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SENATOR KNOX SEES GRAVE DANGER FOR AMERICA IN LEAGUE

Former Secretary of State Points to Covenant as Sanctioning War; Fears Second World Coalition

POINTS TO FLAWS IN PROPOSED CREED FOR NATIONS; SEES PERIL

Washington, March 1.—Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, former secretary of state, speaking to-day in the Senate, assailed the League of Nations as striking down American constitutional principles and proposed a new world organization which, he said, would preserve the Monroe Doctrine and save America from the taint of European intrigue and aggression.

Senator Knox, who attended the White House dinner conference last Wednesday with other members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the constitution of the League as presented to the Peace Conference "sanctions, breeds and commands war," and after criticizing various clauses of the document, asked: "Questions Fevish Anxiety 'Why this feverish anxiety for the adoption of this plan? Why this racing up and down the land by propagandists urging its adoption? What benefit is to come from such a sale of the country as is urged upon us? Who are the beneficiaries of this betrayal of our people?'"



SENATOR KNOX

The Pennsylvania senator said that if the people of the United States desired what he termed a real League of Nations to prevent war and "not merely to build a coalition to further trade and preserve and expand territorial possessions," it might be secured through the formation of an international organization comprising the nations of the world. "Senator Knox said the constitution of such an international coalition should primarily declare war an international crime and stipulate that any nation engaging in it except in self-defense be punished by the world as an international criminal."

While March arrived to-day like a lamb, it is not necessarily true that it will go out as a lion. Weather forecasters are the least superstitious persons in the whole world. The superstition which gives credit to the groundhog as a weather prophet has all been shot to pieces this year anyhow.

Referring to the proposed constitution of the League of Nations, he criticized it for "looseness of expression which he said characterized it throughout and then because it appeared to set up to operating entities for its enforcement, the "high contracting parties" and the League itself.

The Penn-Harris coffee room, the latest adjunct to Harrisburg's new million-dollar hotel, was opened this morning at 6.30 o'clock. Scores of people were served with breakfast and by noon the place was crowded.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and colder to-night, with lowest temperature about 18 degrees Sunday fair. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Sunday; colder to-night; fresh northwest winds.

Arousing Our Sympathies



PARTIAL REVIVAL OF BUILDING IS SEEN IN PERMITS

Several Big Operations Under Way Despite High Cost of Materials

Harrisburg's building record for February is an encouraging one, according to officials and contractors, and is an indication that the city is losing no time now in starting construction projects which had to be delayed because of the conditions brought about by the war.

While the total cost of the work to be done is far below the figure for last February this is due to the issuing of a permit at that time for the construction of the big addition to the Camp Curtin school building.

In February, 1919, there were four permits issued for the construction of buildings costing \$181,900. Of this total \$170,000 was for the school building improvement, leaving a balance of \$11,900 representing work on three projects, one a garage costing \$8,000.

This year during February there were twenty-five permits issued and the operations when completed will cost \$44,530. Included in the operations now under way are several dwelling houses in Derry street, near the eastern city line; an addition to an ice plant in Berryhill street, costing \$3,000; a warehouse in South Eighteenth street, to cost \$5,000; shop and office building in South Seventeenth street, costing \$2,500, and alterations to a South Thirtieth street residence, to be made at a cost of \$3,000.

PAXTANG ROAD NEXT TO BE PUT IN SHAPE

Paxtang borough is next on the list for highway improvement after Camp Hill and Highspire. It is expected that the uncomfortable stretch of road between the city limits and Paxtang avenue will be placed in first class shape. It has been one of the worst pieces of road in this section and has called down more execrations than any other stretch excepting the road at Highspire.

LABOR BUREAU SECURES JOBS FOR VETERANS

More Than 400 Men Placed in Good Positions by State Employment Office

Positions for more than 400 men were secured this week by the Employment Bureau, Department of Labor and Industry in the remarkably successful campaign of the bureau to aid in alleviating the labor situation in Harrisburg, Jacob Lightner is the director of the bureau which is located at Third and North streets.

Men, skilled in every line of human endeavor and of every degree of capability, have been placed in positions during the week, Director Lightner said in speaking of the work. Some employers have been under the impression that the bureau exists only to place laborers, but Mr. Lightner emphasizes the fact that men skilled in every branch of work, may be secured through the bureau.

