

DR. EDWARD BRECK TO TALK IN OMAHA

Representative of Navy League Before Commercial and University Clubs.

OUR NAVY AND WHAT IT MEANS

President Arthur C. Smith of the Nebraska section of the Navy League of the United States announces the coming of Dr. Edward Breck, the field secretary of the league and that he will deliver two addresses in Omaha, the first at the University club at the noon luncheon hour, Wednesday of this week and the second, at the same hour Thursday at the Commercial club.

Dr. Breck is now on a tour of the central portion of the United States, delivering lectures, the chief one of which is on "Our Navy and What It Means." He will be in Lincoln today and at noon will speak before the Commercial club of that city. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Army building he will talk to the students of the state university and the following morning he will be in Omaha, to remain two days.

Is Highly Commended.

It is asserted that Dr. Breck is an actor of more than ordinary ability, force and eloquence. Papers in cities where he has spoken refer to him and his lectures in the highest terms and such men as President Brinker of the Lehigh university and Prof. Tubbs of Bates college commend him to the public.

Dr. Edward Breck comes of old colonial stock and of a naval family, his father having died for his country in the civil war as lieutenant-commander in the United States navy. Educated at Oberlin, Amherst, Cambridge, in England, Munich and Leipzig, the last named university conferring upon him the degree of doctor of philosophy in 1877, he has lived much of his life abroad as student, journalist, author and editor. His published writings, it is asserted, cover an astonishing amount of ground, from naval education literature through German poetry to his name hunting and the art of fencing. Always a keen student of naval matters, he volunteered to go to Spain as secret agent, when, at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, he was transferred from his position as American vice consul general at Berlin to the embassy as assistant to the navy attaché.

Sent Agent to Spain.

Refused at first, the doctor was at last sent to Spain when the destruction of Cervera's fleet made it necessary to have a perfect knowledge of the Spanish defenses, so that an American fleet threatening the coast of Spain might not operate in the dark.

Dr. Breck, disguised as a German agent, was very successful in gathering information in regard to the defensive condition of Spain, furnishing the Navy department with plans and photographs of batteries, harbors, etc. Fired at twice by sentries while photographing, he was at last arrested at Cadix and owed his life only to his Prussian passport and his German accent, for both of which the German consul vouched as genuine.

Since the war, Dr. Breck has confined himself to lecturing and to literature, and was one of the editors of the latest edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. His books on hunting, fishing and nature, "The Way of the Woods," and "Wilderness Pets" are said to be standard of their kind, while his numerous magazine articles on these subjects stamp him the greatest authority in this field.

Goethals to Leave Soon for Capital

PANAMA, Jan. 23.—Major General George W. Goethals, governor of the canal zone, and British Consul Clarence Edwards, commanding the United States troops in the zone, will leave on Monday for Washington. Major General Goethals will appear before the appropriations committee of congress relative to the Panama canal appropriations, while General Edwards will be called before the military committee, presumably regarding the Panama canal troops in connection with the general army reorganization plans.

DEATH RECORD

Mrs. David Keir. Mrs. David Keir of Sioux City, formerly Mrs. Belle Gross of Omaha, died at noon Sunday at the Omaha Presbyterian hospital. In addition to her husband and a 2-year-old son, Mrs. Keir is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Gross of Omaha. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of her parents, 2012 North Nineteenth street.

Violent Gertrude Shaw.

Violent Gertrude Shaw, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Judson A. Shaw, died Sunday noon of spinal meningitis. Funeral services will be held from the home, 2012 North Nineteenth street, Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Tower Would Do.

In an address the other night Congressman Henry Brunker of New York referred to the title old saying that "the game must be choosers," and told the following story:

One afternoon a sad-eyed hobo rambled up the garden walk of a suburban home and, looking at the back door, "Lads," said he, in a hoarse, hoarse voice to the woman who answered his knock, "I had a thing to eat since last week, if you would only give me some bread."

"Mary," suddenly interjected the woman, addressing some invisible person, "bring Tower out here at once."

Some Old World.

"Then you can do these kind of things," said the hobo, "I don't know how to do them."

How Interesting.

"Well this one speaks of a child who abandoned with \$1000 claim shell, how's an old man in leaving his life, an amount of grafting in office, and king doctors war."

He's Liberal.

"That's the tenth time you have been before me," sternly said Equine Party.

TO TALK HERE TWICE DURING COMING WEEK.



EDWARD BRECK.

JEWS OF AMERICA PLAN CONGRESS

Representatives of Societies in Four States Meet at Chicago and Take First Steps.

TO SPEAK FOR JEWS OF WORLD

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 23.—Plans calling for a congress that would represent all Jews in America that would take steps to settle for all time the "Jewish question" in Europe and other continents, were begun here today at a convention of Jewish organizations of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. The convention was the result of a call issued by a recent gathering of the Knights of Zion and nearly a score of other organizations responded by sending delegates.

