

BORAH PROPOSES WORLD CONFERENCE

International Economic Discussion Held Vital.

AMENDMENT IS OFFERED

German Reparations Is Declared Key to Solving Problems of American Export Trade.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Extensive discussion of international affairs is expected to develop in the senate as a result of a proposal today by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, for an international conference to consider economic, financial and business problems, including German reparations, as well as reduction of land, sea and aerial armaments.

Senator Borah offered his plan as an amendment to the \$300,000,000 naval appropriation bill, which was reported to the senate today for preliminary consideration tomorrow. He proposed that the president be asked to call an international economic and disarmament conference instead of a conference merely to deal with limitations of naval vessels under 10,000 tons and military and naval aircraft, as provided in the bill as passed by the house.

Immediate Action Required. In offering his amendment as a substitute for the house provision Senator Borah said that economic conditions required immediate action and he proposed that President Harding be authorized and requested to send representatives to the conference as he should deem necessary and expedient with the object of arriving at a preliminary agreement looking to the restoration of trade and establishment of sound financial and business conditions.

With reference to armaments, the Borah amendment includes the house bill's provisions as to naval vessels under 10,000 tons and aircraft with its provision for consideration of land and sea armaments. Senate leaders do not expect the Borah proposal to be reached during tomorrow's consideration of the bill. These and an amendment by Senator King, democrat, Utah, calling for a land and sea disarmament conference, which is pending, are expected to go over until after the Christmas holidays.

Borah's Move Surprising. Senator Borah's amendment caused general surprise, especially in view of his strong position in the past in reference to American participation in European problems. He was one of the strongest opponents of the League of Nations and treaty of Versailles, but in his statement today he made it clear that he believed action was needed to solve pressing economic problems affecting American trade. German reparations, he said, were the "key to the present situation" and he thought his proposed conference might "break the deadlock on that subject."

"We are traveling in a vicious circle," Senator Borah declared. "We enacted an emergency and also a permanent tariff bill. Nevertheless, the cry of distress from the producers of the country is even more piteous than at any time since the war. The farmer can find no markets abroad for his surplus products and without a market for his surplus products it is impossible for him to realize the value of what he produces."

Passage Lies Idle. "We now propose to enact a ship subsidy bill, but there are no cargoes to carry and no markets to supply. If we should give our millions in the way of subsidies, we would not open a single market nor supply a single cargo. These things are not produced by subsidies. There are millions of shipping tonnage lying idle now waiting to carry the cargoes which do not appear. Markets are opened and cargoes are produced by men going back to work and settling down to business, not by imposing more taxes in the way of subsidies."

"We had a disarmament conference a year ago. We are now advised by a committee report of the other house that unless these agreements heretofore made are extended competition in naval armaments will be again in the direction to which the Washington conference agreements do not extend. The committee further says that if it is allowed to go on unchecked this government must be constrained to launch a new program to keep abreast of other powers. There could not be anything more destructive of all hope of recovery in economic affairs than a reopening of a competitive race in armaments."

U. S. ACTION IS PLANNED

(Continued From First Page) efforts to bring the combined weight of industrial influence in the allied countries, Germany and the United States to bear on the reparations stumbling block were made nearly six months ago.

In Germany, Great Britain, the United States and France, a series of private conferences were held between important figures in the international industrial world. The movement met with stiff opposition in France at that time but later when the council of premiers faced complete rupture in London this month, the effort was renewed with great hopes of success in finding a common ground for a final reparations settlement.

The proposal to create a commission of American industrial leaders to measure Germany's economic capacity as it is today seems to have been the expression of a consensus of opinion among the business interests of all nations, that such a course would be wise, since the United States is not participant in Germany's reparations payments. Mr. Barnes' statement makes the American business viewpoint on that question entirely plain.

FRANCE HELD INDEPENDENT Nation Declared No Longer Forced to Wait on America.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—France is no longer forced to wait upon America for a solution of the inter-allied European debts, which are closely bound up with the question of reparations, Premier Poincare told the senate today in a restatement of the country's position.

The inter-allied debts, he said,

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR SUMMONED HOME FROM ENGLAND.



COLONEL GEORGE HARVEY AND MRS. HARVEY.

Latest news is that Ambassador Harvey has been summoned home by the president and his cabinet regarding the general European situation, while Mrs. Harvey, who has been ill with throat trouble, will go to Madeira for the change of climate.

would be discussed at the resumption of the premier's conference here on January 2. France has found a freer field in this respect than before, as she no longer met with a flat refusal of her allies to discuss the question. It was for this reason that she was no longer forced to await action by the United States for a solution.