Remarkably short time is necessary for the bureau to succeed in

WINTER MILDNESS CAUSE OF A DROP IN PRICES OF COAL

Reduction of Thirty Cents a Ton, Effective at Once; No Change at Mines

A slight reduction in the price of anthracite coal was announced by local dealers this morning, effective at once. At the same time it was predicted that the customary reduction of fifty cents a ton, usually scheduled for April 1, will not take place this spring.

The reduction announced to-day amounts to about thirty cents a ton on household sizes, a dealer said, with the exact amount varying slightly, according to the size or kind of coal in question. The price will be figured by the dealers on the operating margin of \$2.65, allowed by the Dauphin county fuel administration by one of its rulings made last year.

The small reduction effected to-day is

Kaiser, in Debt, Given Fortune by Socialists

Weimar, March 1.—The former German Emperor, it is learned from competent sources, recently appealed to the German Revolutionary Government for money. It was said in his behalf that it was impossible for him to continue living upon the bounty and good will of the Dutch nobleman in whose castle he now resides.

The Kaiser's plea of poverty is without foundation. The Telegraph has the full facts in this case. It will publish them in the final instalment of the Private Life of the Kaiser which will start in the Telegraph next Tuesday.

The government, after considering the matter, agreed to his request and instituted a detailed investigation to determine what portion of the former Emperor's supposed fortune really was his and what portion belonged to the government. Investigation showed that the former ruler might legally claim 75,000,000 marks as his own, but the government decided to allow him temporarily

only 600,000 marks to meet present indebtedness and future expenses. The correspondent's informant, in drawing attention to this development, declared it put an end to rumors that the former Emperor had been able to take large sums of money with him when he fled into Holland.

7,354,000 LIVES GO OUT IN WAR STARTED BY HUN

Russia Pays Heaviest Toll With 1,700,000; America Smallest Loser

GERMANS LOSE 1,600,001 France Third With 1,385,000; England Yields 706,700

1,301,959 OUT OF THE ARMY

Second Regulars Lead in Winning Distinguished Service Crosses

Washington, March 1.—Battle deaths during the war among all participants so far as available statistics show, were given to-day by General March as 7,354,000. This represents only men killed in action or died of wounds.

In the list prepared by the general staff, Russia led with a total of 1,700,000; Germany was second with 1,600,000, and the United States last with 50,000.

Approximate figures for other nations were: France, 1,385,000; Austria-Hungary, 800,000; England, 706,700; Italy, 460,000; Turkey, 400,000; Belgium, 102,000; Rumania, 100,000; Bulgaria, 100,000; Serbia and Montenegro, 100,000.

Demobilization of the army had released up to yesterday 1,301,959 officers and men. General March announced to-day, the first 27th division of regulars came next with 664, or more than double the number given to any other division, went to the Second regulars. The first division of regulars came next with three hundred crosses awarded to its members. The Third regulars with 233, was third.

The 26th (New England National Guard) fourth in the list with 229, led all National Guard and National Army divisions. The 42d (Rainbow) came next with 205, and then the 20th with 177. The 27th division (New York National Guard) now on the high seas returning home, received 139. The 77th (also a New York division), received 126.

Rev. E. P. Bryan Found Dead in Bed After Short Illness With Influenza

Millersburg, Pa., March 1.—The Rev. E. P. Bryan, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of this place, ill for only a short time, was found dead in bed this morning. He was aged about 45 years.

The Rev. Mr. Bryan contracted a severe cold only two days, but his condition was not regarded as serious and the announcement of his death this morning came as quite a shock to his household. He first appeared to be sleeping, but later when his bedside was visited, it was discovered that he was dead.

Rains and Snows to Start Coming Week; Temperature to Be Low

Washington, March 1.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday, issued by the Weather Bureau to-day, are: North and Middle Atlantic States: Disturbances attended by rains and snow, Monday or Tuesday and again about Friday. Temperature will be below normal most of the week.

