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VISCOUNT GREY ENDORSES LEAGUE OF NATIONS PLAN

Says Such League With England and the United States As Members Would Solve the Whole Question of Free Seas—Blockade Defended as Legal Weapon in War.

By the Associated Press. Wednesday (London, England).—Viscount Grey, secretary of state for foreign affairs, today declared that the "league of nations" is the solution of the question of the "freedom of the seas" and Great Britain and the United States can reach a complete agreement by joining such a league, declared Viscount Grey, former foreign secretary, in a speech here tonight.

The viscount said, were the seas free of peace and Great Britain has placed no restriction upon them. During the war the American navy has aided the British navy in maintaining the blockade and Lord Grey thought that the United States would use the same weapon if necessary for it arose in the future. Without the blockade, he added, Germany might have won.

The "freedom of the seas," he stated, was American in origin and had been adopted by the Germans for their own purpose. He believed President Wilson meant freedom of the seas to all who joined a league of nations, but the phrase needed clearer definition.

AMERICAN WARSHIPS OFF TO MEET WILSON

By the Associated Press. London, Dec. 12.—The United States battleship, which is to form part of the escort of the United States ship George Washington into Brest, left Portland this morning. It was commanded by Vice-Admiral Sims, who was on board the Wyoming.

The fleet consisted of two battleships and one destroyer.

The fleet will be met at sea by 30 destroyers from Brest. The George Washington carrying the president and his party will be met at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning 90 miles from Brest.

NEGROES ARE FORCED TO LEAVE WYOMING

By the Associated Press. Ogden, Utah, Dec. 12.—Negro refugees of Green River, Wyo., arriving here declared that all negro men, women and children had been ordered to leave that town Tuesday following the lynching of Edward Woodson, a negro charged with killing a railroad switchman and wounding another.

THE SICK CAN HELP

To those sick with the flu, the Red Cross will have receipts and station at each drug store. Please send them your dollar and join. Your name is wanted on the membership list.

Help uphold Hickory's record and sign up the Red Cross.

URGED CHILE AND PERU NOT TO MAKE WAR

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 12.—Acting Secretary Pok made public at the state department today the text of the note handed by the United States ambassador recently to the presidents of Chile and Peru urging that the two South American nations owe it to the best of the world to compose their differences and informing them that the United States "stands ready to render alone or in conjunction with other countries of their hemisphere" all possible assistance to bring about an equitable solution.

The note said the United States viewed the severance of consular relations between the two governments with the gravest apprehension, particularly on the eve of the Paris peace conference, "in which it is confidently expected to provide for an era of peace throughout the world."

BREST IS READY TO RECEIVE WILSON

By the Associated Press. Brest, Dec. 12.—(Noqa).—Brest has put on its holiday attire and is eagerly awaiting the arrival of President Wilson at noon tomorrow. The American naval detachment here got in direct touch with the presidential fleet which is approaching the coast. The weather which the fleet is experiencing is favorable to its quick progress.

COOPERATIVE WORK PRAISED BY HOUSTON

The 1918 report of D. F. Houston, secretary of agriculture, just received, credits North Carolina with more success than elsewhere along the line of cooperative agricultural work. Carolina county is recognized as a pioneer in this endeavor, the Co-operative Creamery, Sweet Potato Growers Association, Rural Credit Association, and kindred organizations, being examples of what cooperative work between urban and suburban citizens can accomplish.

Secretary Houston calls attention to the fact that many farmers are operating on a small scale, are not in touch with banking machinery and know too little about financial operations. In this connection, Secretary Joy had made arrangements to have Mr. Carl J. Baer, president of the Community Development Company visit Hickory this week to present his plan for a better cooperation between farmers and city folks. However, the flu conditions compelled a postponement of this meeting to a later date.

