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## LEAGUE ACCEPTS WILSON'S OFFER TO ACT AS THE MEDIATOR IN ARMENIA

SPEEDE THE PARTY

dy The Associated Press.)

GENEVA, Dec. 1 .- A letter to President Wilson, accepting his offer to act as mediator in Armenia, was being drafted by the council of the league of nations here today. Mr. Wilson's note, which was received this morning, was read to members of the council at 10:30 o'clock and was received with marks of liveliest satisfaction.

President Wilson's acceptance 'created a great impression when it was announced

Poor old Europe will feel less abanmed," was a remark made by a member of the French delegation while discussing the matter. The news gave the ably great relief, as the Armenian question had become the bugbear of the

There is much speculation as to what form the mediation of Armenia will take. A. J. Balfour, a leader of the British delegation, has remarked to the assembly that in order to negotiate it would be necessary to offer Mustapha Kemal, chief of the Turkish nationalists, something, either money or territory, and this remark is recalled in connection with Mr. Wilson's known opposition to the disposition made of some parts of the terrisory of Turkey by the Severee treaty.

Prediction is made here that in the end the Greeks may pay the price for saving what remains of the Armenian

"President Wilson's action is a big step toward a solution of one of the most serious problems before the assembly,' was the way Lord Robert Cecil characterized the American president's

"That is wonderful news," he declared when the information was given him. "It brings relief to all of us who are trying to find a way to help the Armenians out of the difficulty. Mr. Wilson's acceptance is commendable and worthy of the best traditions of the United States, which have always been a friend of Armenia and taken the lead in alleviating her sufferings.

"The decision of President Wilson is not in any sense political, from my point of view, and cannot give encouragement to all those who wish to see the United States in the league. It is simply a natural development of an old, humanitarian policy."

Dr. Fritjof Nansen, who had been one of the first to become interested in Armenia, and is a member of the committee considering developments in that country, was rather inclined to pessimism vesterday. When he heard the news today, however, he beamed with joy.

"We have found the man," he cried. "and the rest will be easy."

The offer of Spain and Brazil to join in the mediation came during this morning's session of the council. That body left it to President Wilson to decide if he desired this co-operation.

After further discussion of the note in the council meeting this afternoon, it will go forward to Washington in the early

Lord Robert Cecill announced today 000,000 which he had estimated would be sufficient to equip an expedition to help

It was announced this afternoon that Spain and Brazil had offered to join President Wilson in his role of Armenian mediator. This offer has been embodied

in the reply to Mr. Wilson framed by the council. The reply of the American president, it was stated, expresses deep appreciation of the president's acceptance. The allied high commissioners at Constantinople, it says, are being consulted as to the best

way for Mr. Wilson to proceed. The council, it is added, believes there will be no great difficulty about the ident's mediators conferring with Mustapha Pasha, the Turkish nationalist leader, who has been making war upon the Armenians.

### HAPPY DEVELOPMENT.

PARIS, Dec. 1.—President Wilson's acceptance of the role of Armenian me-diator is considered by the French foreign office as a happy development and foreign office officials declared today they were much gratified. It is hoped President Wilson's intervention will have a good effect toward pacification of that

It is encouraging to remember that no

## SUSPECTED SINN FEIN **AGENTS ARE ARRESTED**

(By The Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 1 .- Six men arrested at Southampton yesterday upon the arrival of the liner Aquitania from New York, were released here today by police officials. When they were arrested, it was announced they were suspected of being agents of the Sinn Fein.

Revolvers were found on their persons but the men asserted they were ignorant of the recently enacted fire arms act, which forbids the importation of those weapons. They were closely questioned, and their weapons were confiscated. When they reached here they were asked to go to Scotland Yard. They refused to talk to reporters and their identities have not been disclosed.

It was anonunced last night that the bodies of the 15 auxiliary police recruits who were killed near Kilmichael, county Cork, Ireland, on Sunday evening, will be brought to England from Cork probably late this week. One recruit in the party has been missing since the fight and has not as yet been found.

Buildings housing Sinn Fein organizations in this city and its suburbs were raided by Scotland Yard detectves yesterday and it is declared a large quantity of documents were seized. No arrests so far as known were made.