TAX STATEMENTS OUT

Statements of 1919 city tax which is due now are being mailed to property owners by City Treasurer C. E. Weber. All abatement of one per cent is allowed until May 1 for all city taxes paid before that time. Yesterday 850 persons paid occupation taxes at the treasurer's office and because of the big rush to have paid on time, Mr. Weber has allowed another week.

GAY FAVORS SUFFRAGE LAW

Washington, March 1.—With an announcement to-day by Senator Gay, of Louisiana, Democrat, that he would support the new compromise woman suffrage resolution proposed in the Senate yesterday, hope of champions of equal franchise measure for its adoption before Congress adjourns were raised.

WOULD ABOLISH LUXURY TAX

Washington, March 1.—The House to-day passed and sent to the Senate the resolution providing for the repeal of the luxury tax clause of the war revenue bill. It imposed a ten per cent tax after May 1 on higher priced wearing apparel and many other articles.

GOETHALS BACK TO CIVIL LIFE

Washington, March 1.—Major General George W. Goethals returned to civil life to-day as a retired officer of the army.

ANARCHY TO BE PUT DOWN HERE WITH EDUCATION

Welfare Commission to See That Bolshevism Is Stamped Out in Pennsylvania

THE GOVERNOR IS ACTIVE

Legislature to Pass Needed Statute Within Next Thirty Days

Many difficulties must be overcome by the new commission which is to fight Bolshevism, McClain explains. Among them are the following: The lack of ability on the part of public school teachers to inculcate into the minds of their pupils the true meaning of American principles and institutions.

Lack of knowledge of American ideals by aliens who have come to this country as a refuge from their sufferings in their native lands.

Unemployment growing out of the rapid demobilization of the military forces and the closing down of war industries.

The aggressive campaign of the Bolshevists throughout the country. The apathy of the nation at large to the danger which now confronts it, because of Bolshevist and other radical propaganda.

Bolshevism will be met in Pennsylvania with an iron hand if any attempt is made to embroil the State in anarchy and lawlessness, according to Frank B. McClain, former lieutenant-governor, who has been asked by Governor Sproul to become the administrative head of the Pennsylvania Commission of Public Welfare.

A bill to meet the needs of the times and establish the commission will be introduced in the Legislature Monday night. It will have the sanction of the Governor and

LODGE CALLS CONFERENCE OF SENATORS

WASHINGTON.—Minority Leader Lodge to-day issued a call for a conference of Republican senators at 5.30 o'clock this evening to consider whether concerted action should be taken in an effort to force an extra session by opposition to the Victory Loan bill authorizing seven billion dollars of new securities.

OPPOSITION TO PALMER FADES

WASHINGTON.—The Senate judiciary committee to-day by unanimous vote ordered a favorable report on the nomination of A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian, to be attorney general. Absence of Republican opposition foreshadowed prompt confirmation by the Senate.

STOCKHOLM.—Lithuanian troops, closely pursuing Bolshevik forces, have passed the line of Schaulen, Sjeduva, Vieves and Varna, which towns are in Lithuanian hands, according to advices received here from Kovno.

M'ANDLESS LEADS IN BILLIARDS

CHICAGO.—Three games were scheduled to-day in the National Amateur Balkline Billiard Championships. Robert M. Lord, of Chicago, is pitted against David McAndless, Chicago; Corwin Huston, champion, will play P. P. Trump, of Pittsburgh, and Percy N. Collins, Chicago, drew J. E. C. Morton, of Philadelphia, as opponent. In the two days' play to date McAndless leads with two wins. Neither Morton nor Trump has yet won a game.

WOMAN'S BODY FOUND

MIDDLETOWN.—The body of Mrs. Laura Springer, who disappeared several days ago, was found to-day in the Swatara Creek.

BAN PLACED ON GRAIN SHIPMENTS

CHICAGO.—The railroad administration to-day in efforts of bulk domestic grain to

MARRIAGE LICENSES

the newly elected committee in Harrisburg, and Esther F. Quigley, Hamden; Harry S. Tyson, and Effie M. Gibson, Red Lion; Ylva, ter A. Kieker and Emma C. Vetter, Lanaster; Wesley A. Bender, New Haven, Conn.; and Anna E. Carr, Harrisburg; Henry A. Meisenkell and Reba Smith, Harrisburg.