

Fair, warmer in East. Rain in West portion tonight. Sunday probably rain. Gentle Southeast to East winds.

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JUST YEAR AGO SINCE DEBATE ON PEACE TREATY STARTED IN SENATE, VOTE EXPECTED NOW

(By Associated Press) Washington.—The many days of partisan wrangling over the peace treaty promised to give way today in the actual progress towards a disposal of the pact.

It is just a year since the debate started. A vote on the first proposed modifications of the reservations which were adopted at the last session in expectation of being reached today.

WALKS IN JAIL LATER DECIDES TO WALK OUT

A negro man wearing a suit of overalls walked into the jail day before yesterday and stated that the boss of the chain gang had sent him to jail as he was not feeling well. This was an unusual procedure, the Sheriff being notified but before he could visit the jail and investigate the negro had taken it upon himself to depart and he has not been seen since.

It turned out that the negro escaped from the county chain gang at work about eight miles from Greenville. When the officers were turned out of their camp for work this negro in some way managed to remain behind. When the rest under guard went to their work he took advantage of the night and walked out of the cage to freedom. The negro haunts from place to place and is being hunted for a term of one year. Every effort is being made by the county sheriff to apprehend him.

LEGISLATION AGAINST PROFITEERING ASKED

(By Associated Press) London.—Agitation against profiteering in the West Indies, British West Indies, has become so wide-spread that the government has been asked to legislate similar to the English profiteering act.

FARMERS SERVE NOTICE THAT THEY ARE NOW IN POLITICS

(By Associated Press) Washington.—With the appointment of a committee of seven prominent farm organization leaders to set up a "platform," the American farmer is represented in the national board of farm organizations, serving as a platform on present and prospective presidential candidates.

Barrett of Georgia, president of the National Farmers union, was chairman of the committee. The conference adopted resolutions for the early appointment of an American delegate to the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome to succeed the late David L. Burnett. The Catber Hersman committee to farmers the right of collective buying and selling; extension of the Federal Farm Loan Act to increase the maximum loan from \$10,000 to \$20,000. The invitation from Sir

GERMANY IS PREPARING TO TRY ACCUSED

(By Associated Press) London.—The German government is rushing preparations to try those Germans accused of the violations of laws of war and the examination of witnesses and arguments will begin next week according to a Central news dispatch.

The pleadings will open before the Leipzig court within the next month it is said.

London.—Persons living in Great Britain, France, and Belgium who are witnesses against Germans accused of war crimes, will not go to Germany to testify an exchange Telegraph Company Berlin despatch declares today.

PRINCES ISSUE MANIFESTOS TO THE PEOPLE

(By Associated Press) Cairo.—The six princes of the Sultana family, who have issued a manifesto to the people associating themselves with the demand for the complete independence of Egypt, have also sent a note to Lord Milner, head of the British Mission investigating conditions of the Egyptian nation but are solidly with it for the formation of a single united body claiming the right of our country and demanding absolute independence.

The note is signed by Kamal-el-Din, Hussein Omar Toussoum, Mohamed Ali; Ibrahim Youssef, Kamel Ismail and Mansour Daoud.

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(By Associated Press) Horace Plunkett as representative of Irish farm organizations, that a delegation be appointed to attend an international congress on agriculture at Dublin during the present year, was accepted.

Senator Poindexter of Washington, addressing the conference at the afternoon session, characterized farming as the greatest industry of the nation and congratulated the national board upon its decision to erect a permanent home in the capital where its members could keep in close touch with the government. An experienced farmer should be selected to head the department of agriculture, he said, and farmers "should be given that freedom of action necessary to obtain the greatest possible legitimate results."

WORLD ROCKING UNDER FEET OF MAN, DECLARED

(By Associated Press) London.—Bishop Welldon, Dean of Durham, declares in an interview that "society is threatened by forces which repudiate the Christian faith." The Bishop has just returned from a conference on Christian reunion at Oxford which was attended by both conformist and nonconformist ministers. There was a general agreement, he stated, as to the necessity of drawing churches together.

"The world is rocking under men's feet," he said, "Society is threatened by forces which repudiate the Christian faith and the Christian moral code. The church runs a grave risk of losing its influence upon national life, the decadence of regular church going has long been a cause of anxiety. The statistics of divorce are alarming and it may be necessary to rebuild human morals from the foundation."

Meanwhile the church is disregarded because she is divided. It is too much to expect that the world will listen to her when she speaks with many discordant voices. Unity alone will be the secret of her power. The same need which has driven political parties to coalition, drives reformed churches to federation. The opportunity has come with the necessity. It is now or never. If ecclesiastical statesmanship does not avail itself of the spirit excited by war, the chance of Christian reunion of Christian intercommunion will be lost and may not recur in the life of the living people."

