

BASES PLEA ON HARDING STATEMENT

Any Plan for Unity of U. S.,
France and England Will
Help, He Tells Audience—
Expresses Praise for League.

BY JOHN GOLDSTROM,
Universal Service Correspondent.
Washington, Dec. 8.—Before an audience containing many members of congress Georges Clemenceau, war premier of France, Friday urged the calling of another Washington conference to effect world peace, based upon the following paragraph of President Harding's message to congress:

"The four power pact, which abolishes every probability of war on the Pacific, has brought new confidence in a maintained peace, and I can well believe it might be made a model for like assurances wherever in the world any common interests are concerned."

He demonstrated his agility on the international tightrope near the end of his speech by declaring that, on the other hand, the league of nations had helped matters in Siberia and might be worth reconsidering by the American people.

Anything for Unity.
The old statesman's endorsement of both of the widely differing concepts of President Harding and former President Wilson left his hearers with the conclusion that he favors any sort of international pact which will unite America, England and France.

Concerning the Harding message he said:

"Today I felt very much comforted when I read in President Harding's message to your congress the very good suggestion that—I will read to you what he said—

He read the paragraph and said:

"That is just what I ask. I hope there will be another conference of the diplomats, in which they can talk this over. I am sure that nothing but good can result. I am for peace—peace by any means, but peace for all men."

Earlier in his speech he had declared that "peace is wrought by force—by strength of arms."

Praise for League.
It was near the close of his address that he spoke kind words for the league.

"I am not here to tell you what to do. I suggest the League of Nations. It helped to solve matters in Siberia and elsewhere. It has the advantage of being in existence and having the machinery for doing good."

He said that in coming to the United States he felt that he had found the same feeling here that he himself felt—that the United States must sooner or later interfere in European affairs, and added:

"I am helping my country in coming here, but believe me I am helping you at the same time."

Refers to "14 Points".
His mention of the Wilsonian 14 points brought sustained applause, evidently for Mr. Wilson. He added:

"Mr. Wilson said you would go on with the war if Germany did not pay reparations to France. Germany has not paid—and you did not go on."

"You left us without saying a word. (With a smile and a shrug.) That is not done. When you leave a lady in a parlor you say good bye."

As to the present conditions in Europe, evidently with reference to the Lausanne conference, he said:

"I do not know what the people on the other side are preparing for, and I doubt whether they know any more than I do myself."

SANBORN, IA. SWEEP BY \$20,000 FIRE

Three Two-Story Buildings
Destroyed by Blaze Which
Started in Rear of
Grocery Store.

Sanborn, Ia., Dec. 8 (Special).—Whipped by a strong wind, fire, which started in the rear of Tripp's grocery store here shortly after 11 o'clock Friday morning, wiped out three two-story brick buildings. The loss is estimated at \$20,000.

Buildings destroyed by the blaze were occupied by the grocery store; the Wiltsam cafe and the Korst Hardware company. Little was saved. Rooms over the hardware store were occupied by the L. O. O. F.

The fire is believed to have started in Tripp's housekeeping rooms in the rear of the store while his wife was washing. Mrs. Tripp told neighbors, following the blaze, that she was in the yard hanging up clothing. When she returned to the kitchen, the interior was a mass of flames.

Volunteers assisted the local firemen to combat the blaze, but were unable to prevent the high gale from sweeping the flames through the buildings.

SOCIETY MARRIAGES SLUMP.

Universal Service.
New York, Dec. 8.—Marriage among society folk has taken a decided slump this year. Just to what extent the "elite monde" has been sidestepping matrimony is revealed by the 1923 social register just off the press.

Up to the opening of the present winter season in society the social register shows there have been 75 weddings fewer in chief society circles than in the preceding year. The exact figures are 796 against 871.

RESOLUTIONS OFFERED TO WHITE HOUSE

Free All Political Prisoners,
President Is Asked—Congresswoman Huck Offers
Woman's Viewpoint.

Universal Service.
Washington, Dec. 10.—President Harding was called on Sunday night to grant Christmas amnesty to all wartime political prisoners remaining in federal prison. Resolutions urging that the executive act at once were adopted at a meeting conducted by the joint amnesty committee in memory of Richard Flores Magon, one of the prisoners who died recently in Leavenworth, where he was serving a 21 year sentence.

Among the speakers at the meeting was Mrs. Winnifred Mason Huck, congresswoman from Illinois. It was the first public gathering at which she has spoken since coming to Washington. She said:

"If our last war has accomplished anything it has established as a fact the idea that wars settle nothing. The backward step taken by civilization in this last war will be regained only when we as a factor in that war become as enthusiastic in establishing peace as we were in prosecuting the war."

