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MANNHEIMER MADE CHRISTMAS CHEERFUL FOR SICK DOUGHBOYS

Pianist Who Appears Here With Goddard Tuesday Night Changed Holiday Season in France From One of Sadness to One of Gladness.

After the armistice had been signed and the work of bringing the boys back home had started, there was, in France, a great restlessness and agitation among the soldiers. It was simply an American characteristic; the work was done and it was time to return without delay. It was this period that seemed hardest to cope with, and it was decided that it could best be met by keeping the men entertained and so prevent their thoughts from constantly dwelling on the one theme "home."

In one convalescent camp, however this suggestion was easier to recommend than to accomplish. It was extremely difficult to reach the place except by tramping. Machines were unable to penetrate the mud roads, and as a consequence, the entertainers did not come. A small recreation hall had been constructed and an old worn-out French piano had found its way into the bare place. For several weeks the place remained unused, for in all the camp no one could be found who would or could play a piano.

It was just one week before Christmas that there seemed to be a sudden rain-patrol throughout the camp. Some one was playing the piano. In less time than one can imagine, the small hall was crowded with men, yelling, cheering, and singing. After several hours of singing the crowd moved toward the door, led by two soldiers who were carrying the pianist on the day on their shoulders. That pianist was Frank Mannheim, the young American concert pianist, who is to appear in this city Tuesday night, December 14th, with James Goddard, the noted bass-baritone who appears here under the auspices of the local post of the American Legion. Mr. Mannheim says that he played that piano from 10 to 12 hours every day during the week preceding Christmas, and he played everything from concert and opera repertoire down to "How you gonna keep 'em down on the farm."

Mr. Mannheim served in France as an interpreter and it was only after the armistice was signed that he devoted all his time to entertaining our boys.

During his stay in France Mr. Mannheim made several concert appearances, and the enthusiastic praise and commendation of French audiences was indeed a tribute to American art.

HARDING SEEKS ADVICE FROM ELIHU ROOT

MARION, O., Dec. 13.—Advice on the plan for an association of nations was sought by President-elect Harding today from Elihu Root, former secretary of state, and more recently a conferee with leading European statesmen in the formation of a world court under the Versailles league covenant.

The conferee, regarded as one of the most important to be held by Mr. Harding in his "meeting of minds" here, is understood to have concerned chiefly the question of how far the machinery of the present league may be used in building a world peace concert acceptable to the United States.

Throughout the league fight Mr. Root advocated acceptance of the Versailles covenant with reservations, and during his world court conference abroad, he expressed much faith in some portions of the covenant. Details of his talk with Mr. Harding today were not revealed, however, both he and the president-elect saying his recommendations were entirely confidential. In asking Mr. Root's advice, Mr. Harding is understood to have sought in particular for information about the practical working of the league as observed by the former secretary of state during his visits to Europe. Questions on the same subject were put by Mr. Harding yesterday to Herbert Hoover, who recommended that the league machinery with changes be used in rearing the proposed association of nations.

The visit of Mr. Root again brought his name into prominence in gossip about the cabinet selections of the incoming administration. It has been suggested in various quarters that Mr. Harding might ask him to again become head of the state department, but their meeting today furnished no outward evidence to support or discredit that report.

Dr. John Wesley Hill, of New York, also had an appointment with Mr. Harding today to discuss the league and various other subjects.

BELIEVE MORGENTHAU WILL BE WILSON'S REPRESENTATIVE
(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—White house officials intimated today their belief that President Wilson had decided to name Henry Morgenthau, former ambassador to Turkey, to act as his personal representative to mediate between the Armenians and the Turkish nationalists. While the president is known to have settled upon an appointment, no announcement of it has yet been made.

SOLICITOR WILSON FAVORS RURAL POLICEMEN

Prominent Gastonia Attorney and Solicitor 14th Judicial District Gives Reasons Why County Should Employ Rural Policemen—Auto Owners Should Pay Tax, He Says.

The board of county commissioners of Gaston county will meet in called session Tuesday morning to consider the question of rural police for the county. At the last meeting of the board held December 6, delegations from the Gastonia ministers, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs appeared before the board urging the adoption of this measure. After hearing these delegations the board decided, before concluding the matter, to hear representatives from every section of the county. It was the opinion of the board that such a step should not be taken without authorization from a more representative delegation. Hence the meeting for Tuesday. It is expected that a big representation from the county generally will be present when the board meets.

