

DANUBE NATIONS SHOW TENDENCY TO FORM GROUPS

Economic and Political Ties Often
Found Stronger Than Racial
Bonds in Federations, Is Said.

KOSSUTH'S DREAM RECALLED

Jugo-Slavs Join With Serbia; All
Slav Nations in Central Europe
May Form Protective Union.

By Paul Scott Morrow
Special Cable to The Journal and Chicago
Daily News.
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Paris, Dec. 21.—This is an age of
federation. Central and Eastern Europe
after being disrupted into their constituent
elements are now showing a tendency
to regroup themselves along new lines.

The Jugo Slav states have federated
with Serbia and when Bulgaria has
fully expiated her crimes she will per-
haps task to join this group.

At the same time it is understood that
all the Slav states in Central Europe
mean to establish some sort of union
among themselves. In this larger federa-
tion of Poland, Czechoslovakia and
Jugo-Slavia Poland now proposes that
Roumania should be included. Like
Bulgaria, Hungary to avoid utter desola-
tion will also not doubt ultimately be
allowed to join the federation of her
neighbors. Thus after six or seven
decades the Hungarian patriot Kos-
suth's dream of a Danube federation be-
gins to reappear.

Kossuth's Danube League
Kossuth's contention was that the
states bordering on the Danube had
common interests and should federate.
The nations which he foresaw would
be interested were Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Jugo-Slavia, Bulgaria, Rou-
mania and possibly Poland. All these
nations, he argued, really faced east-
ward toward the Black sea except Po-
land, which faced northward toward
the Baltic. The Danube federation,
said Kossuth, would form a natural
counterpoise to Russia on the one
hand and to Germany on the other and
would be a powerful factor toward
maintaining peace in Europe. Economic
and political interests are often strong-
er than the ties of race. Nations in
Kossuth's proposed federations are Slav
except Hungary and Roumania, but
this he felt was no reason for excluding
the latter.

Political Ties Held

There seems to be some confusion in
the public mind between the principle of
nationalities and the principle for self
disposition. The former is insufficient
for the requirements of the times, for
there are various groups in Europe
which, despite their nationality, prefer
to form political ties with peoples of
different blood. Thus the peoples of
Switzerland prefer to be Swiss rather
than be redissolved into their French,
German and Italian elements. The Bel-
gians prefer to be Belgian rather than
French and Flemish. The Alsatians, al-
though of German blood, prefer to be
French, as do also the Savoyards, who
are really Italian by blood. The only
principle which promises to furnish a
solution of the racial problem now con-

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State Land Board of the State of Oregon for the following described land, situated
in the County of Multnomah, State of Oregon, to wit:
The N. 1/4 of Sec. 36, T. 15 S., R. 11 E., 3rd P.M.
containing 3.20

do hereby certify that the said land, situated in the County of Multnomah, State of Oregon, to wit:
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MARCH TELLS HOW TO ADDRESS MEN ABOUT TO RETURN

Mail Held in America if Prac-
tically All of Unit Is Due for
Early Transfer to U. S.

NAMES AIR SERVICE CHIEF

Major General Mencher Will Di-
rect Work; No News Comes
From Operations in Russia.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Reorganization
of the air service on a military basis was
announced today by General March,
chief of staff, in his weekly interview
with the press.

Major General Charles T. Mencher is
announced as director and Colonel
James A. Mars acting director of air-
craft production, relieving William C.
Potter resigned. General Mencher is
now en route home. He commanded the
Rainbow division during a large part
of the fighting in the salients of the
command of the Sixth army corps just
before the signing of the armistice.

Colonel Mars is one of the experts in
military aeronautics. General March said
that orders had been issued to December
20, for demobilization in the United
States of approximately 900,000 men.

Given Direction for Mails

General March read a cablegram from
General Pershing of December 16 in
which the general said that the total
of prisoners of war returned from Ger-
many was 3120. Of these 2653 arrived
in Switzerland and are now at hospital
centers.

