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LLOYDGEORGE STILL HOPES FOR U.S. AID

American Reply Believed in Genoa, is Not Final Word

CORRESPONDENCE MAY BE CONTINUED

State Department Says That The Hague Conference Would be Merely Continuation of Ill-Fated Genoa Affair.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 16.—The American note of yesterday declining participation in the proposed meeting at The Hague next month for discussion of Russian conditions was intended to leave the door open for another conversation, it was said at the White House today.

GENOA, May 16.—Lloyd George does not feel, it was indicated today, that American refusal to participate in The Hague meeting on Russian affairs announced last night at Washington, is the final word, as the American note indicated that there is great American interest in Russia's economic reconstruction.

The reply is regarded as forming the basis of further correspondence and the opinion is generally expressed that American absence might kill that meeting.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The state department made public Monday night the text of a message to Ambassador Child at Genoa, declining the invitation to participate in the new European economic conference at The Hague.

Can't Give Aid Now.
"This government," the American communication said, "is unable to conclude that it can helpfully participate in the meeting at The Hague, as this would appear to be the continuance under a different nomenclature of the Genoa conference and destined to encounter the same difficulties if the attitude disclosed in the Russian memorandum of May 11 remains unchanged."

The inescapable and ultimate question, the American note said, "would appear to be the restoration of productivity in Russia, the essential conditions of which are still to be secured and must, in the nature of things, be provided within Russia herself."

Too Indefinite.
In conclusion the American communication renewed the offer to "give serious attention" to "any proposals issued from a Genoa conference or any later conference," but added that the suggestions for this meeting at The Hague, in view of the Russian memorandum of May 11, lacked the "definiteness which would make possible the concurrence of this government in the proposed plan."

LOCKER ROOMS ARE COMPLETED

The new business men's locker room in the basement of the Y. M. C. A., adjacent to the swimming tank, are now complete and ready for use. They are open only to the business men during the day and to the women at night, thus insuring absolute privacy.

The room contains three private showers equipped with dressing room and a number of private lockers. The color scheme is cheerful, being white enamel, buff, dark green and wood-work stained brown. The buff walls against a dark green floor make a very bright contrast.

The business man may come in any time during the day, receive his key to the locker rooms and his private locker and take a shower or use the swimming tank with absolute privacy.

Indicted



Among eight indicted at Chicago in connection with outbreaks in which two policemen were killed and buildings bombed are "Big Tim" Murphy (above), head of the gas workers' union; Fred Mader (center), president of the Chicago Building Trades Council; and "Con" Shea, head of the theater janitors' union.

Gas Well Blows Out Big Crater

(By Associated Press)
EL DORADO, Ark., May 16.—A crater 200 feet across was blown out early today at the Wild Murphy gas well, 10 miles north of El Dorado. Gas from it and other craters in the vicinity limited. Several smaller craters fired last night within a radius of 200 yards but it is estimated that the main well is making over 75,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily. It did not catch fire until the huge crater was blown out today.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON SUNDAY

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered to the Senior graduating class at the high school auditorium Sunday evening at eight o'clock by Rev. Joe W. Gunn, pastor of St. Peter's Episcopal church.

The commencement day exercises will be held at the high school auditorium on the evening of Friday, May 26, with President Prince Campbell, of the University of Oregon, delivering the address.

Liquor Destined For Movie Colony Gets Into Law's Hands

Police Intercept Smugglers Operating Launch and Trucks—One Man Believed Dead.

(By Associated Press)
LONG BEACH, Calif., May 16.—One man was shot and believed drowned and four arrested and a launch and two trucks, together with 192 cases of liquor, were seized here early today following a battle between police and liquor smugglers at the harbor. The trucks are said by the police to have been engaged by a motion picture company and the police assert that the contraband was intended for Hollywood.

COTTON YIELD BIG.
(By Associated Press)
ASUNCION, May 16.—The cotton crop in Paraguay this year is estimated at 4,410 bales. Seed imported from the United States is found to be giving a yield nearly 50 per cent greater than the native seed.

SINNOTT IS APPRECIATED BY FARMERS

Editor of Organ of National Farmers' Union Thanks Congressman for his Work in Behalf of Agriculture.

(Special to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—Representative Nick Sinnott of Oregon was given warm praise for his services to the American farmers in a voluntary letter received by him today from Jacob H. Taylor, Editor, National Farmers Magazine, the official publication of the Farmers Union of America.

The purpose of the letter was to thank Representative Sinnott for his "prompt and effective attention to the matter of extension of the War Finance Corporation."

