

### FRENCH COAL ORDER IS HELD TOO STRICT

#### Demands Likened Unto Old German Domination Dream.

### HARDEN ADMITS BLUNDER

#### Tentons Must Prove That Former Government Is No Longer in Force, Says Publicist.

BY MAXIMILIAN HARDEN.  
BERLIN, May 1.—(Special Cable.)—King Cotton is fighting a battle against a desire for the conquest of his majesty, King Coal. It is a battle in which there is no bloodshed, but which may result in the peace lost for almost seven years on the old continent. It is black versus white. Which will win?

A long chain of German blunders—want of sincerity, psychology and tact—has made France believe Germany will not do all that is possible to repair war damage, will not fulfill the engagements she made when signing the treaty of Versailles and that a creditor desiring payment must send the debtor to the stocks, the obsolete debtor by the collar. Therefore, when the bill comes due the Ruhr district is to be occupied by the military and the coal and wealth there partly or entirely confiscated. Then Germany would be obliged to buy coal from the occupation commission, thereby paying her debt to the allies until the hardness of the task teaches her other means of payment.

**German Dream Revisited.**  
During the war German business men dreamed of control of the whole coal and mineral districts of Germany, France, Luxembourg and Belgium. As the dream faded, they comforted themselves with the sight and thought of the ruined mines of northern France.

Now the French business men want to realize this dream their way and at the same time to save the fatherland from ruin. If they can control the coal and iron from Meas to Ruhr and perhaps a large part of the upper Silesian product, for Poland, without capital and engineers, is dependent upon French participation, then industrially they will be the masters of Europe.

This prospect is not pleasing to the English, notwithstanding the entente cordiale. England for years has supplied France and Italy with needed coal at the high price of 6 pounds 19 shillings a ton. This price attracted coal exportation from America, Australia and even from South America, but all of this has been declining since Germany has been fulfilling her Spa engagement to turn over 2,000,000 tons of coal a month.

**English Coal Price Falls.**  
What has been the result? English coal fell to 23 shillings a ton, and afterwards all exportation to the continent stopped. The mines in Wales were closed. English unemployment increased weekly. France, already selling much surplus coal, and if she becomes master of the Ruhr-Saar district, then the English coal exports which in pre-war times amounted to 75,000,000 tons a year will be irretrievably lost and a terrible industrial crisis be inevitable, notwithstanding the agreement from soviet trade with Russia.

Therefore, British trade unions, liberals and the labor party are against the French sanctions. The coal imperialism is too strong. Prime Minister Lloyd George recognizes the danger, but he wants to keep France in good humor.

In the midst of all this king cotton comes to the aid. Four American capitalists negotiating the cotton transactions in Berlin suggested to the perplexed and irresolute government which was waiting the first of May's inevitable fate to appeal to President Harding. These four men themselves drew up the form of the appeal. It is useless to criticize here this extraordinary dice-box policy. Everyone soon will be able to judge whether the advice of this quartet was inspired by greater wisdom than Paris.

**Blunder Not Recognized.**  
It already has been said that without the aid of America it will be impossible to settle this terrible conflict. The United States, under the rule of President Harding, as under President Wilson, cannot remain indifferent to an attempt to destroy the market of Germany, a co-operating economic power.

In king cotton's kingdom there must be no ruined provinces because of the entirely comprehensible anger the reparations demands may engender. Neither sympathy nor antipathy, however, must decide. Only positive arguments, through which can be conceived the idea that one of the conflicting parties is inconceivable and therefore a danger to the world are worth while now.

Germany has failed to recognize one of her greatest blunders. It is up to Germany now to show honorably that she is no longer the Germany of Kaiser Wilhelm. Reparation of the devastated regions must not weigh upon Germany as a heavy duty, but as a heartfelt necessity. Germany must not fall into the deplorable way of bad debtors who always swear they have reached the limit of paying capacity and then, when compelled, always manage to go still further. If such tricks were avoided and if arithmetical devices were not resorted to, then a broader gulf stream of warm feeling would flow through the Atlantic and we might with confidence hope for American help in settling our home economic situation, without which help serious reparations settlements will be impossible.

### ENGLAND, FRANCE AGREE

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at Mr. Lloyd George's attitude, continued, however, to press for immediate action.

**Brind Discusses Situation.**  
M. Brind discussing the situation with the French journalists, according to the London Times, said:

"I am determined to exact that new penalties shall be launched today—that is, that the mobilization of our troops shall be decreed tomorrow."  
"If during the next eight days Germany makes proposals, we shall see if they deserve a hearing. By proposals, I imply acceptance pure and simple of the sum fixed by the reparations commission, 12,000,000,000 marks, as well as arrangement of the manner of payment."

