

SEPARATE TREATY OF PEACE IS NEAR

Its Ratification by U. S. and Germany Now Seems Certain.

AGREEMENT REACHED

Negotiations With Berlin Have Been Going On Some Time.

ALL OUR WISHES MET

New Compact Will Contain Many Provisions in Versailles Treaty.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., July 31. Complete and formal peace by treaty between the United States and Germany is near.

Found Berlin Favorable.

Through Mr. Dreesel the State Department first approached the German Government to learn its attitude toward a separate peace treaty which would carry out the provisions of the Knox-Porter resolution, reserving to the United States all the rights and privileges granted to the other belligerents in the treaty of Versailles, to which the United States is entitled as one of the victors in the war.

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WOMAN TEARS OUT STAIRS TO FORCE TENANTS TO MOVE

Landlady Adopts Drastic Method After She Is Beaten In Court; Lodgers Return and Building Department Comes to Their Rescue.

Tenants in the apartment house in 673 Nostrand avenue, Brooklyn, refused to move when their landlady, Mrs. Anna Cohen, ordered them to, and then went into the Municipal Court and won their case, although three of the six families in the house moved anyway.

They did that, too. The first of the tenants to come in was Mrs. Messerie, who is 70 years old, and after climbing one flight she found a gap in nine feet between her and the third floor.

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The funeral of Mrs. James Van Nostrand, 80 years old, who was driven by the heat Saturday night to leap from window of her room on the twelfth floor of the Waldorf, was held privately yesterday.

Mrs. Van Nostrand, as told yesterday in late editions of THE NEW YORK HERALD, was the widow of a prominent resident of Brooklyn and a member of one of the oldest Long Island families.

When Mrs. Van Nostrand appeared at the Waldorf late Saturday she was dressed in black and appeared nervous. She asked particularly for "an airy room with windows in it."

Charles Van Nostrand did not learn of his mother's death until several hours afterward. A mystery developed when it was learned that she had signed her name on the register as "Mrs. James Nostrand."

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To Simplify Licenses

Tests for Applicants Not to Involve Tedious Delays Under New Plan.

ALBANY, July 31.—The newly created State Tax Commission appointed by Gov. Miller, of which Walter W. Law, Jr., is president, is reorganizing the automobile bureau.

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last arrest the police forced a confession from him. "The detectives beat me into a confession," he added. "It was in the basement of the East Fifty-first street station. They hit me with their fists and knocked me to the floor. A cop in uniform put his foot on my throat and another put his foot on my stomach. I could not breathe. That's how they got that statement out of me and I have told my lawyer all about it."

Badly Wounds Wife, Then Kills Himself

Garment Worker Ends Quarrel With Ends.

Alfred Wuenz of 120 Stagg street, Brooklyn, shot his wife, Mrs. Jennie Wuenz, last night, and then committed suicide. Two bullets struck Mrs. Wuenz, one in the back of her neck and the other behind her right ear.

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BRITISH CRITICS OF OUR DRY LAWS SCOLDED

Wheeler Points to Increase in Drink Abroad.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., July 31. British official statistics showing a 65 per cent. increase in drunkenness in England and Wales last year were cited in a statement by the general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League, Wayne B. Wheeler, as a "complete vindication of our national prohibition policy and conclusive evidence of the failure of the license system."

Criticism was directed by Mr. Wheeler against British subjects who on recent visits to the United States have commented on prohibition, or, as they suggested, the lack of it. Lord Northcliffe, who dealt in light vein on the topic of American artistry, was one of the many English visitors who drew attack from Mr. Wheeler.

English visitors who are ridiculing our national prohibition policy would be more interesting and not so ridiculous, he said, "if they would explain why arrests for drunkenness are increasing in England and Wales at about the same rate they are decreasing in the United States."

"The people of the United States have the greatest affection for their Allies and have no disposition to embarrass any of them unduly in their financial obligations to this country, but if Americans were to be as critical of England's drink policy as many visiting Britons are of American prohibition, we could easily suggest that if England would only stop its enormous drink waste of nearly \$2,000,000,000 a year it would not be so very difficult for her to meet her interest payments on her foreign debts."

