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SAYS PRO-GERMAN OPPOSE LEAGUE

HARRY B. FLEHARTY DEFENDS PEACE COVENANT.

Answers Objections Made by Opponents of World Agreement to Put an End to War.

Harry B. Fleharty, prominent Omaha attorney, addressed an Alliance audience Friday evening at the Imperial theater, in behalf of the league of nations covenant. The meeting was under the auspices of the Box Butte county Cox and Roosevelt club, and twenty-five members of that organization, many of them women, occupied the stage with the speaker. There was a good-sized audience present, and the speaker was given the closest attention throughout the discourse. A number in the audience were republicans, and although the speaker asked for questions, and promised to answer with the utmost courtesy, none were raised.

Mr. Fleharty made a most temperate address, rather different in tone from the discourses with which Alliance has been favored so far during the campaign. Perhaps the chief objection to the speech arose from a mistaken idea on the part of some of the audience that the speaker classed all supporters of Harding with the pro-German element which is strongly supporting Harding. While Mr. Fleharty made it plain that he held this element in very low esteem, he did not, as has been reported, make any charge that any opponent of the league should be classed with the disloyal pro-German element.

Ballots Instead of Bullets.

The pro-German element, Mr. Fleharty charged, is doing its level best to do with the ballot what it could not do with the bullet. As proof of pro-German opposition to the league, he cited the results of referendum elections on the adoption of the covenant in Switzerland. In Zurich, a canton in which the majority of the voters are of German extraction, the vote on ratification was 66,000 against, and but 40,000 for. In Vaud, a French canton, there were over 50,000 votes cast in favor of ratification, to less than 5,000 against it.

The American Monthly, of which George Vieregg, former editor of The Fatherland, is editor, is outspoken against the league. The speaker read extracts from various copies of Mr. Vieregg's monthly, some of them reading in this way: "The men who voted for war spoke for hate." "The men who spoke for Woodrow Wilson or any of his pets must be driven from public life." "We must hold the balance of power." Vieregg urges readers of the American Monthly to "vote for Harding."

The German-American Alliance, in resolutions adopted at its recent annual convention, used such phrases as "certain enlightened expressions" of the republican platform and candidate, announces its "unalterable opposition to the league of nations" and condemned the "perfidious foreign policy" of the United States.

"It will be perfectly satisfactory if Mr. Harding will seek his advice where he sought his support," was another quotation from Mr. Vieregg's monthly. The speaker made it plain that there are two German elements—the good and the bad, and he declared that these extracts made it plain that the bad element was behind Harding, and declared that if Harding were elected it would probably be due to the votes of that element.

Questions Answered.

The remainder of the speech was concerned with answering various arguments made against the covenant. Mr. Fleharty first answered the question: Will it draw us into war? The league, he declared, is for peace and against conquest—not the peace of the coiled serpent, the armed peace—but the triumph of right, order and law. There are two methods of keeping international peace. One was discovered by Julius Caesar, who kept the nations of the world under subjection. The other way is by means of organized society.

The league of nations is not a new thing. The idea was born years ago, and has come to light in forty or more different forms. The speaker discussed but one of these, the Taft league to enforce peace, suggested in 1915. He compared article 3 of the Taft league with the article 10 of the present covenant, and found the two articles almost identical word for word. The Taft league was signed by Mr. Taft and sixteen republicans, yet it is the republicans today objecting to it. It is identical in a league not of their making.

Next objective considered was the claim that under the league, the United States would be at the mercy of Europe, and the charge that England has six votes to our one. This, he declared, was not wholly untrue. England's colonies were represented at the peace conference and signed the covenant. Each province has a representative in the assembly. The assembly, the speaker made clear, is an advisory body only. It is authorized to hear disputes and make recommendations. It has jurisdiction in "justiciable matters," which he defined as matters coming under recognized international law.

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T. P. A. GIVES ITS WILD DUCK DINNER

The second annual wild duck dinner for the members of Post M, Nebraska Division, T. P. A., was held in the Palm Room of the Alliance hotel Saturday evening. Plates were laid for one hundred members of the post and their wives. The feature was a roast wild duck for each of the banqueters, together with such trimmings as cranberry sauce, dressing, potatoes, creamed peas, ice cream and cigars. It was a completely satisfactory banquet from soup to cigars, and inasmuch as the feeding did not begin until 8:30, was appreciated even more than is usual.

