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THE OUTLOOK FOR PEACE IN EUROPE.

In spite of all the rumors of approaching peace in Europe, the warring nations today seem to be as far from a settlement as they were one year ago. It has been apparent from the very beginning that the conflict is a fight to the finish, and that conclusion seems to become more apparent as the slaughter drags along.

It is natural for nations who are simply spectators to talk peace, but the view of the countries embroiled is entirely different. The war must end some day, but that day will not come until either England or Germany is financially or physically destroyed.

If the war were to stop tomorrow, Germany and her allies, would, of course, be declared the winner. In points, they have won a decided victory, and if the Central Powers continue their present record, they will ultimately be victorious by crushing their opponents.

But it is idle folly to speculate upon England and France quitting because Belgium and Serbia are in ruins. If England should lose the war, she would sink to the level of Ireland. This she knows and she will resort to every means to save herself from such a fate. Great Britain knows that it is not France, Russia or Serbia that Germany longs greatest to punish. England is charged with precipitating the war, and knows what defeat will mean.

France is fighting for Alsace and Lorraine, Russia for Balkan territory. The French and the Russians are not particularly bitter toward the Teutonic forces and vice versa. But Germany and England are engaged in a fight that must mean destruction to one or the other.

Every one who has kept abreast with the progress of the war, knows that peace reports are premature, if not absurd. Partisans of either nation only permit their prejudices to run away with them in believing that the conflict is nearing an end. Germany and England are making preparations for a long struggle, and when the end comes one of those two Powers will not only be vanquished, but the victor will see to it that the conquered nation will never become a dangerous foe again.

The financial strain on Great Britain has been tremendous, but her resources are by no means at an end. On the other hand, Germany is not facing a food famine, as has been reported, and in view of her unprecedented showing on the battlefield, she could not pause to think of peace.

There is too much at stake for either England or Germany to make overtures of peace. When either proposes a settlement with the other, it will mean that the nation asking terms can fight no longer. Mr. Ford's peace talk is flapping and nothing more.

MR. FORD'S DASH TO EUROPE.

Henry Ford's peace dash to Europe sounds like a Mutt and Jeff picture book. If it doesn't result in a new joke on the Ford automobile it will be the biggest surprise of the season for Mr. Ford.

For every car his factory turns out, a new joke has been written. But all of the Ford jokes have not produced as much mirth as his contemplated invasion on Europe with an olive twig in one hand and a picture of a Ford jitney in the other.

"The boys will be out of the trenches by Christmas," was the message from Mr. Ford when he chartered a ship and summoned the ladies to get aboard. What he intends to do when he gets to Europe, no one but Mr. Ford knows, but there is a suspicion abroad in the land that he intends to introduce his 1916 road louse into the old world without having to pay space rates.

We presume that Mr. Ford's boat will put in at London. Then, we take it, that the passengers will emerge from their cabins, climb into self-starting Fords, and the dash for the winter-home of the King will begin. The honking of the regiment of auto horns will notify his majesty that Mr. Ford and party are at the front gate, awaiting admission.

Mr. Ford will, of course, be chosen as the spokesman of the peace delegation. When he has told the King "where to get off at" in this war, the party will depart, honking down the road.

The next stop will be at the Kaiser's Christmas shanty, the location of which will be flashed to Mr. Ford and party of "girls" by wireless after they have passed over the last lap of trenches in France and go tooting down the hill, looking for the German line.

His instructions to the German Emperor, should, and no doubt will, be brief, but to the point. After informing the Kaiser that the war is over and has been declared a dog-fall, he will present to the Emperor, with his compliments, an autographed price list, F. O. B. Detroit or Cape Girardeau, and the dash homeward, via London, will be begun.

The moral of Mr. Ford's plan is this: If the cackling of geese saved Rome, the honking of the Ford can save the old world. So, long, Mr. Ford!

SAFETY IN STEEL COACHES.

In the reports of the wreck of the Central of Georgia train, it is interesting to note that the three steel coaches escaped serious damage while wooden coaches crumbled and caught fire. That same story has been told in compiling the results of all railroad disasters where steel coaches are used.

Whenever a wreck involves steel coaches and wood coaches there is another demonstration of the safety of steel coaches as compared with those made of wood.

We have had so many demonstrations of this kind that there should be no more building of wood coaches for any purpose, even for the conveyance of passengers upon train that are not common carriers, such as the Kennedy carnival train, which figures with such disastrous results in the wreck in Ohio.