"I want to thank you for your prompt and effective attention to the matter of extension of the War Finance Corporation which we discussed with you. It is most gratifying to know of your thorough interest as well as your decided stand in behalf of continuing this source of finance service to American farmers until a permanent plan can be worked out. Your past service in behalf of the agricultural interests has been so dependable as to leave us with the assurance that you would be both interested and active in this important matter."

"I might suggest that the bill introduced by Senator Norbeck and Congressman King, a joint measure drawn with the sympathy and co-operation of the National Farmers Union, will serve to meet the finance and credit service of agriculture and which passed will relieve the need for the War Finance Corporation. I know what your attitude will be on this matter and I am sure that you will command both you and your constituents on your being in such influential position and so dependable for the good of the American farmer that you can and will render invaluable service in this important matter."

UPHOLD EIGHT-HOUR DAY

PORTLAND, May 16.—Definition action reaffirming its position upholding the eight-hour day was taken by the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen's board of trustees today. They imposed a fine of \$250 upon the Wheeler Lumber company, operating at Wheeler, Oregon, on conviction of having worked its employees nine hours in violation of the legion's eight-hour standard.

WILL TRY TO STOP HIGHER COAL PRICES

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 16.—Steps were being taken this morning to forestall the tendency toward rising prices of bituminous coal at the mines. It was said at the White House today, Secretary of Commerce Hoover has the manner of investigation and action in charge.

MAKING A HIGH GRADE PRODUCT

The Union Cheese company has begun operations again under the management of L. C. Haynes, and the demand for the product of the factory is very pleasing to those who are behind the enterprise.

Today Mr. Haynes was in La Grande with samples of the cheese the Union factory is making and it was generally agreed by all the merchants that it was first-class in every respect.

Held in \$500,000 Bond Theft



While looking passage for Europe, Mrs. Bertha Vandenboom, concert singer, and her husband, John (below) were seized in connection with a \$500,000 bond theft from the Chase National Bank, New York. Arthur W. Chase (above) former employee of the bank, also is held.

Four Sentenced In Salt Lake

SALT LAKE CITY, May 16.—Matthew McBlain Thomas, Dominic Bergers, Thomas, Perro and Hobart Jamieson, officers of the American Masonic federation, were convicted by federal court late yesterday on a charge of using the mails to defraud in connection with securing memberships for their organization. They were sentenced today to two years in prison and fined \$5,000 each. Commitment was deferred pending appeal.

Box Factory Employee Mangles Arm While At Work Yesterday

Ted Hansen Loses Part of Arm as Result of Getting Caught In Rollers.

Ted Hansen, an employee of the Union Box Company, while at work yesterday afternoon accidentally had his arm caught in the rollers and before the machinery could be stopped his lower arm was crushed and mangled nearly to the elbow. The roller was large enough to take a three-quarter inch board and his arm was crushed so badly that amputation just below the elbow was the only resort.

He was taken to the Grande Ronde Hospital about three o'clock, immediately after the accident, and the arm was taken off. He is getting along nicely today and indications are that the injured member will heal rapidly.

WEALTHY MAN ACCUSED OF FIRING HOME

Wisconsin Manufacturer Faces Serious Charges When Wife Tries to Collect \$65,000 Insurance.

(By Associated Press)
SUPERIOR, Wis., May 16.—Editor of Eau Claire, placed a man named in his summer cottage on the shore of Lake Nobagamon, near here a year ago, fired the structure and eloped with Dorothy Anderson, his stenographer, according to charges of detectives of insurance companies used by Mrs. Sallstead for \$65,000 insurance.

Death of Servian Worker Occurred Suddenly in Camp

The remains of Paul Armatas, a Servian, aged 32, were brought from Vincent in Wallawa county last night. He died suddenly in Camp 11 near Vincent. The coroner of Wallawa county investigated and found the death due to natural causes. Funeral arrangements have not been made. The body is at the Bohlenkamp Chapel.

CHANGES PLEA TO 'GUILTY'

Frank Gonzales, a Mexican living near Summerville, who was arrested last week by the sheriff on a charge of manufacturing liquor, changed his plea of not guilty to guilty this morning at ten o'clock, the time set for his trial. Justice Arthur E. Williams fined him \$250.

ROADS IN GOOD CONDITION NOW

The roads in Union, Wallawa, Baker and Umatilla counties are all in good shape, according to the division engineer's office of the state highway commission, with the exception of the section between Pendleton and La Grande. It is now possible to come from Pendleton to La Grande in light cars, but a heavy car will mire in the mud and have to be hauled out. On Sunday eleven cars made the trip.

