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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 line 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 home foreign offices for consideration. It is regarded as one of the steps in a wide plan, in which the Pan-American Scientific 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.

Mr. Lansing today declined to discuss it in any phase and the diplomats uniformly declare they could not discuss a matter which was in its preliminary stage and under consideration by their home foreign 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 to them his proposals. At the same time, it is understood, the secretary's public declaration, which suggested that 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 approval of Mr. Lansing's statements.

Its Technical Form.
The technical form in which the proposal was made was not disclosed today, but there are indications that it took the usual form of a memorandum to the diplomats, and was in such official form as could be transmitted to their home governments as the basis for the action.

One of the first elements of the proposal, which has for one of its ultimate objects the welding of a thoroughly united America, is the preservation of peace on the American continent.

It is realized that the chief menace to such a peace are boundary disputes and revolutionary activity. It is pointed out that if all boundary disputes are removed to the realm of arbitration and all the Pan-American nations bind themselves to absolutely prohibit shipments of war munitions to any other than established governments, peace among the nations themselves would practically be assured and the attention of all the 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 prospect of snow in Kansas, Nebraska and this section of Missouri, prevailed today. In Arkansas also the mercury had risen from its low point of yesterday. Trains entering Kansas City from all directions were running close to their normal schedules. At Kansas City the mercury stood at 27 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 | Hours | Dir |
|--------------------------------|-------|-----|
| 6 a. m. | 32 | 32 |
| 7 a. m. | 32 | 32 |
| 8 a. m. | 32 | 32 |
| 9 a. m. | 32 | 32 |
| 10 a. m. | 32 | 32 |
| 11 a. m. | 32 | 32 |
| 12 m. | 32 | 32 |
| 1 p. m. | 32 | 32 |
| 2 p. m. | 32 | 32 |
| 3 p. m. | 32 | 32 |
| 4 p. m. | 32 | 32 |
| 5 p. m. | 32 | 32 |
| 6 p. m. | 32 | 32 |
| 7 p. m. | 32 | 32 |
| 8 p. m. | 32 | 32 |

Comparative Local Records
1915, 1914, 1913, 1912

| High | Low | Mean | Precipitation |
|------|-----|------|---------------|
| 32 | 22 | 27 | .00 |
| 32 | 22 | 27 | .00 |
| 32 | 22 | 27 | .00 |
| 32 | 22 | 27 | .00 |
| 32 | 22 | 27 | .00 |

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

| Station and State | Temp. | High | Rain |
|---------------------|-------|------|------|
| Chicago, Ill. | 32 | 32 | 0.00 |
| Davenport, Ia. | 32 | 32 | 0.00 |
| Denver, Colo. | 32 | 32 | 0.00 |
| Des Moines, Ia. | 32 | 32 | 0.00 |
| Dodge City, Kan. | 32 | 32 | 0.00 |
| North Platte, Neb. | 32 | 32 | 0.00 |
| Omaha, Neb. | 32 | 32 | 0.00 |
| Rapid City, S. Dak. | 32 | 32 | 0.00 |
| Sheridan, Wyo. | 32 | 32 | 0.00 |
| Sioux City, Ia. | 32 | 32 | 0.00 |
| Valentine, Neb. | 32 | 32 | 0.00 |

T indicates trace of precipitation.
— Indicates below zero.
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.



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WHO'LL BE THE NEXT SELLER OF STAMPS?

Said to Be Settled that George Rogers Will Not Succeed Wharton as Postmaster.

MAYOR JIM DECLINES THE JOB
The most luscious plum still remaining on the plum tree in this vicinity is ripening rapidly and will be full grown and ready to pluck in February.

It is the postmastership of Omaha. John C. Wharton's term expires in February. The plum gatherers are already congregated in considerable numbers under the tree regarding the fruit with watering mouths and getting their step ladders ready.

Colonel Charlie Fanning called upon Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock this week and whispered honeyed words in the senator's ear. The gist of the words of these words was that Colonel Fanning would esteem it a great favor if Senator Hitchcock would pluck the plum and drop it into the hat of Colonel George Rogers.

