

SOVIET THREATENS CONFERENCE AGAIN

Wiping Out of All War Debts Is Demanded.

LOAN ALSO IS REQUESTED

Aid Asked in Reorganizing National Life.

STEP CAUSES SURPRISE

Allied Chiefs Frankly Admit Agreement Will Be Difficult Unless Soviet Changes Attitude.

GENOA, April 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Another new twist in the Russian angle again has caused inquietude in conference circles. Seemingly the Russian delegates have developed a new set of proposals. It is understood that at the meeting of the experts on the Russian question this afternoon the soviet delegates argued for the complete wiping out of the war debts and also relinquishment of all arrears in interest on pre-war debts.

Simultaneously they asked for assurances that the powers would grant loans sufficient to enable Russia to reorganize her national life.

Demand Causes Surprise.

As the soviet had previously given the allies to understand that a scaling down of the war debts would be accepted, the demand of the delegates for a protocol canceling these debts caused great surprise to the representatives of the powers, who reported to the chiefs of their respective delegations that the trend of today's meeting with the bolshevik indicated the possibility of insuperable difficulties in coming to some arrangement with the soviet.

The Russian request for extensive loans came before the board of the conference, which it is recognized that it would be extremely difficult to guarantee credits to Russia without some reasonable assurance that they would be handled by a truly responsible Russian government.

Experts Adjourn Sine Die

The allied chiefs tonight frankly expressed their opinion that an arrangement with the soviet will be extremely difficult unless the Russian delegates show a reasonable attitude. Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, chairman of the commission, said he could not discuss the matter further if the soviet adopted such an impossible attitude, and therefore must refer the situation to the respective governments of the allies.

The experts adjourned sine die because of what they termed the excessive Russian demands, which proposed also that the powers accept non-restoration of the private property of foreigners.

The Russian delegates declare that the terms they were willing to grant were conditional first, on the recognition of their government, and second, receipt of a loan from foreign countries, in addition to cancellation of arrears in interest on the pre-war debts themselves.

FINANCIAL CIRCLES DEPRESSED

The Russians declared that restitution of property was contrary to their policy of nationalization, but claimed that Russians had the right to possess property in foreign countries because these countries were under a bourgeois regime.

The breaking up of the experts' meeting has caused depression in conference circles. It is realized that the new incident endangers the good results of the conference, especially after the French premier's declaration that France would withdraw from the conference unless the Cannes resolutions were scrupulously adhered to.

HURON RUSHED TO CHINA

Flagship of American Fleet in Asiatics Sent to Keep Peace.

MANILA, P. I., April 24.—The flagship Huron of the Asiatic squadron received main orders today to sail for China, because of the disturbed conditions there.

All officers and men were ordered aboard the Huron tonight preparatory to departing tomorrow morning.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—The orders to the Huron were understood tonight to be of a precautionary nature only, in view of conditions in China. Should lives of Americans be endangered it was pointed out, assistance could be rendered by the Huron, although, it is believed, no landing orders are involved.

CAMP LEWIS TO BE KEPT

Intention of Abandoning Post Is Denied by Secretary Weeks.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., April 24.—There is no intention of completely abandoning Camp Lewis, Secretary of War Weeks assured Senator Poindexter today.

The number of troops to be maintained there, however, it was reported, depends upon the size of the appropriation congress makes for army personnel and post upkeep.

EDITORS IN QUARREL; ONE SHOT AND KILLED

CONTROVERSY OVER ARTICLE ENDS IN COMBAT.

Assaulted, After Suffering Broken Nose, Fires Two Shots, Then Surrenders to Officer.

DURANGO, Colo., April 24.—William L. Wood, 35 years old, city editor of the Durango Herald, was shot and killed here today by Rod S. Day, 47, editor of the Durango Democrat. The shooting took place on Main street in the business district. Day gave himself up and was held at the sheriff's office. No witnesses to the shooting have been found.

The trouble between the two men is said to have grown out of editorial articles printed in the two papers. It is said to have begun when the Herald printed a clipping from another Colorado newspaper, which declared the Democrat was one of the few newspapers in the country fighting the 18th amendment to the constitution. The exchange of editorial comment had been going on about a week. It finally grew personal.

