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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 held stormy sessions 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 a day 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, would probably refuse 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 \$300,000,000 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 Noxreys girls, amounted to 2,965 stickers. This is the first place from which 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.

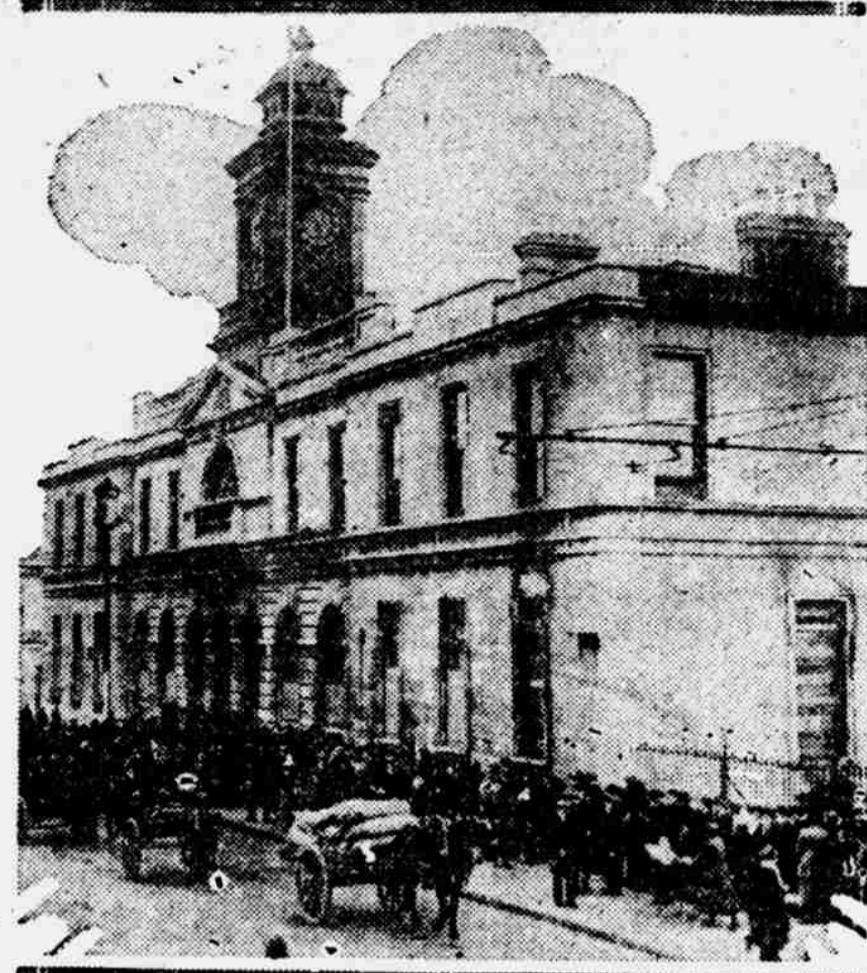
The solicitors are determined to reach the goal of "10 cents per capita" by Christmas eve. Daily the shopping throngs increase in size and as they increase the chances that the seal sale will be the largest ever realized grows larger. It is expected that many holiday travellers will patronize the stand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

Mexican War Minister Dies Early Wednesday

(By Associated Press)
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 15.—General Benjamin Hill, 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 went 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 newsprint paper.

Home Secretary to Punish Guilty Soldiers



The famous city hall at Cork, burned during the conflagration that did \$700,000 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-martialed.

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.

There is to be a considerable reduc-

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 in the juvenile room. She climbed 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 Zourcher 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.

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.

REULATE AIR TRAFFIC.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Regulation of air traffic over New York city is provided in an ordinance to be submitted by F. D. Laguardia, 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.

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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, sales of cars in Indianapolis, and is said to have given worthless checks for machines.

Ingerman will be brought back to this city to answer a charge of passing forged checks. Two checks were located in this city Tuesday. One was for a small amount, 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.

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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 labeled "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 conditions, taxes and other considerations, Senators have expressed themselves as anxious for disposition of the matter during the present session of congress. The hearings begun today were ordered before the full senate committee instead of the usual sub-committee.

FORMER PROGRESSIVE SEEKS 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. Harding 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 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.

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ROB IN EATON AUTOMOBILE LOCATED WEDNESDAY

The four passenger touring car belonging to R. B. Jones, of Eaton, Ohio, 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.

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Obtain Better Prices.

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.

Starts Making Toys

The idleness of these days did not appeal to the boy and he took to making toys from patterns which he had secured from Prof. Fludder of the manual training department 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.

Investigate Accident.

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