A new chapter in the history of violence in Irland was written yesterday morning when two men, suspected of being sympathizers with the Sinn Feincause, were called from their beds and shot to death. The tragedies occurred in county Louth, and a military court of inquiry has begun an investigation.

### DETALS OF TRAGIC STORY MAY BE HIDDEN

(By The Associated Press.)

CORK, Ireland, Nov. 30 .- Details of the tragic story of Sunday evening's massacre near Kilmichael, in which 15 auxiliray police recruits were shot to death, may never come to light. The only available source of information is the sole surviving member of the party who was severely wounded and is believed to be dying in the military hospital here.

A magre story of the event, gasped out by the wounded man, has been told officials sitting by his bedside. He has declared that the party of recruits met an armed band marching in the road, the men wearing khaki suits and "tin hats." The recruits mistook them in the fading light for soldiers and thus fell into an ambush.

Statements from other quarters would seem to indicate that the annihilation of the party of recruits can be accounted for only on the theory that the road was mined or a trench had been dug across it, So far as is known there were no casualties on the side of the assailants.

Police authorities here still claim to be gaining the upper hand in the fight aganst extremists. They assert the men responsible for ambuscades and assassinations are being driven into a corner.

### 20 BUSINESS HOUSES

DESTROYED BY FIRE (By The Associated Press.)

JASPER, Ala., Dec. 1 .- Fire originating at 4:30 this morning in the building of the Crawford Mercantile Company, had destroyed 20 business houses and ten residences before it was brought under control at 9 o'clock. Early estimates place the loss abobe \$500,000.

The principal business block of the town and portions of three other blocks were wiped out in the blaze, which gained rapid headway, fanned by a stiff wind.

Included in the burned area was the property of the Southern Bell Telephone Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company, the First National Bank and the Southern Hotel.

#### NURSES GET SOLDIERS OUT OF BURNING HOSPITAL

(By The Associated Press.)

GREENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 1. Sixtyeight soldier patients from all parts of the country, in the United States Public Health Service hospital at Camp Sevier, had a narrow escape about midnight last night, when fire practically destroyed wards 16 and 17. The patients, sided by nurses and Red Cross workers, were re-moved without confusion in record time, and no one was reported injued.

## **GOVERNORS OF 40 STATES** MEET IN PHILADELPHIA

Gov. Sproul Delivers Address of Welcome — Gov. Camp-bell, of Arizona, Makes Re-sponse—Many Questions to Be Discussed.

(By The Associated Press.)

HARRISBURG, PA., Dec. 1. - New England clasped hands with the Pacific slope here today and the denisen of the frozen great lakes shore met and fraternized with the dweller of the land along the Rio Grande, when two score governors and governors-elect assembled in the Pennsylvania senate chamber for the opening session of their 12th annual conference.

Discussion of weighty questions of government administration and the threshing out of problems of state-craft and economies which await post-war readjustment in every state of the union faced the executives when they convened under the gavel of Governor William C. Sproul, of Pennsylvania, in his capacity of host and temporary chairman.

Today's schedule called for a rigorous program of official discussion punctuated by entertainment at the hotel headquarters for luncheon and at the governor's home for a formal dinner in the evening.

At half past ten the session was scheduled to begin with the addresses of wel- He will first cut a rope releasing himself come by Governor Sproul, on behalf of Pennsylvania, and Lieutenant Governor Edward E. Beidleman, speaking in the name of Harrisburg. Response was by Governor Thomas E. Campbell, of Arigona. -

Each of the subsequent prepared addresses was to be followed by general discussion. The other subjects on the be on the flying field at Gastonia Saturprogram for discussion were.

"The pational importance of agriculture," Governor John M. Parker, of leaves the aeroplane the wind from the Louisiana; "The responsibility of the propeller strikeks him with terrific force, state for industrial justice," Governor Henry J. Allen, of Kansas; "The work of the national conference on uniform he starts downward towards the earth. state laws," Judge William M. Hargest, Pennsylvania's delegate to the conference, and "The decentralization of governmental functions and activities, BELTING REPAIR COMPANY Governor R. A. Cooper, of South Caro-

## **NEGROES ARE RUN OUT OF BUFFALO**

Southern Negroes Are Making Tracks For Home—Causing Trouble in North.