When Day and Wood met today, the latter is alleged to have started an argument. Wood then is alleged to have struck Day with some under-termined weapon, breaking Day's nose and inflicting other injuries. Day then is alleged to have drawn a revolver and to have fired two shots. Wood died in a hospital an hour later. Day declined to make a statement. Wood was married and came here from Montrose, Colo.

NEW ADMIRAL ANNOUNCED

Lieutenant Zeussler Now Head of Prohibition Navy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—The prohibition navy has changed admirals. Lieutenant Frederick Augustus Zeussler of the coast guard, as a result of the transfer of R. L. Jack, coast guard, the first prohibition admiral, to Milwaukee for duty on the cutter Tuscorora.

Lieutenant Zeussler was formerly stationed at Port Angeles, Wash., and came aboard the new coast guard cutter Modoc, which recently made the trip from the Pacific coast to Washington.

BRIDE, 68, WON BY MAIL

Halfway Farmer, 75, Is Benedict After 14 Years' Courtship.

HAINES, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—A courtship by mail of 14 years' duration resulted in the marriage of W. A. Plover of Halfway, this county, and Miss Linda Free of Milwaukee, Wis., Saturday. The bride is 75 years of age and the bride 68. Added romance was given the courtship by the failure of the marriage license to arrive by stage mail from Baker in time for the wedding to be performed on the date originally planned.

On account of the bride not being known at Halfway or Baker, the license clerk would not issue the permit, and the wedding was postponed until the legal requirements could be met. The couple will reside on a ranch owned by the bride-groom in the Halfway vicinity.

GOVERNOR'S TRIAL BEGUN

One Juror Tentatively Chosen in Case of Len Small.

WAUKESHA, Ill., April 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Governor Len Small of Illinois went on trial here today charged with conspiracy to embezzle state funds. At the close of the first day's work one juror had been tentatively accepted by both state and defense.

Both sides tonight were predicting that a jury can be obtained within a week or ten days.

Governor Small, his son, Leslie, and a number of personal friends attended the opening day's trial. Judge Clair C. Edwards announced today it will not be necessary for the governor to remain in court throughout the trial.

CANADA GETS NEW LOAN

J. P. Morgan & Co. to Offer \$100,000,000 Bond Issue Today.

NEW YORK, April 24.—J. P. Morgan & Co. announced late today that it would offer tomorrow a \$100,000,000 government loan for the Dominion of Canada. The bonds will bear 5 per cent interest, and will run for a period of 30 years, the Canadian government reserving the right to recall them in 20 years. They will be offered at par and interest.

The proceeds will be used by the Canadian government to refund the existing debt of the dominion.

BOY, 11, IS DROWNED

Lad Falls Through Bridge Into Stream Swelled by Flood.

CANYON CITY, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Arthur Geinger, 11, of Monument, Or., was drowned yesterday in Cottonwood creek a short distance above Monument.

The accident occurred when an old bridge gave way allowing the boy, who was riding horseback, to fall into the swift stream, now bank full from melting snow. The body had not been recovered at latest report, although search was being made.

TWO OBSTACLES BAR COLD LIGHT

Scientist Must Find Way to Apply Luciferin.

INTENSE GLOW NECESSARY

Discoverer Tells of Work to Perfect Illumination.

CRUSTACEAN PUT TO USE

Synthesized Proteins Are Basis of Process to Get Results That Can Be Utilized.

NEW YORK, April 24.—(Special.)—There are two obstacles to be overcome yet before cold light will possess any great economic importance, according to E. Newton Harvey, professor of Princeton, who recently announced an important discovery along those lines, after eight years of research.

First, the scientist must find a way to synthesize luciferin, the chemical substance producing the cold light; second, the intensity of the glow must be increased by obtaining a larger surface of the luciferin.

The Princeton professor has made great progress along these lines, and has solved the problem of continuous light.

