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## THE PEACE PLAN.

**The Bok Prize of \$100,000 Awarded—Name of Winner Not Yet Divulged—Keeping Close to League of Nations.**

Woodrow Wilson was the principal author of the covenant of the League of Nations. He alone secured its reinsertion in the peace treaty after the other leading members of the conference had taken advantage of his brief absence in Washington to cut it out. The peace plan was substantially the same as Chief Justice Taft's League to Enforce Peace and Theodore Roosevelt's "posse comitatus of nations," and it offered the only road to peace, as Henry Cabot Lodge told Union College in June 1915. It embodied the hopes of all Americans until a Republican conspiracy headed by Senator Lodge decided to make war on it because Mr. Wilson was a Democrat.

The peace plan which was selected unanimously by the committee out of 22,165 submitted to it in competition for the Bok award simply proposes that as the United States has refused to enter the League of Nations it shall co-operate with it in all directions without assuming any of the responsibilities of membership. The author of the plan recognizes that peace can be promoted only by the organized co-operation of the nations. The League is such a form of co-operation. He says it was found at the Washington conference of 1921-2 that the 50-odd nations which had joined the League would not leave it and join something else. President Harding admitted by implication last spring that it had been found impossible to form such an association as he had talked so much about during the campaign of 1920.

Only through the League, then, can co-operation of nations be used to avert war. But the United States has refused to join the League. Hence, in the opinion of the author of the accepted peace plan, the only way the United States can work for peace is by co-operating with the League. He points out a considerable number of international agencies in which we are now acting with other nations, and he sees no reason why we should not take part in additional agencies.

Therefore his plan for averting war is that we shall get as near to the League as the Republican animosity to Mr. Wilson will permit. He takes note that the League has already found it impossible to use the force contemplated by the covenant to guarantee the political independence and territorial integrity of its members under Article X, and the use of the economic boycott under Article XVI. In practice these have been dropped or modified. Hence the League must depend upon argument, persuasion and public opinion.

The plan, then, urges that the United States immediately enter the Permanent Court of International Justice under the conditions stated by President Harding and Secretary Hughes last February; that it offer to extend its present co-operation with the League and participate in its work as a body of mutual counsel under conditions which shall substitute moral force and public opinion for the military or economic force contemplated by Articles X and XVI, safeguarding the Monroe Doctrine, assume no obligations under the treaty of Versailles except by act of Congress after membership in the League to all nations, and provide for continuing the development of international law.

This is all that can be done without encountering partisan objection. But if the League has less power than it was intended to have, it is due chiefly to the fact that the most powerful nations in the world refused to enter the League. In regard to Articles X and XVI, our opinion that they are not open to the objections that have been made to them is supported by the opinions of two Republican ex-presidents in favor of the use of economic or even military force to restrain one nation from attacking another until all means of a peaceful settlement have been exhausted. But as the Republican party has rejected the opinions of not less than five of its most eminent members, the plan proposes as near an approximation of the United States to the League, as near an approach to the plan of President Wilson, as it is at present practicable, and therefore it is the best plan available.

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"Barney Google and Spark Plug" are head of the way, and will be at the opera house, Bellefonte, this (Thursday) evening.

## STATE SECRETARY S. S. REPORT.

**Secretary Myers Makes Monthly Report to Board of Directors of Penn. State Sabbath School Association.**

The other day a dirty-faced urchin ran in front of us so close as to necessitate a sudden stop to avoid a collision. Holding up a paper he said: "Merry Christmas, Mister, a Bulletin." Now, it wasn't Christmas, and I did not want the Bulletin but I bought it and, furthermore, I wondered what sort of a Christmas he would have. He was just one of the 1,150,000 like him in our own state who have no Sunday School or other religious influence, for I was interested enough to learn that he did not go to either Sunday School or church. We are apt to think of the great work we are doing and forget the great outreach of the untouched.

Last month I was with Marion Lawrence, attending the New Jersey Sunday School Association Convention in Paterson, New Jersey, and heard him say that while in America the Sunday School does furnish seventy percent of the church members, yet it loses seventy percent of those who have come under its influence. I am not surprised that Mr. Marvin is concerned. I wonder at the complacency that characterizes most of us, and I am seriously concerned about creating in our state a genuine anxiety to reach the unreached, enlarging our enrollment and attendance, and increasing our efficiency, and so stimulating the evangelistic effort that every school will feel this its primary task. With this end in view I have just sent a letter to all our county presidents and secretaries, urging it.