General Pershing said that as the
army advances search is made for all
Americans, of whom only a few remain
in Germany.
Replying to inquiries as to how to
address mail to soldiers booked for early
return to the United States, General
March said:

When information is received from
France indicating that practically all of
an organization is scheduled to return
to the United States, the mail for that
organization is held in the United
States to await its arrival. Then, to
the departure of the organization from
France, a list of men left in France is
prepared and their mail is sorted out
upon arrival of the organization in the
United States and sent to France for
distribution.

Transportation Is Supplied
"When only a small fraction of an
organization is scheduled to return a
list of those coming to the United States
is prepared and left in France and all
of the mail is sent to France for dis-
tribution. The mail belonging to the
men sent to the United States is shown
by the prepared lists, is returned to
them."

General March denied that men are
being obliged to pay their way home
after discharge. He said they are al-
lowed 35 cents a day from the place
of discharge to their home stations.
They get a reduced fare of 3 cents a
mile, and on a 1000 mile journey, for
instance, a soldier would receive \$35,
of which he would have to pay only \$20
for railway fare, leaving \$15 for other
expenses.

It was announced that all the coast ar-
tillery is coming back to the United
States except the units in the army of
occupation.

The air service is being demobilized
with great rapidity and General Per-
shing has asked that no more airmen
be sent to Europe.

Little News From Russia
General March said there was very
little news about the force in Russia be-
cause of the great difficulty of cable
transmission.

General March declined to comment
on the story that General Hindenburg
was forming his army six miles beyond
the armistice limits.

"If it be so," he said, "during the next
few days we will get something official,
perhaps, and I may be able to say some-
thing."

Other than the daily announcement of
casualties and aero squadrons and replace-
ment troops returning from Europe,
General March said he had no new in-
formation as to the return of divisions
designated some time ago by General
Pershing for early convey.

CAN WHEELERS CLAIM NO FRAUD ATTACHES?

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evidence by the government in the
Jones-Mays case and as a
part of the basis upon which the con-
viction of the defendants was pre-
dicted by the jury.

John E. Wheeler secured his lands
from the state in four deeds. The first
deed covered 3500 acres and was issued
January 2, 1906, after the grand jury
report had been filed. The other deeds
were issued on the same day, Novem-
ber 28, 1906, one for 1200 acres, one for
960 acres and one for 320 acres. This
was on the day following the meeting
of the land board of November 27, 1906.

At that meeting, George E. Chamber-
lain, then governor and chairman of the
state land board, voted against the is-
sued of the deeds, because he be-
lieved fraud had entered into the ap-
plications. The other two members of
the board outvoted him.

Included in the deed of January 2,
1906, was the 320 acres covered by the
application of Marie Chambers, which
was assigned by her to Edwin M. Mays,
and by him to Wheeler. A portion of
the testimony of Mr. Mays concerning
this transaction is reproduced at the be-

ginning of this article. In this testi-
mony Mr. Mays says, in substance, that
he, in taking the assignment of Marie
Chambers and making the reassignment
to John E. Wheeler, acted simply as the
agent of Willard N. Jones in making
the transfer; that he did not know
Wheeler personally and had no interest
in the transaction other than as
Jones' agent, and understood that the
transaction was for the purpose of ac-
quiring title to the land in Wheeler. In
other words, both Mays and Marie
Chambers were mere dummies.

Wheeler Obtain Big Tract
William E. Wheeler, the father of
John E. Wheeler, and Nelson P.
Wheeler, his brother, the head of the
Wheeler timber interests, secured 3200
acres of school land in the Blue Moun-
tain forest reserve. This acreage was
built from 10 applications, secured in
the same way as those from which the
John E. Wheeler lands came. Five of
these applications were filed in the land
office on December 20, 1909, four on
December 21, 1909, and one on December
22, 1909. All of the applications had
been secured in the same way by George
Sorenson, or through him, as had those
of the John E. Wheeler lands.

