

GERMANY ADVANCE HELD TO BE TRICK

To Block Separate Peace by America Is Aim.

SURPRISE IS EXPRESSED

Compromise at Reparations Con- ference, After German Offer, Is Made Impossible.

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LONDON, March 12.—(Special Cable.)—England is rubbing her eyes and is beginning to ask what has happened at the conference between the Germans and the allies here, this week.

The break with Germany was a total surprise, but even more astonishing to Englishmen was the readiness with which Prime Minister Lloyd-George accepted it, and even seemed to court it. He made no serious attempt to reach a compromise this time, as he generally does. Compromise, in fact, is so much of a settled policy with Mr. Lloyd-George that when he falls to attempt one people instinctively begin to wonder whether he is seeking some ulterior object.

Break With France Faced.

Inquiries made by the writer at governmental quarters elicited the opinion that Great Britain faced the choice of breaking with Germany or breaking with France. The French parliament had plainly instructed Premier Briand that it could not tolerate further concessions, either. If the Germans did not yield, he was under the necessity of resorting immediately to a declaration of war. The government would have fallen before the attacks of ex-President Poincare and those who favor annexation of Rhine territory.

But this explanation was unsatisfactory to British liberals, who pointed out that Lloyd-George could at least have made a statement, or more inevitably than it did. Instead they declared he adopted a most unbecoming attitude at the outset when, after hearing the introductory speech of Dr. Simons, and without waiting to read the text of the German proposals, he resorted to a ready-made, provocative words which rendered difficult any German concessions.

Break Is Regretted.

His refusal, moreover, to grant additional time for preparation of a new German offer could hardly have been due to the fear of independent action on the part of the French, since the conference was obliged, on account of the Turkish problem, to remain in session until the end of the week.

Liberals here seem to regret particularly that the break should have come just as Mr. Harding was inaugurated president and before an opportunity arose to ascertain the attitude of the new administration. Might not the United States have found some other way out?

In any case, isn't it risky to take drastic action when another week of negotiations might have opened the United States an opportunity to express its opinion?

Deft Purpose Is Seen.

It now appears to these liberals, however, that the deft purpose was to resort to force was not taken with the idea of neglecting the United States, but with the deft purpose of influencing American policy. This view is strengthened here on reading the dispatch of the Washington correspondent of the London Morning Post, who cabined that the action of the allies had made it practically impossible for the United States senate to adopt the Knox resolution or make a separate peace with Germany.

In other words, does Lloyd-George believe that the renewal of war at the present time is the best means of consolidating more the allied front and bringing America again into line with allied policy?

Does the British prime minister believe he has placed President Harding in the position where he cannot withdraw American troops from the Rhine, and where Mr. Harding must join the war effort, and that he might be charged into a participation in the measures taken to enforce the terms of the treaty of Versailles?

Deeper Game Suspected.

Has Lloyd-George, who only a few days ago was being charged with a diplomatic defeat at the hands of clever Briand, really been playing a deeper game than even his friends suspected?

These are the questions the British liberals are asking, and for an answer they keep close watch on Washington. Should the supposed maneuver of Lloyd-George succeed and the United States be turned from ideas of a separate peace into a plan of cooperation with the allies to execute the Versailles treaty, the apparent defeat of the British prime minister at London would be turned into the greatest victory of his career.

HARDING'S START PLEAS

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partment appointed to this job as reward for party service, but Mr. Hubbard, who has been the valuable aid of Commissioner General Camenetti, got the place without asking for it. The new commissioner general was for a long time clerk to the senate committee on immigration before entering the immigration division of the department of labor. He is perhaps the country's leading expert on the subject of immigration.

President Helps Himself.

But most of all, the new president helped himself by appointing Herbert Hoover secretary of commerce. Mr. Hoover talks up like a man who knows his business, according to the comment one hears or reads. There has long been need of a great department that could promote the nation's trade, both domestic and foreign, and the business men of the country are letting it be known that they like the way Hoover is going at it to make his department accomplish the purpose for which it was created.

But wait a minute. With all of his brilliant successes, Mr. Harding has made at least one mistake. That was yesterday, when he wrote a letter to Admiral Benson in which he split an infinitive. Champions of the split infinitive who have always fought an uphill fight are, of course, in great gloe, while the sticklers for 100 per cent English are horror-stricken.

The letter signed by the president carried the words "to immediately advise." Senator Lodge, who once moved in the senate to amend a bill simply to correct a split infinitive, would not discuss the president's lapse, as the grammarians would term it.