### OCCUPATION IS OUTLINED

French Headquarters at Mayence Says Move Will Take Two Days.  
MAYENCE, April 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Plans for occupation of the Ruhr region, thus far perfect, contemplate operations covering

two days, according to French military authorities. The territory to be occupied, subject, of course, to decisions reached by the supreme council in London, will extend to a line beginning at the confluence of the Wupper and Rhine rivers, running to the northeast, skirting and taking in the towns of Solingen, Elberfeld, Barmen, Hagen and Unna. From Unna the boundary will extend northward to the Lippe river and thence in a northwesterly direction to Wesel on the Rhine.

The opinion was expressed at French military headquarters that complete mobilization of the class of 1919 would be required to effect the occupation, but it was not believed that the mobilization order would be issued until late Sunday. It was estimated by the authorities that if the order should reach the troops on May 2 they would begin to arrive on the following day at Mayence, whence they would move into the Ruhr. Actual occupation was thought unlikely before May 7.

### WASHINGTON MARKS TIME

Interest Is Manifested in Size of Reparations Demand.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1.—Officials at the state department marked time today pending final developments as to German reparations at the meeting of the supreme council. Interest was manifested, however, as to the amount of reparations it had been decided to impose as a result of the agreement reached today.

It was reiterated that the American government stands with the allied governments in holding Germany responsible to the full of her ability to pay, but any plan that will unduly restrict her economical recuperation would be considered unwise.

In case the terms arrived at are in accord with this position, it is expected that the German counter-proposals will not be forwarded from Washington.

### LONDON MEETING PASSED UP

Germany Waits for Harding's Reply to Latest Proposal.

BERLIN, May 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—The German government does not propose to get into touch with the London conference while awaiting President Harding's answer to the German proposal.

This declaration was made today by a member of the government who, in discussing the rumor that a suggestion was coming from the entente that Germany present fresh counter-proposals direct to the supreme council at London, said:

### 12,000,000,000 MARKS DUE

Reparations Commission Makes Public Note to Germany.

PARIS, May 1.—The reparations commission today made public its note to the German war reparations commission on reparations. The communication informed the German commission of the intention of the reparations commission to establish the amount of damages for which Germany owes reparation under the treaty of Versailles.

Meanwhile the reparations commission notified the war burden commission that 12,000,000,000 marks in gold are due today.

### GERMANS SEND THANKS

President Ebert Expresses Gratitude for American Supplies.

BERLIN, May 1.—Thanks of the German people for the relief afforded them through the American relief administration was expressed in a letter which President Ebert sent April 29 to Herbert Hoover as chairman of the relief administration.

"It is with regret that I learn the American relief administration has decided to cease the sale of food tickets and the distribution of food packages at the end of April," the president wrote.

### TURKS EXECUTE BANDIT

Committee of Revenge Reported Organized by Nationalists.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—Anzevdi Pasha, ex-Circassian bandit, who enlisted with the Constantinople government in opposition to the Turkish nationalists, has been executed after a court-martial at Angora.

### Realty Men to Meet

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 1.—(Special.)—Real estate men of the northwest will meet in Walla Walla May 12, 13 and 14. President Ira E. High of Boise has called the executive committee together for these dates and the Walla Walla realty board is arranging the following: "Do not give food or water to the chicks while in transit." It was also required that the chicks be kept "right side up" and that they be protected while on their travels from "cold winds, hot sun, hot pipes, stoves or radiators."

### Chickens Sent by Parcel Post

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Passenger service maintained by the postoffice for "day-old chicks" does not include dining car accommodations. Instruction to postal employees in a recent bulletin include the following: "Do not give food or water to the chicks while in transit." It was also required that the chicks be kept "right side up" and that they be protected while on their travels from "cold winds, hot sun, hot pipes, stoves or radiators."