H. E. C. Bryant, in Charlotte Observer.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 .- A news despatch from Buffalo, N. Y., says that a thousand or more southern negroes had been run out of the city by the police. No official report has been made on it to government officials here. Newspaper men and congressmen arriving here from the west, particularly the states of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Michigan, report bad conditions in cities where many southern negroes went durng the war to work in industrial plants. From a spirited rivalry for work between the negroes and alien laborers has sprung a bitter feeling that may result in serious race riots soon.

Labor department agents have not reported any considerable movement of negroes from the north and west to the south. They assert that about 10 per. cent of those who left the south during the last four years have gone back.

Negro leaders here claim that most of the better class of colored people who migrated to the north and west have worked hard, saved money and bought homes. A bad element has made trouble, and they will be driven out this winter.

The Buffalo incident is the first of the kind that has been reported to the federal authorities, but surface indications point to a bad winter for North Carolina negroes in the north and west,

The Buffalo story reads: "Within the past 48 hours more than 1,000 negroes, discharged during the recent business depression, have been forced out of Buffalo by the police. Raids have been conducted in the negro districts and those who are unemployed are arrested.

"Many negroes, becoming frightened, have left on their own accord. Some of these withdrew liberal amounts from savings bank and departed for the south. Pawnbrokers report that many pawned clothing and jewelry to enable them to get away. Employers are not disturbed, as there has been a surplus of labor in Buffalo for several months."

The south will have to winter many negross who will return to their new homes in the spring.

#### GEORGIA POSSE SEARCHING FOR NEGRO ASSAILANT

MOULTRIE, Ga., Nov. 30 .- Posses of south Georgia farmers are today scouring the section south of the city, in search of of searchers late yesterday in a lonely a negro who yesterday afternoon attacked the 18-year-old daughter of a prominent Thomas county farmer. The negro will undoubtedly be lynched, if eaught, it is hands.

## DAREDEVIL AIRMAN WILL

Gordon Holder Will Give Won-derful Exhibition of His Nerve and Skill on Local Flying Field Saturday Afternoon.

Something entirely new in the aeroplane line will be witnessed by Gastonians Saturday afternoon at the local flying field when they will have an opportunity to see Gordon Holder, the daredevil of the air, jump from an aeroplane some four to six thousand feet in the air. If you want a thrill that will last for several weeks be out at the flying field Saturday afternoon at 3:30 and, honest to goodness, the daredevil jump from an aeroplane 4,000 feet from the ground will give you a sensation you never felt before.

The daredevil is named Gordon Holder and he plans to put on an exhibition that will be worth coming miles to see. He will first walk all over the plane while it is flying near the ground and, among other things, will stand on his head while the machine is soaring through the atmosphere. Holder will then fasten a parachute to himself and, after the plane has reached a height of from 3,000 to 6,000 feet above the city, he will jump. In order to clear the propeller of the plane he has to cut two ropes. from the plane and then, after dropping some thousand feet, will cut a second rope releasing the parachute. Although it is difficult to pick your landing place, Holder has agreed to land as near the flying field as his good judgment will let him.

As we said, if you want to be thrilled, day afternoon at 3:30.

Press dispatches state that when Holder ofttimes knocking him for fifty or a hundred feet behind the flying plane before

## **GETS NEW CHARTER**

New Organization Perfected and New Quarters Secured \_\_Mr. James A Walker is General Manager.

Letters of incorporation were recently granted by the Secretary of State to the Sastonia Belting Repair Co., Inc., of Gastonia. Organization has been perfected by the election of the following officers: George A. Gray, president; F. H. Robinson, vice president: Bismarck Capps, secretary; Jas. A. Walker, treasurer and general manager; directors, the above together with A G Myers and S N Boyce, of Gastonia, and John Lineberger. of Philadelphia. This concern makes a specialty of repairing and renovating leather belting. New equipment has recently been added and the firm is now occupying the upstairs of the new Kirby building at the corner of East Main avenue and Broad street. Mr. Walker has been in the belting business in Gastonia for the past two or three years and is an expert in this line of work. He is also sole agent here for Grant Leather Corporation, of Kingsport, Tenn.

