

U. S. Delegation On Disarmament Is Down to Work

Commission Holds Two Conferences and Studies Material Prepared for Use At General Meetings.

Washington, Oct. 25.—With the international conference on limitation of armament only a few weeks off, the American delegation yesterday got down to hard preliminary work on working out final details for the convocation and in study of the subjects to be discussed.

Meeting in the office of the secretary of state, the delegation held two sessions yesterday, Secretary Hughes announcing that the members were "sawing wood" in earnest in preparation for the important discussions. Much material that has been prepared on subjects included in the conference agenda is being reviewed by the delegates.

Silent on War Debts.

Administration officials asked again yesterday if the subject of international finances and funding of the war debt was being considered by the American delegates, replied that it was not. The forthcoming conference, they said, was not one for adjusting debts, but they would not say that this important subject might not be injected into the deliberations of the powers. They hope, however, that before time for the conference, congress will have taken final action on the measure giving the president authority to deal with the refunding problem.

In order to provide for the proper reception of the many distinguished foreign officers who will be in Washington in connection with the conference the War department yesterday announced that a liaison mission has been organized for this purpose.

Jap Envoy Meets Denby.

Vice Admiral Kato of Japan, naval adviser to the Japanese delegation, who called on Secretary Denby yesterday morning, said in referring to the conference:

"Mr. Secretary of the Navy. Regarding the limitation of naval forces which will doubtless be the principal subject at the conference, I earnestly hope that the significant international task may be accomplished by thorough co-operation of the representatives of your nation and of the others. If it is possible for us to learn at an early date the plan for limitation prepared by your government, it will greatly facilitate our study of the subject."

Steel Corporation Earnings Decline

Total for Quarter Ending September 30 Lowest Since March, 1915.

New York, Oct. 25.—Total earnings of the United States Steel corporation for the third quarter of the current year announced after today's meeting of the directors, dwindled to \$18,918,068. This is the smallest total of any quarter since March, 1915, when earnings fell to \$12,457,869 and no dividends were paid on the common stock.

Regular dividends of 1 3/4 on the preferred and 1 1/4 per cent on the common were declared, but no part of the common dividend was earned and only \$1.58 of the \$1.75 due on the preferred was available after payment of interest on outstanding bonds.

To meet these dividend payments, the directors drew on the corporation's undivided surplus to the extent of \$6,965,504, against the \$4,571,668 taken from the surplus in the previous quarter to make up the deficit in the common dividend.

Chairman E. H. Gary declined to forecast conditions in the steel industry, but in today's statement indicated a turn for the better, August earnings far exceeding those of July, with a further, though moderate gain for September.

Missing Girl Comes Home; Had Been in Search of Work

Elinor Harris, 16, daughter of a Wyoming homesteader, returned to her room, 208 North Eighteenth street, yesterday morning after an absence of four days. Her father, J. E. Harris of Salt Creek, Wyo., had been searching for her.

According to the girl's story a woman named "Bertha Smith" had bobbed her hair for her and provided her with a suit of overalls and the two rode a freight train to Grand Island in search of work.

The girl will return home with her father.

Brief City News

Search for Girl — Policewoman Mrs. M. Ormsby left for Albion, Neb., yesterday in search of Christian Pohl, 15, 1908 South Sixteenth street. The girl's parents believe she has gone to Albion to see a sweet-heart.

Fined for Assault — James Rogers, Dodge hotel, was fined \$10 by Police Judge Foster yesterday for having struck W. E. Brown, 1702 Dodge street, as he was seated at Fourteenth and Douglas with a woman friend awaiting the arrival of a street car.

Banquet for Station Men — The Chamber of Commerce will be host to Omaha railway station employees at a banquet Thursday evening. "This is to get in closer touch with the people who meet visitors coming to Omaha," said an official of the chamber.

Federal Court First — It is probable that Charles Wohlberg and Jacob Masze, indicted promoters, will face the federal court first instead of the state prosecution. This will be decided by J. C. Kinster, district attorney, and A. V. Shotwell, county attorney, when the latter returns with the two men.

Injured Child Improves — Margaret Grey, 8, who was struck by an automobile at Eighteenth and Dodge streets Sunday night and seriously injured, has recovered consciousness and has a chance to recover, according to reports from St. Joseph hospital.

"Wire Walls" Surround Hawthorne



"Hawthorne" is the attractive name of the new state reformatory for men at Lincoln over which Gus Miller, former chief probation officer in Omaha, presides.

The fence shown in the picture surrounds the grounds. It is nine feet high, made of closely-woven mesh wire as big in diameter as a lead pencil. At the top, sloping inwardly, is a series of steel bars, as a further inducement to keep the inmates in.

The fence was erected instead of "grim, gray walls," first, because it is cheaper, and secondly, because the inmates of this institution are not so dangerous as regular penitentiary convicts and the state hopes to make good citizens out of them.

"Y" Girl Home From Germany for Visit



Pawnee City, Neb., Oct. 24.—(Special).—After nearly two years as head of the Y. M. C. A. School for American Children in Coblenz, Germany, Miss Elsie A. Hammond has returned to her home here for a vacation.

