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TREATY IS RATIFIED BY DAIL EIREANN

Creation of Irish Free State Is Approved By Vote of 64 to 57.

Dublin.—The treaty with Great Britain creating the Irish Free State was ratified by the Dail Eireann by a majority of seven—64 to 57.

The news was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and the patient crowds, which had waited for hours outside in anticipation of a decision, burst into cheering, even before the official figures were announced.

The Dail's vote came as the culmination of a bitter political fight which split the Sinn Fein into two hostile camps. It was not until the last minute that the battle was won.

To Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins, who turned against their former chief, De Valera, and led the fight for the compact, goes most of the credit for the victory.

The Dail Eireann Monday, by a vote of 60 to 58, voted down a motion to re-elect Eamon de Valera president of the Irish republic, following a long debate and a two-hour adjournment to consider the question.

The action came after De Valera had tendered his resignation and supporters of the former republican leader had urged him to continue in office until the Dail government gave way to the new organization that would be imposed under the free state agreement ratified by the Dail Saturday.

Arthur Griffith was elected president of the Dail Eireann Tuesday. Eamon de Valera and his followers walked out while the vote was being taken, in protest against the nomination of Griffith.

USE OF POISON GAS IS BANNED

Washington, D. C.—The Washington conference about completed its armament limitation program by voting poison gas into the discard.

As in the case of the new rules to govern submarines, the prohibition against use of gas was adopted by the five great powers as applicable among themselves, with an invitation to the rest of the world to join in the agreement.

That left on the armament waiting list only two topics—limitation of aircraft and general revision of the rules of warfare—and both seemed likely to be passed over without definite action.

The resolution on submarines virtually outlaws them as a weapon of warfare against commercial vessels.

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SUGAR RISE IS PREDICTED

Present Level Manifestly Cannot Long Continue.

Washington, D. C.—Higher prices for sugar may be expected, according to the results of an investigation into the situation in the sugar industry made public by the commerce department.

"The market," the department said, "is entirely unbalanced by any artificial control and the present low price level manifestly cannot long continue without restricting the production of sugar below the world's demands and again creating high prices."

The department found that there is an abnormal "visible" world surplus of sugar, amounting to about 1,200,000 tons, congested in the western hemisphere.

Chicago, Ill.—Ten thousand men are penniless and walk the streets in Chicago during the day, and 1000 sleep in the open at night, a sub-committee reported to the city unemployment commission.

Pepper Named to Succeed Penrose.

Philadelphia.—George Wharton Pepper, Philadelphia lawyer, was appointed United States senator by Governor Sprout to succeed the late Boies Penrose.

BRIEF FOR SLAYER KIRBY BEING FILED

The argument that restoration of capital punishment in Oregon was a plain violation of the bill of rights and that the legislature exceeded its authority when it proposed the resolution restoring the death penalty in this state was advanced by attorneys for Elvie Kirby, alias James Owens, in briefs filed in the supreme court.

Kirby and John Rathie were convicted of participating in the murder of Sheriff Til Taylor in Umatilla county in July, 1920, and later were sentenced to be hanged. Subsequently their cases were appealed to the supreme court with the result that the verdict of the lower court was affirmed. The defendants then were resentenced and the date of the executions was fixed for December 3 of last year.

Kirby's attorneys filed habeas corpus proceedings looking to release of their client. Judge Bingham of the Marion county circuit court denied the writ, whereupon an appeal from his decision was filed in the supreme court. As a result of the court proceedings Governor Olcott reprieved both Kirby and Rathie until late in February. Attorneys for Rathie held that neither the people nor the legislature has any right to subtract from the bill of rights, although it is within their power to make amendments. In restoring the capital punishment law the attorneys alleged that an effort was made to repeal a part of the rights.

Because of the prominence of the Kirby case in criminal circles, it was intimated that the supreme court will set the arguments for an early date. In this event not many months will elapse until a final opinion will be forthcoming.

Should the supreme court hold against Kirby, his attorneys have said that they will appeal the action to the United States supreme court.

PENDLETON TRIBUNE STARTS COUNTY SEAT SENSATION

Sensational charges of illegal practices in Umatilla county public offices have been made by the Pendleton Tribune, and since the first explosion occurred following the report of the grand jury, the situation at the county seat has grown more complicated.

Sweeping statements have been made regarding alleged misconduct of District Attorney Keator; his deputy, Charles Randall, and the special prohibition officer, E. F. B. Ridgway. The attack on these officers led by the Tribune grows more severe each day since the grand jury reported that it had failed to find anything against the record of Ridgway.