Luciferin Basic Principle

Working with a small Japanese crustacean, Professor Harvey has obtained a substance known as luciferin, which is manufactured by chemical process within the minute organism. Professor Harvey is not interested in the use of the animalcule makes of this light but rather of the chemical process that creates it.

Unless this substance can be made artificially, and the possibility of this is remote, the only method by which one can obtain this cold light would be to gather together millions of the small organisms.

Professor Harvey has preserved a great number of these animals by drying them. Then by pouring water on them a brilliant blue glow is obtained.

Duration of Light Unknown

He has not yet worked out definitely the amount of time that would elapse before the substance would finally cease to give off light. However, he believes that it would be a long time.

"The question as to whether we shall ever be able to produce living light becomes the question whether we shall be able to synthesize the proteins," said Dr. Harvey. "Personally, I think that will come in time. We can synthesize fats, sugars and some of these polypeptides, which are very simple proteins. So it becomes a matter of time when it will be possible to synthesize the more complex proteins."

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CONAN DOYLE ADMIRES GIANTS IN BALL GAME

PLAY HELD UNEXCITING WITHOUT BABE RUTH.

Creator of Sherlock Holmes Thinks That With Little Practice He Could Become Star.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes and general authority on things supernatural, saw the big-leaguers in action at the polo grounds last week.

Today, after due consideration of the psychic phenomena of the diamond, he announced he had made the following deductions concerning the greatest American pastime:

"No. 1—The average fan is not satisfied without the spiritual presence of Babe Ruth. The game lacks excitement unless the king of swats is there in person."

"No. 2—Baseball did not originate in America. It is simply a reincarnation of the old Egyptian game of rouders, considerably elevated and glorified."

"No. 3—Sir Arthur will henceforth be a baseball fan, instead of a cricket enthusiast."

"No. 4—The way the Giants followed the ground balls was wonderful. The way they judged the flies was remarkable. Outfielders are more impressive than infielders."

Continuing his deductions, Sir Arthur said there really was nothing to prevent him from spiritualizing in professional baseball, as he had been taught the game years ago by his American author friend Hamlin Garland. Anyone who could star at cricket could star at baseball, he declared, and since he enjoyed somewhat of a reputation as a cricketer he should be easily attained, with a little practice, he thought.

The principal merits of the American game, as seen by Sir Arthur, are that it is livelier and quicker than cricket and does not require such an expensive outfit. On the demerit side, he places the tendency of baseball to become a sport for specialized professionals, played almost entirely by the young, while in England most men continue their cricketing until they are well past middle age.

"As far as the English are concerned," he continued, "there seems to be something in the national temperament that is attracted to cricket. For this reason baseball has never achieved the same popularity in England that cricket enjoys in this country. There are, nevertheless, quite a number of baseball clubs springing up in England and in the future I think there will be more."

"I think the reason why men in this country do not keep up baseball as the English keep up their cricket is that here the sport is so highly specialized, the great object being to win, rather than the mere enjoyment of the game. On this account a man of middle age might feel he was making a spectacle of himself to indulge in baseball."

"Competition is undoubtedly much more intense in this country and that is probably why in the various sports, you concentrate to an extent that is unknown to us. We play far more for the sake of the game than for the victory."

SUB-CHASERS USED BY RICH RUM RING

CUSTOM OFFICIALS ATTEMPT TO END SMUGGLING.

Fleet Believed to Have Been Mobilized to Meet Creation of America's 'Dry Navy.'

NEW YORK, April 24.—Customs officials announced today that they were working to smash a rich bootlegging ring which they charged had mobilized a fleet of ex-submarine chasers to meet creation of America's "dry navy."

The federal agents are working on the theory that the swift craft that once pursued German U-boats and were sold after the war now are posing as naval vessels and, commanded by officers in the uniform of the United States, already have succeeded in running \$3,000,000 worth of rum into the United States from Bermuda and Havana.

The announcement of the discovery of the alleged smuggling scheme was made after ex-submarine chaser 101, rechristened the Fides, had been nabbed in New York harbor by a police boat and customs launch after she had passed quarantine and was darting toward a pier. Customs men claimed that they had found aboard her numerous charts with marked hangings along the Atlantic coast and Hudson river. No liquor was found aboard her and the crew told a hair-raising tale of having had their cargo plundered by pirates off the Long Island coast yesterday.

