

Crgy of Outrage and Destruction Reaches English Cities; Fifteen Warehouses Fired

SPEAKERS AVOID FRANCE-BELGIUM MILITARY PLANS IN LEAGUE MEET

Editorial Observer Says Counsel and Courage of America Is Vital Need of League Assembly.

SMALL STATES TIMID ON DELICATE POINTS

General Desire of Minor Nations to Avoid Possibility of Rupture; U. S. Could Balance Assembly.

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GENEVA, Switzerland, Nov. 28.—This first league assembly has representatives from most of the civilized world; great statesmen, orators, technical advisers, and in fact everything except what the United States can exclusively give—council of one great world power which has no entangling alliances, is not hedged in by neighboring jealous states and not confronted by inherited centuries-old racial hatreds.

An American, sitting on the sidelines here, finds himself constantly wishing that America were in the league, represented in the assembly by our brainiest men, implying to discussions American candor, courage, disinterestedness and even shirtless diplomacy.

Small States Timid

Big questions are being considered by the assembly that vitally affect the major powers and minor nations, making a common cause with them. Other lesser powers naturally are rather timid in calling a spade a spade. There is a general natural desire not only to avoid giving offense but anything leading to danger of rupture in the assembly.

On many big questions the United States could take the bolder step without giving offense. For instance, the big future question is going to be faithful observance of Article 18 of the covenant, providing that treaties entered into by members of the league shall be forthwith registered with the secretariat and published. Furthermore, no treaty shall be binding until registered.

This proviso, undoubtedly written in by Americans, embodies our diplomatic methods. America to Bar Secrecy

Recently France and Belgium draw up plans for military measures to meet any possible new German aggression. The terms of this treaty were not registered with the league secretariat, but they were embodied in a letter stating that the document had been agreed upon and was purely defensive.

Various assembly speakers have skirted delicately around this subject, without specifically mentioning this concrete case.

Under our constitution no such thing as a secret treaty is possible because, after the senate approves, all facts are published in full. America, it is represented in the assembly, therefore pleaded that all nations do, under the covenant, what we have always voluntarily done.

Germany Displays Diplomacy

I am able to make a connection to reveal some interesting facts. Although Germany is not in this league and not bound by Article 18, she has nevertheless cleverly made a point of registering with the secretariat all recent treaties. These include three with France about the Versailles treaty, another regarding the port of Kiel and another with Sweden regarding the 1911 treaty. Two with the League concerning reciprocal exchange of prisoners and resumption of friendly relations, two with Russia regarding repatriation of prisoners of war.

Another delicate matter the assembly is considering is the reduction of armaments. Great European powers, with heavy responsibilities in Europe, Asia and Africa, are going slow. Small nations, particularly Scandinavian, Dutch, Swiss and Czech passionately desire total disarmament.

Japanese Cynical

The first meeting of the assembly's commission was addressed by Wellington Koo, head of the Chinese delegation while the Japanese sat cynically looking on. It was like a hungry lion listening while a big fat lamb bleated that its own claws and fangs should be abolished.

President-Elect Harding Leaves For Washington

CRISTOBAL, Canal Zone, Nov. 28.—President-elect Warren G. Harding left this morning for the United States this afternoon on the steamer Pastores after a week's visit.

The steamer Pastores, on which completed his inspection of the Panama canal today with a visit to the fortifications at its eastern entrance and calls on several military and naval stations in the vicinity of Cristobal.

As in the examination of the defenses at the Pacific end of the canal yesterday, the president-elect took great interest in small details, asking many questions to familiarize himself with the strategic situation.

During a visit to the naval air station at Cocosolo, Mrs. Harding accepted an invitation to make a flight in a seaplane, spending 15 minutes over the Bay in one of the largest NC type planes used by the navy.

Tonight the president-elect was the guest of honor at a dinner tendered him by the merchants of Colon and Cristobal. The affair was the occasion for renewal of expressions of comity between the United States and Panama and pledges of cooperation to promote particularly the commercial value of the canal.

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Sinn Feiners Jeer British Troops



DUBLIN—Conditions in Ireland are steadily growing worse. The picture shows British troops guarding a barricade against a rush by Sinn Feiners and sympathizers. The crowd is jeering and shouting at the soldiers.