From "Woman's Angle."
"It has been said that the women, or rather the woman's point of view, will bring world peace. If that is so, we have no time to lose and we must keep our point of view."

"And it is from that woman's angle that I plead for these political prisoners. Remember, I am not pleading from the prisoner's angle. Their angle is individual, personal. Although I, as an individual, would gladly plead the individual cases, I am here tonight to speak for humanity and urge that these prisoners be freed, not for their sake, but for the sake of the people, so that our road to world peace may be easier to travel."

Parade to White House.
Dr. John A. Ryan, a director of the National Catholic Welfare council, Prof. Paul Brissenden, of Columbia university, and Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, of New York, also spoke for general amnesty.

After the meeting, Mrs. Blatch led a procession to the White House, all carrying banners. A resolution asking the president to free the political prisoners was left at the executive office by the paraders.

RADIO ON MOVING TRAIN SUCCESSFUL

Overland Limited on Trip to
Chicago Keeps in Con-
stant Touch With
'Frisco Station.

Universal Service.
San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Full success has crowned the experiment of "The Examiner" here in demonstrating the possibilities of radio reception on a moving railroad train.

Tuesday the Southern Pacific's San Francisco Overland limited arrives in Chicago after having been in constant radio communication with San Francisco and other broadcasting stations since Friday when it pulled out of Oakland.

John McGuire with his "Wiltaco" receiving apparatus aboard the train picked up news and concert music broadcast from 22 stations located at many points in the United States. This he turned into his magnavox stationed in the observation car and thrilled all the passengers as they sped over the rails eastward.

Today a detailed message came from McGuire telling of the success of this sensational and history making experiment.

BURCH RELEASED BY LUNACY COMMISSION

Finding Declares Him Either
Sane or Harmlessly Insane
—Tried Three Times.

Universal Service.
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 10.—After being tried three times for murder and once for insanity Arthur C. Burch is today a free man. When questioned as to his future plans Burch declared that he had not made any.

In the three murder trials the jury disagreed. Members of a lunacy commission decided today that Burch was sane or if he was insane, harmless. So he was released.

Burch was tried for the murder of J. Belton Kennedy who was shot down on the steps of his summer home at Beverly Glenn more than 17 months ago.

GOLD TEETH MAY HELP IDENTIFY SKELETON

Cairo, Neb., Dec. 10 (Special).—Workmen moving an old barn on a farm on the Loup river found a human skeleton under the floor of the building. Some persons assert the remains are those of Curt Stevens, a cattle man who disappeared several years ago. This partial identification is based on gold teeth with the skeleton, said to be similar to those of Stevens.

BULGARIAN PRINCESS BECOMES FARMERETTE.



How have the mighty fallen! This daughter of former Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria, has turned to the soil and is now a farmerette, doing all the work on a little farm on which she manages to eke out her existence in Bavaria.

Hundreds Offer Blood to Save Life of Physician

BY JOSEPH S. ROGERS,
Universal Service Correspondent.
Newark, N. J., Dec. 10.—Practitioners of all creeds Sunday fought death in an effort to succeed where science has failed.

For Dr. Miller Royal Whittenack, who has suffered thousands of children to come to him that their very lives might be preserved, has but little chance to live.

A victim of his unselfish service to humanity, Dr. Whittenack is suffering from blood poisoning contracted while treating for throat trouble one of the 7,000 babies he has brought into the world.

Kept alive for two weeks by blood transfusions, the "baby doctor," believes that the end is near and himself joined in the pleas offered from every church in the city that his life may be spared.

Hundreds besieged physicians, offering their blood to save the man they love as a physician and a benefactor who for more than half of his services refused payment.

That is why many who had not prayed or gone to church in years joined in the chorus of supplication for Dr. Whittenack's recovery.

Little ones whose lives have been saved by this lover of childhood have been crowding the parlors of the Presbyterian hospital pleading for a word of encouragement.

Grateful mothers inquire.

Grateful mothers form a constant stream to the place where many of them gave birth under Dr. Whittenack's skilled hands. Sunday night a nurse replied sadly in low tones:

"The doctor is no better, he is slightly improved over yesterday but that was the worst day he ever had. He may recover but the chances are against him."

SUICIDE BLAMES 'FRIENDS' FOR ACT

Cedar Rapids Man Hangs Self
After Wife Starts Divorce
—Pal Involved in
Triangle.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Dec. 10 (Special).—Accusing his bosom friend, a Marlon man, of being responsible for his domestic difficulties, which resulted in his wife filing suit for divorce Saturday, Charles Williams, 25 years old, committed suicide by hanging himself some time Saturday night. The body was found in a stable Sunday afternoon. Williams left two notes, one to his wife which the police did not open, and another addressed to "my friends." The open note said if his friends had kept away from his home there would have been no divorce proceedings.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams separated several weeks ago and she prepared to sue for divorce. They met on the street Saturday afternoon and she agreed not to press the case. An hour later papers were served on Williams, together with an injunction to prevent him from molesting his wife. His wages were also attached by Mrs. Williams. He is believed to have hanged himself soon after the papers were served. Mrs. Williams has disappeared. She is his second wife. There are no children.

