

DECIDE AGAINST PROHIBITION OF GAS IN WARFARE

Subcommittee Unanimous in Its Report to Arms Conference.

U. S. POSITION UPHELD

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—A unanimous report against prohibition of poison gas as a weapon of warfare has been submitted to the arms conference by the subcommittee appointed to consider that question. It was learned on highest authority today.

Contrary to widely published reports, there was never a deadlock in this committee and the delegates of the United States, Great Britain and France, throughout the deliberations, have been in substantial accord as to the essential principles to be applied to chemical warfare. Any differences of opinion which may have developed resulted from the attitude taken by Italy and Japan, the two nations which admitted to the possibilities of developing chemical warfare.

SUBCOMMITTEE FROM FIVE LEADING POWERS

Widely published reports to the effect that the conference would restrict, if not entirely abolish, the use of gas, undoubtedly had their origin, it was explained, in the fact that the American advisory committee had recommended such abolition. This committee, however, reports only to the American delegation, while the subcommittee previously referred to is made up of representatives of the five leading powers, who report directly to the full conference.

Of the two nations which dissented somewhat from the majority view, Italy stood out longest for the prohibition of gas. It was stated that the Italian position was not only inhumane, but that it is not susceptible of control. A wave of poison gas liberated upon a favorable wind, the Italians contended, might not only penetrate to the innermost recesses of enemy trenches, but might very easily pass on to wreck havoc among villages of women, children and other noncombatants.

The Japanese delegation also emphasized the alleged inhumane side of chemical warfare.

AMERICAN POSITION SET OUT IN DETAIL

The American position, which is commended in by the British and French delegates, is:

1. That gas is an accepted weapon of warfare, having been used by all belligerents in the late war.

2. That World War statistics prove it to be more humane than bullets or high explosives.

3. That it proved itself an effective weapon and that history shows efficient use of gas in the late war.

4. That the use of gas is a necessary part of a more efficient weapon.

5. That the development in connection with chemical warfare, makes it difficult to talk of restricting its use by treaty.

6. That because of the scientific knowledge required, poison gas is the principal weapon of highly civilized nations against less civilized nations.

7. That the United States would be unable to abandon chemical warfare inasmuch as the great number of developed chemical industries in the United States and the multitude of trained chemists places the United States in a position of peculiar advantage.

8. That it is regarded as extremely unlikely that the conference will go contrary to the recommendations of its subcommittee.

9. That the conference place any restriction whatsoever upon the use of poison gas, it is thought that these restrictions will take the form of some general statement concerning the use of gas against unfortified cities and noncombatants.

HAYS REPORT STARTS WILD SPECULATION

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ing around for the person who would be most likely selected by the Governor. To many that individual is Arthur R. Robinson, judge of Superior Court, room 4. The judge unsuccessfully sought the senatorial nomination when Senators New and Watson staged their memorable contest in 1916 and since that time, especially after he was discharged from the Army with an enviable record, he has figured largely in gossip connected with the Senate.

Only recently Judge Robinson let it be known that he would not become a candidate to succeed himself on the bench and this led to chattering talk that he was contemplating again seeking the senatorial toga, even to the point of entering a triangular fight with Senator New and Albert J. Beveridge.

Judge Robinson has been a close political and personal friend of Governor McCray and there are many who believe that should it devolve upon the Governor to select a Senator his first choice would be the judge.

CLOSE FRIENDSHIP OF HARDING AND NEW

Many of the speculators, returning to the situation in Washington, feel that if Mr. Hays leaves the Harding administration that Senator New stands first in line as his successor. The Senator's intimacy with President Harding is well known and it is also declared that the President is a little loath to see his trusted confidante return to Indiana and place his hope of returning to the capitol in the whimsicalities of a Hoosier primary.

The logical thing, it is pointed out, for President Harding to do is to insure the retention of his aid for the next three years by giving him an appointive position in his Cabinet. That the Senator is regarded of Cabinet caliber is well known, for at the time the President was selecting his advisers Senator New was frequently mentioned as a probable choice for Secretary of War. Many still believe that if the President had not been beholden to Mr. Hays, who hailed from Indiana, he would have chosen the Hoosier statesman.

