

BRITAIN ACCEPTS FRENCH PROPOSAL

German Aid in Silesia to Be Demanded.

LAST NOTE SETTLES ISSUE

England's Ambassador at Berlin Told to Help.

TROOP MOVE INVOLVED

Facilitation of Transport of Allied Soldiers Across Teutonic Territory Ordered.

PARIS, July 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Lord Hardinge, British ambassador, informed Premier Briand tonight that Great Britain willingly agrees to the proposals, contained in the French premier's latest note relative to troop reinforcements for upper Silesia.

The British ambassador at Berlin has been instructed to join his French and Italian colleagues in a common demand that Germany facilitate by all possible means the transport of allied troops across Germany whenever the situation in upper Silesia renders it necessary.

Note Handed to M. Briand. Marquis Curzon, British foreign secretary, in the note which Lord Hardinge handed M. Briand, proposes August 8 for the meeting of the supreme council. Premier Lloyd George will attend if the French desire.

The British reply is extremely cordial. Lord Hardinge expressed satisfaction over the dissipation of the recent misunderstandings.

Belgium, it was learned, will be invited to attend the meeting of the supreme council, and the United States will send an observer.

Reinforcements Main Issue. The question of sending reinforcements into the Polish area is to be settled first, after which the council will consider the division of the upper Silesian territory as between Germany and Poland.

Problems concerned with the repatriation question will not be taken up, these being left for settlement by the allied ministers of France.

It is understood the council also will discuss means for giving aid to famine-stricken Russia and probably will examine the far-east situation.

LLOYD GEORGE IS HOPEFUL. Allies Expected to Settle Differences on Silesia.

THAME, England, July 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Mr. Lloyd George, the prime minister, speaking at the unveiling of a war memorial here today, referred optimistically to the trend of the agreement between France and England on the Silesian situation.

It had been arranged for the allies to meet in a few days to consider this vexed question, added the premier, and he hoped the settlement would be final.

In introducing the subject, the prime minister said: "We have had some differences with France recently over the interpretation of one of the sections of the peace treaty, and we have talked very plainly to each other. That is quite right. Plain speaking generally leads to good understanding. Thoughts working in concealment are dangerous. It is much better to have it out, and we have both done so with most excellent results."

The premier, after saying the preliminary difficulties had been settled and announcing the forthcoming meeting of the allies, continued: "Great Britain only claims that she must have a voice in the interpretation of the peace she made such as"

HARDING SENDS NOTE BY CARRIER PIGEON

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WASHINGTON, D. C., July 30.—Communication with Washington by naval carrier pigeon was maintained today by the presidential yacht Mayflower as she steamed up the Atlantic coast with President and Mrs. Harding en route to Plymouth, Mass., where on Monday the president will speak at the ceremonies commemorating the tercentenary of the landing of the Pilgrims.

Before the Mayflower left yesterday Lieutenant A. J. McAtee, director of the naval pigeon service, placed five carrier pigeons aboard. At 4:52 P. M. today one of the birds returned bearing a message from the president. The pigeon had left the Mayflower at 11:30 A. M. today, when the yacht was about 25 miles northeast of Cape Henry light, about 250 miles from Washington.

The president's message said: "Executive office, White House. Fine voyage, all well. Mrs. Harding greatly refreshed. Making our schedule amid excellent conditions. Inspection this morning revealed fine crew aboard the Mayflower. Greetings to all the office force."

"WARREN G. HARDING." The Mayflower at 8:30 o'clock tonight was off Cape Henlopen, according to a wireless from Secretary Christian received by the naval communications office here. The message said: "All well. Fine weather. Smooth sea."

TRAMCAR DROPS; 6 DEAD

Six Others Injured in Plunge of 2000 Feet Into Gulch.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., July 30.—Six men were killed, and six others injured, three seriously, when a tramway car cable slipped out of the swivel late today at the Schuyler Doyle shale company's plant, the car plunging to the floor of the gulch 2000 feet below.

The shale plane tram line is built on a 70 per cent grade and the men had just started from the plant to the valley when the cable parted. It is believed some of them jumped while the car was falling at a tremendous rate of speed. Their bodies were found all along the route of the tram line.

