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DEDICATED TO THE UP-BUILDING OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE, N. C., SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 7, 1922.

Penalty For Piracy Will Be Dealt Those Breaking U-Boat Law

PROSCRIPTION OF GAS WARFARE IS NEXT ON STATE DEADLOCK ENDS SHANTUNG ROW; PARLEY IS OFF

Will Be Worked Into International Law by Agreement When Drawn.

ITALY ADHERES TO ANTI-GAS PROJECT

Armament Committee Adjourns on Call as Navy Committee Confers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(By The Associated Press.)—A five power contract to impose the aged penalties for piracy against naval commanders who violate accepted laws of naval warfare was approved today by the armament committee of the Washington conference.

Again Mr. Root drew the resolution to effect prohibition of gas warfare. It was agreed to by the five power contract to abandon gas or other chemical weapons as beyond the pale of humane treatment.

Italy's adherence to the anti-gas project as a real step in the path of progress and civilization. Adjournment of the committee prevented the views of the other nations from being presented, but all were said to favor the ban on gas warfare.

Technical questions in the naval armament section of the conference were being dealt with by the committee on the subject of gas warfare.

Secretary Hughes called up the report of the sub-committee appointed to deal with gas warfare. It showed a disagreement among the experts who considered the subject on the question as to whether gas warfare should be wholly abolished.

Japan made a new offer in the nature of a concession at today's Shantung meeting. Vice-Foreign Minister Hanjira said tonight.

Japan's final suggestion for settlement and that it was based on instructions from the home government. He added that the Chinese delegate declined the offer but said that there might be another meeting either tomorrow or Monday.

SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAM TO BE AUTHORIZED HEAD

C. L. Johnson to Supervise Construction of the Four Buildings.

Mayor Galtin Roberts was authorized by the school board yesterday to secure the services of Mr. Johnson at a salary of \$300 per month.

Mr. Johnson is to devote all his time to the work of supervising the construction and other matters pertaining to the erection and alterations of the buildings.

Highly Recommended. All preparations for securing the services of Mr. Johnson have been arranged by the mayor, the former having written a letter to

PROHIBITIONISTS TO TAKE PART IN DRY CELEBRATION

Anniversary of Passing Volstead Amendment to Be Observed Here.

BRITISH DO NOT MISTREAT INDIA W. E. (Pussyfoot) Johnson Declares Mistakes Made in Government.

In celebration of the anniversary of the passage of the Eighteenth amendment for national prohibition a mass meeting in either the high school auditorium or the city auditorium will be held on the evening of January 15.

Though deprived of the use of his left ear and his right eye, William E. Johnson, a member of the prohibitionists, made a stirring speech at the anniversary of the passage of the Eighteenth amendment.

Immediately following his lecture at the high school last night, the world figure in the prohibition movement, granted an interview with a representative of The Citizen.

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DeValera's Resignation Accepted As Sign Fight Against Treaty Is Lost

Entire Sinn Fein Cabinet Goes With President DeValera—Associated Press Representatives Told Treaty Will Undoubtedly Be Voted on Before Seven O'Clock Tonight.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—(By The Associated Press.)—News of Eamon DeValera's decision today to resign as president of the Irish republic was received at Prime Minister Lloyd George's official Downing street residence.

Mr. DeValera threatened to resign during a private session of the cabinet on the morning of the 5th.

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International Financial Meet Provided By Supreme Council; Germany, Russia, To Get Bid

U. S. OFFICIALS IS DEFINITE STEP RETICENT AS TO ECONOMIC MEET EUROPEAN LANDS

Some Have Been Much Impressed by Claims for Soviet Recognition. NO SIGN COLBY'S POLICY CHANGED

American Participation in Conference Officially Seems Favored.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(By The Associated Press.)—American officials are unwilling to comment at the present stage on the deliberations of the allied council at Cannes, but they are giving the impression that the United States will be represented adequately at the economic conference which is to meet at Genoa in March.

The preponderance of official opinion just now seems to favor American participation by fully accredited delegates, rather than by unofficial observers, but that is a point that will have to be decided when the detailed purpose of the conference has become known.

In regard to the reported proposal of the council to recognize the Soviet government, the attitude of the Washington government is less clear.

It is known that some officials of the present administration have been impressed by the arguments advanced for Soviet recognition and the resumption of full trade with Russia, but on the other hand repeated discussions of the present administration have been impressed by the arguments advanced for Soviet recognition.

What may be the reaction from the decision of the allied council, tending toward recognition through Russian participation in the economic conference, remains to be seen.