The committee in charge of the banquet consisted of Joe Luttrell, S. W. Thompson, R. C. Strong, Joe O'Connor and Jack Hawes, well known traveling men with headquarters at Alliance. These men not only bagged the wild duck for the feast, but had charge of the program.

Following the dinner, brief talks were made by Mayor A. D. Rodgers, a member of the post; Rev. Stephen J. Epler, post chaplain; Captain J. B. Miller, who is soon to join the ranks of the traveling men, having accepted a position with a Denver concern beginning the first of the year; Lloyd C. Thomas, Ben J. Sallows, Jack Hawes, Fred Hitchcock, George L. Burr, H. P. Coursey, L. H. Highland, Dr. C. E. Hershman, Mrs. C. E. Hershman, S. W. Thompson, Joe Luttrell and Secretary Roy C. Strong.

Post M was organized March 13, 1918. It now has 216 members and is one of the largest organizations of traveling men in the west.

MINATARE AND MELBETA WANT ALLIANCE ROAD

C. E. Clough of Minatare has written the Alliance chamber of commerce as follows:

"The commercial clubs of Minatare and Melbeta are anxious to get a road marked and mapped between here and Alliance, also from Minatare to Kimball, Neb., and were wondering if you would co-operate with us in this road.

"This is a good route and there is but one hill south and the county engineer is going to have the road rebuilt there to not more than a 10 per cent grade. Also we have a committee working to have the commissioners lay out a road through the hills north of Minatare so we can get some money spent on it.

"Please let me know what you think about this and if favorable will come to Alliance to see you."

J. W. Guthrie, secretary of the Alliance organization, has written Mr. Clough that the directors have considered the matter and will be glad to co-operate with Minatare, Melbeta and Kimball for a road. These towns have been invited to send representatives to Alliance to meet with the directors next Monday.

Attorney O. E. Nelson is back in Alliance, after an absence from the city of several weeks, during which he was on his homestead.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Darveau, a son.

NO BOOZE FOUND IN EMIGRANT CAR

Report That Many Cases of Canadian Club Were Unfounded

Sheriff J. W. Miller Monday received a telegram declaring that a certain emigrant car, en route from Canada, contained some seventy-five cases of Canadian club whisky. A full description of the car was given, and armed with the necessary papers, the sheriff and his men descended on the local yards.

There they found the shipper, a freed man with a disgusted look on his face. He told them that the car had been entered at Casper, and that the officers there had not only wrecked the contents, but had piled the debris in heaps over the floor. He extended the officers a pleasant welcome, however, and handed them a hatchet and invited them to go ahead and see if there were any more chairs that the bottoms could be knocked out of, or boxes that could be destroyed.

The sheriff, after a slight investigation, decided that the Casper officers had done their duty thoroughly, and the emigrant car was not molested further. The owner of the goods in the car stated that on leaving his home in Canada, he had made the fatal error of offending a banker, and gave it as his opinion that his enemy had taken this means of getting even.

A number of wild reports concerning this car and its contents were in circulation. The story got out that 135 cases of the best whisky had been located and taken to the office of Judge Tash, although the sheriff is usually the officer privileged to guard such finds. Another variation of the rumor was that the republicans had secured this amount of whisky and were intending to stage a rally the night before election. Several good democrats, hearing this latter tale, began to talk of voting for Harding, but the error was discovered in time.

Marriage licenses were issued from the county judge's office Monday to the following couples: George B. Anders, Sheridan, Wyo., and Miss Esther Sheldon of Alliance; Ben F. Hammer of Okmulgee, Okla., and Miss Ruth E. Cox of Mullen; Fred W. Dodge of Creston, Ia., and Neille L. Williams of Newcastle, Wyo., and Louis F. Barta and Miss Matilda Morava, both of Hemingford.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; colder tonight, with frost.

Your Objections Are Answered

These things are facts. There are things concerning which there is no ambiguity or cause for argument:

The league of nations covenant does not give England six votes to the United States' one. True it is that the British provinces each have a vote in the assembly of the league, and the United States has one. The assembly votes only on questions involving accepted international law and is an advisory body only. In the council of the league, of which the United States is a member in perpetuity, the nations have but one vote, and in all vital matters the decisions of the council must be unanimous.