On the basis of prices that have recently prevailed, Secretary Houston in the United States, including live stock, for 1918, at an estimated value of \$1,799,000,000 as compared with \$1,650,000,000. These increased values, the secretary points out, reveal that the monetary returns to the farmers have increased proportionately with those of other groups of producers in the nation, and that their purchasing power has kept pace with the rising scale of prices. In other words, the farmer who pays \$1.23 for a War Savings Stamp during December, 1918, can cash it in five years from now for money that will buy a pig or have twice the purchasing power it has today.

FOUR SHIPS SAIL WITH 9,000 FOR HOME

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 12.—Sailing of four army transports, bringing additional units from France, was announced today by the war department. The ships are the transports R. H. Malory, Rappahannock, Leviathan and Celtic, with about 9,000 men.

The Rappahannock sailed December 6 and the other vessels December 8. The Leviathan brings casual companies numbers 301 to 303 inclusive, 1,410 hospital patients, 500 casualties and the second anti-aircraft section.

The Malory has on board the headquarters, sanitary detachments, ordnance detachments, headquarters company and supply company and batteries A and B, field artillery regiments, the 65th field artillery brigade headquarters and 921 sick and wounded.

The Rappahannock is bringing the fifth railroad artillery ordnance repair shop.

The Celtic has on board the headquarters third battalion, headquarters company and medical detachment of the 814 pioneer infantry (negro) casual companies number 1051 to 1057 inclusive, 220 patients and several civilians.

SOLEMN WELCOME FOR PRUSSIAN GUARD

By the Associated Press. Copenhagen, Wednesday, Dec. 11.—Berlin's welcome to the Prussian guard Tuesday was so solemn rather than triumphant, according to Berlin advices received here. The troops marched under the German national colors and the band played "Deutschland Uber Alles" and other patriotic airs.

UNDERGROUND TO MEXICO FOR EVADERS OF DRAFT?

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Evidence to show that planning of an "underground railway" to Mexico so that draft evaders might seek sanctuary in the southern republic, and similar activities designed to embarrass the United States in the prosecution of the war was promised by Joseph E. Fleming, assistant district attorney in his opening address to the jury at the trial of Victor L. Berger, congressman-elect of Milwaukee and four other socialists on a charge of conspiracy under the espionage act.

Mr. Fleming devoted some time to the Young People's Socialist League, of which W. F. Kruse, a defendant, was secretary. Its main object, he averred, was to discourage men from joining the army and he charged that at a convention of the league in Chicago in May, 1917, a resolution was passed calling upon its members to refuse to register on June 5, 1917, "one of the most active at the convention," said Mr. Fleming, "was Hermon Bosler, member interned at Fort Oglethorpe. The evidence will show that he and Kruse planned an 'underground' to Mexico."

IMPERIAL REVENUES ARE PAID TO ROYALTY

By the Associated Press. Copenhagen, Dec. 12.—The German imperial revenues for December, it is reported from Berlin, have been paid to all the former royal personages remaining in Germany who are entitled to them. The Vossische Zeitung says that the former German emperor has authorized Eitel Frederick, his second son, to represent him in all matters concerning the former imperial house.

'OFFICIAL' VISIT CORN RUNS HIGH IN PARIS IS IN CHICAGO MARKET

By the Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 12.—The length of President Wilson's "official" visit in Paris has been fixed at 48 hours, according to the Matin. The remainder of his stay here will not be marked by any state ceremony.

By the Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 12.—Stunning advances in the price of corn resulted today from the government crop report showing that the yield for 1918 was the smallest in five years.

Values ran up as much as seven cents a bushel over yesterday's finish. (January corn closed yesterday at 1.31 7/8).

MR. MASK LEAVES COUNTY FOR RALEIGH

Mr. Homer H. B. Mask, for several years county demonstration agent, has been elected assistant to Mr. C. R. Hudson, in charge of the demonstration work in North Carolina, with headquarters at the experiment station in West Raleigh, and Mr. Mask will have entire charge of the boys' agricultural club work in the state. He will begin his new duties on January 1, the News and Observer states.