Charges of bribes have been backed by affidavits; and the charge has been made and sworn to that Ridgway, when a deputy sheriff, collected a toll of one dollar per gallon on a moonshiner's entire manufacture.

N. P. TRAIN SNOWBOUND

On the higher ground, in the country north of Athena, there is more snow than fell in this vicinity recently. Wind hurled the snow into big drifts along the Northern Pacific tracks between Waterman Station and Vancycle and the incoming train became snowbound, Tuesday. A force of men from Athena went to the rescue of the train Wednesday and shoveled it out of the drifts.

HERE AFER 14 YEARS

In company with his father, A. M. Gillis, of Washtucna, Wash., Ralph Gillis was in Athena, the town of his birth, Wednesday, for the first time in fourteen years. After graduating, Ralph taught school for three years. He then married and settled on one of his father's ranches near Washtucna, and has been farming successfully, since. He is the father of three children.

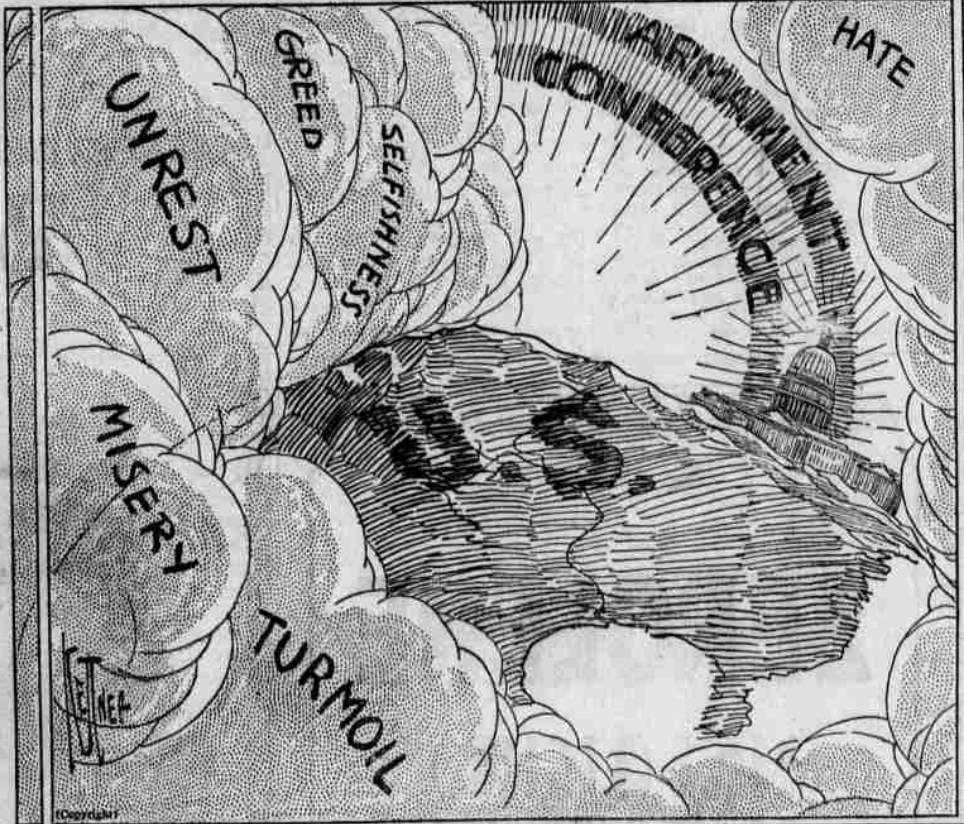
NO TAX ON 10 CENT TICKETS

The internal revenue tax of one cent on 10 cents admission tickets to theatres has been removed. The 10 per cent tax on all admissions above the 10 cent admissions remain as formerly, ie. 3 cents on 25 cent tickets; 4 cents on 35 cent tickets; 5 cents on 50 cent tickets.

FISHING FOR STEELHEADS

Pendleton papers report that fishing for steelhead salmon is good in the lower Umatilla river at the present time. A number of good catches have recently been made by Pendleton fishermen.

Rainbow



M. C. EAGLETON SUCCUMBS TO ATTACK OF PNEUMONIA

Michael C. Eagleton, well known resident of Weston, died at the family home Monday, January 9, following a week's illness with pneumonia.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. John B. Coan, pastor of the Methodist church, were held in Memorial Hall auditorium Wednesday afternoon, and interment made in I. O. O. F. cemetery. Services at the grave were in charge of Weston Lodge No. 58, I. O. O. F., and were in accordance with the ritual of the order. Many members, in regalia, were present to do honor to their departed brother.

