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LANSING URGES CONVENTION OF PAN-AMERICANS

Secretary of State Suggests to Delegates that Nations of Hemisphere Join in Pact for Arbitration.

FOR SETTLING LINE DISPUTES

Proposed Treaty Would Prevent Shipment of Arms to Revolutionary Groups.

BULWARK AGAINST INVADERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- Secretary Lansing has suggested to all the nations which, with the United States, comprise the Pan-American union, that they join in a convention for the arbitration of all boundary dine disputes and for the prohibition of shipments of war munitions to revolutionaries.

Secretary Lansing's proposal, which has the full support of President Wilson, is being forwarded by the Latin-American ambassadors and ministers here to their nome foreign offices for consideration. It is regarded as one of the steps in a wide plan, in which the Pan-American Scientifle congress now in session here is a part, for preservation of peace on the western hemisphere and a closer union of all the Americas.

Held as Confidential.

The status of the negotiations and the details of Secretary Lansing's proposal are so far being held as confidential between the State department and the Latin-American chancelleries here.

formly declare they could not discuss a matter which was in its preliminary stage and under consideration by their home oreign offices.

It became known, however, that soon after Secretary Lansing delivered his Pan-American unity speech before the scientific congress, in which he advocated a Pan-American "one for all, and all for one," he began inviting the Latin-American representatives to the State department two at a time and outlining February. to them his proposals. At the same time, it is understood, the secretary's John C. Wharton's term expires in eral purpose fund, \$1,390,000; bond five years ago. public declaration, which suggested that February. The plum gatherers are all the Pan-American nations should, if necessary, constitute a united bulwark against any unjust invasion or aggression upon a neighbor, was discussed in some detail. It was declared the Latin-Americans uniformly expressed their approbation of Mr. Lansing's statements.

Its Technical Form.

The technical form in which proposal was made was not disclosed to- of these words was that Co day, but there are indications that it took the usual form of a memorandum Hitchcock would pluck the plum and drop form as could be transmitted to their home governments as the basis for the action.

One of the first elements of the pro- and wormwood in these historic words: posal, which has for one of its ultimate objects the welding of a thoroughly united but I do know it won't be Rogers." America, is the preservation of peace on Exit Colonel Fanning, R. D. the American continent.

It is realized that the chief menaces office of Patriot James Charles Dahlman. and revolutionary activity. It is pointed his ears by more or less important reout that if all boundary disputes are re- tainers. It is suggested that he would moved to the realm of arbitration and make an extraordinarily good postmaster. all the Pan-American nations bind them- Mayor "Jim" is reported to have risen selves to absolutely prohibit shipments from his chair and to the occasion and of war munitions to any other than assuming a Patric Henry attitude, to established governments, peace among have declaimed in words to this effect: the nations themselves would practically be assured and the attention of all the postmaster if it was offered to me." American nations could be devoted to what Secretary Lansing expressed in his speech as working out their destinies.

Warmer Weather and Snow Promised

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 30.-Rising temperatures, with prospects of snow in Kansas, Nebraska and this section of Missouri, prevailed today. In Arkansas and officially in order that he might dealso the mercury had rises from its low cline it. point of yesterday. Trains entering Kansas City from all directions were running lose to their normal schedules. At Kansas City the mercury stood at 22 degrees this morning, an ascent of 10 degrees in the last twenty-four hours.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Friday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity Partly cloudy. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.



Comparative Local Record.

Delay Arrest of 1915, 1914, 1913, 191 . 32 14 36 5 . 22 -2 23 1

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.
Station and State Temp. High-Rain
of Weather. 7 p. m. est. fall
Cheyenne, clear 2 6 0
Davenport, cloudy 2 2 2 1
Denver, partly cloudy 4 8
Des Moines, snow 34 34
Dealer City cloudy 2 2 2 1 bdge City, cloudy... orth Platte, clear...

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

EVANGELISTS IN BIG MEETING IN CHICAGO-Left to right, Clinton N. Howard, George Casson and Samuel Zane Batten. Evangelists are assembled at Chicago for the first school of civic evangelism, now being held at the Moody Institute under the auspices of the International Association of Evangelists.



WHO'LL BE THE NEXT LEVY IS BIG, BUT BUDGET IS BIGGER

Mr. Lansing today declined to discuss it in any phase and the diplomats uni-Rogers Will Not Succeed Wharin Finance that Will Puzzle ton as Postmaster. Wisest to Work.