Sperry Scores Emery for Attack on Debs

Defends Convict as Kindly, Big Hearted Man.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Marvin G. Sperry, national president of the Private Soldiers and Sailors Legion, in a letter to President Harding, made public to-night, declared that the "amazing insolence and effrontery of the language used by John G. Emery, commander of the American Legion, in his telegram to you on the Debs pardon case certainly should be sharply rebuked."

"I denounce as absolutely false," Sperry's letter continued, "the claim of Col. Emery that he 'represents the sentiments of the great mass of ex-servicemen and women' in his deliberately malicious and misleading statements."

Sperry referred to Debs as a "peaceful, big hearted, kindly man, filled with a martyr's enthusiasm and willing, cheerful self-sacrifice for the cause of the poor, the helpless and the oppressed."

20,000 K. OF C. OPEN CONVENTION TO-DAY

Four Main Activities Will Be Launched in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31.—The thirty-ninth international convention of the Knights of Columbus, bringing more than 20,000 delegates, visitors and their women folk to San Francisco, will be inaugurated to-day with preliminary meetings of various committees. The delegates represent every State in the Union, with Canada, Newfoundland, Mexico, Cuba, Panama and the Philippines also contributing large numbers of members.

The last special train arrived this evening from the Canadian maritime provinces and northern New England. Hundreds of the delegates and visitors came by boat and automobile caravans. Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty of Philadelphia led the Eastern delegations to the St. Francis Hotel, where the sessions of the convention will be opened to-morrow morning.

The programme of the convention officially begins Tuesday morning with a municipal reception in the civic centre, when Mayor Rolph will present the knights with the freedom of the city. The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and other patriotic organizations will participate.

The convention, styled the America First Convention of the K. of C., will have four main activities to launch—the Knights of Columbus American history movement, calling for the production of a propaganda proof history of the K. of C. by eminent historians, at a cost of \$1,000,000; the K. of C. anti-tuberculosis campaign, calling for a nation wide fight on the white plague by the entire membership of 800,000 knights and nearly 2,000 council units; the intensified K. of C. education and hospitalization work for disabled and other war veterans; to cost \$5,000,000, and the Knights of Columbus American welfare work to be introduced into Italy at the request of Pope Benedict XV.

The programme also comprises the election of supreme officers and of five members of the K. of C. international board of directors.

Poland to Have Farm Bank

Warsaw, July 31.—Poland is to have an agricultural bank, which will grant long term credits to the farmers. It is planned to have a working capital of about 8,000,000,000 marks.

NEW HARBOR MAIL SERVICE IS STARTED

Boats Will Run Direct From Quarantine to Forwarding Points.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., July 31. Postmaster-General Hays will inaugurate in New York city to-morrow important changes in handling mails from vessels at Quarantine and parcel post mail originating in Brooklyn for the South and West.

A new harbor boat service will be put into operation by which all mail for points south and west from steamships at Quarantine will be handled both night and day by the harbor boats around to the various Jersey shore points, thus expediting the mail transmission greatly and eliminating the use of congested New York streets. Under old contracts the mail from Quarantine for New York, as well as points beyond, has been carried through the crowded streets of New York to the New York city Post Office.

The department announced to-night that by a new contract with the New York Central Railroad Company at \$98,000 a year the company will operate a harbor boat service under which the service of the post office boat President will be supplemented by some of the Central's harbor boats to take care of this mail service. The department said the contract represented a saving of \$12,000 as compared with last year's contract arrangement and meant better handling of the mails.

Mr. Hays, accompanied by several assistant postmasters-general, officials of the New York Central and postmasters of New York, Brooklyn, Hoboken and Jersey City, will observe the new method of mail handling in a trip around the harbor to-morrow in the President.

Caravan Moves To-Day

Brooklyn Tourists to Leave Schenectady for Utica.

SCHENECTADY, July 31.—Scott's modern caravan, which left Brooklyn Thursday for Idaho, was welcomed here with a band concert. Mayor Lunn presented the keys of the city and fully 10,000 people visited the overnight camp in Central Park.

To-morrow the caravan leaves for Utica. The members expect to be in Rochester Tuesday, Syracuse Wednesday and Buffalo Thursday, and will spend Sunday at Niagara Falls. Mayor Lunn will speed them on their way at 8 to-morrow morning.

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