SAYS PHYSICAL TRAINING INSURES MARITAL BLISS

New York, Dec. 10.—Teach your wife how to give you a left scissors hook to the jaw, then laugh at any prospect of divorce.

Stated differently, a rigid course in physical training is the best insurance against marital strife, Martin Rodger said Sunday night in praising the results obtained by a physical culture school.

It was revealed at a meeting of 400 alumni and alumnae of the institution that all had experienced marital happiness. The school teaches boxing, wrestling and other gymnastics to men and women.

POSSE ABANDONS HUNT FOR HOMER BANDITS

Dakota City, Neb., Dec. 10 (Special).—After a thorough search of Dakota county, which lasted for two days, possemen Sunday night gave up the hunt for the two bandits who attempted to rob the Farmers Exchange store at Homer, Neb., early Saturday.

L. Kronick, of Sioux City, owner of the bandit car, which was found wrecked a short distance north of Homer, is being held here in the county jail pending an investigation.

VALENTINO LOSES FIGHT IN COURT

Movie Actor Ordered to Stick
to Contract—Cruelty Com-
plaint Overruled.

New York, Dec. 8 (U. P.).—Rudolph Valentino, motion picture actor, must abide by the terms of his contract with the Famous Players-Lasky company, it was decided Friday by the appellate division of the supreme court. Valentino, through this decision is enjoined from appearing with any other film corporation during the life of the contract.

Valentino claimed that he had been cruelly treated by his directors and had been forced to go through agony in his pictures. He testified that in his famous "Blood and Sand," in which he appeared as a Spanish bull fighter, he was made to learn how to fight a bull, actually, and that he suffered extremely from this.

The court, however, held that when he made his contract with the Famous Players concern, he should have realized, if he didn't, what a movie actor is called upon to do.

THREE AIDED CLARA, SHERIFF DECLARES

Investigation Continues in Los
Angeles, With Jail Friends
of Fugitive Being
Grilled.

Universal Service.
Los Angeles, Dec. 8.—With orders to "break" the man or woman who holds the key to the solution of Clara Phillips' sensational jail escape, deputy sheriffs Friday night began a systematic re-grilling of all the "tiger woman's" friends who have come under suspicion in the case.

One of these persons, already cross examined, is "holding out," in the opinion of Sheriff William I. Traeger and he is determined to get the inside story of the escape and subsequent flight.

Ed "Gold Tooth" Johnson, Tia Juana race track habitue, who became infatuated with Mrs. Phillips, according to jail gossip, while he was serving time, was the first person to be recalled.

Johnson, claiming to know nothing definite of the escape, professed his willingness to tell everything that might be even remotely connected with it. He was closeted with the deputy sheriffs for more than an hour.

Believe Three Men Aided.
Incidentally, it was definitely determined Friday that the escape from the jail of Mrs. Phillips was aided by at least three men. A thorough re-examination of the building by county authorities showed that the bars of her cell had been cut from both sides. Above the cell window was found traces of the rope that had been used to pull the woman from the cell after the bars had been cut.

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PAY OF RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS CUT

Rail Labor Board Announces
Decision Slicing \$1,500-
000 a Year Off Wages
of 11,000 Men.

Universal Service.
Chicago, Dec. 8.—What is said to be the last reduction in wages of railroad employees the United States railroad labor board will make on applications now pending was announced in a decision of the board Friday. The decision reduces the pay of 11,000 telegraphers approximately \$1,500,000 per year.

Eleven western roads are affected by the decision, the Burlington, Northwestern, Rock Island, Great Northern, St. Paul, Illinois Central, Santa Fe, Union Pacific, Southern Railway, Chicago, St. Paul and Omaha, and the Minneapolis and St. Louis.

The board passed a resolution ending all wage hearings pending since March 6, when a reduction of \$135,000,000 annually was made in rail workers' wage by a decision of the board.

Approximately 20 railroad telegraphers employed in Sioux City are affected by the wage reduction. Nine men are employed by the Northwestern, two by the Burlington and nine by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road.

The present wage scale varies from 60 to 75 cents an hour.

No information of the amount per hour of the reduction has been received at the railroad offices, according to statements by telegraphers Friday night.