It is the postmastership of Omaha.

the fruit with watering mouths and

Colonel Charlie Fanning called upon

Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock this week

and whispered honeyed words in the san-

Nothing Doing for George.

Senator Hitchcock is reported to have

"I don't know who will be appointed,

"I would not accept the position of

Might Phase Jim.

admiration at the spectacle of Mayor

"Jim" calmly declining a \$6,000-a-year

steady job. The fact that the job hasn't

been offered to the mayor and is not at

all likely to be offered to him detracted

scene. Still, it was striking.

somewhat from the sublimity of the

It is suggested by some of the faithful

that it would be a fine thing for the job

This, however, has its disadvantages in

the eyes of those who may shake the

plum tree because the mayor might ac-

From an authoritative source, also,

comes the disturbing word that Senator

Hitchcock may not have the appointment

in his power. Which would make Colonel

Fanning's experience a sad illustration of

Senator Hitchcock will leave for Wash

ington in time to be present when the roll

Plead for Fanning.

Late yesterday afternoon a committee

of twenty business men waited on Senator

Hitchcock to speak in behalf of Colonel

Fanning himself for the job. Fanning has

heretofore turned a deaf ear to all who

even suggested that he should be con-

sidered a candidate. Frank Ransom was

the chief spokesman of the committee and he set forth in glowing terms the

fitness of Colonel Fanning for the post-

tion and the debt the democratic party owes to him for his years of labor in its

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- Service of the

warrant for the arrest of Representative

Frank Buchanan of filinois on the in-

dictment charging conspiracy to foment

strikes in American munition plants was

held up today while Department of Jus-

tice officials considered whether Mr. Bu-

chanan, as a member of congress, was

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.-The prohibition m

tional convention will be held in Min

neapolis on July 19, it was announced to

day by the prohibition national commit-tee, which is in session at its headquart

BE HELD AT MINNEAPOLIS

DRY CONVENTION WILL

immune from arrest.

ers here.

Rep. Buchanan

is called in the senate next Monday.

love's labor lost.

to be offered to Mayor "Jim" publicly

Naturally his friends stood in awe and

getting their step ladders ready.

stor's car. The gist numbert an

MAYOR JIM DECLINES THE JOB

The most luscious plum still re-The city budget, a fearfully and maining on the plum tree in this wonderfully made affair, is before vicinity is ripening rapidly and will the house. be full grown and ready to pluck in

interest, \$400,000; bond retirement, the merger law. \$142,000; special minutes. levy for fire alarm system and motor apapratus, \$66,500; hydrant rentals, \$148,102.

The budget is made from the general purpose fund. The amount of \$1,390,000 into the diplomats, and was in such offiner: \$1,190,000, the charter maximum for Side and Dundee. The merger law pro turned and to have responded with dignity vided that when making the levy the commissioners could add for the annexed areas such amounts as those ommunities could have levied as independent organizations. In other words, The scene changes to the high-celled the city commissioners took advantage of the limit in fixing the levy. With an to such a peace are boundary disputes Honeyed words are being dropped into expectancy of \$1,390,000 in taxes and an estimate of \$185,000 miscellaneous collecpurpose fund of \$1,575,000 to work on. The city comptroller, however, has reduced that total to \$1,534,873 by eliminat-

ing a few uncertainties. Estimates Exceed the Fund. With the general fund up to the last notch, the departments have submitted estimates for the year aggregating \$1,725,-000, nearly \$200,000 more than can be ap

portioned.

The Omaha general fund for 1915 approximated \$1,060,000 and the last legis lature raised the limits on the fire, poice, library, street lighting and park funds to the extent of \$130,000, all of which was included in the new levy. The problem before the city commis sioners is the distribution of the general fund of \$1,534,873. The superintendents of the fire and police departments allege that by reason of increased pay and nore men in these branches of the servce in South Side and Dundee since an nexation, an additional sum of \$35,000 is ecessary over what those communities would have paid under the old system. The legislature increased the salaries of the firemen and policemen of Omaha,

сгепле. The Welfare, City Planning and Recreation boards are new adjuncts to the nunicipal machinery and each wants a bite out of the pie. Every departmen is asking for more employes, increased sal-

which will account for some of the in-

Sunk by Mine. LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Norwegian steamer Rigi, of 1912 tons, from Charles-ton for Gothenburg with a cargo of oil cakes, has been sunk by a mine. The crew was saved.

No Evening Bee on New Year's Day

Subscribers will be served with The Daily Bee on Saturday morning.

SCHMIDT IS FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

Accomplice of James B. McNamara.

