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MR. GIBSON'S STATEMENT

Reports on the statement made in Europe recently at the disarmament conference by High Gibson, American expert, regarding the attitude of the United States on land armaments, have caused a great deal of comment in the American and European press of late.

The clouds of diplomatic misrepresentation were cleared away last week, however, when it was announced to the newspaper correspondents at Washington, or "high authority," that the United States had not abandoned its position, but that the statement of Mr. Gibson had been made for the purpose of letting the world know that Uncle Sam did not intend to "mix in" any purely European question like that of land armaments, but would confine his attention to matters which directly concerned him.

Our army is of course cut out to the lowest limit now, far below that of European Countries. It was intimated that administration authorities at Washington were "vexed" with certain reports coming from Europe which would seem to indicate that the United States had abandoned its position and was seeking to mix into European diplomacy and it was further intimated that some of these reports may have been circulated with mischievous intent.

The United States' position is clearly set out by Mr. Richard V. Oulahan, in a Washington dispatch to the New York Times, in part as follows: "It was with the purpose of relieving the United States from being placed in a situation during the peace conference of taking sides in a controversy over limiting land armaments that Mr. Gibson was instructed to make known that the American representatives retired from any expression of opinion, pro or con, on these technical questions."

"Through such a statement, it was hoped our delegation would not have the appearance of obstructing any method which the European delegations might find to clarify their own course with respect to the limitation of land arms."

"Ambassador Gibson and his colleague, Rear Admiral Hiram P. Jones, felt, it is learned, that agreement among the European representatives would be facilitated if the United States withdrew any previously expressed opinions on matters, which were regarded by the Government as solely the concern of Europe. By that course, it is held in administration circles, our representatives would make their government a party to European contentions."

Another way of reading Mr. Gibson's remarks, as they were intended to read, is that the United States washes its hands of the whole matter of determining what restrictions shall be placed on peace-time land armaments. It is certainly this in a position which will be approved and supported by every thinking American. The United States is for peace and disarmament by mutual agreement, so long as such treatment is equitable and does not violate the defensive requirements of the United States. We are willing to do such a program and to do our part, and we do not intend to get into problems which are purely European and which do not concern us, any more than we intend to sacrifice our own interests at home or abroad in the pursuit of any international aim.

FRESH CIGARS

Cigars wrapped in moistureproof sheath, including the products of the three concerns, have been the objects of attraction in industrial districts. The cigars are displayed in boxes containing one, two, three, and five in the units, and the unequalities of this wrapping makes it possible to keep the cigars fresh for from four to six weeks without humidors. Another interesting fact explained is the cigars wrapped in this moistureproof sheath will withstand rough treatment and even be jumped on without being damaged.

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Personal

Miss Ruth Commons, of Roumania, a teacher in the High School at Windber spent the week end at her home in Roumania.

Mrs. Hannah Finnegan, of Meyersdale, attended the funeral in Johnstown, of her sister, Mrs. Greene.

Harry Finnegan, District Manager of the Keystone Stores who is stationed at Beaver Falls, spent Sunday at the home of his mother.

Francis Clark, of Akron, Ohio, who is employed by the Firestone Rubber Co, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, of Broadway, returning to Akron at 3:50 on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Crowe and two children, Mary Katherine and Paul, who were called here due to the death of Mr. Crowe's father, returned home on Tuesday evening to their home in New Brighton, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Laren and daughter, Mary Louise, of Williamsport, Pa, attended the funeral of Mrs. Mac Laren's father, C. E. Crowe, returning home on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crowe, of Johnstown, Pa, who attended the funeral of Mr. Crowe's father, returned home on Monday evening.

Mrs. Charles Berkey, of Connellsville, who attended the funeral of C. E. Crowe returned home on Sunday evening.

Simon Keffer, two sons, and daughter, of Canton, Ohio, spent Sunday at the home of William Wasmuth, on Salisbury St.

Charles West, of Elwood City, Pa., was a Sunday visitor with relatives and friends here.

Oliver Hostetter who is employed in Pittsburgh, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hostetter, of Trans-Meyersdale. He returned to his duties on Monday morning.

