

FOR HAGUE MEETING BEFORE WAR ENDS

World's Court League Considering Calling of Conference.

MIGHT TRY PEACE MAKING

Plan to Organize An International Council - League Would Be Clearing-House Of Peace Movements.

New York. - The world's Court League announced here the inauguration of a movement to organize an international council with a view to calling a third Hague conference...

To constructive statesmen and leading thinkers of all nations invitations will be mailed this week, it was stated, inviting them to accept appointments as members of the board of governors of the proposed international council.

The league, in purposing to establish itself as a clearing house of peace movements, plans to go before the world "not as a sheriff assigned to enforce peace," it was explained, but as a permanent body which would be sustained by public opinion...

The league's announcement was made in connection with making public a new set of principles and program of action adopted at a recent meeting it held in this city.

Under the plans the International Council of Conciliation would be associated with an international court of justice representing all nations. This court, "subject to the limitations of treaties," would be empowered to assume jurisdiction over international questions in dispute that are justifiable in character and that are not settled by negotiation.

The league intends its program to "afford the common ground" upon which all peace workers may meet and co-operate.

PURE FOOD FINES \$116,000.

Government Prosecuted 401 Cases Of Violation.

Washington. - Government pure food inspectors during the fiscal year of 1916 uncovered 978 violations of the Pure Food and Drug act.

COLLIER TO BE XMAS SHIP.

Will Carry 4,000 Tons Of Food and Clothing To Syria.

New York. - A Christmas ship, a United States naval collier, will sail from this port about December 1, carrying 3,000 tons of food and 1,000 tons of clothing for war sufferers in Armenia and Syria.

BANK ROBBER RETURNS \$5.

Money Taken At Point Of Gun Sent Back After Three Days.

Scranton, Pa. - From a man signing himself "Would-be Bank Robber," the Pine Brook Bank received a letter with \$5 inclosed.

GERMANS RAID CHANNEL.

Take Two Suspicious Vessels Into Port; Third Still Out.

Berlin. - A raid was made by German naval small craft on the shipping route between the mouth of the Thames and Holland on Wednesday night, the Admiralty announced.

"NICK" YOUNG DEAD.

Former President Of National Baseball League Was 73 Years Old.

Washington. - Nicholas E. Young, age 73 years, for 18 years president of the National Baseball League, died at the home of his son, Robert H. Young.

SURRENDERS AFTER 25 YEARS.

North Carolinian Killed Playmate In Boys' Quarrel.

Murphy, N. C. - Twenty-five years ago, in an altercation with a playmate, R. L. Phillips, threw a stone, striking the other boy on the head and killing him.

GERMANS GIVE UP FORT VAUX

All Ground They Took East of the Meuse Lost.

PORTIONS OF FORT BLOWN UP

German Crown Prince's Army Unable Longer To Hold Positions He Captured Last Spring.

Berlin. - The German Crown Prince's army has evacuated Fort Vaux and has now retired from nearly all the important positions taken along the eastern bank of the Meuse River in this year's campaign.

Fort Vaux was evacuated on the night of November 12, in accordance with pre-arranged plans, according to the German military leaders, who indicate that they considered the sacrifice involved in its retention out of proportion to its value in the present German strategic scheme.

Did Not Justify Losses. Forts Douaumont and Vaux, it was explained, formed such a material element in the defense of Verdun as long as they remained with unimpaired armament in French hands that they had to be put out of action in order to cripple the fortress, and once this was accomplished the ruins of the forts, with the armaments removed, possessed no such importance to the Germans and served chiefly as targets for the French artillery.

Now that Fort Douaumont had passed again into French possession, Fort Vaux no longer, in the opinion of the German leaders, justified the heavy sacrifice necessary to retain the ground about the fort, which is ill-adapted to defense against attacks from the south and west. Fort Vaux was therefore abandoned and the German lines retired to positions less exposed to the French artillery.

The German statement regarding the western front follows: "Western Front: Army group of Crown Prince Rupprecht. In the district north of the Somme artillery activity was renewed locally. An advance of English forces north of Courcellette was easily repulsed. "French attacks in the sector of Leabouefs and Rancourt brought small advantages for the enemy northeast of Merval and in the northwest edge of St. Pierre Vast Wood. They were, however, in general repulsed sanguinously. Our troops, in spite of tenacious French resistance, made advances in the northern part of Sully.

"Army group of the German Crown Prince: An artillery engagement on the right bank of the River Meuse repeatedly increased to great intensity. "The French up to the present have directed an especially heavy and destructive fire against Fort Vaux, which had been evacuated already in the night time by our troops, following a given order and without being disturbed by the enemy. Important parts of the fort were blasted by us before we left the positions."

Efforts of the Roumanians to force back the Austro-German troops which have invaded their country failed, the War Office announces. Southeast of Rotherthurn Pass the invaders are making further progress.

The announcement follows: "On the Eastern Transylvania front the situation is unchanged. Roumanian attacks against the Allied (Teutonic) troops which had advanced beyond Altschaux and Predeal Passes failed, with losses to the enemy. We captured eight officers and 200 men southeast of Rotherthurn Pass. Engagements which are favorable for us continue.