Solicitor George W. Wilson has been an earnest advocate of rural policemen. He believes that the employment of these county officers will do a great deal toward the eradication of the immorality and crime so prevalent in the county.

Said Mr. Wilson, discussing the matter: "I am in favor of interurban policemen for Gaston county. Call them deputies, if you like. Four will be enough. This is a new measure. It is, therefore, important that it be well considered, and that the best possible system be perfected. The system must be efficient, but must be so constituted that the co-operation of the individual citizens will be stimulated to help. Any system that turns over the entire enforcement of the law to officials is not good."

"The automobile has developed the need."

"First, it has given the great facility of rapid transit to the liquor traffic."

"Second, it gives secrecy to persons who engage in immoral acts by transporting them into communities where they are not known."

"Third, it endangers life and limb on the public highway."

"But the automobile is here to stay. We have to have the automobile and we must suppress the evil."

"The law and officers can help external conditions. That is all. Other agencies must supply the moral force. Then we are concerned to know the best system."

"In the first place, the deputies should be under the direct control of the sheriff of Gaston county. Make him directly responsible to the people. The deputies should not be appointed by the commissioners. When a thing is to be done, place the authority, the duty and the responsibility on one competent head."

"Secondly, let the pay be adequate. You want men—men, physically strong, mentally alert and tactful, and morally straight."

"Thirdly, the tax should come from the automobile owner. The automobile has made the necessity. Those who drive should pay the fiddler. Let the legislature work out a well digested law with a county tax on the automobile sufficient to insure the law enforcement."

"Fourth, as to the time to begin, I say, make some temporary arrangement now with the sheriff and his deputies. The legislature will meet in January. We have done ourselves proud in selecting capable, well trained men to represent us in the General Assembly. They are not only in touch with the people, but they are fully alive to the spirit of progress in our midst. They will work it out."

"One thing more, let us all remember that the law and the officers can't do it all. They can do mighty little and they will do less, if they are not encouraged by the community they serve."

COTTON AND WHEAT DESTROYED BY FIRE

Correspondence of The Daily Gazette.
UNION, Dec. 13.—A fire occurred on Saturday night at about 9 o'clock, on the place of Mr. Frank Harrison, which will be a serious loss. A lumber house was burned, in which Mr. Harrison had stored two bales and a half of cotton, not yet ginned, the seed from two bales, about 30 bushels of wheat, and many other farm implements, tools, etc.

Mr. Harrison's farm lies in South Carolina, just beyond Mr. Wade Pursleys on the South Carolina road. He has bought the place at Union that was the home of Mr. Charles Hoffstetter, and will move there before long; this will bring him nearer to church and school advantages; but he will continue to own the two farms.

CLAIMS SELF DEFENSE

(By The Associated Press.)
GREENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 13.—Charles Spencer, 63, well known restaurant proprietor, in a statement made today at the county jail, where he is held for the killing of Grady Prince, unmarried, 27 year old world war veteran, claims he was forced to protect himself.

DISASTROUS FIRE SWEEP UNCHECKED THROUGH CITY OF CORK SUNDAY

British Regulars Stand Guard Over Ruins—Estimates of Property Loss Run to Fifteen Million Dollars—Wild Disorders Prevailed During Fire.

(By The Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 13.—British regulars stood guard today over twisted and blackened ruins left by the fires which Saturday night and yesterday swept virtually unchecked through the city of Cork, Ireland. Charges are made that police auxiliaries there, maddened by the killing and wounding of comrades by ambushed Sinn Feiners on Saturday, looted the fire demon on the city. Estimates of the loss run as high as \$15,000,000.

Hours of terror were spent by the people of Cork during Saturday night, the wildest disorders prevailing throughout the city. It is said several lives were lost, and dispatches declare two brothers named Delaney were called from their homes and shot, one of them fatally.

Two districts of Cork were swept by the flames. In the business section, along St. Patrick's street from Cook to Maylor, hardly a shop was left unscathed. This was the shopping center of Cork and in untroubled times boasted many prosperous stores. South of St. Patrick's street the fire ran uncontrolled along Winthrop street and other narrow thoroughfares as far as old George street. Thus an area of three blocks in this part of the town was reduced to masses of debris.

It was not in this district, however, that the loss of the fire was centered. The magnificent city hall of Cork, located on the southern end of the Parnell bridge that spans the river Lee was also laid in ruins. In addition, the Carnegie library, just across Anglesea street, to the west, was burned, and the corn exchange, just behind the city hall and to the south, was at least partially destroyed. Reports say Albert quay, lying along the southern bank of the river, is a mass of desolation.

