

TOM SKEYHILL TO SPEAK HERE TONIGHT

Will Deliver Address in City Auditorium Beginning at 8:15 O'clock

Wild bayonet charges, savage hand to hand fights, fierce charges through barbed wire entanglements, over battlefields packed with shell craters, and sprayed with machine gun fire, will all be included in Signaller Tom Skeyhill's address in the Auditorium at eight fifteen tonight.

This young Australian knows what he is talking about. He has been through the real things, and he speaks first hand. His story is a real thriller, and he knows how to tell it. Such men as Theodore Roosevelt and Lord Northcliffe, and such papers as the London Times, The New York Globe, Times and Tribune, and the Literary Digest, eulogize him as a silver-tongued master of eloquence, and as a poet of great promise.

All who have been fortunate enough to hear him speak in Raleigh, say that he easily lives right up to his reputation. He has thrilled the members of the joint assembly, of the Rotary Club, and the students of the State Agricultural School, and of the Meredith College, and it is certain that he is going to thrill his audience tonight.

The Literary Digest has referred to this young Australian as "A Knight of the Holy Grail," and the leading English newspapers call him "The Young Elizabethan."

His life story reads like a chapter from the Arabian Nights. At eighteen he was a student in his native land, Australia. At nineteen he was in the trenches doing his bit. At twenty he sprang into fame overnight, as the soldier poet. His verses written in the line-catch of the popular fancy in Great Britain, and when his book of war verses was published, it found a ready market. At twenty he was twice severely wounded. The first time with four bullets which found their billets in his leg, and while taking part in a desperate trench fight, he received five bayonet wounds. On his return to the front, he was blinded by a burst of a high explosive shell. At twenty-two, stone blind, he was hailed as the greatest orator the war had produced, and as the most eloquent soldier living. After a wonderfully successful tour of Great Britain and Australia he came to America, and had his sight restored by Dr. Riley Moore, of Washington, D. C. He then volunteered to return to the trenches, and on being rejected as unfit, set out on a lecture tour of America. His success, again, was immediate and phenomenal. His massed meetings in the Metropolitan Opera House in New York last September, when he raised over twenty-five millions of dollars in as many minutes for the war, was featured by the Tribune as the greatest demonstration in the history of the any war meeting in any country. He has taken the platform with such men as Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Governor Whitman, Secretary Daniels, Ex-Ambassador Gerard, Elinor Rood, and many other famous red blooded Americans. He has spoken in almost all the big American cities, and now he is touring through North Carolina.

His address will include personal experiences, humorous stories, reviews of the part played by the women in the war, and a recital of his own poems. It is a wonderful opportunity for the public to hear a gallant twice wounded gifted soldier, a soldier who often lay in a shell crater on No Man's Land, and wrote of faries—a soldier who has raised over thirty millions of dollars for war funds, and a soldier who will interest, amuse and enlighten.

The address commences at eight fifteen. No charge will be made but a collection will be taken up. Tomorrow night the admission will be twenty-five cents.—Press Agent.

GERMAN AND POLISH EMISSARIES CONFERENCE

Paris, Jan. 23.—Conferences have been in progress during the last few days at Bromberg, German Poland, between German and Polish emissaries. According to a telegram received by the Polish national committee here, the Germans rejected all terms of agreement containing 14 points, proposed on behalf of the Poles by Albert Korfanty, a member of the supreme people's council of German Poland and formerly a deputy in the German Reichstag.

TRAINS DOG TO GUARD HIS AUTO FROM THIEVES

John Collier Solves Problem of Preventing Larceny of His Runabout

John Collier, superintendent of the Municipal Building, has solved the problem of preventing the larceny of automobiles. He does not need the protection of police or of a Yale lock.

A little watch dog, with a mixture of fox terrier and bull blood, is the guardian of John's runabout. No matter where or how long the car stands, the lone occupant can be trusted to keep off all meddlers. Not even a relative or dear friend can get into the car while the little dog does guard duty. His name is "Bowie."

In explaining the eagerness of the dog to keep people away from the car, Collier stated that the pet thinks the car was purchased for the sole purpose of riding it. "Bowie" learned to ride in the car when only four weeks old. It has never been taken from the garage without the dog. The animal, explained its owner, is gentle except when it is in the auto. Then, it becomes very vicious, so vicious, in fact, that the owner is forced to chain the dog to prevent injury to friends who may happen to get near the machine.

