

CLOTURE RULE IS NEEDED IN CONFERENCES

Senator Meyers of Montana Holds Debates Should be Limited When Meeting Resolves Into Talk Fest.

QUESTION OF PROTEM PRESIDENT POSTPONED

Supporters of Rival Factions Claim to Have Enough Votes Lined Up to Elect Their Candidate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—"What they need is a cloture rule on conferences instead of on the senate proper," declared Sen. Meyers of Montana after sitting through three hours of oratory when the democratic senatorial conference was resumed today.

It has become apparent that no final agreement will be reached and there is a constantly growing membership in the majority which is urging that the entire cloture plan be sidetracked for the present.

Claim 23 Votes. The supporters of Sen. Pomerene of Ohio, claimed to have 23 votes absolutely pledged and predicted that they would be able to muster enough additional votes to win by a slight margin.

For two days senate democratic leaders have been trying frantically to bring the fighting factions together. Neither side would yield an inch, however, and the difference will be fought out.

The prediction is being made that the cloture rule, in the form presented by Sen. Owens' special rule committee, will obtain only scant majority of the conference.

ATTENDS STATE MEETING

Plans For Centennial Pageants to be Discussed.

F. B. Barnes, pageant master of St. Joseph county's celebration in the centennial next year, went to Indianapolis Friday morning to attend a meeting of directors of pageants from all parts of the state.

TO HAVE STAG DINNER

Members of the University club will have a stag dinner Monday night at the Oliver hotel, the dinner being served in the Pink room. The affair is one of a series held during the winter.

MEET AT NASHVILLE

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 3.—The informational encampment of the uniform ranks of Knights of Pythias will be held at Nashville, Tenn., during the week beginning Aug. 27, 1916. It was decided today by the committee having the matter in charge.

CARS COLLIDE IN FOG; SEVEN HURT

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 3.—One man was fatally injured and six others more or less seriously hurt when a North Bessemer car crashed into the rear end of a South Ensley car at Owenston station, about 8 o'clock this morning.

RECEIPTS ON INCREASE

Past Month a Busy One at Local Revenue Office.

Sales of internal revenue stamps through the South Bend office increased nearly \$15,000 during November over the same month of 1914.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Julius Foldes, laborer; Mary Kovach.

Explode 'Stink' Bombs; 3 Boys Up in Court

Three boys almost destroyed the patronage of two theaters and a five and ten cent store Thursday afternoon and incidentally landed themselves in jail as a result.

The boys had exploded certain devices in the theaters and store containing smells similar to a combination of limburger cheese and German gas bombs. Within a few minutes patrons began to hurry out of the theaters and the police were called.

They finally succeeded in capturing the guilty boys, the trio being composed of Charles Bamer, 14 years old, Arthur Weaver, 19, and Earl Canning, 17.

BIRTHS INCREASE, DEATHS ARE LESS

City Gained 105 During Month of October—Much Diphtheria.

Figures announced Friday by the city health department reveal a decrease in the number of deaths and an increase in the number of births during November compared to the previous month.

Five deaths were caused by pulmonary tuberculosis, one by scarlet fever, two through accidents, one by suicide, three from diphtheria, one from pneumonia, one from typhoid fever.

There was a large number of diphtheria cases reported, 56 cases being cared for. Twelve scarlet fever cases were reported. At the present time seven scarlet fever cases and 10 diphtheria cases are under observation by the health department.

Other cases reported during the month follow: Measles, 5; chicken-pox, 44; tuberculosis, 5; mumps, 3; whooping cough, 2; typhoid fever, 1. The department quarantined 56 homes and issued 32 releases during the month.

NEW LISTS OF NAMES GIVEN CAPTAINS

Strong Effort Will be Made to Boost Social Federation Fund.

New lists containing a total of 1,000 names, were given to the captains of Good will teams at a meeting held Thursday night at the Chamber of Commerce.

Collections Thursday amounted to \$111.78, making the total \$18,574.85. One of the teams, No. 5, turned in a donation of 10 cents, this being the lowest amount any squad has ever turned in.

DR. RETTEGI INDICTED

Arrest Due to Investigations of Secret Service Men.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 3.—Four indictments were returned by the county grand jury today against Dr. Emerich W. Rettigi, alias Ritter, arrested Tuesday following United States investigations of his connection with attaches of foreign governments engaged in the European war.

QUARREL IS FATAL

JACKSONVILLE, Ind., Dec. 3.—Andy Bogota was shot and killed by Grant Ratliffe here early today during a quarrel over who was to pay for a drink in a blind tiger.

