

DEATH KNELL TO SECRET DIPLOMACY

Peace Conference to Open Wide the Doors to the Press.

WILSON WINS ONE OF MAIN POINTS

President Back in Paris With Support of Italy and Population of Nations.

PARIS, Jan. 7.—The death knell of secret diplomacy is expected to be sounded when the formal peace deliberations of associated powers open next week. The feeling is growing common among officials that these sessions, which will probably start at Versailles on January thirteenth or fourteenth, should be open to the press of the world. Since the Allied nations are agreed that secret diplomacy must be abolished it is felt that in the American attitude—that this is the time to put the principle into effect—should receive a ready endorsement of the other delegations.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Government ownership of railroads which will be leased to private operating companies is advocated by Senator Cummins, who will be chairman of the Interstate Commerce Committee next March.

(By Robert J. Bender, United Press Staff Correspondent.)

PARIS, Jan. 7.—When he gets back to Paris, President Wilson is expected to plunge immediately into the final preliminary of the formal peace deliberations of the associated powers. The President returned from Italy armed with the obvious support of the common people of that country. This endorsement, added to the apparent backing of his peace program by the majority of public opinion in Britain and France is accepted in American circles as giving him the initial advantage in approaching the conversations.

EIGHT-MONTHS-OLD BABY DIED THIS MORNING

The eight-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Roth, who resided ten miles south of Albany, passed away this morning at seven o'clock. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 12 o'clock at Riverside cemetery.

ENTIRE RED CROSS SHIP MENT OF BAGS MISSING

According to a statement made this morning by a prominent Red Cross worker it is believed that the entire shipment of 923 property bags made by the local Red Cross and shipped to Major Winn has been lost in a ship wreck. Only one of the bags was marked with the name of any resident of Albany and a letter has been received by Mrs. Allen Jones, whose name was attached to one of the bags, in which it was stated that the ship on which the assignment was sent was torpedoed and sunk. A portion of the cargo was salvaged however and this particular garment happened to be in the bag which was rescued from the ship.

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BANDITS ROB CAMP LEWIS ARMY BANK

Caught by Military Police After Wild Chase; One Soldier Wounded.

TACOMA, Jan. 7.—The three bandits, who robbed the Camp Lewis army bank this morning were caught by military police after a chase through the cantonment.

Entering the bank they covered the cashier, clerk, and a lieutenant, who was making a deposit, secured five hundred dollars, and fled.

James Henry, military policeman, who rushed into the bank during the robbery was shot and seriously wounded. He was attracted by the shooting which started when the lieutenant opened fire. A fusillade followed but no others were hit.

Higher Court Reverses Land Fraud Case

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The supreme court reversed the lower court's which knocked out indictments against Edward Conyne and Carlos Byron, charged with fraudulent land deals in the state of Washington.

Scio Home Is Destroyed by Fire Saturday Night

SCIO, Jan. 7.—(Special to the Democrat).—The home of J. E. Sims was destroyed by fire at 5:30 o'clock Saturday evening. The blaze was discovered by small boys who gave the alarm, but before assistance arrived the home was destroyed.

No one was at home at the time the fire started, and the origin is not known. A few minor belongings were rescued in addition to a sewing machine, but most of the contents were lost. No insurance was carried.

Yankees Just Had to Have That Candy for Children

PARIS, Dec. 10.—(By Mail).—They edged up in front of the canteen counter of a Y. M. C. A. but at Aix-les-Bains and demanded candy, two private just back from Luxembourg.

"Something that lasts," one of them said, and displayed disappointment because there weren't any all-day suckers. Each bought the maximum amount that may be sold to any one soldier.

Presently they were back again, this time coming a little more warily, but with the same determination in their eyes. Again they wanted candy, a lot of candy. "Mother" Anderson with the red triangle on her arm and known to every soldier who had ever been on leave at Aix-les-Bains, came up to explain why no more sweets could be sold to them. The two soldiers looked heart-broken.

"But we gotta have it, ma'am," exclaimed one of them.

