League to Enforce Peace. He is confronted by a most difficult task. Strong pressure is being brought on Americans to have the president outline some definite peace plan. On the other hand, Premier Briand's declaration that there will be no peace until the allies win decisively, indicates that the entente powers do not desire to talk peace now.

In consequence, the president will probably content himself with notifying the world that he is ready to open channels for peace talk whenever the belligerent nations are ready. He will also discuss how peace is to be preserved hereafter.

Wilson is going to New York tomorrow for the wedding of his physician, Dr. Cary Grayson.

Harden Attacks Politician.

Berne, May 23.—(I. N. S.)—Maximilian Harden, in the current number of Zukunft, in an article entitled "Berlin and Paris," blames the political regime for the privations of the German people.

Harden says: "The exorbitant prices charged for meat, milk, butter, vegetables and potatoes place these commodities frequently beyond the reach of the masses." The average German is not satisfied with a meal without meat, he adds, and he considers it a great mistake that the authorities have not paid more attention to the supply and sale of fish.

He also describes the life of the population of Paris during the siege of 1870, his object being to remind his countrymen "what a burden can be borne by a people determined to fight for freedom and honor."

The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger announces that the Berlin authorities have issued an order allowing each person a half pound of meat or fat weekly pending the issuance of meat cards in June.

Briand Puts Damper on Talk.

Washington, May 23.—(I. N. S.)—The statement of Premier Briand of France to a delegation from the Russian duma that war must continue

until the allies triumph put a damper upon peace discussion in the capital today. The premier's added statement that "peace must not result from diplomatic intrigue" was accepted as a hint to the United States and other neutrals that their services as peace mediators are not desired. In German diplomatic circles, the Briand utterance was pointed to as justification of statements repeatedly made that while Germany is ready to discuss means of achieving honorable peace, the allied governments are insistent upon crushing the German empire under their heels.

England May Set Terms.

London, May 23.—(I. N. S.)—Arthur A. Ponsonby, Liberal member of parliament for Stirling and younger brother of Sir Frederick Ponsonby, King George's favorite equerry and assistant private secretary, announced today that on Wednesday he will initiate in the house of commons a debate on the advisability of the government's stating the terms upon which it will be willing to make peace.

MRS. HODGE BLAMED BY JURORS FOR FALL OF MINOR DAUGHTER

Convicted of Contributing to Delinquency Through Lack of Parental Care.

A mother convicted of contributing to the delinquency of her daughter through failure to exercise proper parental care is a new record in criminal annals in Oregon, established yesterday, when a jury in Judge Morrow's court returned a verdict of guilty in the Mrs. Will Hodge case. The jury deliberated only 40 minutes, and only two ballots were necessary to reach a unanimous agreement. The first ballot stood 11 to 1 for conviction.

Three witnesses were examined. They were Mrs. Hodge and her daughter, Frances, and R. S. Flack, city dance inspector. The testimony showed that the girl had been permitted to go to public dances unchaperoned, and there had met men who caused her downfall. She also was permitted to go with these men to all night restaurants.

Mrs. Hodge said she did not know the character of men her daughter was meeting at the public dances. She said she had warned her daughter on several occasions about men. Deputy District Attorney Robison, who prosecuted the case, declared it was high time parents were being held responsible for the moral welfare of their children instead of turning the duty entirely over to the juvenile court.

Arguing for the defense, Attorney A. C. Allen insisted that unless the mother knew that her daughter was going to public dances for immoral purposes she could not be held guilty of contributing to the crime. The case will be appealed, it was stated this morning. The maximum penalty in this case is \$1000 fine and one year in the county jail.

Heavy Rain Causes Postponing of Trip

Wasco County Delegation Decides to Await Clear Sky Before Making Initial Run to Portland.

Heavy rains fell in the Cascade mountains last night, and as a result the scheduled visit here by a large delegation of autoists from The Dalles Thursday has been postponed. Word to this effect was received here this morning by the Chamber of Commerce which was making preparations for a proper reception.

Five hundred autoists planned to make the trip in celebrating the opening of the highway. While the rain would not make the road impassable, it was deemed advisable to await dry weather when the trip would be more pleasant.

Battleship Being Repaired.

New York, May 23.—(I. N. S.)—The battleship Oklahoma is tied up at the navy yards, where she will remain for two months for repairs to her torpedo tubes and certain ordnance repairs.

RAILROADS NOT TO BUILD GOLDENDALE LINE, SAYS GILMAN

Many Reasons Would Prevent Construction, Declares the North Bank President.

TO HOLD A BIG MEETING

"Portland Would Get Farther by Developing Its Own Adjacent Territory," Declares L. C. Gilman.

"Many reasons, all of them good, would prevent the construction of the much agitated line between the Goldendale branch of the S. P. & S. and the Yakima valley," explained L. C. Gilman, president of the North Bank system, today on his return from a conference at St. Paul. "The line is not to be built—certainly not by the railroads themselves."

Portland's delegation to a big railroad mass meeting to be held at Goldendale tomorrow will leave tonight to be on the ground in ample season. Mr. Gilman, however, declared the movement for such a rail line is not only ill-advised, but started without conference with the railroad men.

Obstacles Are Seen.

