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NEUTRALS TO MAKE KNOWN THEIR VIEWS OF WORLD LEAGUE

Lord Robert Cecil to Preside at Session Today at Which Effort Will Be Made to Hurry Pact

NATIONS WHO REMAINED OUT OF WAR DESIRE MEMBERSHIP IN

Paris, March 20.—Neutral countries of Europe, Asia and South America will be given opportunity to-day to express their views and propose amendments to the League of Nations plan.

Will Submit Proposals The meeting will be held at the Hotel De Crillon, the American headquarters, in the same room where the covenant was framed and it is supposed to continue the session throughout the afternoon and evening and, if necessary, to-morrow, in order to complete all neutral proposals and prepare them for submission to the commission on the League of Nations.

BOATS IN RACE ACROSS OCEAN WITH SOLDIERS

Newport News, Va., March 20.—Bringing 659 men of the One Hundred and Fourteenth Machine Gun Battalion of the Thirtieth (Old Hickory) Division, the transport Princess Matoika arrived here to-day from St. Nazaire, France.

Paraguay, which has reserved their decision to participate in the conference of neutral nations, the formation of a League of Nations. Suggestions for amendments to the covenant will probably be made, the smaller countries following their larger sisters in asking for revision of articles of the covenant which affect them.

Japanese Amendment to the covenant of the League of Nations providing that the contracting parties shall agree to grant "equal and just treatment" to all aliens within their borders who are nationals of states members of the league will be submitted to the supreme council.

Monroe Doctrine inserted Lord Robert Cecil and Thomas W. Gregory, former United States Attorney General, are here and are trying to provide relative to the Monroe Doctrine in such form that it will meet the approval of legal experts.

Lucerne, Switzerland, March 20.—At yesterday's meeting of the International Conference of Christian Social Labor Associations, in session here a resolution strongly supporting the League of Nations was passed.

Madrid, March 20.—Premier Romanones told the Associated Press to-day that he was a partisan of the League of Nations in the "same sense and scope as President Wilson."

THREE INDICTED FOR MURDER OF STEELTON MAN

Four Men Held by Grand Jury to Be Tried For His Life

Bills indicting Love, alias "Nubs" Wilson, Lawrence Brown and Theodore Martin, charged with the murder of S. Wolfe Jacob, a Steelton grocer and banker, and Mike Galles, charged with the killing of George Mahlan, were returned shortly after noon to-day by the Grand Jury at the criminal court sessions.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Friday; not much change in temperature; lowest to-night about 40 degrees.

The Meal They Planned to Feed the Rest of the World



ONE OUT OF NINE U. S. MARRIAGES ENDS IN FAILURE

Only South Carolina Has Clear Slate in Matter of Divorces

Washington, March 20.—Approximately one out of every nine marriages in the United States is terminated by divorce, according to figures compiled by the Bureau of the census and made public to-day.

Excluding South Carolina, where all laws permitting divorce were repealed in 1878, the three lowest divorce rates in 1916, for which year returns are now complete, are shown for the District of Columbia, North Carolina and New York.

TO DRAG RIVER FOR BODIES OF MISSING MEN

Screams Heard on Night of Tragedy Drowned by Noise of Engine

Cross river residents are planning to drag the Susquehanna river with nets for the bodies of William Trimble, of Ninth street, New Cumberland, and Harry Graham, of New Market, who are believed to have drowned while endeavoring to cross.

Contradictory Reports on Walter W. Lower's Fate

Private Walter W. Lower, 419 Forrest street, a member of the 103rd Trench Mortar Battery, 28th Division, died in a German prison camp, according to advices contained in a Washington dispatch to-day.

UKRAINE IN HANDS OF THE BOLSHEVIKI

London, March 20.—Virtually all of the Ukraine now is in the hands of the Bolsheviki, according to advices reaching London to-day.

KAISER'S FLIGHT IS EXPLAINED BY VON HINDENBURG

Could Have Held Place Only by Bloody Civil War

Berlin, March 20.—Aroused by recent criticisms of former Emperor William regarding his flight from Germany to Holland last fall, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has prepared and published a defense of the ex-ruler's action.

POPE BENEDICT ADDRESSES HIS ORIENT CLERGY

Roman Pontiff Always Friend of Eastern Church, He Tells Assemblage

Rome, March 20.—Pope Benedict received deputations of members of the clergy belonging to the eastern church to-day. Replying to an address by Monsignor Panadettes, head of the eastern congregation, he briefly summed up what he had been able to do to alleviate suffering caused by the war in the east.

Coal Shortage Delays Surrender of Hun Fleet

Berlin, March 20.—Surrender of part of the German mercantile fleet will be delayed on account of the shortage of bunker coal. The coal shortage is due to strikes among the miners and transportation difficulties.

MANY BIDS FOR ROAD BUILDING PROGRAM OPENED

So Many Bidders Highway Department Has Hard Time in Handling Them

So many bidders appeared for the first opening of bids on the State's new road building program to-day that the Senate chamber had to be used. Ordinarily the bids are opened at the State Highway Department, but owing to the crowd the Senate chamber had to be opened for the purpose.