CHIPPER AT 100 YEARS.
Newburg, N. Y., Dec. 8.—Mrs. Elsie Jackson, who Friday celebrated her 100th anniversary, was as chipper as a maid of 16 at a public reception in honor of her having reached the century mark. She is in excellent health and possesses all her faculties. Many citizens attended the reception, which followed a dinner at her home. Mrs. Jackson was married three times.

ESSEN.—France has made 1,200,000,000 francs profit on the coal delivered by Germany as reparations, Dr. Klaus Scholl, of Essen, asserts, after an investigation.

LABORITES LOSE AFTER HARD FIGHT

Government Given Vote of
Confidence on Shooting of
Two Rebel Leaders as Re-
prisals for Assassination.

BY DENNIS O'CONNELL,
Universal Service Correspondent.
Special Cable Dispatch.
Dublin, Dec. 8.—The new government carried the vote Friday night on the first attempt by the opposition at a vote of censure. In spite of the rumors during the afternoon that the laborites would withdraw from the dail, it was announced by leader Tom Johnson following the taking of the vote, that they would continue.

The heated wordy battle between the laborites and the free state supporters was brought to a close by the dignified Prof. John MacNeill, minister of education, whose son was killed fighting with the rebels, after Tom Johnson and Laborite Shannon had bitterly denounced the executions which took place Friday morning.

"My son followed DeValera," dramatically declared Prof. MacNeill, "He was brought to his death by vain promises made by vain men."

"Murders," Shouts Shannon.
"These executions were murders," shouted Shannon, shaking his fist. Minister of Defense Mulcahy then arose and declared:

"The action taken today was brought about by the fact that there are forces working around us that are more vicious and insidious than Britain ever employed toward Ireland."

"The army council acted, representing the government. Drastic action was necessary to prevent a continuance of the policy begun yesterday by the assassination of Sean Hales."

Argument is Stormy.
The laborites continued to storm, the government deputies replying heatedly. Professor MacNeill, who was still on his feet from making the statement regarding his son, quietly remarked:

"The opposition of the labor members is artificial."

The vote was then taken, the government receiving a majority.

The new senate was completed Friday, 30 names being submitted by President Cosgrave and the other 30 selected by the dail eireann. Of the 30 members nominated by President Cosgrave 15 who will be selected by lot, will hold office for 12 years, and the other 15 for six years.

Of the 30 elected by the dail 15 will hold office for nine years and the other 15 for three years.

Of the dail nominees six are merchants, six farmers, four laborers, two physicians and two engineers. Four women are included in the list of senators selected by the president. They are the Dowager Countess of Desart, Mrs. Wysepower, Mrs. Alice Boyford Green and Mrs. Costello Tuam.

In reply to the message from Bonar Law wishing the new free state success, President Cosgrave Friday night replied:

"We are facing a difficult task, but are inspired with a steadfast resolve to attain the ends which now seem appreciably nearer—the firm establishment of relations on a friendly understanding between the two countries."

REBEL LEADERS EXECUTED.

By Georges MacDonagh, United Press Staff Correspondent.
Dublin, Dec. 8.—Rory O'Connor and Liam Mellows, Irish rebel generals taken prisoners after the insurrection against the Free State was put down in Dublin, were executed at Mount Joy prison today. Two other insurgent officers were executed at the same time.

The other prisoners executed were Joseph McKelvey and Richard Barrett. The four were tried by a court martial during the night, found guilty and sentenced to death.

The death sentence was carried out at 9:20 this morning. Three priests were present. The prisoners, blindfolded, were marched to the place of execution. O'Connor had to be assisted to the scaffold.

The Free State government announced the rebel leaders were executed as a reprisal for the assassination of Sean Hales, a deputy yesterday.

ULSTER WON'T COME IN.

Belfast, Dec. 8 (U. P.).—Premier Sir James Craig, the Marquis of Londonderry, senate leader, and Colonel Spender, Ulster cabinet secretary, have taken to London an address to King George, which declares it useless to hold out any hopes that Ulster will go under the Dublin parliament at present. Sir Craig insists he will resign as premier as soon as such a question arises.

The address was voted unanimously by both houses of the Ulster parliament.

POISON BOOZE KILLS TWO.

Seranton, Pa., Dec. 8 (U. P.).—Two men are dead as the result of drinking poison whisky in a saloon at Dickson City Thursday.

SUMMERLIN REPORT DENIED.

Washington, Dec. 8 (U. P.).—There is no truth in the report that George T. Summerlin has been recalled as American charge d'affaires in Mexico City. It was declared on high authority at the state department Friday. Summerlin has the complete confidence of the American government in the negotiations he has carried on with Mexico, it was said.

MEXICO CITY.—It was reported from Guatemala City, that the British minister of Guatemala has been recalled on a charge of having mixed in politics.