

### GERMAN EXPERTS SEEK COMPROMISE

Russo-Teutonic Treaty Also Wanted by Berlin.

### SITUATION YET CRITICAL

Lloyd George's Plain Words Said to Have Cleared Atmosphere to Some Extent.

GENOA, April 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—The German delegates and experts have not yet been able to find a formula whereby to compromise with the entente powers without sacrificing the Russo-German treaty, although they were in session at a very late hour tonight.

Efforts were made to have the conference formulate a Russian policy to which the Russo-German treaty can be absorbed, thus giving the stamp of conference approval and removing the cause of hard feeling.

The plain language of Premier Lloyd George to the German statesmen today over the treaty incident, which at one time threatened to disrupt the economic conference, was believed to have cleared the political atmosphere, but as neither the German reply to the allies nor the Russian reply regarding acceptance of the conditions for the restoration of Russia was forthcoming the situation is still considered critical.

**German Seem Embarrassed.**

Some of the neutrals described the Germans as embarrassed as how to find a way out of the difficulty. Meantime, the work of the conference is blocked. The neutral states have insisted officially that the agenda of the conference be discussed before the commissions and not in private conversations among the chief delegates.

To this leaders rejoice that preliminary meetings are advisable in order to expedite the labors of the conference.

It is expected that once the Russo-German controversy is disposed of the machinery of the conference will resume operations. The announcement that J. P. Morgan will join the group of bankers to discuss the possibility of floating an international loan for Germany has created an optimistic feeling for the future finances of Europe.

M. Barthou, of the French delegation tonight confirmed the report that Premier Lloyd George had adopted a strong attitude with the German foreign minister, Dr. Rathenau, at today's meeting.

**Uttimatum Is Issued.**

M. Barthou, who is kept closely informed as to what Mr. Lloyd George is doing, said there was no room for equivocation on the part of Germany; there was no middle course. If the Germans insisted on maintaining the treaty, the French could not deal with them in any of the commissions concerning Russia.

"The most complete accord exists between France and England on the 'entente cordie'," he said, "and personally find the greatest friendliness and support on the part of the British premier."

The opinion was expressed in French circles tonight that Germans are eager to find a way of settlement which will keep their active members of the conference.

The American federal reserve bank will be asked to participate in the financial conference to be called shortly by the European bankers of issue for the purpose of discussing plans for the regulation of currency, said Robert Horne, British chancellor of the exchequer, said today.

**Consent Is Expected.**

He expressed his belief that the American bank would consent to take part. Delegates to the economic conference were amused today on learning of a diplomatic subterfuge which enabled the German delegates to attend a gala dinner given by Premier Spolacci of Italy to all the conference delegates.

Baron Romano Avezzana, as secretary-general of the economic conference, called on the German delegation last night to deliver the note from the allies in regard to the treaty with Russia. Dr. Walter Rathenau, the German foreign minister, said it would be impossible for the German delegates to attend the dinner in view of such a stinging condemnation of the Germans.

"That won't do," exclaimed Baron Avezzana. "Your absence from the dinner would emphasize the gravity of the situation."

"But what can we do?" asked Mr. Rathenau.

"It is very simple," replied the baron. "Give me back the note, come to the dinner and if nothing had happened, and I will give you the note again afterwards."

**Note Delivered Privately.**

The baron repocketed the note and left.

The baron and Dr. Wirth sat next to each other at the dinner and after the banquet Baron Avezzana waited a half hour before delivering the note.

### CHURCH MEMBERS RAPPED

More Going to Devil Than Ever Before, Says Pastor.

TACOMA, Wash., April 19.—"The trouble with church members today is that they are like the rivers of the far north, frozen over at the mouth," Rev. Paris E. Wells of Minneapolis declared here today, addressing the 45th semi-annual session of the presbytery of Olympia.

Arguing for the need of evangelism, Rev. Mr. Wells declared that he had noticed "more men and women in churches going to the devil in the east than ever before."

"There is more rottenness in the high schools than in any place else where people gather," he said. "There is time for everything in the schools today except God Almighty."

Rev. John Wallace Kennedy, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian church here, was unanimously named moderator of the presbytery, to serve until the autumn meeting.

### AIR PATROL DISCONTINUED

Army Withdraws Its Fire Service From Pacific Slope Forests.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 19.—(Special.)—No aerial patrol of the forests on the Pacific slope will be maintained during the summer, according to orders received today by Captain P. I. Eglin, commandant at Mather field, which in previous years has provided the machines and aviators who flew over the forests in search of fires. Lack of funds due to cutting of the army appropriation bill by congress and the reduction in army personnel were reasons assigned by Captain Eglin for the order.

