

Paris Spurns Anti-War Pact With Germany

Proposal to Ban Conflict Without Authority of Plebiscite, for One Generation Not Acceptable.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The State department announced today that the German proposal for an agreement under which France, Great Britain, Italy and Germany should "solemnly agree among themselves and promise the government of the United States" not to resort to war for the period of one generation without the authority of a plebiscite, had not been transmitted to the French government formally by Secretary Hughes as an informal inquiry brought out the fact that it was not acceptable to France.

The department issued this statement: "The German ambassador, on behalf of his government, recently submitted to the secretary of state a proposal to the effect that the powers interested in the Rhine, to wit, France, Great Britain, Italy and Germany, should 'solemnly agree among themselves and promise the government of the United States that they will not resort to war against each other for a period of one generation without being authorized to do so by a plebiscite of their own people."

Proposal Rejected.

"It was deemed inadvisable to transmit the proposal to the governments named unless it appeared that it would be favorably considered by the French government. On making informal inquiry of the French government the secretary of state was informed that that government could not view the proposal with favor as such an arrangement could not be made under the provisions of the French constitution."

The announcement is the first word State department officials have permitted to escape them in any way in regard to the German proposal. They would add nothing by way of comment today to the announcement. Disclosure by the department of the fact that the German proposal would have made the government of the United States the guardian or trustee of the peace pact is the first intimation of an official character that this plan was sought to bring the weight of American influence to bear on the European problem. There was nothing to indicate whether the Washington administration would have refused to accept such responsibility had the French government found it desirable to enter into the pact.

In some quarters there was a disposition to believe, however, that the action of Secretary Hughes in sounding out French opinion informally was an evidence that the Washington government was at least deeply interested in the proposal.

Full Text Withheld.

The full text of the German proposal was not given out here and officials would not say to what extent the Washington government would have been committed had it been accepted in Paris.

Yager Child Dies.

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special).—Bettie Yager, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Yager, died suddenly of acute indigestion at 10 Monday night. She was the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Yager.

Boy, 14, Disappears.

Humboldt, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special).—The 14-year-old son of S. L. Moore disappeared from his home Friday and has not been heard of since. No reason for his going is known.

Inmate of Poor Farm Attacks Man in Sleep

Pawnee City, Jan. 2.—(Special).—John Grant, inmate of the Pawnee county poor farm here, was attacked in his sleep by Sam Hunzeker, another inmate, with a club. The caretaker believes an attempt at murder and then suicide was narrowly averted.

Grant awoke just in time to foil the attempt to brain him, and when those in charge investigated, they found a section of a sickle in Hunzeker's hand.

He attacked Mrs. Dan Brandt, who keeps the house, and she escaped only after a severe struggle. Hunzeker was taken to the county jail for safe keeping.

Temporary mental derangement was attributed as the cause of the action.

Kearney Building Program Tops Million-Dollar Mark

Kearney, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special).—Kearney's building program of 1922, excluding improvements undertaken by the municipality, will easily exceed \$1,000,000. The outstanding item is the construction of 87 new homes during the course of the year, which at a valuation average of \$5,000, total \$435,000. They range in price all the way from \$2,500 to \$15,000.

Three business blocks, one church and two additional state buildings aggregate a total in excess of \$650,000 in construction cost. This figure does not include the new depot and buildings still under construction, but which were not finished last year. Outstanding among the big building enterprises are the Kaufman and Werner store, a new Junior High school, the Presbyterian church, and an addition to the hospital.

Surveyors Mapping First Oil Pipe Line in State

Deshler, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special).—A gang of surveyors arrived in Deshler Saturday to make the preliminary survey for a pipe line from Teapot Dome, 45 miles northwest of Casper, Wyo., to Freeman, Mo., a distance of 800 miles. At Freeman the line is to unite with the line now operating from the Texas oil fields to Chicago. An oil pumping station is to be established every 40 miles along the route.

This will be the first pipe line to pass through Nebraska.

