

Butler Outlines His Ideas for New League Program

President of Columbia University Urges Conference of Nations in Washington During Visit to Harding.

By PHILIP KINSLEY. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Marion, O., Dec. 19.—A statement in general terms of the part the United States is willing to play in a new league of nations, to be followed by a conference of representatives of all the nations in Washington to decide upon the actual structure and scope of the league—this is the new republican program outlined by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, after a conference with President-elect Harding.

It will not do merely to negative the Wilson league, Dr. Butler said. He declared that in his opinion Mr. Harding would be able to work out a constructive substitute, keeping in mind the broad principle that the United States guarantees no military power at the disposition of any council of nations.

"We shall not enter into the keeping of the European peace by offering to furnish military force, either by treaty or in a league arrangement," he said.

Committed by Tradition. "The judicial form of international co-operation, accompanied by stated international conferences for declaring, revising and carrying forward the rules of international law, is the form to which the people and the government of the United States are committed by tradition and by many formal acts."

Dr. Butler impressed upon Mr. Harding the economic phase of the international situation, declaring that the outlook in Europe must be bettered before this country can come into a normal business condition. He took the Hoover view that new arrangements must be made for credit extension abroad and markets built up there before the American farmer and manufacturer can feel safe.

He declared against the war referendum plan and said that the naval program of Secretary Daniels must be regarded "as a grim and costly joke. If by any chance it were carried out we should write ourselves down a nation of madmen." The United States, he said, must lead the way in removing the fear of war. The German indemnity must be settled and France must be made secure by a new European arrangement.

Senator Reed Agrees. Senator James Reed of Missouri came away with a similar set of ideas. After he left the Harding house this morning he said:

"Mr. Wilson tried to build a governing body of the world that had power to enforce its decisions by its army and navy. That idea was defeated in the election, and the man that ignores that verdict breaks faith with the American people. There shall be no governing body, no emperor of the world. That is settled.

"There is no objection to an arrangement for conferences among the nations. It is desirable that there be an opportunity to discuss things and understand each other's point of view.

"Representatives might meet in Paris, London or Washington for this purpose. Beyond this, the laws of the world should be built up and codified and agreed upon. We have had wars started because the international rights were not clearly defined. If we had had any common sense operating in this country after the peace, we should have had the great nations meet and make treaties, agreeing to respect and live up to the created code of international law. That is as far as we can go.

"As to preventing war by referendum to the people, I take no stock in it."

Comedy Heads Bill At Y. M. C. A. Carnival At Omaha University

A one-act comedy, jazz music, Christmas carols and magic tricks made up the program of the University of Omaha Y. M. C. A. carnival Saturday night.

Army Aviators to Continue Search for Two Balloonists

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Pilots of the two army airplanes which arrived today to search for the naval balloon A-5598, missing since Monday, expect to resume operations tomorrow. Both machines met with mishaps when landing here because of the soft condition of the field.

Win \$100? Here's Your Chance!

Guess the identity of the moving picture star, a part of whose picture is shown below. Sixty pictures will be shown, two each day. The individual who guesses the largest number correctly wins \$100.

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Movie Contest Coupon form with fields for name, address, and phone number.

Two pictures will be published each day for 30 days. TWO MORE PICTURES IN TOMORROW'S BEE.

Daniels Asks for Nationalization of Oil Interests

Secretary of Navy Pleads for Conservation of Fuel Supplies for Use of American Vessels.

Washington, Dec. 19.—A plea for nationalization of oil for future protection of American interests on the sea was made by Secretary Daniels, speaking at the annual dinner of the American Society of Naval Engineers.

Geddes Greeted by Crowd Of Irish Sympathizers

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—When Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador, arrived at a hotel here where he was scheduled to speak, he was greeted by 150 placards telling of alleged conditions in Ireland, during the occupancy of the "black and tans."

Robbers Break Down Door Of Iowa Bank and Loot Safe

Oakville, Ia., Dec. 19.—Smashing the front door with a crowbar, robbers entered the Oakville state bank, blew open the vault and escaped with a bag of money and bonds. The loss has not been definitely determined.