There were no intermediaries in the
assignment of the applications going to
make up the William E. Wheeler lands.
In each instance the assignments, which
had been made in blank by the appli-
cants, many of them in the saloons of
the north end, at the same time the
applications to purchase were signed in
blank, ran direct from the applicant to
William E. Wheeler.

Was the State Defrauded?
The William E. Wheeler lands were
deeded by the state land board to
Wheeler on October 25, 1905, in two
conveyances, one covering 2240 acres,
the other 960 acres, subsequent to the
report of the Marion county grand jury
of April 28, 1905.

The fact that applications to purchase
will meet the British ministers. In the
evening he will be guest of honor at a
banquet to be tendered by the British
government.

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reception at the Guild hall, similar to
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2280 acres of school land, all situated in
contiguous territory, were presented at
the state land office within three days,
by one person, George Sorenson, long
known as a manipulator of false and
fraudulent land applications, was in it-
self a circumstance sufficient to raise
the question of the bona fides of the ap-
plications. This and the further fact
that all of these applications subse-
quently found their way, by direct or
indirect assignment, to the same ul-
timate owners, give the strongest empha-
sis to the question raised by the report
of the Marion county grand jury.

NEW YEAR TO FIND WILSON TALKING PEACE

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the same route taken by Field Marshal
Haig on his triumphal return to Lon-
don. Arrangements are under way for
a magnificent decoration of this route
and of the whole city.

By Robert J. Beader
Paris, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—President
Wilson's early discovery that the short
story route is the best method of ap-
proaching European dignitaries, was
again brilliantly illustrated when King
Victor Emmanuel called at the Murat
palace.

General Hart's formal introduction
was equalled informally by the presi-
dent's "it is a very great pleasure to
meet your majesty."

"I am indeed most gratified to meet
the president of the United States,
who has done so much in the great
war," the king replied.

Both bowed very politely. But the
presidential short story followed very
quickly and Victor Emmanuel was
soon laughing heartily. For the next
hour, as they sat in the grand salon,
the king and president were engaged in
voluble conversation in English.

While the president is conferring
with advisors or foreign diplomats,
Mrs. Wilson spends much of her time
buying Christmas candies and knick-
nacks for French children, designated
by charitable organizations.

Mrs. Wilson will accompany the
president to American headquarters at
Chaumont and will eat Christmas din-
ner with the doughboys.

Were Contraband Liquor
Boston, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Almost
every package and piece of freight
destined for the "dry" state of Maine
has to be looked into these days. De-
puty marshals opened two cases labeled
in heavy letters "ink" and addressed to
the Bangor (Maine) high school. The
cases proved to contain quart bottles
of whiskey. A keg marked "olive oil"
was also found to be filled with whiskey.

Annual Christmas Art Exhibit Open At Local Museum

The annual Christmas exhibition is
now open at the Museum of Art, and
will remain in place throughout the hol-
idays. The exhibition includes a rare
example of the work of the Flemish
"Master of the Legend of St. Ursula"
called "The Virgin Enthroned and Three
Portraits" painted in 1488. The whole
collection is arranged to give forth the
cheer and beauty of the Christmas tra-
dition.

The museum will be closed on Christ-
mas day, but will be open all other days
at the usual hours—week days, 9 to 5
o'clock; Sundays and holidays, 2 to 5;
free admission the afternoons of Tues-
day, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and
Sunday.

A special Christmas celebration by the
students of the occupational therapy
class will be held at 3 o'clock this after-
noon. The program includes Christmas
songs by the children of the music edu-
cation school and an address by Dr.
Joseph K. Hart of Reed college. Every-
one is invited. The doors will be closed
promptly at 3 o'clock.

Holds Down Four Jobs
Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 21.—M. C.
Corbett is holding down four jobs. They
are attorney at law, train dispatcher of
the S. M. & St. P., referee in bankruptcy
in the place of Referee Frank Comfort,
and detail man in the bankruptcy office
for Gus North, also in the war. Otherwise
his working hours are from 8 a. m. to
11 p. m.

