

End of Present Nations League Seen by Members

Four-Power Washington Pact Creates New Organization, Leaders Say—New Meeting Place Probable.

Geneva, June 25.—The organization of the league of nations, now seated here in the national palace, is disconsolate. They all see the end of the present league—and the removal of the new reorganization to Paris or London.

The head authorities point silently to the fact that the great questions that gave excuse for the creation of the league are between America, France, England and Japan. The heads of the league at Geneva see that the ratification by the United States of the four-power Washington treaty creates a new league of the big powers and will result in naming a new place for meetings upon all disputes. The removal of the Red Cross league to Paris is seen as the beginning of the exodus of the main league bureau, a London official spokesman point out that, as Paris now has the Red Cross league, London should have the headquarters of the International Political League. It has been hinted from Washington that the sessions of the new four-power pact commission should alternate in their meetings between European, Asiatic and American cities—London and Paris, Tokio and Washington. This would leave only a clerical head bureau in any one country.

Gives Washington Bid.

The reason for the removal of the league headquarters from Geneva is that all the head officers and the seat of the public documents necessary to every discussion have their home in every other place than Switzerland. The members of the league will not attend the ordinary sessions at Geneva. Nor will Paris, London, Rome or Brussels send their official archive documents there. The fact that the United States is not a member of the league at Geneva, but is of the league formed at Washington, now gives Washington the bid to the headquarters of the bureau of the big league.

There are 1011 members of secretaries of the league headquarters at Geneva—employes and attaches. Only nine of all these are Americans. The point is urged that as the United States pays none of the expenses it should have not of the offices. The labor international bureau has the only Americans who are employed. The countries which now are members are gradually refusing to pay further expenses of the league at Geneva on the ground that the new Washington league displaces the Geneva league, and insist that the little nations now left in the league

are as but the children of the heads—which head nations now will control all international conflicts from the big four-power pact at Washington. The interesting news heard around Geneva on the matter of the removal of the headquarters of the league is that the vote of ex-President Woodrow Wilson joined to the little countries at Versailles' peace meet in 1919, which defeated Clemenceau of France, who wanted Paris as the home, was not because Wilson thought there were any advantages to Geneva, but, as is charged, because Wilson wanted revenge on Clemenceau for defeating many of his propositions on the matter of German reparations; also that Wilson, as a Presbyterian, wanted to pay tribute to John Knox, founder of the Presbyterian church—who lived, preached and wrote—fron Geneva—in collaboration with Calvin. It is recalled that Woodrow Wilson's father was a leading pastor of this church in America, and ex-President Wilson one of its college heads.

Prominent Seattle Man Was Victim of Massacre

Seattle, Wash., June 25.—John E. Shoemaker, prominent Seattle civil engineer, former assistant engineer of the port of Seattle and at one time president of the Seattle Master Builders' association, was killed in the mine rioting at Herrin, Ill., Thursday, according to word received here today. Trustees of the Federated Industries of Washington, of which Shoemaker was at one time an officer, today unanimously adopted resolutions calling on the governor of Illinois to take action in an effort to bring to justice the men responsible for his death.

Patron of "Love Nest" Was Agent of Blackmailers

New York, June 25.—Peggy Neal, sweetheart of a Boston racing man and frequent visitor to Walter S. Ward's "love nest" in a fashionable Harlem apartment house, where he entertained while his wife was in Canada last summer, was today credited by Pinkerton operatives, investigating the mysterious slaying by Ward of Clarence Peters, ex-mayor, with having delivered Ward into the hands of the blackmailers' ring, whose demands upon the young millionaire led to the killing.

Green Star Fleet Ships Sold to California Firm

San Diego, Cal., June 25.—J. W. Steele, president of the Steele Steamship company, announced here today that the company had bought seven steamships of the former Green Star fleet and would put them on the run between gulf ports and Pacific coast ports as soon as possible.

Panama Canal Ship Service Will Be Initiated Soon

Cadiz, June 25.—The Spanish steamer Renalis is about to depart for Pacific ports, initiating a service through the Panama canal. The steamer will carry a cargo of various Spanish products for commercial propaganda.

Italians Plan to Open Enchanting Summer Resort

Abruzzi, Called "Switzerland of Europe," to Be Made Accessible to Tourists.

Rome, June 25.—Plans are being completed in Rome to open up the Abruzzi a zone of the most enchanting summer resorts in Italy. The Abruzzi, which include the provinces of Aquila, Chieti and Teramo, comprises that mountainous region east of Rome and an infinite series of verdant hills and valleys which from the Appennines slope gently down to the Adriatic sea.