FORD'S PARTY NOT WANTED IN ENGLAND

Sir Edward Cornwall Starts Movement to Bar Ford and William J. Bryan From Visiting Country.

MEMBERS OF PARTY REGARDED AS TOURISTS

State Department Fears Trip Will Embarrass Country. Passports to Neutral Countries For Ford.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Sir Edward Cornwall, a liberal member of parliament today took the lead in a movement to prevent William J. Bryan and Henry Ford coming to England on a peace mission.

Sir Edward gave notice that he would interpellate the government on Monday, asking Sir Edward Grey, the foreign minister, if he had prepared for the proposed visit of Bryan and Ford, and whether he will justify both through the Washington government that a visit on a peace mission by the two Americans would be distasteful to the British government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—A passport was granted Henry Ford today by the state department. It is made out only to neutral countries, Holland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Theodore Delavigne, Mr. Ford's secretary, brought with him the automobile manufacturer's application to Washington today, along with about 25 others for men and women who want to make the trip "to get the boys out of the trenches."

The clerks were rushed all day working on the applications. Officials worried. State department officials today made no concealment of their fears that the United States might be seriously embarrassed by the Ford peace expedition to Europe.

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SEIZURE HELD VIOLATION OF NATIONS' LAWS

Action of British in Taking Over American Owned Vessels Denounced in Administration Circles.

SHARP DEMAND TO BE SENT ENGLAND

Note Will Hold Country is as Guilty as Germany—Embargo Talk Heard at Capital.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Great Britain's action in requisitioning the steamers Hocking, Genesee and Kankakee owned by the Americans trans-Atlantic Co. for government use, was roundly denounced today in administration circles.

This is the one thing which the administration has been more than anxious to avoid, but today it became certain that England's action is to be seized upon by the opponents of the allied foreign policy as an excuse for a series of resolutions and for bitter oratorical attacks on what many members were today terming "an act of near piracy."

Secy Lansing will send a sharp demand to the British foreign office that it obey international laws. The requisition is reported to have been made under a section of the British order in council which was amended on April 29 last.

The United States contends that this section is a distinct violation of international law fully as flagrant as was the German submarine policy, and the protest will use very plain language in so saying, according to officials at the state department.

Admirals showing that 90 per cent of the stock in the American Trans-Atlantic Co. is owned by citizens of the United States have been prepared by Pres't Wagner of that corporation. They will be used by the state department to back up its claims that the interference with the company's property is a direct and open violation of American rights.

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Poles in Conquered Territory Are Registered



There seems to be little doubt that the Germans intend to settle down permanently in Russian Poland. They are now registering all the inhabitants of the conquered districts in Poland. The military authorities are now making a complete record of the whole population of Poland conquered by the Germans.

TWO INJURED IN PLANT EXPLOSION

Company Engaged in Making Covers For Allied Soldiers Suffers Damage.

LATROBE, Pa., Dec. 3.—Two employees were seriously injured and \$50,000 damage was done by an explosion this morning that wrecked the plant of the Peters Paper Co.

MAY TRAIN STUDENTS IN MILITARY DRILLS

Congressman Barnhart Proposes to Ask Aid For Culver Academy.

LAPORTE, Ind., Dec. 3.—Congressman Barnhart before leaving for Washington today declared that he would ask government aid for a camp of Indiana high school boys to be held at Culver next year.

W. RATHBON BACON ILL

Stricken After Learning of Death of His Brother.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 2.—W. Rathbone Bacon, one of the best known financiers in this country, is in a grave condition at his home here today.

COMMITTEE WILL REPORT

Travelers to Make Final Plans For Banquet.

Members of the Post K. Travelers Protective association, will hold their regular meeting at the Turkish evening in the Oliver hotel Saturday evening.

LATEST IN NEWS WORLD

TO OPPOSE RUSS.

ZURICH, Dec. 3.—Six thousand Austro-Hungarian troops are reported to have arrived at Rustchuk, in northeastern Bulgaria, on the Danube river. They have a zeppelin with them. It is supposed that these troops are to be used to contest any attempt of the Russians to cross Roumania.

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FORMER OFFICE BOY BUYS EXCHANGE SEAT

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—William F. Stafford, 10 years ago an office boy at \$6 a week, is today a member of the New York stock exchange, having paid \$72,000 for a seat and obligated himself for \$2,000 membership fee.

