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## PEACE COUNCIL TO MEET TODAY

Brussels, July 1. (By the Associated Press).—The United States will be informally represented here tomorrow at the meeting of the traveling peace conference, which after having sat in the three other countries most affected by the war, will assemble here in the Palais des Academies. W. C. Boyd of Chicago, and Col. James A. Logan, the American unofficial member, will come along with the reparations commission, which will sit at the same time as the supreme council.

The Americans will give advice regarding financial problems, particularly concerning reparations to be paid by Germany, which are to be settled before the allied conference with the Germans at Spa.

M. Delaceroix, the Belgian premier, will preside over the conference.

The British premier, will be assisted by a party of experts and aides numbering 140; M. Millerand, the French premier and Marshal Foch by a party of 50; Viscount Chinda of Japan by 12; and Count Sforza, the Italian foreign minister, by ten.

The first question on the program for the conference will be report of financial experts and leading members of reparations committee on the division of the reparations among the remains to be fixed by the supreme council. It is understood that a reply to the Turkish peace terms note will be taken up and that the Russian situation will be discussed.

King Albert will give a banquet for the leading delegates at the palace. Burgomaster Max will receive all the delegates at the city hall, and Brussels is preparing to honor the United States particularly by a special celebration of independence day of Saturday.

London, July 1.—A dispatch to the London Times from Brussels describing the allied missions for tomorrow's conference announces the arrival of "small unofficial American delegation of technical experts."

## BIG REWARD OFFERED FOR EXPRESS ROBBER

Augusta, Ga., July 1.—A reward of \$1,000 was offered this afternoon by the American Express company for the apprehension or for evidence sufficient to convict the bandits who yesterday morning on the outskirts of Augusta looted the express car of the Charleston & Western Carolina railroad of \$59,725 that was being transferred from Atlanta to Parris Island to meet the semi-monthly payroll of the marines stationed there. No arrests have been made. The lone bandit who bound and gagged the messenger and guard and threw from the train the safe containing the money and his accomplice or accomplices who, the evidence shows, were waiting with an automobile outside, have so far escaped the nets set for them. A half dozen express company detectives, aided by local city and county officials are working on the case.

## UNION ROUTE 2.

Little Simpson Young had a birthday party last Saturday evening. The little children certainly did enjoy themselves. Ice cream and cake was served.

We have preaching every day at 12:40 down at the Excelsior Knitting Mill. If it is a short sermon is sure is fine.

Remember God is watching you, For whether wrong or right No child in all this busy world Is ever out of sight. He who blessed the little ones, Is marking all you do; Then let each word and thought and deed Honest, brave and true." George Washington.

Miss Lunette Kirby will leave tomorrow for a visit to friends in Raleigh, N. C.

Mrs. Herman Wray (Aurelia Gallman) who has been the guest of friends in Union will leave tomorrow morning for a mountain trip by motor.

Mrs. Ben E. Wilson of Sumter will arrive tomorrow afternoon to join her husband and make this their home.

Mrs. C. E. House of Sedalia was among the shoppers in the city this week.

Miss Anne Tinsley has returned from a fortnight's visit to New York city and other points of interest. Miss Tinsley joined a party of friends for this sight seeing tour.

## SEEK LEADER TO OPPOSE M'ADOO

San Francisco, July 1.—The attempt at a combination against the nomination of W. G. McAdoo was still being carried on when the convention went into its night session, but it was still without any definite result. Lack of headway was ascribed to the absence of central control and to the feeling among many of those importuned to join that it was really directed against President Wilson rather than wholly at movement against McAdoo. That feeling, its managers agreed, was its weakness.

Another real difficulty was that many of the supporters of candidates have enthusiastic followings, chiefly Palmer and Cox, argued that they should not be asked to desert their candidates until it had been developed whether they can gain strength. In these camps were scattering delegates who preferred McAdoo to any dark horse. The promoters of the attempted combination against McAdoo were proceeding desultorily and one after another they continued to bring forward such names as Former Speaker Clark, Vice President Marshall, Homer S. Cummings, Broinbridge Colby, and even William Jennings Bryan.

Clearly and admittedly there was no name about which they could rally. The Cox and Palmer leaders laughed at the idea of "swapping off" at so early a stage and asserted it had not been demonstrated that Mr. McAdoo commanded a place in the running to cause them to fear him—it was with them plainly a case of waiting to be shown.

