

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.

Very 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 difference of opinion which may have developed resulted from the attitude taken by Italy and Japan, the two nations which admittedly are in an inferior position with regard to the possibilities of developing chemical warfare.

SUBCOMMITTEE FROM FIVE LEADING POWERS.

Widely published reports to the effect that the committee would restrict, if not entirely banish, 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 abolition of poison gas, it was stated contending that chemical warfare is not only inhumane, but that it is not susceptible of control. A wave of poison gas liberates upon a favorable wind, the Italian contended, might not only penetrate to the innermost recesses of enemy trenches, but might easily pass on to wreak 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 confirmed in by the British and French delegations.

1. 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 has proved itself an effective weapon, and that history shows efficient weapons of war are never abandoned except for more efficient weapons.

4. That the secret development in connection with commercial chemistry makes it difficult to talk of restricting its use by agreement.

5. That because of the scientific knowledge required, poison gas is the principal weapon of highly civilized nations against so-called race peoples.

6. That the United States would be unwise 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.

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

Should 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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Another Wealthy Wedding Halted Near Altar Rails

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—The wedding of John R. Cudahy and Miss Louise Chenier 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, nor Miss Francis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Francis of St. Louis, could be located.

Mutual friends said they had fled, 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 considerable talk that he was contemplating again seeking the senatorial toga, even to the point of a singular fight with Senator New and Albert 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.

In that event the apprentices could enter the spring primary with the traditional support of already behind-the-scenes.

Many 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 Seville at 6:30 o'clock tomorrow evening.

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

Shank Will Speak at S. of V. Banquet

Miss Blanche Allison, 14, 1920 English Avenue, is missing from her home at 1100 Ross Allison, her mother, called the police last night, and her daughter left home 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. Miss Allison had \$8 in her purse and the watch which was valued at \$50.

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

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 of Harry of John Sofiel, president of the Maywood State Bank, by five automobile bandits. Police are with holding 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

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Former U. S. Citizen Reported Killed

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 6.—A former Philadelphia and American citizen, Y. Dostello, today was reported to have been killed and mutilated by bandits at his ranch, eighteen miles from the capital, on Wednesday evening. James Peiley, 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 Dostello's ranch after a fight.

CANT' WAIT; TAKEN PHONE ALONG.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 6.—A man who didn't have time to stand around and wait for his number, started to take a drug store telephone along with him. In his hurry he dropped the instrument on the floor.

Little Lucy Doris has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Peter, 842 Karcher street, and Dr. Edward Storch of 1129 South Meridian street, a possible birth report received by the city health department, shows. Records of other years show that Dr. Storch was affiliated with the coming of the Little girl's birth, but her mother and father 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.

The fire caused a damage of \$5,000.

FUNERAL FEAST ORGY.

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

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.

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