CARRANZA FORCES TO GUARD BORDER

Troops Are Being Moved Opposite Nogales, Ariz. Americans Executed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Gen. Funston of the Mexican border, wired the war department that Gen. Obregon was moving two trainloads of troops opposite Nogales, Ariz., making further Mexican attacks on American border towns improbable.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 3.—That John W. Cunningham, wealth attorney of Tulsa, Okla., and two other Americans, Gus Hendrickson and H. G. Southern, had been executed by Villistas, is feared by their friends here today.

BOMB WRECKS GROCERY

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—A "black hand" bomb did \$1,000 damage to the three-story building owned by Giovanni Partillo, early today, threw the members of Partillo's family and other occupants of the building from their beds and created a panic in the neighborhood.

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SEES AMERICANS AS REAL WINNERS

Member of Italian Parliament Attacks Allies' Policy in Balkans.

ROME, Dec. 3.—Today's session of the Italian parliament was marked by a bitter attack upon the allies' strategic policy in the Balkans by Deputy Treves, official spokesman of the socialist party.

He asserted that "short sightedness" had lost the advantage that the entente powers would otherwise have had. Though the government permitted the debate to proceed without attempting to stifle the personal opinions of the members, Premier Salandra promptly replied to all attacks made directly against the Italian government.

While Treves was talking, he was interrupted by Deputy Orland, who cried: "What is our navy doing?"

The premier leaped to his feet and sharply replied: "The navy is doing its full duty." Deputy Treves assailed the general's declaration as a "purely political censorship," and then dwelt at length upon the cause of the war.

"The conviction is now general," he said, "that the war is due to antagonism between German and English imperialism, the former dominating matter and the latter, space."

Continuing Signor Treves warned his fellow members that out of the great conflict the United States would emerge the real winner.

"What is happening," he said, "is this: After the two great rivals (Germany and England) have torn themselves and covered with grief the ruins of the world, the prize of victory will be wrested from both. An outsider has arisen—the winner of winners looms in the distance. It is America.

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ALLIES WILL NOT BE READY UNTIL SPRING

Cannot Take Offensive in Balkans Until Weather Opens Up—Teutons Will Gain by Delay.

BULGAR TROOPS SAID TO BE IN MONASTIR

Pursuit of Montenegrin Army Continues—Italy Expected to Declare War on Germany Soon.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—With aid pledged to Serbia by all four nations of the quadruple entente the next step in the allies' Balkan campaign is preparing for a great combined offensive against the Germans, Austrians and Bulgarians.

While severe fighting will probably be under way in the Serbian, Montenegrin and Albanian mountains throughout the winter the possibility is strong that the big offensive will not be launched until spring.

It is problematical when Italian and Russian armies will be in the Balkan theater and heavy reinforcements of English and French troops will be needed before any effective military steps can be taken for the salvation of Serbia.

While plans for the allied offensive are under way the Germans and Austro-Hungarian troops will continue the subjection of Montenegro and Austrian soldiers are expected to overrun Albania.

Delay Offensive. The Balkans are not adapted to winter fighting soldiers must be inured to the sternest hardships and the most severe. The scarcity of sufficient troops at present, the inclement weather, the lack of food supplies and the impassible condition of highways all combine to compel the allies to postpone their concerted offensive until cold weather is over.

In the meantime the German allies will have plenty of time to continue their conquest and strengthen the positions won. The allies' offensive will not consist entirely of the winning back of Serbia.

A feature of it will be the invasion of Bulgaria to cut the line of communication between Germany and Turkey. The statement of Baron Sonnino, the Italian foreign minister, that Italy will send troops into the Balkans confirms dispatches from Rome sent out at the time of Lord Kitchener's visit. It also arouses high speculation as to Italy's future attitude toward Germany.

Will Fight Germans. An Italian army in the Balkans would have to fight German troops and yet there has been no formal declaration of war between Germany and Italy. Consequently it is now being predicted that war will soon be declared between the two powers.

Bulgarian troops are said to have occupied Monastir in southern Serbia. In Montenegro, according to the German and Austrian war offices, the pursuit of the Montenegrin army continues. A Reuter dispatch from Salonika says it is reported there that Austro-Hungarian troops entered Monastir yesterday and hoisted the Austrian flag. Bulgarian troops, this dispatch said, had not entered the city then.

POET IS DEAD

PARIS, Dec. 3.—Stuart Merrill, the Franco-American poet died suddenly at his home in Versailles last night.

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