She sailed from New York, March 1, 1919, enlisted as an instructor for the Y. M. C. A. She did canteen duty at Nantes, France, for three and a half months and then was selected from 150 workers to head the school.

A German school building in Coblenz was requisitioned and a complete school of 12 grades was maintained with 132 children enrolled, all children of American commissioned and non-commissioned officers, Y. M. C. A. workers and American civilians.

In the beginning they had no English text books and Miss Hammond journeyed to London, where she brought a supply of books.

Miss Hammond says the Germans do not feel defeated but merely unlucky and that they believe they will manage things differently "next time."

Mrs. Lucy A. Ketcham Dead

At Home of Daughter Here
Mrs. Lucy A. Ketcham, mother of Mrs. T. D. Dakin, died Tuesday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dakin in the Strehlow apartments, Sherman avenue.

Mrs. Ketcham had been making her home with her daughter and son-in-law since the death of her husband, spending only the summers at her home at Lakeville, Mich., where her family had lived for three generations and where her two children, Mrs. Dakin and Mrs. Fred E. Davis of Toledo, O., were born. Mrs. Ketcham would have been 83 years old December 19.

Funeral services will be conducted at the undertaking parlors of Brailey & Dorrance, Nineteenth and Cuming streets Thursday afternoon at 2, Rev. Lloyd B. Holsapple officiating. Cremation will take place at the crematory at Forest Lawn cemetery.

Hardware Dealers Hold

Meeting at Fremont
Fremont, Neb., Oct. 25.—(Special).—Hardware dealers from a radius of 50 miles of Fremont, members of the state Hardware Dealers association, held their convention in Fremont. National Field Secretary S. R. Miles, Argue, Ind., was the principal speaker of the evening program, which included a banquet. The session was in charge of Frank Bennett, field man in the Nebraska Retail Dealers association. Round table discussions and business problems made up the program of the day.

Corporations Are Blamed for W. Va. Disorders

Various Witnesses at Senate Hearing Place Blame for Strife on Other Than Miners' Organization.

Washington, Oct. 25.—Blame for the bloodshed and strife in the coal regions of West Virginia was variously laid by different witnesses before the senate education and labor committee yesterday at the doorstep of West Virginia state officials, because of their alleged failure to enforce the law; the United States Steel corporation, J. P. Morgan and company, the Pennsylvania railroad and other financial powers. The committee began a hearing into the conditions in the district and adjourned late today only to reconvene for a night session.

The committee was requested by Philip Murray, vice president of the United Mine Workers of America, to use its good offices in an attempt at mediation of the controversy between the operators and the miners and presented basic principles to which he said the union miners could subscribe.

When such a settlement had been accomplished, he suggested that Chief Justice Taft appoint an administrator to interpret and apply the provisions of the agreement.

The basis of the settlement plan as outlined follows:

Guarantee of freedom of speech, assembly and movement.

Protection of miners against discrimination because of union membership.

Protection of unorganized workers against intimidation or coercion by members of the United Mine Workers or other labor organizations.

Assurance that domestic institutions would not be subordinated to

industrial control "by the practice of coal operators in paying and controlling deputy sheriffs and other law officers, or by employing private guards instead of using the services of the disinterested and conscientious public officers."

\$25,000 Appropriated To Ward Off Diphtheria

An appropriation of \$25,000 was made by the city council yesterday to aid in the fight against diphtheria.

Dr. A. S. Pinto, city health commissioner, will conduct a Schick test against the dread disease among the school children.

This test, administered in nearly all large cities, determines what children are susceptible to the disease. Where it is discovered, an injection of anti-toxin is given to combat and destroy the germs.

According to Dr. Pinto, the test will not be compulsory.

Sunday School Classes Furnish Church Music

Superior, Neb., Oct. 25.—(Special).—The Methodist church of Superior is having interesting and enthusiastic Sunday evening services. The musical program has been turned to the different Sunday school classes and some friendly rivalry is the result. To show for this a chorus of 40 women's voices sang Sunday. Their number exceeded the men, who had the platform a week ago, by six. The next service the high school boys and girls will sing.

Man Sentenced to Jail For Abusing His Family

John Smoke, 1002 Grace street, was sentenced to 30 days in jail and given a severe reprimand in court yesterday for abusing his family.

Police, responding to a call Monday night, found him stretched across the one bed in the house and refusing to let his six children sleep there.

According to police, the family of eight live in a one-room shack and have but one bed.

Amended Petition Is Filed By Baum Heirs

According to an amended petition filed by the heirs of the James E. Baum estate, Daniel Baum, jr., is alleged to have asserted that his brother, David, administrator of the estate, who is under fire for alleged fraud in connection with its management, had better judgment concerning the correctness of claims against it than any court.

of the estate funds without proof, according to the heirs.

Judge and Court Helpers To Attend Legion Meeting

Judge C. O. Stauffer and his court assistants, Hans Larsen, bailiff, and William Milotz, stenographer, will adjourn at the end of this week to the American Legion convention in Kansas City.

Larsen served in Russia in the late war, Milotz in France and Stauffer was stationed at Camp Dodge. They will leave Sunday on the Omaha special.

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