The steel passenger coach rates as an invention which safeguards passengers upon railroad trains. All inventions are discoveries. It has been discovered that a steel coach saves lives in an accident which would cause heavy mortality if the coaches were of wood.

It has been predicted freely that while steel coaches would soon be universal upon all great lines the wood ones would survive for a long time upon minor railways, especially in the South where the comparative sparseness of population makes railroad earnings less than it is in the more densely populated North and East or in the more rapidly developing sections of the West.

The Central of Georgia, however, is using some steel coaches, and just now has reason for self-congratulation.

Every train that carries human freight should be made of steel. No metal is worth more than a human life.

THE QUESTION OF PREPAREDNESS.

The convening of Congress Monday will be an event watched with more than usual interest by the people. Indications are that the Democrats will control both houses on all party measures, because the administration still holds a working majority in both houses.

The question of national preparedness is a question that is of vital interest to the nation. While there should be a reasonable limit in the program for defense, it is necessary that this country should move beyond the pop-gun idea of a standing army.

It is probable that there are more Republicans in Congress who favor preparedness than there are Democrats. Under ordinary conditions, the Democrats could be whipped into line, but as most of the political offices have been filled, it is quite probable that the Democrats who oppose Wilson's defense plan will cling steadfastly to their own ideas.

The European war has demonstrated the need of a reasonably large standing army, a first class navy and adequate coast defenses, but the nation should not be forced into bankruptcy by useless expenditures in order to keep the munition plants busy.

While the nation should not listen to such peace manias as Bryan, it should be reasonable in preparing for war. The middle of the road idea would prove safe and also sane.

The present war proves that no nation should be unprepared. It may be that this country will never be compelled to go to war, and everyone hopes that it will not, but if such a calamity should come to pass, it would be better to be able to defend ourselves than to be caught asleep. Our standing army today will not have filled a trench in Serbia. It would not make up the death list for one day's fighting in Europe. As now constituted it is a joke.

ALEXANDER HEADS 'DEMOCRATIC CLUB'

Elaborate Preparations Will Be Made to Attend Jackson Banquet.

Under the leadership of Harry E. Alexander, its organizer, the newly formed Southeast Missouri Democratic Club will set 2000 as its membership enrollment. It is expected that this number will be enlisted within the first few months of the club's life.

President Alexander will appoint a Membership Committee having members living in all sections of the Southeast Missouri territory to work up interest in the organization and recruit members. A fee of \$1 has been set as the cost of joining the club. The money will be devoted to meeting the current expenses of the club.

The permanent organization was effected yesterday afternoon in the offices of President Alexander, when about forty Democrats from virtually all counties in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Congressional Districts were present. Many of the men came long distances to attend the organization meeting.

Mr. Alexander was made head of the organization as the natural outcome of his work in staging the big Democratic rally here October 14 and in getting the men to attend the meeting yesterday.

Charles L. Ferguson, of Doniphan, Ripley County, was named Secretary and H. M. Flannery of Bloomfield, Stoddard County, was elected treasurer.

A vice president of the club will be appointed by President Alexander for each county in the territory that the club will cover. Mr. Alexander will announce the complete list of club vice presidents within a few days. Each vice president will be a club organizer in his county.

Those vice presidents who were named yesterday were: J. E. Schmuke, of Jackson, Cape Girardeau County; Ralph Wannack, Stoddard; J. F. Fullbright, Ripley; T. R. Ely, Dunklin; Arthur Chrismon, Scott; D. R. Hunter, New Madrid; Everett Reeves, Pemiscook; H. S. Cochran, Mississippi; Edward L. Abington, Butler; Dr. F. M. Vessels, Perry; T. A. Caldwell, Bollinger.

A feature of the club's work will be a trip by special train to St. Louis to attend the Jackson Day banquet in St. Louis, when it is expected that President Wilson will deliver an address.

Alexander last night received a telegram from Chairman Meehan of the St. Louis City Central Committee, announcing that plans for a big banquet are being carried out there and that the President in all probability will be present at the banquet. The banquet is held in celebration of the anniversary of Jackson's birth.

Alexander will proceed to make arrangements with the Frisco for a special train to the banquet and likewise provide headquarters for the club at one of the hotels in St. Louis where the club's next meeting will be held.

VOGEL'S CHAMPIONS TAKE THE COUNT

R. J. R. Bowlers, Called Beginners, Put the Kibosh on ten-pin Ticklers.

In one of the most exciting matches bowling games of the winter tournament, the R. J. R. tenpin artists last night took the measure of the Ideals by a score of 2300 to 2170.