The state forestry board had received today no notice of the discontinuance of the air patrol, which operated more than 50 airplanes from Mather field last year, but it was stated that Senator Shortridge of California had introduced an emergency appropriation bill providing \$50,000 for the patrol.

### PACKING MERGER DENIED

Armour, Cudahy and Wilson Amalgamation Rumor Scouted.

CHICAGO, April 19.—Flat denial that an amalgamation of the Armour, Cudahy and Wilson packing companies is contemplated, was made Tuesday by J. Ogden Armour and Edward Cudahy, presidents of their respective organizations. Thomas E. Wilson, head of Wilson and company, was not in the city. "The Cudahy company is not in any way concerned in such a merger," said Mr. Cudahy.

Mr. Armour did not make a formal statement, but authorized a flat denial over his name.

Later Tuesday, however, a statement was issued at Wilson and company's saying that Mr. Wilson, now in New York, had telegraphed authorization for a denial of the reported merger.

### EXTRADITION IS ASKED

Washington Seeks to Return Suspected Bank Robber.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 19.—(Special.)—Requestion on the governor of California for the return of James McNulty, alleged to have participated in the \$25,000 robbery of the First National bank of Poulsbo February 7, and wanted in Kitsap county on a charge of burglary, was issued by Governor Hart today. McNulty was arrested at Oakland, Cal., last Saturday for Chicago and is being held in connection with the Sequim bank robbery.

Governor Hart also issued a requisition on the governor of Oklahoma for the return of H. A. Spoon, held at Miami, Okla., and wanted in Jefferson county on a charge of grand larceny. Spoon is alleged to have cashed a worthless check at the Chimaquam Trading company's store at Chimaquam January 30 last.

### SPRING FINALLY COMES

Intermittent Wintry Spells Give Way in Eastern Oregon.

PENDLETON, Or., April 19.—(Special.)—Spring, which has threatened its attendance in this section but which many times has been driven back to cover by snow flurries, hail storms and cold winds, is believed to have come. Geese, which during the winter of the last month changed their course and were seen flying south, are now reported to have taken their spring course and are headed north. The temperature has been above freezing for the last two days and has reached 60 degrees during the afternoon.

Spring farming operations have been resumed and mud of two days ago has turned to dust. A big dust storm preceded rain tonight.

### Aberdeen Rotarians Elect.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 19.—(Special.)—Fire Chief Tamblin was this afternoon elected head of the Aberdeen Rotary club for the coming year. Other officers are Dr. H. C. Randolph, vice-president; Goodbar Jones, secretary, and W. J. Patterson, treasurer. At the same session the Rotarians subscribed \$240 of the \$250 expended in the improvement of the public swimming pool at Electric park. The subscriptions were made within five minutes after the report of cost had been made. The remainder of the expense was voted out of the club treasury.

### Drugs Seized on Steamer.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—A contraband shipment of 14,000 tins of opium and other drugs, valued at \$100,000, was seized today on the China Mail company liner Nanking. The Nanking arrived from the far east April 18. The seizure was one of the biggest in the history of the port of San Francisco.

### State to Take Bonds.

KELSO, Wash., April 19.—(Special.)—The state of Washington submitted the best bid for \$1,000,000 worth of bonds of sinking district No. 15, west of Kelso and Mount Solo, yesterday, the state's bid being \$4.1. This district includes 800 acres of very rich bottom land.

Pygmies recently discovered in the Belgian Congo are only four feet in height, and very like apes in appearance, yet they neither lie nor steal, and will marry only one wife.

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### RUSSIANS PROTEST REBUKE OF TEUTONS

Soviet Delegation Declares Solidarity With Germans.

### ENTENTE'S VIEW DISLIKED

Treaty Is Used as Wedge to Further Demands for Debt Cancellation and Recognition.

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GENOA, April 19.—(Special Cable.)—Half-hearted dejection of the day's conference as a sort of protest against the big and little entente's censure of Germany and the announcement of the soviet answer to the allied demands would be published tomorrow featured Russia's activities at Genoa today.

"We wish to demonstrate our solidarity with the Germans," was the official explanation given me for this sudden abandonment of a pose of bewildered innocence for action more tangible than placing compresses on Germany's brow.

Maxim Litvinoff let it be known Russia is prepared to resume negotiations with the allies, but "the initiative is not with us."

### Russians Confer With Germans.

George Chicherin, head of the Russian delegation, lunched and conferred with Foreign Minister Rathenau and Chancellor Wirth of Germany.

