

HOT DEBATE IS EXPECTED IN ASSEMBLY

Discussion of Question of Mandates Promises to be Animated—Strong Currents of Opinion Prevalent.

AUSTRIA IS ADMITTED

(By Associated Press.) GENEVA, Dec. 15.—Discussion of the question of mandates on the floor of the assembly of the league of nations seemed today to be probable and it was expected there would be an animated debate before the subject was disposed of.

When actual debate might begin was not indicated, but statements of delegates to the assembly reflected the view that before the end of the present meeting the whole question would be fully considered.

A sub-committee of committee number 6, which has been considering the question of mandates, met yesterday and Monday, some of the members, including C. J. Doherty of Canada and Dr. Nansen of Norway, pushing for action, while others appeared indifferent.

It appears the council of the league has encountered difficulties in securing satisfactory reply from the supreme allied council and from the mandatory powers concerning the terms of mandates and the boundaries of territories placed under the supervision of various nations. In addition the council of the league said to have delayed the giving of information requested in relation to other matters.

Conflicting Opinions. There is a strong current of opinion in the assembly that the mandates under which the powers fix their own terms are not properly mandates and there are indications the question may be thrown back on the supreme allied council if sufficient information has not been secured before Thursday night. The committee in charge of the matter holds that it must have this information before it can make an intelligent report.

The assembly, which has been disposing of only one subject since Monday, tried today to make better progress. On the program was the task of electing new members to the league, the choosing of four new elective members of the council and the disposing of questions regarding the "white slave" traffic and the opium trade, which was left over from yesterday's session.

May Admit Bulgaria. Austria was admitted to membership in the League of Nations Wednesday afternoon and it appeared that Bulgaria would also be accorded membership. In her case, however, France, it is said, has refused to vote. It seemed probable that Brazil would again be given a place on the council, and that a similar honor would be given Spain. China had many supporters as a successor to Greece, and it appeared Norway would replace Belgium. There were many delegates, however, who were expected to support Belgium when the election took place.

HEAVY BILL IS DUE AT TREASURY TODAY

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A bill for \$840,000,000 against the government falls due today and at the same time the treasury is to collect \$650,000,000 in income and excess profits taxes.

About \$700,000,000 in treasury certificates of indebtedness matured today and at the same time the semi-annual interest on the first liberty loan and the Victory Liberty loan aggregating about \$140,000,000 became payable.

In order to provide for current expenses and to meet the remainder of the heavy obligations which mature in January including \$200,000,000 in certificates, Secretary Houston has offered two new issues of certificates aggregating about \$500,000,000.

HIGH SCHOOL BUYS 2,965 XMAS SEALS

Seal sales in the Richmond high school at the close of the campaign conducted by the Noyrac girls, amounted to 2,965 stickers. This is the first place from where complete returns have been available. Favorable reports continue to come in from all parts of the county and from the stands in the downtown district which were opened Monday.

The solicitors are determined to reach the goal of "10 cents per capita" by Christmas eve. Daily the shopping throngs increase in size and as they increase the chances that the seal sale will be the largest ever realized grows larger. It is expected that many holiday travelers will patronize the stand which has been placed in the Pennsylvania.