Then they told her why. Almost a day's travel from Aix-les-Bains they had come upon a little school house. The little French children, taught by an old man, had trooped out and saluted the American soldiers. They were the first children the boys had seen in months. Now they wanted to go back and take the youngsters some candy. They had permission from their officers and the only thing that they lacked was the candy.

"We gotta go," they said again.

"We told the kids we'd come back with some candy for them. We said it in English, but they got us all right. We promised. Please sell it to us, ma'am."

They got it, of course. Then they set off casually on their errand, just two plain American privates, gladly giving up two days of their precious leave so that the little French children they had seen but once before might have some candy—hard candy, something that lasts.

Dry or Wet? Is Chief California Question Now

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Jan. 6.—When the California legislature opened here today chief interest centered upon the action to be taken upon the national "dry" amendment.

Leaders of the "dry" forces claimed a majority in both the senate and house. The "drys" are stronger in the house than in the senate, and the "wets" dispute their claim to the senate.

The republican state platform endorses the "dry" resolution and Gov. Stephens is for it.

A resolution to make it unlawful to belong to the I. W. W. probably will be introduced.

After the session has continued for 30 days there will be a 30-day recess during which measures will be studied. The entire session is limited to 100 days.

NEW CABINET MEMBER PROPOSED

Heads of Traffic Lines Propose Office of Secretary of Railroads.

CUMMINS FAVORS GOVERN LEASE OF ROADS

New Chairman of Interstate Commerce Commission Has Measure.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The creation of the office of Secretary of Railroads as a member of the cabinet with wide regulatory powers is to be urged by railroad executives when they appear before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee next week, it is learned. Private ownership and operation of the railroads under appropriate government regulations is urged by Edgar Clark of the Interstate Commerce Commission, testifying in the senate railroad hearing today.

ROOSEVELT FUNERAL WILL BE SIMPLE KIND

Glamor That Marked Life of ex-President Will Not Be in Evidence

OYSTERBAY, Jan. 7.—A few simple preparations were made for Roosevelt's funeral with the idea of making it as plain and unemotional a ceremony as possible. The services will consist of merely prayer with the Episcopal ritual—"Ashes to ashes and dust to dust"—without hymns, and without a sermon. The world's farewell to Roosevelt will be in lack of color, as a striking contrast to his spectacular career.

The casket was delivered to the house and the body placed within. It is of a severely plain design of oak, with three silver handles on each side. Despite the request for no flowers, a number of set pieces arrived and were taken to the church.

Sidney Montgomery Died in France

J. A. Montgomery, of Oakville, received a telegram today from the war department stating that his son, Sidney, died in France October 2nd. Since Sidney Montgomery sailed for France over a year ago, his parents had not heard from him until receiving this telegram of his death. He lived in Oakville most of his life and enlisted in the army from Eastern Oregon.

RED CROSS NOTES

A pamphlet "When You Get Home" is given each soldier on discharge, advising him to secure information concerning keepup insurance payments, at the Home Service Station. Red Cross Funds Not to Benefit the Poets of the Allies.

For the benefit of anxious inquirers the general manager of the National R. C. Headquarters reports:

"No relief work of any kind whatever is contemplated by the American Red Cross within the Central Powers, except such as may be possible for the benefit of American or Allied prisoners, refugees, and interms."

The 1918 membership of the northwest division of the R. C. was \$30,000. Reports are still incomplete but indications point to an increased roll when the returns are completed. To date the report totals 620,000 divided as follows: Alaska, 9,000; Idaho 90,000; Oregon 206,000; Washington 315,000.

Mrs. Wilbur Better—Word has been received by Geo. W. Wright from his daughter, Mrs. Eulah Nelson Wilbur, that she is greatly improved and expects soon to be in good health again. She has been suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

Carl Sox Improving

Carl Sox, who recently underwent an operation at a Portland hospital, is recovering and expects to be home in several days.

Goes to U. of O.

Percy Lasselle left for Eugene where he will attend the University of Oregon.

