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## LEAGUE OR WAR?

### U. S. Back to Plans for Permanent World Peace Advocated by Woodrow Wilson.

The serious situation resulting from French military occupation of the Ruhr valley to enforce German reparations payments, and the possibility of failure of the Near East peace conference now in session at Lausanne, is bringing the thoughts of the people of the United States back to the plans for permanent world peace advocated by Woodrow Wilson, with the League of Nations as the outstanding feature of that plan.

There are many who believe that if the United States had enforced the League of Nations the world would not now be facing war-threatening conditions. However that may be, there is no lack of evidence that there has been a decided change of sentiment in this country since the last presidential election. There is good reason to believe that if the question of the United States entering the League of Nations were put squarely before the American people today there would be an affirmative vote by a large majority.

John H. Clarke, of Ohio, who recently resigned as justice of the United States supreme court that he might "better serve humanity," made an eloquent plea in behalf of the United States entering the League of Nations in an address in New York a few days ago. He declared that the subject never had a fair hearing in the United States, because as soon as it appeared "it became immersed in party politics with all the misrepresentations and misinterpretations which that implies."

"There is one thing, however, upon which we all agree," said Judge Clarke, "that is, that after two years of isolation, of holding aloof while our former allies and friends have been sinking deeper and deeper into poverty and despair, America is profoundly dissatisfied. No taunt wounds us so deeply as the suggestion that in pride of wealth and material power our country is losing, if indeed, it has not lost, its soul. The conscience of the United States is troubled within us."

Judge Clarke regards world conditions as so threatening that he declared that without the League another great war is inevitable. He sees no hope for permanent world peace in agreements between a few nations, declaring:

"For centuries, international alliances, coalitions, ententes and four-power and other treaties have served to promote rather than to prevent war, arbitration and conciliation, effective in minor disputes, have proved futile in matters of great international concern; and a long train of conference congresses and concerts of nations have paved the way to the World war. There is no other alternative, if the League of Nations, the latest and supreme effort of civilization to subdue international anarchy to the rule of reason and the reign of law, is to be rejected, there remains for us only to accept the counsel of our officials and to prepare to make the next war as destructive of life and property and happiness as all of our science and invention, our wealth and power, can possibly render it."

It is not an attractive picture that the former supreme court justice paints but America and the world may be benefited by studying it.

### Good for Snyder.

State Senator P. W. Snyder, representing the Thirteenth Pennsylvania district, composed of Blair and Huntingdon counties, will be sponsor for a repeal act, having for its object the striking from the Pennsylvania statute books the law which provides for the retirement of common pleas and orphan's court judges of the counties of the commonwealth, on pension of \$5,000 per year, after services of twenty years or more.

Governor-elect Pinchot will receive the largest salary of any Governor in the Union and which is \$3000 more than the governor of the Empire state and four and one-half times the salary received by Andrew G. Curtin, the great War Governor.

Governor Pinchot is swallowing the Finegan school policy by degrees. First was the "investigating" committee, then followed his appointment "until" June. Next will be his retention permanently. The school board will be obliged to "let Finegan do it."

### Altoona Has \$500,000 Fire.

Fire early Wednesday morning of last week destroyed the S. L. Goldstein department store and the Bon Ton department store adjoining with an estimated loss of \$500,000. A high wind scattered sparks over the entire business section of the city and the fire department was reinforced by scores of citizens to prevent a further spread of the flames. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

## DEATH RECORD

**FETTEROLF.**—Hazel Elizabeth, four months old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Fetterolf, died at the home of the parents, east of Centre Hall. The child had a weak heart from birth. Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) morning; interment in the Union cemetery, the ceremony to be in charge of Rev. M. C. Drumm.

**DIEHL.**—Mrs. Emma Diehl, a native of Loganton and lifelong resident of Sugar valley, died Friday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry A. Karstetter, at Flemington, at the age of fifty-four years. Funeral services were held at the Karstetter residence Monday forenoon.

**SPANGLER.**—Rev. W. H. Spangler died at his home in Pittsburgh. He is survived by a wife and six children. An only brother, Rev. A. H. Spangler, of Yeagertown, and his mother, over one hundred years of age, a resident of Somerset county, also survive the deceased.

**HAZEL.**—Mrs. George Hazel died Sunday night at her home in Greensburg. She had been in delicate health owing to the injuries received by a fall some years ago, and about seven weeks ago she fell again, dislocating her hip. Her condition began growing worse until death relieved at the time stated above.