"In the first place, construction difficulties would make the line impracticable," said Mr. Gilman. "In the second place, the line would not be enough shorter than the existing lines to Puget sound to make any appreciable rate difference. In the third place, the line would not supply enough tonnage to justify its construction. What tonnage would be produced would come to Portland in competition with products of identical nature which the Willamette valley is now having such a hard time to market.

"In my judgment, Portland would get farther by helping develop its own adjacent territory without attempting such problems as the Yakima link." Crops Are Backward. Business conditions throughout the whole northern tier of states have given the people a new grip, according to the observation of Mr. Gilman.

Mr. Gilman said the only discouraging thing now is the backwardness of the crops, with a reduced wheat acreage, especially in North Dakota. In Montana crops appeared to be in fair shape, though high water had retarded germination in many sections. No successor has yet been named for C. O. Jenks, general manager of the North Bank, who has been appointed acting general manager of the entire Great Northern system. Mr. Gilman said an appointment would be made, however, within a few days.

Woman Drowns Self In Watering Trough

Mrs. Albertina Keck, 66 Years Old, Is Found by Boy Going to Water Cows; Financial Trouble Caused Her Act.

Mrs. Albertina Keck, 66 years old, on her way home from an afternoon spent at a neighbor's house, placed her umbrella,shawl and hat beside a big watering trough on the Sprunk pasture, near Multnomah station, yesterday afternoon, climbed into the trough and was drowned. She was dead when Chester Hicks, a 10 year old boy, went to water his cows at 4:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Keck was a widow and her financial affairs, it was said by neighbors, have been complicated since the death of her husband, whose estate was handled by a Portland lawyer. Mrs. Keck leaves two stepsons, Emil and Philip. She had been residing with Philip on his ranch near Multnomah station.

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Inhaling of Flame From Gas Stove Fatal to Woman

As the result of inhaling flame from a gas stove flare-up in her home at 294 Fourth street several weeks ago, Mrs. Margaret Kennedy died at the Good Samaritan hospital yesterday. Her condition was not thought serious for a long time, and it was not until many days afterwards that she was taken to the hospital. Death was the result of a lung inflammation.

Take Prisoner by Back Door Route

William W. Smith, Sentenced to From Five Years to Life for Self-Confessed Assault on Women.

Spokane, Wash., May 23.—From five years to life in the penitentiary was the sentence given this morning by Judge Webster to William W. Smith, who two weeks ago bound, gagged, assaulted and robbed Mrs. James Stephens and Mrs. Morris Martin in their homes here. Smith, who served six years before on a three to five year sentence at Walla Walla for rape, was caught at his father's home at Meadow Lake yesterday afternoon after his two victims had identified his picture at the police rogue's gallery.

Smith confessed both crimes without hesitancy and today waived right to counsel and pleaded guilty. The criminal courtroom was crowded to capacity, and fearing an attempt on the prisoner's life Smith was taken before the court by a seldom used back entrance, surrounded by a double guard of officers. Smith is 31 years old.

Frank W. Powers Dies at Orenco, Or.

Member of Orenco Nursery Company Victim of Blood Poisoning Following Injury From an Ax—Knew Here.

Salem, Or., May 23.—Frank W. Powers of Orenco, formerly of Salem and Portland, associated with the Orenco Nursery company, is dead here as a result of an injury from an ax received six weeks ago. Blood poisoning developed. He is survived by his widow and two children. Funeral services will be held Wednesday.

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SOUTH PORTLANDERS FORM ASSOCIATION; WILL CLEAN GULCH

New Aggressive Organization Plans to Make General Improvement Campaign.

ROSENSTEIN IS PRESIDENT

Total Enrollment of Association Reported to Be in Excess of 1000; Work Is Highly Indorsed.

Permanent organization of the South Portland Improvement association was accomplished at a meeting in Shattuck school last night. "Clean up and fill up Marquam gulch" is the first big work to be undertaken.

A. Rosenstein, president of the association, presided. Speakers were Mrs. J. F. Kelly, president of the Shattuck Parent-Teacher association; Samuel C. Lancaster, Isaac Sweet and W. C. Dunaway.

"Conditions in the gulch are repulsive past belief," said Mrs. Kelly. "Our inspection showed a very low standard of living on the part of some of the families there; children and animals we found diseased."

There was applause when it was announced that the enrollment of the South Portland Improvement association is in excess of 1000 members. Letters indorsing the work were presented as written by County Assessor Henry E. Reed, Mrs. J. Kahn, chairman of the civics committee, Council of Jewish Women; Dr. J. Francis Drake, Mrs. Dana L. Wadsworth, retiring president of the Fulton Park Parent-Teacher association; Mrs. Edward Gulick, Mrs. J. E. Smith, Miss Linda Lautorette and others.

The officers of the association are:

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A. Rosenstein, president; Mrs. J. F. Kelly, vice president; J. C. Smith, second vice president; Mrs. F. L. Benedict, secretary; B. F. Jones, treasurer. The committee on constitution and by-laws consists of W. C. Dunaway, David Foulkes and J. C. Smith; on arrangements, A. Rosenstein, Mrs. J. F. Kelly and Mrs. Benedict; on publicity, Miss Dagmar Inez Kelly and M. E. Lee. The advisory board consists of W. C. Dunaway, M. E. Lee, Frank Sheland, C. L. Finnegan and J. C. Luckel.

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