The members of the Ideals team were overconfident of their ability to win owing to the fact that their opponents are men who have not put in a great deal of time practicing at the alley game this winter. The R. J. R.s, however, developed unexpected form and won all of the three games.

L. L. Tuck scored the highest mark for three games that has been recorded in the tournament this year with a total of 535 point for three games. Percy Osterloh came second with 483 and the highest single game was scored by Tuck with 189.

The detailed score was as follows: Ideals A. Vogel..... 147 132 153 432 R. Nunn..... 159 143 161 463 M. J. Bender... 157 165 158 480 A. Huter..... 131 122 142 395 Doc Edwards... 147 107 146 400

Totals..... 741 669 760 2170 R. J. R.s J. T. Nunn Jr... 138 139 126 403 C. W. Peas.... 112 138 167 417 T. R. Morgan... 166 153 149 462 L. L. Tuck.... 189 175 171 535 P. Osterloh... 147 162 174 483 Totals..... 752 767 781 2300

J. R. YOUNG, NOTED LAWYER, IS DEAD

Heart Failure Kills Head of School Board in Illmo.

James R. Young of Illmo, one of the best known lawyers in this section of the State, died at St. Francis' Hospital yesterday, from a heart ailment of which he had long been a sufferer. He was 53 years of age. His body was accompanied to Farmington this morning by a delegation from the local Masonic lodge, of which he was a member.

From the hospital the body was taken to the Walthier Undertaking establishment, where it was prepared for burial. At the depot it was met by the lodge members.

Mr. Young, who was a native of St. Francois County, where he served one term as prosecuting attorney, had been in ill health for more than a year. His illness became critical about ten days ago, when he was rushed to this city and taken to St. Francis' Hospital. But instead of improving, he gradually grew worse.

He practiced his profession for several years at Bloomfield, but moved to Illmo, when that town was laid out, and assisted materially in its advancement.

He had been active in public life during his residence at Illmo, and was president of the School Board of that city when he died.

F. W. DENNEKE IS KILLED BY HORSE

Animal Rears and Head Fractures Farmer's Skull—Funeral Sunday.

The funeral of Fred W. Denneke, a wealthy farmer, living near Houck, who was killed by a horse in front of his home yesterday morning, will take place from the German Methodist Church, at Gordonville at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Burial will take place in the cemetery three miles west of Gordonville. Rev. Ludwig will officiate.

Mr. Denneke, who was 47 years of age, was killed by a young horse, which he had been breaking to ride. He mounted the animal at the barn and started to ride past the house, when the horse reared. As it raised upon its hind legs its head struck Mr. Denneke's left temple, fracturing the skull. He died almost instantaneously. As he fell from the saddle, his right foot was caught in the stirrup, and he was dragged a short distance before his foot became free and his body dropped by the wayside.

The small daughter of the dead man was standing in front of the Denneke home when the tragedy occurred. She saw the horse's head strike her father and she watched him as he was dragged a short distance and then fall. When he remained motionless on the ground, the little girl ran into the house and notified her mother.

Mrs. Denneke telephoned Henry Denneke, a brother of the dead man, who lives on a farm a short distance away. He hurried to the home and carried his brother into the house. A physician, who had been summoned by Mrs. Denneke, arrived at the residence a short time after the accident, but he pronounced Mr. Denneke dead.

Coroner Schoen, who lives at Gordonville, was summoned to the Denneke home, but after he had learned from the widow and her daughter how Mr. Denneke was killed, he pronounced the death due to accident, without the formality of summoning a jury and holding an inquest.

Mr. Denneke was one of the best known farmers in Cape Girardeau County and had a host of friends. He owned a large farm and was considered well-to-do. He was married to Miss Esther Schrupf, the daughter of a farmer. They have four children, Arthur, Wesley, Esther and Flora. His mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Denneke survive him, as well as four sisters and three brothers: Mrs. William Rasche, of Gordonville; Mrs. John A. Sander, of Jackson; Mrs. Henry Rasche, of Gordonville, and Mrs. William A. Sperling, of this city. The brothers are: Henry and William, of Houck, and Sam Denneke, of Fredericktown, who formerly was in business in Cape Girardeau. Mrs. C. F. Bartles, of Gordonville, and Mrs. August Illers, of Gordonville, are step-sisters of the dead man.

