

U. S. MAY JOIN GENOA PARLEY

Lady Astor Predicts That U. S. Will Yet Join Genoa Conference.

TALKS TO EDITORS

Lady Astor Is Guest at Annual Luncheon of American Editors and Publishers—Says America Can Show Way to Peace.

New York.—Lady Astor told leading editors and publishers of the United States at the annual luncheon of the Associated Press that America would yet join in the conference at Genoa.

"I believe America can show the way to peace," she exclaimed fervently amid a gale of applause.

Lady Astor seemed perfectly at home from the moment she tripped jauntily into the room to the strains of "Dixie." She joined in the singing of "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia," shouted hear! hear! when her husband, Viscount Astor, spoke briefly and mounted a chair and waved "good-bye" at the conclusion of the luncheon.

Likes to Be Called a "Peach."

"I have often been called wild since I left home, but have never been called a peach until I came back," was the way she started her speech, referring to her introduction by Frank B. Noyes, president of the Associated Press, who said in discussing the apple episode in the Garden of Eden, that "man has ever fallen for the peach, whether it be wild or cultivated."

She apologized for her recent remark against the bonus, saying:

"I forgot I was a British member of parliament, and I spoke as a Virginian. I seem to have worried some people," she said, "but perhaps these people are not fifty-fifty like I am."

Touching on politics, she said:

"I suppose many of you are desperately set against women coming into politics and I don't blame you; I am sorry for you. I think sooner or later you will see that we are perfectly right to want to come into public life."

Modern Mother Is Right.

"Gentlemen, it is up to you," she continued. "The two greatest forces in the world for peace and civilization are mothers and the press. Ours is the greater task. Our children are going to be what we mothers make them and although you hear a lot about the American mothers I feel that the press sometimes loses its head about flappers and modern mothers and things like that. Perhaps they are lacking headlines. I am not disturbed about the modern mother any more than I am about the modern press."

"Now will you let me speak to you as a Virginian and not as a member of parliament? It is true we are getting on. Washington helps a lot. We can thank God for Washington. But we had better pray to God about GeGnoa."

FLOOD WATERS CLAM' 17

Fort Worth Is Victim of Devastating Flood.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Seventeen probably dead and property damages estimated at approximately \$1,000,000 is the toll of a flood which struck Fort Worth, sweeping before it scores of residences and small buildings, overflowing hundreds of acres of land and inundating several city streets.

Word reaching here from points north of Fort Worth indicate that a further rise is expected and every effort was being made to prevent additional loss of life and property in the event of another rise.

Lights, Power Threatened.

Rescue workers are laboring tirelessly in bringing relief to flood sufferers and attempting to rescue the flood stricken from their homes. The entire city has united in this work.

With boiler rooms of the city power and light company flooded, residential Fort Worth is spending the nights in darkness. No water has been available and it is believed that the entire city will be without lights or power.

The estimate of possibly 17 dead was made by Major L. G. White, in charge of Red Cross relief workers.

Worst in History.

The flood is the most severe in the history of the city, according to old time residents. Trinity river stood at 36.7 feet and was still rising.

Coming on the heels of a 9-inch rain, the heaviest in the history of Fort Worth, a wind and electrical storm, the flood took scores of people by surprise. Men, women and children were rescued off tree tops and the roofs of houses by police in boats.

Feudists Join in Cleanup.

Manchester, Ky.—Feudists of Clay county, who a few months ago were ready to shoot opposing clansmen on sight, have joined hands with each other, and with the civil authorities to clean up Mill creek, following the action of Circuit Judge Hiram J. Johnson, who issued warrants for the arrest of 200 residents of the mountain territory. All persons in the Mill creek territory over 12 years of age will be taken into custody by the posse in Judge Johnson's drive to stop lawlessness.

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ITALY SMOOTHES OUT DIFFERENCES

Teutons Decide to Make No Reply, Thereby Avoiding Further Complications.

Genoa—Another crisis in the economic conference was passed when the German delegation announced after a long session of its delegates and frequent communications with the Russians and Italians that the Germans would not reply to the note of the ten powers stipulating that the signatories "expressly reserve for their governments the right to declare null and void any clause in the Russo-German treaty which may be recognized as contrary to existing treaties."

The Germans also decided to settle by private negotiations the differences between M. Barthau, head of the French delegation, and the German chancellor, Dr. Wirth, which arose through M. Barthau's written charge that the Germans had made untrue statements.

Italians Smooth Differences.

Premier Facta and Foreign Minister Schanzer, of the Italian delegation, are believed to have been responsible for this peaceful settlement of what threatened to be a hopeless barrier to real progress in the conferences on economic and financial work.

A member of the German delegation said that the Allies had their "famine" in a note to satisfy the French, and that the Germans had decided that they would not encourage a battle of notes but would remain silent and let the conference proceed with its useful work, in the hope that the economic situation in Europe might be bettered.