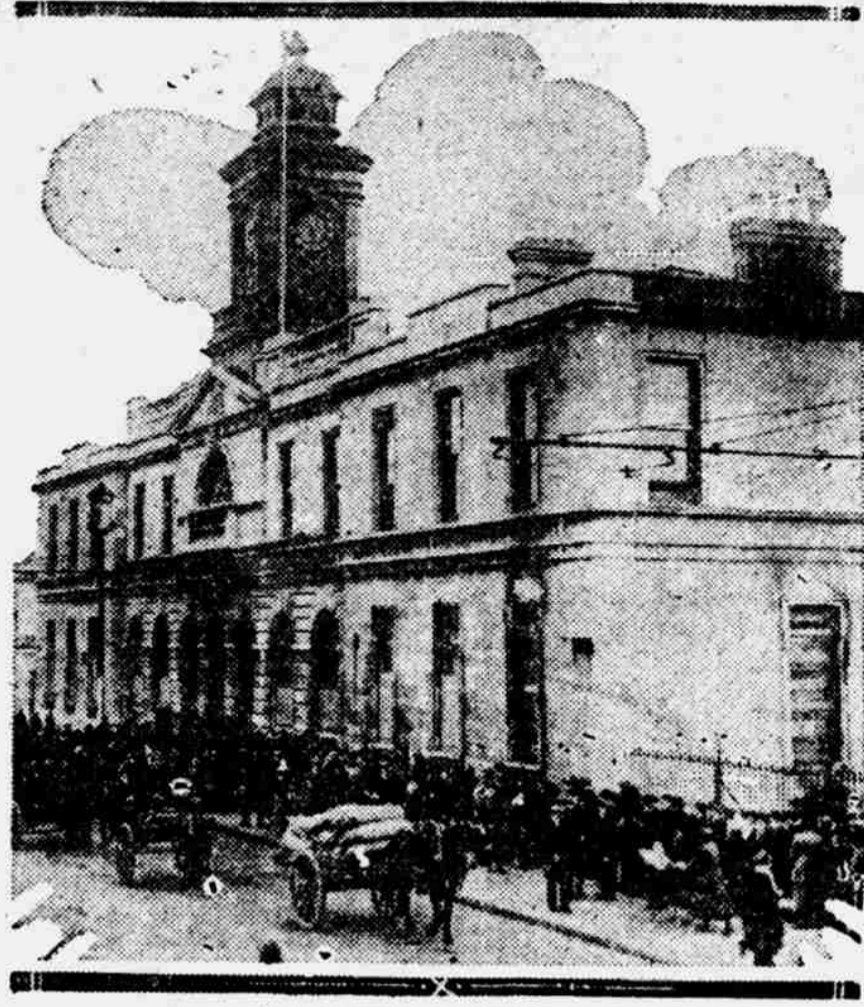
Mexican War Minister Dies Early Wednesday

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 15.—General Benjamin Hual, the secretary of war, died early this morning. He had been critically ill for several days.

TRY TO FLOAT SHIP.

HAVANA, Dec. 15.—Powerful tugs made a supreme attempt at high tide this morning to float the United Fruit line steamer, San Pablo, which was aground at the entrance to Havana harbor last night. Careful watch was kept by tugs during the night but it was not until dawn today that lighters were taken alongside the vessel to take off a portion of her cargo of newspaper paper.

Home Secretary to Punish Guilty Soldiers



The famous city hall at Cork, burned during the conflagration that did \$7,000,000 worth of damage.

Sir Hamar Greenwood, home secretary to Ireland, has announced officially that if proof is found that British soldiers took part in the firing of the city of Cork recently as a reprisal the parties convicted will be court martialled.

Restore Trade Balance, First Duty Finance Corporation, Says Hoosier

PALLADIUM NEWS BUREAU

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Plans are now being formulated for the organization, under the provisions of the Edge law, of a \$100,000,000 corporation to finance the foreign trade of the United States. The company probably will be formed this month at Chicago to be ready to begin operations early next year.

The organization of this great concern is expected to have a stimulating effect upon the foreign trade of the United States and to be an important agency in bringing about another era of prosperity in this country.

America's foreign trade, it is stated, has not made the progress the past year that it should have made. In fact government reports now available show a tremendous increase of imports over exports in 1920.

"Either imports must be curtailed or exports increased, or our balance of trade will be wiped out," said a prominent Indiana manufacturer who was in Washington recently. He stated that any movement tending to promote export trade is beneficial in helping this country retain the wide margin of safety it has attained during and since the war.

Plan for Inauguration.

Although President-elect Harding will not be inaugurated until March 4, two and half months hence, Washington already is preparing to make the event one of the most momentous in the capital's history. Hotel keepers report applications for room reservations are being received and it is predicted that if the weather is favorable the inauguration will be witnessed by the greatest crowd ever assembled in Washington. It has just been announced that the West Point cadet corps and the brigade of midshipmen from the United States naval academy will be brought to Washington to march in the parade. Indiana congressmen have received numerous letters from constituents stating their intention to attend the inauguration.

