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Democrats In Drive To Win Congress In November Election

George W. Pepper Slated To Follow Penrose in Senate Appointment is Expected Today Unless Governor Sprout Changes Mind

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REMOVING WIRE DEFENSE AROUND DUBLIN CITY HALL

Irish Anxious Over Future but Offer Prayers of Gratitude.

RESIGNATION FROM VALERA UNOFFICIAL Tells Bitter-Enders Attempt to Ratify Treaty Is Disloyal Act.

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Dr. Louis McCormick, City Bacteriologist and Leader Among Specialists Is Dead

Death Is Said Sequel to Eating Poisoned Fruit—Had Been Ill Recently, but Was Thought Fully Recovered—Funeral Arrangements Pending.

Dr. Louis McCormick, city bacteriologist and one of the foremost scientists of the south, who traveled extensively in foreign countries performing research work there, died last night at his home in Asheville as a result of eating poisoned fruit. Death came shortly before midnight, after an illness of one day.

Dr. McCormick first complained of feeling ill about last night, and his condition gradually became worse. Yesterday morning he was no better, and friends saw that his condition was critical and he was rushed to the hospital. He failed to rally, and shortly after 11 o'clock last night friends thought it would be advisable to telegraph relatives, requesting them to hurry to the bedside of the dying man.

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BRITISH, FRENCH PREMIERS TALK OF NEW RELATIONS

Appear Far Apart Regarding Attitude to Be Taken on Reparations.

TO PAVE WAY FOR UNDERSTANDING Berlin States Rathenau Will Head German Reparations Delegation.

CANNES, France, Jan. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premiers Briand and Lloyd-George today had their first talk on the future relations between France and Great Britain since they have been at Cannes. It is understood that they went over briefly the principal questions, this being necessary to settle the order and form a basis of a closer entente pact of alliance.

France-British alliance for mutual defense has created a strong undercurrent of opinion here notwithstanding that the atmosphere has seemed to be little favorable to negotiations tending to a firm alliance between the two countries. Mr. Briand and Mr. Lloyd-George appear far apart regarding the attitude they ought to take toward Germany after the default in the payment of reparations and are not at all in accord as to whether the explanations ought to be heard at Cannes.

French circles were much agitated today by reports from Paris that a treaty had been signed, but the only document known to exist touching upon the question of an alliance is a memorandum which sets forth reasons against such a pact. Mr. Briand's flat declaration for an alliance before he departed from Paris made a marked impression on the British.

It would be easier to argue that France on European questions if she were not able to hold forth as an argument on her part failure to secure from the United States guaranteed security. Such a pact would have been given her if the Versailles tripartite agreement had been ratified.

The decision to discuss the situation in Asia Minor here instead of at Paris at a later date is interpreted as a move to do away with all subjects in controversy between the two countries so as to clear the way for a convention covering European and eastern questions.

The reparations experts have increased the total amount which Germany will be required to pay from 122,000,000,000 to 130,000,000,000. This was done as a concession to Belgium, when it was seen that 500,000,000 would be entirely absorbed in the cost of the armies of occupation.

Belgium has made a determined fight for the priority which is due her, and the increase in the next year's payments makes possible the continuation of this effort.

The allies are anxiously awaiting a reply from the United States to the invitation to join in the economic conference; both Mr. Briand and Mr. Lloyd-George are confident of its acceptance.

There is considerable speculation in allied circles as to how the United States will regard the new attitude toward Russia, but both the French and British delegates are of the opinion that the United States will recognize Russia on the conditions they have laid down.

The British feel certain that the conference will accept the conditions after they have tried to bargain for better terms. No reply is expected from Russia for the present.

DR. HERTZ SAID THAT ONE MILLION HUMAN BEINGS HAD BEEN BUTCHERED AND THAT FOR THREE YEARS THE WORLD KNOWS NEXT TO NOTHING OF THE UNPENSABLE HORRORS AND INFINITE CRIMES PERPETRATED AGAINST THE JEWISH PEOPLE.

