

WILSON FAVORS NATIONS FORMING LEAGUE TO STOP ALL FUTURE WARS

PRESIDENT WILSON, AFTER DAYS SPENT WITH CON-TINENTAL LEADERS. STILL FAVORS LEAGUE OF NATIONS PLAN

PRESIDENT WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE IN ENGLAND

Denounces Published Story That he had Accepted Plan Formulated by the League to Enforce Peace—Will make Preliminary Visits Next Week With British Statesmen

PARIS—After days spent in gathering views of the French leaders President Wilson's closest advisers say he has seen no reason for changing his belief that the foundation of a league of nations is inseparable from the actual peace treaty. These advisers say that the president will reassure England that he has no intention of demanding a reduction of the British navy to a point involving the unsafety of the British empire but will emphasize his feeling that the plan will strengthen the empire. The president has denounced the published story that he had accepted a plan formulated by the League to Enforce Peace. The official statement made it plain that he believed a league of nations indispensable to the maintenance of peace, but that he had never, directly or indirectly, endorsed any particular plan.

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MILLER WILL OPEN NEW UNDERTAKING HOUSE

Proprietor of Well-Known Furniture Store Will Open Department After First of Year

Glen Miller, well-known Alliance furniture store proprietor, announced this week that he will open an undertaking parlor in this city soon after the first of the year, in connection with his furniture business. He has been engaged in the furniture business here for a number of years and has a large business.

The new undertaking branch will be up-to-date and a new, latest model motor hearse has been ordered. In charge of the department will be a competent and experienced undertaker who is now in the government army service but who expects soon to be given his discharge. Mr. Miller had arrangements made for the establishment of this new branch to his business prior to the draft, but on account of war conditions it was necessary to postpone the same until shortly after the first of the year.

CHARLES E. MARTIN WAS KILLED IN FRANCE

Alliance Young Man Gave His Life for Liberty During the Closing Days of Fighting

Charles E. Martin of Alliance, aged twenty seven years, was severely wounded in action in France on November 3rd and died the following day November 4th—Monday, according to a message received this morning by his wife in Alliance. Word had been received some time ago that he had been severely wounded but the news of his death the following day came with a shock to relatives and friends.

Martin was a member of Company H, 355th infantry, 89th division, and was in the thickest of the fighting. He left last April for Camp Funston and three weeks later started east for France. A letter had been received by his wife the middle of November. This letter had been written prior to his going into the battle in which he was wounded. On December 3rd she received a message telling that he had been severely wounded.

Martin was married to Miss Hazel Rockey, daughter of Burlington engineer C. H. Rockey, ten months prior to the time he entered the service. He had been in Alliance for two years, employed by the Dirks Lumber Company. His mother is living at Greeley, Nebraska.

It is with the feeling of deepest sadness that the third golden star is added to the service flag of Alliance. The grief of those at home will be mitigated by the knowledge that he gave his life in the cause of his country.

Claude Rennau in France

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rennau were pleased to receive a letter from their son in France last week stating that he is rapidly getting well and recovering from the wound in his leg which sent him to the hospital. Claude says that one of his "kicks" isn't in exactly proper shape yet but that he is hopeful of soon being out and anxious to be at home again.

MASS MEETING FAVORS A STRICT QUARANTINE

Hundreds of Nebraska Doctors and City Officials Attended Meeting Held Tuesday at Lincoln

Lincoln, Nebraska, December 18th. A strict and absolute quarantine for all cases of influenza was recommended Tuesday at a mass meeting of local and county boards of health. The three or four hundred representatives from local and county boards including many physicians assembled in the senate chamber at the capitol deliberately decided that influenza had reached a stage in Nebraska that it must be met with the strictest measure known to health officers—the quarantine. In making this recommendation the representatives assembled in Lincoln go further than the surgeon general of the federal health department.

The meeting was one called by the state board of health. It was presided over by Dr. W. H. Wilson epidemiologist of the state board and was addressed by Dr. W. F. Wild, chief officer of the state board. Governor Neville, chairman of the state board also spoke and predicted that a program would be outlined that would do much to wipe out the disease in this state.

In recommending quarantine for influenza the meeting discarded the placard method which has been tried with varying success in this state. In many communities placards have been posted warning people not to visit where influenza exists. In some communities partial quarantine has been tried, often with good results.

The meeting, or those in charge of the recommendations, purposely bore down lightly upon anything like a ban on public gatherings. Dr. Jenkinson explained that this was done because it is believed quarantine of the sick and exposed persons renders it unnecessary to interfere with public gatherings or meetings. Originally a resolution adopted did mention some amusements on which a ban should be placed but these were stricken from the resolution by the committee, and when the plank was adopted it read as follows:

"We recommend that all gatherings for purposes of pleasure and all unnecessary public gatherings be discontinued."