The body of Mrs. Hazel was shipped to Bellefonte, arriving there on Wednesday, and burial was made on the afternoon of that day at Pleasant Gap, Rev. C. C. Shuey being the officiating minister.

The deceased before marriage was Veredella Sloteman, a daughter of the late Robert Sloteman, and was the mother of sixteen children, eight of whom—one daughter and seven sons—survive her, as does also her husband, a sister, Mrs. George Johnson, Bellefonte; and a brother, Ambrose Sloteman, Lock Haven. Her age was fifty-one years.

**OSMAN.**—John J. Osman, a well known and highly respected citizen of Ferguson township, passed away at his home at Krumrine. He had been in feeble health for over a year and just last November retired from the farm.

He was a son of David and Margaret Lichty Osman and was born at Oak Hall Station a little over seventy-four years ago. His entire life was spent on the farm. He was a lifelong member of the Methodist church and a most estimable citizen in every way. He was twice married, his first wife having been Miss Laura Rishel. They had one son, James Osman, living in Arizona. In 1901, following the death of his first wife, he married Miss Elizabeth Tibbens, who survives. He also leaves on brother, living in Ohio. Funeral services were held last Friday morning at his late home by Rev. S. C. Stover, after which burial was made in the Boalsburg cemetery.

### Kline-McKinney.

The following is reprinted from the Durango Evening Herald, published at Durango, Colorado:

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Rust New Year's eve at 6 o'clock when Miss Laura McKinney became the bride of Mr. George Kline. The Rev. L. K. Wells officiated. Mrs. "Ted" McNabb served as matron of honor, and Mr. McNabb attended the groom.

The bride made a very attractive picture in a soft crepe de chine gown, with an all-over lace covering. The groom wore the conventional black.

After the joys of congratulations an elaborate wedding dinner was served, at which the bride and groom and the several intimate friends who witnessed the ceremony were seated.

The bride came here from Chicago a few years ago to accept the position of department head of the ladies' suit and millinery division of the McKinney Clothing Co. Both in business and social life she made a host of friends.

The groom is one of the section's most prosperous men. For several years past he has been connected with the First National bank.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kline have resigned their respective positions. After spending a week or so here they plan to leave for the Pacific coast for an indefinite stay. They expect to visit awhile in California and later journey to the northwest. Possibly they will return to the San Juan basin after several months. Wherever they locate the best wishes of all their friends go with them in their wedded life.

(The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McKinney, of Potter township, both now deceased.) When her parents left here to locate in Illinois, Miss McKinney was but a young girl, but is favorably remembered by many of the Reporter readers.

## VOCATIONAL JUDGING CONTEST.

Those Who Will Represent Centre County in the State Contest at Harrisburg Next Week.

The third annual Centre County Boys' Judging Contest was held at Spring Mills Vocational School on Friday of last week. The object of the contest was to make the final selection of three boys from the six high schools receiving vocational instruction in agriculture, to represent Centre county in the State contest to be held at Harrisburg during the State Farm Products Show on January 24th. Three boys were also selected to represent Spring Mills Vocational School in the contest competing against all other vocational schools and county teams throughout the State.

The Boys' Judging Contest is held annually by the State Department of Agriculture and Bureau of Vocational Agriculture at Harrisburg. About 300 boys are given a free trip to Harrisburg for the three important days of the big State Show. They are taken on tours over the city and through the capitol; they meet the Governor, Secretary of Agriculture, and many other State officials personally. The whole trip is of broad, educational value to the boy lucky enough to win a place in the strong competition of boys receiving the type of vocational instruction given in our rural high schools of the county at present.

The following are the three boys who will represent Centre county next week: Lester Beaver, Millheim High school, in dairy cattle judging; Reeder Patton, Port Matilda High school, in poultry judging; Roy Vonada, Millheim High school, in corn judging. The following boys from Spring Mills Vocational School will represent that school in the contest: Maurice Zettle, dairy cattle judging; Thomas Hosterman, poultry judging; and Elmer Decker, corn judging.