USES FOUR BLANKETS TO MAKE HER ESCAPE

Lowering herself from the roof by the use of four blankets secured from the juvenile room of the Home for the Friendless, Mrs. Etta McConnell, colored, 32 years old, under indictment for violation of the liquor law, made her escape from the home early Wednesday morning. She had not been located late Wednesday.

According to the authorities of the home, Mrs. McConnell had been working on a chair, climbed from the chair to a transom, pried open a skylight and slipped out on the roof. A blanket was fastened to the skylight with which she lowered herself to the roof of the jail which is next to the home. Another blanket was fastened around the chimney, which allowed her to reach the ground.

Mrs. McConnell was indicted recently by the grand jury for an alleged violation of the liquor laws, which is said to have been changed to a statutory charge. She has been in custody for about two weeks.

Indiana Tax Assessors Hold Annual Conference

(By Associated Press.) INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 15.—The assessors from all counties in Indiana met here today for the opening of the annual two-day conference with the state board of tax commissioners regarding the administration of tax laws.

Governor Goodrich, Governor-elect McCray and Chairman Fred A. Sim, of the state tax board, were the principal speakers today, while Philip Zouchner and John J. Brown, members of the state board, are on tomorrow's program. William C. Harrison, secretary of the board, will discuss the inheritance tax, and William N. Cox, of Parke county, will speak on preparatory work to be done by county taxing officials before March 1.

Has Important Post

Captain Edwin Scott, formerly of Richmond, Ind., where he was engaged in the newspaper business before entering the army several years ago, is now located in Washington, where he has an important post in the office of the depot quartermaster.

Representative William R. Wood, of Indiana, chairman of the sub-committee in charge of the legislative appropriation bill which provides the salaries of most of the government employees in Washington, is reported as saying that \$36,000,000 will be cut from the administration estimate of \$136,000,000. Part of the economy will be the reduction of the force of clerks from approximately 92,000 to 72,000, it is stated.

Incidentally, rents in Washington remain on a war basis despite the fact that thousands of government employees have left the capital since the close of the war and despite the efforts of the federal rent commission to prevent profiteering on the part of the landlords.

George Fred Williams, of Boston, former American minister to Greece, also called upon Senator Harding and presented a plan for an association of nations.

STEEL FIRM'S HEAD CALLED BY PROBERS

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Eugene G. Grace, president of the Bethlehem Steel company was invited to appear today before the joint legislative committee investigating the building situation here to answer charges that his company was withholding construction steel from builders employing union labor, thus forcing up construction costs.

Whether officials of the United States Steel corporation and other companies mentioned as having a similar policy would be asked to appear could not be learned. The big steel corporations were drawn into the investigation yesterday through the testimony of Paul Starrett, president of the George A. Fuller Construction company, and Louis Horowitz, president of the Thompson-Starrett company, who asserted they had been compelled to turn their steel erection work over to the Iron League erectors association—a branch of the National Erectors' association—which operated on the "open shop" policy and received the entire output of the big steel mills in this city.

Morgenthau is Selected to Represent President

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Henry Morgenthau of New York, former ambassador to Turkey, has been selected by President Wilson to act as the president's personal representative in mediating between the Armenians and the Turkish nationalists. Mr. Morgenthau conferred with Acting Secretary Davis at the state department today, receiving final instructions as to his mission. The department, however, has not yet heard from the league of nations in response to the president's request for further information as to procedure.

REGULATE AIR TRAFFIC.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Regulation of air traffic over New York city is provided in an ordinance to be submitted by E. D. Laguardis, president of the board of aldermen, he announced today. The ordinance, he said, would stipulate 3,000 feet as the minimum altitude for airplane over Manhattan, and 5,000 feet over other boroughs. All "stunt" flying over crowded streets would be prohibited.

CASH BONUS PROJECT FOR FORMER SERVICE BEFORE SENATE BODY

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The payment of a cash bonus to former service men was brought prominently to the front today at the opening of hearings by the senate finance committee on the house bill to adjust compensation of the former soldiers and sailors.