FACTS AND FIGURES INVOLVED PENALTY LIFE IMPRISONMENT

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 30 .-Matthew A. Schmidt was convicted tonight of first degree murder as Last August the city council cer- the accomplice of James B. Mctified to the county board a total of Namara in the blowing up of the \$2,276,602, divided as follows: Gen- Los Angeles Times building here

The specific charge was of having already congregated in considerable \$150,000; South Side general fund murdered Charles Hagerty, one of numbers under the tree regarding and bond interest for last five the twenty victims of the Times exmonths of 1915, as provided for in plosion. The jury was out forty-six

The jury fixed Schmidt's punishment at ment for life, the same penalty blew up the newspaper plant.

David Caplan, another alleged accomplice of McNamara, who was arrested last February near Scattle shortly after

Over One Hundred Vessels on British Shipping Blacklist

LONDON, Dec. 28 -(Delayed by Cenor.)-Great Britain's blacklist of shipping now shows the names of 102 steamers, with a carrying capacity of 200,000

The list is published to guide British hippers from using the vessels, which are suspected of trading with Great Britain's foes, or other unneutral service, r of being German owned. The blacklisted vessels owned in neutral

ountries are apportioned as follows: United States, 11; Norway, 38; Sweden, 37; Denmark, 8; Spain, 1; Holland, 4, and Brazil 3.

The American vessels are the Allaguash, Ausable, Genesee, Hocking, Kan-Manitowoc. Maumee, Seneca, Winnebago, Winneconne and Meureke-As a number of the Swedish and Nor-

wegian steamers are small trading boats, perated exclusively in the Baltic, the exclusion from their chartering list will not have much effect.

The presence of many overseas freighters in the list, however, is striously sampering shippers.

Members of British And American Joint Commission Chosen

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- The personnel of the international commission which will represent Great Britain and the United States in any dispute when arises under the treaties negotiated by former Secretary Bryan soon will be announced formally.

George Gray of Delaware, as previously announced, will be the national member for the United States. Domicio Da Gama, ambassador from

Brazil, will be the non-national member for the United States. Great Britain has chosen Viscount Brice as its national member and Max Koreski of the imperial Russian council as its non-national mem ber. Fridtjof Nansen, the celebrated explorer and former premier of Norway, will be the umpire.

Sir Charles Fitzpatrick has been chofrom Canada, Sir George Houstonn Reid from Australia and W. P. Schreiner from the South African union as British colonial representatives.

Labor Will Discuss Draft January 6

LONDON, Dec. 30.-The labor party to-

a bill dealing with compulsion,

VIENNA NOTE TO UNITED STATES **GIVEN PENFIELD**

Austria's Reply to Last American Message in Ancona Parleys is Being Transmitted to Washington.

THREE THOUSAND WORDS LONG

Officials Indicate There is Still Opportunity for Averting a Break.

POSSIBILITY OF A SETTLEMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- Austria's reply to the last American note on the destruction of the liner Ancona now is being transmitted to the United States and probably will be before President Wilson and Secretary Lansing within the next twenty-four hours.

Ambassador Penfield cabled today that the note from the Austrian foreign office had been delivered to him, that it was about 3,000 words long, and that it was being translated into the diplomatic code for the cable

At the same time in a separate dispatch Ambassador Penfield reported that Americans in Vienna not having certificates of birth or naturalization, were unable to leave, because German consular officers were refusing to vise their passports for travel through Germany, en route for Holland to embark for home. Whether this dispatch reflected a state Convicted by Los Angeles Jury as of tension in Vienna over the negotiations was not made clear.

Envoy Sees Lausing. About the time Ambassador Penfield's dispatches were received Baron Zwiedinek, charge of the Austrian embassy here, after a conference with Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, went to the State department and conferred at some length with Secretary Lansing. Neither would discuss the situation.

Although Ambassador Penfield is said to have given the State department no light on the tenor of the Austrian sply, there were intimations today from high official quarters that the situation between the two countries probably is in a better way for the preservation of diplomatic relations than it was after the

While there is no disposition in official quarters to minimize the crucial stage of the negotiations or to deny that a crisis prevails, still officials in closest imposed on James B. McNamara, after touch with the details indicated today the latter had confessed in court four that there was opportunity for averting a break and a settlement which would be acceptable. be acceptable to both Austria and the United States.