While the real leaders were dealing with the platform discussion, those who for one reason or another opposed McAdoo, Palmer and Cox kept up their informal conferences.

Many contended that a few ballots would easily show the impossibility of nominating either Palmer or Cox and the bitterest administration opponents warned delay in effecting a program which might bring them to the issue at a time too late to defeat McAdoo.

## UNION HOSPITAL REOPENS

After a month's vacation the Union Hospital opened yesterday for work. Miss Mayme Darby, the superintendent, spent the month with relatives in Lowryville, and returned to the city yesterday to begin her duties.

Another Cotton Bloom  
Reuben Rice of Sardis sent us a cotton bloom and C. F. Gregory of Cross Keys sent another in the same mail.  
We are coming.

## CLUB MEETING

The Midway club will meet Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Jo Holcomb. Miss Irene Eison, who is a member of this club will give an account of the work done at the short course at Winthrop College.

The Sardis club for Women and Girls will meet at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at the school house and interesting demonstrations will be given.  
Mahala J. Smith,  
County Agent.

## SERVICES AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The communion services will be celebrated at the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and preparatory service held this evening at 8:30 o'clock. Every member of the church is invited to be present.

## HARDEST WORK AHEAD OF BIG CONVENTION

(By The Associated Press)

San Francisco, July 2.—A day behind schedule and the hardest of most important work is still ahead. The convention resumed work today at 10 o'clock to hear the report of the platform committee and face the inevitable floor fight over prohibition as well as the fight over the league of nations and the Irish question. Efforts to compose the differences over the wet and dry issue in the platform committee failed after hours of argument and announced finally that all proposals will be brought to the open floor of the convention. Under the program agreed upon, Bryan will present his side in a speech limited to 30 minutes, and Secretary of State Colby will present the committee managers' side in another 30 minutes. The arrangement, however, does not confine the discussion to one hour, for anyone recognized by the chairman can speak for 30 minutes. The convention today faced the possibility of the program that might carry it far into the night session after probably a brief recess for dinner. Whether the floor battles will be ended in time to take up balloting for a nominee before the convention will have to quit from sheer exhaustion was the question.

San Francisco, July 2.—The resolutions committee draft on the platform was laid before the convention today for adoption. Conflict in the convention is regarded as certain. The Irish sympathizers among delegates served notice that they would seek to have that plank rewritten to include a declaration for diplomatic recognition of the Irish republic. Decisively defeated in efforts to enforce a dry declaration into the committee structure, Bryan announced the purpose of renewing the battle on the floor. He also had several amendments.

## CONVENTION STRUGGLE IN PROHIBITION PLANK

San Francisco, July 1.—Furious warfare over the prohibition plank began late today in the platform committee of the Democratic national convention with every prospect that it would be carried later to the convention floor no matter what the committee finally should decide.

While the convention waited for the committee's work to be completed, wets and dries were locked in a struggle which some members thought it might take hours to terminate.

Leaving the subject until last because it was the most troublesome of all, the committee had made its decisions on the Irish question and the league of nations and had cleared away all of the lesser controversies delaying its report.

But so long as prohibition remained in dispute, committee members agreed that their troubles were far from over.

Aside from the wet and dry issue, the biggest fight of the day was centered in the Irish plank. Overruling its subcommittee the committee threw out the administration plank proposing to leave the Irish problems to the league of nations and adopted in its stead a declaration of sympathy and a pledge to take whatever diplomatic action would be in consonance with international comity.

In making their decision, the platform makers also rejected by a two to one vote the plank proposed by organized Irish sympathizers and backed by a caucus of about 200 convention delegates for diplomatic recognition of the Irish republic.

At the same time in an adjoining room the caucus laid plans for carrying its fight to the convention floor. But while prospects for floor fights on prohibition and the Irish problem were increasing, all likelihood that the league of nations also would be a subject of open hostilities virtually disappeared. The word was passed around that most of the administration chiefs here were content to let the league plank stand as it was when it emerged from last night's stormy committee meeting.

The reference to reservations, added at the instance of anti-administration leaders, was not inconsistent with the stand taken by President Wilson, his managers here believed, nor in conflict with the party's record.

