

If Paris Is Upside Down Washington's Topsy Turvy

Confusion at French Capital Over Break Up of Conference of Premiers Not More Pronounced Than That at Washington Over Alliance of Democrats and Farm Bloc Republicans.

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Washington, Jan. 5.—Things may be upside down in Paris as a result of the break up of the conference of Premiers, but they are also topsy-turvy here.

Of all the strange alignments which have been evolved in the American Senate since the war, the strangest is about to be disclosed. Lining up with the Democrats in favor of the Robinson resolution proposing American membership on the reparations commission are many Republicans of the so-called farm bloc. Such a coalition is powerful enough to alter the entire aspect of America's foreign policy. It is strong enough to pass the Robinson resolution if indeed the administration should attempt to table the measure.

Senator Borah's resolution proposing an economic conference was easily killed by President Harding's letter declaring an economic conference at this time would be embarrassing but he cannot say that about American membership on the reparations commission for he himself has gone on record publicly as desiring such membership for the United States. So has Secretary Hughes.

From the viewpoint of tactics, Mr. Harding's position today would have been stronger if he had formally asked the Senate for passage of a resolution permitting American membership on the reparations commission. As it is, there is no such formal request on record except from President Wilson to Mr. Lodge which was never acted upon. The administration wants America represented on the reparation commission—and it now has unofficial observers in attendance at the meetings—but if the Robinson resolution is passed the Republican chief executive and secretary of state will be getting the necessary power from a coalition of Democrats and the farm bloc.

The Senators from farm states have developed an intense interest in foreign policy and specially the settlement of the reparation question. They see at last the argument made three years ago to the effect that farm prices depend largely upon Europe's power to purchase American surplus products. Mr. Borah lined up many of the farm bloc Senators for his resolution on an economic conference and many of the same Senators will favor the Robinson substitute, which means an economic conference in the sense that the reparations commission becomes the clearing house of the whole reparation controversy.

The administration may throw its support to the Robinson proposal in which case it would go through with an almost unanimous vote. It may even afford the way out to the European powers. That's because the reparation question was originally taken out of the hands of the reparation commission for separation.

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QUIET AFTER RIOT

Rosewood, Fla., Jan. 6 (By The Associated Press)—Rosewood and the surrounding territory are quiet following a clash in which two white men and four negroes met death as the result of a search for negroes wanted in connection with an attack on a white woman. The negro population who fled when their section of the town burned is still hiding in the woods or has left the section. The posse disbanded after failing to find Jess Hunter, escaped negro convict, believed to have attacked the woman.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

New York, Jan. 6.—Cotton opened steady today at the following bids: January 26.85, March 26.76-24.79, May 26.97-27.00, October 24.40-24.78.
Closing New York futures: Jan., 26.42; March, 25.87; May, 26.84; July, 26.37; Oct. 24.75. 12 Noon.
New York 5-cots close: Middling 24.00. Tone, quiet.

Junk Shop Explosion Kills Twelve Persons

Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan. 6 (By The Associated Press)—Twelve persons were killed and forty injured in an explosion of oil shells at the establishment of a junk dealer here. Many persons are missing.

Noffsinger Slain By Wife's Amour

Henderson, Ky., Jan. 6 (By The Associated Press)—Gus Noffsinger, victim of the mysterious hammer murder, was slain as the result of an illicit romance between his wife and one of his close friends, officials declared today following the arrest of Mrs. Noffsinger and Ollie Gibbons, the friend. Authorities stated that the woman made a voluntary confession naming Gibbons as the slayer of her husband.

GIRLS' AND WOMEN'S CLUBS MEET NEXT WEEK

Home demonstration work is beginning the new year with increased impetus, with Miss Marcie Albertson again on the job as home demonstration agent, and the girls and women's clubs gladly welcoming her once more to their meetings.

Next week's schedule of club meetings follows:

Monday, Olivet Club with Mrs. Jerry Cartwright.

Tuesday morning, Weeksville and Jennings School Clubs.

Tuesday afternoon, Salem School Club at school. Woman's Club with Mrs. Carrie Scott.

Wednesday morning, Riverside and Bayside School Clubs.

Wednesday afternoon, Sound Neck Woman's and Girls' Clubs with Mrs. Hodges Jennings.

Thursday, office work.

Friday, Okisko, Mt. Hermon and Small school, the Woman's and Girls' Clubs both meeting at Small's school.

DENIES MOTION TO DISMISS INJUNCTION

Chicago, Jan. 6 (By The Associated Press)—Federal Judge Wilkerson has denied the motion to dismiss the injunction and suit in equity growing out of the railroad strike last summer.