### Several Injured by Derailing

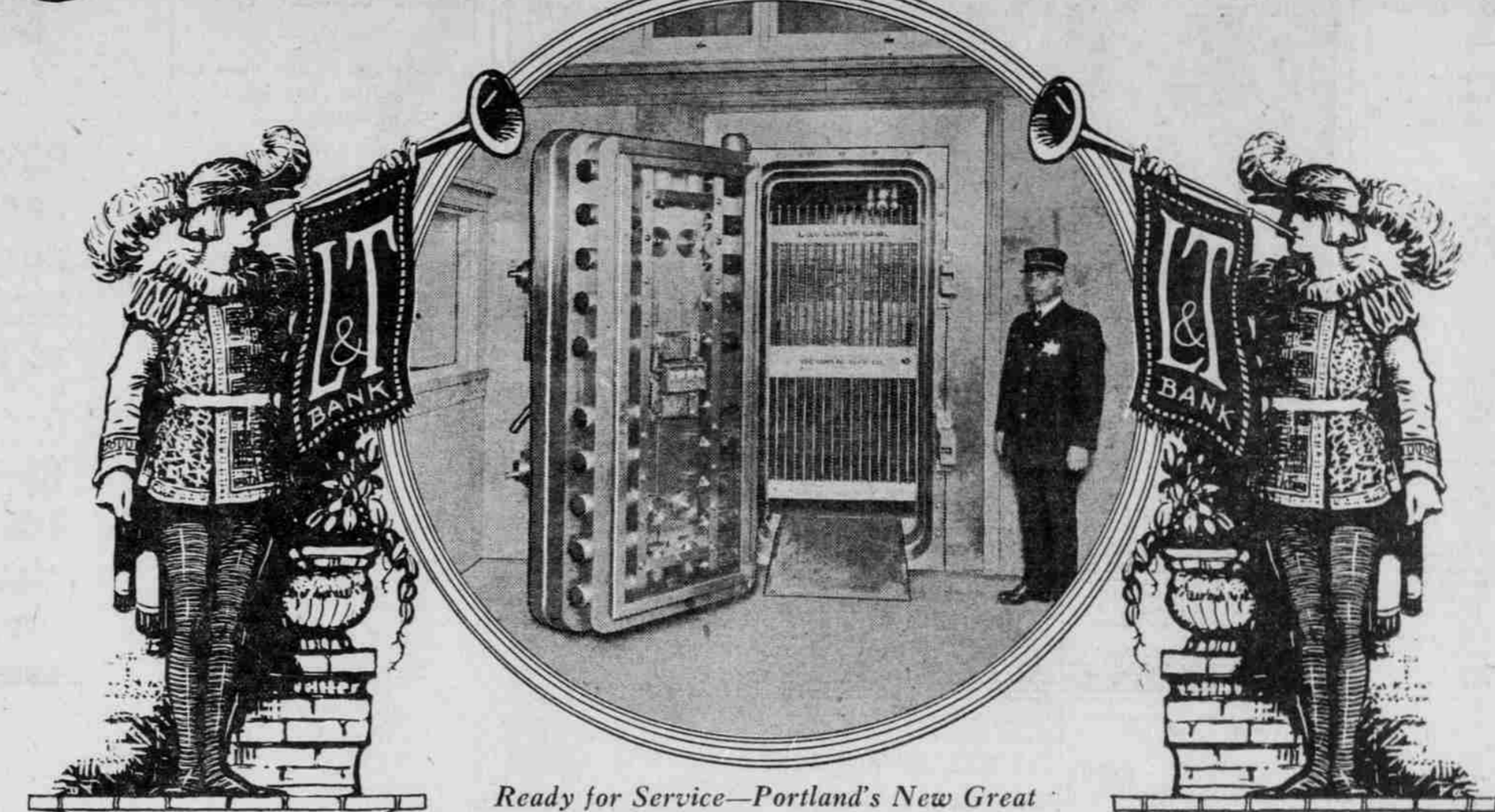
ROCKFORD, Minn., May 1.—Several persons were injured when three coaches on train No. 109, Twin Cities to Winnipeg, on the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie railroad, were derailed two miles west of here tonight. A broken rail was the cause.

### Constantine's Abdication Rumored

LONDON, May 1.—The Proodees of Athens says it learns that Premier Gounaris, after his forthcoming visit to Vienna, will proceed to London to negotiate for the abdication of King Constantine, said the Exchange Telegraph's Athens correspondent today.

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### HOUSE DEMOCRATS SCORE

AMENDMENT REDUCING ARMY IS PUT THROUGH.

Proposal for Force of Only 150,000, However, May Not Stand; Vote Was 109 to 82.

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### Power Line Planned

YAKIMA, Wash., May 1.—(Special.)—Residents of Naches heights and other adjacent sections of the Tieton project plan erection of a transmission line for electric power, which they plan to purchase from the local power company. Five hundred and forty property owners will receive the service, it is stated.

### Marriage Record Slumps

ALBANY, Or., May 1.—(Special.)—Cupid is 19 per cent slower in Linn county this year than last, employees of the county clerk's office have estimated. In the first four months of this year 50 marriage licenses were issued in this county, while the total in the corresponding period in 1920 was 62.

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