Spokesmen for the American Legion estimated that more than 50 per cent of these men would ask for cash payment, but Senator Smoot, Republican of Utah, disagreed sharply with this estimate, declaring that postcards he had received from individual service men from all parts of the country indicated that 98 per cent of the men would ask for cash.

Source of Cards. Senator Smoot said the postcards were furnished by the "Stars and Stripes" for transmission to senators and labelled "My opinion of the bonus question."

The bill was passed in the house last spring.

Although conceding that the question is difficult because of the treasury condition, taxes and other considerations, Senators have expressed themselves as anxious for disposition of the matter during the present session of congress. The hearings began today were ordered before the full senate committee instead of the usual sub-committee.

FORMER PROGRESSIVE SEES HARDING TODAY; ROBBINS IS PLEASED

MARION, O., Dec. 15.—In his consultations on public questions, President-elect Harding turned today to the progressive wing of Republicans, having an appointment with Raymond Robbins, a former leader of the Progressive party and during the last campaign a member of the Republican executive committee.

It was understood that, although the plan for an association of nations was one of the principal subjects to be discussed at the conference, Mr. Robbins also desired to hear his visitor's advice on several domestic problems. For many years Mr. Robbins has been interested in social welfare and is a student of labor conditions. Tonight the president-elect is to deliver his first public address since his return to Marion, speaking here at a state meeting of child welfare workers.

Mr. Robbins said, after his conference with Mr. Harding, that they had discussed social and economic conditions in Europe and that he was highly gratified with the president-elect's stand.

George Fred Williams, of Boston, former American minister to Greece, also called upon Senator Harding and presented a plan for an association of nations.

Sick Boy in Hamilton Makes Christmas Toys For Wernle's Orphans

The little folks of the Wernle Orphans' Home are to be made glad by a number of toys sent to them by Robert Erbeck, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Erbeck, 247 Shuler avenue, Hamilton, Ohio, as a part of the box of gifts from Zion Lutheran church of that city, says a message received here today.

Robert Erbeck is a student in the Hamilton high school, but was taken ill with the flu, and the physician advised him to remain at home until he had recovered fully.

The illness of these days did not appeal to the boy and he took to making toys from patterns which he had secured from Prof. Plummer of the Hamilton high school.

The result was very surprising. The boy made horses with riders and numerous other things which displayed his knack for this kind of work and showed some wonderful workmanship.

His friends suggested that he make toys for the children in the Wernle Orphans' Home. The suggestion pleased Robert and he set to work with might and main, making good use of the additional time the doctor told him he must spend indoors. The result has been a large consignment of real American-made toys which will go to Richmond with many other gifts from Zion congregation.

INGERMAN TO ANSWER CHARGES OF FRAUD

Richmond police were notified Wednesday morning that a man giving the name of Albert Ingerman was being held in Indianapolis on a charge of vagrancy. He is said to have been connected with the purchase of automobiles in this city.

Ingerman will be brought back to this city to answer a charge of passing fraudulent checks. Two checks were located in this city Tuesday. One was for \$1,000, to a cigar dealer, and another to an automobile concern. These are said to be signed by C. C. Ingerman, who is thought to be the man held in Indianapolis. Police officers went to Indianapolis Wednesday afternoon.

The check passed on the local automobile firm was in payment for an automobile. Payment was made last week, the man saying he would return for the machine. Since that time he has not put in his appearance, it was stated.

Ingerman says his home is in Milton, Ind., and that he has been employed in Richmond during the past two years. Previous to that time, he says, he was a student in the S. A. T. C. at Indiana university.

Capital Loses Popular Matron



Mrs. Frances Alton Connolly, considered one of the national capital's prettiest and most popular young matrons, will shortly move to New York, where her husband is engaged in business. Mrs. Connolly was a Washington girl and made her debut at the capital.

Civic League Clothes Made Art School Statues

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Dec. 15.—Visitors at the Florida winter art school exhibition today found the nude statues garbed in middle blouses and bloomers. Recently the Christian Civic League censured the nude art at the school and today several busts suspended from the ceiling by strings tied around the necks, were labelled: "Lynched by the Christian Civic League."