CAPT. C. C. HEATH DEAD

Capt. C. C. Heath, aged 75, died at his home on Walnut street Friday night at 10:30 o'clock after suffering a paralytic stroke Friday morning.

His son, J. T. Heath, who works at the Gas Company, found his father on the floor in an almost unconscious condition when he reached home at noon Friday. Physicians were summoned, but Mr. Heath did not rally.

Mr. Heath is survived by one son, J. T. Heath; by one brother, L. R. Heath of Norfolk; by three grandsons, Wallace, James and Mac Humphlett of this city.

The funeral will be conducted at three o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home by Dr. S. H. Templeman. Interment will be made in Hollywood.

KIDNAPPER WITNESS HAS BEEN DISCOVERED

Bastrop, La., Jan. 6 (By The Associated Press)—Harold Teegerstrom, kidnapped timekeeper and witness in kidnapping and murder cases, has been located and will testify.

BATTLE-KNECHT

John T. Battle of Hampton, Va., and Miss Emma Knecht of Easton, Pa., were married Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock by Rev. N. H. D. Wilson at his home on East Church street.

Will Organize Women's Club

Mrs. Sallie Southall Cotton To Speak To Women Here Next Thursday

Next Thursday afternoon Mrs. Sallie Southall Cotton of the State Federation of Women's Clubs will be in Elizabeth City to speak to Elizabeth City women and to assist in organizing a Woman's Club.

Public spirited women of the community have been working toward the organization of a Woman's Club here for some time, and it is believed that the time is now ripe for organizing a live club that will stay alive.

Mrs. J. G. Fearing, who is vice president for this district, on Friday received a letter from Mrs. Cotton saying that she would come on Thursday, January 11, and set the wheels in motion. "It will be a fine way for Elizabeth City women to begin the New Year," said Mrs. Cotton, who confidently expects an enthusiastic meeting.

The hour and place will be announced next week.

Kermit K. Kramer Dead

Kermit Kreps Kramer died at his home on West Main street Friday night at 12:10 after a lingering illness. He had been confined to his home since May.

Mr. Kramer would have been 21 years old in April. He leaves his mother, Mrs. A. K. Kramer, two sisters, Mrs. J. E. Hughes and Miss Virginia Kramer, and one brother, D. Ray Kramer, all of this city.

Since early boyhood, he had shown unusual taste and talent in the study of electricity. He installed the first wireless apparatus here, invented a number of electrical devices, and interested many of the boys of the city in fitting up shops of their own. He was possessed of ability that appeared to amount to genius and but for falling health would undoubtedly have made a name for himself in the scientific world.

At the age of ten he built, without aid, the first long distance wireless set in this section of the country, and even in that day of radio infancy was able to receive from a distance of 3,500 miles. At the age of fourteen he passed his examination for first grade radio operator. He also made the first radio phone in this city.

He was the youngest member of the firm of Kramer Brothers, Company.

Quiet and studious, thoughtful and unassuming, he had a way of making friends easily and was a favorite with young people and old.

His death takes away a young spirit of great promise from the community.

The funeral will be conducted Sunday afternoon at the home at three o'clock by Rev. G. F. Hill. Interment will be made in Hollywood.

WATCHFUL WAITING SEEMS UNANIMOUS

London, Jan. 6 (By The Associated Press)—The British have decided to await quietly action by France as the result of the break of the premiers' conference.

Washington, Jan. 6 (By The Associated Press)—The White House announces that the U. S. has no plan to offer to settle the reparations muddle but will await developments.

Paris, Jan. 6 (By The Associated Press)—France has abandoned the idea of hasty entrance into the Ruhr and will proceed cautiously.

GUESTS ARE ROUTED FROM BED BY FIRE

Fredericksburg, Va., Jan. 6 (By The Associated Press)—Fifty guests were routed from their beds by fire in Princess Anne Hotel this morning but all escaped without injury and little loss in personal belongings. The damage is estimated at \$25,000. The fire was discovered in the elevator shaft on the third floor.

COAL COMMISSION SAYS STRIKE DANGER PASSED

Washington, Jan. 6 (By The Associated Press)—Practically all danger of another coal strike in non-unionized bituminous fields April one next has now passed in the opinion of the Federal Coal Commission.

COWS TESTED FREE

County Farm Agent Falls has announced that he will have tested for tuberculosis by a specialist from the State Agricultural Department at Raleigh free the cows of any farmer selling milk in the city.

TURKS LEAVE THE MEETING

Lausanne, Jan. 6 (By The Associated Press)—The Turkish delegation to the Near East conference left the meeting hall today as a protest against Allied insistence upon establishment of an Armenian national home. Accounts differ as to what actually happened at the meeting but the Turks' action is pointed to as indicating that affairs were reaching a crisis.