RIO PAPERS GO BACK TO OLD RATE, REPORT

(By Associated Press) Rio de Janeiro.—The fourteen daily newspapers of this city which on January 1 doubled the price of their papers because of the increased cost of material, especially newsprint paper, entering into their production, have restored their old price of 100 reis (about 2 1/2 cents) a copy. One paper which had concluded an advantageous contract with a Scandinavian firm for paper annulled its agreement with the other papers to maintain the price at 200 reis.

In announcing their return to the old price, the newspapers stated that 100 reis did not cover even the cost of the white paper.

AN HONOR TO TRY THE GUILTY ONES HE SAYS

(By Associated Press) Berlin.—Preliminary proceedings in the number of cases of the Germans accused of violations of the laws of war is already begun and progress is being made in collecting documentary material. Minister of Justice Schiffer told the newspapers.

TO BE MARRIED THIS AFTERNOON

(By Associated Press) London.—Major Evan Rowland Jones, an American war veteran and a personal acquaintance of Abraham Lincoln, has just died in London. Born in Wales, he went to America at the age of 15, enlisted the following year, in the 5th Wisconsin Infantry and attained the rank of brevet major. Later he was appointed American Consul at Newcastle and Cardiff. Major Jones was member of Parliament for Carmarthen Boroughs from 1892 to 1895. He was also editor of the Shipping World.

ESSAY CONTEST JUDGES HAVE BEEN NAMED

Announcement is made today from the District Recruiting office at Greensboro that the judges for the National Essay Contest have been selected for North Carolina. Those elected are Dr. E. C. Brooks, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Colonel Fred A. Olds, President North Carolina Historical Commission and Mr. R. B. House, State Historian, all of Raleigh. These are the judges that will pass on the hundreds of essays that will be written by the children of North Carolina on "What Are The Benefits of an Enlistment in the U. S. Army." The essays are to be written in the school rooms all over the country to day. In cases where the local schools are closed on account of the influenza epidemic the essay may be turned over to the teacher.

The best essay will be selected from each school by the teacher and the Superintendent of school for each city will appoint a local board to award local prizes. The best from each school is to be forwarded to the District Recruiting Office where the three judges mentioned above will award the state prizes and select the essay which is to be sent to Washington to compete for one of the National Prizes. There are three handsome National Prizes, a loving cup, a gold medal, and a free trip to Washington for the winner and one of their parents, offered by the sick soldiers of Walter Reed Hospital. There are a number of state prizes and these are likewise supplemented with local prizes in many communities, all of which has created great interest in the contest and enthusiasm is running high. A paper from one child may compete for all prizes and there will be a large number of essays written in the homes of the school children, and schools this date.

AUSTRIANS TO STUDY FARMING IN SWITZERLAND

(By Associated Press) Vienna.—Arrangements have been made with Switzerland permitting the sending there of large numbers of Austrian youths to study intensive farming methods. The dairy industry, particularly, will be studied as the Austrian government is endeavoring to induce the farmers to improve and extend this branch of agriculture.

REPATRIATION HUN PRISONERS

(By Associated Press) Paris.—Repatriation of the German war prisoners in Siberia was authorized by the Council of Ambassadors today.

WAR VETERAN DIES IN LONDON

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MANNING SAYS DRUG STORES TO NOT SELL BOOZE

Raleigh.—Attorney General James S. Manning, pending answer to an interrogatory to Attorney General Mitchell Palmer, relative to the status of booze as a medicine to be vended in drug stores, is advising against the sale of the precious stuff in North Carolina.

Two drug stores in Raleigh had joined the innumerable caravan of apothecaries who had begun to pass the oil of gladness over their counters again, but these stores did not actually sell. They had the license but declined to sell under the terms imposed by influenza. Judge Manning has not given an opinion for his office; he merely writes the head of the legal department under President Wilson and it will be several days before there is any reply.

The supply of liquor which was available for drug store use, had been guarded by the government for many months. Hundreds and thousands of gallons have been poured out during the epidemic. Hereafter it is probable that revenue officers will hold on to what they have until there is final judgment of old booze's standing as a medicine. Meanwhile the department of revenue has many gallons for use and is waiting while the authorities think and act.

Even the lines of a poor poet are apt to be cast in pleasant places—when he goes fishing.

MOVEMENT IS ADVANCING IN MADRID CITY

(By Associated Press) London.—Miss Chrystal Macmillan, British suffragist leader, who has recently returned from Madrid says the woman's suffrage movement is making rapid progress in Spain. A number of women hold important educational positions and others are working as journalists on evening newspapers, but as yet there are comparatively few women physicians. The International Women's conference, to be held in Madrid May 2 to next.