### DEDICATION OF CHURCH.

New Covenant Presbyterian Church to Be Formally Opened at Lowell Sunday Morning-All Ministers in Lowell Will Take Part in the Dedication Service,

The handsome new Covenant Presbyte rian church building and manse at Lowell have been completed. Rev. W. J. Roach, former pastor of the Loray Presbyterian church in Gastonia, has been installed as pastor and he and his family have been enjoying the home comforts of the new manse for some time.

The church and manse are situated on the most desirable lots in Lowell, at the east end of the main street, and present a most pleasing appearance to travellers on the railroad and motorists to and fro between Charlotte and Gastonia.

With all other pastors assisting, Mr. Roach and congregation will dedicate this church with appropriate exercises Sunday morning, December 5, at 11::15 o'clock. A most cordial invitation is extended to Gastonia Presbyterians and friends to be present.

#### COMMITTED SUICIDE. (By The Associated Press.)

GREENVILLE, S. C., Nov. 30 .- The body of John T. McNeeley, aged 43, large land owner of Greenville and Anderson counties, was found by a party

## JUMP 6,000 FEET TO EARTH LEAGUE ASSEMBLY WILL PROBABLY RATIFY ACTION

## BOTH SIDES IN

MACON AFFAIR PREPARE FOR HARD FIGHT

Dr. Elmer Predicts That There Will Be Several Additional Arrests—No Bail For Mrs.

(By The Associated Press.)

MACON, GA., Dec. 1 .- Announcement by council for Mrs. Ione Henry and Ernest Hopson, two of the four persons under arrest charged with murder in connection with the death by poison last June of Fred D. Shepard, Houston county fruit grower, that there would be no important developments in the case until after the hearing next Tuesday on applications for bail, was taken here today as an indication that the next few days would be devoted by the prosecution and defense to shaping their plans for the coming battle in the courts. The | hearing on request for bail for Mrs. F. E. Elmer, of Jacksonville, Fla., former wife of Shepard, also will take place at the same time. Counsel for Mrs. Annie approved the invitation drawn up by the Cutts, of Fitzgerald, intimate friend of Mrs. Elmer, and the fourth person ar ed States to name a representative to rested, had made no attempt early today sit on the commission. The invitation to obtain bail for their client. No state | expressed the view that the general conment has been made as to Mrs. Cutt's connection with the alleged crime.

Dr. Elmer, husband of Mrs. Elmer left Macon late yesterday for Jacksonville, but he expected to return here the last of the week. Charles M. Durrance, of Jacksonville, attorney for Mrs. Elmer, also left the city, stating that he intended to go to Atlanta.

Before his departure Dr. Elmer predicted there would be several additional arrests but Solicitor General Garrett said so far as he knew no further action of this character was contemplated.

Persons in close touch with the case were of the opinion a special term of Houston county superior court would be called early this month for the trial but Mr. Garrett refused to comment on this feature.

## CHAS. E. DAVIS COMMITTED SUICIDE IN CELL

(By The Associated Press.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 1.-Charles E. Davis, prominent Wake county farmer, who early Monday morning shot and injured his wife so badly that she died yesterday, hanged himself in his cell at the Wake county jail here some time during the night. Davis used the two sleeves of his undershirt in hanging himself.

ENGINEER C. W. BAKER DANGEROUSLY SCALDED WHEN PLUG BLOWS OUT

Reported to Have Stuck to His Engine Ffreman Jumped.

SPENCER, Nov. 30 .- Engineer C. W. Baker, of Spencer, was badly scalded this afternoon when a plug blew out of the boiler of his engine, attached to train No. 45 near Sumner. His colored fireman escaped by jumping.

Engineer Baker was carried to a hospital in Salisbury and is said to be resting as well as could be expected late tonight, and it is hoped will recover.

Passengers arriving on train No. 45 last night about 8 o'clock, nearly three hours late, said that the fireman was evidently killed when the accident occurred a few miles north of Spencer, but it appears from the foregoing dispatch that this was not the ease.