The following boys took part in the final contest last Friday:

Dairy Cattle	School	Grade
Lester Beaver, Spring Mills.....	.....	82.5
Jesse Beaver, Millheim.....	.....	82.0
Lester Gray, Port Matilda.....	.....	86.0
Melvin Miller, Hubersburg.....	.....	85.4
Harry Bartges, Spring Mills.....	.....	82.7
Nevin Fisher, Boalsburg.....	.....	79.2
Mac Mothersbaugh, Boalsburg.....	.....	75.5
John Kline, Boalsburg.....	.....	74.9
Rodney McClellan, Boalsburg.....	.....	71.9

Corn	School	Grade
Elmer Decker, Spring Mills.....	.....	90.6
Roy Vonada, Millheim.....	.....	84.9
Clark Obi, Rebersburg.....	.....	83.7
Fred Ross, Hubersburg.....	.....	81.3
George Cooney, Centre Hall.....	.....	80.3

Poultry	School	Grade
Reeder Patton, Port Matilda.....	.....	90.0
Thomas Hosterman, Spring Mills.....	.....	89.0
Walter Herring, Spring Mills.....	.....	86.5
John Ross, Spring Mills.....	.....	83.7
Wm. Winklerbach, Millheim.....	.....	73.7
George Lutz, Centre Hall.....	.....	64.9
Edgar Jodon, Centre Hall.....	.....	61.5
Harry Burd, Millheim.....	.....	57.5
Paul Roberts, Boalsburg.....	.....	53.7
Curtis Reiber, Centre Hall.....	.....	52.5

Corn	School	Grade
Albert Catherman, Millheim.....	.....	77.1
Stanford Artz, Port Matilda.....	.....	73.5
Roy Morrison, Port Matilda.....	.....	72.8
Harold Durst, Centre Hall.....	.....	72.6
James Brungard, Spring Mills.....	.....	69.1
Marsh Royer, Centre Hall.....	.....	67.2
James Bohn, Boalsburg.....	.....	64.2
Miles Rachau, Millheim.....	.....	63.8
Paul Smith, Centre Hall.....	.....	63.2
Harry Detwiler, Spring Mills.....	.....	61.6

**Odd Fellows' Banquet, Jan. 25th.**  
The local lodge of Odd Fellows will hold their annual banquet in Grange Arcadia, Centre Hall, on Thursday evening, January 25th.

All Odd Fellows and their families will kindly keep the date in mind and be present for the annual gathering which has always been greatly enjoyed.

**Lumber Company Finished Work.**  
After operating for a period of three years in Little Sugar Valley, the Sheriff-Reese Lumber company finished work a few days ago. The mill has been dismantled. Much of the product of the operations was hauled to Centre Hall by trucks and wagons and shipped over the local branch road. It was intended to ship over the Nittany Valley road, but the abandoning of that branch necessitated the change.

The tract operated was known as the Decker tract which comprises about three hundred acres. William M. Smithgall, the superintendent, informs the Reporter that the tract is now for sale and would furnish considerable pasture.

The Sheriff-Reese Lumber company, whose headquarters are at Williamsport, operated a half dozen or more mills, but it is their intention to quit the manufacture of lumber and engage in the lumber business only as dealers.

## White Leghorns for China.

A consignment of four single-comb white Leghorn hens and one cockerel was shipped this week to China by Kerlins' Grand View Poultry Farm, at Centre Hall. The birds were sent to T. M. Hsi, a prominent banker and poultry fancier of Shanghai, and will be enroute five weeks, covering a distance of approximately ten thousand miles.

Sufficient feed was supplied with the shipment to sustain the birds throughout the entire journey. Shipment was made through an export agent located at San Francisco, Calif., and the transportation charges from Centre Hall to Shanghai were more than \$50.00. These charges included transcontinental express on stock and feed, California State tolls, marine insurance including mortality, fees for ship's butcher, ocean freight, etc.

## 10 to 12 Inches of Snow.

Sunday morning, between six and seven o'clock, snow began falling and continued uninterrupted until about three o'clock in the afternoon, when a light rain began falling. The snow was measured by various persons who reported a depth ranging from ten to fourteen inches. The Reporter's observations made it just a foot. The rain formed a crust, which held the snow from drifting during Sunday night when a strong wind prevailed.

Monday morning farmers made their trip to the milk station in sleds, and that was the mode of travel by school children in outlying districts. In town the trucks were out as usual, and a few brave men dared to travel to distant points, and succeeded.

## Mazeppa Has \$10,000 Fire.

Mazeppa, a small village in Union county, had a fire a few days ago which destroyed \$10,000 worth of property. The fire broke out in a dwelling house, from an over-heated flue, occupied by Cleveland Vonckla and owned by Mr. Iddings. It was in ashes within twenty minutes. A second dwelling, standing nearby, owned by Jacob DeCamp and occupied by David Snyder, was also burned. A shifting of the wind caused the home of Elmer Herrman to be set on fire and it was partially burned. The Millifinburg fire company rendered assistance and no doubt prevented a further spread of the flames.

Most of the property owners carried but light insurance.