BEVERIDGE POSITION STILL IN DOUBT

With the question of whether former Senator Beveridge is to become a candidate for the senatorial nomination still unsettled, this speculative turn in Hoosier politics has given a new angle to political gossip.

Mr. Beveridge, according to his close friends, has not determined whether he will be a candidate against Senator New, whom all admit has already effected a powerful organization. With the removal of Mr. New, however, a different situation will be created.

It is not likely that Senator New's successor, no matter how high he stands in his party councils, can summon to his aid the machine that is all oiled up and ready to support the present Senator. In that event the field will be more or less open to all comers.

Important Message

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Another Wealthy Wedding Halted Near Altar Rails

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—The wedding of John R. Cudahy and Miss Louise Cheever Francis, which would have united two prominent and wealthy families, has been halted a few steps from the altar.

Neither Cudahy, son of the late John Cudahy, packer and banker of Chicago, or Miss Francis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Francis of St. Louis could be located. Mutual friends said they had fled in opposite directions.

The two were to have been married today.

At the Francis home it was announced the girl and her mother "had gone touring."

Cudahy is reported to be in seclusion with friends in a nearby suburb. Cudahy's mother refused to comment or tell the whereabouts of her son.

Cudahy is a cousin of "Jack" Cudahy, sportsman, who committed suicide recently.

Shank Will Speak at S. of V. Banquet

Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank will deliver an address of welcome to the Sons of Veterans and the Sons of Veterans auxiliary of Indiana at a state banquet to be held at the Hotel Severin at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow evening.

Miss Addie Wallace, Mrs. Emma Finch, and Alexander Chambers, the local committee on arrangements, expect an attendance of about 200. The Rev. E. S. Shumaker, division commander of the organization, will be toastmaster. Former United States Senator Albert J. Beveridge, will be one of the principal speakers.

Stags Will Make Membership Drive

A membership campaign to start this month is being planned by Indianapolis Drove No. 132, Order of the Stags of the World. The following officers have been installed by the lodge: J. W. Wicks, exalted director; George Shirley, senior warden; Harry H. Forman, junior warden; J. P. Schaefer, inner guard; H. J. Young, outer guard; Newell W. Ward, recorder; and Harvey A. Grabill, trustee.

\$75,000 Loss Result of Rock Island (Ill.) Fire

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Jan. 6.—Fire departments of three cities were called at 1 a. m. today to curb a fire which started in the heart of the business district of Rock Island.

The blaze originated in the Kresge 15 and 10 cent store, gutted that building and spread to the L. R. Steel Company store and the Mosconfer & Sons store adjoining.

The fire caused a damage of \$75,000.

FUNERAL FEAST ORG.

ATHENS, Jan. 6.—A funeral feast held after the death of M. Ostakis, a millionaire merchant, developed into a wild debauch and the police raided the home. They found intoxicated men and women dancing wild about the coffin. A glass filled with wine had been placed in each hand of the corpse.

FOUR HELD IN CHICAGO CRIME

Detectives Say Bandits in Bank President's Murder Will Be Taken.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Four persons, two men and two women, are in custody today in connection with the robbery and murder yesterday of John Soffel, president of the Maywood State Bank, by five automobile bandits. Police are withholding their names.

Chief of Detectives Michael Hughes predicted that all of the five bandits who participated in the crime would be under arrest within forty-eight hours and that their arrest would clear up several other robberies in Chicago and throughout Illinois.

Girl, 14, Reported Missing From Home

Miss Blanche Allison, 14, 1929 Englewood, is missing from her home. Mrs. Rose Allison, her mother, told the police last night that her daughter left home early yesterday to go to the city dispensary and later planned to take her father's watch to the Rite Jewelry store in Illinois street. Mrs. Allison said the girl had not been at the dispensary or at the jewelry store.