Any one who doubts this story, should try to get into the Collier auto while the dog is on guard.

The Strong Withstand The Winter Cold Better Than The Weak

Old people who are feeble and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the cold weather by taking GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL Tonic, which is simply IRON and QUININE suspended in syrup. So pleasant even children like it. You can soon feel its strengthening, invigorating effect. Price 60c.—Adv.

Developments in Peace Conference Circles: Reception To Wilson

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minister, on January fifth. It is understood though an official admission has been made, the British plan for the creation of a league of nations is essentially identical with that which American experts formulated after close study of every promising available plan among two-score which were presented.

While yesterday's official statement was silent on the question of the redemption of Russia's foreign debt, there is some reason to believe that, through official, but powerful sources, assurances have been conveyed that the Bolsheviks will recede from their threat to repudiate this debt in consideration of relief through entente aid, of desperate economic conditions in Russia. It is believed assurance on this point induced France to sanction the plan which averts the spectre of financial loss to French holders of Russian securities.

OPPOSITION TO DELIVERY OF GERMAN FLEET TO ALLIES.

Amsterdam, Jan. 23.—The acceptance by the German armistice commission of the demand by the allies for the delivery of the German merchant fleet is causing both indignation and anxiety in Hamburg and Bremen. A meeting of protest was held at Hamburg Monday, according to the Berlin Vossische Zeitung. All the trade interests and representatives of the sailors took part in the meeting, which was very largely attended.

The meeting adopted a resolution against the action which has been taken. The resolution declared the interests represented expected that the government would not ratify the agreement and that it would make preparations for the reopening of the discussion of the question by the joint commission of German experts and representatives of the entente.

Wise Decision, Said Gompers.

Paris, Jan. 23.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who was told upon his arrival here last night of measures relating to the German fleet, said: "The entente owners of Bremen have likewise protested to the government at Berlin against the measure."

SHOE CONSERVATION

W. H. Kelley, a lumber salesman, of Omaha, found Neolin Soles so tough and durable that one pair of soles served on a second pair of uppers after the first pair of uppers had worn out in ten months of hard walking.

And he says, "Some same soles will stand another ten months of constant daily wear."

This is unusual service even for Neolin Soles but Mr. Kelley's experience should indicate to you a method of cutting down those rising shoe bills you have to meet. Simply make sure the new shoes you buy are Neolin-soled and have worn shoes repaired with these soles which are scientifically made to be comfortable, waterproof and exceedingly long-wearing. They are made by The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio, who also make Wingfoot Heels, guaranteed to outwear any other heels.

Neolin Soles

tive to Russia adopted by the Peace Congress, said: "I think it is a very wise decision and hope it will have satisfactory results in restoring peace in Russia and placing that unfortunate country again into comity with the great victors of the civilization of the world."

WORKING ON THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Paris, Jan. 23.—(By The Associated Press.)—Having disposed of the Russian question for the moment, the supreme council of the peace congress turned today to the principal object of its work, the establishment of a league of nations. This question promises to command virtually the undivided attention of the delegates until their action regarding Russia shows results one way or another. As the Russian delegates are not expected at Princes Islands until February 15, this means that nearly the whole attention of the Congress will be turned to the League of Nations until President Wilson's departure for America.

Out of the Russian negotiations it is hoped some unanimous agreement will be reached that will bring representatives of that country into further sessions at Paris. Delegates of all the associated governments have expressed the opinion that a secure peace can hardly be considered to have been made while Russia remains on fire.

It is regarded as quite significant in circles surrounding the Peace Congress that it should be announced that the first plan for a League of Nations to be considered comes from Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain. This is quite in consonance with what has been known in a very small circle close to the American delegates, that President Wilson plans to have European ideas come before the congress in advance of his own. American officials explain Mr. Wilson's purpose is not only out of deference to European nations which have sacrificed so much in the war or out of deference to views of European statesmen, but there is a technical advantage in reserving American plans until all others have been fully discussed, when they may be brought forward, probably to form a bridge by which disagreements that may have developed may be dispelled.

Wilson's League Plan.

Mr. Wilson has told his colleagues that he has no personal pride of authorship in the plan for the league, and is quite ready to place himself in a position of supporting some other nation's plan rather than proposing one of his own, if he feels the procedure will best serve the common purpose. If discussion goes on according to this plan, it appears likely both the British and French plans will be discussed before the President brings out his own, which is now entirely completed and ready for presentation at any time.

