

"COURT OF NATIONS" PLAN SUBSTITUTE FOR LEAGUE

LARGE NUMBER OF THOSE OPPOSED TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS ARE STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF DISARMAMENT AGREEMENT WITH EUROPEAN POWERS—COME UP NEXT SESSION

(By COLONEL WINFIELD JONES)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—The League of Nations, having been thrown into the discard, those who still favor a League are continuing their activities along those lines. Several well defined efforts are being made, camouflaged it seems to many observers in Washington, for a new League, though under different names.

to be directed at a well laid scheme of propaganda for the disarmament proposal. The favorite argument for disarmament of the nations is that the world is facing bankruptcy and as billions are being spent for armies and navies it would be only the part of common sense for all the first-class powers to disarm or at any rate reduce their huge engines of destruction, thereby reducing the taxes and relieving the international financial situation.

Another effort being made along League lines, now that the people of this country have repudiated the league in the National elections, is the agitation for total disarmament or partial disarmament of the principal nations.

It is probable, however, that the question of disarmament will not be considered at this session in the Senate but will have to go over to the first and special session of the next Congress, which is expected to assemble about March 15 next.

WILSON MAY VETO WAR FINANCE CORP

Washington, Dec. 24.—Veto of the joint resolution for reviving the War Finance Corporation is expected by White House officials, since Secretary Houston is now considering the measure and is expected to recommend a veto.

FEARFUL MURDER FOLLOWS DANCE

BRIDGES BOYS FIRE AT A WOMAN RIDING ALONG IN BUGGY

LLOYD WOMAN IS KILLED

Following a dance last night on the Parks farm, the cause apparently being jealousy, Benny Lloyd, a colored woman, is dead, and the four men implicated are in the county jail awaiting a hearing.

The story is told by Highsmith points to Will and Tom Bridges during the shooting, without cause. It appears there was a dance last night at the Parks farm, which Will attended, and the dead woman, her sister, Fanny Lloyd, chose to drive back home with Alex Jones.

NEGRO PREACHER LYNCHED BY NEGRO

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 24.—Coleman Brown, a negro preacher, was lynched yesterday by negroes, according to Sheriff Williams.

UNIFORM CROPS FOR ARGENTINE

Washington, Dec. 24.—The Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce has been informed that a federation has been organized for the raising of an uniform cotton crop in North Argentine.

ing, nor did he hear anyone cry out. The time given by Highsmith when this shooting occurred was midnight and it was a quarter to three o'clock this morning when the overseer at the Parks farm called up ex-sheriff Hyatt about the matter, who referred him to Sheriff Thomas.

The Bridges are brothers, it is said, of Dock Bridges who committed the dastardly murder of Easter Grimes about five years ago and hid her body in the woods. There it lay for a couple of months until found by a man out hunting. It will also be remembered that Dock Bridges was killed in the penitentiary for insubordination.

ECONOMIC CROP YIELDS NECESSARY

CHEAPEST YIELDS ARE THE LARGEST YIELDS PER ACRE, SAYS SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL AUTHORITY

It Takes a Greater Amount of Crop Returns to Cover Production Cost Now; Therefore High Yields Per Acre Are Necessary If the Farmer Is to Obtain Profits



Director J. N. Harper of the Southern Soil Improvement Committee, a widely known agricultural authority, speaking of the situation of the cotton crop, recently said that deflation of prices had hurt the farmer more than any other class, and that on this account the farmer is entitled to every consideration within reason.

"All your instructions safely carried out. The men are resting comfortably and out of danger."

SET BROKEN BONES BY WIRELESS AID

DOCTOR ANSWERS S. O. S. CALL BY DIRECTING TREATMENT

Boston, Dec. 24.—Dr. Patrick S. Burns, of the Leyland line, a veteran of the medical service in the world war, set several bones by wireless in answer to a S. O. S. call from another ship's captain.

The Belgian steamship Menapiet sent an S. O. S. "I'm hard by a hurricane. Several men washed overboard. Several other have broken legs and arms and some injured internally. There's no doctor aboard. Can you help us?"

PRIEST ATE GIRL AS "IDOL MEAT"

CANNOT CONVICT VOODOO PRIEST IN HAITIAN COURTS

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BURGLAR ESCAPES AFTER HOTEL FIGHT

New York, Dec. 24.—A burglar entered the apartment occupied by Robert L. Ireland and wife at the Murray Hill Hotel and escaped after a terrific battle with Ireland.

NAVA LAVIATORS STILL MISSING

Ottawa, Canada, Dec. 24.—It is the general belief that the naval officers in the missing balloon have fallen into the hands of traders or Indians.

THIEF DESECRATES CHRISTMAS TREE

Braintree, Mass., Dec. 24.—A thief stripped all the toys and decorations off a Christmas tree which had been prepared for a Sunday school celebration tonight. The children's gifts were all taken.

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

Table with columns: Date, Open, High, Low, Close. Rows for Jan, Mar, May, July, Oct, Dec.