This region, which is called the Switzerland of Italy, is very little known by American, but those of them who have seen it never cease speaking of its beauty. It is the land of artists and poets and singers. Dante Gabriel Rossetti, who wrote immortal verses both in English and in Italian, was from the Abruzzi. The same land gave birth to Paolo Tosti, whose songs are as popular in America as they are in Italy. Michetti, one of the greatest living painters in the world, was also born there, and so was Gabriele D'Annunzio, the hero-poet of modern Italy.

The Abruzzi have a great historical importance, for they were well advanced in civilization before Rome was founded. The inhabitants of these provinces, the Samnites, the Marsi, the Peligni and the Marrucini, were never really conquered by the Romans. After a series of wars which stretched over many centuries the Romans, who had meanwhile conquered nearly all the known world of that time, were compelled to extend the Roman citizenship to these people and make them their allies.

The region is full of artistic interest. Besides the incomparable vistas and panoramas and the colorful costumes of the natives, almost every little town contains some masterpiece of architecture, sculpture, painting or wood carving. It is the intention of a group of influential Romans and Abruzzi to organize for the near future automobile excursions for these provinces, and Americans will certainly not miss such a chance.

Resignation of Sun Yat-Sen Expected Hourly in China

Amoy, China, June 26.—(By A. P.)—The resignation of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen as president of the southern Chinese government is expected hourly. Dr. Sun has been abandoned by his navy and it is believed he has given up all hope of regaining his capital, now in the hands of Chen Chung-Ming, an adherent of the Peking central China government.

Thousands Witness Scandinavian Drills

Over 10,000 people witnessed the closing events of the two-day Scandinavian celebration at Krug park Drills, songs and an imported moving picture were the main attractions of the evening.

The Norden Singing society, directed by John S. Helgren, rendered a well-received concert, which was followed by several solos by Harold Anderson, a member of the Norden group.

The Danish Sisterhood drill team, composed of 20 women under the direction of Mrs. Nels Kaer, gave a performance. The women of the Viking drill team repeated the exhibition they staged Friday afternoon. The closing feature on the program was an imported six-reel moving picture, "The Girl From Marsh Croft," taken from the story by Bjornstjerne Bjornson, for which he was awarded the Nobel prize. The picture was staged in Norway.

'Bad Man' Is Floored by 120-Pound Sleuth

Ruddy Sluggers, 2218 Leavenworth street, known among police as "the battler," will have to seek new fields to conquer.

Once it was a rare event when Ruddy was brought into the police station without the aid of a squad of police.

Saturday night he met his Waterloo.

Detective Bob Donahue—weight 120 pounds—routed Ruddy's ire at Sixteenth and Cass streets. Ruddy made a pass at him. Donahue floored him to the sidewalk with a right to the jaw.

Ruddy is in jail.

Army Dirigible Makes Safe Trip From Capital

Hampton, Va., June 25.—The army dirigible A-4 which left Washington for Langley field this forenoon, arrived safely at the field late today. Engine trouble delayed her on her return for several hours, but the trouble was repaired and the dirigible completed its trip without further incident. No report was received either here or at Washington from the ship during the trip, but, although it was known some delay had occurred, air service officers expressed no great apprehension, believing the A-4 to have met no serious accident.

Escaped Prisoner Captured

Lincoln, June 25.—James H. Duffield, arrested in Omaha last Sunday, and who escaped from a train while being brought to Lincoln by a constable, was captured on a farm near Nebraska City by deputy state sheriffs. Duffield offered no resistance. He is charged with issuing checks on a bank in which he had no deposits. He was brought to Lincoln.

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Soviet Leader Thanks People for Paying Tax

Siberian Peasants Make 100 Per Cent Donation—Heavy Duties Make Food Shortage Imminent.

By DON S. DAY.

Riga, June 25.—President Kalinin of soviet Russia has issued a proclamation thanking the peasants of Siberia for their aid to the workers' and peasants' republic in fulfilling the conditions of the produce tax 100 per cent. This proclamation, coming as it does one short week after the return of Dzerzhinsky, the former head of the cheka, from a trip to Siberia, is hailed in Riga as proof that Dzerzhinsky really went to Siberia on a food collecting expedition with several of his dreaded flying revolutionary tribunals which have earned a gruesome reputation for their farce trials which generally result in an execution punctuating the sentence.

Two months ago, the Moscow vestia stated that the food condition in Siberia was serious and that the produce tax had not been collected in many districts. The paper stated that the former head of the cheka, who is now the commissar of railroad communication, was en route to Siberia to remedy the situation. Upon Dzerzhinsky's return he stated he had reorganized the railroads of Siberia. This statement was supported by a long diatribe on why the railroads of Russia could not be given as a concession to foreign capitalists.

