

U. S. MUST JUMP INTO WORLD PACT, DECLARES WRITER

Adoption of League Plan or Association of Nations Idea, Urged As Only Positive Solution.

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Washington, March 12.—The United States government will not get into conflict with the allied nations, either via the Panama-Costa Rica dispute or by way of the allied-German reparations difficulty.

This has been made quite clear by those familiar with this government's intended course of action toward both problems. As a matter of fact, the more the international situation is considered the more the conviction has grown in responsible quarters that the only way the United States eventually can get out of the mess is to get into the league or some association of nations. The strongest pressure both at home and from abroad has been with this objective.

SOLUTION IS LIKELY.

It was stated officially, however, on Thursday that there is little likelihood of Panama ever needing to protest to the league. On the other hand, it was stated that this government had never insisted upon Panama adhering strictly to Justice White's decision and there was every indication that a compromise satisfactory to all parties was in prospect.

Nevertheless it is pointed out that greater embarrassments are likely to arise so long as the United States stands aloof from cooperation in settling the international difficulties. It has been quite generally stated, for example, that had America actively participated in the reparations conference, the present state of affairs would not have arisen between the allies and Germany.

UP TO AMERICA.

Now that it has arisen, it is similarly agreed quite generally that there will be no definite end to the confusion until the United States puts in its hand.

On the other hand the United States is prevented from putting its hand because the new administration has gone on record as favoring a separate peace with Germany. This plan, together with other plans announced during the campaign, such as bringing the American troops back from the Rhine, sending a mission to Europe to take up the question of a league of nations and calling an international disarmament conference, has been thrown into confusion by the allied-German break and the advance into Germany by Franco-Belgian forces.

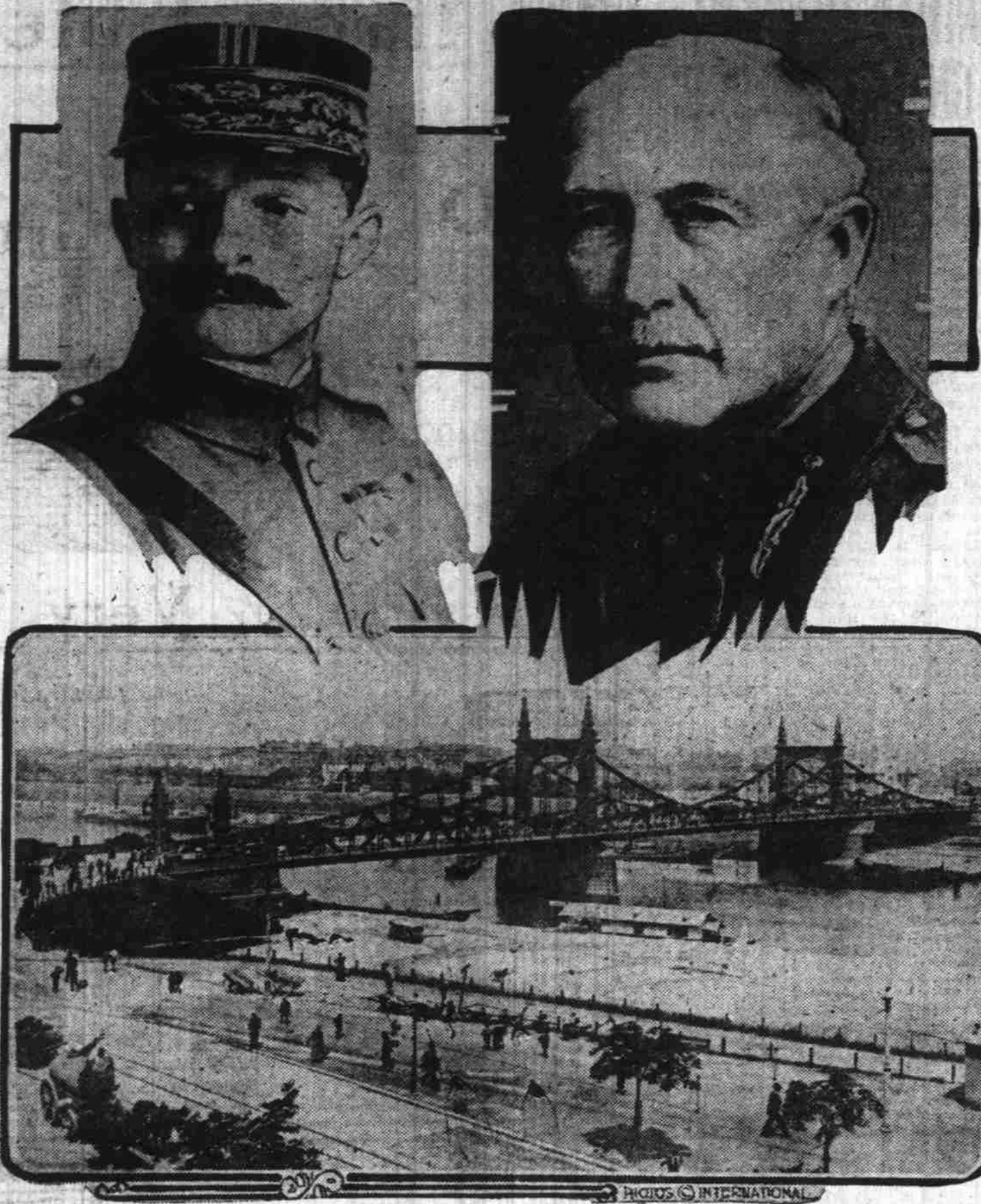
Meantime the coming of former Premier Viviani is regarded here not only as a movement toward creating greater cooperation between the French and American government, but also as a move toward effecting a compromise on the league of nations with the United States.