The women of four Spanish nations, Spain, Argentina, Uruguay and Cuba, have now applied for affiliation with the International Women's Suffrage Alliance.

WILL BE HOME COMPOSERS OF SONG, STATED

(By Associated Press) Greenwood, Ind.—With the dedication of the Polk Community House here recently, announcement was made that it was to be the home of the annual national convention and contest of song composers, the first of which will be held here next June. The contestants will be selected each year in annual state contests, when the composers will compete for the best American folk song and the best American Art song. Prizes will be offered from a fund provided by Grace Porterfield Polk, an Indiana song writer. The first state competition takes place in Florida this month. The Indiana contest will be held here in March.

The community house, which was erected at a cost of \$75,000 donated by James T. Polk, contains a large gymnasium, swimming pool, showers, reading room, room for games and an auditorium with a seating capacity of 1,000. The donor of the Community House is the father of Grace Porterfield Polk, who originated the idea of the song contest.

OPPOSING FACTIONS OF THE R. R. REORGANIZATION BILL LINED UP FOR LAST STAND IN HOUSE

MANY DEEDS OF TRANSFER FILED FOR RECORDING

(By Associated Press) The following deeds of transfer have been filed in the Register of Deeds office for registration since the last report: Jennie W. Proctor to R. D. Edwards, Consideration \$3,000. D. Elks to Levi McGowan, Consideration \$2,000. B. B. Besden and wife to D. Lancaster, Consideration \$3,000. J. O. Cox and wife to J. J. Lyons and wife, Consideration \$500. F. C. Harding and wife to Noah Worthington, Consideration \$8,500. Charles James and wife to Louis Ayers, Consideration \$4,000. B. A. Tripp and wife to Mary M. Moore, Consideration \$500.

The only effective way to convince a contrary man that he is wrong is to agree with him.

The younger a man is the more he knows about the women—he thinks.

ON ACCT. FLU COFFINS HIGH IN CHINA

(By Associated Press) Hangtung, China.—The influenza epidemic in this district has caused so many deaths that there is a shortage of coffins and their price has risen 400 percent in recent weeks. Because of this many bodies have been buried in shrouds only, a practice common even among the poorest Chinese. Another departure that has been forced upon the people by the existing situation is that Feng Shui, or the practice of geomancy in connection with funerals by which grave sites and times of burial and other details are determined, is being ignored for the first time, for no longer can notice be taken of lucky or unlucky days for holding funerals. Whole households are being wiped out by the epidemic.

BOLSHEVIK GOVERNMENT MAY MAKE WAR ON CHINA PAPER SAYS

(By Associated Press) Peking.—Danger that the Bolshevick government of Russia may make war on China is pointed out in the Peking Leader, by B. Lenox-Simpson, writing under the pen name of Putnam Weale. He is the author of several works on China and recently was retained by the Chinese government as "statistician" reporting directly to the President.

Mr. Lenox-Simpson says that in theory Bolshevism could not really declare war upon a non-capitalistic country where the millions toil as much as do the Russian millions; but, nevertheless, China finds her border provinces deeply affected because agreements made in years gone by with the government of the late Emperor Nicholas have not been definitely cancelled and also "because Japan is leaving no stone unturned to inherit those agreements and arrangements."

LEADS OTHERS IN NUMBER OF MEDALS RECD.

In an official table of figures corrected to February 6 1920 prepared by the statistical branch of the general staff, War Department the 96th Division leads all other divisions of the A. E. F. in the number of Medals of Honor awarded. This number is twelve, while the 89th division comes next with nine. The second Division leads in the total number of awards, 693. This includes Distinguished Service Crosses and Oak Leaf Clusters as well as the Congressional Medal of Honor, but does not include foreign decorations. The First Division takes second place with 420 decorations from the hands of the American government and the thirtieth Division takes fourth place with 319. The twenty seventh Division which was the fighting mate of the 30th, gets 169. Of the large number of awards of the second Division 386 went to Marines and Naval personnel serving with the Division. Of all the awards made by the Army 29 per cent made to Officers and 61 per cent to enlisted men. In a great many cases the recommendation was made for an enlisted man and before the award was made he had risen from the ranks and joined the commissioned personnel.

BILL PROVIDES LARGE SUM FOR CAMP BRAGG

Washington.—The bill to authorize sale of three large army camps and to provide for fulfillment of wartime contracts for purchase and equipment of numerous other military posts was finally agreed to in conference today and the conference draft was agreed to by the Senate. The House is expected to act within a few days.

Among the projects for completion of which appropriations are made, real estate, roads, and buildings at Camp Bragg, N. C., \$1,173,000.

COTTON REPORT

Cotton is selling in Greenville today for 37 cents.