Monroe Commandant Accepts Job's Offer

In response to a letter from Secretary Job tendering the rest room of the Chamber of Commerce as quarters for a detachment of 13 enlisted men and two officers from the anti-air craft battalion at Fort Monroe, J. E. Harriman, representing the commandant at the fort, has replied in a letter received by Secretary Job of the Chamber of Commerce today saying that Secretary Job's offer is entirely satisfactory and that the detachment may be looked for here on Tuesday, January 9th.

With the detachment will come considerable anti-air craft equipment, including a Cadillac anti-air craft search light of the latest type and also the latest type of anti-air craft machine gun.

The purpose of the visit of the detachment to the city is to give the people of the city and section an opportunity to become acquainted with some of the recent developments of anti-air craft warfare. The detachment is due to arrive here on January 9th and to remain until January 13th.

The letter to Secretary Job today followed one earlier in the week to Mayor Goodwin requesting quarters for the detachment. Secretary Job wrote in response to that letter tendering the rest room.

Invited To Deliver Message Tuesday

Raleigh, Jan. 6 (By The Associated Press)—Governor Morrison was today invited by both Houses to deliver his biennial message to the Assembly next Tuesday at a joint session and it is expected that he will urge his steamship line measure at that time and that it will be presented in the form of a bill that day also.

The House was in session thirty minutes today and the only bills introduced were two local ones, while the Senate was in session an even shorter time and none were introduced.

PICTURES WILL SHOW JESUS AS PHYSICIAN

The illustrated study of the life of Jesus Sunday night in Christ church, Monday night at Weeksville and Wednesday night at Camden, will be on Jesus as a physician. Most of the miracles of Jesus were on healing the bodies of men. Many pictures of these miracles will be shown. The story of the unmerciful servant and the story of the good shepherd will also be shown in pictures and told.

Five Prisoners Escape From Jail

Danville, Jan. 6 (By The Associated Press)—Patrick authorities are searching for five prisoners who escaped during the night from the county jail at Stuart by digging through a brick wall. Two of them were under sentences for murder.

German Will Be Given Hearing

Paris, Jan. 6 (By The Associated Press)—Germany will be given a hearing by the reparations commission before any action is taken on the French proposal to have her declared in default on coal deliveries, the commission has decided.

UPSHAW OF GEORGIA HAS NEW DRY BILL

Washington, Jan. 6 (By The Associated Press)—A bill designed to help break up bootlegging by making the buyer equally guilty with the seller was introduced by Representative Upshaw of Georgia who recently charged that public officials do not all practice what they preach in regard to prohibition. The bill also provides that persons accepting a drink free are in the same category as buyer or seller.

Surveys The Past Of Kiwanis Club

Dr. Williams, New President, Tells Some Of Things Accomplished In Short Time

Dr. C. H. Williams put over the first meeting of the Elizabeth City Kiwanis Club at which he was the presiding officer in great style, according to reports of local Kiwanians, who declare that Friday evening's was one of the most enjoyable Kiwanian sessions ever held here.

A brief survey of the achievements of the Elizabeth City Kiwanis Club during its first six months of existence by Dr. Williams made an impressive showing. Here are some of the things mentioned by Dr. Williams:

The Kiwanis Club, in co-operation with the Rotary Club, helped raise the fund for the purchase of an ambulance for the Community Hospital by staging a benefit football game with the Rotarians.

The Kiwanis Club gave a picnic to the underprivileged children of the city which had an attendance of between 300 and 400. The wives and children of Kiwanians, attending the affair, saved the humblest guest from any feeling that he was an object of charity.

The club entertained at a boat party down the river those attending the summer school for teachers held here this year.

In one of the most successful and enjoyable events of its kind in the history of the city, the club entertained the teachers in the city schools during the fall term in an informal reception at the Red Men's Hall.

During these six months the club has practically raised the funds to finance the remodeling and rediting of the Elizabeth City Fire Company's headquarters in the city hall.

The club has also launched a movement for a playground for the city and this movement is gaining momentum all the time, despite the fact that, due to the nature of preliminary negotiations, no publicity is being given to these negotiations for the present.

Kiwanian Little, as head of the Welfare Council, made the joyful remark, when the President had concluded his survey, in the matter of Christmas baskets for the needy, that the response of Kiwanians and other organizations of the city was so liberal that there were more offers of help than there were cases of need.

Music, consisting of selections at the piano by Miss Laura Rodney, solos by Harold Foreman and numbers by the Kiwanis quartet, consisting of H. G. Kramer, Whit Woodley, Evans Blades and Roy Simmons, added variety to the program and were thoroughly enjoyed, each rendition being given an enthusiastic encore.