EATON AUTOMOBILE LOCATED WEDNESDAY

The four passenger touring car belonging to R. B. Jones, of Eaton, O., which was stolen from in front of the Washington theater Tuesday evening, was found in an alley back of the Wayne flats at Twelfth street, at noon Wednesday. Mr. Jones was notified that his car had been found by the police.

Thomas Williams' automobile which was stolen on North Ninth street Tuesday morning, had not been located. The machine is thought to have been taken east and cities in Ohio have been notified to keep an eye out for the car.

MRS. SAWYER IS DEAD FOLLOWING INJURIES

Mrs. Dora E. Sawyer, 58 years old, died at 7:05 a. m., Wednesday at the Reid Memorial hospital following injuries received when she was struck by a taxi-cab about 6:30 p. m. Tuesday. The accident occurred at the corner of North Thirteenth and A streets. Richard Wessel, an employee of the Mull taxi-cab line, was driving the car.

Guth Freeman, prosecuting attorney and Dr. S. Edgar Bond, coroner, were making investigations Wednesday to determine the cause of the accident. Dr. Bond said that Mrs. Sawyer had suffered a concussion of the brain, as a result of a deep wound on the left side of the head, just above the forehead. Other injuries were a broken hip, broken left wrist and fracture of the lower third of the left leg, according to the coroner.

Investigate Accident. Mr. Freeman said Wednesday that if Wessel had been violating the speed laws or had been driving on the wrong side of the street, then the charge would be involuntary manslaughter.

The common impression, however, according to Coroner Bond, is that the car driver was only driving at a rate of between 10 and 12 miles an hour.

Mrs. Sawyer had been making her home with her niece, Mrs. Dora Smith, 15 North Fifteenth street. Her husband has been dead for three years. It is said that Mrs. Sawyer had planned to go to California for the winter. She was to leave shortly after the first of next year.

Born in Indiana, Mrs. Sawyer had been a resident of Richmond her entire life. She is survived by two sisters living in Denver, Colo.; one other sister, two half brothers and a step-mother. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

German Delegates Leave for Brussels

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, Dec. 15.—Germany's delegation to the international financial conference left last night for Brussels. Karl P. von Siemens, the electrical magnate, who was appointed a delegate some time ago, was unable to go to Brussels and was replaced by Rudolf Havenstein, a director of the Reichsbank.

STATE NEEDS DISCUSSED BY LEGISLATORS

G. O. P. Members of General Assembly and Governor-Elect Hold Conference in Indianapolis.

WILL HASTEN ACTION

(By Associated Press.)

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 15.—Problems that the state legislature will have to face at its session opening next month were discussed here today at a meeting of Republican legislators with Governor-elect McCray. The meeting, called by the Republican state committee, was expected to promote harmonious action at the legislative session.

Members of the legislature were called upon by Governor-elect McCray and others to carry out the party's platform pledges at the session of the legislature that opens next month.

"I want to see our party platform pledges carried out," declared the governor-elect. He urged the legislators to discard personal desires for party harmony.

"Let us go through the session as one big family with the view of doing what is best for Indiana," he said.

Mr. McCray said among the other problems to come before the legislature would be the need of increased appropriations for state institutions, including the schools and state universities. Building programs at some institutions, he added, might not longer be delayed without damage, and he urged that in granting some increased appropriations that efforts be made to curtail other expenditures.

"We must remember the taxpayers' interests," he said. "Let us chop and reduce expenses whenever possible so as to increase where disaster may result if we do not grant some increases."

Wasmuth Speaks

Chairman Wasmuth of the Republican state committee also urged party harmony during the session, declaring that as soon as the house and the senate organization fights are settled, with the election of speaker and president pro tem, that personal preference be cast aside "for party gain." He also urged passage of few laws, asserting "the people want few laws, carefully and thoughtfully worked out."

Mrs. Julia Nelson, of Muncie, the only woman member of the legislature, attended the conference, and when she answered the roll call she was applauded.

Gossip in hotel lobbies that came as a forerunner to the conference was devoted largely to organization talk, with several persons being named as candidates for the House speakership and for presidency pro-tem of the senate.

Favor Later Action.

Some party leaders were inclined to believe that the conference would not attempt settlement at this time of the elective officers of either branch, leaving this for the full party conference on the eve of the legislative session.

