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DEMOCRATS SAY PEACE TREATY IS IN DANGER OF BEING KILLED IN SENATE

Former Power in Local Politics Is Dead at Advanced Age

SEEK DEATH OF PEACE TREATY, HITCHCOCK SAYS

Declares Real Purpose of Fight Is Its Death, Which Means Suicide to U. S.

SAYS COURSE IS FOLLY America Would Be Alone, Declares Floor Leader For President Wilson

Washington, Sept. 3.—President Wilson, in a final conference to-day with Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, before his departure on his speech-making tour to the Pacific coast, expressed confidence that the Treaty finally would be ratified without amendments or "destructive" reservations. The President told Senator Hitchcock that in all his addresses during his trip, he expected to emphasize that delay in ratification was obstructive of legislation on the cost of living, the railroad question, and all reconstruction problems. Senator Hitchcock, who is the leading spokesman for the administration in the Treaty fight in the Senate, told the President he was positive all amendments to the Treaty would be defeated. The President, the Senator said expressed satisfaction with what he believed was a "clean-cut issue" over amendments.

Washington, Sept. 3.—Declaring the real purpose of the Foreign Relations Committee majority in amending the Peace Treaty was to kill the Treaty entirely and that such a course would be suicidal to the United States, Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, Democratic leader, asserted in a Senate speech to-day that the majority of the Senators never would accept any of the committee changes.

The Treaty opponents, he said, "crawl on the ground with a microscope searching for pitfalls in the League of Nations and overlook substantial benefits which the Treaty would bring the nation. The proposal of Senator Knox, Republican, Pennsylvania, that the Treaty be rejected and a separate peace made with Germany was characterized by the speaker as a "mixture of poltroonery and folly."

"By a vote of nine to eight," said Senator Hitchcock, "the committee on Foreign Relations is to bring squarely before the Senate the question of defeating the pending Treaty. Suppose the Senate should vote in favor of the Shantung amendment or any other? What would happen? Either the President would refuse to go further with the Treaty or he would submit the amendment to the nations associated with the United States. Does anyone believe they would accept it? Does anyone believe that Great Britain, who has already ratified the Treaty and is also under a pledge to Japan with regard to Shantung, would accept the Shantung amendment? Does anyone think that France, also under a pledge to Japan, would ratify this humiliation before the eyes of the world?"

U. S. Plane Flying Over Mexico When Attacked

Laredo, Tex., Sept. 3.—Mexican Federal soldiers in the vicinity yesterday upon an American Army airplane fired upon near here while on border patrol duty, but the machine was without the Mexican territory at the time, according to Mexican Consul Garcia, of Laredo. The firing was "unwarranted," the consul said, and was done in the absence of the detachment's commander, and the case has been reported to the superior authorities for instructions in regard to punishment of those guilty.

THE WEATHER

Harrisburg and Vicinity: Fair to-night and Thursday. Not much change in temperature, lowest to-night about 58 degrees.

STATE'S POSTMASTERS ARE IN SESSION HERE

Frank C. Sites Welcomes 150 Visitors to Harrisburg For Their Eighth Annual Convention; Discuss Many Problems of Postal Service

CABINET OFFICERS TO ADDRESS DELEGATES

The eighth annual convention of the Pennsylvania Postmasters' Association opened this morning in the ballroom of the Penn-Harris Hotel at 11 o'clock. About 150 postmasters representing all parts of the State were present.

The program this morning began with the introduction of the Rev. Robert Bagnell, pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, who pronounced the invocation. Postmaster Frank C. Sites, of this city, who is treasurer of the National Association of Postmasters, was in charge. After the invocation by Dr. Bagnell, Mr. Sites delivered his address of welcome to the visiting postmasters.

Mr. Sites mentioned the frequently augmented duties of the postmaster in these days, and said that the last straw for him was when on his return from Washington some weeks ago he discovered that he had been deputized to look after a German alien female who had been paroled to him; in addition to his duties as administrator of the alien enemy act, collector of internal revenue, banker for the Treasury Department, and retail grocer? He was not complaining about these additional burdens, said Mr. Sites, but only referred to them as a part of the many duties which the postmasters have assumed and which every postmaster of the State had to undertake. He particularly urged his guests to attend inspection night at the local post office this evening.

Mr. Sites was followed by Mayor Keister, who gave the address of welcome for the city. The Mayor said in part: "I learned of this opportunity to address you gentlemen with the greatest of pleasure, and I wish to extend the hand of fellowship to you this morning and to the local office of the city of Harrisburg. As you all know, Harrisburg is gradually becoming the ideal convention city of the State and really of this eastern part of the continent."