Mr. Wilson will go ahead with his announced purpose of devoting all his energies to the reducing of various views on the League of Nations to a basis of agreement while awaiting results from the effort to compose the differences between Russian intentions. He intends to adhere to his determination to hold all other plans secondary, including his visit to Brussels and his trip to the battlefields and devastated regions.

It is now definitely settled that a large number of American troops will go to America with President Wilson on the liner George Washington. Mr. Wilson has personally given orders that every available bit of space on the liner be given to troops and that the personnel of his party be reduced to the minimum.

POINTS IN CIRCLES PLAN OF LEAGUE.

London, Jan. 23.—Lord Robert Cecil, who announced at Paris that he had submitted to the peace congress a draft of the League of Nations, believes the world has not yet reached a stage at which an absolutely rigid system for the preservation of international peace can be set up, according to a Reuter's dispatch from the French capital. In discussing his idea of the form the league should take, Lord Robert says he thinks an international tribunal with absolutely binding powers is not practical at present.

"The creation of non-rigid international machinery by which a council, by exerting influence towards conciliation, may work, will be the main strength of future peace-makers," he said. "Such a body must, however, possess at least sufficient international guaranteed power to be able to prevent surprise declarations of war and to compel disputants to accept delay during which forces of civilization may have time to try to avert a calamity."

Lord Robert said he favored the establishment of a permanent international council of the League which would sit at a place agreed upon. Above this, he said, there should be a superior council, consisting of premiers or important members of various national governments which might meet regularly and during the next few years very frequently.

New states formed out of the wreck of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy, Lord Robert said, could be admitted to the league without difficulty as soon as settled governments were established.

CHINA TO SEQUESTER ALL EMEMY PROPERTY

Peking, China, Jan. 23.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Chinese government has decided to sequester all enemy property in China on February 1. The law calling for the repatriation of enemy citizens will become effective March 1. The only exceptions will be doctors, invalids and all persons over sixty years of age.

WE ARE ALL LOADED UP NOW WITH MEAT

Packer Swift Says So, Although Some Will Be Surprised To Know It

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE INQUIRY

He Is For Continued Federal Control, As It Would Keep Up Price, He Declares

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 23.—Louis F. Swift, president of Swift & Co., told the House Interstate Commerce Committee today the food administration in stabilizing the live stock market had accomplished "wonderful things, both for the producer and the consumer" and that its control was needed now as much as ever.

"This is a critical time and everybody is loaded up with meat," said Mr. Swift. "We have not made many shipments. The only possible way to have made shipments abroad as we did was through food administration control."

Wants Prices Kept High. The witness declared a decline of one cent a pound in the pork market would mean a loss of \$2,500,000 to his firm on the great amount of meat it had prepared for the world. He expressed a belief that with government control continued prices would be high for some months, but then probably would decline.

The bill before the committee to license packing plants and permit the government to take over adjuncts such as stockyards, market newspapers and refrigerating cars, was opposed by Mr. Swift as class legislation and certain to be harmful to the general public by crippling the industry. "Government supervision," through full access to the packers' books was advocated by him as a "less dangerous" method of procedure.

The "Primary Desire."

The primary desire of Swift & Co., was declared to be efficient service in the stock yards and readiness was expressed to sell the firm's interests in various yards if present standards of operations could be maintained.

Regarding the federal trade commission's allegation that packer ownership of refrigerator cars prevents the small packers from competing with the big firms, Mr. Swift suggested that instead of taking the cars away from the big firms, the government or railroads should build 5,000 cars and let the small packers use them.

Denial of Charges of Collusion.

Charges of collusion by the federal trade commission were denied by Mr. Swift. He said that there were cases in which his firm had co-operated with other packers in the joint ownership of general facilities where such facilities did not exist or were imperfect, and that the co-operation in on way extended to the control of prices of shipments.

Mr. Swift said there was 25,000 stockholders in Swift & Co., and that his family did not own a majority of the stock. The witness said his salary was \$50,000 a year, and that his four brothers, all practical meat packers, drew from \$25,000 to \$35,000 each.

Keen Competition between the five big packers was declared to exist and Mr. Swift said this apparently was a good time for new firms to enter the business.