## Donated School Site.

Adam Krumrine, a prominent State College citizen, donated a school ground site to the school board of that borough for the sum of one dollar. The site is a full block, located on the north side of the borough, which section is rapidly being built up. The school officials recognize the fact that it will not be long until consideration must be given the question of school facilities on the north side, since the marked progress in that part of town during the past two years indicates a steady and rapid growth that will undoubtedly continue.

## Rasmussen Becomes Bank President.

Secretary of Agriculture, Fred Rasmussen, who has tendered his resignation to Governor Pinchot, will, upon leaving office, assume the duties of president of the Pennsylvania-Maryland Joint Stock Land Bank of Harrisburg. The bank has been organized under the provisions of the Federal Farm Loan Act and has been chartered by the United States Treasury, with a capital stock of \$250,000 and a surplus of \$50,000.

## Radio Nearing Completion.

Although the work on the new broadcasting station at State College is progressing rapidly there is still a considerable amount of work to be done before it can be declared ready for use. All material for its completion is on hand and all that remains to be done is the construction of the antennae and the installation of the instruments in the new quarters.

The new building is several times larger than the one now in use. It is fifteen by thirty feet in size and is divided into three rooms, as follows: a studio, operating room and generator room. The generator room measuring six by fifteen feet is in one end of the building, being separated from the operating room by a wire screen for protective purposes, while the studio, which is of the same size as the operating room, is in the opposite end of the building.

It looks very much as though the free seed item of \$300,000 had been eliminated from the appropriation bill. For many years tons of seeds were distributed free to farmers by congressmen. A great quantity of the seed sent into this locality, as well as elsewhere, was not adapted to this climate, and therefore was never planted.

## Care on the Highway.

The State Highway Department is sending out appeals through the newspapers asking citizens to exercise special caution while on the highways during the period the roads are covered with snow and ice, for the reason that automobile drivers cannot always have absolute control of their cars. Skidding cannot be prevented under many circumstances, so the Highway Department asks pedestrians to give cars all the room possible when walking on the highways. The request is also made of parents to insist that their children coast only at safe places, and not at all at points where roads cross. The Highway Department is aware that thoughtless children and adults can easily by their acts cause an auto driver to wreck his car, cause injury or loss of life to an occupant by being obliged to give road that ought not to be occupied, and it is to avoid such occurrences that the appeal is made. The traveler on foot has his right, it is conceded, but he should not insist on holding certain ground, just because it is his, to the detriment of others.

## Boalsburg vs. Centre Hall.

The Boalsburg high school soccer football team and a mixed team from the Grammar grade and the High school teams of Centre Hall met for the third time this season, on Friday afternoon, on the Centre Hall school grounds. The game was a spirited one and resulted in a score of 1 to 0 in favor of the local team. It was a hard fought game in a field covered with from six to eight inches of snow. The first game between these teams was a tie—1 to 1—the second, 0 to 0, the third being the only contest in which one of the teams scored a victory over the other.

## Insurance Company Growing.

The Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which George Mitchell, Lemont, is president, and Frank M. Fisher, Centre Hall, secretary, is growing by leaps and bounds. The annual statement of the company which appears in this issue indicates that the risks in force are over five million dollars—\$5,939,416 to be exact.

The board of directors is as follows: George Mitchell, J. M. Campbell, Frank McFarlane, John H. Beck, E. J. Gentzell, J. R. Brungart, E. M. Huyett, Robert H. Reed, J. S. Weaver, James E. Harter, Clarence A. Yearick, Frank M. Fisher.

## Pomona Grange Meeting.

A regular meeting of the Centre County Pomona Grange will be held on Saturday, January 20th, at Spring Mills. The usual forenoon and afternoon sessions will be held.

All Grangers are invited to be present. A good attendance is desired. Bring lunch along.

J. GROSS SHOOK, Sec'y.

## Gingerich-Weaver.

Rome Frank Gingerich, of Linden Hall, and Miss Verna Blanche Weaver, of Centre Hall, were recently united in marriage by Rev. Schneider at the St. John's English-Lutheran parsonage in Lock Haven.

## Kiddies' Day—June 14th.

June 14th has been named Kiddies' Day by the Bellefonte Lodge of Elks. June 14th is also Flag Day, which will give the Elks, it is believed, a fine opportunity to teach patriotism and reverence for the flag to the boys and girls.

## Thrift Week.

Wednesday was Benjamin Franklin's birthday, which day opened Thrift Week. The slogan is, "Spend Time and Money Wisely." An effort is being made to organize five thousand Franklin Thrift clubs throughout the county.