SAVE THE VALUE OF COTTON CROP

COTTON EXPORT CORPORATION HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO FUNCTION.

Movement is Based Upon the Principle of Assembling Credit Power of Cotton Growers Themselves for Extension of Credits Necessary to Re-opening European Markets.

Raleigh.—In a letter to Richard I. Manning, former Governor of South Carolina and now heading the American Products Export and Import Corporation, Governor Bickett has given his endorsement to the great Southern movement growing out of the American Cotton Association to re-open the markets of Europe to the South's staple and furnishing the credits necessary to this end.

Two months ago the so-called cotton export corporation was only an idea, but a matter to which Governor Manning and other sound-thinking men had already devoted long and careful thought, because in it they saw what they believed to be the most practical way of working out the South's economic salvation.

The most significant thing about the success of this movement in South Carolina is the fact that although the farmers are unable to sell cotton except at a big loss, the market price being far below cost of production, it is the farmers of South Carolina who have subscribed the larger portion of the \$2,000,000 raised in that State. South Carolina farmers and business men have been quick to realize that as soon as the European markets, now closed, are reopened to the South's cotton—and the European spinners with millions of spindles will buy the raw cotton they need to resume operations and pay a good price for it, it only they do not have to pay for it now—the stimulating effect will be reflected in the domestic market.

SALESMAN DIES AFTER TAKING DRINK

Jacksonville, Florida, Dec. 24.—Cather W. Johnson, a Chicago traveling salesman, died after taking one drink of "liquor" purchased from a bell boy.

FUME SOON FACES STARVATION STATE

London, Dec. 24.—Starvation is expected to soon end the "state of war" between Fiume and Italy. A barrage of proclamations have been hurled into the rival camp. The population of Fiume is rapidly deserting D'Annunzio.

WHISKEY STILL FOUND IN CHURCH

Hanford, Washington, Dec. 24.—A whiskey still in full operation was discovered in a church basement when the church caught fire. A butcher, suspected of being implicated was arrested.

HAIF MILLION FIRE OCCURS IN HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 24.—A fire which raged here last night in the business district of the city is said to have caused over a half a million dollars worth of damage.

ORDER MISTRIAL IN ARNSTEIN CASE

Washington, Dec. 24.—After the jury had been out all night in the case of Jules W. (Nickey) Arnstein and reported it could not agree the judge order a mistrial.

FAKE RICKENBACKER WEDS GIRL AND FLEES

BOGUS "ACE," POSING AS RICKENBACKER, LEAVES JACKSONVILLE WITH QUICK WEDDED BRIDE AND \$1,750 BELONGING TO OTHERS.

Jacksonville, Florida, Dec. 24.—The police have sent out an alarm through the south for the capture of an alleged daring aviator, posing as Eddie Rickenbacker, the famous American ace, who struck this town, gave a dinner party at the Seminole hotel, won a bride and took his departure with his wife and also seven-hundred and fifty dollars belonging to others.

The bride, who has disappeared with "Rickenbacker," and whose whereabouts are unknown, was Miss Frances G. Hannon, daughter of Mrs. Rosa L. Hannon, a Christian scientist practitioner. According to the mother of the bride, "Rickenbacker" won her daughter's hand over a New York man. Mrs. Hannon said that her daughter had known Rickenbacker for "some time" and that both he and the New Yorker were rivals for her affection.

HMAS PARDONS NOT INCLUDE DEBS

Washington, Dec. 24.—White House officials were unable to say whether President Wilson would allow Christmas pardons, but it is said that the president has stated that he would not pardon Eugene V. Debs, now serving ten years in the Atlanta penitentiary for violation of the espionage act.

MYSTERY WOMAN TO STAND TRIAL

Big Springs, Texas, Dec. 24.—The revelation of her future energies to her family for the sorcery had brought upon them, her determination to never again waste an hour of her life, was avowed by Miss Clara Smith (Hamon), en route to Ardmore, Oklahoma, to answer the charge of murder of Jake L. Hamon.

COTTON COMPOSES HALF OF EXPORTS

Washington, Dec. 24.—Trade opportunities with Spain are pointed out in the Department of Commerce reports. The European country is able to pay cash for American goods and there is evidence that good business can be done there. Cotton, it is stated, composes about half of the entire exports from the United States.

HARDING—TAFT CONFER, CN PEACE

Marion, Dec. 24.—President elect Harding conferred today with former president Taft on a world peace program and the practical details of organizing the next administration.

FAMILY REUNION

A family reunion will be held at the home of Mr. E. C. Winslow this Christmas. Misses Mary and Margaret Winslow, of Decatur, Illinois, and Miss Anna E. Winslow, of Kansas City Mo have arrived to participate in the Christmas celebration and Dr. and Mrs. A. J. McCulloch and son and daughter, of Albion, Michigan, are also here for the family reunion. Together with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Winslow and family there will be also Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whitlark and family.

1892—A dynamite explosion occurred in Dublin.