In addition, Christian Rakoveky consulted with the Czecho-Slovaks, who, as has been disclosed, have been approached during the conference with an agreement similar to that concluded with Germany.

In short, the Russians spent the day using the effect of their treaty with Germany as a wedge to further their demands for cancellation of debts, recognition and plans for concessions. The bolshevik no longer stand alone, and while the conference is shaken with political reactions in the treaty, Russia is doggedly pursuing an even course toward her goal. Japan, hitherto silently watching the cross-currents of the conference, is not preparing cautiously to attack the one problem that interests her—Russia. News of the assent of the advisory council to recognition of the soviet—though not officially received here—promises to lift the Nipponese to the forefront of the turmoil.

### Siberia Held Separate Issue.

From an interview I had with Naotaka Sato, councillor of the embassy in Paris and one of the most important members of the delegation here, I learned this much of his country's attitude.

"Japan categorically refuses to consider limitation of land armaments at Genoa and will side with France against the efforts of the Russians and British to inject it. Japan is ready to recognize Russia with the other nations, but will insist on settling the Siberian problem with Russia separately."

"We are ready to recognize the soviet," said Mr. Sato, "but our problems are separate. We are faced with a difficult far eastern situation, where two governments are involved—Moscow and Chita, though the soviet represent Chita here."

"We are ready to take our troops out. But as for the disarmament mentioned by the Russians, we side with the French. We must have another conference first. Our experts must see the figures and must know the situation. We do not bind ourselves to a policy here."

### Russia First Problem.

Discussing the method of approach Sato said Japan was only a spectator of Europe's problems and differences as yet. Russia is the first problem in which she is involved, and that not in relation to other nations. This attitude agrees with the Russians, who insist on the right of a sovereign nation to negotiate treaties irrespective of the conference.

Concluding the interview, Sato stressed his point that Japan, though one of the inviting powers, does not occupy the same position as the other nations here and is a free agent.

"We wait for the other countries to unite on their problem," he said with a slight smile. "Then we shall present our problem."

The date of this, he indicated, is not far off unless the Russian question meanwhile gathers new tangents.

### Premier Erred—Keynes

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ministry of Europe, tried to treat the assembled statesmen as he treats his own cabinet, and to play an old game over again with George Chicherin in the role of Michael Collins and the French as the Ulster diehards.

Not round table discussion, but seduction, was the order of the day, and Europe was to be saved by the fascists, nations of the lady from Wales. But he should have remembered



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that Chicherin is one of the most brilliant diplomatists in Europe and by no means in the position of a vanquished suppliant, and that the Germans left out of the game might not be content to kick their heels in their hotel until he chose to send for them.

The Germans do not seem to have expected or have intended that their action would have made such a sensation, and are a little flustered at the consequences. Probably Chicherin saw more clearly than Rathenau the sort of impression it would create. It is he once again who scores.

The Germans have undoubtedly done themselves harm and rearoused old suspicions. They have received the note quietly, the signature of which by the inviting powers and the little entente without the neutrals has excited some comment. It is rumored they will put themselves in order and close the incident by offering to submit the agreement for approval by the conference as a whole.

### Incident May Do Good.

Nevertheless, the incident may do good if it brings the conference back to a sense of the realities. If we persist much longer in confining our conversation, both with Germany and Russia, to the vast number of millions which each of them owes us, we cannot expect them to refrain from talking more sensibly between themselves.

The conference was suddenly made aware of the immense latent possibilities, which no statesman should ever have forgotten, of our driving Germany and Russia into each other's arms.

The agreement has also served to wake it up to the preposterous character of the proposals of our own experts. Having got Russia here, we tell her she must agree to owe us 1,000,000,000 sterling pounds or more, with a hint that the figures may be reduced by bargaining to about 1,000,000,000 pounds. And that apparently is all.

Why should Chicherin accept this liability without any tangible inducement on the other side? And if he did what would happen to him when he got home?

### Situation Different Now.

Because they concede only half of the more extravagant demands of the French the British and Italian delegations persuade themselves that the result is reasonable, just as at Versailles, having reduced the French demand from ten times what Germany could pay to four times what

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**Petitioners Back Candidate.**  
REDMOND, Or., April 19.—(Special.)

Petitions are being circulated this week to place the name of M. C. Conlon on the ballot at the primaries for the republican nomination for county commissioner. Mr. Conlon is the present incumbent, having been named to succeed C. H. Miller. Mr. Conlon is the only candidate so far to announce definitely his intention of entering the race.

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