Thirteen Arrested For Prohibition Violations in Raids on Road Houses

Paterson, N. J., Sept. 3.—Department of Justice agents raided eight roadhouses in Passaic county early to-day and arrested thirteen persons on charges of selling liquor in violation of the wartime prohibition laws. All were arraigned before United States Commissioner Feeney and released on \$1,000 bail each and the employees in \$500 bail each.

TO VOTE AGAINST TREATY OF PEACE

Paris, Sept. 3.—Deputy Franklin Bouillon, the 14th orator in the debate in the Chamber of Deputies on ratification of the German Peace Treaty, declared to-day that he would vote against the Treaty. Deputy Franklin Bouillon is the first member of the Chamber to make known his determination to vote adversely on the document.

MAN WHO KEPT HIS WORD DIES BY HIS OWN HAND

Soldier Went Back to German Prison Camp After Gaining Permission to Visit His Dying Mother

Moulins, France, Sept. 3.—Raoul Doridot, a soldier of the Great War who committed suicide the other day, was the hero of a strange adventure. Made prisoner early in the war and sent to Germany, he learned during the winter of 1915 that his mother was dangerously ill. He sent a letter to the then Emperor Wilhelm asking to be permitted to proceed to her deathbed. Well disposed that day, perhaps, the Emperor granted the request, but with the proviso that Doridot give his word of honor to return to the camp, once the object of his journey was accomplished. Arriving at Besancon, he was held by the French authorities who were suspicious because of the unprecedented occurrence of a private being released on parole by the Germans. While he was detained at Besancon his mother died.

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BIG REPUBLICAN REGISTRATION IS REPORTED IN CITY

Trend of Public Opinion Is Shown by Party Enrollment of Voters

The big Republican registration of yesterday was the talk of the town to-day in political circles. It was a repetition of what occurred on the first registration day and indicated strongly the trend of public opinion in this section of the State, it being freely predicted that the Republican vote in November will be the largest ever cast in an "off year," while the Democratic outlook is correspondingly dismal. This, political forecasters say, is due to two of the country offices of the local management of Democratic affairs, the so-called leaders having deserted the organization in disgust and, secondly, the complete satisfaction of the men under the present Republican administration. Not a word of criticism has been heard with respect to any of the county offices or the officials in charge and as the county is strongly Republican and even

Price Fixing Killed by Big Senate Vote

Washington, Sept. 3.—An amendment to the land leasing bill, which would have authorized the President to fix and control the prices of coal, oil and other products derived from government land leased under the measure, was rejected to-day by the Senate, 48 to 10. It was offered by Senator LaFollette, Republican, Wisconsin, and met strong opposition from western Senators.

MOB KILLS NEGRO

Pine Bluff, Ark., Sept. 3.—Flintton Briggs, aged 26, a discharged negro soldier, was shot and killed by a mob of 30 men, three miles south of Pine Bluff, Monday afternoon, according to witnesses received here to-day. He was accused of having insulted a young white woman.

WELCOME HOME IS PLANNED FOR CITY'S VETERANS

Harrisburg's veterans of the Great War will be accorded an official welcome-home celebration on Thursday, September 25, it was announced following a meeting of the board of directors of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce to-day.

SOVIETS WHO ARE SURROUNDED SUE FOR PEACE

Berns, Sept. 3.—The Russian Bolsheviks have proposed peace negotiations, following the rout of their forces, which are surrounded, according to an official announcement received here.

Fatalities From Use of Denatured Alcohol Cause Stringent Measures

Washington, Sept. 3.—Continued reports of human fatalities resulting from the use of denatured alcohol for beverage purposes, and as an external application led the internal revenue bureau to take further steps to-day to stop such use. Besides instructing collectors to use every means to make known to the public the danger, Commissioner Roper issued an order requiring that labels hereafter must contain a statement setting forth the exact effects of alcohol upon the human system.

Washington, Sept. 3.—"Defensive action" in the controversy between the steelworkers and the United States Steel Corporation will be discussed at a meeting here to-morrow of the special committee of the steelworkers' council. Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, was advised to-day of the calling of the meeting by Secretary Foster, of the committee.

FAT LADY AND WILD MAN FROM BORNEO STRIKE

By Associated Press. Windsor, Maine, Sept. 3.—The actors' strike has spread to the midways of the country fairs. "Fat lady" appearing in nearby fair last week, demanded more pay and, upon being refused, went to her home in Connecticut saying she would stay there until the showman met her terms. To-day Joseph Luggerio, announced by a Barker at the Windsor Fair as "wild man from Borneo" was in court. "I can't be a wild man for nothing," he told the judge after saying he had asked for more money before leaving the show. "Folks throw peanuts and apples and chewing gum at me and I won't stand for it," he said. The charges against him were adjusted and he left for his home in Boston.