None of the administration spokesmen on the ground would make a public statement of their views, but it was

learned that they were inclined to regard the modified language of the plank as acceptable. Chairman Cummings of the national committee said that so far as he knew no word had been received on the subject from President Wilson and he believed the president was willing to leave it in the hands of his friends here.

Whether W. J. Bryan would be satisfied to let the committee's decision stand without a floor fight was not revealed. He had advocated a declaration for immediate ratification with compromise reservations, but in committee last night he voted for the Walsh amendment with the explanation that while it did not entirely cover his views, it would be an improvement on the subcommittee draft.

Among the other planks completed during the day was that relating to woman suffrage, the committee after a long argument following the advice of the subcommittee by approving an appeal to Democratic officials in Tennessee, North Carolina and Florida for quick action on the suffrage amendment.

On the prohibition issue the subcommittee made no recommendation at all, and many members of the committee were for steering some middle course in the final platform draft. A dozen or more of proposed declarations, ranging from ultra wet to ultra dry, were brought into the controversy, however, and the whole scale of wet and dry arguments as rehearsed as the debate progressed.

William J. Bryan was the supreme chief of the dries. He told the committee bluntly that unless there was a positive declaration for preservation of the present prohibition laws he would not hesitate to appeal his case to the convention itself. The wets, who suggested anything from a wine and beer plank to a blanket personal liberty declaration, showed an equal determination to fight it out before the party's final court of resort.

To make certain that the committee's disagreements should be kept in absolute confidence, Senator Glass of Virginia, the chairman, banished newspaper men and speculators to further and further bounds as the day progressed, throwing a cordon of police across hallways and other approaches to the committee room. He also enjoined all members to strict secrecy regarding subjects discussed and action taken.

Miss Polly Bennett of Charleston, W. Va., will arrive tomorrow evening to spend a month with relatives.

Miss Irene McDow left yesterday afternoon for Santuc to spend some time with her sister, Mrs. L. B. Jeter.

## NO PLATFORM YET IN SIGHT

San Francisco, July 1.—Shortly after 11 o'clock the committee voted 39 to 11 to reject a light wines and beer plank. William J. Bryan had not talked on his bone dry plank up to that time. The action narrowed the fight down to two points, whether the platform would contain a provision for rigid enforcement or remain silent entirely on the prohibition question.

Auditorium, San Francisco, July 1.—After a futile night session given over principally to waiting for the wet and dry fight to come off, the Democratic national convention finally found the platform committee unable to report and without prospects of making a report before tomorrow. It adjourned at 10:20 o'clock until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. While the convention marked time down in the big hall, tucked away in one corner of the big building the platform continued its effort to harmonize its report. After practically closing up the question once, the committee decided to give William Jennings Bryan another opportunity to present a prohibition plank.

Apparently Mr. Bryan made such headway with all his arguments that the committee, which it was once thought would soon make its report with a majority determined to leave the prohibition issue out of the document, found itself unable to make a report at all.

Permanent Chairman Robinson had a conference with Senator Glass of the resolutions committee, and it was finally announced that there was little prospect of the committee being ready to make its report before tomorrow.

Amid yells of disappointment from a record breaking crowd, which called for "Bryan, Bryan, Bryan," and "We want to hear Bryan," the convention adjourned until tomorrow morning.

The resolutions committee, unable to settle the prohibition issue, had finally decided to let it come to the floor, an agreed on program which provided for one speaker on each side. William J. Bryan, of course, was to speak for a prohibition plank and Bainbridge Colby, secretary of state, and an administration leader, was to take the other side of the argument.

## DEADLOCK FEARED

San Francisco, July 2.—The delay of the platform committee's report caused a hundred delegates to become impatient and many more ready to support a move to shorten the session on report. They fear a deadlock in balloting and don't want the convention to run beyond tomorrow. Voting for the nominee begins immediately after the platform adoption unless a recess intervenes. There was talk of taking one or two ballots so as to get a lineup of delegates, then take a recess in order to allow the various managers to plan for the final drive.

## FORECAST OF COTTON CROP

Washington, July 2.—The department of agriculture forecasts the cotton crop of 1920 at 11,450,000 bales.