The funeral was largely attended by citizens desiring to pay a tribute of respect to their deceased friend and neighbor. The floral offerings were both choice and beautiful.

Deceased was born April 19, 1877, in Knoxville, Tennessee. For the past twenty years he had lived in and near Weston and on Puget Sound. In recent years he was employed as steam roller engineer by Umatilla county and the Warren Construction Co. December 24, 1900, he was united in marriage to Miss Clara Simpson. To this union five children were born—Thomas, Patricia, Eileen, Robert and David—all of whom are living. Mrs. Simpson also survives him.

Mr. Eagleton possessed many admirable qualities and enjoyed the good will and esteem of all with whom he fellowshipped.

I. O. O. F. INSTALLATION

Deputy Grand Master E. A. Zerba installed the following officers in Wild Horse Lodge No. 73, I. O. O. F. on last Friday evening: Noble Grand M. Kelley; Vice Grand, D. B. Hunt; Financial Secretary, M. L. Watts; Recording Secretary, C. T. Smith; Treasurer, S. T. Stone. Appointive officers: Warden, Horace Payne; Conductor, Tom, Chas. Dickey; I. G. S. T. Stone; O. G. Joe Payne; R. S. N. G. Bert Ram sey; L. S. N. G. Jesse Loker; R. S. V. S. Raymond Geissel; L. S. V. S. Earnest Hainey; R. S. S. Lloyd Michener; L. S. S. W. R. Harden; Chaplain, R. A. Thompson

THE PICTURE, "CONFLICT"

Universal's big feature production will be screened Sunday night at the Standard Theatre. The picture played at the American Theatre, Walla Walla, last week, and the management stated that one scene in "Conflict" eclipsed anything that "Way Down East" had to offer. Tomorrow night the "Jackknife Man" heads the program, supported by Larry Semon in the "Grocery Clerk."

PHEASANTS ARE HUNGRY

D. B. Hunt verifies statements made last week that pheasants are dying in large numbers for want of feed, on account of the snow and cold weather. Mr. Hunt also says there is hunting going on out of season, and is of the opinion that the sportsmen of the surrounding country should put out feed for the birds until such time as the snow goes off, otherwise, he says, there will be little hunting next fall.

ATHENA WINS SPIRITED DOUBLE HEADER GAME

In a spirited double header basketball game in the local gym Saturday night, Athena High school boys' and girls' teams defeated Pilot Rock High school. Both games were fast and good playing was in evidence throughout the evening.

The girls' team won from their opponents by the score of 14 to 10, and demonstrated that they are capable of putting up a splendid game, both from a defensive and offensive standpoint. This was their first game of the season.

The boys had an easy time in running up a score of 36 to 21 on the Rock, and at no time was the home lineup in danger. Some nifty passing and fleet foot work cropped out during the game on the Athena side, and at times Pilot Rock showed clever bursts of speed.

Tonight Athena will be pitted opposite Weston High in a double header. The lads from over the hill have been trounced once before this season by the boys' team, but this will be the first game between the girls' teams. A good attendance is expected.

PARENT-TEACHERS WILL GIVE JAPANESE PAGEANT

The Parent-Teachers Association have in store a treat for the people of Athena, when on Friday evening, January 20, a Japanese pageant will be presented.

The numbers on the program of the evening are now being rehearsed by the characters selected to take part in the pageant and the event promises to be entertaining in high degree. The program follows:

1. A Maid From Japan.....Areta Kirk
2. Japanese Manners.....Jeannamae Read, Kathleen Radtke, Marjorie Booher, Edna DeFrece.
3. Riding in Japan, Kenneth Emmel
4. Masss Chan.....
5. Ralph McEwen, jr., Freddie Radtke, Edwin McEwen, Orel Michener, Dale Stephens.
6. The First Folding Fan.....Betty Jane Eager, Marjorie Douglas.
7. Melican Man.....Etude Trio
8. Children in Japan.....
9. Would You Like to Know?.....Helen Markley
10. So Long Oolong.....Etude Quintet
11. Chin-Chin Chinaman.....Velton Read, Fay Pambrun
12. Lois Johnson, Accompanist.

FOG CHASES SUNSHINE

Fog got busy again this week, and chased the bright sunshine and mild temperature away. Most of the snow hereabouts has disappeared, leaving sheets of ice to travel on. The snow melted gradually, and there is yet considerable frost in the ground.