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Does NOT involve the calling out of American soldiers in case of local squabbles in the Balkans or elsewhere. While members of the League are obliged to take part in a boycott against a nation that attacks

BAYARD WINNER IN HARD FOUGHT GAME

Alliance Football Team Loses by Score of 19 to 7 on the Local Gridiron Saturday.

The husky football squad from Bayard got the surprise of their young lives when they went up against the Alliance high school football team on the local gridiron here Saturday afternoon. Accompanied by a band and nearly three hundred Bayard boosters, who arrived in a special train just before the game started, they had expected to find Alliance easy picking. Estimates given before the game were to the effect that Bayard would win by a 69 to 6 score without much difficulty, and Bayard boosters who were overconfident on the goose-egg proposition found Alliance people who were willing to see their raise.

The game was one of the hardest fought contests ever held on the local gridiron. The Alliance team, with an average of 135 pounds per man, didn't loom so very large as contrasted with their 160-pound opponents, but they battled like wildcats. During the first half, Bayard outplayed the home team, smashing their way for a single touchdown.

During the second half, the Alliance team earned the honors. Bayard made the first score, but failed to kick goal. Then the Alliance back field smashed through the heavy opposing line for a touchdown. During the whole of the fourth quarter, the ball was in Bayard's territory. Three times Alliance carried the ball within the ten yard line, but lost on fumbles.

In the last three minutes of play, McKelvey of Bayard broke through the Alliance defense and made a spectacular run of ninety yards for a touchdown. The other two touchdowns for Bayard were made by Semmons. Fowler made the score for Alliance, and Dally and Garvin featured as ground gainers. The play was close throughout, but luck was with the Bayard team.

The Alliance team made a remarkable showing against the team that is conceded to have a mighty good chance for this year's championship.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS HOLD AN INITIATION

Sheba chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Alliance held an afternoon and evening session Monday for the purpose of initiating five candidates. Five of these, Messrs. Schroeder, Fine, Griffith and Woodridge, were from Sidney, and Ernest Scharschug was the Alliance candidate.

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GERING RUNAWAY IS BROUGHT HOME

A happy father and mother and a fortunate girl are included in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pizer, and their daughter, Miss Thelma, at their home in Gering—the parents being happy over the return of their daughter from a runaway trip and the latter fortunate because of her escape from the pitfalls of Denver.

The girl, who is but fourteen years of age, had run away from the family home at Gering about ten days ago, accompanying a girl named "Martha" and two young men to Brush, Colo., where the girls separated from the boys and went to Denver, expecting to secure employment. They succeeded in finding employment, but Thelma was persuaded to return home with her parents.

From photographs published in the Denver newspaper, the Pizer girl is recognized as the young lady who was picked up by Officer Taylor in Alliance during the race meet months ago, at which time she gave her name as Rhobey Matthews. The girl was on the verge of joining a carnival, the managers of which had promised her a position as a snake charmer. Her companion had been hired as a dishwasher in the cook tent. Officer Taylor collected enough money to send the pair back to Scottsbluff.

Alliance went wet today—the first snowfall of the season.

FINE WEATHER SUNDAY BRINGS OUT GOLF BUGS

Exceptionally fine weather brought out twenty-five or more who spent last Sunday afternoon golfing at the Country club links at Broncho lake. A conservative estimate would place the number of lost balls and broken clubs at least double the total of any previous day. For the first time since the inception of the Country club, there were as many women as men on the links, and the game shows evidences of growing popularity among the fair sex.

It's a little too early to hear very much of the phraseology of the game, although there are a few golfers who babble about their stance. But one or two players know what a "stymie is," although the majority of them have learned to distinguish the caddy from the greens. A number of kids picked up small change last Sunday by doing the caddy act, and it is said that the players find it a relief to have them handy to do the swearing when some bonehead play indicates it. The caddies so far are all sympathetic, although in time it is feared they may grow supercilious after they have mastered the fine points of the game and know how to distinguish the dub from the man who can make it in par.

So far this season the weather has been ideal, and the golfers hope there will be another month of playing weather before they are compelled to stow away their clubs until spring. As yet there has been no snow in Alliance, although at Scottsbluff, only a few miles away, the first snow of the season fell last Thursday.