Germany Eager To Let All Past Incidents Die

Count Von Bernstorff Expresses Readiness to Enter Into Closest Possible Alliance With U. S.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Dec. 19.—Our most pressing tasks for the future are concerned with the United States of America; the most intimate acquaintance between the two peoples whereby on our part, we will let the past lie buried and direct our view toward the future; a readiness to enter into the closest possible economic alliance with America, and the acceptance of Harding's proposal to revive the idea of an international court or the organization of a better league of nations.

Count Van Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States and president of the German League of Nations society, declared the foregoing in continuing a recent address in the Saalbau at Frankfurt, Germany, a copy of the address having been received here from Berlin.

Must Not Expect Much. "In regard to politics, we should not expect much from America," the count declared. "The public is informed from the brief statement of former American Ambassador Hill in Berlin, who believed that for America there is only one foreign policy—the Monroe doctrine. America's interest in Europe rests only on economic and humanitarian considerations."

"Wilson's failure in foreign politics followed upon his recognition that a policy of isolation could not harmonize for any length of time with an American economic alliance with European states. Therefore Wilson attempted a reconciliation between the contending parties in which neither victor nor vanquished should be recognized and for the avoidance of future wars, he sought the formation of the league of nations."

"After Wilson's failure the idea of America's political isolation was successfully revived and, simultaneously, the idea of formation of an economic alliance. Therefore, since in America it has been considered impracticable to assume the obligations arising under the Versailles treaty, the recent presidential election resulted in the defeat of Wilson, who, four years ago, had been chosen peace president."

Must Accept Policy. "Germany must then accept the American policy of an economic alliance with Europe, even if it will not have the same economic independence as formerly. We will always proceed in the best manner if we carry on our work of reconstruction with American aid, because in that way we will be forming no political alliance as so many European states which require assistance are doing."

"A danger, indeed, arises in the imperialistic tendencies of the republican party on account of the Monroe doctrine, and it would be necessary to fight continually to prevent exploitation of naval reserves by trespassers who had no legal right to the oil aside for naval use." Congress, he said, had "more than recognized every equity."

Request Taken to Mean That Opponents of Measure Desire to Strengthen Stand Against Passage.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Dec. 19.—Secretary of the Treasury Houston will be asked to appear before the senate finance committee early next week to express his views on the soldiers' bonus bill. Senator McCumber of North Dakota, acting chairman of the committee, was instructed to convey the invitation to the secretary at an executive session held today.

Federal Court to Hear Appeal of Fare Increase

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 19.—(Special Telegram)—The United States circuit court of appeals has granted the appeal of the city of Des Moines for a writ of supersedeas and rehearing on the recent 8-cent street car decision of Federal Judge Wade.

President and Wife Celebrate Quietly Wedding Anniversary

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Dec. 19.—President and Mrs. Wilson, celebrated quietly at the White House, the fifth anniversary of their wedding. There were no special festivities but members of Mrs. Wilson's family dined with them. Early in the day President and Mrs. Wilson drove to their newly purchased home on the street, where they will reside after March 4.

Head of Harvard's Champion Debaters



Sol Rosenblatt, editor of the Central High school "Register," in 1918-19, has been elected captain of the junior debating team at Harvard university. His team won the interclass championship and he was awarded a silver loving cup, the third he has won since entering college. Rosenblatt and Barton Kuhns were the two Omaha men who were given scholarships at Harvard this year.

Agitated Debate Marks Close of League Assembly

Delegates Declare Organization Success—Little Dissatisfaction Expressed Over Results of Meeting.

By the Associated Press. Geneva, Dec. 19.—The first meeting of the league of nations assembly closed in a burst of eloquence of eloquence in a rather agitated debate. In farewell speeches, Paul Hymans, president of the assembly, and Dr. Guiseppi Motta, president of Switzerland, declared the first assembly had proved the league was a living organization and a success. The opinion expressed by many of the delegates is that the assembly has done all that could be expected of it.

Several pet projects have met with disaster; yet there are few, if any, delegates who remained for the entire assembly that will leave dissatisfied with the work.

The final day was marked by another encounter between the English delegates and those of the British dominions. Lord Robert Cecil, acting for South Africa, and C. J. Doherty for Canada, provoked an aggressive and significant declaration by A. J. Galfour, to the effect that if the assembly adopted any recommendations concerning mandates he and his successors on the league council would pay no attention to them.