The ex-chaser, said to bear British registry, was tied up at the Battery, where she tonight was held on a technical charge that she left Bermuda without clearance papers. Her captain, who gave his name as "John Kelly," and his crew of seven, were taken to the customs house for a severe grilling. After the examination, which was attended by a representative from the office of the British consul-general, assistant United States Attorney Falk said:

"Kelly wore the uniform of a United States naval officer. We have not as yet made any charges against Captain Kelly and the crew."

"It is understood that the Fides carried 2100 cases of choice Scotch whisky from Bermuda and that is what we want to find out. The vessel failed to show on her manifest any cargo and after questioning by customs agents it was decided to take her into port and question the crew."

Among papers found in the captain's possession was a recommendation from his commanding officer stating he served in 1913 as an ensign on the Northern Pacific and as executive officer on submarine chaser 70.

All of the members of the crew were taken to the barge office and locked up in the brig until tomorrow, when they will be taken to the federal court in Brooklyn for further questioning.

Captain Clarke told newspaper men that he could see no reason why he or his men should be questioned when he was at all times outside the three-mile limit.

Apartment Has \$500 Fire

OREGON CITY, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—About \$500 damage was done by fire today in the apartment over the Park Place pool hall. The apartment was occupied by a family by the name of Faubian. The blaze was put out by a bucket brigade.

Ku Klux Men to Be Quizzed

William S. Coburn, grand goblin, and W. G. Price, king kleagle of the Ku Klux Klan in this county, will also be questioned, it was said. Coburn, according to information received by the district attorney, was in Ingleswood, eight miles from his home here, within half an hour of the shooting.

The grand goblin said he had been told of the fair by Price, who had received word of it from the sheriff's office. It was stated at the sheriff's office that no one there knew of any way by which Price could have gotten such information.

Night Marshal Tells Story

Night Marshal Woerner's story of the shootings was as follows:

"I received a call that there were stinkup men there. We started toward the place," referring to the start on the motorcycle with Clyde Bannister, a south west motorcycle he commanded. "When about 200 yards away from the crossroads where the crowd was, a man stepped out into the road and ordered me to halt. He carried a revolver in his hands."

"Throw up your hands!" he said to me.

"Throw up your hands yourself; I am an officer," I replied, and placed the rays of my flashlight on my badge so that he could see it. I walked awhile. The man continued to point his gun at me and made a threatening motion. Then I fired.

"Two more men came running toward me, firing as they came. I think other shots came from the bushes. I fired at the two men and they fell. Then the whole crowd came forward and a car started down the road. I ran into the field, jumped on the motorcycle and got back to the road and went to town."

Woerner Is Exonerated.

William Mosher, in a statement to officers exonerated Woerner of all blame for slaying his father and declared if he had not been wounded he would have killed Woerner. He also admitted that the crowd had gathered to talk over a matter of law enforcement which, according to him, had not been handled by the authorities in the proper manner.

"An organization made up of picked men, with every man a real man, made up the band," young Mosher said. "We went out there to get a couple of bootleggers who had been operating in this city for a long time. With me went my father and Leonard Ruegg and many others."

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QUIZZA INQUEST IS AIMED AT KLAN

Probe to Be Made Today Into Raiding Party.

MARSHAL IS HELD JUSTIFIED

District Attorney Backs Officer Who Shot Raiders.

WOUNDED MEN CALLED

Son of Dead Constable, Grand Goblin and King Kleagle Are to Be Interrogated.

LOS ANGELES, April 24.—The investigation of the raid by masked men at Ingleswood, a suburb, Saturday night, in which three men were shot, will take shape tomorrow morning at an inquest over the body of M. B. Mosher, Ingleswood constable. Constable Mosher was one of the raiders. He died from wounds received when Frank Woerner, night marshal, opened fire on the party. Officers of the Ku Klux Klan in Los Angeles county will be subjected to questioning.