Samuel Hutchinson, former sheriff of Yakima county, Wash., is dead. He was an outstanding figure, in that he was seven feet tall and weighed more than 200 pounds.

1000 PEOPLE WALK OUT WHILE A CHURCH BURNS

Nearly 1000 people escaped from the Congregational church at Walla Walla Sunday night with the basement ablaze below them and the smoke pouring up through every crevice. That there were no casualties is due largely to Dr. Holmes, the pastor of the church who was in the pulpit at the time. When the alarm was given he immediately ordered all the doors of the exit opened and commanded the audience to be quiet and pass out slowly and steadily, which was done.

The smoke so rapidly filling the building that Dr. Holmes, who was the last man to leave the audience room was obliged to almost crawl down the aisle on his hands and knees as he groped his way along to be sure that no one had failed to get out. Dr. Holmes toppled over in a faint when he received fresh air, but aside from being very hoarse he was soon all right. Dr. Holmes has many friends in Pendleton where he delivered the Armistice Day address. The loss on the building is said to be about \$20,000 with some insurance.

BANK OFFICIALS ELECTED

At the annual meeting of stockholders of the First National Bank of Athena, the officers and directors were re-elected to serve for the ensuing year. A dividend was declared, and the institution shown to be in splendid condition. The capital stock of the First National is \$50,000 and surplus is \$60,000. The officers are: W. B. Shaffer, president; M. L. Watts, vice president; F. S. LeGrow, cashier; Max B. Hopper, assistant cashier. Directors, W. B. Shaffer, M. L. Watts, M. W. Hansell, Henry Dell, F. S. LeGrow.

THIRTY-SEVEN ARRESTS

In his annual report for the fiscal year 1921, W. H. Albee district game warden, shows that 37 arrests were made for violation of the game laws. The arrests resulted in 30 convictions, and the fines imposed, ranged from \$25 to \$100.

DOKKIES AT WALLA WALLA

A number of Athena Dokkies went to Walla Walla Tuesday to attend a ceremonial put on there, in connection with which was the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Truth and Light

Nothing is so mistaken as the supposition that a person is to extricate himself from a difficulty by intrigue, by chicanery, by dissimulation, by trimming, by an untruth. This increases the difficulties tenfold, and those who pursue these methods get themselves so involved at length that they can turn no way but their infamy becomes more exposed. It is of great importance to set a resolution, not to be shaken, never to tell the untruth. There is no vice so mean, so pitiful, so contemptible; and he who permits himself to tell a lie once, finds it much easier to do it a second time. The falsehood of the tongue leads to that of the heart, and in time depraves all its good disposition.—Thomas Jefferson.

PERIOD FOR FILING OF THE INCOME TAX

The period for filing income tax returns is from January 1 to March 15, 1922, when made on the calendar year basis. If the taxpayer makes his return on the fiscal year basis, the return must be filed on or before the 15th day of the third month following the close of the fiscal year.

Under the new Revenue Act married men with a net income of less than \$5000 are entitled to exemption of \$2500. Under the old law the exemption was \$2000. The new law also provides for \$400 exemption for each dependent child under 18 years of age.

The rate of tax, 4 per cent on the first \$4000 of net income above the exemptions, and 8 per cent on the remaining net income remains the same as last year.

Returns are requested of every single person whose net income for 1921 was \$1000 or over, every married person not living with husband or wife whose income was in excess of \$1000, and every married person living with husband or wife whose net income was \$2000 or more.

Every person whose gross income was \$5000 or more must make a return regardless of the amount of net income.

Gross income includes practically every dollar the tax payer received during the year of 1921. Net income is the gross income less the exemptions provided for that Act.

The tax may be paid in full or by quarterly installments, due on or before March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15. If any installments is not paid when due, the whole amount becomes due and payable upon notice and demand from the collector. The penalty for failure to file a return or pay the tax within the time prescribed is a fine of not more than \$1000.

MR. AND MRS. ARNOLD WOOD ENTERTAIN THEIR FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wood entertained a number of their young friends at their home Friday evening. The evening was spent in dancing and card-playing, at a late hour tempting refreshments were served. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hopper, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. Penn Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. DeStanton, Misses Blanche Drake, Mildred Christensen, Altha Chandler, Edna Pinkerton, Verva Gross, Waltha Haynie, Francis Williams, Dolly Stubblefield, Lucinda Dell, Francis Rainville, Beulah Banister, Gwendolyn McIntyre, Maebelle Duncan, Hilda Dickenson, Blanche Wilson, Charlotte Gross, Savannah Smith. Messrs. Lee Banister, Mose Banister, Ray Logan, George Winship, George Borman, Henry Knight, Dorvan Phillips, Wilbur Herden, Tom Kirk, Lorain Shick, John Pinkerton, Herman Gelsel, Ernest Duncan, Leon Kretzer, Roland Kretzer, Beryl Hodgen, James Hodgen, Alton Hodgen, Fred Becker, Clifford Wood, and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wood, Claude Dickenson.