DAN BRENNEMAN TELLS EXPERIENCES

Military Training Makes Him Able to Stand 23-mile Hike Easily.

The following letter was received today by Mr. and Mrs. D. Brenneman from their son who is now in France:

La Rochelle, France,

Dec. 18, 1918.

Dear Parents:

I have perhaps not written as much as I should but I have been situated so that writing was more or less of an undertaking. For the past weeks I have been mostly in small villages and quartered in old houses and barns and furthermore we were kept quite busy from early till late. I know a week ago Monday we marched some 23 miles to a regimental review. A year ago such a hike would have all but knocked me out, now it didn't even make me sore or much tired. On last Sunday a nice warm sunny day, we packed all our belongings and packed them from Paris to La Rochelle, where I was stationed, to Laigues, a railroad station some 10 miles distant. It was a good walk with a full pack. We made it in less than three hours, but supper tasted like a turkey dinner.

On Monday we loaded on a French train. We had all sorts of ideas as to our chances of going home. Travelling in France is quite different from what it was at home. I remember how comfortably we travelled from San Diego to New York. Here we travelled in a box car, about 30 in a car. Aside from getting a trifle cold during the night, it was not so bad. At any rate on Tuesday or yesterday we arrived at La Rochelle, and instead of going home I have been assigned to headquarters of this base. So in all probability I will be here for some months and it is very doubtful whether I will be home before spring or early summer. I don't know what I will do as I have not been assigned to duty, but I presume it will be office work of some kind. I thought when I left Camp Merritt I would be through with that but now it looks otherwise.

This will be an ideal place to spend the winter. I have an excellent bed right in the heart of the city, and we get good eats. The weather is so much like Oregon that I almost feel at home. It rains after Oregon's fashion and it isn't the least bit cold. La Rochelle is a seaport town some hundred or two miles north of Bordeaux. It is a city of I judge about 40,000 population. It is so much different from any American city that I will not attempt to describe it but will in the course of time send you post card reviews of the various interesting places. To me it is all interesting. I was interested in watching the farmers at work on the way down here. Many of them use ox teams on their plows. Others who use horses hitch them one in front of the other, instead of the way we do at home, an in driving them they use no lines so you can imagine that they are well-trained.

While I am anxious for the time to come when I can return home we must have patience until that is possible and I am sure that if you are getting along as well as I am there will be no need for worry on the part of any of us. I have had no news from you since the latter part of October, but I have thought of you every day and no doubt I will soon hear from you. I wish you would give my address to the Albany Democrat and have them send me the paper. My present address is no doubt the one I will have during my stay in France.

The French people are at present giving our great President, who does so much to bring the war to a close, a great welcome. Everywhere you see his picture and the American flag. Let us hope that he will inspire these plotting European diplomats with his plan for a League of Nations and thus do away with the causes that might again throw the world into a great war.

With many many good wishes and the hope of seeing you soon.

I am lovingly your son.

PVT. DAN H. BRENNEMAN

Headquarters Detachment, A. C. S.

Base Sectin No. 7, A. P. O. 735,

American E. F. France.

England to Make Peace With Bolsheviki Report

LONDON, Jan. 7.—England has decided to abandon her war against the Bolsheviki, the Evening Star declared.

Hurt While Skating

While skating on the ice at Copenhagen Sunday afternoon, George Berry fell and cut his forehead severely, making it necessary for a local physician to take several stitches.

NEW COUNCIL ASSUMES DUTIES

Retiring Members Wish Successors Well During Their Terms of Office.

NO APPOINTMENTS MADE FIRST MEETING

Standing Committees Appointed; Mayor Makes Short Address.

Meeting last night for the last time members of the old city council held a short session during which the current bills were allowed and an opportunity given each member to wish his successor in office success during the next two years of service to the City of Albany.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Carl shortly after seven o'clock, and Councilmen Robnett, Wiles, McElmurray, Lyons, and Leigh paid a high tribute to the mayor and other city officials with whom they have been associated.

The mayor then made a short address in which he called attention to the splendid moral condition in Albany at the present time and briefly reviewed the health conditions resulting from the epidemic of Spanish influenza.

