

PACT HAS THREAT AGAINST NATIONS WITH WAR PLANS

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Washington, Jan. 5.—The five-power naval treaty, when made public, will be found to contain a clause providing at once a potential threat and protection against a possible future war. The clause provides that any country or alliance which might embark upon a warlike program.

The clause in question is that which provides for a conference of the five signatory powers at any time either mechanical or political developments may suggest the need of altering the construction of total tonnage of fighting ships.

It provides, in its complete substance, a course of action: (1) In event one or more of the signatory powers goes to war with an outside nation; and (2) In event two of the signatory powers should engage in war. All possible contingencies, it is learned authoritatively, have been considered.

It is obvious that this clause is inserted to protect the five powers against the unexpected possibility of some nation embarking upon a naval construction or other program threatening any one or all of those in the naval limitation pact.

POTENTIAL THREAT SEEN
And, while it provides merely for the summoning of the powers into conference to discuss what should be done in such event, it provides a potential threat that such activities by any other power, or groups of powers, would be met by increased building activity on the part of the United States, Great Britain, Japan, France and Italy, or some substitute united action.

That portion of it which provides that in event of some new inventions or similar naval developments making necessary adjustments in constructions of individual vessels, is not expected to arouse any objection. It would be well, however, to watch what is the reaction to that section of it providing for a conference to discuss the course of action in the event of a "political development."

While there is not the slightest promise in this clause to protect the territorial integrity, or interests, of the signatory powers, there is the similar implication of the use of force which aroused opposition to Article X of the League of Nations covenant, and Article II of the Pacific pact just signed.

WARNING TO ALL
It is, as naval authorities point out, a warning to all nations that, should they embark upon a naval program, there is nothing in the new treaty to prevent the leading naval powers of the world taking steps to meet it.
The question asked, of course, is: "What nation could possibly undertake a naval construction program that would threaten the five powers?"
In reply British spokesmen declare that the article in question is merely precautionary, a sort of formality to provide against the "impossible." It is "inconceivable," the British leaders explained, "that Russia would be able to stabilize herself within 10 years—the term of the treaty—to launch any

great naval program." Germany, he added, "is bereft of such powers for many years to come."
AIMED AT RUSSIA
The provision is held by American spokesmen as necessary; more, they say, to keep peace with mechanical and other technical innovations than to provide protection against the naval ambitions of any non-signatory power.
Privately, however, naval experts point to the rapid consolidation of the soviet government of Russia as indicating that Russia has potentialities not yet popularly appreciated, and which must be considered in any program of limiting the naval strength of the great powers.

Negotiations Under Way for Purchase of I. O. O. F. Temple

Negotiations have been under way for the sale of the old Odd Fellow building at the southwest corner of First and Alder streets to A. F. Swenson and his associates for \$50,000. Dr. Byron E. Miller, president of the Odd Fellows' Building association, was out of the city and the deal was not closed. The price offered included the insurance due the association as a result of a fire which destroyed the building about a week ago.
According to L. E. Carter, treasurer of the Odd Fellows' Building association, the sale of the property was delayed because of the joint ownership of a party wall on the south side of the structure with the Charles Heggie estate. The building is a four story, mill constructed structure with brick exterior. It was erected in 1869. Arrangements are under way by the Odd Fellows for the construction of a building on the quarter block at the southwest corner of Tenth and Salmon streets.

Capitol Building Is Threatened by Fire; Little Damage Done

Salem, Jan. 5.—The capitol was threatened by fire Wednesday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock when a telephone company employe, repairing lines, tipped over a pot of glue heating in the basement. The flames spread to the walls and ceiling and the entire Salem fire department responded to the alarm, the main damage resulting when the firemen attacked the walls to reach the flames.
The blaze was near the north entrance by the boiler room. The damage is estimated at less than \$100. Smoke for a time drove department employes from nearby offices.

Confesses Murder Of Fellow Convict

Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 5.—Because Jack Powers owed him \$9, Joe Carlo added murder to his burglary crimes, according to Coroner Chamberlain, who says Carlo has admitted to him that he stabbed his fellow convict while in the tailor shop of the state penitentiary here Tuesday. Earl W. Benson, prosecuting attorney, filed information against Carlo late Wednesday afternoon, charging him with first degree murder in connection with the killing.

HEALTH OF U. S. GOOD, DECLARES SURGEON GENERAL

(By United Press)
Washington, Jan. 5.—America is probably in the best physical health it has ever been—but it's still not as well as it should be. There is no influenza epidemic to fear this year, and the fact that the nation hasn't forestalled other ill characteristics of winter is because it still declines to take sufficient care of itself.
This, in brief, is the summary of an exclusive interview given the United News by Surgeon General Hugh S. Cumming, chief of the United States public health service.