The feeling in Washington, reflected in dispatches published here, that France is unduly delaying action on the Washington treaties is declared to be unjustified in parliamentary circles, where it is said that the members of the foreign relations committee are eager to get through with the question and the government is urging action as far as it can without seeming to bring undue pressure on the chamber of deputies.

One of the principal causes of delay, said a member of the committee today, is that until a few days ago the committee had no records of the Washington deliberations in French to guide them and few of the members understood English. They wanted the official French copies and they arrived only recently.

GERMANS HOLD CONFERENCE

U. S. Intervention Not Considered in Reparations Plans.

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The new reparations plans with which Chancellor Cuno and his immediate advisers are engaged will not be based, it is announced, on any assumption of early active financial intervention by the United States. The chancellor, the minister of finance, Herr Brüning, and the minister of economics, Herr Becker, have been holding a series of conferences with industrial, financial and commercial leaders and the representatives of organized labor during the past week. It is generally assumed that the government's proposed program or presentation to the premier at the Paris conference will boldly suggest that a permanent solution of the reparations problem should be arrived at and that a fixed, definite sum should be named as indicating Germany's final indebtedness.

In their determination to achieve definite and final adjustment of Germany's reparations debts, Chancellor Cuno and his ministers are encouraged by the attitude of the industrial and financial leaders, who in a measure have made this a condition of their collaboration and by the sentiment in other quarters in favor of such procedure. They intend to get away from the "adjustment" and "respite" stage.

Before this is accomplished no co-ordinated system of financial reform or international remedial measures can be carried out, in the opinion of the ministers. "We as a nation cannot see daylight ahead until some definite goal is set for us," said one member of the cabinet, and he added that limited moratoriums and the "breathing spaces" granted to Germany have invariably had disastrous effects on her currency and her efforts to adjust her budgets. The chancellor, however, is re-

WHAT CONGRESS DID AS ITS DAY'S WORK.

Senate. The amendment proposed by Borah, republican, Idaho, requesting the president to call an economic conference in connection with the suggested parity on disarmament. Pierce Butler confirmed an associate justice of the supreme court, \$1 to \$.

House. Debate continued on agricultural appropriation bill. Representative Blanton, democrat, Texas, announced he would fight the "free-seed grab" when that section of the bill is reached tomorrow. Judiciary committee completed hearings on the Keller impeachment charge against Attorney-General Daugherty following announcement by the department of justice it would proceed soon to prosecute the U. S. Harness and other cases.

Property Custodian Miller appeared before the interstate and foreign commerce committee in support of bill to pay of claims of \$10,000 and under. Bureau-Langley bill increasing the pension for veterans of the civil war was passed.

ported as being more optimistic regarding the outlook for a substantial internal gold loan because of the encouragement extended to him by the industrialists and financial circles, and while his new proposals are expected to reflect willingness to push Germany's capacity for payments to the limit of her ability, he will look for concessions and exemptions from certain reparations conditions which have been the subject of repeated official protests.

Meanwhile the nation's internal economic situation may be said to have become worse not only with regard to the government's inability to curtail expenditures, balance budgets and check the floating debt, but also with respect to its currency inflation. The output for the first half of December exceeds 218,000,000 marks, and as the closing weeks of the year invariably show the heaviest drains on the reichbank, it is estimated that the total currency circulation at the end of the year will be far in excess of 1,000,000,000 marks. On account of the complete collapse of the holiday business the situation in retail business is highly unfavorable.

STRONG INTEREST REVIVED

Intervention or Mediation by America Is Reported.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Some form of intervention or mediation by the United States in the reparations problem, as now reported in authoritative quarters, has revived strong interest in London and has not failed to attract the attention of the British public generally owing to the confirmed belief that only through a satisfactory settlement of this problem can England hope to surmount its unemployment difficulties. Since the disappointment recently experienced when hopes had been aroused of a loan to Germany being promoted in America, there has been less disposition to indulge in sanguine speculations based on the present unofficial and informal pourparlers. For this reason also it may be supposed, the British government is disinclined to make any open pronouncement on the subject, at least until the new move has attained a more definite form. But it is known that the British, like other European governments, would be only too ready to welcome the slightest sign of the American government or people taking an active interest in the problem.