MEXICAN POLITICAL REFUGEES DECLARE LLITERACY GREATEST MENACE TO SOUTHERN REPUBLIC

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—An analysis of Mexico's problems with a program for their solution is presented in an open letter to the Mexican people being circulated in Mexico signed by nine members of a group of political refugees in the United States.

They are Manuel Carero, minister for foreign affairs and later ambassador to the United States under President Madero; Francisco B. Carbajal, former chief justice of the supreme court, and president ad interim following Victoriano Huerta; Juan B. Castalzo, banker and former senator; Toribio Esquivel Obregon, minister of finance in Huerta's cabinet; Jesus Flores Magon, minister of the interior in Madero's cabinet; Tomas MacManus, former senator; Rafael Martinez Carrillo, former senator; Miguel Buelas, former general in the federal army, and Jorge Vera Estanol, minister of education in cabinets of Porotoria Diaz and Victoriana Huerta.

Fifteen major problems, including the land and labor questions, international relations, education and all financial rehabilitation of the country are outlined.

"As a means for making real democracy effective in Mexico," the letter advocates the limiting of the ballot, federal and state to Mexican citizens not under 21 years of age who can read and write the Spanish language and have a means of livelihood. This would bar the great mass of illiterate Indians, except in municipal elections.

"Illiteracy is declared to be the greatest menace to the country, the letter asserting that sixty thousand grade schools should be established by government assistance. The Carranza policy of limiting private initiative in education is condemned.

A frank and open international policy is urged, particularly toward the United States. Treaties with the United States to settle all boundary disputes, facilitate trade and uniform railway connections are said to be immediately necessary. The letter suggests also the establishment of a mixed claim commission to take up international claims and contends that Mexicans as well as foreigners should be reimbursed for losses and damages to property.

The Carranza constitutional doctrine relating to land is condemned as "wholly unreliable" because of the need of foreign capital for development. The right of workmen to strike and collective bargaining are endorsed. The right of employers is also recognized to close their shops when not in violation of labor contracts. The eight hour law is approved in principle.

The Mexican public debt, as set forth in this document, exclusive of claims, restoration of rolling stock and properties seized from foreigners and natives, is estimated to be 1,200,000,000 pesos. This must be paid, the signers say, and the potential resources of the country are declared to be more than equal to the task. But in the reconstruction of the country the letter says, foreign capital is absolutely indispensable and every encouragement should be given for investment through private transaction and not through the government.

In this section, the Carranza policy toward foreigners and foreign capital is condemned as "inspired in hostility to everything foreign."

London Office Charges Sinn Fein Responsible For Liverpool Outbreak

Cardinal Logue Decries Dublin Assassinations

DUBLIN, Nov. 28.—Cardinal Logue, the primate of Ireland, in a pastoral letter read today in all the churches of the arch diocese denounces the murders in Ireland and declares that if a balance were struck between last Sunday's assassinations of officers and the shooting by the police in Croke Park, he believes it should be given against the forces of the crown.

The cardinal's letters scathingly arranges the methods the government is pursuing but warns the people "against any assassinations, secret or open, which would lead them into any disorder or crime."

The pastoral letter condemns in the strongest terms Sunday tragedies, declaring the belief that every man and woman in Ireland deplored and detested these "cold blooded murders," which, he says, "no object could excuse and no motive justify," adding: "The perpetrators of such crimes are not real patriots but enemies of their country."

Turning to the Croke Park affair, the cardinal says the forces of the crown were bound by their officers to protect and not to destroy the people. "The assassination of individuals is a detestable crime and a terrible outrage against God's law," he continues, "but it is a greater shock to humanity, a greater outrage where human life is protected, to turn lethal weapons against defenseless, unarmed, closely packed multitudes."

Belfast Reports Several Deaths During Clashes

BELFAST, Nov. 28.—Several casualties from clashes with the authorities here and in other parts of Ireland last night and early today. A school teacher, James M. McKeown, county Limerick, failed to respond to an order to halt given by crown forces and was shot dead last evening.

At Cappoquin, county Waterford, a constable was dangerously wounded by three armed men. In Belfast this morning a laborer returning to his home was wounded by a gunshot.

Keith Collins Is Arrested In Oklahoma Town

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Nov. 28.—Keith Collins, said by federal authorities to be wanted in connection with the robbery of a mail car near Council Bluffs, Iowa, was arrested in the home of his uncle, near Westville, Okla. The arrest was made by Postoffice Inspector Adamson, Collins put up a fight when officers attempted to arrest him.