Allison had \$5 in her purse and the watch which was valued at \$35.

The girl wore a brown hat, a blue plaid skirt and blue waist, and brown slippers and stockings.

Former U. S. Citizen Reported Killed

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 6.—A former Philadelphian and American citizen, Y. Dosello, today was reported to have been killed and mutilated by bandits at his ranch, eighteen miles from the capital, on Wednesday evening. James Pelley, his partner was assisted by Mexican employees to escape.

The embassy here is stated to have taken action in the matter and troops are pursuing the bandits who were driven from Dosello's ranch after a fight.

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BIRTHDAY CLUB'S YEARLY MEETING

Organization Members Were Born Jan. 5.

The January Fifth Birthday Club, an organization made up of six men and their families, held their fourteenth annual celebration Thursday evening at the home of Edward B. Soltan, 610 North Jefferson avenue.

This club was formed thirteen years ago when three friends, Frank L. Riggs, George W. Peary and Robert E. Guild discovered that their birthdays were on the same day, Jan. 5. Two years later O. B. Altvater joined the club and about three years later C. E. Glown and Edward B. Soltan were added. The members of the families of these men are honorary members, the total number of such members now being four men, Mrs. C. L. Mastic of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Dr. J. H. Warvel were guests.

The annual program consists of music, games and refreshments are served. There has always been an exchange of birthday gifts by the active members of the club and the meetings usually take on a reminiscent turn extending back over the life of the club.

The active club members each year are subjected to a test in order to determine their fitness for continuing their membership. This year it was of an educational nature and consisted of a series of mathematical tests and a test of disengagement in matters of art.

A business session is always held and each active member is elected to some office. George W. Peary was continued as president, O. B. Altvater as vice president, Edward B. Soltan as membership committee, C. E. Glown as entertainment committee, F. L. Riggs, heretofore historian, was elected secretary, and R. E. Guild was elected treasurer. A new office was added, that of junior director, looking after the children's honorary members, which was given to Miss Iva Peary.

Storck Attends at Birth of Eleven in One Family

Little Lucile Doris has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Priller, 34 Karcher street, and the attending physician was Dr. Storck—Dr. L. E. A. Storck of 1139 South Meridian street, a prosaic birth report received by the city health department, shows. Records of other years show that Dr. Storck has officiated at the coming of the little girl's ten brothers and sisters, all of whom are living and in good health. The birth report gives the father's age as 40 and the mother 39. Friends of the family say it is one of the happiest in Indianapolis.

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LYRIC 1 UNTIL 11 P. M.
THE CORNER STORE
JOHNNY SINGER AND DANCING DOLLS.
BIRD CABARET
And Other Big Features.
Dancing in the Lyric Ball Room Afternoon and Evening.

BROADWAY THEATRE
STARTING SUN., JAN. 8.
Gordon Kelly Stock Co.
Change of play weekly. Seats now selling.
One Dollar Show for 25c, 35c and 50c.
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CASHIER GONE; STATE STEPS IN

St. Louis Bank Shortage May Equal Capital, Surplus.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 6.—Its cashier, O. E. Meisinger, missing for two days, and an apparent shortage impending big enough to wipe out its capital and surplus, the affairs of the Night and Day Bank were taken over today by State Commissioner of Finance J. G. Hughes.

State bank examiners have been at work on the bank's ledgers since Wednesday, and since that time Meisinger has not been seen at the bank. Efforts to get in touch with him proved unavailing, according to Henry H. Hohenschield, president of the institution.

A committee of bankers will meet to consider the bank's situation.

The institution is capitalized at \$150,000, its surplus, according to its last report, \$110,000, and deposits \$3,200,000.

Former Jap Premier, Viscount Okuma, Dies

TOKIO, Jan. 5.—Viscount Shigenobu Okuma, former Premier of Japan, died here today.

The Viscount Okuma, who was prime minister and foreign minister during the war, yesterday was reported to be suffering from a serious illness.

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