A sigh of relief was breathed by one or two moving picture men in the gallery. One or two delegates had moving pictures on their minds to a considerable degree and insisted on being able to go back home and tell their people what they had agreed upon about such amusements, but friends of the recommendations waved them off with a statement that quarantine was the main thing and little else counted in suppressing the epidemic that has taken the lives of over 5,000 Nebraskans within the past few months.

The recommendations of the committee were read in this order and adopted:

"We your committee, hereby recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

"Inasmuch as in some counties, cities and villages in the state, no local health organization exists, altho such organization is already provided for by law, we urgently recommend that in such counties, cities and villages, health boards be organized for the purpose of assisting in the control of the present epidemic; and we particularly urge all local health boards to enforce the present laws relating to the control of contagious diseases, especially as applied to the present epidemic; and we recommend that in counties, cities and villages where the law is not enforced by local authorities, that the state board of health assume authority, and establish a local health organization at the expense of the community involved, as provided by law, section 2738, revised statutes of Nebraska, 1913.

"And we recommend that in those

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The Christmas Greetings to The Herald Family

NEBRASKA SPUDS WIN MID-WEST PRIZES

Nebraska potatoes scored again when at the Mid-West Potato Show held at Des Moines, Iowa last week the exhibit from Box Butte county carried off several very worthy prizes. In competition were display forms Iowa, Colorado, Kansas and Wisconsin, all potato states, County Agent Nueswanger, who accompanied the exhibit and who was responsible for the showing made to a great extent, has cause to feel mighty good over the results obtained. The exhibit was shaped in the form of an American flag, the different varieties of potatoes forming their respective portion. The doctor stated that the influenza epidemic in Gordon has practically subsided, there being but few cases ther at the present time.

DOCTOR BLAK. OF GORDON LOCATES IN ALLIANCE

Dr. Einar V. Blak, well known physician and surgeon, who has been located at Gordon for the past four years, will locate in Alliance, occupying the offices in the Mallery block being vacated by Dr. C. E. Hershman. Dr. Blak was in the city yesterday making arrangements to move here after Christmas.

Dr. Blak went to Gordon from Omaha. He is a graduate of the University of Copenhagen in Denmark and Creighton University in Omaha. Mrs. Blak and their two children will return with him after Christmas.

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GUARDIAN TRUST CO. HOME PLEASES CROWD

Opening and Safety Vault Demonstration Attracts Full Two Thousand People Saturday

The opening of the new home of The Guardian Trust Company, Saturday and the demonstration of the workings of the new Burglar proof vault was attended by at least two thousand people. Mr. E. Sorenson, representing the American Bank Protection Co., was present and demonstrated clearly the system that makes it impossible to, in any way, tamper with the safety devices and lock while the time lock is on, without the sounding of the burglar alarm.

The vault is one of the most modern made. There is absolutely no way, not even by burning through the vault without the warning being given, and once started the alarm cannot be quieted outside the vault. The company has installed more than three thousand of these over the United States and Canada and never has an attempt to burglarize one of them been successful.

The building was appropriately decorated with flowers and as expressions of a hearty welcome the ladies visiting were served ice cream and given carnations, while the men were treated to cigars.

Since the organization of the Guar-

THE GREAT CROSS OF MERCY

By THEODOSIA GARRISON.

Glorious with scars and rents the battle-banners rise,
And the great flags of triumph are spreading to the skies;
Our tears, our prayers, our praise for them, but when the last is said,
Our hearts extol the banner that bears the Cross of Red.

The great Cross of Mercy that calls a world in pain
To lift its soul to courage, to look on hope again—
The signs of Love victorious that hate hath never slain.

Ask those who have awaited it upon the field of strife,
Ask the stricken towns-folk it has given back to life,
Ask the lips of childhood, the valiant hosts of dead,
What this banner means to them that bears the Cross of Red.

The great Cross of Mercy—O, lift and keep it high;
Send its flaming message to all humanity
That pity is immortal and that Love shall never die.

UNITED STATES FAVORS THE SINKING OF ALL CAPTURED GERMAN WARSHIPS

AMERICAN DELEGATES TO PEACE CONFERENCE REPORTED TO FAVOR SINKING OF CAPTURED VESSELS FROM GERMANY

ENGLAND BACKS PLAN OF DESTROYING WARSHIPS

Smaller Nations Expected to Oppose the Plan and to Ask for Division of Ships in Accordance With Losses Suffered by Them During War

PARIS—The American delegates to the peace congress have decided to advocate the sinking of the surrendered enemy warships and to resist the proposition of distributing them on the basis of naval losses, according to the announcement made by people in close touch with the American representatives here.

NOT ALL SUBSCRIBING TO RED CROSS CALL

Some Seem to Fail to Realize the Importance of the Continuance of this Work of Mercy

Red Cross Roll Call committees in Alliance, this week, have met with considerable success and a splendid showing for the city will be made, but there are some who seem to fail to realize the necessity of the continuance of the work of the "Great Mother of Mercy." They feel it would seem, that with the signing of the armistice and need of the work done by the Red Cross automatically ceased.