Three Thousand Words Long. The fact that the Austrian minister's seattle shortly after reply is 3,000 words long is taken to in-taken into custody in dicate in official quarters is that it either New York, is in jail awaiting trial also contains an argument over the facts with on the charge of having murdered Charles the possibility of an offer of arbitration settlement of disputed points, or that it offers evidence which Austria presents as newly discovered and as supplementing or modifying the official statement by the Austrian admiralty upon which Secretary Lansing based his charge of violation of laws of nations and humanity and demanding a disavowal of the act, punishment of the officer responsible and reparation for the American victims of whom there were more than twelve.

It would not be out of keeping with the practice of nations if the United States were to reopen the case on a statement of new facts and evidence by Austria. In any event, observers of the workings of diplomacy here see manifold oppor tunities in such a lengthy reply as Ambassador Penfield reports in his hands for keeping the case in the realm of dip lomatic discussion until a way for settlenent is found which will keep the relations between the two countries unsev-

Bomb Exploded On Cotton Ship

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.-The steamer Bankdale arrived this morning from Bordeaux after a tempestuous voyage, in which the cattle fittings and rails were carried away and lifeboats lifted from their fastenings. On the outward voyage bales, was destroyed.

BRITISH RECRUITING BATTLE LINE IN SOLDIERS IN CHICAGO

Federal Investigator Begins Probe of Alleged Activity of English Army Officers.

ENLISTMENT CIRCULAR DATA

CHICAGO, Dec. 20 .- Alleged recruiting of soldiers in Chicago for the British army today elicited an order of investigation from Hinton G. Clabaugh, division superintendent of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice.

An enlistment circular shown to Mr. Clabaugh, and said to have been received by ablebodied young men here, was said to bear reproductions of the United States and British flags and a representation of Uncle Sam and John Bull with hands

asped. The circulars were said also to have dotailed the formation of a new battalion for service overseas to be known as the Ninety-seventh of Canada and to be omposed solely of men born in the United States.

Gets Menneing Letter. DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 30,-An Amercan legion recruiting office for the British army is maintained in Windsor,

Ont., opposite here. Outside the office is an advertisement bearing the United States and British flags, and the flag incident is said to have been the excuse for a threatening etter recently received by Lieutenant N. C. Moore, who conducts the office.

Lieutenant Moore was warned in the letter, which was mailed in Detroit, that unless he closed his office and left Windsor he would be killed.

"We are not seeking men in America," said Lieutenant Moore today. "We want American-Canadians, and we are getting

Senate Republicans To Attack Wilson Program in Mexico

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30 .- Repubicans of the senate foreign relations ommittee are preparing to renew their attack on President Wilson's Mexican ment, policy when congress reassembles by fighting confirmation of Henry Prather Fletcher's appointment as ambassador to Mexico.

Senator Borah, one of those who intends to lead the fight, said today that Lake Babit, while the Russians west of the opposition was not to Mr. Fletcher Lake Kanger are threatening Mitau. himself, who is a republican and much esteemed, but to the appointment of an situation, as a successful advance by ambassador at a time when, the repub- either would endanger considerable lican senators contend, there is no gov- forces of the defeated opponent. ernment in all parts of Mexico. There also is some democratic opposition to Mr.

Eletcher, but it is political.

The opposition to Mr. Fletcher's coninistration's whole Mexican policy. The advance. Berlin officially mini republicans are opposed to recognition of any government in Mexico without provision for reparation for the many Amerlars of property damaged in the revolutions. By some the lives lost are estimated as high as 150.

French Occupy Turkish Island in

PARIS, Dec. 20 .- French troops have ccupied the Turkish island of Castelorizo (Kasteloryzo), in the Aegean sea, between the Island of Rhodes and the Gulf of Adalia, according to the morning papers in Paris. The possession of Castelorizo as a naval base is characterized as indispensable.

Castelorizo is a small island of Asiatic Turkey, lying off the south coast of Asia Minor, seventy-five miles east by south of Rhodes. It has an area of eleven square miles and is inhabited mainly by

COOK GOES T OHELP THE BAPTISTS IN CELEBRATING

Sergeant H. J. Cook, formerly of the to Bordeaux, on November 17, when 750 this morning on a mission as pleasant as miles from that port, a bomb exploded in it is unique. He goes in response to an No. 6 hatch. The explosion was distinctly invitation from his mother to join with felt throughout the ship. The cargo, con- her in the observance of the sixtieth sisting of cotton, was set on fire and the anniversary of the establishment of the blaze raged until it reached port, when first Baptist church in Nebraska. Mrs. it was finally subdued. All the cotton in Cook is the survivor of the original memthe No. 6 compartment, consisting of 200 bership and will be tau guest of honor at the celebration to be held funisht. She Cable dispatches received here on No- wrote to her son that as his was present vember 26 from Bordeaux stated that the with her on th soriginal occasion, she Bankdale had arrived there with a fire would like to have him with her toin its hold, and that an inquiry was being night also. Sergeant Cook was 2 years old instituted. No mention was made in the when the church was founded. He is cable dispatches of a bomb explosion on now a grizzled veteran of two andsixty, while his mother is 83.