Mr. Mask has made an enviable record in Catawba county. The boys and girls he has trained at Star-town invariably have carried off honors at the stock judging contests in the state, and Mr. Mask has been a force in assisting farmers with those problems which confront them every day in the year. He is a graduate of the Alabama Institute of Technology and is thoroughly qualified for his new work.

Several months ago, Mr. Mask had been offered a better position, but the Hickory Chamber of Commerce and other organizations made an appeal to the county commissioners for the retention of his services, and his salary was raised. Mr. Mask will be pleasantly remembered in Hickory, where he has spoken on a number of occasions, and he will be missed throughout the entire county.

SOLDIERS MAY WRITE ANYTHING THEY KNOW

The Stars and Stripes under date of Friday, November 22, announces that the censorship in France has been removed and that soldiers can write home and tell all about everything. "Tell the old gent the battles you were in," advises the paper. "Tell him how we kicked 'em." "Tell him how you helped." "Tell him what you are doing now." "Tell him when you'll be home." "Pardon us, but you can tell him pretty nearly everything you can think of now. All the necessities of letter-writing there will be a plenty."

The paper, which was furnished the Record by Mr. D. E. Cline, states that the Yankees captured 21 Germans for every American taken by the enemy. The Yanks took 44,934 prisoners and lost 2,982.

PRIZES FOR CHRISTMAS ROLL CALL WORKERS

Don't forget the meeting Friday afternoon. Those who obtain the most renewals and new members will receive the gold pieces to be given away. The goal is for 3,600 members. Work hard and keep Hickory on the Red Cross map.

Sgt. John Tubby Dewrey returned to Eufaula, Ala., today after spending several days in Hickory. Sergeant Dewrey has recently been mustered out of service at Camp Sevier.

NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press. New York, Dec. 12.—Yesterday's breaks were followed by some irregularity at the opening of the cotton market today with near months relatively easy. There was some further southern selling as well as liquidation, but these were readily absorbed and the market soon steadied on covering on fresh buying, promoted by reports of increased mill demands. December, January and March sold before the end of the first hour about 20 to 34 points net higher.

WEATHER FORECAST

For North Carolina: Generally cloudy tonight and Friday, probably rain. Warmer tonight in the interior, gentle to moderate north-east winds.

NEXT LIBERTY LOAN ISSUE WILL BE FOR SIX BILLION

At Least That Amount Will Be Necessary, Secretary M'Adoo Tells House Finance Committee—Urges Loans to Allies After War. Money Needed in Country's Business

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 12.—Five to five and half billion dollars more of bonds will have to be raised to finance the government this year, Secretary McAdoo told the house finance committee today.

He based it on an estimate of \$18,000,000 in expenditures and members of the committee said the estimate was not too high.

It has been stated previously that the last Liberty bond issue to be floated in the spring would be about six billion dollars.

Mr. McAdoo urged the committee to approve legislation providing for loans after peace is declared to the allied governments from bonds already authorized. He said there is no room for question about the repayment of the allied loans.

ANOTHER BLOCK TO BE ISSUED AT ONCE

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 17.—Another bi-weekly issue of loan certificates of indebtedness of \$500,000,000 or more, bearing 4 1/2 per cent interest, was announced today by the treasury. The certificates will be dated December 19, payable May 20 next and subscription books will close December 30.

ALEXANDER AGAIN IS HEAD FARMERS UNION

Dr. H. Q. Alexander of Mecklenburg county was re-elected president of the State Farmers' Union at the night session in Wilson last night, receiving 64 votes to 30 for Ray King of Nash county. Dr. J. M. Templeton of Wake county was re-elected vice-president and E. C. Fair of Moore county as secretary. The executive committee will be composed of Dr. J. B. Gibson of Statesville, re-elected; Ray King of Nash, C. L. Cherry of Edgecomb county, R. C. Maxwell of Gibson and Orin Cruse of Rowan county, all new members. W. R. Dixon of Wilson was chosen state organizer to succeed J. Z. Green of Union, resigned.