Gets One Year for Stealing Chickens

Frank Johnson, negro, was sentenced to one year by Circuit Judge Tucker Wednesday after he pleaded guilty to having stolen 16 chickens. They were no ordinary barnyard fowl. They had been carefully bred and reared by their owner, Burton Mc Iroy, who put their value at \$200. Two others who assisted Johnson in the coup escaped.

SHOULD CONSULT DOCTORS
"If people would only consult their doctors the moment they feel the least bit sick, we would save a lot of lives in the long run," said Cumming. "I am certain that the low number of influenza cases this year is a sure sign that the nation's health is better than ever."
"Of course influenza is always present in this country, but an epidemic such as that of 1918 is rare. The present paucity of cases is due, I believe, to the care of the individual for himself. There is no positive anti-toxin yet discovered that will cure influenza, so people must be unusually careful to lead healthful lives, as much out of doors as possible."
"Of late we have been hearing of a smallpox epidemic in the Middle West, radiating from Kansas City. That has been controlled by public health officials. And it is a happy commentary on the good health of the country that the epidemic has not spread broadcast."
"Of all thousands of ex-service men who attended the American Legion in Kansas City when the epidemic was at its highest point, not one of them contracted the disease, so far as we know. And this record is due probably to the fact that all of the men had been vaccinated while in the army or navy."

URGES VACCINATION

"I do not attribute this epidemic to any sudden invasion of the smallpox germ. It probably was due to general good health. This sounds strange, but in recent years small pox has taken such a small toll—the eight year average has been about .60 persons in every 1000, that people stopped being vaccinated. Due to the peculiarly fatal form of smallpox in the Middle West, the average increases to 1.21 per 1000. The public can draw a lesson from that and avail itself of the preventive measures at hand, namely vaccination."
"Although there has been a marked increase in diphtheria during the last year—as high as 190 per 1000, whereas the average for the previous eight years was 120 per 1000—this is nothing over which to be alarmed. Public schools throughout the country are equipped with immunizing facilities. Particularly the Schick test, which shows whether or not a child is immune to the disease. This is a harmless and painless test, and is positive. Once a child is found susceptible to diphtheria he is given the proper anti-toxin."
In conclusion Dr. Cumming said that scarlet fever had increased slightly in 1921, the average being 1.92 cases per 1000 against the average for eight years of 1.13 cases. But these increases, he said, were not alarming, and the general condition of the country was better than ever.

Astoria Not Haven For Drug Addicts; 25 Cases in Year

Astoria, Jan. 5.—E. L. Carlson, chief of police, rose in the defense of Astoria in declaring that the city is not a haven for drug addicts and announcing that he did not agree with Dr. F. W. Strickler of the state board of health, that this city is "the greatest center of the drug evil outside of Portland," as expressed Tuesday at the investigation into the Oregon drug traffic.
Chief Carlson admits that the police here handled 25 drug cases during the past year, but avers most of these cases were "boomers," confirmed narcotic users who drift from city to city. Men of this class are ordered to leave the city immediately upon their arrival, he said. Other cases, in which there appears to be some opportunity of bringing about a cure, are given treatment at the police station through the cooperation of physicians, Carlson explained.

LABOR WAR LOOMS OVER WAGE AWARD

(By United News)
Chicago, Jan. 5.—With the prospect of home building being further delayed because of building trade strikes, Chicago Wednesday went to the mat with union labor.
Four big unions joined others already on strike because of the Landis wage award, reducing wages, and prospects were for a renewal of the building war which has almost completely tied up construction here since 1919.
The citizens' committee to enforce the Landis award, with \$1,000,000 collected to fight violators of the award and another \$2,000,000 asked, announced that every union that walked out in violation of the Landis agreement would be supplanted by open shop workers.
The fight is expected to develop into a bitter contest, with construction suffering while the controversy rages.
The carpenters, plumbers, steamfitters and hoisting engineers went on strike on several big projects and it was declared that painters, cement finishers, glaziers and tile and drain layers would join them.
The citizens' committee has sent appeals to many cities for nonunion workers.
With building contracts amounting to \$350,000,000 either started or pending, contractors declare that the situation is critical.

OLD-TIME RESIDENTS DIE

McMinnville, Jan. 5.—Mrs. Mary Carlson, aged 91 years, a long-time resident of this county, was buried here. She was the mother of Mrs. Charles Morgan and John Carlson. Lee Breeding, a resident of many years here, died at the city hospital Tuesday, aged 71 years.

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Notwithstanding the seeming competition of assignment sales, retirement sales and other "reduction" sales that prevailed during the month, men found their way to my shop in greater numbers than ever before—and they bought because my prices on tailored clothes were about the same as sale prices on ready-mades.
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