Dr. Blackall was much concerned last year for the morale of our work. He felt this to be our great peril. With the adoption of our new plan of operation, namely: giving the denominational leaders the principal voice in building our educational program, he and all of us, recognize that peril has been greatly lessened, if not eliminated.

There is now facing us the peril of inertia and apathy, of failure to properly evaluate our influence and give enough emphasis to development and growth. There is always peril in progress as well, a progress which is radical and violates established laws, but there is no danger now for us in complacency.

Josh Billings, I believe, once said: "Most of my troubles never happened." Too much of that sentiment will make our Association anaemic and ineffective.

The unrest of the youth of today, the love of extravagance, the disregard for the Sabbath and for law, the fretting at restraint, the loss of interest in Church,—these symptoms of a changing youth challenge us as never before to a renewed and enlarged effort to make the Sunday School meet a world's need.

Only one-fourth of the church is in Sunday School. Only two cents of every dollar in the church budget goes to the Sunday School; \$24.24 for the church and 46¢ per year per capita for the Sunday School, in a typical city of 50,000. This is an added challenge.

My experience in New Jersey leads me to believe that such visits to other states by our staff occasionally can have nothing but a wholesome effect. "The more I see of other states, the better I like my own," as the boy said about his dog. It certainly causes us to thank God for our success and take courage! Our staff has had its last quarterly meeting for the year, and all report a splendid condition in the field. Enough money to meet accruing bills has come in thus far, but we shall need to collect on personal subscription to meet the February vouchers. The Herald shows a gratifying growth in subscriptions, with a continued good income from advertising. Unless there should be an unlooked for slump, we shall be safely self-supporting this year.

Mr. Landis and your secretary are planning to reach at least a few centers with a financial appeal. I hope this will in no way lessen the activity on the part of the members of this board to augment our budget. The divisional superintendents' reports tell their own story, and for once I have no new requests, except general ones, to make.

The report of field activities, as shown by the reports from the counties is:

District Conventions	45
District Institutes	10
Special Rallies or Institutes	65
County Conventions	90
Annual County Tours	30
Older Boys and Older Girls Conferences	46
Association Officers' Conferences	7
District Executive Committee Meetings	91
County Executive Committee Meetings	21
Total number of meetings	315

## DEATHS.

**SCHOLL**—Mrs. Rebecca Scholl died very suddenly Saturday noon at the home of her daughter, in Lewistown. She had completed partaking of a hearty noon meal, when she was stricken with paralysis and death ensued immediately. The body was brought to Farmers Mills, Tuesday forenoon, where it was laid to rest beside that of her husband, William Scholl, who died twenty years ago. Services were conducted by Rev. M. C. Drumm.

Mrs. Scholl was the daughter of Henry Gephart and was reared in the vicinity of Zion. Two children survive—a daughter, Mrs. Samuel S. Kreamer, where the death occurred, and a son, John C. of Altoona. There also survive her three sisters; namely, Mrs. Julia Stover, Kansas; Mrs. Sarah Klime, Bellefonte, and Mrs. Caroline Wagner, Lemont.

Mrs. Scholl had not been in good health for a period of about six years, but immediately before her death she showed no signs of distress. Had she lived until February 14, she would have attained her seventy-fifth year.

**SLABIG**—Howard Slabig died on Friday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Daniel Callahan, near Linden Hall. Funeral services were held from the Callahan home, where the deceased made his home during the latter years of his life, on Monday afternoon. Interment being made at Centre Hall, Rev. M. C. Drumm officiating. Mr. Slabig was aged seventy-three years, seven months and fifteen days. He was a son of Jacob and Maria Slabig, and came to Penns Valley from Millin county. The daughter named above and a sister, Mrs. Emma Deviney, of Reedsville, survive the deceased.

**ROTE**—John C. Rote, a well known Civil War veteran of Spring township, died at his home at Axe Mann following an illness consequent upon a stroke of paralysis he suffered early in the morning of November 25th.