The scene of the accident is three miles north of Grand Valley and 45 miles from Grand Junction along Parachute creek. Information received here was that the men were mostly foreigners.

UNCLE SAM TO CUT RENT

Charges for Government-Owned Cottages to Drop Soon.

WILMINGTON, Del., July 30.—A reduction of about 15 per cent in the rent of government-owned houses and apartments here, to become effective August 1, was announced today by the resident manager for the United States shipping board and the Liberty Loan company.

The average monthly rental now is approximately \$41.

WOMEN OFF FOR JUNGLES

Child Also Member of Party on Journey to Africa.

NEW YORK, July 30.—Two women and a child were members of the party that embarked with Carl Akeley on the steamship Baltic today for a trip into the jungles of Africa. Mr. Akeley is going in the hope of obtaining a gorilla family for the American museum of natural history.

FAIR WEATHER REMAINS

Normal Temperatures for Pacific States Is Promised.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 30.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are: Rocky mountains and plateau regions—Widely scattered showers and normal temperatures. Pacific states—Generally fair and normal temperatures.

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Salvation Held Possible If America and World Realize Russia's Plight and Act.

BY MAXIMILIAN HARDEN. (Copyright, 1921, by The Oregonian.) (Special Cable.) That vivid horse which, in John's Apocalypse, had death for its rider, gallops today over immense Russia, breathing pestilence from its pallid nostrils.

In May Lenin predicted that a good harvest would follow last year's poor yield. Since then the drought has withered all the crops and fruit. The earth has been split with wild fires. No harvest is possible. Even cattle cannot be fed.

Recent excellent plans for reconciling the peasants and town folks have gone glimmering. Since the land was taken from the crown and the big proprietors and turned over to the peasants the area under cultivation has diminished 80 per cent. The red army has taken the best men from the plow. Compelled to deliver all surplus products beyond his own barest needs to the commissaries, the peasant has raised only what he personally needed. Had he been offered agricultural machinery, axes, knives, scissors, needles, thread, coal and oil in exchange he would have worked hard for abundant crops.

Rouble Almost Valueless. But what good is the soviet rouble to the peasant? His city cousin pays 10,000 roubles for a portion of ice cream, half a million roubles for a pair of shoes. The peasant has a cupboard full of requisition slips and paper money, but he can't purchase the simplest necessities.

This catastrophe, which is the most terrible known, falls just as one-half of the peasantry has been reduced to the peasantry relieved of a large part of the taxes they have had to pay. Military communism, which Lenin thought necessary during the war, was to end and make room for state capitalism and freedom of retail trade.

But now the peasant who even last year lived on 12 pounds of cereal per capita, or 23 less than the German peasant, sees winter coming on without food and fuel. Between 20 and 30 millions are filled with savage emotions at the prospect of starving amid the snow and ice which may come this year as early as September.

Whole Villages Moving. Whole villages meantime are emigrating to Siberia and Turkestan. The roads are choked with all sorts of prehistoric vehicles. Skinny horses, which even last spring could be bought for a few pieces of bread, drop dead amid dying men abandoned on the dusty roadsides.

The fugitives are unwelcome everywhere because they bring pestilence. They stay their fearful hunger when they can with fruits, nuts and the bark of trees. And as they are armed and as there are hand grenades and machine guns in every village, bloody battles ensue.

Famine, cholera, pestilence—that apocalyptic team drags the Russian people to the edge of the precipice. Tomorrow it may plunge them into the abyss.

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Figures Declared to Show Biggest Month of Year From Monetary Standpoint.

BY WILLIAM P. HELM JR. (Copyright, 1921, by The Oregonian.) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 30.—There is every reason to believe that today the railroads of the United States, taken as a whole, can look back on a month when their net income has been at the rate of 6 per cent annually of the value of their properties. Such a condition has not existed before for years—even at the height of the country's wartime prosperity.

Reports of railroad activities for June—earnings, expenses and income—now are pouring into the interstate commerce commission at such a rapid rate that almost every hour of the working forenoon and part of the fact that during June the roads kept their maintenance and way expenses down to a minimum.

Coming to July, we find that due to wage cuts and the abrogation of national agreements, both effective the first day of the month, the saving in expenses has been estimated at more than \$30,000,000 monthly.

Such a condition argues for a revival of national legislation in many lines of industry.

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