The Cliff Dwellers.

Cliff dwellers is the name of a race of Indians, formerly living in the cliffs bordering on the valleys of the Rio Grande and Rio Colorado. Their homes were built in the recesses of the cliffs at a height often of several hundred feet from the ground, and at the present time seemingly inaccessible, as the former paths that led to them nearly all have been destroyed by the crumbling away of the rocks. The dwellings sometimes consisted of many rooms, and in some cases were two, or more, stories high, hewn in the rock, with wooden lintels in the doors and windows, which were probably closed with skins or blankets. The walls were finished with a plaster of clay. How the inhabitants subsisted is not known, but probably mainly by hunting and fishing, as the soil about these localities was barren. The Pueblo Indians, who still are found in that section, are thought to be descendants of the cliff-dwellers. They possess considerable skill in making articles of pottery and the like.

Newberry Declares His Innocence.

Washington, D. C.—A sweeping declaration of his innocence was made by Senator Newberry, republican, Michigan, in the senate. Taking the floor for his defense in the ouster proceedings brought by Henry Ford, defeated democratic candidate, Senator Newberry emphatically denied personal knowledge of the collection or expenditure of the large campaign fund agent in his behalf.

RUSSIA INVITED TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

Step Is Regarded As Practically Being Recognition of Soviet.

Cannes.—What is regarded by the majority of the delegates here as amounting to recognition of the soviet government of Russia was decided upon by the allied supreme council when the British proposal for an international, financial and economic conference with the participation of Russia and Germany was approved unanimously.

Some time during the first two weeks of March has been set for the momentous gathering and Genoa, Italy, has been designated as the place where it shall be held.

An invitation to the United States to participate has been extended through the American ambassador to Great Britain, George Harvey, who is here as official observer for his government.

Russia's participation in the Genoa conference is conditioned upon acceptance of a number of conditions; namely, that she cease bolshevik propaganda abroad, that she undertake not to attack her neighbors and that she recognize all the honorable obligations entered into by preceding Russian governments.

Official announcement was made that soviet Russia would be represented at the forthcoming economic conference at Genoa. This information was contained in a wireless dispatch received by the supreme council before a formal invitation to the soviet government had actually been drawn up and the speed with which the Russians have replied to the announcement that they were to be invited was construed to mean that they are very desirous of joining the nations on almost any terms acceptable to the allies.

Notification of indorsement by the British cabinet of the written pledge binding Great Britain immediately to aid France to the full extent of her military and naval resources in case of aggression by Germany is expected from London. The pact was agreed upon by Premiers Briand and Lloyd George.

CHINESE-JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS END

Washington, D. C.—The Chinese people will resist, by every means at their disposal, an attempt by the Japanese to open direct negotiations with Peking over Shantung, representatives in Chinese national and provincial organizations, who are here as unofficial observers at the conference, declared in a statement.

The Shantung conversations between the Japanese and Chinese delegates were adjourned sine die when the Chinese declined to accept a Japanese counter-proposal for payment for the Kiao-chow-Tsinanfu railway by a 15-year loan redeemable by China in five years upon six months' notice.

Japanese delegates found unacceptable the two Chinese alternative proposals "in their present form" providing for a single immediate cash payment, or installments covering 12 years with an option to take up remaining notes within a shorter period. The Chinese offer included the appointment of a Japanese chief accountant.

AMBASSADOR HARVEY HURT

Narrowly Escapes Death When Auto Axle Breaks.

Cannes.—George Harvey, American ambassador to Great Britain, narrowly escaped death here in an automobile accident. Accompanied by Richard Crane, former American minister to Czechoslovakia, in whose car he was riding, and Wickham Steed, editor of the London Times, Ambassador Harvey was on his way for a round of golf.

The axle of the machine broke, and Mr. Harvey was thrown out, landing heavily on the road. He was able to arise, but was rushed back to his hotel in a dazed condition.

Mr. Crane was uninjured, but Mr. Steed suffered from bruises and shock. Delegates to the allied supreme council, at which Ambassador Harvey was acting as observer for his government, sent expressions of sympathy and congratulations at his escape.