About 200 delegates were present and the financial report showed about \$12,000 in the treasury. The membership was placed at 17,000, which is very much smaller than was the case a few years ago.

The fight on Dr. Alexander was not begun until a few weeks ago. Catawba's two delegates, J. Y. Kilgus and J. A. Propst were not instructed.

DR. SOLE LEAVES NEW GERMAN CABINET

By the Associated Press. Berlin, Wednesday, Dec. 11.—Dr. W. S. Solf, the minister of foreign affairs, has handed in his resignation, which has been accepted by the cabinet.

The foreign secretary's retirement does not come as a surprise, as his relations with the independent Socialist wing of the Ebert-Haase cabinet reached the straining point some time ago.

KING GEORGE WON'T VISIT UNITED STATES

By the Associated Press. London, Dec. 12.—Reports that King George contemplates a visit to the United States are denied here.

WOUNDED MEN OF 30TH DIVISION REACH PORT

New York, Dec. 12.—The British transport Empress of Britain arrived here yesterday with 2,450 American soldiers on board of whom 405 were wounded.

The wounded included men of the twenty-seventh, Thirtieth, Thirty-third and Thirty-seventh divisions. Some had lost arms or legs.

The other troops were from training camps in England and included men of the 307th, 361st, 140th, 357th, 256th and 834th aero squadrons and the Tenth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Seventeenth air service construction companies.

ENEMY PROPAGANDA CAUSE CUBAN STRIKE

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 12.—Information reaching the state department today indicated that the general strike called in Cuba was the result of the Industrial Workers of the World and enemy propaganda. The report was said that order was being restored.

AT PASTIME FRIDAY

The program at the Pastime Friday will be a Paramount picture, Chas Ray in "Playing the Game." Larry Prentiss thought he was a murderer and so he didn't wait to find out what happened to the man he had knocked down in a drunken fight, but beat it for Arizona and a new life. He finds it all right and incidentally he finds the one girl in the world for him. Charles Ray encounters many adventures, including bodups and other thrilling events, and the climax is an exciting fist-fight in which the hero bests his rival for Moya's hand and wins the fight and the girl at one and the same time.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Swatzel a daughter.

MR. LUTZ IS ELECTED DAIRYMEN PRESIDENT

By the Associated Press. Charlotte, Dec. 12.—Mrs. J. W. Elliott left today for Charlotte to spend some time at the Solwyn.

Mr. J. O. Lutz of Catawba county was elected president of the North Carolina Dairy Association in Charlotte yesterday and Mr. D. J. Laybrook of Winston-Salem was chosen vice-president.

The feature of yesterday's session, the Observer says, was the sale of pure bred Guernseys and Jerseys—the latter being sold by the Dutch Dairy Farms of Catawba. The Guernseys brought fancy prices, but the Jerseys sold only fairly well, the Charlotte paper states. The Lutz brothers carried to Charlotte 20 choice head of Jerseys.

Dr. Tait Butler spoke in the morning. The association went on record for a state-wide stock law and also took action in favor of a dog law.

MAKING IT HARD FOR ROWDIES IN BERLIN

By the Associated Press. London, Dec. 12.—"The proletariat must be prepared for the worst," the flag organ of the Spartacus faction is quoted as saying in a dispatch from Copenhagen.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Copenhagen says the Ebert government, feeling that its positions are becoming stronger, evidently has decided upon sharp measures against the Spartacus group. The officers of the Spartacus organization underwent an examination on Tuesday by government forces, the Mail's advices add, and arrests are expected.

BEING SORRY FOR GERMANS SAVANNAH NEWS.

There are still a great many God-fearing and just-loving Americans who are not as sorry for the German people as they will be after the German people have indicated that they are sorry for a few things.