The diet during and after influenza. Herk-
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\$3 Cash—\$1 Week

—After a long and hard day what is more
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—Every home should have at least one.
Ideal for knitting and afternoon sewing
circles. Second to none for this promi-
nent place by the evening fireside. Take
your choice.



The Greatest Mother in the World
Join the
Red Cross
All You Need is a Heart
and a Dollar

Why Not a Beautiful Floor Lamp This Christmas?
Complete—Post, Cord and Shade
\$17.85

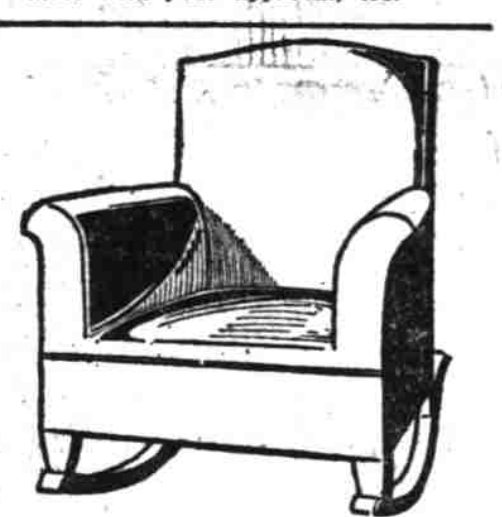
—Select from three different shades of shades in the
number of colors. They differ slightly in design
from the illustration, but you'll like 'em.

If Not a Floor Lamp, a Table Lamp
At this store there is a splendid assortment to select
from: mahogany and mahogany with silk and mercerized shades
—metal posts with art glass shades—at such prices as
these:—
\$7.50, \$9.85, \$11.75,
\$14.50, \$18.75, \$22.50



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Cedar Chest
\$16.90

—For your wife, sister or sweetheart,
nothing more pleasing and useful than
a Cedar Chest could be selected.
—You'll like this one—it's wide and
deep. The construction and finish will
meet with your approval, too.



Children's Chairs, Rockers, High Chairs,
Tables and Doll Cabs

—Also Writing Desks and Chairs. These are practical and useful
gifts for the little ones. There are red painted, oak, oak
golden polished, hickory and wicker pieces to select from. Indeed,
they are within your reach. Add 'em to your account, that's the
way to do it. Here are a few
65c, 95c, \$1.35, \$1.85, \$2.40, \$3.15, \$3.90, \$4.85,
\$5.35, \$5.95, Etc.

50-lb. Felted Cotton
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NOT TO LUMP



"Gilbert"
8-Day
Mantle Clocks
\$5.75

—Everyone knows what a
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ful if one can find a more
pleasing gift. Can any home
get along without a clock?
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Year

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ALL bands, ALL popular songs of the day, ALL dance
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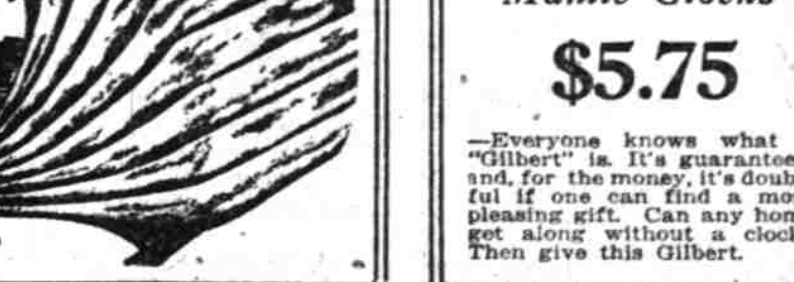
—The tone chambers are built entirely of wood, making
metallic sounds impossible. They have double spring motors,
12-inch turn-tables and tone modifiers. Besides steel needles
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Pathe records, without extra charge.

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take advantage of the easy terms.