L. L. Kerns of Chaffee was in the Cape last night.

G. A. Secor and N. K. Secor of Farmington last night were in the Cape on business.

H. Claiborne, superintendent of the Frisco, and W. H. Brook of the Frisco, yesterday came up to the Cape from Chaffee on business.

MARIE KAISER AND EDISON SCORE HIT

Soloist Illustrates Voice Recreation at Normal School.

A crowd of more than 1200 last night gave Miss Marie Kaiser an ovation that has not been equaled this winter as she sang with her own voice, recreated by the Edison diamond disc phonograph, at a tone test in the Normal School auditorium.

The tone test, if such it may accurately be called, was successful beyond description. There was nothing short of amazement written upon the faces of many of the auditors as they listened to the phonograph recreate Miss Kaiser's voice.

The crowning feature of the evening's recital was a test that was virtually infallible as to the exactitude of the machine's simulation of the human soloist.

As she was singing in unison with the Edison instrument, her farewell song of the recital, the lights suddenly were extinguished throughout the house. The lyric soprano solo continued with all the volume, the overtones, the humanness that Miss Kaiser's voice possesses.

Suddenly the lights were flashed on. It was the machine that was doing the singing and Miss Kaiser was nowhere to be seen. She had retired in the interval of darkness and those in the audience were absolutely at a loss to say when her own singing ceased and the machine had undertaken to carry the solo to the end.

The audience was so impressed with this trick and exposition of the machine's merits that it was impossible to repress a slight murmur of approval and then a light ovation, interrupting the remainder of the solo. At the conclusion of the instrument's solo, Miss Kaiser stepped forth from the wings to receive the applause.

The only perceptible change in the music when Miss Kaiser sang with the instrument as it played records which has made for Mrs. Edison from the increased power emanating from two voices instead of one. Miss Kaiser really sang with a double voice, for the machine's was a duplicate of her own.

At intervals she stopped and let the machine carry the aid. At intervals she stopped singing but moved her lips. The auditors were in a quandary at times as to when she was singing and when she wasn't.

Miss Kaiser has a lyric soprano voice that is melting in its sweetness and with her charming personality, she had won her audience the moment she stepped upon the stage.

She was assisted in the recital by H. L. Lyman, flute soloist, who illustrated the exact simulation of the flute's note by the phonograph and played other records upon the machine to bring out its characteristic accuracies.

Miss Kaiser and Mr. Lyman arrived in the Cape yesterday afternoon by way of the Iron Mountain at Illmo, and motored into the Cape. They will be here till this afternoon when they expect to depart for St. Louis.

CHRIS WOLF IS 49; FEEDS HIS FRIENDS

Scores Flock to Noted Chief's Home to Pay Respects and Banquet.

Chris Wolf, widely known driver for the Cape Brewery & Ice Co., Sunday celebrated his forty-ninth birthday anniversary with a dinner party at his home, 426 Bellevue avenue.

Chris was born in the Cape, and after living several years in St. Louis returned to the Cape twelve years ago, and has lived here ever since. His father was Sheriff for several terms, successively, and was one of the best known men in Cape County.

Chris, himself, is known all over Cape County, and is one of the best known men in the city. He resides with his family at the Bellevue avenue address. He has five children: Chris Wolf Jr., Lydia, Minnie, William and Amelia.

Many of his neighbors, friends and relatives visited Chris Sunday and those who attended the dinner party were as follows: Dr. and Mrs. W. N. Howard and their daughter, Miss Sarah Howard; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ketterer and their daughter, Miss Helen Ketterer; Mr. Angelo Dempsey; Mrs. Ollie Kopper; Mr. Arthur Vogel; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Nunn Jr.; Miss Hermina Kopper; Mr. Emil Wolter; Charles Hitt; William Wolter; John Wolter; Henry Muelbach; Mr. and Mrs. William Kopper; Mr. and Mrs. George Weissmann; Opal and Eva Hill; Henry Wolf; Percy Osterloh and John Doyle.

F. J. Williams of Dexter, Mo., is in the Cape on business.

Insurgents Cause Wild Scramble For Stockholders' "Proxies" In Building and Loan Assn. Election

"Bull Moosers" Plan on "Rolling" Secretary Caldwell—H. H. Haas Has Hat in The Ring—Administration Officers Expect Big Things of Free Eats on Election Day.

The "Bull Moosers" have broken out within the folds of the Cape Girardeau Building and Loan Association.

The insurgent move was portrayed in a general scramble for stockholders' "proxies" that became manifest yesterday.