In this connection it is recalled that President Wilson, just a short time

before retiring from office, saved the faces of those who are so frequently corrected for writing that something is done "with a view to." In one of his state papers Mr. Wilson, former college professor and the peer of the world's greatest literary men, used the words "with a view to," which was one time in history when editors and copyreaders did not have the daring to change it to read "with a view of."

All this, however, is quite aside from questions of statesmanship, such as the burning question of who shall be appointed postmaster of Happy Hollow. The hunching for postmasterships is almost equal to the insatiable thirst now evidenced for jobs in the office of the prohibition director. No decision has been reached as to whether the Wilson order of April, 1917, putting all presidential postmasters under the civil service shall be revoked.

Representative Pees of Ohio, chair- man of the republican national con- gressional committee, is taking a refer- endum of the members of congress on the question of having the order revoked. It is suspected that this roll of the members is being taken at the instance of Postmaster- General Hays.

Outcome Yet Uncertain.

No information is forthcoming as to the results of the referendum, but it is rumored that some of the elder statesmen who have had experience with patronage are opposing the revocation of the civil service order. On the other hand, the newer representatives are said to express the desire that they be given an opportunity to reward their friends.

Heartbeat Heard Miles

MARVELOUS AMPLIFYING AP- PARATUS DEvised.

Device Will Function as Far as Telephone Wires Will Trans- mit Human Voice.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—An amplifying apparatus described here today to a physician in one city to make a stethoscopic study of the heart action of a patient hundreds of miles away, was demonstrated today to a group of army and civilian medical men at the army signal corps laboratories. The principle involved is similar to that used in transmitting President Harding's inaugural address to the great crowd that extended far beyond the ordinary reach of the human voice.

The demonstration was directed by Brigadier-General George Squier, chief signal officer, who described the apparatus with electrical connection was placed over the heart of one of the laboratory assistants and the heart beat was amplified many thousands of times, emerging through a phonograph horn to be heard distinctly and studied by the physician in a room some distance from that in which the subject was located.

The device may be used in connection with any telephone wire and will function, it was said at the laboratory, as far as the telephone wires will transmit the voice in ordinary conversation.

"A special heart transmitter has been designed which rests by its own weight over the patient's heart," said General Squier in describing the ap- paratus. "The passage of the blood through the different valves of the heart causes vibrations in an air chamber which faithfully reproduces all of the various actions. These are transmitted over the wire to an am- plifying apparatus attached to a large horn which projects the sounds throughout the building."

BUSINESS PROPERTY SOLD

Valuable Holdings in Oregon City Change Owners.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 12.—(Special.)—Two of the most important land deals made in Oregon City for some time were closed Saturday, when some of the most valuable main-street property was involved.

Frank Busch & Sons have purchased the store building adjoining the Busch furniture store, and also the building occupied by Ruonich & Roppel's meat market. Mr. Busch and his sons have a five-year lease on the city hall property, and it is the intention of the firm to remain at that location, but will erect a handsome two-story structure on the property just purchased, which will be of concrete and modern throughout.

The Bank of Commerce will erect a handsome bank building at Seventh and Main streets where now stands the store recently vacated by the Oregon City shoe store and the Brunswick restaurant.

Another important deal is the purchase of the property, consisting of 35x195 feet at Seventh and Main streets owned by Miss Catherine Barclay. W. L. Mulvey is the purchaser of this property, the valuation being \$35,000.

FRANKLIN QUINSET WINS STATE TITLE

Salem Basketball Team De- feated in Tourney Final.

DEFENSE IS GOOD ONE

Lightning Floor Work, Sensational Checking and Almost Impos- sible Shots Feature Game.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem Or., March 12.—(Special.)—Franklin high school defeated the Salem high school quintet 26-19 tonight in the final game of the state inter-scholastic tournament and thereby walked off with the 1921 basketball championship of Oregon. With its lightning floor work, its sensational checking and some almost impossible shots, the game kept the largest basketball crowd that ever packed the Salem armory cheering from start to finish.

The Quakers' stone wall defense, coupled with their fierce attack, led by Captain King and Hobson, was the principal cause of Salem's downfall. The 1920 champions did some beautiful shooting, but they found difficulty in eluding Kelly and Jones. The latter also distinguished himself by slipping behind the Salem defense for the two field baskets that started Franklin's rush.

Fouls Shot With Accuracy.