A motion to adjourn was made and carried, and the new members of the council, with the exception of Councilmen Calavan and Beam, who were absent, assumed their new offices.

City Recorder Leavelle was authorized to secure a lease on the present quarters for another year and to draw warrants for the salaries of city officials.

Street Commissioner Woods suggested that it might be well to follow the example of other cities and have the streets of Albany sprayed with a solution of sheep dip. It was referred to the proper committees with power to act. The council then adjourned until next Wednesday at which time the matter of making appointments for city offices will be considered.

DR. C. T. NORMAN GETS GOOD APPOINTMENT

Dr. C. T. Norman has been officially notified by the State Veterinarian Surgeon that he has been appointed Deputy State Veterinarian for Linn county and will have exclusive charge of the work of testing for tubercular trouble and glanders.

CITY NEWS

Grandpa Crawford Back—Bert Crawford is back from San Francisco and other points in California and he came alone. Dame rumor had it that Bert would return with a wife. He was back at his chair this morning in Viereck's shop.

Here from Portland

Judge M. N. Coke, of Portland, is spending a few days in Albany looking after business matters.

Cannery Manager Here

E. Spencer, and wife, of Lebanon, were registered at the Hotel Albany yesterday. Mr. Spencer is manager of the cannery at Lebanon.

Moved to Portland

Miss Louise Svoboden left yesterday for Portland, where she has accepted a position and will remain permanently.

In Portland Yesterday

O. C. Karstensen spent yesterday in Portland where he had some business matters to attend to.

Returned After Visit

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Stalmacher, of Portland, who spent the holidays in Albany, returned to their home yesterday.

Here for the Day

Mrs. D. H. Looney, and George, of Jefferson, were Albany visitors yesterday on their way to Corvallis.

Glen Gilbert Home from Army

Glen Gilbert, the youngest son of P. D. Gilbert to be in the army, received his discharge and returned home yesterday. He left Albany with the Fifth company, and was transferred, being in Washington, D. C. for the past few months.

SIXTEEN TOWNS IN U. S. NAMED ALBANY

New York Paper Contains Article of Interest to Residents.

There are no less than sixteen towns in America named "Albany," according to an article which appeared in the December 31st issue of the Albany (New York) Evening Journal.

A description of the origin of the names of each town is given in the article and the following in regard to Albany, Oregon will no doubt be of interest to readers of the Democrat:

The land upon which the greater part of the town of Albany, Ore., is located was first claimed by an immigrant of 1845. In the fall of 1847 two young men named Walter and Thomas Monteith arrived in the Willamette valley, and immediately began a search for a suitable location for a future home. In coming up the Willamette valley, when they arrived at this point, they concluded there was no use in going any further south. The soil here was very fertile; it was practically at the head of navigation, and right in the center of the widest part of the wonderful Willamette valley, so these energetic young men decided at once that it was the proper location for a town. A deal was immediately made with the squatter by which they acquired all his rights of ownership, the consideration being one of the horses they had ridden across the plains from Illinois, and they afterward filed upon and secured title to the land.

After the purchase the Monteiths had their claim surveyed, and that part of it lying adjacent to the river was laid out in town lots. The future city was named Albany, in honor and remembrance of Albany, N. Y., in which city the Monteiths had been born and passed their early childhood days.

The population of the town at the present time is 6,500.

PROBLEM FOR ART EXPERTS

How to Save Masterpieces of Painting Is Matter Which Puzzles Authorities in Italy.

A heating apparatus powerful enough to force heat through a pile of sandbags 12 feet thick and to dry without scorching the wall behind is needed to preserve one of the world's masterpieces, "The Last Supper," of Leonardo da Vinci, which is painted on the wall of the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie at Milan, Italy. The dampness which accumulates in the sand necessary as a protection from air raids is fast fading the colors of the picture, already damaged by time. The restoration necessary for Leonardo's picture is unsuited to the frescoes of Luini and other masters painted on the same wall. How to give each set of masterpieces the treatment required is the problem. So far the experts of the Italian ministry of the arts have been unable to find a solution.