LEAGUE PROBLEM GROWS.

In short, such vast confusion has developed in world relations and such vast uncertainty exists as to how everything is to be straightened out, so as to revive normal commercial intercourse so vitally needed, that all friends and many former opponents of the idea that America should enter the league with proper safeguards believe such a course is being more and more inevitable.

Decision of Senator Knox to withhold his previously announced intention of introducing his separate peace with Germany resolution immediately after

THE NEW ALLIED INVASION OF GERMANY



Above, left to right—Major General Maxime Weygand of the French army and General Sir Henry Wilson, chief of the British general staff, who are active in the new allied invasion of the Rhineland. Below—The Frederick bridge over the Rhine at Mannheim, one of the cities to be occupied.

The extra session is called has tended to strengthen the view that Harding will soon move toward a more definite policy of cooperation.

Auto Worker Injured
Harry Harris, 31, 6518 Eighth street southeast, an automobile mechanic, was injured about the pelvis Saturday afternoon when an automobile on which he was working at a garage at 58 North Twenty-first street slipped from its jacks and fell on him. He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital, where it is reported he is not seriously injured.

U. S. SHIP LINE TO ALASKA PROPOSED

Sen. Cummins Submits Plans to Interior Department, Urging It as Means to Develop Territory.

Washington, March 12.—(I. N. S.)—A definite proposal for a government control steamship and railroad service for the further development of Alaska has been submitted to Secretary of the Interior Fall by Senator Cummins (Rep., Iowa), chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee. It was disclosed today.

Secretary Fall is understood to have assured Senator Cummins he will take the proposal up with President Harding at the earliest opportunity.

Senator Cummins informed Mr. Fall that the steamship service between the Pacific coast and Alaska ports, which is largely in the hands of the western copper interests, "is not all that it might be."

Senator McNary (R., Or.), discussed the Alaska plan with Senator Cummins today. Cummins told McNary that in his opinion the plan is "perfectly feasible" and he hoped it would be realized soon.

The Alaska railroad built by army engineers is approaching completion. Its terminal is Seward, Alaska. Approximately \$50,000,000 has been expended on it by the government. It is estimated that an additional \$10,000,000 would complete it.

Portland has been working quietly for some time to secure government help for the establishment of a new steamship line to connect with the terminus of the government railroad at Seward. The Columbia river ports are much nearer Seward than are any other American ports, a direct line from the Columbia to Seward Alaska having a two day advantage over Puget Sound ports. If the line is secured, supplies for Alaska would be shipped out of this city, while coal from the new mines would form the principal southbound cargo.

REBELS CONTINUE FIGHT IN RUSSIA

Moscow Admits Serious Disturbances in Petrograd but Denies Insurrection Is Spreading.

London, March 12.—(U. P.)—Serious fighting was in progress in Russia tonight.

It was admitted officially in Moscow that serious disturbances have occurred in Petrograd and that the island fortress of Kronstadt is held by rebellious workers and sailors. Moscow denied that the trouble had spread or that the demonstration was anything other than a protest against the admitted shortage of food.