The only other witness of the day was Levy Meyer, counsel for Armour & Co., who told the committee why he thought the pending bill unconstitutional. Mr. Meyer's testimony developed an attack on the Federal Trade Commission's method of investigating the packing industry. He said none of the packing firms were allowed to present testimony in question witnesses.

Not Through Yet.

Mr. Swift will resume the stand tomorrow.

To Cure Habitual Constipation

Take "LAX-POS WITH PEPSIN" for two or three weeks. A Liquid Tonic Laxative. Pleasant to Take. 50c. It Regulates.—Adv.

RAILWAY EARNINGS LAST THREE YEARS

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way earnings situation last year were that freight and passenger rates were increased to yield about \$900,000,000 annually, or \$450,000,000 in the six months while wage advances added \$636,000,000 to operating expenses.

These are the latest estimates of railroad administration accountants but are not considered final. Wages particularly may prove in amount to more than is now believed.

The railroad administration accountants now report that in 1918 the \$1,710,000,000 pay-roll of the year previous was increased 37 per cent and that consequently \$2,346,000,000 was paid out to employees.

The wage level at the end of 1918 was a little more than 45 per cent higher than at the beginning of the year, when the government assumed control.

Prospects For Improvement. Prospects for improvement of the earnings publication this year depend mainly on whether business during the readjustment period continues active, and gives a large volume of freight traffic to the railroads. Indications point to a reduction of traffic and consequently to reduced earnings, according to the railroad administration.

These facts bear only an indirect relation to the government's deficit estimated at \$196,000,000. This represents the difference between the net income received by the railroads and the aggregate calculated at a little less than \$600,000,000, which the government guarantees the roads for the year.

Neither Does This Take into Consideration the expenditures of about \$588,000,000 last year for capital purposes—to make permanent improvements and buy cars and locomotives.

GENERAL RESPONSIBLE FOR MASSACRES ARRESTED

Paris, Jan. 23.—General Kyamil Malomov Pasha, who is said to have been responsible for massacres of Greeks and Armenians has been arrested, according to a report received here from Constantinople.

Hudson-Belk Company's Big SHOE Sale Begins This Morning

Table listing shoe bargains with prices. Includes items like Ladies' Field Mouse Boots, Ladies' Grey Buck Boots, Ladies' Brown Walking Boots, etc.

HUDSON-BELK CO. MARTIN AND WILMINGTON STREETS

INJURED IN FALL FROM HIS BUGGY

Rev. Dwight A. Petty, Young Minister Hurt in Runaway

YOUNG MAN SENT ON TO COURT FOR STEALING AUTO

Mrs. Louise Christian Dead; Interesting Medical Papers To Be Read

By JAMES A. ROBINSON. Durham, Jan. 23.—Rev. Dwight A. Petty, a young minister who has been transferred to this circuit in the Durham district, and has four churches to serve, was the victim of a very painful accident yesterday afternoon on South street. He had purchased an ew horse and was preparing to start out on his circuit duties, when passing along South street, the shafts of the buggy, from some cause, suddenly dropped, causing the horse to run away. Mr. Petty fell out of the front of the buggy. He sustained a very severe gash on the forehead, and one across his lips. Medical attention was speedily given him. He also sustained quite a shock to his nerves.

At the meeting of the Durham-Orange County Medical Society, to be held in the office of Board of Health, Friday evening, January 24th, at 8 o'clock, Dr. Robert L. Felts will read a paper on "Some Observations of the Recent Influenza Epidemic." Dr. Foy Roberson will present a paper on "Empyema as a Complication of Influenza." It is expected that there will be a large gathering of the physicians to hear these papers by these eminent physicians.

Class Visits Health Board. Miss Fannie E. Bivin, a biology class in the Durham high school, nineteen in number, visited the laboratory of the Durham health board, in the court house, yesterday afternoon, and made an interesting study in that department. Miss Barbara Drum, was exceedingly courteous and gave the class a very instructive discourse, with demonstrations, of the science of chemistry. It was a most interesting afternoon to the class.

Guy Wire Post Falls. Around four o'clock yesterday afternoon, a guy wire pole of the traction company, on Mangum street, in front of J. D. Edwards & Son, suddenly snapped off at the ground, and fell across an auto delivery truck of the Edwards' and did \$10 or \$15 damage to the machine, jabbing a hole through the top and smashing some minor parts. No one happened to be near, or in the truck, consequently no one was hurt. A street car had just passed, and it is supposed that the coming of the car had given a swinging motion to the wires, which caused the pole to vibrate, and having been in the ground so long the bottom was rotten, and the old shed having been taken down, which had given it support, caused the accident.

