

TO BE FEARED AT CONFERENCES

Europe Would Dump Crisis on Armament Meet.

GERMANY GRAVE PROBLEM

Washington Fears Reparations Question Will Be Injected and Old Bickerings Renewed.

BY MARK SULLIVAN. (Copyright by the New York Evening Post, Inc. Published by Arrangement.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—It is difficult to avoid feeling disturbed by this week's developments regarding the armament conference. There is reason to fear that there is just ahead of us in Europe a crisis similar to but greater than that of April and May last. This crisis will be bad in itself, but even worse is the tendency, obviously apparent, to dump this coming crisis into the lap of President Harding's conference for the limitation of armament.

Inflation brings disaster. The most competent judges doubt whether Germany will be able to pay the next installment of the reparations. Germany has been creating a feverish and temporary prosperity by the old device of inflation. She has been using the printing press to create more money. This is a device always tempting to governments in time of trouble and always certain to bring disaster in the end. Germany and the world are just beginning to see that the mark is going the way of the kronen and the ruble.

The crisis of last spring was tided over by the fact that Germany managed to pay the installment of reparations due May 1, by Great Britain's pressure on France not to treat Germany as a defaulting debtor and not to march into Germany, and by several other friendly momentary turns of fortune. The sense of assurance which the world got from the tiding over of that crisis now seems likely to prove false.

Default by Germany on the next installment of reparations would renew the crisis of last spring and practically throw the world back to the peace conference. An easily foreseeable outcome of the situation would be the necessity of taking up the whole subject of reparations again from the beginning, a process which would renew all that happened at the peace conference in discussion of this subject.

Most disturbing of all from the American point of view is the suggestion, seriously made by responsible British statesmen and known to be that all of this be brought up at President Harding's conference. Winston Churchill goes further and says that in addition to reparations the Washington conference should take up a further disturbing subject which was not considered at the Paris conference, namely the discussion of the debts owed by Europe to the United States and the financial situation of Europe generally.

More Bickering Feared. Everybody knows how welcome it is to American public opinion to renew in Washington the bickerings of the Paris conference over reparations. Everybody knows how equally unwelcome it would be to a large section of American public opinion to mingle discussion of limitations of armament with discussion of the debts owed by Europe to the United States.

All in all, these developments are likely to give a melancholy but belated strength to the position of Senators Reed, Borah and others who wished that the Washington conference should be limited to the discussion of armament solely.

FIRE DESTROYS CHURCH

Origin of Blaze Laid to Tourist Camping Party.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—The church at Sara, seven miles northwest of Vancouver, was burned to the ground this morning by a fire of unknown origin. The source of the blaze was all that could be saved. The building was valued at \$1500 and \$200 insurance was carried. The blaze was discovered by T. A. Sutton, but it had gained too much headway to be checked by a "bucket brigade," and the structure soon collapsed. It is thought that a tourist camping party entered the church to use the stove inside, and that a defective fire became overheated, causing a blaze which smoldered all night and finally worked its way through the roof early in the morning.

CURIOUS FIRE HAPPENS

Home Burns While Family Prepares to Leave It for Good.

BROWNSVILLE, Or., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—Fire totally destroyed the residence and belongings of S. S. Ackley Tuesday under curious circumstances. The Ackley family were making preparations to go to Silverton, where they expect to reside, but had gone over to a son's house for dinner, and about noon looked over and beheld the house belonging to the senior Ackley afire. The piano and practically all the furniture were destroyed. The building was insured at \$1800. The building had been built but a few years. It is situated some three miles up the Calapooia river from this city.

BOYS HELD FOR BURGLARY

Grocery Store Robbed and Goods in Possession of Youths.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—The Taylor grocery store, 715 West Eighth street, was robbed last night, and today two youths were arrested by the police and the goods, cigarettes and candy, valued at about \$8, recovered. The boys were Lloyd Bunker, aged 15, and William Smith, 13. Bunker said he was from a New Jersey town, while Smith said he was from Meadows, Wash. The robbery was reported to the police early this morning, and Deputy Sheriff Steele and Policeman Rafferty made an investigation. The back door had been broken open.