William Elmer Made Permanent Superintendent

William Elmer, who has been serving as acting superintendent of the Philadelphia division since early January, has been named superintendent of the division as of January 1.

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Harrisburg Man Gets Away From Officers in Olean, N. Y.

After a running battle in which revolver play figured prominently, Ross Snyder, 2219 North Second street, wanted here on the charge of forgery, made a sensational escape from the Olean, N. Y., police to-day after having been arrested on the charge of forgery.

Jap Alienist Is Found Guilty in First Degree; Gets Life Sentence

Townson, Md., March 20.—Dr. Norbu Ishida, a Japanese alienist, to-day was found guilty of first degree murder for the killing of Dr. George R. Wolff, an associate. Chief Justice Burke sentenced Dr. Ishida to life imprisonment.

WILKINS, MINUS WHISKERS, BACK AT LONG BEACH

Doctor, Accused of Killing Wife, Explains Why He Went Away

ON WAY TO WASHINGTON Changed His Mind and Decided Not to Worry Daughter

Long Beach, N. Y., March 20.—Dr. Walter Keene Wilkins pleaded not guilty when arraigned before Justice of the Peace Coleman to-day on a charge of murder in the first degree in having killed his wife at their home here, February 27. He only remained without bail to the Nassau county jail at Mineola.

New York, March 20.—Dr. Walter K. Wilkins, who disappeared Sunday a few hours before a warrant was issued for his arrest on the charge of having murdered his wife at their summer home in Long Beach last month, is under arrest to-day. He was taken near the Pennsylvania railroad terminal in this city last night soon after his arrival from Baltimore. He returned voluntarily, waiting at the station for a train had his attention called to a man resembling Dr. Wilkins, who was purchasing a ticket for Mineola.

When Dr. Wilkins approached a telephone booth, the patrolman, knowing of the receipt of a telegram by District Attorney Weeks, of Nassau county, signed with Dr. Wilkins' name, announcing his intention to return to the city from Baltimore, slipped into the next booth and overheard a conversation which the doctor was having with some one in Mineola.

Changes Mind on Train "I went to Baltimore Sunday night," he said, regarding his disappearance, which caused a country-wide search for him. "I had received a message from my counsel, Mr. Friese, requesting me to go with him to District Attorney Weeks' home. Mr. Friese was agitated and this led me to believe that something serious was at hand. He told me certain things which I found that pointed to me. I thought this over and decided to go to my daughter in Washington. On the train I studied the papers and decided I would not bring my troubles into her home. So I stopped over in Baltimore and yesterday I decided to telephone Mr. Weeks and place myself in his hands."

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GERMANY TIRES OF ITS VISITORS

Berlin, March 20.—Because of the great number of military and civil Entente missions which have visited Germany since November, the German cabinet has decided, according to the Kreuz Zeitung, that no person from an Allied country will henceforth be permitted to travel in Germany without special permission from the armistice commission.

HARRISBURG MAN WAS MEMBER OF WILSON'S GUARD

H. S. Binghaman One of 250 Yanks Picked For Honorary Post

Guarding President Wilson in Paris was the pleasant duty assigned to H. S. Binghaman, son of Mrs. Jesse Binghaman, 25 South Front street, who came back to America on the George Washington with the President and who is now at Camp Merritt, N. J. He was telling the men about it in the Y. M. C. A. hut at Camp Merritt several days ago.

KAHN, MISTAKEN FOR BAKER, REACHES PARIS

Paris, March 20.—Representative Kahn, of California, landed at Brest yesterday from the United States and reached Paris to-day.

POLES DRIVE RED FOE OUT OF PINSK TERRITORY

Copenhagen, March 20.—Bolshevik troops, under pressure of Polish forces, have been compelled to retire and evacuate Pinsk, one hundred miles east of the Lithuanian border, according to a dispatch from Warsaw.

YANKS TO GET BASEBALL SUPPLIES

New York—Additional baseball supplies and boxing gloves for American troops overseas will be forwarded by the Knights of Columbus. It was announced here to-day.

ROAD BIDS RECEIVED

Harrisburg—Between 150 and 200 bids for 61 miles of state highway were opened at the department to-day. The results may not be tabulated before to-morrow.

BIG COTTON CROP LAST YEAR

Washington—Final statistics on the 1918 cotton crop, were announced to-day by the census bureau in its last ginning report, place production at 11,838,138 running bales, or 12,022,601 equivalent, 500-pound bales, both exclusive of linters.

FIGHT TO SAVE RADICALS

New York—Counsel for members of the I. W. W. whose cases were recently decided unfavorably by the Department of Labor to-day shifted to the federal court the fight to save their clients from deportation. A writ of habeas corpus, prepared yesterday and signed by the

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles F. Brandt, Hummelstown, and Mabel M. Masmer, Hershey; John C. Arnold and Clara Kautz, Harrisburg; James A. Blue, LaPorte, Ind., and Emma M. Engle, Harrisburg.