There were three sessions of today's convention. The morning meeting was in character, heard welcoming addresses and a "keynote" speech, and appointed committees. In the afternoon resolutions were in order and among them was one directing that the Jews "like all other peoples of the earth are in any country and under any government endowed with the inalienable right of equality before the law with all other citizens, or subjects of that nation or government."

The preamble to the resolution, embodying the declaration reads as follows: "Whereas, The municipal law of civilized nations recognizes and protects the right to life, the right to liberty, and the right to the enjoyment of the fruits of equality, the right to property, and the right to the enjoyment of the fruits of equality, creating a duty on the part of the citizens or subjects of each nation to observe them; and,

"Whereas, These fundamental rights can be stated in terms of international law and can be applied to the relations of the members of the society of nations, one with another, just as they have been applied in the relations of citizens or subjects of the states forming the Society of Nations; and,

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ARMS QUESTION IN FRONT RANK

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Somehow had contemplated a motion to disbanding the committee from further consideration of the question, but a canvass of the republicans showed them almost unanimously against such a move.

Speech on Mexican Consular. Some time during the week Representative Humphrey of Washington, expects to make a speech assailing the administration's Mexican policy. It also is probable that President Wilson's reply to the senate in which in a mass of detail regarding Carranza and Mexico will be included, will serve to arouse interest in congress again. It is probable now, that this reply will not be sent to the senate until the president returns from his western tour.

Interest still is apparent at the capitol in the European question, but no legislative action is looked for.

Embargo resolutions have been submitted to the sub-committee on foreign relations and no report is anticipated for some time.

Other Matters Lag.

With regard to legislation in general, both houses continue to travel slowly notwithstanding efforts of administration leaders to speed up the legislative machinery. Committees have been urged to work faster and signs of progress are looked for during the coming week.

The immigration bill, with its Hays test will be reported to the senate over this measure is high even in the committee and its presentation on the floor is expected to precipitate heated arguments.

U. S. ABANDONS HOPE OF FIXING PERSIA BLAME

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The State department virtually has abandoned hope of determining what destroyed the British steamship Persia, sunk in the Mediterranean with a loss of at least two American lives.

Austria-Hungary and Germany have disclaimed responsibility for the disaster and affidavits of surviving passengers are inconclusive, but one avenue of information remains open. This is through the British office, which has in its possession affidavits from members of the crew. The affidavits were turned over to a British consular representative at Alexandria, Egypt, and were forwarded to London. The State department has not yet been advised that the documents have reached their destination.

WOONDAY CLUB TO HAVE SOCIAL AFFAIR TUESDAY

The annual social affair of the Woonday club and ladies and friends is to be held Tuesday evening, January 24, at the Commercial club rooms at 8 o'clock. Alfred Bloom, chairman of the entertainment committee, has provided a select musical program.

The annual banquet of the club, which is also given to be held some time during the first week in March. Governor George A. Carlson of Colorado is to be present at that time as principal speaker.

BASIS FOR UNION OF THE AMERICAS

Declaration Prepared by Lansing, Root and Scott and Adopted by the Convention.

NOT YET OFFICIALLY RATIFIED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—A pan-American "Declaration of the Rights of Nations," prepared by Secretary Lansing, Elihu Root and Dr. James Brown Scott and adopted in executive session by the American Institute of Technical Law at its recent convention held here under the auspices of the Pan-American Scientific congress, was made public today by Dr. Scott, president of the institute.

Although the declaration lacks the formal ratification of the twenty-one American republics and therefore is not an official document, its framers believe that it correctly sets forth the official views of all the American commonwealths. Before the institute was called upon to consider it, the declaration was submitted to and approved by the authorities on international law in the South American republics, including Ambassador Suarez and Dr. Alejandro Alvarez of Chile. It was unanimously adopted February 6 by the institute, whose membership of 16 is made up of five experts on international law from each of the twenty-one American republics.

Embodies Elemental Rights. The declaration, it is said, embodies the institute's conception of only elemental national rights, and will be further considered at the next meeting of the institute in Havana next year. It was fashioned with the United States Declaration of Independence in mind as a model and which read as follows:

"1. Every nation has the right to exist, to protect and to conserve its existence; but this right neither implies the right nor justifies the act of the state to protect itself or to conserve its existence against innocent and unoffending states."

"2. Every nation has the right to independence in the sense that it has a right to the pursuit of happiness, and is free to develop itself without interference or control from other states, provided that in so doing it does not interfere with or violate the just rights of other states."

All Nations Are Equal. "3. Every nation is in law and before the law the equal of every other state composing the society of nations, and all states have the right to claim, and according to the Declaration of Independence of the United States, to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them."

Bank Cancels Note. Just when the Jewish charities had decided to make good a note in favor of the Nebraska National bank, signed by all the various local Jewish charities, the Nebraska National notified the organization that they need not make it good, and thereupon sent the cancelled note to the deceased man's destitute family.