Born at Aaronsburg seventy-nine years ago he was a son of Simon and Susan Rote. During the Civil War he served in Company D, 148th regiment, and in the 116th company of the Second battalion, Pennsylvania Reserves. He married Miss Bertha Boslick who survives with the following children: Harry B. Rote, of Chestertown, Md.; Mrs. E. E. Meese, of Pittsford, and Simon E. of Greensburg. He also leaves one brother, Thomas H. Rote, of Ladysmith, Wis.

**RAMER**—Mrs. Mary Ramer died in Utica, N. Y., at the home of a daughter. She was aged sixty-five years, and was the widow of John Ramer who died in 1914. She was a native of Centre county where her marriage took place forty-eight years ago. Her maiden name was Mary Rote. Most of her married life was spent at Millmont.

**Dollings' Vice President Sentenced.**  
The sentencing of Dwight Harrison to the Ohio penitentiary for a period of three years in addition to a fine of \$5000 may be some consolation to those who invested in Dollings' stocks. Harrison was vice president of the R. L. Dollings Company of Ohio.

He was found guilty by a jury several weeks ago of making false statements concerning the holdings of the Phoenix Portland Cement Company of Ohio, which stock was being sold by the Dollings Company.

Neither Harrison nor his counsel made any comment as the sentence, which elyaxed one of the bitterest legal fights in the history of Franklin county courts, in Columbus, O. Appeal will be immediately taken. Harrison is facing trial in the Federal Court there on an indictment charging misuse of them mails in connection with the sale of Dollings' stock. This trial is scheduled to start the middle of January.

**Who Gets the Mellon?**  
A person with \$1,000,000 income saves under the Mellon plan \$251,784.00.

Fifty heads of families, each having an income of \$20,000—total \$1,000,000—save under the Mellon plan \$35,350.

One hundred heads of families, each having an income of \$10,000—total \$1,000,000—save under the Mellon plan \$22,200.

Two hundred heads of families, each having an income of \$5,000—total \$1,000,000—save under the Mellon plan \$5,960.

Four hundred heads of families, each having an income of \$2,500—total \$1,000,000—save under the Mellon plan—nothing.

The propagandists of the Mellon tax plan continually refer to percentages of reduction taxpayers will receive. It is not a question of percentages, but a question of dollars and cents.

## APPROPRIATION FOR WORK AT ROCKVIEW LAPSED, SAYS LEWIS.

**Auditor General Holds Balances of 1921 Appropriation Not Available for Payment of Bills Incurred by Abolished Board.**

The abolition of the board of inspectors of the western penitentiary by the administration reorganization code "necessarily lapsed" the balances of the 1921 appropriation for construction work at the Rockview prison. Auditor General Samuel S. Lewis holds in a letter to Harry G. Samson, Pittsburgh, member of the board of trustees. The letter was in answer to one by Mr. Samson, asking the status of the 1921 appropriation relative to the payment of bills incurred by the abolished board. This condition will result in light activities at Rockview during the coming summer.

"I find that the 1921 appropriation for the construction and equipment of the new penitentiary was made specifically to the board of inspectors of the western penitentiary of Pennsylvania," Mr. Lewis said. Declaring that certain sections of the code abolished the board, Mr. Lewis continued: "I do not in any way question the validity of the contracts entered into by the old board of inspectors of this institution, but with the abolishment of the board, the appropriation made to it must necessarily lapse."

"The only available appropriation for the payment of these bills would seem to be made by the 1923 session of the legislature. When the legislature reconvenes at the end of 1924 it can re-appropriate to this institution the amounts lapsed in the way above indicated or any other amounts, to make up any deficiency."

## Zero Saturday Night.

Some time during Saturday night mercury dropped to within a small fraction of zero. Sunday the temperature ranged between fourteen and eighteen, and during Sunday night it was considerably above zero. Monday morning it was fourteen above on the government weather bureau thermometer from which records are made by the Reporter.

Sunday morning following the zero wave local plumbers were in great demand repairing bursted water pipes in many homes in town.

## In Jail for Arson.

J. H. Martz, of Port Matilda, is in the Centre county jail charged with arson. It appears some time ago a barn in which were several horses,—both barn and horses belonging to Martz—was destroyed by fire. The property was insured, but the insurance companies refused to pay owing to circumstances surrounding the fire being suspicious in character. Finally Martz was taken in custody and is now in jail, charged with the crime noted in the beginning of this article.