Hereditary Hay Fever

Dr. W. Scheppelgrell, president of the American Hay Fever Prevention association, has recently made an analysis of 415 cases treated in the hay fever clinic of the Charity hospital at New Orleans and elsewhere in that city in order to determine the influence of heredity on this disease. He finds that in more than one-third of the cases the patients had a father, mother, brother or sister who was a victim of the disease. Probably the influence of heredity is even greater than indicated by these figures, as specific susceptibility may exist indefinitely without developing hay fever, by reason of insufficient exposure to the pollens that cause the malady. The question of the development of a natural immunity from continued exposure to the specific pollens is, says Doctor Scheppelgrell, a difficult one to settle, on account of the difficulty of eliminating the question of decreased exposure.—Scientific American.

Japan Larger Than Germany

In the World's Work there is a chart which shows a comparison of Germany and the Japanese empire. Japan is the greater of the two both in territory and population. Germany's area (exclusive of colonies) is 208,780 square miles, while that of Japanese empire is 290,738 square miles. This includes the peninsula of Korea, which is a part of the Japanese nation, but it does not include Manchuria and other Asiatic territory in which Japan has secured ninety-nine-year leases of ports and railroads as well as business advantages of all sorts and mining rights. Germany's population at the beginning of the great war was about 67,000,000. There are now 71,000,000 people living under the Japanese flag, and there are also great numbers of them scattered over the islands of the Pacific and in foreign countries.

MACHINE GUNS BARK IN BERLIN

Civil War Between Warring Factions Most Serious for Some Time.

ANARCHY REIGNS IN PLACE OF KAISER

Independant Socialists Join More Radical Leaders; Liebknecht Leads.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 7.—The Independent Socialists joined the Spartacus in the civil war now raging in Berlin, according to dispatches. The Independent Socialists and Spartacus it is reported, issued a joint statement saying that "today the final fight for the revolution will be fought." The central office of the Wolff bureau, semi-official news agency, of Germany, sent a message to the Copenhagen office saying "Central Berlin has been occupied. Send telegrams to Frankfurt temporarily."

MUNICH, Jan. 6.—Complete anarchy reigns in Berlin, according to telephone messages received from the capital. Civil war has broken out between the Spartacus and government factions. Thousands of workers are fighting in the streets. The rattle of machine guns was heard throughout the city. Spartacus barricaded themselves in many public buildings and are reported to be holding all banks. Karl Liebknecht is reported personally leading the Spartacus. Hundreds of persons are fleeing from the city.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 7.—Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg and the two Russian Bolshevik envoys, Adolph Joffe and Karl Radek, are reported to be directing the Spartacus group from the central office station.

FUNK VS GORDAN CASE NEARS ITS END

Closing Arguments Are Made Today; Suit Brought to Cancel Deeds.

The last chapter in the case of Funk vs Gordan is being enacted in the circuit court room today with the attorneys for the opposing sides making their closing arguments.

Attorney Dan Johnston consumed most of the morning in making his argument before Judge Bingham and he was followed this afternoon by Attorney Gale S. Hill. J. R. Wyatt will close the case late today.

Local Young Woman Is Victim of Influenza

Mrs. Leona Rose Harold, wife of Raleigh R. Harold passed away at noon today at the age of 29 years, a victim of influenza. The deceased has been in frail health for the past six weeks, having undergone an operation at St. Mary's hospital, but was convalescing at the home of Dick Lyons, until she contracted this disease.

She is survived by her husband and two children, five and two years old, father and brother in California, and a sister in Kingstown. She is a cousin of Mrs. O. D. Austin.

Mrs. F. W. Swanton, of Portland, was in Albany today in the interest of the Oregon Humane Society and while here launched a movement for the organization of a branch of the state organization in Linn county. Mrs. Swanton is state secretary of the organization and is greatly interested in the work.

ROME, Jan. 7.—The indemnity due Italy from the Central Powers has been fixed at forty billions.