Dispatches reaching London today say that Cork was quiet and that orders had been given the regular soldiers to shoot looters on sight. Damaged premises have been plundered in some instances, it is said, but the military is in absolute control at present. Rumors relative to the loss of life are conflicting and are, for the most part, vague and conjectural.

Exact details of the events leading up to the conflagration of Saturday night have not as yet been received here. Some reports tend to question the accuracy of earlier dispatches, but others repeat the story told in first reports. All indicate that the fires have a direct connection with the attack made on the lorry carrying police auxiliaries. Some of the newspapers are frankly skeptical of these reports and they suggest the fires might have been caused by the explosion of stored explosives such as were found on Saturday in the city of Dublin. Others indicate their belief the fires were a reply to the establishment of martial law in southwest Ireland, and it is remarked that dispatches have not furnished proof that the fires were set by men bent on reprisals.

Monsignor Daniel Cohalan, bishop of Cork, is said to have announced in his cathedral last evening his intention to excommunicate any one participating in further ambushes of crown forces in his diocese.

CONDEMN BURNING CITY OF CORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Resolutions condemning the burning of the city of Cork were adopted last night at a meeting here of several thousand former members of the Friends of Irish Freedom, who formed an organization designated "The American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic."

Dr. Patrick McCarten, envoy of "The Irish Republic" at Washington; Jeremiah O'Leary, president of the American Truth Society, and others, spoke.

WILL FIGHT SHORTENED IMMIGRATION PERIOD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Advocates of legislation providing for a two-year suspension of immigration were prepared to wage a determined fight on the amendment to the immigration bill shortening the embargo period to one year when the measure came up for debate today in the house. Early passage of the bill is looked for after the fight to eliminate the amendment, arrangements for which were perfected at a conference yesterday of advocates of the longer prohibition period, called by Chairman Johnson, of the immigration committee.

52 COLUMNS OF SMITHS, 120 TO A COLUMN

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The "well known Smiths" have regained their numerical supremacy in New York nomenclature, it is revealed by the city's new directory, issued today. Last year they were several columns behind the combined list of Cohans, Cohens and Cohns, but the Smiths—exclusive of Schmidts and Schmidts—have leaped into the lead again by more than four columns, or about 500 names. Fifty-two columns of Smiths, with about 120 names to a column, are listed.

LEAGUE RECOMMENDS MILITARY CONTROL OF DANZIG BY POLAND

Necessary to Insure Transport of Food, Munitions, and Raw Materials to Poland.

GENEVA, Dec. 13.—(By The Associated Press.)—Military control of Danzig by Poland has been recommended to the league of nations in a report from the military commission. This recommendation, should it be adopted, would be in line with a request from the Polish government some time ago, it being alleged at that time that military control of the port of Danzig was necessary to insure the transport of food, munitions and raw materials to Poland. The council has decided to refer the report, along with a suggestion by Viscount Ishii, of Japan, that a military commission study the best means to defend the town, to the high commissioner, who will be asked to send in a report.

Separate action by the premiers of France and Great Britain, on matters before the assembly of the league of nations are made the subject of sharp comment by the committee on admission of new states. Lord Robert Cecil, representative of South Africa, N. W. Rowell, of Canada, and Dr. Nansen, of Norway, agree in criticizing the action of those governments in announcing policies regarding such questions as the admission of Armenia through other channels than their representatives at the assembly meeting here, who are charged with such problems.

René Viviani, of France, who is said to be the most particularly annoyed by the declaration of the British and French premiers to the effect that Armenia should not be admitted to the league, was not present today. Comment on the incident continues to be one of the predominant features of the meeting, the opinion being expressed that if powers desire to continue to treat such questions in the old form of diplomatic action, they are not ready for the league of nations.

Leon Bourgeois, of France, has presented a report from the committee on an international court. The plan finally adopted by the committee differs from Eduard Reuter's plan chiefly in the fact that jurisdiction of the tribunal would be voluntary instead of obligatory.

United States Senator Medill McCormick watched proceedings during this morning's session from the press gallery. He had refused an invitation from the British delegation to occupy a seat with the delegates. His presence in the press section appeared to attract little attention. The senator followed closely the debate on the international court project.