EXPLORER IS DRIFTING IN ICE LOCKED SHIP

Amundsen on Dash to North Pole Is Believed Floating North of Siberia

Seattle, Sept. 3.—Bound for the North Pole, Roald Amundsen, Norwegian discoverer of the South Pole, is at present drifting in his ice locked sloop, the Maud, somewhere north of western Siberia. At that time the Maud was reported by the Seattle Norwegian vice-consulate and Vilhjalms Stefansson, Canadian Arctic explorer. In planning the trip, the explorer said he expected, after reaching the pole, to return either to Grant Land, west of Greenland or Melville Island, which lies in the Arctic Ocean north of Canada. Should he reach Melville Island he probably would journey by sea to Nome, Alaska or overland to Dawson, Yukon territory.

DAYLIGHT-SAVING PETITIONS

DAYLIGHT saving petitions which the Harrisburg Telegraph was asked to prepare for the great number of Harrisburg folks who want an extra hour of sunshine during the summer months, now are ready for distribution. The petitions are directed to members of Council and call upon the City Commissioners to pass a daylight saving measure for the months of May, June, July, August and September.

SHOT BY BURGLAR

Conneaut, O., Sept. 3.—G. Morton Brown, wealthy bank owner, real estate dealer, was shot probably fatally to-day by a burglar whom he discovered in his home. Special Sheriff's posse with bloodhounds are searching for the intruder.

SQUASH SUFFRAGE AGAIN

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 3.—For a second time the State Senate refused yesterday to ratify the Federal woman suffrage constitutional amendment. A motion to ratify was defeated 18 to 11, after a debate of two hours.

STEELWORKERS TO DISCUSS CAMPAIGN

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Wm. B. MEETCH, LONG PROMINENT, IS DEAD

Was For Years Republican Leader and Widely-Known Hunter of Big Game

LOVER OF OUTDOOR LIFE Although 75 Years Old at Time of Death Joined Reserves at Outbreak of War

William B. Meetch, for years one of the prominent figures in the Republican politics of Dauphin county, big game hunter and student of Susquehanna Valley history, died to-day at his residence, 1620 North Second street, after an illness of two months, aged 75 years. Mr. Meetch's friends were not generally aware that his condition was so serious, and the news of his death was a surprise and a shock. Numerous messages of condolence were received by members of his family.

Born on a farm in Halfax township, the son of Joseph and Alice Buchanan Meetch, he worked on his father's farm and became a teacher in the district where he was educated. At an early age he went to Williamstown and became principal of the schools of that borough, serving for nine years. Having learned the trade of a carpenter he went into the service of the coal companies operating in the Lockens Valley and had charge of timber work in the collieries. From mining he went into lumbering and in the days when extensive timber cutting operations were conducted in Dauphin, Perry, Northumberland and other up-river counties he was a prominent figure. For several years Mr. Meetch was in the business and laid the foundation of his wide acquaintance among the people of the Susquehanna Valley.

In the Civil War Mr. Meetch enlisted in the One Hundred and Ninety-second Pennsylvania Infantry, serving as a member of Company H until the close of the war. He resumed his lumbering operations after the war and became prominent in affairs at Millersburg, Pa. In 1880 he was elected register of wills of Dauphin county, filling the office until 1886. From that time on he was active in the man's colliery politics. He was named as a member of the Board of Prison Inspectors and became a member of the Dauphin and State Republican committees. He was chosen warden of the prison in the late nineties and it was under his administration that the building was remodelled.

Had Many Friends Few were in Central Pennsylvania

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AUSTRIANS AND NOT RULERS GET BLAME FOR WAR

Allies in "Covering Note" to Treaty Text Fix Responsibility

Paris, Sept. 3.—Chancellor Karl Renner, head of the Austrian Peace Delegation, left last night for Vienna with the peace treaty, which was handed to the Austrians to-day. He indicated that he would probably ask for an extension of time as the Austrian General Assembly would meet on Saturday and Sunday to discuss the terms. The Supreme Council, it is announced, will extend the time, if Austria so requests.

The treaty was presented to the Austrian delegates by Paul Dutasta, general secretary of the Peace Conference. He also handed them the Allied reply to the Austrian counter-proposal.