Miss Helen Danah, daughter of Mrs. John Danah, who is employed as stenographer in New York, and Miss Gertrude Danah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Danah, who is employed as a R. N. Bellevue Hospital, New York City, spent Sunday at their homes here, returning on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rickard, accompanied by Mrs. Rickard's mother, Mrs. Samuel Meyers left Tuesday for a ten day motor trip. They will first go to Pittsburgh to visit their son Lawrence, and also visit Altoona and some places of interest in the eastern part of the state, among them Mr. Rickard's old home.

Guy Holsopple and son were Meyersdale visitors on business one day this week.

Personal

J. L. Snyder, veteran retired telegraph operator and B. & O. agent at Glencoe for many years was shopping in town on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Martz of Berlin were Meyersdale visitors Wednesday of this week.

Dr. W. A. McClellan of Garrett transacted business in town Wednesday of this week.

On Friday of last week Wm. A. Hay of the South Side, attended a Sheriff's sale in Somerset.

Wesley M. Kunkel, of Hill Top Inn, Grantsville, Md., was a visitor to Meyersdale the past week.

Mary Thornley who had her arm broken in several places recently, is getting along fine and in a short time will be able to have the splints taken from her arm.

Frederick Bolden has returned from Pittsburgh where he has been employed by the B. & O. R. Co., and incidentally taking a course in the Carnegie Tech night school of Sanitary Plumbing and Engineering.

Mrs. Charles D'Amico left for Pittsburgh, on Wednesday morning, where she will spend a few days. Her daughter, Joan, will be graduated as a nurse on Thursday evening from the West Penn Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Heffley left for Pittsburgh, on Thursday morning, to attend the graduation exercises of their daughter, Melda, who will graduate as a nurse from the West Penn Hospital on Thursday evening.

Mrs. M. J. Kerrigan, of Connellsville, was visiting relatives and friends the past week here.

Miss Mary Kerrigan spent the week end at her home in Connellsville, returning home on Sunday evening.

Leaders Are Favorable to Merger of Lutheran Colleges

Action described as favorable, but not final, was taken Friday by the board of directors of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg on the proposed merger of the Seminary with similar schools at Mt. Airy and Selinsgrove. Dr. Aberly said in making the announcement that the directors favored the consolidation, but that final action has been postponed until the question of unification is voted upon by the seven synods supporting the Gettysburg school. "After the various synods have expressed themselves on the proposed merger, a special meeting of the seminary board of directors will be held to take final action, which may be favorable or unfavorable," the seminary president said.

SPY AND SOLDIER WEDDED 64 YEARS

Both Over 90, but Still Hale and Hearty.

Kansas City, Mo.—Sixty-five years ago a young Confederate courier from Missouri and a Confederate "petticoat runner" from Mississippi met near Memphis. They never parted, and recently celebrated the sixty-fourth anniversary of their marriage here at their home. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Victor both are more than ninety. Their romance began after the Confederate evacuation of Corinth, Miss. Young Bill Victor, whose home was at Shelbyville, Mo., was detailed to scouting duty with a detachment having headquarters in Memphis.

Meet Petticoat Runner. One afternoon he was scouting on a Union movement near the Tennessee-Mississippi line. He met a southern party, in which was Miss Mary Mitchell. The party had been to Memphis and was returning to the Mitchell plantation across the line in Mississippi. Young Victor saw Mary—and offered to escort the party to the plantation. "I'd never paid any attention to soldiers until I met Bill," Mrs. Victor said. "I'd been busy fighting Yankees. But I did pay so much attention to him that we were married within a year at Memphis."

But Mr. and Mrs. Victor are in excellent health. They are interested in politics and the scientific developments of the day.

"Why, bedtime used to be about 8:30 o'clock when I was a boy," he said. "But since the radio came in I never go to bed until the last one signs off."

Made Good Spies. Mr. Victor has not been in Shelbyville since he left home at the age of seventeen to join the Army of the South. He was under Gen. Sterling Price when the Confederates besieged Lexington, Mo., and forced the Union leader, Colonel Mulligan, to surrender. His regiment's first engagement, however, was in the bed of the Des Moines river, "somewhere along the Iowa-Missouri line."