After leaving the assembly Senator McCormick had luncheon in private and left for Budapest at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The dinner given in his honor last night by A. J. Balbon, of the British delegation, failed to develop any extensive political discussion, the senator adhering to his decision not to speak in Europe on political subjects.

PROPOSED PLANE WILL CARRY 300 PASSENGERS ACROSS IN 36 HOURS

Caproni, Italian Airplane Inventor, Interests King Victor Emmanuel in New Plane.

(By The Associated Press.)
ROME, Dec. 13.—King Victor Emmanuel was keenly interested today when told by Gianni Caproni, the airplane inventor, of a projected giant plane which would carry 300 persons across the Atlantic in about 36 hours. Plans for the machine are now being completed, and provisions are being made for dining and sleeping accommodation on board the aerial liner.

A smaller airplane designed by Signor Caproni will make its first trial trip in January near Lake Maggiore. This airplane will be capable of carrying 100 persons a distance of 500 miles, it was said. Work on the trans-Atlantic plane will be started as soon as this smaller liner has been tested. During his conversation with the king Signor Caproni told him of his plan to return to New York next spring and begin the construction of a new airplane factory near New York city.

Several interviews between Signor Caproni and Colonel James Chaney, aerial attache at the American embassy here, have been held, and the inventor has met other officials of the embassy.

THOUGHT MAYNARD WAS BACK AT WAKE FOREST

(By The Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A report that Belvin W. Maynard, aviator, who as a lieutenant in the army became known as "The Flying Parson," had started by airplane for Worcester, Mass., yesterday and neither arrived there nor returned, was disproved today.

Lieutenant Maynard said he had been delayed in getting started to Worcester and gave up the flight.

Throughout last night and early this morning, when friends were alarmed for his safety, the aviator minister said he was reposing quietly at his country place on Long Island.

LAWRENCE, MASS., MILLS ANNOUNCE REDUCTION OF OPERATIVE'S WAGES

Cut of 22 1-2 Per Cent Is Made Effective Dec. 20—Due to Lack of Orders and on Account of Stock Conditions.

(By The Associated Press.)
LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 13.—First announcement of actual reduction of textile operatives' wages by large mill corporations was made today by the Pacific mills and the Arlington mills of this city. Their 16,000 workers, constituting one-half of the operatives of this textile center, were notified that a readjustment had been made, effective December 20. In accordance with custom the amount was not stated, but it was understood to approximate 22 1/2 per cent as suggested by a manufacturers' conference last week.

No word of its attitude on the question of wage reductions came from the American Woolen Company, whose four local mills employ most of the other operatives in the city. President William M. Woodrow announced several days ago that his directors had not considered the question at that time.

The Pacific and Arlington mills make principally cotton cloths, but have worsted specialties under production. The notice posted by the Pacific mills management, which was said to be similar to that formulated by the Arlington mills, follows:

"Due to lack of orders and on account of stock conditions in the textile industry it has become necessary to make a readjustment in wages to take effect Monday, December 20. We hope this reduction will cause merchants to feel secure in placing their orders for merchandise."

There are several smaller mills in the city which usually have followed the larger interests and which were said to be contemplating similar action today.

TWO CHAMPIONSHIP BOUTS. NEW YORK, DEC. 13.—Two world's championship matches—wrestling and boxing—are on the card for New York sport enthusiasts on consecutive nights this week. Tonight Joe Stecher, of Dodge, Neb., will defend his heavyweight title against "Strangler" Lewis, of San Jose, Calif., and tomorrow night Jack Dempsey, champion heavyweight boxer, will face Bill Brennan, of Chicago, in a 15 round match at Madison Square Garden. The fighters mutually completed their training today. The contest between Stecher and Lewis will be to a finish, decided by one fall.

SALLY LEAGUE MANAGERS ARE ANNOUNCED TODAY

(By The Associated Press.)
GREENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 13.—Announcement was made today of the completed personnel of baseball managers for the South Atlantic League next season.

The clubs have closed contracts with the following pilots:

Greenville, Lew Wendell; Columbia, Zinn Beck; Charleston, Ezra McKiff; Augusta, Otto Huhn; Charlotte, Eddie Hooper, and Spartanburg, Al Bridwell. All the men have played at one time or another in the major leagues.

GIANTS OFFER \$150,000 FOR PICK OF REDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Conferees between officials of the New York and Cincinnati National League baseball clubs have led to persistent reports of an offer by the Giants of \$150,000 and a catcher for the "pick of the Red team" in a price surpassing that paid for "Babe" Ruth, the Yankee slugger. No agreement was reached at the conferences, it was said. Roush, or Groh, both former Giants, were among the "picks" said to have been mentioned.