MAN AND WIFE SOUGHT

Warrants Out for Arrest on Kidnaping Charge.

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 28.—Warrants were issued today for the arrest of C. F. Johnson and his wife, Luella F. Johnson, who are charged with kidnaping Jennie Willetta Roberts, daughter of Mrs. Johnson by a former marriage, from the home of the girl's grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Pruitt of Glendale, Percy Roberts, father of the girl, recently procured a divorce from his wife on the grounds of desertion and was awarded the custody of the three minor children. Mrs. Roberts obtained a decree of the court transferring the custody of the oldest girl, Willetta, to the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Pruitt.

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SINGER SAYS MUSIC ESSENTIAL TO COMEDY.

Every Member of Each Household Turns Hand to Task to Escape Exactions of Landlords.

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SENATE READY FOR FRAY

Way is Cleared for Fight Over Tax Measure.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 28.—The way was cleared today in the senate for the fight over the republican tax revision bill. Reading of the measure for approval of an untested committee amendments to the house bill was completed and consideration of the contested features will begin tomorrow. These include sections dealing with income taxes, profits taxes, transportation levies, excise and soft drink levies, and the existing tobacco taxes and also a number of administrative provisions. These provisions included those designed to speed up final settlement of tax claims, establish a tax simplification board and to prevent unnecessary examinations or investigations of taxpayers' books of account. Other sections agreed on included one authorizing the secretary to issue an additional \$50,000,000 in short-term notes to facilitate the funding of victory notes and certificates of indebtedness.

MEXICAN LAUDS COUNTRY

Paris Charge d'Affaires Says Resources Are Fabulous.

PARIS, Sept. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—The two days' ceremonies in connection with the celebration of the 10th anniversary of Mexican independence closed tonight with a banquet given by A. B. Nervo, Mexican charge d'affaires. The present government of Mexico has succeeded in meeting the just desire of foreign countries, in consolidating its prestige, and keeping safe and sane its national dignity and sovereignty. Few countries today could guarantee more substantially their financial obligations than the Mexican republic, few countries can show a national debt so small, as it only amounts to \$500,000,000, while the national resources are fabulous.

MAN IN AUTO MISHAP DIES

Injuries Are Sustained in Striking Fence Stake.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—Charles Mantz, aged 35, died today in a local hospital of injuries sustained last night in an auto accident near Dixie. Mantz was hurled out of the machine against a fence, a stake penetrating his chest and making a large wound. Mantz and W. E. McKinney, proprietor of the Watsburg garage, were driving from Walla Walla on Watsburg. The car was giving trouble and McKinney leaned over to make an adjustment. The car failed to make the curve which led to a bridge over Dry creek and instead plunged off the road and into the ditch. The machine was wrecked. McKinney suffered a painful cut over the eye and was bruised on the body. Mantz was removed to the hospital 26 years ago November 1. He had been living in Dayton, but recently came to Walla Walla to live with his brother, Lee Mantz. This is the third fatality from automobile accidents in this vicinity within a week, two small girls having lost their lives.

FAMILIES OF BRONX

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Mantz and W. E. McKinney, proprietor of the Watsburg garage, were driving from Walla Walla on Watsburg. The car was giving trouble and McKinney leaned over to make an adjustment. The car failed to make the curve which led to a bridge over Dry creek and instead plunged off the road and into the ditch. The machine was wrecked. McKinney suffered a painful cut over the eye and was bruised on the body. Mantz was removed to the hospital 26 years ago November 1. He had been living in Dayton, but recently came to Walla Walla to live with his brother, Lee Mantz. This is the third fatality from automobile accidents in this vicinity within a week, two small girls having lost their lives.

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