Here as always, it is recognized that the real key to the problem lies in Paris. It is understood that the conversations between the British and French governments are continuing in an endeavor to find some ground of agreement for the adjourned conference of the premiers to be held in Paris January 2. Premier Poincare's speech in the French senate today seems to show but little change in France's attitude, but the general belief in London is

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that should the prospect again arise of inducing America to interest herself in Europe's problems, the French chamber would perhaps be willing to yield somewhat in its heretofore intransigent attitude on reparations. Recent speculations here and in Paris have turned mainly on the possibility of reconvening some sort of international bankers' conference, but the proposal now made of an international commission to visit Germany on a mission of investigation has received even a warmer welcome.

CASE INVOLVES MILLIONS

Verdict Won Against Railroad Administration for Fire Loss.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 21.—A verdict against the United States railroad administration was returned by a district court jury yesterday in what is considered a test case involving millions of dollars of property destroyed by forest fires October 12, 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. McCool were awarded a verdict of \$5000 against the administration, which operated the railroads at the time of the fires. They sought to recover \$600. The cases against the Duluth, Northeastern, Duluth, Win- nipeg and Pacific Railway companies, named co-defendants in the original complaint, were dismissed during the trial.

Engineer Officer Transferred. THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—First Lieutenant Bennett H. Barrere, an engineer corps, now en route from Hawaii to San Francisco, has been ordered to duty at Portland, Or.

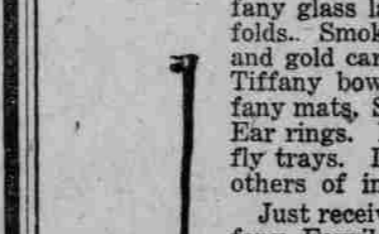
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TIERNANS IN NEW YORK

COUPLE, WITH CHILDREN, IN GREENWICH VILLAGE.

Estranged but Reunited Pair Living at Hotel; Plan Is to Make New Start.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Professor and Mrs. John T. Tiernan of South Bend, Ind., and the boy upon whose head fell the brunt of their paternity court battle against Harry Poulin, a South Bend haberdasher, were found Wednesday living in a hotel in Greenwich village.

With them were their two daughters. They were registered as "William A. Ross and family, Detroit." They have been in the city ten days. Professor Tiernan, with relatives in New York, came here for the announced purpose of making a new start.

Mrs. Tiernan and the children have remained in seclusion, even making their meals in their rooms. "There is nothing I can say," said Mrs. Tiernan when reporters called on her. "All my heart has been not to talk. There is really nothing that can be said."

"What are your plans for the future?" "Nothing can be said of them now."

Her eyes filled.

"Do you and Professor Tiernan intend to remain in New York?" "I believe so."

"Are you planning to continue to live together?" "Yes," she said, simply.

Professor Tiernan had been granted a divorce, but this was annulled after he married again soon after the decree was granted.

Professor Tiernan returned to the hotel soon afterward, but he was as silent as his wife.

KLAN GARB PROHIBITED

Wearing of Regalia in Harrison, N. J., Means Arrest.

HARRISON, N. J., Dec. 21.—Instructions to arrest any one appearing in the city wearing the regalia of the Ku Klux Klan and orders to have the sanity of all such persons determined by physicians, were posted today by Chief of Police Walsh.

The orders, adopted by the common council, also include the unmasking of hooded individuals and ten days' imprisonment.

THREE SUCCUMB TO GAS

Men Dead Several Days When Found in Sioux City.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Dec. 21.—Bodies of three men asphyxiated by gas were found in a house here last night. They were identified as Joseph Studt, 75; William Boyles, 51; and G. A. Shannon, 50. They are believed to have been dead since Monday.

TURK AND GREEK CLASH

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and Moslems generally munique, "and Moslems generally forbidden to leave Crete." The Turks also allege mistreatment of the Moslems in Mitylene. Another complication in near eastern conditions was disclosed in a telegram dated December 19, which reached here tonight from Beirut. Foreign relief workers reported that between December 9 and 12, 5000 Armenian refugees, fleeing from Turkey, had arrived at Aleppo, and 2000 more were reported crossing the borders into Syria the day the dispatch was forwarded.

"All are in an appalling state of destitution and nearly all of them were robbed," says the telegram. "The French are furnishing housing and food. Clothing and food which just came from Australia were shipped to Aleppo today. The French are feeding 1250 American Near East relief is straining every resource."

Conferences Are Held. Lord Curzon, M. Barrere and the Marquis di Gironni held an import-

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ant conference tonight in an endeavor to straighten out the remaining difficulties over the straits control.

The Turks are insisting strongly that the international commission shall have no jurisdiction over such matters as lighthouses and plotting

investigate the alleged shortage of labor in Hawaii, has returned to Honolulu following a visit to the other islands. In the commission is Otto Hartwig, president of the Oregon federation of labor. The commission refused to discuss its findings.

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