PURPOSELY DELAYED ACTION TO PROMOTE INTRIGUES, IS CHARGE

Arming of Merchant Ships Is Subject of Spectacular Study as Drafting of Five Power Treaty Draws Near at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Chinese people will resist by every means at their disposal an attempt by the Japanese to open direct negotiations with Peking on the Shantung question, representatives of Chinese national and provincial organizations, who are here as unofficial observers at the Washington conference, declared in a formal statement today.

"Should the Anglo-American good offices fail to bring an equitable solution," the statement said, "the Shantung question should be brought before the conference and should that fail, actions independent of the conference should be taken by the Chinese delegation to vindicate China's honor."

The present deadlock, the statement added, "was deliberately created by Japan for the purpose of causing delay and carrying on intrigues in Peking." The action and attitude of Japan, the Chinese representatives declared, "have convinced us that Japan has no intention to quit Shantung."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—As the armistice conference prepares to begin discussion of the final draft of the five power treaty, some of the delegates are making a particular study of the question of arming merchant vessels as it may relate to the limitation agreement.

In no quarter is there apparent a disposition to raise an issue which might endanger the treaty at this point in the negotiations, but among the foreign delegations it is predicted privately that the most difficult of the collateral questions to arise when the final draft is gone over section by section for approval.

The Italians, Japanese and the French all are said to feel that if merchantmen are to be permitted to arm, the effect might be not only to vitiate the project to limit individual auxiliary warships to 10,000 tons each, but it might also result in a great disadvantage to the nations which have small merchant fleets.

Beyond saying that the status of a merchant ship in future is to be the status well understood in international law, the American and British delegates are not willing to discuss the subject. It is the view in some quarters, however, that the British will themselves bring the point up for discussion before the treaty finally is approved.

The sub-committee draft of the instrument was virtually complete tonight, after a six hour Sunday session of the naval experts, and the final draft will be prepared by the committee tomorrow or Tuesday. A plenary session of the conference to make the treaty public probably will follow before the end of the week, and then the delegates will turn their full attention to a final attack on unrelated questions of the far east.

STILL HOPING FOR SHANTUNG AGREEMENT. Meantime, the Shantung controversy remains in deadlock, but hope of an agreement during the week was expressed tonight in the American quarters. The mediation secretary, Shantung problem, Arthur J. Hafford, is looked upon by the Americans and British as almost certain to bring the two groups together, although this optimism is not shared by all of the Chinese and Japanese delegates.

It is evident that the long discussion of the Shantung problem has been brought to a definite stage, where either a settlement or an agreement to disagree will be announced within a few days. Both the Chinese and the Japanese are showing signs of lack of patience and unless the mediation effort is a success the subject is expected to be dropped, so far as the Washington conference is concerned.

PHILANTHROPIST, AND WRITER DEAD. SALATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., Jan. 8.—Mrs. George Foster, a philanthropist, died of bronchial pneumonia early today at Yaddo, her country home. She was 79 years old and had been an invalid for many years.

SENATE DEBATE ON NEWBERRY IN CLIMAX TODAY

Senator Newberry Himself Will Speak and Submit to Questioning.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Debate in the senate on the right of Thurgood Marshall to hold a seat in that body was expected to reach a climax tomorrow when Mr. Newberry plans to take the floor to defend himself against the charges of corruption in the Michigan elections.

The senator, whose claim is being contested by Henry Ford, his democratic opponent, on the ground that about \$250,000 was spent to win the nomination and election, will read a prepared speech and then submit to questioning by senators as long as the queries are "reasonable." Senators have been warned by Senator Spencer, republican, of Missouri, chairman of the elections committee, and Senator Townsend, republican, colleague from Michigan, that no heckling or cross-examining tactics will be permitted.

