

BREACH AVERTED OVER REPARATION

Allied Experts Agree to Annuities and Tax.

FRENCH CRISIS IS PASSED

Government Expected to Re-sign if Conference Failed.

INDEMNITY IS GRADUATED

Payments Will Be Increased as Germany's Prosperity Grows, Under Proposal.

PARIS, Jan. 28.—The session of the committee of experts of the allied supreme council ended at 12:30 o'clock this morning, after having reached a complete agreement on the system of annual payments of reparations by Germany and annuities on Germany's foreign trade.

It now remains only for the plenary sitting of the supreme council today (Saturday) to endorse the agreement, draw up instructions for the Brussels experts and fix penalties for defaults by Germany.

Premier Briand declared as he came from the meeting early this morning that the conference of the supreme council would not break up without having reached a definite agreement.

The proposed scheme provides for the payment of annuities on a sliding scale of from 2,000,000,000 to 6,000,000,000 gold marks over a period of probably 42 years and also a 12 1/2 per cent ad valorem tax on German exports, so that her creditors will be paid according to Germany's increasing prosperity.

Belgium Effect Compromise.

The sudden ironing out of differences came after two days of a continually widening breach that threatened to break up the conference, it being virtually suspended except for private conferences. Official French circles give the Belgian delegation credit for the success in reconciling the British and French viewpoints.

The project in its final form, when approved by the supreme council, will be submitted to Germany for acceptance as an agreement outside of article 233 of the peace treaty, which entrusts the reparations commission with the task of fixing the amount of the indemnity. Then another conference will be called to which the Germans will be invited.

French Cabinet Confers.

Conferences between small groups of the delegates went on yesterday in an effort to clear up the tangle in the situation which had arisen. M. Briand, the French premier, after leaving the British premier, Mr. Lloyd George, consulted with his colleagues of the cabinet and later returned for another talk with Mr. Lloyd George. Meantime, Mr. Lloyd George had received the British and Belgian representatives on the special reparations committee appointed Thursday, and after some discussion these representatives returned to the session of the committee, which had been suspended during their absence. After the consultation with Mr. Lloyd George, the members of the committee seemed somewhat more hopeful.

BORING WOMAN IS SUICIDE

Mrs. Rebecca Dugger Shoots Self in Heart With Rifle.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Mrs. Rebecca Dugger, wife of Joseph Dugger, residing three miles from Boring, committed suicide by shooting herself in the heart at the family home Thursday night. Mrs. Dugger had been ill for some time, and this was believed to have been the cause of the deed.

FARM PEST TO BE GASSED

Barrage in Cotton Belt Expected to Kill Boll Weevil.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The chemical warfare service of the army, in co-operation with the department of agriculture, is preparing to lay down a barrage of poison gas in the cotton districts of the south calculated to exterminate the boll weevil. Brigadier-General Amos Frels, chief of the service, said today that experiments already conducted promised success.

15 GUARD OFFICERS QUIT

New Jersey Military Object to New State Commander.

CAMDEN, N. J., Jan. 28.—Fifteen officers of the 3d regiment of the New Jersey national guard resigned today because of the election of Howard S. Borden of Oceanic, N. J., a commission merchant, as brigadier-general in command of the entire military forces of the state.

AUSTRIAN ACTION MAY WAIT

Effort to Finance Country Through Bankers Meets Favor.

PARIS, Jan. 28.—It now is considered extremely improbable that the allied supreme council will be able to take any effective action regarding Austria at this meeting, as most of the members appointed to study the question have been busy since last evening on reparations.

ROBBER IS CAPTURED IN DOWNTOWN CHASE

LOAN OFFICE IS LOOTED BUT FUGITIVE OVERTAKEN.

CHAMBERLAIN MAY FIGHT ARMY BILL

Opposition to Proposed Cut Is Assured.

OLD CONFLICT IS RECALLED

National Defense Act Triumph of Oregon Senator.

OLD CLIQUE IN EVIDENCE

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The army appropriation bill as it was reported to the house today will encounter determined opposition both on the floor of the house and senate. If Senator Chamberlain recovers sufficiently from his illness to be in his place on the floor of the senate when the bill reaches the upper house, he will lead the opposition to a reduction in the strength of the army below 175,000.

Chairman Kahn of the military affairs committee will take a similar position in the house.

Before Senator Chamberlain was taken sick he expressed his opposition to a reduction in the strength of the army below 175,000. In his opinion the reduction to 175,000 should be only a temporary measure, made necessary by present condition of the treasury. Aside from this, for the present, it is understood that the senator believes that a temporary reduction in the regular army establishment to 175,000 would not be dangerous.

It will be recalled that in the passage of the national defense act Senator Chamberlain went to the mat with former Chairman Hay of the house committee on military affairs on the question of the strength of a peace-time regular army. Chairman Hay contended for an army of about 150,000, under what was popularly known as the Hay bill. Senator Chamberlain introduced a bill fixing the strength of the regular army establishment at approximately 235,000 in time of peace, with provision that it could be expanded in time of war to something like 600,000. This was known as the Chamberlain bill, and it was enacted into law as the national defense act.

In the fight over the measure Representative Anthony, who reported out the army appropriation bill yesterday, lined up in support of the position taken by Hay. Representative (Continued on Page 3, Column 2.)

RAILROADS TO CUT COSTS \$400,000,000

APPEAL TO PUBLIC FOR SUPPORT IS INTENDED.

BILL PROPOSES TAX ON STATE INCOMES

REVENUE MEASURE FATHERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GORDON.

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