Confesses Part In Holdup

TULSA, Okla., Nov. 28.—Keith Collins, arrested early today at Westville, Okla., confessed to a postal inspector and two United States secret service men that he was implicated in the mail robbery at Council Bluffs, Iowa, two weeks ago, according to a dispatch from the city marshal at Westville. Collins, in charge of three United States officers, tonight was on his way to Kansas City, according to reports received here.

Automobile Wreck In Denver Causes Two More Injuries

DENVER, Nov. 28.—Edward Fountain, 46, Miles D. Cottingham, 42, both of Georgetown, Colo., and John Hartman, of Denver, were injured here tonight when their automobile plunged over an embankment into the bed of Cherry creek.

Fountain is in a hospital with a skull fracture; Cottingham suffered a broken leg; Hartman was bruised and cut.

City fire departments were called to get the men out of the creek bed.

Pope Grieved At Irish Bloodshed

ROME, Nov. 28.—The pope is following with interest the development of the situation in Ireland and is deeply grieved at the daily reports of bloodshed. Learning of the arrest of Arthur Griffith and Professor MacNeill of the Sinn Fein, he inquired what the effect would be and was told by a prominent Irishman that both men exercised a moderating effect on their followers, therefore their disappearance would probably have a bad, rather than a good effect.

Postal Telegraph Employees Will Be Given More Wages

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Nov. 28.—The Postal Telegraph-Cable company will increase the wages of all regular employees (with the exception of gang foremen and their crews and messengers, both classes of which have already been provided for) up to and including district superintendents, 10 per cent on December 1, according to a message received by the Postal manager here from Edward Reynolds, vice-president and general manager, New York.

The same message carried the announcement that effective the same date the company will advance its charges 20 per cent for full rate first class commercial telegrams.

Rail Officials Demand Cash for Inaugural Train

LAREDO, Texas, Nov. 28.—The special train carrying a party headed by Governor Hobby of Texas, en route to Mexico City to attend the inauguration of President Obregon, was speeding toward the Mexican capital tonight after having been held up here last night by refusal of international & Great Northern railroad officials to accept an indemnity for a dining car and baggage car on the special train. The railroad men demanded cash and would not comply until presented a cashier's check for \$60,000.

Tumulty Offered Post On Customs Court Of Appeals

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the president, has been offered by Mr. Wilson an appointment to the customs court of appeals, but has reached no decision with regard to its acceptance. This was disclosed tonight in a statement issued by Mr. Tumulty, prompted by various published reports as to what his future plans were.

The statement also took notice of reports that Mr. Tumulty planned to enter a law partnership.

"I have made no definite plans for the future," Mr. Tumulty said. "It is true that the president has generously offered to me a judicial post made vacant by the death of Chief Justice Montgomery of the customs court of appeals. I have this matter under consideration, but have reached no decision regarding it."

Three Injured In Auto Wreck Near Grand Junction

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., Nov. 28.—Three persons were injured when an automobile in which they were riding skidded and overturned six miles from here on the Delta road today.

They were: Luke Meyer, 25, of Delta, driver; Bertice, his sister; Ruth Farmer, telegraph operator at Eagle. They were brought to a hospital here. Meyer received a broken shoulder and scalp wounds. His sister suffered chest injuries. Miss Farmer was severely bruised.

Incendiary Fire Destroys Block In City of Cork

CORK, Nov. 28.—In addition to incendiary fires Saturday night, an extensive block of buildings in St. Patrick's street, was destroyed, causing damage estimated at \$500,000. The buildings destroyed included the blackthorn house, which had been twice previously bombed and partially wrecked. The fire started in this structure and eventually involved stores on each side.

The fire broke out at 1 a. m. and burned fiercely until break of day.

Influenza Causes Death of Frisco Chief of Police

SAO FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—Chief of Police D. A. White died here early today from influenza and complications after an illness of 10 days.

He had held the position of chief for nine years continuously, longer than any other appointee.

Calexico Visited By \$75,000 Fire

CALEXICO, Cal., Nov. 28.—Fire starting early this morning in the rear of a second-hand store on Imperial avenue here spread rapidly and destroyed property estimated to have been worth \$75,000.

The fire department from Mexicali, Mexico, came across the boundary and assisted in quenching the flames. Help was also sent by the El Centro fire department, but by the time this apparatus had run the intervening 15 miles the fire was under control.