"We were slipping up on a Federal force, and, as it turned out, the Federals were slipping up on us," he explains. "We met in the dead of the night in the middle of the river and both sides went back to their own side of the river."

Mrs. Victor's services to the Confederate cause consisted chiefly of watching Federal troop movements along the Tennessee-Mississippi border and giving Confederate soldiers sufficient warning to flee to safety.

"We petticoat runners," she said, "were the best spies because the Yankees were not afraid of us."

Registry Records by Numbers and Names

Topeka, Kan.—This state encourages parents to know their children by numbers as well as by names. It reserves the right, however, to assign the numbers to new born babies. In the state board of health records a birth certificate, it informs the child's parents under what registration number the document is filed, and suggests that the figure be remembered by the family. This is a new policy inaugurated by Dr. Earle G. Brown, secretary of the board. Doctor Brown points out that the registry number may be helpful in later years if the certificate must be located immediately in the state archives.

Musician Calls Jazz a Fountain of Youth

Berlin.—Jack Hylton of London, known as the "jazz king of Europe," has discovered the secret of eternal youth. Arriving in Berlin with his jazz orchestra for an extended stay, he said: "There is nothing that keeps a fellow so eternally young as playing in a jazz band. Jazz is an expression of youth, of joy, of bubbling enthusiasm. Anybody who plays it cannot help but keep young."

Eat Oysters and Grow, New Zealander Advises

London.—The months with "R's" in them are good months to grow in, if the results of experiments by Dr. John Malcolm, New Zealand physiologist, reported to Nature, hold good generally. Doctor Malcolm has found, by test feeding of rats, that oysters are a good source of vitamin A, which promotes normal growth. A native New Zealand oyster, known as the Toheroa, is even better than the oyster, the experiments indicate. A Toheroa canning industry is growing up, the product being sold as "Toheroa soup."

Voice Low in Power

New York.—The power of human speech has been measured electrically by Dr. Harvey Fletcher of Bell telephone laboratories. He finds that if 5,000,000 persons all talked at once, in ordinary tones, the sound power thus created would be just sufficient to light an ordinary incandescent lamp.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

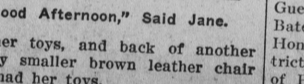
MARY GRAHAM BONNER

FOUR O'CLOCK

One, two, three, four struck the clock. But the fourth stroke had not been sounded before the door bell rang and little Elaine shouted: "Here they come! Here they come!" It was at four o'clock that she was expecting her friends to come and see her. "They were going to play 'house' and they were going to play 'Hunt the thimble,' and they were going to play 'Still-pond-no-more-moving,' and then they were going to have a lovely big tea."

Just as she was opening the door to let in her friends Orrie and Anna who had brought their dolls along, too, up the front path came the other friends who had been invited—Betty and Jane. "I'm so glad you've all come," cried Elaine delightedly. And all her friends were glad to receive such a fine welcome. "We're all so glad we've come, too," they said.

They took off their things then and went into the library of Elaine's daddy where they began to play. They each chose one of the great big chairs in the room for a house and each went behind the chair with their dolls which they had brought. Back of the big red leather chair Orrie had her two dolls and worsted cat. Back of the big brown leather chair Anna had her two beloved dolls Viva and Charles—such good and handsome doll children. Back of the red leather chair which was not quite so large as the chair where Orrie had her "house" Elaine



"Good Afternoon," said Jane.

had her toys, and back of another slightly smaller brown leather chair Jane had her toys. One would think that she would be at home and then the others would come and call on her. "Good afternoon," said Jane to Orrie. They had decided that Orrie would be the hostess for the time being.

"Good afternoon," said Orrie. "Good afternoon," said Betty. "Good afternoon," said Anna. "Good afternoon," said the dolls and the worsted cat in their make-believe voices. They had a most beautiful time playing house.

Not only did they call on each other and talk about what their children were doing, and how they were getting along in their lessons, but they kept arranging and rearranging their "houses."