## Six Licenses Granted.

Judge Henry C. Quigley in court last week, handed down liquor license decisions, granting six applicants, refusing four, and holding over two for further consideration, as follows:

**GRANTED.**  
(Tavern)

J. R. G. Allison, Millheim.

Grebe Bros., Philipsburg.

John M. Kachik, Snow Shoe Twp.

George A. Bezilla, Cassanova.

(Wholesale)

Andrew Chambers, Snow Shoe Twp.

**HELD OVER.**  
(Tavern)

Ferdinand Beezer, Philipsburg.

Nicholas L. Croni, Rush Twp.

**REFUSED.**  
(Tavern)

Earl Kline, Bellefonte.

Wm. H. Hindle, Philipsburg.

Kondrat Juschik, Philipsburg.

Joseph Dugan, Philipsburg.

The license year begins April 1st.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Hay made another advance of one dollar, the middle of last week, in the city markets.

The Presbyterian church building at Spring Mills is offered for sale. An advertisement for bids appears in this issue of the Reporter.

Mrs. E. M. Huyett and daughter, Miss Miriam Huyett, of Centre Hall, last week made a trip to Bellefonte, combining business and pleasure.

Beginning of last week J. Frank McClellan went to Philadelphia, and on Saturday morning Mrs. McClellan went to that place to meet him and together they spent some time in the City of Brotherly Love.

After spending a month in Millin and Snyder counties, George Michael returned to the valley the latter part of last week. Beginning April 1st, he will be employed by Mrs. Ellen Meeker of the Meeker farm, near Potters Mills.

Mrs. P. H. Luse and son George, on Friday of last week, went to Johnstown to visit Mr. Luse's brother, Malcolm. George returned home on Monday so his school work would not be interfered with, but Mrs. Luse remained until the middle of the week.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National bank of Spring Mills, held recently, the following directors were elected: J. H. Rishel, J. K. Bitner, H. A. Corman, Dr. H. S. Braucht, T. J. Decker, W. Cal. Meyer, J. G. Shook, A. J. Shook and A. B. Lee.

William C. Boozer and C. E. Fink are wiring a number of houses for electric lighting. Among those most recently wired was the portion of the C. M. Arney house which will shortly be occupied by Dr. Shaab, the chiropractor, and the dwelling house occupied by F. E. Arney.

The gasoline engine used at McMullin Bros. brick mill in Millheim, exploded one day last week, and rendered the engine worthless for further use. The engine house caught fire, but the flames were soon extinguished. Luckily no one was in the engine room when the explosion occurred.

After a prolonged visit among her brothers, M. L. Emerick and George F. Emerick, and other relatives, Mrs. Mary Price, the beginning of last week, started for her home in Maxbass, North Dakota. On the way she will stop at Freeport, Illinois, for an indefinite period with another brother, Oscar Emerick, who is engaged as a jeweler. She will also visit at other points in that state.

If you chanced to hear Pinchot's inaugural address over the radio, you must give credit in part to that service to the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, for his words first passed over the long distance telephone wires from Harrisburg to Philadelphia, and from there were broadcasted by station W. T. P., the Gimbel station. The loud speaker projector, plus the telephone, plus the radio, have made this marvelous scientific feat possible.

Rev. John F. and Mrs. Harkins and two little sons, of State College, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week, were guests of relatives in Centre Hall. Rev. Harkins on Wednesday evening preached in Centre Hall and the following evening at Spring Mills, filling a portion of the program of union services held at the two places. He is pastor of the Lutheran church of State College and as such wields an influence for good among the large number of Penn State students who hold to the Lutheran beliefs.

At the Farm Products Show to be held in Harrisburg from the 23rd to the 27th inst., William F. Rishel, east of Centre Hall, will have on exhibition two brood sows of Berkshire breed. These sows will represent the stock of the Berkshire Breeders' Association. The sows were passed on by H. H. Havner, livestock extension specialist at Penn State College as fit to enter as an exhibit at the coming show. Mr. Rishel has long been a breeder of the Berkshires and no doubt will come from Harrisburg with recognition.

Two large Johnstown moving vans carried the furniture of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Brady and Dr. and Mrs. G. I. Yearick to Johnstown. The vans left here Wednesday evening of last week. Mr. Brady, as was stated in these columns some weeks ago, leased a house in Johnstown and is there the families will live. Dr. Yearick holds a government position in Pittsburgh but expects to spend the week ends in Johnstown. Mr. Brady is employed in a large hardware establishment in Johnstown, and is convinced that he is well and permanently located.