By some officials it was suggested tonight that more participation of Russian representatives in the conference would not, in itself, be taken as a recognition of the Soviet government.

The Russian situation, as President Harding's cabinet (able) have also developed a strong opposition to any recession from the position taken heretofore by the American government.

The remark of the British prime minister that most impressed the delegates was his reference to the prejudice that might exist against entering into relations with the Soviet government because it had blood upon its hands.

The passage was immediately translated by Mr. Brand and first smiled at the reference to the Anglo-Russian treaty between France and the Turkish nationalists and then retorted: "Yes, but we made his acquaintance in London."

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Steady Upgrade Is Predicted For United States Finances

S. W. Strauss, Well Known American Economist Sees Overnight Change to Mood of Optimism.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—(By The Associated Press.)—There is no question in my mind that we have seen the worst of the business depression and are now on a new path of steady upgrade," declares S. W. Strauss, the well-known financial factor.

"When it seemed probable that the Irish question would be settled the Pacific conditions stabilized and the country has been enjoying the effect on business was marked and decisive.

"The supply of money and credit has been restored to normal. The interest rates relatively low. The prices of raw materials are again within reach of business men.

"A bright spot in the situation is the tremendous bond market which has developed this winter. Never before have large bond markets during a period of depression.

"The building industry shows hopeful signs. This is the key industry of the nation. A score of diverse lines of trade are centered in it.

DILLINGHAM HAS NO INTENTION TO CHEAT, SAID

Trial on Larceny Charge Will Be Called This Morning.

"I'm mighty glad to get back in Asheville. And I want to tell you folks that I will show in the courts I never intended to cheat or defraud anyone."

These were the first words of Scott Dillingham when he stepped off the train at the Southern depot yesterday.

With his customary smile, which has not faded since he was in prison walls surrounding him, a wave of the hand and a cheery "Hello, folks," Dillingham jauntily greeted the crowd.

His reception was such a one as might be accorded a great public official or popular idol, and some of the crowd were heard cheering.

Three other charges against him await trial in police court. He is also wanted in Pennsylvania on a charge of passing a worthless check.

The next charge on which he will be tried after the one today, it is believed, is that of forgery, which will come up at all on the return court opening Monday.

Retained as counsel for the defense in all the cases are Judge Philip C. Cooke and Judge Thomas A. Jones.

No attempt was made yesterday by Dillingham's counsel to secure a bond of \$25,000 for his release.

SEARCH FOR FIVE BAPTISTS ELECT FREED PRISONERS APPEARS FILE

Friends Saw Way to Cherokee Jail Cells Effecting Delivery.

MURPHY, Jan. 6.—A wholesale jail delivery was effected here, at an early hour this morning, when five of the five prisoners held in the Cherokee county jail, sawed through the bars of the jail cells, and took the prisoners to liberty.

After a futile all day search of the neighborhood, an armed posse of officers is tonight continuing the man hunt in the mountain fastness of this region.

All five were held in jail awaiting trial on serious charges. They are: Fred Lowing and Irving Morton, charged with a felony, Nelson Nott, involved in a shooting scrape, and Ross Lovings and John Black, held on suspicion of assault on Mrs. R. H. Minkus and robbery of her store near the Southern depot here Tuesday night.

The sixth prisoner has been adjudged insane, and is being held in the jail pending the arrival of commitment papers for his transfer to the state asylum at Morganton.

BAPTISTS ELECT ALBERT R. BOND ASSEMBLY HEAD

To Succeed Rev. Dr. Mays as Secretary Ridgecrest Assembly.

Rev. Dr. Albert R. Bond, of Birmingham, Ala., editorial secretary of the Baptist Educational board, of Birmingham, was elected corresponding secretary of the Southern Baptist assembly at Ridgecrest, at the meeting of the executive committee of the board of directors of the assembly, held in Birmingham yesterday.

Rev. Dr. Bond succeeds Rev. Dr. Livingston T. Mays, resigned, who in the future will act as editor of this new publication. The Southern Baptist, published at Knoxville, Tenn., and Marshall, N. C., Rev. Dr. Mays tendered his resignation after four years of service.

The Baptist Educational board, which owns the controlling interest in the Southern Baptist assembly, plans expenditures of \$100,000 on improvements at Ridgecrest. This will include improvements and modernization of the hotel there, and the ultimate erection of a suitable auditorium to house the raising educational events planned each summer.

The meeting was attended by Rev. Dr. J. E. Dillard, pastor of the Southside Baptist church, Birmingham, chairman; Rev. Dr. L. C. Little, Charlotte, N. C.; G. D. Therrell, Asheville, N. C.