Practically all of the Republican members who were present at the conference began, many having arrived last night as an advance guard of today's gathering. Many of them said they had no new bills to introduce, but the general informal discussion of the majority seemed to indicate the expectation that state primary law, change in the state primary law, and adoption of the city manager or commission form of municipal government would be among the leading measures.

Appropriation Bills. Considerable talk also was heard regarding early enactment of appropriation bills for state institutions, leaving the general appropriation bills for later consideration. Members of the legislative visiting committee, now considering the needs of the institutions, were expected to discuss this question at the conference.

Changes in the rules of both house and senate also were likely to come before the conference, but so many subjects were mentioned in the pre-conference gossip that it seems likely that all could not be considered at a one-day gathering.

BRITISH INFLUENCE RESENTED BY DENMAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Members of the British mission, which visited the United States in 1917 attempted to influence the policies of the shipping board, William Denman of San Francisco, first chairman of the board, testified today before the special house committee investigating the board's operations.

Mr. Denman indicated that his insistence that the shipping board be free from British influence had more to do with his resignation as chairman of the board than any other one thing.

In this connection, the witness said, that if it could obtain the permission of President Wilson for the disclosure of certain phases of shipping board conditions, "one of the sources of interference with my administration as head of the board may be disclosed."

Rescuers of Submarine Boats Given Presents

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Three officers of the U. S. S. General George Goethals, who assisted in rescuing the crew of the U. S. submarine S-5, last September, when the underwater craft was disabled off Cape Henlopen, today were rewarded with presents from Secretary Daniels.

Captain E. D. Swinson and Second Engineer Robert A. McWilliams of the General Goethals, were presented with binoculars and Chief Engineer W. G. Grace received a gold watch.

SHIPPING ASSOCIATION IN CENTER TOWNSHIP CONSIDERED TONIGHT

First steps toward organizing a cooperative live stock shipping association in Center township will be taken at a meeting of a special committee, to be held in Centerville Wednesday evening. As far as is known, this is the first organization of the kind in the county.

"As soon as plans for the new organization have been perfected it will be presented to the farmers of Center township for their approval," said County Agent J. L. Dolan, Wednesday.

Growers of live stock on a small scale are given an opportunity through this organization to obtain much better service in the shipping and sale of their stock than heretofore. Formerly the grower who had less than a carload of stock was obliged to hold his stuff until a buyer took it off his hands, and with a frequent result of a feeding period of several days or weeks which was a total loss to the grower.

Better prices can be obtained for stock that is evenly graded in carload lots and in this respect the association is likely to be of additional service, it was said.

A number of other shipping communities in Wayne county are contemplating the organization of associations of this kind. The shipping associations, according to present plans will operate as part of the general scheme of marketing improvement now being forwarded by the farmer's associations and will be in some respect under the direction of this organization.

France to Retain All German Ships

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Dec. 15.—France will retain all German ships which she has been managing provisionally under the terms of the Versailles treaty, says the Matin, which asserts that recent Franco-British conversations on the subject have resulted in an agreement. These ships aggregate 430,000 tons.

Weather Forecast

Moore's Special Forecast. Partly cloudy and moderately cold weather will continue for the next 24 hours, with conditions still favorable for occasional snows of brief duration.

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau.—Partly cloudy to night and Thursday; probably snow flurries in extreme north portion; not much change in temperature.

Temperatures Yesterday. Maximum 47. Minimum 33. Today. Noon 35.

For Wayne County, by W. E. Moore. Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; somewhat unsettled with temperatures below freezing again Wednesday night. No severe cold weather during the next 24 hours.

Weather Conditions.—The great Pacific coast storm is now centered over Ontario and extends from the Arctic ocean south to Florida, and from the Mississippi river northeast to Newfoundland. The British Columbia storm merged with it Tuesday night and its center is now moving slowly down the St. Lawrence valley. Violent winds, rain and snow storms preceded and attended the passage of this storm. The wind velocity reached 55 to 60 miles an hour over the central, northern and northeastern states. The heaviest snowfall occurred over Wyoming; eight inches of snow fell at Yellowstone National park.