Judge Throws Libel Suit Against Editor Out of Court. San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 23.—Dismissal of the criminal libel suit brought against Fremont Older, editor of the San Francisco Call, by John O'Garra, an attorney, one the ground that Older had defamed him in a published recital of the editors personal experiences, was ordered here today by a police judge.

Storm Off Virginia Capes. Washington, Jan. 23.—A storm off the Virginia capes moving rapidly north-northeastward and increasing in intensity, was reported by the weather bureau tonight. Storm warnings are displayed on the coast at and north of Cape Hatteras.

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WESTERN RED CEDAR SHINGLES; guaranteed to last 40 years, \$3.50 per M. f. o. b. Apex. Samples furnished upon request. References: Merchants & Farmers Bank, Apex, L. S. Olive, Apex, North Carolina. 24-30t

FOR RENT—TWO OR THREE UNFURNISHED ROOMS, 3 blocks from Capitol, 2 blocks from Union Station. Address "R-502," care News and Observer. 24-1t

HALF MILLION DEATHS DUE TO THE BLOCKADE

Berlin, Wednesday, Jan. 23.—(By the A. P.)—It is announced officially by the German government that a further investigation of mortality "due to the blockade" from the autumn of 1916 until the end of 1918, shows that the figures were much higher than were at first supposed. More than 500,000 deaths, it is said were caused by malnutrition or under-nutrition. Only civilians are included in the list which says the announcement, "if it errs at all, it is by giving too low figures."

Debt of Austro-Hungary.

(By The Associated Press.) London, Jan. 23.—The total debt of Austria-Hungary last October was \$4,090,000,000 crowns, according to a dispatch from Vienna. Austria's debt was \$3,000,000,000 crowns. A commission appointed to investigate the question of German-Austria's share of these liabilities, finds that its proportion assuming that the other states of the former empire pay their share, amounts to \$2,500,000,000 crowns.

PORTUGUESE WARSHIPS BOMBARDING OPORTO.

London, Jan. 23.—(Portuguese)—A wireless dispatch received from Madrid says reports from frontier towns are to the effect that Portuguese war vessels are bombarding Oporto, which is still in the control of the Monarchists. The dispatch adds that rumors persist that former King Manuel is about to land in Portugal.

Says He Wakes Up Hungry Every Day And Ready for Work

This Sumter Farmer Feels Like a Young Man Again And Can Do More Work Now Than Ever Before Since Taking The New Tonic, Drecto.

"Every morning now I wake up as hungry as a bear and when I get my breakfast I am ready for a hard day's work, and the beauty is that the work does not tire me down as it used to. I have more strength and energy and that 'stingy power' are the words of Mr. W. T. Edena, the well known farmer who lives on route three, from Sumter, S. C.

"I used to suffer from rheumatism of the joints mightily bad and it almost had me down at one time. The pains were very bad, too, I tell you. I was full of pain all over it seemed like. Every joint hurt me and my muscles were sore as a rail. My kidneys were aching bad and I think that is what brought on most of my suffering. Then my stomach got out of fix and seemed like I couldn't eat what I wanted without it going back on me. I would swell up with gas and a lump would rise in my throat. Sometimes it felt like I had a heavy weight on my stomach.

"But it is all different now since I have taken the new root and herb medicine called Drecto which I believe nearly everybody around in my neighborhood is taking. It sure has done me good and I feel like I am doing anybody a favor to tell them about it. I sure do advise people suffering like I did to get Drecto and take it according to directions, for it will bring happiness into their lives."

For a sluggish liver, weak kidneys, disordered stomach, constipation, head-ache, rheumatism and catarrh of the head or stomach there seems to be nothing better than Drecto, the new medicine which is doing so much good in this section. Nearly everyone who takes it, praises it. That is the best thing that can be said about any medicine.

Drecto is sold by all druggists and is highly recommended in Raleigh by F. W. Parker Drug Co., Zebulon Drug Co., Wendell Drug Co., Pope's Pharmacy at Clayton, N. C., A. V. Bantam at Apex, N. C., Powers Drug Co. at Wake Forest, N. C.—Adv.

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