Martz is a brother of the elderly gentleman, who a year or more ago, was supposed to have been murdered in his shack in the mountains back of Port Matilda. The mysterious death of the elder Martz has never been cleared up.

## Gift for Bucknell University.

Bucknell university has received a gift of 250 acres of choice Virginia land, valued conservatively at \$30,000, from Henry J. Loftus, of London, it was announced a few days ago by President Hunt. This land which borders upon the several hundred acre tract recently conveyed to the university by Dr. James S. Swartz, of New York, for forty years chairman of the board of trustees, is situated in Fairfax county, Virginia, between Washington, D. C., and Washington's home at Mt. Vernon.

The year just passed has been an "era of gifts" for Bucknell university. A \$500,000 stadium, \$400,000 increased endowment from the alumni, a pledge of \$250,000 from the Rockefeller General Education board, and these two tracts of land have all come within a year.

## After Bonnell's Seal.

Independent Democrats in Philadelphia are taking measures to break up the bi-partisan Democratic machine in that city. Democrats are accused of delivering votes to the Republican party in exchange for local offices.

While no reference was made at the meeting to Judge Bonnell, of the Municipal Court, there were reports that one of the purposes of the organization will be to deliver a blow at the jurist's candidacy for National Committeeman from Pennsylvania. The new outfit, it was indicated, will take the "dry" side of the liquor issue and to that extent, it was stated, will probably lend its aid to the McAdoo boom. In line with this action, the "independents" will likely support Bruce F. Sterling for National Committeeman.

## Sheep Prove Profitable.

Sheep are not generally kept on farms in Penns Valley and most farmers who do so only care for very small flocks. John A. Heckman, living west of Centre Hall, is one of this class of farmers. He took care of seventeen ewes and a buck during last year, and these brought him a gross return of \$392. Sixteen lambs sold for \$242.95, the remainder of the return is for wool. He still has the eighteen sheep.

## Toll Gates Nuisances.

Petitions will be presented to the Court through the law firm of Spangler and Walker to condemn the spurs of turnpikes in Penn and Miles townships and thus do away with the toll gate nuisances. The spurs both lead out from Millheim, one to Coburn and the other through the Millheim Narrows to where it intersects with the State highway leading from Centre Hall to Rebersburg. These roads sport the only toll gates in Centre county. It will be easy to forget they ever existed.

## Jackson Day Banquet.

The Democrats in Centre county will banquet in commemoration of Andrew Jackson, the latter part of this month, if present plans are carried out. A committee is now at work laying out the details.

## National K. K. K. Congress.

E. Y. Clarke, imperial giant, issued a call for a national congress of the Ku Klux Klan to meet in Atlanta, on February 26 to "gather together and prayerfully consider methods to eliminate existing evils, or else to follow the example of the founder of the original Ku Klux Klan and have the courage and manhood to devise ways and means for the immediate disbandment of the organization."

## Letter from Former Penns Valley Resident.

East Rodman, N. Y., Dec. 30, '23  
Dear Editor:  
Enclosed find check for which please give me credit on subscription. We are having a touch of real winter tonight, the first snow storm of the season. John Goodhart left here two weeks ago for a course at the Sweeney Mechanical School in Missouri, and a letter from him stated that an overcoat was unnecessary there.  
With best wishes for a prosperous year, I am,  
Cordially yours,  
MRS. JOHN P. WILLIAMS.

## Phillipsburg State Hospital.

The Phillipsburg State Hospital authorities are very proud of the annual statement for 1923, which among other things contains the following facts: The cost per patient during the year has averaged \$3.21. When it is considered that this figure includes 24 hours of nursing, food, medicine, as well as bed linen, it will be seen that the figure is reasonable.  
The hospital during the year admitted 1947 patients and for 12891 days of hospital service.  
During the year there were 629 dispensary patients who received 2,596 dressings.  
Six nurses graduated from the institution, and ten others are in the training school.

## Tips for Taxpayers—No. 1.

January 1, 1924, marked the beginning of the period for filing income-tax returns for the year 1923. The period ends at midnight of March 15, 1924. Heavy penalties are provided by the revenue act for failure or willful refusal to make a return and pay the tax on time.