Discussion of the case will go on tomorrow under an agreement limiting each senator to one hour's speech on the main subject or any amendment but leaders declared tonight that should Mr. Newberry need more time, a suspension of the consent agreement obviously would be proposed and accepted. The senator's speech, it was indicated, would occupy more than an hour, even without interruptions.

SIXTEEN HELD IN KEELYUG MINE EFFECT ESCAPE

Eight Desperate Men Recaptured but Others Are Still at Large.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 8.—Eight of the most desperate prisoners in the Kentucky state reformatory here, including one who is serving a life term for murder, later today escaped from the main prison through a sewer. Seven of the men got outside the walls, but were recaptured within an hour, and the eighth was found two hours later hiding in the shirt factory. The delivery was planned by George Miller, of Covington, Ky., serving five years for robbery, who earned his freedom by breaking out of the prison in the large sewer main. The pair dropped into this, walked a few feet to trap door in the factory stockade, raised the sewer cap, climbed out, ran through the shirt factory and escaped by climbing over the fence. The other men claimed they did not see Murray and Miller escape, but noticing the hole in the sewer pipe, the

PROVIDE SMOKING ROOM FOR WOMEN. NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—An elaborate fitted smoking room, exclusively for women, will be opened tomorrow night in the Globe theatre, one of Broadway's best-known music houses.

Violence Rumors Are Set at Rest. MIMM, Jan. 8.—Permitting Bloch and the bodies of Miss Bloch and her brother, Joseph, who were mutilated, were set at rest in a grave at the cemetery. The bodies had not been buried until today.

LYNCH CREDITED WITH PURCHASE OF BIG HOLDINGS

Ashevilian Said to Buy International Properties, Inc.

Although no formal announcement has been made, from a source believed authoritative yesterday, it was reported that S. A. Lynch, formerly of Asheville, now owner of the Southern Enterprises, which operates scores of motion picture theaters and other business enterprises of large proportions, has purchased a controlling interest in the International Properties, Inc., which carries with it the world rights to the distribution of Tanlac and other nationally advertised products, in addition to real estate holdings in Atlanta.

News of the sale of the stock of the International Properties, Inc., was carried in Atlanta newspapers about a week ago. Names of the purchasers were not made public and it was stated that "A number of the strongest and most prominent financiers in the country had purchased the holdings, which brought out the big firm, the retention of which was not examined."

PICKFORD TO WED. LITTLE, Jan. 8.—Lottie Little, picture actress, sister of Mary Pickford, became the bride of a New York man last night. Mary Pickford was the honor. Jack Pickford gave away.

FORMAL PROTEST OVER SEIZURE OF SHIP TO BE MADE

Men Work Continually at Pumps to Keep British Schooner Afloat.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 8.—Formal protest against alleged unlawful arrest and seizure will be made tomorrow by A. Coleman, owner, and Captain Thompson, of the British schooner Messenger of Peace, which was seized by the State Prohibition Director Kohlenstein yesterday. The protest will be lodged through British Vice-Consul Donald MacRae of this port. Coleman and Thompson were placed under \$1,000 bond yesterday and ordered to appear next Saturday before a United States commissioner for hearing.

While the controversy between Collector of Customs McCasbill and State Prohibition Director Kohlenstein as to who shall have custody of the Messenger of Peace, British liquor-laden schooner, pending hearing next Saturday on a charge made to the United States prohibition law, remained undecided tonight, the crew of the little schooner today worked lustily at the pumps to keep the ship from sinking at the custom house dock. The Messenger of Peace, according to A. Coleman, its owner, is leaking badly as the result of encountering a series of storms at sea, and continual pumping is necessary to keep her from sinking. Coleman wants to unload the one thousand and some odd cases of liquor in the ship's hold, but the unloading is held up pending instructions from Washington.

GRAND SIRE I. O. O. F. DEAD IN TORONTO. TORONTO, Jan. 8.—Joseph Oliver, grand sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, died here today after an illness of three months. He was 79 years old.