This programme was announced late today by W. C. Doran, chief deputy district attorney, following a conference with District Attorney Woolwine. Mr. Doran was assigned to represent that office at the inquest, scheduled to be held at Ingleswood at 9:30 A. M. tomorrow.

Mr. Doran said that while the province of the inquest is simply to establish the cause of death, he proposed to go further in the case.

Shooting Held Justified

"We will endeavor to ascertain who composed the mob which raided Mathias Eldayne's home and made Eldayne and members of his family leave the place, after the shooting," the deputy district attorney said. "Furthermore, we shall try to learn what was the inspiration for the raid and who inspired it."

So far as responsibility for the deaths of Mosher was concerned, Doran said there was no doubt Woerner shot the constable, and was justified in so doing.

Walter E. Mosher, son of the slain man, and Leonard Ruegg, a deputy sheriff, who were wounded by Woerner, have been subpoenaed as witnesses. Doran said, and will be questioned about their connection with the affair if able to appear at the inquest. Young Mosher, according to authorities, made a statement today in which he admitted the raid was made by "an organization made up of picked men," but declined to say what name the organization bore. He said his father, Ruegg and himself were members of the party.

Judge Campbell Is Ill

Member of Circuit Court at Oregon City Taken to Hospital.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Judge J. U. Campbell of the circuit court was taken suddenly ill early today and was removed to a hospital, where his physicians had not yet diagnosed his illness.

As a result of the illness of the judge all of the cases before the court here were postponed indefinitely.

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INVESTIGATORS FIND WHERE METEOR HIT

DIVE INTO SEA MADE 5 MILES FROM GUARD STATION.

Huge Rolling Waves Said to Have Been Caused by Huge Projectile Landing in Water.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., April 24.—The shooting super-star, described by New Jerseyites as "bigger than the moon," which last night ended a brief but lurid pyrotechnic career with a plunge into the Atlantic, struck about five miles south of the Toms river coast guard station, it was established today.

Officials of the station reported to headquarters that the meteor's demise was witnessed by a lonely beach patrol shortly after 9 o'clock last night. His attention was first drawn to it by the appearance of a bluish light in the sky. This resolved into a ball of fire, which, according to the guard, exploded like a clap of thunder and dove into the sea.

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Shipping Board Joins Rate War

Action of 'British Flag Line' Held Unfriendly.

Challenge Is Accepted

Fares to South American Ports Greatly Reduced.

Attitude Is Explained

Fight Declared Forced by Private Company—U. S. Craft 'Magnificent,' Others 'Inferior.'

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—The shipping board, as a result of the "rate war" of the Lamport & Holt Steamship company to South America, through the meeting this board and vessels of the Munson line, has not only met those rates, but made a further reduction to \$25 to Rio de Janeiro, \$345 to Montevideo and \$160 to Buenos Aires. Chairman Lasker announced today.

The Lamport & Holt rates were reduced from \$415 to \$215 for Rio de Janeiro, from \$475 to \$350 for Montevideo and from \$490 to \$370 for Buenos Aires, but these, Chairman Lasker said, were for "their three inferior ships" and did not apply to their Van Dyke, which, he said, corresponds to the shipping board's vessels, Pan-American, Southern Cross, Western World and American Legion.

Rio de Janeiro Rate Also Cut.

Lamport & Holt also announced effective July 1, a reduction in the round-trip rate to \$400 for Rio de Janeiro, but this reduction, Chairman Lasker said, had been applied to a rate of \$450, effective the same date.

Chairman Lasker said the new "straight rates" would become effective immediately. The Lamport & Holt action, he added, was taken without consulting the board and could only be interpreted as a "declaration of war in the South American trade."

This war, he continued, may be the forerunner of similar ones in other ocean passenger service in an effort to drive the American American lines out of business. "Our hat is in the ring," he declared, "and we will stick as long as necessary to assure American domination of the passenger traffic on all oceans."

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"We can take the action," he added, "as nothing but an unfriendly one in relation to the American merchant marine and its establishment of the first high-class service under the American flag between North and South America. The whole action in cutting the rates without conference with us, when we admit they should have been adjusted, could only be interpreted as a declaration of war in this trade."

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