HALTED BY 3 PER CENT LAW

Only Small Fraction of Allotted Number Entered Country.

Washington—As a result of the restriction of immigration by the three per cent law, which is to be extended for another year at least, and of the continued departure of aliens, the increase of the population of the United States by immigration has been practically halted.

Mr. Brent also disclosed that it was the War department's plan to make a final tender of the barges to Mr. Goltra on April 30. Most of the barges, the witness said, have been ready for months under the lease, which Mr. Brent said, was signed by Newton D. Baker on the day he retired from office as secretary of war. The lease, it was further declared, allows Mr. Goltra with his privately operated but government owned boats to enter into competition with the government owned and operated line from St. Louis to New Orleans as well as from St. Louis to St. Paul.

Cargo on the Mississippi line, which in 1920 totalled 160,000 tons, increased to 432,000 tons last year, Mr. Brent said, adding the indications were that 700,000 tons would be hauled this year.

RECORDS WILL BE SMASHED

A Complete Ford Car To Be Built In 6½ Seconds.

Detroit—All previous production records of the Ford Motor company will be smashed in the month of May with 120,000 cars scheduled, the office of Edsel Ford, president, announced, following a conference of executives. Employment of 5,000 to 10,000 more men is planned.

This schedule means a new car will be made every 6½ seconds for the 27 eighth hour work days.

The highest previous production record was last August, when 40,000 employees turned out 109,000 cars. Payroll figures show that there are now 27,000 workers at the Highland Park plant, employed five days a week.

Must Attend School.

Sacramento—Married women under the age of 18 cannot escape the provisions of the compulsory part time school law, it was held by Dr. Edwin E. Snyder, state commissioner of vocational education. The ruling was the outgrowth of a situation said to prevail in Santa Rosa. Those who evade the provisions are likely to be investigated by the truant officers, and the husbands of such a minor married woman would be held liable for failure to enforce the provisions, Dr. Snyder said.

To Spend Summer Abroad.

New York—John McCormack, famous Irish tenor, who recently was reported near death from a throat infection, will sail for London, May 2, it was announced. He will spend the summer in England and Ireland recuperating. All his engagements in America have been canceled.

Crop About Half Sown.

Miller, S. D.—It is estimated the small grain crop of the Miller district now is about half sown and that all the farms will be through with their seeding operations not later than May 1. About 10 per cent more wheat has been sown than last year, while the corn acreage will be about the same as last year.

Violated Immigration Laws.

Winnipeg, Can.—Christopher P. O'Kelly, Jr., who is reported to have been taken into custody in Minneapolis for a violation of immigration laws, won the Victoria cross while in the air service during the World war.

Meteor Frightens Residents.

Asbury Park, N. J. A meteor, discharging odorous gasses, flashed through space to the south of this place, disappeared in a thunderous roar and frightened residents of many coast towns.

Signs Hospital Bill.

Washington—President Harding signed the Langley bill authorizing an additional appropriation of \$17,000,000 for hospital facilities for disabled former service men.

Washington—Blockade of Mexico and seizure of Mexican ports until American claims for damage to life and property in Mexico have been compensated was advocated in the Senate by Senator King, Democrat, Utah, in a lengthy address on the Mexican situation.

CREDIT PLANNED FOR FARMERS

Government May Establish System Independent of Reserve or Land Banks.

Washington—President Harding's recommendation to congress of legislation providing farmers with credit facilities as favorable as those enjoyed by commerce and industry may lead to the establishment of a rural credits system entirely independent of either the federal reserve system or the federal land banks.

A new chain of banks which would be linked up with a central corporation at Washington to take the place of the war finance corporation is proposed. The system would be designed to furnish credits on agricultural products and livestock over periods ranging from six months to three years which are not provided through the agencies already established by federal legislation.

Independent Banking System Urged.

The additional rural credits facilities are needed as urged in the report of the joint committee of agricultural inquiry headed by Representative Sydney Anderson of Minnesota. The bill introduced by Representative Anderson in the house and by Senator I. L. Lenroot of Wisconsin for credits of this nature through the Federal Land banks is meeting with criticism. Objection is made to confusing this new type of agricultural credit with the long term loans on land which are provided by the Federal Land banks. A strong movement appears to be developing for the establishment of an entirely independent system.

Schemes for the creation of a new system are contained in a bill recently introduced in the senate by Senator F. M. Simmons of North Carolina and also in another bill which has just been perfected which was presented in the senate by Senator Peter Norbeck of South Dakota, and will be introduced in the house by Representative E. J. King of Illinois.

PUT RUSSIA ON SOUND BASIS

Trying to Put Their Own Financial Affairs in Better Shape.

Moscow—While its delegation at Genoa is trying to reach an agreement with the European powers for economic aid for Soviet Russia, the Bolshevik government is seeking to bring its financial and other affairs to a sound basis by work at home.