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LIBERTY BOND PRICES

New York, Sept. 3.—Final prices on Liberty Bonds to-day: 3 1/2's, 99.98; first 4's, 94.54; second 4's, 92.84; first 4 1/2's, 94.56; second 4 1/2's, 92.94; third 4 1/2's, 94.50; fourth 4 1/2's, 92.32; Victory 3 1/2's, 99.50; Victory 4 1/2's, 99.56.

THE ONLY DEMOCRAT, NOT MUCH! SAYS FRIEND WIFE

So Lonely Voter Gets on the Band Wagon When Registrar Marks Him Republican to Keep Peace in the Family

One Democrat would have registered yesterday in the First precinct of the Second ward, but his wife wouldn't let him. So the election board gravely chalked 'em all up as Republicans. This much-married voter felt like a hero when he found that he was the only Democrat to register. He told his friends, and they extended their sympathy. Everybody was Republican. Then this voter went home and told his wife and there was a change in spirit. "Can I change my party affiliation," queried the lone voter after a snappy session with friend wife. "You can change anything," was the answer. "Well, put me on the list as a Republican. My wife advised me to get in out of the wet," and she is right. I hate to be alone." With these remarks he made the necessary affidavit, and he is now a Republican. "Since the change in the precincts of the Second ward the registration promises to show an increase. Voters will no longer be required to walk nearly a mile to register and vote."

TIGHT HOLDING IN DANCES TABOO, SAYS CITY CENSOR

Police Matron Rules Against the "Shimmie, the Wriggle and the Wiggle"

Vulgarity is not to be permitted in the dances staged in this city. This is the ultimatum of Mrs. Edith E. Bergstresser, police matron, one of whose duties is that of visiting the city dance halls to see that they are properly conducted.

The matter of tight holding at dances, especially, comes in for the condemnation of Mrs. Bergstresser and it is along this line that she will direct her most vigorous efforts. She has given her approval to the promises to enforce the advice of dancing masters to the effect that there must be at least one or two inches between the dancers. That is close enough for all gracefulness, she says.

The "shimmie" is absolutely tabooed in Harrisburg, according to the police matron. There have been few attempts to stage any exhibitions of it in the city and none will be permitted if vigilance will result in eliminating them, it is promised. Among the most vulgar practices in dancing to be barred are: Girl's arm clutched around the man's neck; her head resting on his shoulder; the wiggles; the squirm; "exaggerated jazz."

The accepted forms of dancing, as set forth by their Harrisburg censor, are: One-step, fox-trot, with simple tango step added, and the waltz. The "position" of both parties is radically different; the girl's arm no more will curve closely around the man's collar, it must rest lightly on his shoulder and very "lightly" at that. His hand must not slip down to her waist. Such is the advice which Harrisburg dancers must follow, if they wish to conduct themselves properly at dance halls in the city limits.

Numerous; most of the dance halls are conducted in a highly respectable manner, Mrs. Bergstresser claims.

Honduran Rebels Are Scattered After Fighting in Which Many Die

San Salvador, Republic of Salvador, Tuesday, Sept. 2.—Honduran government troops under command of General Flores have completely scattered and captured the revolutionary forces numbering 1,500 men led by Gen. Lopez Gutierrez, according to an official statement issued at Tegucigalpa. The statement declares that the rebels do not hold any towns whatever in the districts affected by the revolt.

Erecting Garage and Warehouse to Cost \$60,000

Erection of a two-story building for the Witman-Schwartz company, to be located in Walnut street, will be in charge of the Central Construction Corporation, it was announced to-day. The structure will be of brick and concrete, 26 by 84 feet, and will cost about \$20,000. A building permit for the work was secured to-day. Charles E. Covert secured a permit for the erection of a one-story brick and concrete building to be used for a garage. The structure will be erected by the Central Construction Corporation. The building is to be located on the west side of South Cameron street, 200 feet south of Mulberry street. It will be 185 by 142 feet, and will cost \$60,000.

Registration Records in Philadelphia Broken

Philadelphia, Sept. 3.—Registration records were broken yesterday when 98,385 voters went to the polls. This is 21,510 more than registered on the second day in 1915, for the last previous majority contest.

The total registration for the first two days stands at 235,550. The third day usually brings out a larger enrollment of voters than the second. Should this prove true next Saturday Philadelphia will have nearly 400,000 voted in November.

STORKEEKEEPER CHARGED WITH FORESTALLING Louis Foster who conducts a store at Fourth and Muehle streets, was arrested at Verbeke Market this morning on a charge of forestalling. He gave bail for a hearing before the Mayor. It will probably be held to-morrow.