A well defined move to "roll" Ben R. Caldwell as secretary of the association, became apparent and it is possible that the designs of the insurgent crew may even wish to go higher. Joe T. Nunn is president of the association.

The insurgents started their organized campaign several days ago when they began calling upon stockholders living in the Cape, and in a perfectly nonchalant manner, making a request for a "proxy" at the election which will be held at the offices of the association in the First National Bank Building on December 6.

Many of the "proxies" were forthcoming, it is said, without further ado, because it has been a custom to a greater or lesser extent, to vote at the building and loan association's election by "proxy." Some of the stockholders, however, demanded an explanation of the use to which their votes were to be put.

It was then that the housecleaning idea was suggested and many of them balked absolutely at giving up their votes.

The work was carried throughout the town in rapid-fire order, so as to take the town "by storm" and it is understood that the insurgents have received the pledges of a very large number of votes.

As soon as the word became known that there was an insurgent move, the administration officers immediately "threw their hats into the ring."

"Everyone else is getting 'proxies,' I guess I'll get out and sign up a few myself," remarked one of the members of the present Board of Directors.

ERNEST STEINHOFF, A WAR VETERAN, IS DEAD

Pioneer Milling Man Succumbs in Jackson of Paralysis.

Ernest Steinhoff, a pioneer resident of this county and for more than a score of years a resident of Jackson, died at his home in the county seat Sunday evening, after a long illness. His demise was due to paralysis, which had made his almost an invalid for several years.

Mr. Steinhoff was born in Hanover, Germany, but came to the United States when a young man. When the Civil War broke out, he joined the Union forces and went through the four years of memorable campaigning.

When peace was restored, he settled at Dutchtown, and engaged in the milling business. About twenty-five years ago, he sold out his holdings in Dutchtown and moved to Jackson, where he formed a partnership with Henry Jahns in the butcher business in that city. Later he became interested in the creamery business at Jackson, which he conducted until ill health forced him to retire.

Mr. Steinhoff, who was almost 78 years of age, is the father of Louis and Henry Steinhoff of Jackson and Mrs. Meyers of Kansas City.

The funeral will take place from his late residence at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

of the association, as he watched James A. Kinder affix his "John Hancock" to a growing list of "proxies."

Kinder had signed as a matter of course, but the remark aroused his curiosity.

"What's the matter?" he queried. "Don't hold me now. I'll tell you all, but I haven't got the time right now," the director expostulated as the ink began to dry on the signature and he tore out of the drug store in Haarig and paced feverishly on to the next stockholder's office.

A short time later it was definitely learned that H. H. Haas has his hat in the ring as an insurgent for the secretary's job. Haas, it is said, is campaigning for "proxies" using as a slogan, something like this: "A little more dividends and a little less salaries for the directors."

Yesterday the "Bull Moosers" made the rounds in a group and took off the stockholders upon whose "proxy" they had designs to a corner, where they surrounded him and talked the matter over "confidentially."

At one store on Broadway, where nearly 100 votes are controlled, the fact was announced in plain English that the owner expected to vote his own way when the time comes and that he didn't believe in "proxies."

The directors in the concern have been particularly active on the street, boosting the free "eats" idea that has been worked out by the administration for the day of election.

The arrangement has been made for the ballot box near the door and back within the office will be a couple long tables, laden with slices of white meat from the turkey, dill pickles, olives, celery and other "free lunch" features.

The administration urges the stockholders to go up to the office, gorge themselves "on the association" and then cast their ballots. Maybe they will feel better about it by that time.

FLOESCH TO TAKE ACTIVE HAND IN CANAL DIGGING

Head of Construction Company Will Succeed J. M. Allen as Manager of work on Diversion Channel.

Following the resignation of J. M. Allen as manager of the construction work upon the diversion channel of the Little River Drainage District being done by the Floesch Construction Co., Mr. Floesch, head of the company, yesterday announced that he will make his headquarters in the Cape for some time and be in active charge of the work here.

Mr. Allen's resignation was caused, it is understood, by friction between himself as general manager and men employed upon the drainage work. He attempted to remove the discordant elements and was not upheld. He thereupon resigned.

He will return immediately to Chicago, where he will return to a practice of general consulting engineer. Mr. Allen had been in the Cape but two months. He and his family recently rented the home of Mrs. Bryan on North Lorimer street.

Mr. Floesch denied there had been any unpleasantness between himself and Allen and said that Allen had merely determined to return to his work in Chicago.

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