The all-Russian Communist party congress has been the preliminary battle field on which this internal struggle to bring order out of chaos in Russia's finances has been fought.

Against the few remaining members of the Communist party who still cling to the idea that money should be eliminated, M. Sokolnikoff, assistant to the commissar of finance, supported by the majority, carried his point that a sound monetary system for Soviet Russia can be gained only by curtailing the issue of paper money, on one hand, and by collecting taxes, to bring the money back to the government, on the other.

FARM LABOR NEEDED IN N. D.

The Supply of Experienced Farm Labor Is Scarce.

Fargo, N. D.—There is a keen demand for experienced farm labor, with practically no supply in this city, according to H. B. Fuller, secretary of the North Dakota Farm Bureau federation.

There is a demand for experienced farm labor in this state which should be attractive for many men who are seeking employment in larger cities," said Mr. Fuller. "Of course, the demand for experienced men, closes the door to some who are out of employment."

Farmers are paying \$1.50 a day, but are not paying transportation, as formerly. A few drifters are holding out for \$50 per month, but it is not expected that this figure will be reached.

Allen Strikers Denied Citizenship.

Washington—Charges that Federal Judge Orr at Pittsburgh had refused alien miners applying for naturalization their papers because they joined union forces in the national coal strike were made before the House labor committee by John Luternancik, an interpreter employed by the United Mine Workers in the Pittsburgh district.

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Forced to Rise Early.

Washington, D. C.—Vice President Coolidge, several members of the Senate and House of Representatives and many other persons prominent in public, business and social life, were among some six hundred guests of the New Willard hotel who were routed out of their beds at an early hour by a fire which swept the top floor of the 10 story graystone structure.

Innocent—Served 6 Years.

Columbus, Ohio—After serving six years in the penitentiary here for a crime he never committed, Carl Papenfuss, aged 62, was granted an unconditional pardon.

Youngstown, Ohio—For the first

time since the beginning of business depression "Help Wanted" signs are appearing on the gates of steel mills in the Youngstown district. Plant executives explained that the shortage of semiskilled labor for rolling mills has become acute.

State Summary

Passing Glimpses of Late Events in North Dakota

Shields—The Sioux are planning a big tribal celebration for July Fourth.

Williston—The Rotary club will review the Boy Scout movement here.

University—An intercollegiate tennis tournament will feature the annual high school contests here May 18 to 20.

Carrington—A law to keep heavily laden trucks off of rain-sodden roads is being agitated in Foster county.

Watford City—The Citizens State bank of Arnegard will be consolidated with the First State bank here.

Danforth—The Great Northern has been authorized to discontinue agencies here and at Deep.

Madison—The state meeting of the P. E. O. sisterhood will be held here May 29-31.

Stanton—Mercer county potato growers have perfected an organization.

Agricultural College—The annual high school track and field meets here will be May 12 and 13 this year and is expected to draw a large attendance.

Leith—Only three votes were cast against the proposition to rebuild the fine consolidated school which burned here just before Christmas.

Bismarck—The restoration of an Indian village near here as an attraction for tourists is planned by the local organization of engineers.

Bismarck—That very few plants and flowers growing in North Dakota are native to the state is disclosed in a recent botanical survey.

Fargo—State tennis activities center here this year, as the state title event, the Red River valley tournament, and the Northern Great Plains tournament all will be played here.

Casselton—Elaborate preparations are being made for the entertainment here of the 38th annual convention of the North Dakota Firemen's association June 13-15.

Coteau—Sale of three carloads of King potatoes, all grown on a 10-acre field and all hand-picked, at 92 cents per hundred, brought a local farmer a nice profit.

Langdon—The Cavalier County Memorial hospital, authorized by a popular vote two years ago, likely will be pushed through to completion next year.

Valley City—A tree will be planted for every local soldier who has died within the last year, funds being raised by the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Legion by the sale of poppies. This custom was inaugurated last year.

Watford City—Whether the proposed federal-state highway for McKenzie county run east and west from Chariton to Alexander or north and south from Trotters to Williston, is a matter of keen debate.

Agricultural College—Motion picture projection by daylight has been perfected here, the pictures being projected onto a translucent screen from the rear, spectators viewing them through the screen.

Seulah—Suit brought against him for alleged advances made to another man's wife caused the mental unbalance of a prominent local merchant and he was committed to the state hospital.

Crosby—All the school children in Divide county are eligible for competition in an essay contest promoted by the Crosby Development association. The subject is "Why Divide County Should Have More Settlers" and cash prizes are offered.

Fort Yates—Misunderstanding of the questions asked him at his trial on an assault charge, Edward Iron Eyes entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to 10 years. Later explanations disclosed the true state of affairs and the Indian defendant was paroled.

Grand Forks—One thousand of the 1,330 federal seed loans made to date have been advanced to North Dakota farmers, 329 going into Montana and 10 into South Dakota. Of the \$205,521 advanced for this purpose, \$