Kalinin's proclamation, informing the Siberian peasants of the thanks of the communist government for their 100 per cent donation follows a similar proclamation in which Rakovsky, chief commissar of the Ukraine, thanked his subjects for paying 96 per cent of the produce tax. Immediately following his proclamation, Rakovsky was compelled to appeal to the officials of the American Relief association in Russia for aid for the famine districts of the Ukraine. Americans and other impartial observers who have recently arrived in Riga from Siberia and the Ukraine confirm the earlier report that the bolsheviks collected the produce tax twice in many districts, leaving the peasants insufficient seed for the coming year, making the food shortage at the present time acute and ensuring a famine which will grow worse as the summer proceeds.

Iowa Woman Makes Quilt of 30,000 Pieces of Cloth

Birmingham, Ia., June 25.—Miss Ella Wiley of this village has finished a quilt with 30,000 pieces of cloth in it and untold millions of stitches. She made it alone. Miss Wiley worked on the quilt a number of years.

Radio Elocution Delights Audiences

A variety of high-class entertainment marked The Bee's radio concert that delighted invisible audiences throughout the central west Saturday night from the Omaha Grain exchange station, WAAW.

Mrs. Lora Peterson opened the program with a pleasing solo, "In the Garden," accompanied on the piano by Mrs. J. Dean Ringer. She entertained radio audiences with an encore, "The Morning Wind."

Charles Docherty was the first to deliver an elocution selection for The Bee's radio programs. His recitation of "The Review of the Centuries" last night was delivered with spirit.

Two vocal solos, "An Open Secret," and "My Laddie," by Mrs. Leah Hanning Ronnau, accompanied by Miss Marguerite Carnal, were heard in the western part of Nebraska and northern Colorado, according to reports. James F. Anderson sang two bass solos, "When the Bell in the Light-house Rings," and "On the Shore," that took well with radio audiences. Radio programs to be given from WAAW by The Bee Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights of this week, promise to be snappy and classical.

Worst Flood in Years Reported at Vera Cruz

Mexico City, June 25.—The river regions of Vera Cruz are threatened with the worst flood in recent years. A five days' incessant torrential tropical rain has caused the three greatest rivers to overflow their banks, ruining thousands of acres of crops. Trains have been suspended on the Vera Cruz & Pacific and Inter-Oceanic railways.

Outbreak of Pneumonia Is Reported in Foochow

Shanghai, June 25.—(By A. P.)—An outbreak of pneumonia plague in Foochow is reported by the Rev. Dr. C. M. Lacey, arriving here from that city. The plague has not yet reached epidemic proportions, he said, but has taken the lives of two medical missionaries. Dr. Edmond Fellows Lawson and Dr. Marcus McKenzie contracted the disease while attending the sick and died.

Financial Agreement With Mexico Unratified

Mexico City, June 25.—(By A. P.)—In a three-minute interview President Obregon declared he has not yet ratified the agreement arrived at by Secretary of the Treasury De la Huerta and the international committee of bankers in New York. The president intimated that several points required clarification, and he promised a definite statement the end of next week.

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Coupe Elopers Kidnaped by Cops; Taken to Bluffs

Chicago Sleuths, Fearing Habeas Corpus, Take "Auto Theft" Bridegrooms From City Jail.

Wilbur Armstrong and Dunbar Claybourn, eloping bridegrooms, wanted on auto theft charges, were whisked away in an automobile to Council Bluffs by Detectives M. J. Kurcin and David Carney of Chicago, on information that Omaha lawyers were preparing habeas corpus proceedings, according to a statement by the Chicago sleuths.

The detectives allege that the men will face charges of having stolen at least 10 automobiles.

On searching the rooms of the two men they found steel dies for changing automobile license numbers hidden in the heater register. A loaded revolver, blank cartridges and blank bills of sale were also found. The two brides, honeymooning in the matron's ward in the city jail, recovered their lost appetites Friday and ate heartily.

It was the message of Mrs. Claybourn to her uncle, a policeman in Chicago, that put the detectives on the honeymoon trail, according to Kurcin and Carney. "For God's sake, hurry and come after me. Something awful is go-

ing to happen," she appealed to the uncle. "Oh, I was afraid I'd be homesick and wanted someone in the family to be near me," explained Mrs. Claybourn, when asked about the letter yesterday afternoon. Armstrong was ignorant of the fact that one of the brides had caused his arrest as he waited in the chief of detective's office for his bride yesterday morning.



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