Oak or Mahogany—Which Will You
Have?—Alright! It's in the Music Room



Service-Weave Rugs
9x12
Feet



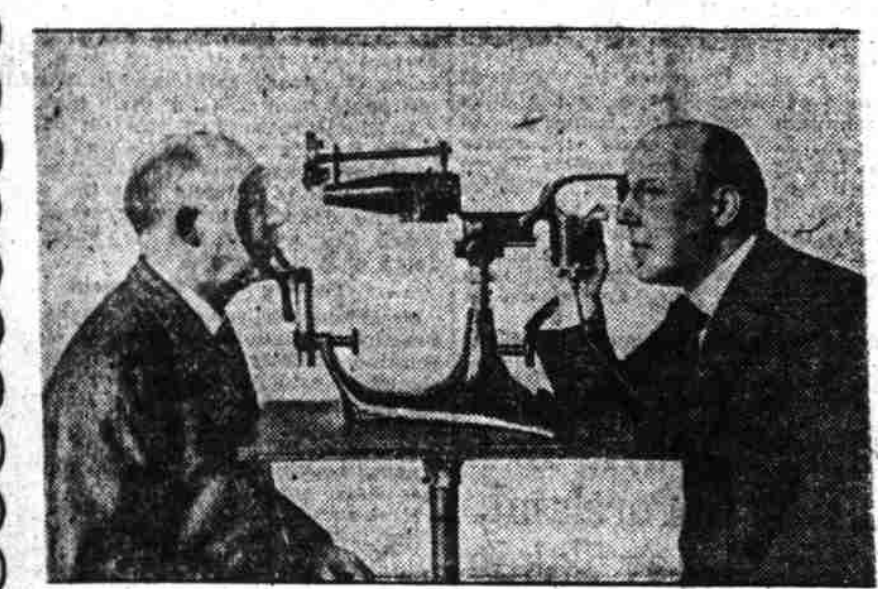
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—Not a loud or undesirable pattern in the lot—Perfectly blended
color combinations in blues, greens, tans and browns in Medallion,
Oriental and Conventional designs. YES—there's a particular
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seams—these rugs are woven all in one piece.



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EBERT AND HAASE ARE GAINING IN STRENGTH

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which now completely controls the army.
The bourgeoisie and upper classes are
exerting no particular influence on the
situation, but generally favor the Ebert-
Haase group. They hope for the estab-
lishment of a constitutional government,
after which they would actively partici-
pate in stabilizing conditions.

Election to Be Held December 29.
It is impossible to find any tendency
toward anything but liberalism from
any class. The attitude of all classes
this week has been that of greater con-
fidence in the ability of the govern-
ment to handle the situation. No fur-
ther trouble of magnitude is expected
if the food supply holds out.

A new branch of the foreign office
has been created to assist public and
private foreign commerce. Herr Falke,
former German consul in New York, is
in charge of this department.

The first president of the German re-
public will be elected by the general
conference which will assemble here
December 29. It was announced here
Friday.

Early Socializing Urged
The Arbitration-Soldatenrat, in its final
session adopted recommendations pro-
viding for government ownership of
mines and other essential industries.
It also instructed the people's council
to begin socializing immediately.

Official announcement was made of
the appointment of Count Brockdorff,
German minister to Denmark, as for-
eign secretary, succeeding Dr. Solf.

Strong agitation is reported in Sil-
esia in favor of establishing an inde-
pendent republic.

Citizens of German blood in Bohemia
are protesting against their forcible
mobilization by the Czechs.

Reports from Castel state that more
than 50 carloads of army food are plun-
dered there daily.

Queen Mother Alexandra, with her
daughter, Queen Mary, and Princess
Victoria, will receive President Wilson
at Sandringham.



AT N FIDDLE
Xmas Candy
Of the Better Kinds
Dusky Dream Chocolates, Victoria Chocolates, Bitter Sweets,
French Bon Bons, Glazed Fruit and Dipped Nuts.
Packed in
Handsome Gift Boxes, Baskets and Bonbonieres
Our Candies are the highest quality made on the Coast, and
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Fancy Xmas Mixed Ribbon
Chains and Candy Canes