## BUFFALO

Rev. Jerome Morris filled his appointment at Putnam Baptist church Sunday afternoon and preached a fine sermon. The congregation and community feel very reluctant to give him up, but wish him success in the new work he is undertaking.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Brewington and family, of Clinton, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. M. O'Shields.

Misses Coleen, Vera, and Broadus West spent a while with Sam West Sunday.

I heard someone say that Moxey ought to be a preacher for he likes good things to eat so well; he is always writing about good eats.

The church at Putnam is to be repainted and the committee is already at work on the plans. Get your pocket-books ready, for the Lord loveth a cheerful giver. A committee has also been appointed to clean off the graveyard and before long we will have things looking ship shape.

Obedience.

Miss Louise Glascock, of Catawba will arrive shortly for a visit to Miss Ruth Vaughan on Route 3.

Mrs. Aaron Smith (Emma Krasnoff) left today for her home in New York city after a month's visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Krasnoff on South Mountain street.

## ILLEGAL MONEY

Budapest, July 1.—The government announces that the illegal money issued by the Bela Kuhn government amounted to 3,719,000,000 crowns.

## SHARP WARNING FROM BENSON

Washington, July 1. (By the Associated Press).—Warning foreign interest not to attempt interference with the development of the American merchant marine Chairman Benson of the shipping board declared today that the board was determined to build up an American merchant marine as contemplated by the Jones shipping act, despite threats and propaganda by such interest to defeat the law.

"The United States," said Admiral Benson, "in earnest in its efforts to place within ownership of United States citizens control of at least part of its traffic in imports and exports. If it should by any possible means be held that the departments of the government lack such authority as will insure their being able to protect American interests in such control additional authority will be asked by the administration and undoubtedly be granted by congress.

"Foreign carriers and those in the United States interested more in foreign than American institutions will do well to 'let sleeping dogs lie.'"

Admiral Benson's warning was sounded in a talk to representatives of Pacific coast chambers of commerce and trade bodies and American rail roads who have been disturbed by threats of foreign carriers to divert business from American ports on the Pacific coast because of the section of the merchant marine act permitting a preferential rate over carriers with the United States on merchandise moving in export and import in American vessels. Such a threat the chairman said is "futile and idle."

"If such a threat is sincere and the attempt is made to so divert the business," Admiral Benson continued, "the shipping board will allocate American ships to move the business. The shipping board and the interstate commerce commission will follow this action by other steps which would further protect interests of United States against such foreign efforts to defeat the purpose of the merchant marine act.

"Nothing could more surely bring about the enforcement of this section of the law than adoption by foreign carriers of their threat to divert business from American ports."

## COLERAIN DOTS

As I have been absent for a while, I will try to write a few lines to the dear Times. I think it is the best paper I have ever yet seen.

The farmers are almost up with their work in this community, and every one seems to have a very good crop. But very few ever thank their Master for what He does give them.

Wonder when Moxey is coming out on this route again?

Mr. W. H. Harrison, who is better known as Uncle Bill, doesn't seem to be very much improved.

Misses Martha and Carrie Johnson were visiting Miss Nellie Smith Sunday.

Mrs. J. Tucker and little son, Calie, were visiting at the home of Mr. Kit Whitehead's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Banks and children were visiting their parents Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Ponder and also Mr. Joe Wicks were visiting at Mr. Ponder's.

Little Miss Arrie Sumner spent Friday with her uncle, Mr. H. F. Whitehead.

Curly Head.

## SOMETHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

There is an old saying "there is nothing new under the sun" that the Times reporter wishes to dispute. In talking to three ladies who had been guests at a recent wedding, not one of the three could tell what kind of dress the bride wore, nor whether she had on a hat or not and did not know whether she carried flowers or not. Isn't that something new under the sun?

It is true, and though a bit startling and very much out the ordinary it happened and the Times reporter can prove it.

## THREE YOUNG WOMEN KILLED BY TRAIN

Tuscaloosa, Ala., June 30.—Three young women are dead and three seriously injured here today as the result of a collision last night between the automobile in which they were riding and a Louisville & Nashville passenger train. The dead are: Gertrude Yerby, Hazel Thomas and Birch Dolling. The injured:

Kathleen and Rudora Yerby and Miss K. Thomas.

Miss Gertrude Yerby was killed outright and the Misses Thomas and Dolling died during the night. No other deaths are expected.