The American Red Cross has wonderfully played an important part in the winning of the greatest of wars—it has rescued thousands of American boys and saved them to their country. Many of these boys are still overseas in hospitals convalescing and so long as a single man remains in the service of his country there is a great need for the protection and care of the Red Cross. They must not be neglected now and will not, but it is urgent that the organization have the unqualified support of every true American. The cessation of hostilities has revealed a picture of misery such as the world has never before seen and especially is this true in the countries which cannot help themselves. The American people must continue to care for these sufferers. In this great act of mercy the heart and spirit of the entire American people must continue to be mobilized. The eyes of the world are upon us and we shall not fall—the Red Cross needs your support.

You, who have not yet joined, and you who have an idea that the good to be done has been lessened, consider the matter carefully—then get in touch with one of the committees or step into either of the banks and take out a membership—all you need is the heart and a dollar.

A COMPARISON OF DRESS GOODS VALUES

That war-time conditions and depleted stocks of materials have been the cause of great increases in the cost of all kinds of dress goods no one can gainsay, but to the average person the exact extent of this increase is more or less a conjecture. This week The Herald representative was given a bit of concrete evidence along this line. While at the George A. Mollring store, a day or so ago, Mr. Mollring showed us some correspondence from a reliable wholesaler whereby he was being urged to anticipate future needs in the line of a certain grade of dress goods and to make immediate purchase of such amounts as he would need. A little comparison showed that Mr. Mollring was retailing the same grade of merchandise, for which he is now asked to pay \$3.25 per yard, wholesale, at \$1.19.

And this is not all. Mr. Mollring has many items in his large stock of merchandise which he purchased before the increased prices and, although the savings thereby gained would be sufficient reason for the liberal patronage of his store, he has thrown them on the bargain counter in order to close out the stock and quit business. He has not selected particular lines, but has made the price-cutting general and covering each and every item. You are welcome to call at the store and take your choice at figures that alone can tell the story of the saving effected. Mr. Mollring is a firm believer in printer's ink, as will be seen by the full page advertisement on another page of this issue.

Give Books to Soldiers Xmas

How would you like to be in a hospital with nothing to read? Give a book to the Library War Service so our wounded soldiers will have plenty of reading matter.

The American representatives feel that such a position would result in avoiding contention and support President Wilson's declaration that the war was not based on aggression or the acquisition of property.

England, through Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, has previously acquiesced in the American plan to destroy the captured and surrendered warships and will, it is declared, continue to support the United States, although it is expected that some of the lesser naval powers will demand that the prizes be distributed.

FIREMEN PICK DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Walter Buechsenstein, Vivian Hall and A. G. Isaacson will be the New Convention Delegates

At the regular meeting of the Alliance volunteer fire department held Wednesday evening, the new delegates selected to attend the annual state convention at Fremont on January 21st, 22nd and 23rd were Walter Buechsenstein for Hose Company number one, A. G. Isaacson for Hose Company number two and Vivian Hall for Hook and Ladder Company number three. Alternates are Vera Regester and Guy Smith.

T. P. Rolfsen, A. G. Isaacson and Lloyd Thomas were appointed a committee to confer with the city council regarding the annual assistance given financially to the department for the paying of expenses of delegates to the convention. It is expected that the total Alliance delegation, including the band, the new delegates chief Ray Trabert, and the old delegates who are members of the state association will number from thirty-six to forty men. The trip will be made in a tourist or pullman sleeper.

Olaf Kuhn the first member of the fire department to return from the army, made an interesting talk telling of his experiences during the past seven months. Olaf held the record on the adjusting of gas masks at the training camp, his shortest time being four and one-half seconds. He told of physical inspections and training and of the "slungullion" which the boys learned to love so well at mess time.

Congratulations were extended by the department to Tobe Gastineau, a member of the department now serving in the army and located in Texas. He has lately entered the bonds of matrimony.

The boys greatly appreciated the handsome Christmas gift presented by George Mollring—an expensive and handsome United States flag with staff. The flag will go to the convention with the party.

Following the session the members present accepted the invitation of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, who were holding a smoker and luncheon at their hall. They attended the smoker in a body and enjoyed a delicious feed and entertainment.

HARVEY MAKING GREAT CHANGES AT SILVER GRILL

The Herald takes pleasure in giving credit where credit is due and we this week call your attention to the improvements made by Joe C. Harvey, in the popular eating house, The Silver Grill. The arrangement has been entirely changed within the last few days. A splendid back bar has been installed along with the change from a horse-shoe counter to one extending the full length of the building. A new floor covering has been laid, the wall repapered and painted and an electric lighting system that literally floods the place with light installed.

Mr. Harvey is enjoying a splendid patronage and that his efforts to provide such a place as the public desires are appreciated is evidenced by the steady increase in business.