Testimonial resolutions of appreciation for three members who died since the last meeting, were adopted, Mrs. Eva Brodsky, Mrs. Sarah Merriam Gross and Mrs. Edna Sugarman.

Next Officers. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Morris Levy, president; Samuel Revitz, first vice president; Mrs. Samuel Robinson, second vice president; Mrs. B. A. Simon, third vice president; Mrs. E. V. Lorig, fourth vice president; H. Friedman, treasurer; Henry Moskay, secretary, and Harry B. Zimman, honorary vice president.

To Prevent the Grip. When you feel a cold coming on, a few doses of Laxative Bromo Quinine will stop it and keep the system in condition to prevent a spell of grip. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. Grove's signature on box. See advertisement.

Two Boys Injured By Bobsled Wreck. SIOUX CITY, Ia., Jan. 23.—Two boys were injured, one probably fatally tonight, when a bobsled on which they were coasting collided with an automobile delivery.

Ralph McConville, aged 12, suffered a fractured skull and may die; Paul McConville, his brother, aged 4, sustained a broken shoulder. Rod Crumrine, aged 12, received a scalp wound. The victims are boys of Sioux City parents.

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FLOOD SWEEPS OVER THE YUMA VALLEY

Four Miles of Government Levee Washed Out and Whole Region Inundated

HUNDRED HOUSES DESTROYED

BULLETIN. YUMA, Ariz., Jan. 23.—With the waters of the Colorado river receding, work of rescuing Yuma valley flood sufferers was carried forward today by local authorities aided by officials of the Southern Pacific railroad from Tucson, Ariz., who arrived here with equipment to supply the city temporarily with water, gas and electricity. It was estimated that the damage from the flood would amount to more than \$1,000,000.

The river fell 2 1/2 feet this morning and continued to recede, though it was still above the 33-foot stage.

YUMA, Ariz., Jan. 23.—Yuma valley was covered to a depth of from one to four feet by flood water from the Colorado river tonight as a result of the breaking of the government levees near here today. The city of Yuma was in darkness and without a supply of water, as the plants supplying gas, electricity and water were flooded.

A citizens' committee was maintaining order here, Mayor Charles C. Moore having died of heart failure during the excitement that prevailed shortly after the levees gave way.

Business houses on the main street here were flooded to a depth of four feet by the water and many of the older buildings were washed away or badly damaged. Residents were sent to the hills back from the river.

Buildings Disappear. Many of the oldest buildings in Yuma have disappeared beneath the flood waters. It was estimated early tonight that at least 100 houses had been destroyed.

The Catholic rectory was in danger of being carried away at any time and a squad of men were bracing it with props and sandbags. The building is two stories in height and constructed of adobe.

All reports from the upper Colorado river tonight stated that the water was falling, but the flood here showed no indications of receding.

The water tonight was lapping against the siders of the Southern Pacific railroad bridge, but the structure then was withstanding the pressure.

Officials of the reclamation service estimated that from 150,000 to 175,000 cubic feet of water was passing this point early tonight—the heaviest flood condition ever recorded here.

Levees Washed Out. At least four miles of the government levee was washed out just below here and the waters have broken over the west main canal at several places, which necessarily must flood the greater part, if not all, of the Yuma valley.

Practically every house in the lower half of that section was almost buried under the murky waters. It was believed that all the residents escaped.

No estimates of damage either in Yuma or the surrounding country could be made tonight.

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HEAVY FIGHTING IN MESOPOTAMIA

British Report that General Aylmer Attacked Turks to Relieve Kut-el-Amara.

UNABLE YET TO MAKE PROGRESS

BERLIN, Jan. 23.—(By Wireless to Bayville.)—Capture by the Germans of an allied position 250 yards long to the north of Arras was announced today by the war office.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Heavy fighting occurred on Friday between the British army that is attempting to reach Kut-el-Amara, Mesopotamia and the Turks. The battle took place at Essin, seven miles from Kut-el-Amara. The British were unable to drive the Turks from their positions. The purpose of the British is to rescue the original expeditionary force, which has been surrounded at Kut-el-Amara.

The following official statement on the Mesopotamian campaign was given out today under yesterday's date:

"Sir Percy Lake (the new commander in Mesopotamia) reports that General Aylmer attacked the Turkish position at Essin on Friday. Fierce fighting continued through the day with varying success. The weather throughout was atrocious, a pouring rain rendering movements of troops extremely difficult.

"Owing to the floods it was impossible to renew the attack on Saturday and General Aylmer took up a position 1,200 yards from the enemy's trenches.

"The weather continues bad with incessant rain.

"The casualties are reported to have been heavy on both sides."

Bransfield for Coach. Holy Cross base ball management is making an effort to secure "Kitty" Bransfield, the old National leaguer, as coach for the coming season.

Lush Is Re-engaged. Billy Lush, the former National league pitcher, has been re-engaged as the 1916 coach of the Fordham base ball team.

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