In Union county the roads are all dry and are in good shape. In some sections the roads are somewhat rough but at no place are they in such condition as to discourage traffic.

The road between La Grande and Wallawa is in better shape than ever before and the remainder of the La Grande-Joseph highway is in good shape for travel.

Parcel Rates May Increase

(Special to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, May 16.—Postmaster General Wood announced today that in view of the "fact that the cost of handling parcel post necessitates a corresponding advance in parcel post rates," he was writing a large number of parcel post users to get their views on the proposed charges, including a proposal to fix a service charge of one or two cents on each parcel mailed and to readjust all rates by weight and zone.

"HUNTED" TO DEATH

VIENNA — August Kollman reported to the police that he was "hunted" everywhere. They laughed at him, so he committed suicide in the police station.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, May 16.—The Bethlehem-Lackawanna steel merger was ratified today by the directors of both companies after the Lackawanna directors approved the purchase of the Lackawanna property by the Bethlehem concern.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 16.—Indian Affairs were given at the White House today that the United States would not accept Great Britain's invitation for representation on the committee to investigate atrocities by Tokyo Christian minorities in Asia Minor, as requested by the American.

IDAHO BACKS THE FIGHT ON NICK SINNOTT

Sister State Wants to Depose Sinnott From Committees

RECLAMATION MONEY WANTED BY IDAHO

With New Man in Congress From Second District of Oregon State of Idaho Would Have Easy Work in Obtaining Government Funds Which Now are Handed for Oregon Irrigation Projects.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—"What is back of the 'made in Idaho' propaganda against Nick Sinnott, reprinted at once in the Democratic East Oregonian of May 6 under acute headlines, 'Sinnott is Author of Amazing Resolutions,' and now being broadcasted over Eastern Oregon by supporters of his opponent, James Gwinn of Pendleton?" is being asked by the friends of the Oregon congressman.

"Is Idaho jealous of the increased appropriations for Oregon reclamation which Sinnott has been getting?" is another question asked.

"Has the ambition of Governor Davis of Idaho to be secretary of the interior started the barrage against Sinnott, who has been prominently mentioned as a possible successor to Secretary Fall?" they ask further.

"Why should a fuss be made about a tentative grazing bill introduced by Sinnott as chairman of the house committee on the public lands and Senator Smoot as chairman of the senate committee at the request of secretary of the interior and which has lain dormant without being considered by either committee for many months, and why should this eleven hour protest and furor come from Boise, Idaho, the home of Montie Gwinn, a brother of Sinnott's opponent?"

"Does Congressman Smith, of Idaho, who ranks next to Sinnott on the public lands committee, and would become chairman on Sinnott's defeat, and who follows him on the irrigation committee, feel that the substitution of a brand new congressman for Sinnott would silence Sinnott's objections to Idaho 'hogging' the reclamation fund and make it possible for that state again to have easy sailing in getting more than her share of the reclamation fund?"

When asked about the propaganda story, Representative Sinnott said:

"Mark how plain a tale shall put you down: That he introduced the bill as a tentative bill in the house in July, 1921, at the request of Secretary Fall; that Senator Smoot, chairman of the public lands committee of the senate introduced it there; that it is the custom for chairmen of committees to introduce tentative bills on the request of cabinet officers; that the bill has been sleeping quietly in the committee files since its introduction without any consideration, action or hearings thereon."

Provides Grazing Area.

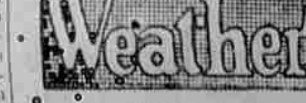
The bill covers non-timbered public lands outside of the national forests which are fit only for grazing and now under the jurisdiction of the secretary of the interior. It provides for grazing areas, taking into consideration existing grazing use now being made by citizens of the United States.

Secretary Fall requested the introduction of this bill, which the secretary termed a tentative measure, because, as he wrote, a great many bills have been introduced to add such non-timbered public lands to national forests under jurisdiction of the secretary of agriculture in order to secure regulated grazing. Secretary Fall wrote to Sinnott that the laws authorizing the creation and maintenance of national forests do not contemplate the inclusion in national forests of land valuable only for grazing, but he thought some general policy for handling and use of non-timbered public lands not suitable for reclamation farming or stock raising was advisable along the lines of the present regulated grazing within the national forests.

Favored Amendments.

Sinnott says that he introduced the bill, as requested, but suggested to

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Tonight and Wednesday fair.