Then they had a surprise for each other at every call. For example Anna would call on Orrie and she would say: "Dear me, so you've moved the chair. What an improvement, my dear, what a great improvement."

"It makes the room look larger. And somehow it makes the room look brighter."

Then Orrie would say: "Just what I thought, my dear, and so glad that you agree with me."

They had supper later on, and then the ones who had to go home packed up their things and left, but it had been a lovely little party and every one enjoyed it. Even the worsted cat had had a good time, so you may know it was a very lovely party.

Reason for Alarm

A friend's little boy, aged only four, was serving as ring bearer at a large and elaborate wedding. The ring had been fastened to the satin pillow by a loose stitch and the little fellow had been warned by his mother to be careful with it. Consequently, when the minister removed the ring, little Wilfred cried out, "Oh, mavour, the man is taking the ring!"

Who George Was

George and Roger Brown, respectively five and two, often have their names mentioned together. Therefore, when the new neighbor inquired who he was, it was natural that George should think of his brother. He replied: "I am the Brown children."

Baby's Name

A new baby had arrived in the home of a friend. Little Gene, three years old, was insistent upon knowing what the baby's name was. His mother said: "Oh—it's just baby." "I know," said little Gene, "but what's his name if he gets lost?"

BOSWELL NEWS

Representatives of the Phillips Jones Corporation were here last week in conference with a committee of the local Chamber of Commerce and it is stated that an agreement has been reached by which Boswell will secure a factory that will employ about 175 persons in the production of commodities that will be distributed on a national scale by the Phillips Jones organization. Plans include the immediate erection of a modern factory building approximately 65 by 160 feet at Ohio street and Atkinson Way. Local capital will be provided to pay for the site and erect the factory thereon, the conditions being similar to those under which Meyersdale secured a factory of the Phillips Jones Corporation last year. The committee representing the local Chamber of Commerce in working out the details and carrying the plans through to completion are Dr. C. H. Sprowls, Park M. Weimer, Dr. F. E. Sass, Eber Cockey, Comfrey Ickes, J. C. Oswald, Ferd Sann, R. W. Lohr, Andrew Diamond, J. L. Brant and F. L. Ferrell. At a community meeting Friday evening a large number of leading citizens of this and adjacent communities raised a major portion of the fund required to finance the building and assured the success of efforts of the local Chamber of Commerce to have the Phillips Jones people locate the factory in this community.

E. C. Arisman and family were Sunday visitors to Acosta.

C. F. Enoch, of Meyersdale, visited friends here recently.

T. O. Imhoff was a business visitor to Conneville, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brant, Mrs. Eber Cockey and daughter, Evelyn, were Johnstown visitors recently.

Elza Cable was a Sunday visitor to Johnstown.

Squire John Kircher was a business caller in Central City, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kirby, of Johnstown, were week end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Comfrey Ickes.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Gonder, of Ligonier, were Thursday visitors here.

John W. Griffith, of Somerset, was a business caller here, Monday.

President James A. Burke, Past President C. M. Benson, Charles E. Weimer, and Secretary Edward S. Landis, of Edgewood Aerie 1801 Fraternal Order of Eagles, all of Somerset, attended a banquet at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, Saturday evening under the auspices of the F. O. E. Association of Western Pennsylvania in honor of Edward J. Ryan, Grand Worthy President, who recently returned from an extended tour of western states in which he visited widely among subordinate Aeries.

The principal speakers were Rev. A. W. Forney, of Crafton, Pa.; Charles C. Guenther, Harvey J. Boyle, Ben G. Bates, A. W. Feidler, State President, Hon. George F. Longitt, Assistant District Attorney of Allegheny County, all of Pittsburgh; Conrad H. Mann, Managing Organizer, of Kansas City, Mo., and Edward J. Ryan, Grand Worthy President, a member of Philadelphia Aerie 42.