"Evie" Jones, Salem forward, who has played the last three games with a broken nose, shot the goal that opened the fireworks. For 12 minutes this stood as the lone field basket, none of King's numerous long tries finding the hoop. Throughout the first half, Ashby and King shot fouls with uncanny accuracy, but Fleider Jones' clever work aided materially in boosting the score to 11-6 for the Quakers.

The teams battled through the last half at the same dizzy speed, but King and Hobson had their shooting eyes working and popped in the lone basket at a steady rate. The Quakers excelled in working the ball down the floor and used every opportunity to break through Salem's hitherto unpenetrated defense.

King Is High Point Man.

Every man on the Portland quintet scored during the session, King being high point man. Ashby and Staley were the leaders in Salem's offensive play, but they had hard luck in hitting the basket and missed several fairly easy shots. Staley was credited with the feat of shooting the ball from the basket in a room some distance from that in which the subject was located.

Notwithstanding the hard games of each quintet, this afternoon, every man kept going at lightning speed, making the tilt the real feature of the most successful state tournament ever conducted here. Lineup:

Franklin (26). Salem (19).
King 12. Hobson 10. Jones 8. Staley 7. Fleider Jones 6. Gasser 5. Ashby 4. Sublinette-Salem, Randall for E. Jones. Free throws—King 4 in 10 attempts. Ashby 9 in 11 attempts.
Referee—Balpo Coleman, Oregon Agricultural college.

Baker Forfeits His Rights.

The crack Baker high school quintet, winner over Franklin, McMinnville and Molalla, forfeited all rights to participate in the finals because of the ineligibility of Blakeley, the phenomenal center. This was due to the low scholastic standing of the Baker star, who has been playing under the name of Stoddard.

Coach Dewey, admitted this morning to the championship of the Pacific Northwest association of the Amateur Athletic Union here tonight by defeating the Vancouver, B. C. Y. M. C. A. team, 52 to 22, in the finale of the series.

Cochran Beats Horemans.

DETROIT, Mich., March 12.—Welker Cochran of San Francisco defeated Edouard Horemans, European champion, 3600 to 3505 in an 18.3 balling billiard match that closed tonight.

DRY OFFICERS RETAINED

Orders to Cut Washington Force Not Yet Received.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 12.—No orders have yet been received for the reduction of the prohibition enforcement staff of this state, Donald A. McDonald, director for Washington, declared today.

There are 40 federal agents on the Pacific coast, and 13 are allocated to the state of Washington at this time. These officers are in Tacoma and Seattle and at times work from Spokane. The enforcement agents of the state are under direction of John G. Montgomery, whose offices are in Tacoma.

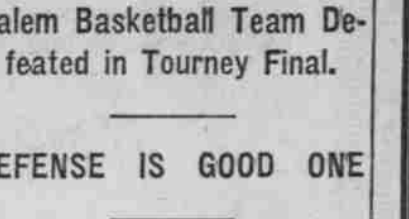
PHONE PATRONS PROTEST

People of Oswego District Back Proposed Recall Movement.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 12.—(Special.)—The mass meeting held in Oswego Friday evening to discuss the recent rise in telephone rates by the public service commission, was largely attended, many from all sections of that part of the county attending.

It was decided to attend a recall meeting, in case such meeting is held. Thomas C. Fetter of Oswego, was chairman of the meeting and among those he appointed to represent Os-

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The official selection of 1921 all-state teams at the close of today's playing:
First team—King, Franklin, captain and forward; Hobson, Franklin, forward; Brosterhaus, Bend, center; Ridings, Molalla, guard; Ashby, Salem, guard.
Second team—McMinnick, Marshfield, captain and forward; Staley, Salem, forward; Gasser, Salem, center; F. Jones, Franklin, guard; M. Jones, Salem, guard.
Honorable mention—Olsen, Woodburn; Osborne, McMinnville; Agie, McMinnville; and McCart, McMinnville.

N. Y. Nationals 7, San Antonio 3.
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 12.—The New York Giants beat San Antonio today, 7 to 3, in an exhibition game. The score: R. H. E. New York Giants 7 13 4 San Antonio (Texas league) 3 5 3 Batteries—Nehf, J. Barnes, V. Brown and Snyder; Gason, Zimmerman, Phillips and Casey, Whiting.

Walla Walla Beats Vancouver.
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Russian Revolt Indorsed.
PARIS, March 12.—Resolutions expressing sympathy of the French disident socialist party for Russian workers who are struggling against the bolshevik regime were adopted at a meeting of the central committee of the organization here last night.

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