According to passengers, the train ran two or three miles after the accident occurred before Engineer Bake could bring his engine to a stop, suffering a deluge of escaping steam all the while. They reported that when he finally stopped his train he was found "nearly dead." According to the story told here, Engineer Baker exhibited something of the heroic In sticking to his engine for miles while beng scalded when he mght have left his cab as did his fireman.

A substitute engine and crew were secuted at Spencer to complete the run.

MIGHT HOLD DEMPSEY-CARPENTIER BOUT IN TOLEDO

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 1 .- Negotiations were opened today between Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempecy, world's champion heavyweight publicist, and Ad Thacher, Toledo promoter, today with a view to staging the proposed Demp-

By The Associated Press.) GENEVA, Dec 1 -Austria unanimously voted a member of league of nations by the commission for the admission of new states here today. It is expected the assembly of the league will ratify the action.

BULGARIA APPLIES.

GENEVA, Dec. 1.-Application by Bulgaria for admission to the league of nations was expected to be brought up today at the session of the assembly of the league. Serbia, Greece and Runsnia had indicated they were seriously opposed to the admission of Bulgaria and it appeared probable they would make an issue of the matter.

Another attempt was made today to gain approval of the league's budget for the forthcoming year. This matter came before the assembly yesterday but objections were voiced by several nations, delegates from New Zealand, Australis and India pointing out that, in their opinion, 7,000,000 france in gold was an excessive amount.

APPROVES INVITATION TO U. S. GENEVA, Dec. 1.-The council of the league of nations today unanimou military commission calling on the Unitsideration of the subject of a reduction of armament would be "greatly facilitated" if the United States government could see its way to send a representa tive to sit in a consultative capacity.

WEALTHY YOUNG GEORGIA MAN FACES SERIOUS CHARGE. (By TheyAssociated Press.)

MOULTRIE, A., Dec. 1.-Charged with having attacked the daughter of one of the most prominent women in Quitman, Ga., James Baker, one of the wealthiest young men in this section of the country, is today being sought on a warrant charging him with assault with intent to murder.

Baker, who possesses a croix de guerre, won in France, and is a son of the late John Baker, former mayor of Dothan, Ala., is charged by the young woman's mother with having made a criminal attack upon the girl, who was out riding with him on last Thursday. The prominence of the parties and the nature of the charges have created a profound sensation here.

SCOTCH SNUFF TAKES

PLACE OF CUP THAT CHEERS

(By The Associated Press.) BOSTON, Dec. 1.-The cup that cheers was replaced by the snuff that exhilarates when the Scots charitable society revived an old custom at its annual banquet last night to take the place of anti-prohibition toasts. Scotch snuff from a silver mounted ram's horn, was passed about the tables.

First to take a cautious pinch was Governor Calvin Coolidge, vice presidentelect, who was the chief guest. From for Miles in Deluge of Steam, After him the horn went down the banques board. Sneezes followed, and handker-

chiefs were quite generally displayed. Soon afterward Professor Charlton Black, of Boston University, related an anecdote related to despondent victims of the 18th amendment. It was the warning of an old Scotchman to his com against a too liberal use of snuff, with the statement that "I've been drunker

on sneezum than I ever was on whiskey." The guests eneczed again, and then the speakers had their say.

APRIL 21 IS DATE OF M. E. EDUCATIONAL DRIVE

(By The Associated Press.) MEMPHIS, TENN., Dec. 1. - With April 21 next definitely fixed as the date for the opening of the campaign to secure an educational fund of \$33,000,-000 leaders in educational and missionary work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session here, planned to devote the final day of their conference to perfecting plans for the campaign and for securing the enlistment of approximately 5,000 young men sa ministers and missionary workers.

GEORGIA NEGRO HAS PROBABLY BEEN LYNCHED.

THOMASVILLE, GA., Dec. 1. -Considerable uncertainty prevails here as to the fate of a negro captured last night at Paten, believed to be the one who yesterday attacked the 18-year-old daughter of a prominent Thomas co

No one connected with the office here was in the naighb Patten when the capture was local amborities are without untice regarding the matter.