Form 1040A heretofore used for reporting net incomes of \$5,000 and less, from whatever source derived, has been revised in the interests of the largest class of taxpayers—wage earners and salaried persons. Reduced from six pages to a single sheet, Form 1040A is to be used for reporting net income of \$5,000 and less, derived chiefly from salaries and wages. Persons any part of whose income is derived from a business or profession, farming, sale of property or rent, though the amount is \$5,000 or less, will be required to use the larger form 1040. The use of Form 1040 is required also in all cases where the net income was in excess of \$5,000, regardless of whether from salary, business, profession, or other taxable sources.

It being impossible to determine at this time which form is desired copies of both forms will be sent taxpayers who filed individual returns for the year 1922, and may be obtained also at the offices of collectors of internal revenue and branch offices upon written request.

## COAL—ALL KINDS.

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WM. McCLENAHAN,  
Centre Hall.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Hecla Park was sold by William C. Rowe to Frank Hockman, of Mingo-ville, for \$18,000.

Squire Ed. Jamison, of Spring Mills, was a visitor in town on Friday and was a caller at this office.

Runkle Frazier has leased the George H. Emerick farm, near Potters Mills, the present tenant on which is Roland Zettler.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fortney, after a short residence at Bellefonte, are again back to Pine Grove Mills, their former home town.

The radio station at Penn State has resumed broadcasting programs each Monday, Wednesday and Friday night, eight o'clock.

Eight passenger coaches hung to the engine on Wednesday evening of last week and all were filled with students going after knowledge at Penn State.

Clinton county now has a woman commissioned a justice of the peace. Her name is Nan Olive Lowe. She is located in Lock Haven and succeeds her father, George Lowe, as justice.

Miss Mildred Swabb, who is attending High school at Sunbury, was a guest of the Misses McKinney, at the State House, in Seven Mountains, returning to school the latter part of last week.

Dr. George P. Bible and daughter, Mrs. Russell Blair, of Bellefonte, the latter part of last week were in Centre Hall in the interest of a minstrel show given by the local ladies of Bellefonte for the benefit of the Bellefonte hospital.

Clyde G. Gray and his father, Irvin G. Gray, who were doing time in the Western Penitentiary, have been pardoned. They were found guilty about four years ago of having converted into beef some cattle belonging to neighbors without their consent.

A radio was installed in the George Ishier home, near Centre Hall, one day last week, and "listening in" has been the favorite pastime of the family ever since. Stations in the middle west, as well as in Georgia and the New England states have been heard from, and the programs have been highly interesting.

The concrete bridge over the Juniata river at Lewistown is to be a memorial to the Spanish-American and World War veterans. The commissioners of Millin county authorized the expenditure of \$5000 for a memorial to be erected on the bridge. This will necessitate slight changes in the plans of the bridge as now being worked upon.

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At a recent ceremony at the French Embassy in Washington, Colonel Theodore Davis Boal was made an officer of the Legion of Honor. This high honor from the French government was in recognition of services rendered before this country entered the war on account of distinguished service rendered on the French front during the participation of this government.

A post office building is finally to be erected in State College to aid in better handling the large quantity of mail sent out and received. Bids for the construction of a one-story brick building, 62x54 feet, are being asked for through an advertisement in the State College Times. The structure will be located on a site purchased some years ago. The sum of \$75,000 was appropriated for the construction work.

Just as the approach to Nittany Mountain was reached, the Chevrolet sedan driven by Edward Bailey, skidded over a slippery road and upset close to the J. G. Dauberman home last Wednesday evening. The car toppled over, striking a fire-plug which tore a huge hole in the left side of the car. The sedan was set on its wheels and continued on its own power. With the owner of the car was his youngest son, Muth, aged eight years. Neither one was hurt.

The movement initiated by Port Matilda residents to have the Bald Eagle road between Snow Shoe Intersection and Bald Eagle made a modern thoroughfare by the laying of a concrete foundation, ought to be supported by citizens in all sections of Centre county. It would afford a direct and easy route to Altoona and to the William Penn Highway for a large section of the state north and east of Williamsport. Let the movement be pushed forward; it will stand on its merits.