Old Enmity Between Austria and Hungary Bursts Into Fresh Flame

tortress at Belgrade.

officers.

The seriousness of the present quarrels.

The speaker continued to recount some the correspondent says, are instanced by of these instances, remarking that the the parliament activities of the inde- Austrian communications always slighted pendence party, which, despite the en- the acts of Hungarian heroism and that day called a general trades union meeting treaties of the premier, have been siring Austrian officers' deprecated and in for January 6 to consider the govern- the Hungarian grievances. Herr Ur- suited the Hungarian troops, ment's proposal regarding compulsion for mancay, a leader of the independence Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier, party, in at recent flery speech declared in defending the Austrians, replied that It was announced this evening that Pre- that the advantages gained in the war petty tricks of humiliation had not been mier Asquith would introduce in the were largely due to German generalship committed by anyone in Austria, but by

LONDON, Dec. 30.-The Budapest cor- | had nothing to do with them. If everyrespondent of the Post, in a letter pub- one had done the same amount of work lished today, states that the old enmity and shown the same heroism and sacrifice as the Hungarians, they would by between Austria and Hungary has burst this time be enjoying peace, Urmanosy into a fresh flame and that even the pre- said. Although the Hungarians had won tense of unity, which had existed, has the praise of their arch enemies, the disappeared since the time when the Italians, he said, the Austrians had shown Austrians offended the Hungar'ans by no appreciation and they had to face con removing the Hungarian flag from a tinually the brutal behavior of Austrian

House of Commons on Wednesday next and Hungarian bravery, and added that subalterns, and he would see that they Austrian generalship and martial spirit were reprimanded.

BUKOWINA FORTY MILES IN LENGTH

Belief Expressed in London that the Russians Have Undertaken Another Great Offensive Movement.

COUNTER ATTACKS BY GERMANS

Serious but Futile Attempt Made to Take Russian Positions Near Lake Babit.

GREEK SITUATION UNCHANGED

BULLETIN.

LONDON, Dec. 30 .- The Germans and Austrians have begun a general withdrawal along the entire front in Macedonia, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Rome, quoting a message from Saloniki to this effect. The reported withdrawal is attributed to the Russian advance in Bessarabia, the message states.

LONDON, Dec. 30 .- Although Petrograd remains stient on the subject, the public is inclined to believe the Russians are undertaking a great offensive in Bukowina, near the Bessarabian border.

Official Austrian reports, telling of attacks by dense masses of Russian troops, indicate that an important battle is under way.

The fighting centers at a point near Toporoutz, a small town just within the border of northern Bukowina, but a simultaneous attack is being made along an extended front, reaching from the Pruth to a position north of the Duelster, a distance of about forty miles.

The latest advices state that the Russian assault is being continued, accompanied by an equally heavy bombard-

Germana Take Offensive. Unofficial advices from the extreme northern portion of the eastern front state that the Germans have made a serious but futile attack in the region of These opposing attacks create a delicate

be confined to the Vosges, where in the firmation, the republicans say, will be region of Hartmans-Wellerkopf the made the vehicle of a fight on the ad- French claim to have made a successful success, but does not deny it wholly.

Macedonian Position Unchanged. Nothing has happened to change the Macedonian position, but it is generally believed that any advance into Greek territory must be made by the Bulgarians, the opinion being that the Austro-Germans cannot spare enough troops for a serious attempt against Saloniki.

Domestic tension in England over the compulsion question has been greatly relieved. Speculation continues concerning the method which is to be adopted to the Aegean Sea the method which is to be adopted to reach eligible unmarried men, a majority agreeing that the Derby plan of attestation will be extended for this purpose.

Eastland Officials Released on Bond

CHICAGO, Dec. 30 -Local federal officinls were informed today in a message from Grand Rapids, Mich., that six of the eight officials indicted in connection with the Eastland disaster had given themselves up and had been released today in bonds of \$5,000.

The defendants are to appear January 20 before Federal Judge Sessions in Grand Rapids, when proceedings to cause their removal to Chicago for trial will be be-

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