SLAYS BEAR IN TOWN. Game Shot On Cottage Lawn in Exclusive Eaglesmere, Pa. Williamsport, Pa. - C. I. Keebler, a Williamsport insurance agent, shot a large black bear on the lawn of a cottage at exclusive Eaglesmere while on a business trip there.

DROWNS CHILD AND HERSELF. Mother Leads Two Little Ones To River, Pushes Them In. Gadsden, Ala. - Mrs. Charles Carter, of Wharton's Bend, led her 5-year-old daughter and her 5-year-old son to the banks of the Coosa river, threw the children into the water and then jumped in herself. The boy saved himself, but the girl and her mother were drowned.

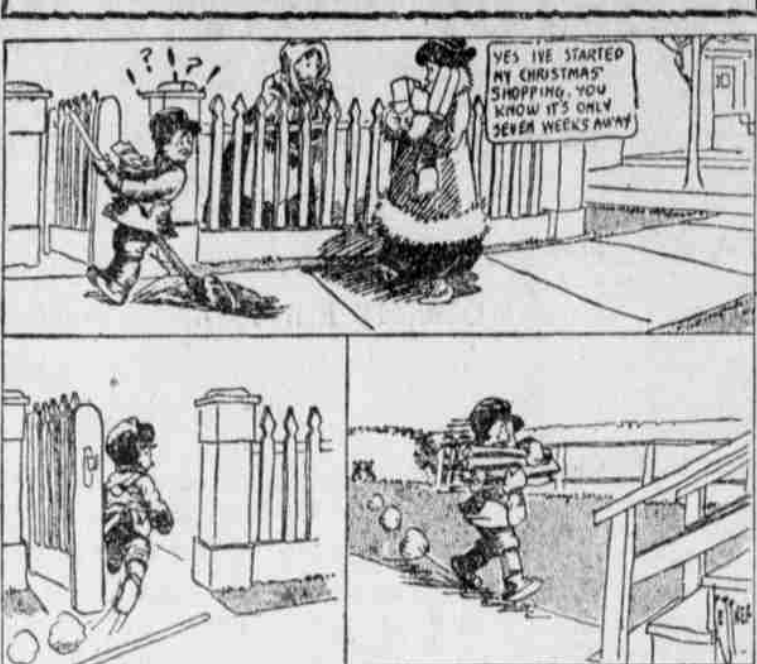
WALKS TO DEATH IN SLEEP. Michael Polk, 62, Falls From Third-Story Window Of Home. Philadelphia. - Michael Polk, 62 years old, was killed when he walked out of the third-story window of his home while asleep. He was found on the sidewalk by pedestrians. He had been in the habit of sleep-walking.

U-53 BACK IN PORT. Berlin Dispatches Report Safe Return Home Of Raider. Amsterdam. - The German submarine U-53, which ravaged shipping off the American coast after paying a visit to Newport, has returned to a German port, according to Berlin dispatches.

SAYS FISH HAVE SOULS. But They're Fifth Class, Museum Curator Declares. Washington. - Fish have souls, just like men and all the other animals, Dr. Paul Bartsch, curator of the National Museum, declared in discussing a question which arose at a meeting of the Washington Aquarium Society.

Bread 15 Cents a Loaf. Helena, Mont. - Bread sold here Thursday at 15 cents a loaf, or two for 25 cents. The price had been 10 cents, or three for 25 cents.

ONLY SEVEN WEEKS TO CHRISTMAS



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U-BOAT DISPUTE AGAIN OPENED

U. S. Faces Renewal of Controversy With Germany.

AMERICANS ARE LOST

Washington, Awaiting Full Particulars, Admits Supposed Act Of German Submarine Has Caused Serious Situation.

London. - The American Embassy received a report from Wesley Frost, American Consul at Queenstown, that the British steamship Marina had been torpedoed without warning.

Only 24 members of the crew of 104 have been picked up and landed at Crookhaven, Ireland. A telegram received at the American consulate from Crookhaven says that a number of Americans were drowned. In reply to an inquiry from the American Embassy the Admiralty said that there were 49 Americans in the crew of the Marina.

The Admiralty informed the embassy that the Marina was torpedoed, but that it had not been ascertained whether any warning was given. No official information is available whether any Americans were drowned. The Marina, which was outward bound, was torpedoed twice and broke in two. It is reported that men were drowned while attempting to lower boats.

The Admiralty says the Marina was not under Government charter. Mr. Frost is now procuring affidavits from survivors. A report on the sinking on October 26 of the British steamship Rowanmore also was made to the American Embassy by Mr. Frost, who states that the vessel was torpedoed. Seven Americans, including five Filipinos, were on board the Rowanmore. Several of them have given Mr. Frost affidavits stating that a submarine shelled lifeboats while they were being lowered and after they were clear of the ship without causing loss of life.