"Visitors here may not know that John McCormick lives in Elizabeth City," said the presiding officer, "but he does and will now sing for us."

This was the introduction given to Mr. Foreman, to the glee of home town folks who were in on the secret and to the mystification of visitors to whom he was a stranger.

The principal speaker of the evening was Judge Connor, who is presiding over the civil issue term of Superior Court now in session here. Judge Connor was introduced by Kiwanian E. F. Aydtlett, as a noted legislator, politician and jurist.

Responding to Kiwanian Aydtlett in facetious vein, Judge Connor said he was reminded of a favorite story of Governor Aycock's about a justice of the peace, the best justice of the peace the Governor had ever known, because "he dispensed with law and administered justice."

Judge Connor said that wherever he had gone in the various counties of the State he had found men young in spirit, though not necessarily so in years, banding themselves together for character building in their community. He applauded the objects, purposes and aims of Kiwanis in highest terms.

Three Dead In Raleigh Fire

Raleigh, Jan. 6 (By The Associated Press)—Mrs. Isaac Simpkins, her small son, and negro nurse were burned to death and Isaac Simpkins was probably fatally burned in a fire which destroyed a garage and a number of automobiles here last night. One fireman was injured.

Savings Bank Breaks Record

Cashier Harry G. Kramer Reports Most Successful Year In History

Cashier and Vice President Harry G. Kramer will report to the stockholders of the Savings Bank and Trust Company at their annual meeting Monday of next week that 1922 has been by far the most successful year in the successful history of the Savings Bank and Trust Company.

For the year 1922 the Savings Bank & Trust Company paid a dividend of 12 per cent and increased its deposits by more than \$100,000. But this is not what makes 1922 an outstanding year in the 20 years' history of this bank. The particular feature of the year's work to which Mr. Kramer in his report to the stockholders will point with pride is the fact that the net earnings of the Savings Bank & Trust Company have far exceeded those of any previous year.

The Savings Bank & Trust Company was organized in 1903 with a capital stock of \$25,000 and began business on South Pointdexter street where it was affectionately known by its friends as "The Little Bank Around the Corner." From its first year its growth has been healthy and steady and now, established in a new and modern banking house standing at the intersection of the two main business streets of the city, it has total resources of more than \$1,800,000.

Harry G. Kramer has been cashier of the Savings Bank & Trust Company since 1906 and was elected vice president in January, 1920.

The other officers of the Savings Bank & Trust Company are P. H. Williams, president; E. F. Aydtlett, vice president; J. T. McCabe, vice president; W. H. Jennings, assistant cashier; W. W. Woodley, Jr., assistant cashier.

This bank has the distinction of originating the Christmas Savings Club in Elizabeth City and is now operating it for the tenth year.

JUDGE CONNOR TALKS TO LOCAL ROTARIANS

Judge G. W. Connor, honor guest at the Rotary Club luncheon Friday, told the Rotarians of the fine work done by Rotary Clubs in the various sections of the State which he has visited.

The resignation of R. C. Job as secretary-treasurer of the club was accepted with the regret of the entire club.

F. V. Scott and Miles Ferebee were admitted as Rotarians.

As a tribute of respect to the late Rotarian Charles W. Grice the club stood in silence for one minute during the luncheon.

VERDICT FOR ABBOTT AT 1 O'CLOCK SATURDAY

In the case of R. C. Abbott vs. Phillips & Company, the jury after several hours of deliberation returned a verdict at one o'clock Saturday under which the plaintiff recovers \$1451.50. The jury took the case Friday afternoon, but Judge Connor permitted the jurors to go home for the night.

The following cases had also been disposed of up to the time court took its noon recess Saturday:

The case of Sarah F. Corbett vs. M. D. Twiford was continued until February term on condition that the case will not then be continued on account of the illness of the plaintiff or any of his witnesses or on account of the absence of any witness, the case to be set as the first case Tuesday of court week.

In the case of S. M. Rogers, plaintiff, vs. R. M. Midgett et al, judgment was awarded by the court in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$400.

In the case of the Imperial Company vs. H. C. Sullivan the plaintiff was given judgment by default for the sum of \$1102.23 and interest from July 1, 1920.

S. P. Bowers Company et al, plaintiffs, were awarded judgment by default against D. E. Williams of the sum of \$574.62.

The plaintiff failing to appear in the case of Fannecce & Spinnery Company vs. E. Spencer and J. H. Snowden, a judgment of non suit was ordered by the court. A like order was issued in the case of John Bull vs. George Winslow, Southern Carolina Transportation Company vs. D. R. Scott; and John Bull vs. Harvey White.

Court will continue in session next week, this being a two weeks term.