Barneston (Neb.) Hotel Destroyed by Flames

Table Rock, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special).—The hotel at Barneston, southwest of here recently caught fire and was destroyed, only a small part of the furniture being saved. Twenty-seven persons were boarding there and lost all of their possessions. The fire was discovered at about 6 a. m., and the Summerfield fire department was called, but arrived too late to be of any service. It was the only hotel in the town.

Abandon Stolen Car Following Accident

Shenandoah, Ia., Jan. 2.—(Special).—Abandoned by two men, a woman and a young boy and girl, the Ford car belonging to Lee Martin of Imogene, which was stolen a week ago, was recovered 20 miles south of Maryville, Mo., following a collision with a Dodge. The driver of the Dodge asked what the damages were and the men said "nothing." They abandoned the car and made their getaway on foot.

Office of Immigration Bureau Opened in Omaha

John Gunnert took up his duties as inspector in charge of the Twentieth district of the United States immigration bureau, newly created, yesterday. The district includes most of Nebraska and Iowa and a portion of South Dakota. Gunnert has been an inspector working under the St. Louis office, with headquarters in Omaha.

See Want Ads produce results.

Cavalry Called Out in Louisiana Kidnaping Case

Men Who Saw Service in World War to Aid Infantry at Bastrop and Mer Rouge.

Bastrop, La., Jan. 2.—(By A. P.)—Louisiana's crack cavalry troop of Jennings will reach here Wednesday morning to reinforce the three companies of state troops now on duty here and at Mer Rouge in connection with the state's investigations into the death of two men, victims of a masked mob.

While the order to entrain came suddenly, the movement was not a surprise as it had been known since early last week that orders had been prepared for the calling out of additional units.

At this time there is a company of infantry at Mer Rouge, detailed to maintain order where most of the folks are armed and many divided into hostile clans.

A machine gun and an infantry company are encamped here at the courthouse square, guarding the courthouse and the parish jail where one man is being held on a charge of murder.

Many Round Up Suspects.

The cavalry unit, which saw service overseas with the Rainbow division, may be used in rounding up those persons whom the state will charge with complicity in the August kidnaping and murder of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, Mer Rouge citizens.

The movement was not regarded here as being influenced by the kidnaping of Harold Teegerstrom, 19, bookkeeper of a carbon plant at Spykler, who was spirited away by unidentified men in the dead of night Friday. Federal agents are continuing their investigation of the incident but officials felt the youth was safe and out of the state, having fled from the woods where he was held a captive.

Persons interested in the open hearing set for Friday began to arrive in the city tonight. Two of the state's assistant attorneys general are expected to reach here Wednesday, morning from New Orleans while the attorney general and others on his staff will be here Thursday.

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Celebrate Golden Wedding.

Atlantic, Ia., Jan. 2.—John Hoffman and wife, longtime residents of this city, observed their golden wedding anniversary here yesterday. Mr. Hoffman was born in Germany in 1844 and his wife in the same country in 1854. They have 11 children and 39 grandchildren.

Sproul Declares Rum Peril to U. S.

Pennsylvania Governor Says Authorities Not to Blame for Law Violations.


Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 2.—Governor Sproul, told the members of the Pennsylvania legislature today that "it is a patent fact that the prohibition amendment laws, federal and state, are not working well in Pennsylvania. The governor, who goes out of office in two weeks and delivered his final message to the legislature in person, said that some people are inclined to blame this condition upon the state's own enforcement law, "and yet the fact remains that in other states which have the

kind of laws which these critics demand, the results are no better." Bootlegging has become a business of astounding proportions, the governor declared, "and undoubtedly much of the banditry and other crimes which are now harassing the country have their genesis in the school of outlawry fostered by the illegal trade in intoxicants. We are rearing a fine brood of criminals which it will require stern measures to suppress."

Education and patience may bring a cure, he declared. The only way out that is now in sight, he added, is a careful and conscientious enforcement of law by the authorities under severe penalties, for disregard of duty on the part of officials and an awakened public appreciation of the peril by our people which will make law-breaking disreputable. Until the sentiment of the people earnestly supports the dry laws, their enforcement will be extremely difficult and their general effect more harmful than beneficial.

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