The music for the occasion was furnished by the celebrated Blue Bird orchestra; the menu was most appetizing; dancing and entertaining features provided further enjoyment. About 500 of the more prominent members of the Grand and State Aeries were present.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE Estate of Domestic Concilio, deceased Late of Brothersvalley Township, Somerset County, Pa. Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the estate to make the same known, without delay to JOHN CONCINI, Executor, Garrett, Pa., R. D. 1. 17-6t

RALPHTON NOTES

A farewell party was held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Petra, who are moving to Bedford next week. The following were present: Mesdames Charles I. Shaffer, Lynn Elliott, J. M. Turney, Patrick Collins, Earl Berkeley and Jerry Flannigan, Miss Matilda Johnston, Miss Ethel Turney, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Sanders and children, Naomi and Junior, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Petra and children, David, Vernon and Rowena.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Turney and children were callers in Boswell last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Collins and son Ralph spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Collins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Crissey, of near Friedens.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barndt and family, of Gray, are spending a few weeks here at the home of Mrs. Waiter Swartz.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carous and family were callers in Boswell last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Winters and children, James and Carol, were recent callers in Boswell.

BLOUGH NEWS

The Blough Independents and the Moham Ball Team held a ball game on the Blough ground, the score being Blough 7 and Moham 2.

Jimmy W. and Elmer Berkey have returned from Shanksville where they spent a few days at the home of Lawrence Watson.

Mary Dials who was employed at Johnstown, has returned home. M. D. Miller has been confined to his home with a bad attack of acute indigestion.

Charles Seders and Edward McGown spent Sunday with Mrs. Kate Bisbing, at Kantner, Pa.

Frank Miller, of Somerset, was called to the home of his sister, Mrs. Robert Howell, on account of the illness of his father.

Robert and Andrew Hotchkiss, who are employed at mine No. 6, spent the week end at their homes, at Coal Run.

Mr. Sherman Seese and sister, Mable, attended the funeral of their aunt, at Windber.

Mrs. Frank Ashbrook, of Hooversville, spent Friday with her daughter, Mrs. Orange Spague.

Mrs. Babe Yanert spent Friday evening at Robert Howell's.

Frank Knopp, of Maple Ridge, spent Sunday at Caroline Kozack's.

Mrs. Robert Wildie was shopping in Holsopple, Saturday evening.

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Beneath Station

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"THE old man leaned rested a hand over his mother, who sat before which a snapping bird gling against a fall ch. The old man? He when you came to a cl He looked old, seated in the shadows, for his all that was really dusk. But now, when ward his son, the flock his cheeks a youthful. There were wrinkles. One would take it he and easy life, until gr. pression formed that thing about him den. Possibly it was his. "It's up to you, Pa, a voice that was singy pleasing. "I would n you out of this marri to warn you to be s making a mistake— I regret to say." "I am sure, father with a note of final girl of the wilderness. "But your station ther insisted. "This your social equal. Y her mother live in woods near Cedar Cr spent your vacation. crude people." "She's as good a than most of the gl of life," Paul said. mother, for I never o invite me to their b is not her mother. Rather it is her ado is really the daughter the husband of the s and she calls mother—that. "They live in t choice. Anne's fathe and left a large am his daughter; and sharing it with the calls mother. Becau that does not indic does it? And what Anne." "It all sounds ve talk," observed his was a touch of bitter "but it doesn't awe way. Look at my mother was a love she had not been ways of thinking. think you love, she woods and she wa my life in them. "The next morn with you?" he we out of the cabn w a blanket before h was awake. I d three months, and ant, I found not mark the spot wh live. And never v trace of your mot The son was sil finally said. "But am sure of it; no ture, too, so e

"It was Paul's w was on his way from the forest. him. "I said my say your choice, son," you to decide. A ing to be present ried, even if it sh of the African ju So they packed took a train for Cedar Creek the set out on foot t woods. Two hours of w to a clearing, wh a thin wreath of It was a small h viting, an island and vines. "This is the pla "I had never see good directions th face was lighte From the doo a laughing girl, short khaki skir doorway behind handsome brun Paul clasped but suddenly sh and I must ne said, turning to dead still, ama her big, bright "Well, would she cried, and P astonishment th passed hers. For Paul's fat her had followe young people at other tightly, wi and over the o he was saying"