SENATE BODY MAY MEET WITH N. Y. LEGISLATURE

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A proposition for the United States senate committee which has been empowered to investigate building conditions throughout the country, to hold sessions in New York, in conjunction with the joint legislative committee, in its investigation of the alleged "building trust," will be submitted to the federal body by Senator William M. Calder, its chairman, he announced today. He decided on this policy of aid to the state committee, he said, after having been informed of the obstacles facing the joint committee in summoning witnesses who have gone to other states.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO HEAR REQUESTS FOR RURAL POLICEMEN

Called Meeting of Board of Commissioners to Be Held at 10 O'clock Tuesday Morning to Hear Delegations From County With Respect to Appointment Rural Policemen.

Rural police for Gaston county is the question to be decided at the special hearing before the board of county commissioners tomorrow morning at ten o'clock at the courthouse. It is expected that it will be necessary to hold the meeting in the court room, owing to the sentiment is. All who are interested is urged to be present as the commissioners want to know how general the sentiment is. If all who are interested in placing Gaston county in the lead in stamping out lawlessness and immoral conditions now generally prevalent throughout the county should take advantage of this opportunity to show where they stand.

"This is the chance for the man who really means it when he deplores conditions to show his colors," remarked a well known business man who is a member of the committee from one of the local organizations this morning. "From time to time, this and that has been criticized, generally some comparatively trivial matter having nothing like the bearing on the public morals that characterizes the immoral practices along our roadsides and the whiskey running. Now the opportunity presents itself to do something besides idly talk."

"The fellow who is against a clean-up is of course tied up in some way with the crowd of Gaston is through with. Right now is the time to spot such fellows. Gaston has demonstrated more than once that when her clean-minded people desire things cleaned up they are in the majority and can have their way. And politics and political parties haven't a thing to do with this, either—no more than they have to do with our churches."

"There's a lot of talk about what we are going to do with our boys. Unless we get busy and clean up this mess we might as well drop the other work. There is no use in pretending. Facts are facts and have to be faced. If we care anything about our boys—and girls, too—we will insist on a competent rural police force, unburdened with the civil work which falls upon the sheriff and backing the sheriff and the local police officers of the county up in their work for law and order."

"People who have any desire for more decent conditions and who are sincere in wanting Gaston county to clean up can prove their stand by being at the courthouse tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock."

OPPOSITION WILL CENTER AROUND CREDITS TO FARMERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Opposition to the joint resolution directing final disposition in the senate today was expected to center in an attempt to strike out the provision relating to extension by the federal reserve board of more liberal credits to farmers. Notice that he would move to strike out this provision was given by Senator Smoot, republican, of Utah, in the debate on the measure Saturday, which closed with an informal agreement that a vote on the resolution would be taken not later than 3 o'clock today.

LINCOLN LOCALS

Lincoln County News.
At a very charming party given by Mrs. B. C. Lamberger Monday afternoon, the interesting announcement was made of the approaching marriage of her sister, Miss Inez Crowell, to Mr. William Hoffman.

Mr. John D. Kerr was in Lincolnton Wednesday visiting Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Lee. Dr. Kerr is from Clinton, S. C., and is Mrs. Lee's father. He had been in Gastonia on legal business. He is a prominent attorney of the old school, being a Confederate veteran. Though old in number of years he is still as active almost as a young man and holds his own in the practice of law.

Mrs. J. F. Wentz was taken suddenly ill this morning while en route to Charlotte on the Seaboard train. When the train reached Iron Station she had to be taken off and brought back to this city and placed in the local hospital. Mrs. Wentz has been sick for some time and recently spent three months in a Charlotte hospital and since returning home, she has often gone to Charlotte for treatment and was on her way, in company with her sister, Miss Katie Holly, to consult her doctor, when she became suddenly ill.

Serot Sutter, who has been spending some time in this city as instructor of Troop A, has been transferred to Asheville as instructor of the Cavalry Troop B, of that city. Sergt. Sutter is a regular army man of wide experience, and made many friends while in Lincolnton. He is a typical American soldier and a gentleman whom it was a pleasure to know. He has about reached the point of service in Uncle Sam's army to retire, though he still looks young. He saw service, back in the day when "Remember the Maine" was the battle cry, and saw service in Cuba and the Philippines.