Serious, Says Lansing. Washington. - Preliminary reports of the sinking by German submarines of the British steamers Marina and Rowanmore, partly manned by Americans, are too incomplete to enable officials at the State Department to form an opinion as to whether there had been a violation of neutral rights or of pledges given the United States by Germany. Secretary Lansing declined to comment further than to admit that the reports appeared more serious than the usual routine dispatches announcing the destruction of belligerent merchantment, and that full information would be awaited with interest.

On its face, the case of the Marina, reported by Consul Frost at Queenstown, presents the gravest situation that has arisen since the sinking of the Channel liner Sussex, which brought the American and German Governments to the verge of a break. Although he cautioned that his information was purely "provisional," the Consul cabled that the Marina, a "horse transport with a mixed crew of British and Americans," was reported sunk without warning by German submarine gunfire 100 miles west of Cape Clear, and that 70 of the crew of 104 were missing.

DEWEE'S FORMER FLAGSHIP GOING TO DOMINICAN WATERS. Charleston, S. C. - The old cruiser Olympia, Dewey's flagship at Manila Bay, was commissioned for active service here, with Capt. E. B. Blerer commanding. She will become flagship of the cruiser squadron in Dominican waters, supplanting the transport Prairie.

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ADMITS \$32,500 ROBBERY. Leader Of Bandit Trio Held In \$10,000 Bail For Trial. Detroit. - James Walton, leader of the trio of bandits who robbed the pay car of the Burroughs Adding Machine Company of \$32,500 here last August, pleaded guilty to robbery while armed when arraigned before Police Justice Stein. He was held to the next term of the Recorder's Court for sentence under \$10,000 bond.

GERARD BOOKED PASSAGE. New York. - James W. Gerard, American Ambassador to Germany, who arrived here October 10 on leave of absence, has booked passage to return to Berlin on the Scandinavian-American Line steamship Frederick VIII, sailing December 5 for Copenhagen.

ONE-ARMED HERO GETS \$2,000. Beloit, Wis. - Donald Scoops, a one-armed Beloit college student, received notice that he had been awarded a Carnegie medal and \$2,000 for saving two girls from drowning in Hawawee Lake, Indiana, in 1913.

MINERS GIVEN INCREASE. Fairmont, W. Va. - Ten thousand bituminous coal miners in this region were officially notified that their wages had been advanced 10 per cent, the increase to become operative at once.

DRASTIC FOOD PRICE PROBE. Chicago. - Drastic action will be taken in the Federal investigation of the soaring prices of food products, it was announced by Charles F. Clyne, United States' District Attorney.

GREEK SHIP SUNK; 30 DEAD. U-Boat Attacks Angelle, Carrying Volunteers. Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, L. I. - Thirty men perished when a German submarine sank the Greek steamer Angelle, bound for Saloniki, with 300 volunteers for the Venizelos army.

VILLA LEADER CAPTURED. Chihuahua City, Mexico. - The garrison at Madera reports the capture of the Villa leader Rosario Garcia and several of his men.

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What's Going On at Harrisburg

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The State Workmen's Compensation Board, in a decision by Commissioner John A. Scott, has upheld the award of Referee T. J. Dunn, of Pittsburgh, to the family of Robert Duffett, an employe of Eli Abbott, Pittsburgh. Duffett was injured January 25 and died on February 22 of pneumonia, the symptoms of which were first apparent to his physician twenty days after he received the injury.

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State College Plans Fete. Pennsylvania Day will be celebrated at State College on November 17. Elaborate plans have been perfected for the most interesting observance of this occasion ever attempted at Penn State. A varied program, consisting of the following features, has been prepared: An address by Governor Brumbaugh, a review of the student regiment of 1,500 uniformed men, concerts by the musical clubs orchestra and band; exhibitions by the schools of engineering and agriculture; the Senior Class dance and a football game between Lafayette College and Penn State.

Four Executions For Early December. Governor Brumbaugh signed death warrants as follows: Junius Alston, Chester county, to be executed the week of December 11. Joseph W. O'Brien, Montgomery county, to be executed the week of December 11. Dominick Digiso, Schuylkill county, to be executed the week of December 4. Stanislof Wocoshok, of Beaver, to be executed the week of December 4.

State To Inspect Dairy-Farms. Governor Brumbaugh has authorized plans for a scientific State inspection of the 290,000 dairy farms in Pennsylvania with Commissioner of Health Dixon and State Veterinarian Marshall, who will co-operate in drafting a system. They will prepare a bill which will be submitted to the Legislature. The Department of Health has been making inspections lately, but has not the funds to cover the whole State.

300 Camp Sites Leased. The State Department of Forestry announced that three hundred leases for camp sites, mostly for permanent hunting camps, had been granted on State forestry reservations. Hunting notices county leading, with forty-three, followed by forty in Clinton, thirty-six in Pike and twenty-eight in Clearfield.

CHARTERS GRANTED. Harrisburg's new hotel company, which will erect a big hotel facing Capitol Park by popular subscription, was granted its charter. Other companies chartered were: The Temperance Development & Agency Co., insurance and temperance lectures; Harrisburg, capital, \$5,000; treasurer, Jesse J. Shriver, Mechanicsburg.

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