One Man in Hospital, Another in Jail After Row Over Crap Game

The goddess of chance is sometimes good to those who flirt with her. Last night she frowned on George Stumph, pressman for The Omaha Daily News, and he took his spillover on the cop upon whom she smiled. Frank Banz, also a pressman for the News, was hospitalized.

Parcel Post Mail in 3 Days Exceeds Last Year's by 1,204 Sacks

Omaha prosperity note from the postoffice. In the last three days, 1,204 more sacks of parcel post mail were sent out from the postoffice than on the same three days last year.

Britain Anxious to Allay Agitation on Question of Mandates

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Dec. 19.—The British embassy has informed the State department that the London foreign office has prepared a reply to the Colby note on the question of mandates, particularly as to the application of the mandate principle to Mesopotamia, where England is attempting to establish an oil monopoly. It will be delivered to the department in a few days.

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Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 19.—About 32,000 less acres have been sown in winter wheat in Iowa this fall than a year ago, according to the report of the federal bureau of crop estimates, in co-operation with the Iowa weather and crop service.

New York Crime Wave Continues Despite Police

Papers Demand Commissioner Enright "Must Go"—Jewelry Stores Employ Ex-Soldiers To Guard Valuables.

New York, Dec. 19.—New York's epidemic of criminal activities raged unabated. During holdups and other acts of violence were reported. Robbers looted a store in Brooklyn of \$5,000 in dry goods and bandits held up and robbed two jewelry messengers of \$12,000 in gems and money. In addition, there were many minor burglaries and assaults.

Five new holdups and robberies as police spread net for bandits, said one. "New \$12,000 daylight holdup," flared another. "Band takes woman from cab in park" and "Bandits bind merchant, rob store" were typical of the rest.

Representatives of the jewelers arranged with Commissioner Enright to have his detectives further increased on Madison and Fifth avenues from Thirty-second street to Central Park. They also announced that each jewelry shop would employ an ex-service man as guard.

Large Bomb Found In Dublin Street

Revolvers and Ammunition Captured in Police Raids on Stores at Templemore.

Dublin, Dec. 19.—A large bomb was picked up in Merrion Square. Revolvers, ammunition, gunpowder and 88 sticks of gelignite were captured in a police and military raid on a rebel ammunition store at Templemore today.

Raids and wholesale arrests by the police and military and increased activity of the Irish republican army in attacking the crown forces will make up the news in the Irish newspapers tomorrow. Little will be published about the efforts of the peace makers, but if the optimistic predictions of the principal intermediaries are fulfilled, a truce is near.

Musical Christmas Program to Be Given At Omaha Mission

Children and grownups who attend the Christmas entertainment and program at the Omaha City mission Christmas day will be rewarded with several musical treats.

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Queer Triangle Is Revealed by Notes Found in Taxicab

Story of Man Who Loved Too Well—and Woman Who Found Consolation Told By Gary Mystery.

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It was the last-minute rush period near closing time, said Block, "and usually I have my money in the safe by that time."

When seven customers were lined up in front of the counter, one of the robbers called to Jack Lencala, 3579 Jones street, butcher, who was cutting meat behind the counter.

Mother Pleads For Son on Trial

Man Charged With Attack on Girls Takes Stand in Own Defense.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Edmond (Spud) Murphy, puglist and alleged criminal gangster testified in his own behalf in his trial on a charge of attacking Miss Jessie Montgomery of Reno, Nev., here early this morning.

His mother moved many in the court room to tears by her plea. She was allowed to proceed without objection, the district attorney explaining that he "did not have the heart to stop her."

Allies Well Satisfied With Progress Made At German Conference

Brussels, Dec. 19.—Conversations between the allied representatives at the second financial conference and the Germans is beginning to develop definite conclusions as to what modifications of the treaty clauses will satisfy the Germans that they can execute the treaty and pay reasonable reparations.

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150 Persons Reported Killed by Earthquake Shocks in Argentina

Buenos Aires, Dec. 19.—Reports from Mendoza province tonight estimated the dead in the earthquake at 150.

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