Leon Trotsky, Bolshevik minister of war, personally assumed command of the forces sent to the Petrograd region to restore order. It was semi-officially admitted that communication with Siberia had been broken, but the soviet maintained that there was no revolution worthy of the name.

Numerous reports on the Russian situation reached here tonight from Scandinavian and Finnish ports, centers for Russian refugees.

Many of these were conflicting, but all told of disturbances in Russia far beyond the importance ascribed to them by the Bolsheviks.

A Helsinki report tonight stated that refugees reported soviet power broken in Kiev, south of Moscow, and most important rail center for the Bolshevik armies. They also declared the Red forces were deserting and helping overpower the commissars in Tambov and Orel, large cities in Central and Southern Russia.

They named the Sixth infantry, specifically, as refusing to march on Kronstadt, but as deserting, to side with the revolutionaries.

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CABINET AT BERLIN VOTED CONFIDENCE

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lobbies over the recall of the German ambassador at London, Paris and Brussels. At a meeting of the foreign relations committee Dr. Simons had been asked why the ambassadors had been recalled, but he answered vaguely, giving no definite information. It was reported the diplomats would not return to their posts until the allied troops were withdrawn from the towns they occupied in the Rhineland this week.

There were no signs that the position of the cabinet had been weakened by the turn the indemnity situation had taken.

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and Communists have agreed that Germany shall not take any new step toward reopening the indemnity negotiations so long as allied troops occupy Dusseldorf, Dulseberg and Ruhrort.

Minister Koch's order to enforce immediately the dissolution of the two self-protective organizations "Vorgesch" and "einwehr," threatens renewed political tension between Munich and Berlin, and possibly a crisis.

GERMANY DESIRES TO SEND UNOFFICIAL AGENT TO U. S.

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Berlin, March 12.—Germany may ask the new administration at Washington for permission to send an unofficial commissioner to America corresponding in status to the position of American Commissioner Duesel in Berlin.

This idea has popped up a number of times, but in view of the change in the Washington administration and the reports that President Harding's first step would be to bring about peace between the two countries, it was decided to await his taking of office.

Now that advices indicate that President Harding may adopt a dilatory policy toward peace with Germany, it is agreed that the Berlin government should feel out Washington to ascertain if there is any objection to sending an unofficial representative to Berlin.

In financial and commercial circles here it is pointed out that America has had a large commission here, both military and diplomatic, for more than a year, the members of which have been treated with the greatest courtesy and though they had no official status, they have been accorded all the privileges of the official representatives of other countries.

It is asserted that in view of this it is difficult to see what reasons Washington could advance for not granting a similar commission here.

Whether the foreign minister will

agree to the views expressed in other circles and undertake the delicate task of finding out how Secretary of State Hughes feels about it, is not known.

"WE WILL NOT BUDGE ON REPARATIONS," SAYS BRIAND

(By Universal Service)

Paris, March 12.—"If the Germans formulate new indemnity proposals we shall meet them with the same firmness that was displayed at London," declared Premier Briand today. "We are resolved not to recede from the line we have chosen."

Replying to criticism that the military and economic penalties against Germany will prove ineffective, the premier said: "They will soon show their efficiency."

The results of the London conference were discussed at a cabinet meeting this morning when the premier made a report to his colleagues. The ministers also considered the reply which will be made to the interpellations in the chamber early next week. The debate in the chamber is expected to lead to a confidence vote on Thursday. Members of the ministry believe the government will get an overwhelming majority in view of the turn the indemnity situation has taken.

The importance of separating the Rhineland from Germany and linking it closer to France economically is emphasized in dispatches to the Matin and Echo de Paris today.



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From 500 to 1000 pies will be given free to Boy Scouts next Saturday at the Peoples Bank, headquarters for the Scout Thrift Campaign. The donor is G. F. Fryer of 546 Mississippi avenue. The only stipulation he has made is that all Scouts must first buy a 5-cent Scout Thrift Stamp before claiming a pie.

"I expect a big rush," said Fryer, "but for once in my life I am going to see if boys can be given enough pies. They may find me next Saturday from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m. in the bank lobby, which will be reinforced by piles of pies. The stronger they come the better I like it."

Each pie will be enclosed in a carton and while no pie can be eaten in the bank the boys can have all the pie eating contests they desire just outside. The latter provision is the idea of E. T. Gruwell, president of the bank.

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