RED CROSS MEETING IN ALLIANCE NOV. 5

At the meeting of the Red Cross directors, held at the court house Monday evening, it was decided to hold a Red Cross regional conference in Alliance November 5, at which representatives from fourteen neighboring cities and towns will be present. The meeting will be held in the district court room.

The object of the conference is to pave the way for the 1921 Red Cross roll call, which begins November 11 and extends to Thanksgiving. The meeting will be open to all who are interested in Red Cross activities, as well as Red Cross directors. A luncheon will be one of the features of the program.

The conference will be under direct supervision of the central division headquarters, American Red Cross, at Chicago. Walter Davidson, T. H. Allenson of the division of civilian relief, and Mr. Van Tuyl will be among the speakers sent out from headquarters.

The local Red Cross directors have decided to put across the roll call and plans for the campaign will be announced later.

Mrs. William Morris and daughter, Ruth, returned Friday from Minneapolis, where they have been for the past three weeks visiting at the home of Mrs. Morris' daughter, Mrs. A. E. Swanson.

OBJECT TO SAND FOR ANTIOCH ROAD

SAY SPECIFICATIONS ARE NOT BEING FOLLOWED

Chamber of Commerce Says It Is Getting No Co-operation From Division Engineer McLain

The directors of the Alliance chamber of commerce, at their meeting Monday noon at the Alliance hotel, discussed the surfacing material now being used on the Antioch road. At the close of the discussion, Secretary J. W. Guthrie was directed to communicate with George E. Johnson, state engineer, and register a protest. The following letter has been mailed, and will probably create quite a little excitement before very many days have elapsed:

Alliance, Nebr., Oct. 22, 1920.—Geo. E. Johnson, State Engineer, Nebraska, Dear Sir: At a meeting of the board of directors of the Alliance chamber of commerce held this week, I was instructed to write you in reference to the material being used for surfacing on the Potash highway between here and Antioch.

When Mr. McLain, division engineer in charge of that part of the work, was here October 14th we called his attention to the fact that the contractor was using common sand for the surface in place of gravel as called for in the specifications. The president of the chamber of commerce went himself over a part of the road and took samples of the material being used to use and show at the meeting of the Potash highway association being held that day and which we expected Mr. McLain to attend, but which he failed to do, with the object of having him state whether or not this material was up to the specifications, but for some reason or another Mr. McLain left town at noon and, either intentionally or otherwise, avoided the meeting.

Mr. Powell, from whom the contractor is obtaining the finishing material, says he can furnish gravel but, of course, it will cost more and he is shipping just what the contractor orders. Now we fail to see why it is necessary to have sand shipped from Bridgeport when they have hills of it right on the highway and the sand is no better than what we have had for centuries in the sand hills. It is an absolute waste of money and time to put the stuff on that they are using as it does not help the road a particle and should be stopped before it is too late.

Mr. McLain, we understand, has stated that he has had no co-operation from the people of Alliance. Allow us to state that he has failed to co-operate with us in any way in the matter. He has repeatedly failed to keep his appointments with our board of directors and has come to town a number of times and failed to let us know he was in our vicinity when we were extremely anxious to meet him and go into these matters with him.

The contract, if we are correctly informed, called for completion of this part of the road nearly, if not quite, a year ago and to-day it is absolutely impassable and the writer drove to Antioch this week and had to detour several miles in order to get there at all.

Our county commissioners paid \$300 for a pit of alkali mud and we raised \$300 more by popular subscription for the same purpose which should have been included in the original contract price. We do not know who is at fault but respectfully ask that you come up and see for yourself the kind of material being used for surfacing as well as to judge for yourself the kind of work being done on this road before it is allowed to go any further and we protest most strenuously against this part of the road being accepted and paid for until it is up to the specifications and contract. Yours truly, J. W. GUTHRIE, Secretary.

BIG REO SHIPMENT ARRIVED SATURDAY

Four carloads of Reo cars, trucks, roadsters and touring cars, were received by the A. H. Jones company in Alliance last Saturday, and the boys from the local garage were busy all day Monday unloading them. This is perhaps the largest shipment of automobiles ever received in this city at one time by one firm, the freight on the four cars amounting to \$2,026.

According to Calvin D. Walker, manager of the company, the Reo factory is going ahead producing cars, although many of the big factories have found it necessary to curtail operations.