Nothing Doing for George.
Senator Hitchcock is reported to have turned and to have responded with dignity and wormwood in these historic words: "I don't know who will be appointed, but I do know it won't be Rogers."

Might Phase Jim.
Naturally his friends stood in awe and 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 somewhat from the sublimity of the scene. Still, it was striking.

It is suggested by some of the faithful that it would be a fine thing for the job to be offered to Mayor "Jim" publicly and officially in order that he might decline it.

Delay Arrest of Rep. Buchanan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Service of the warrant for the arrest of Representative Frank Buchanan of Illinois on the indictment charging conspiracy to foment strikes in American munition plants was held up today while Department of Justice officials considered whether Mr. Buchanan, as a member of congress, was immune from arrest.

LEVY IS BIG, BUT BUDGET IS BIGGER

City Council Sets for Itself Problem in Finance that Will Puzzle Wisest to Work.

FACTS AND FIGURES INVOLVED
The city budget, a fearfully and wonderfully made affair, is before the house.

Last August the city council certified to the county board a total of \$2,276,602, divided as follows: General purpose fund, \$1,390,000; bond interest, \$400,000; bond retirement, \$150,000; South Side general fund and bond interest for last five months of 1915, as provided for in the merger law, \$142,000; special levy for fire alarm system and motor apparatus, \$66,600; hydrant rentals, \$148,102.

Estimates Exceed the Fund.
With the general fund up to the last notch, the departments have submitted estimates for the year aggregating \$1,735,000, nearly \$500,000 more than can be apportioned.

The Omaha general fund for 1915 approximated \$1,000,000 and the last legislature raised the limits on the fire, police, library, street lighting and park funds to the extent of \$100,000, all of which was included in the new levy.

Sunk by Mine.
LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Norwegian steamer Rigi, of 1912 tons, from Charleston for Gothenburg with a cargo of oil cokes, 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

Convicted by Los Angeles Jury as Accomplice of James B. McNamara.

PENALTY LIFE IMPRISONMENT
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 30.—Matthew A. Schmidt was convicted tonight of first degree murder as the accomplice of James B. McNamara in the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times building here five years ago.

The specific charge was of having murdered Charles Hagerty, one of the twenty victims of the Times explosion. The jury was out forty-six minutes.

Over One Hundred Vessels on British Shipping Blacklist
LONDON, Dec. 30.—(Delayed by Censor.)—Great Britain's blacklist of shipping now shows the names of 102 steamers, with a carrying capacity of 300,000 tons.

Bomb Exploded On Cotton Ship
NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The steamer Rankade 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 to Bordeaux, on November 19, when 750 miles from that port, a bomb exploded in No. 6 hatch. The explosion was distinctly felt throughout the ship.

Members of British And American Joint Commission Chosen
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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.

Envoy Sees Lansing.
About the time Ambassador Penfield's dispatches were received Baron Zwielenek, 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.

Three Thousand Words Long.
The fact that the Austrian minister's reply is 3,000 words long is taken to indicate in official quarters that it contains an argument over the facts with 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.

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BRITISH RECRUITING SOLDIERS IN CHICAGO

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

ENLISTMENT CIRCULAR DATA
CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—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.

Gets Menacing Letter.
DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 30.—An American legion recruiting office for the British army is maintained in Windsor, Ont., opposite here.

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Old Enmity Between Austria and Hungary Bursts Into Fresh Flame
LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Budapest correspondent of the Post, in a letter published today, states that the old enmity between Austria and Hungary has burst into a fresh flame and that even the pretense of unity, which had existed, has disappeared since the time when the Austrians offended the Hungarians by removing the Hungarian flag from a fortress at Belgrade.

BATTLE LINE IN 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
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.

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THE WANT AD WAY

I tried real hard to land a job. But found them hard to get. Until I used a Bee Want Ad. Which is the one best bet.

I wandered round the city. With no special place in mind. Just asking here and there for work. But no work could I find.

Why wander round the city? Don't look around off-handed. But make a list from the Want Ads. A job you'll soon have landed.

Save time and work, when you are looking for a job, by consulting the "HELP WANTED COLUMN" of TODAY'S BEE.

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