

FORMER British prime minister reiterates his warning against French insistence upon occupation of left bank of the Rhine in an article of grave importance in The Sunday Journal tomorrow.

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ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

European Problems Take Up Time of Harding's Cabinet. Situation Calling for U. S. Advice Is Daily Becoming More Puzzling

By David Lawrence (Copyright, 1922, by The Journal) Washington, Dec. 16.—President Harding and his cabinet have thus far been discussing two broad phases of the European situation—the attitude of the United States government should assume in the event that France and Great Britain should attempt to mediate or arbitrate the dispute as to whether Germany should pay and the affirmative measures to be taken on the initiative of America to ease the economic burden of Europe.

The idea of an international economic conference to be held in Washington shortly after the New Year begins appeals strongly to the administration, which feels that it will make greater headway with American public opinion in the long run if the conference is held where all the moves and all the facts can be seen at first hand.

But an economic conference is an ultimate and not an immediate step. The first problem is really what shape American advice shall take. For that's what Europe is waiting for. Ambassador Harvey was appealed to in London and there is reason to believe other powers asked American diplomatic representatives for guidance in other capitals.

The cabinet here spent its Friday session almost entirely discussing just what America should advise. There is unanimity of opinion that the first piece of advice should be to get a definite agreement on the amount of German reparations. If France is willing to leave the amount of the loan to an American commission this country may undertake the task of arbitrating the dispute between France's idea of what Germany should pay and the allied view of Germany's capacity to pay.

On the outcome of that issue depends something even more far-reaching, namely, the extension of a loan by international bankers. There seems to be an impression abroad that the United States government can somehow sanction the extension of a loan by international bankers. There is, of course, but highly improbable. The cabinet did not discuss the making of a loan by the government or even the extension of a loan by international bankers.

The only way the American government gets into the picture at all on the matter of foreign loans is to examine them carefully in the light of its policy of a year ago which was announced to all bankers.

It is requested that any banker or banking firm desirous of floating a foreign loan should as matter of patriotic interest lay the proposition before the government.

There is no law to prevent bankers floating any kind of a loan they want, but obviously a government objection would have as much weight morally as a limitation of law. The administration insists that loans must be made for productive purposes and not for the maintenance or maintenance of armies or navies.

It was proper, therefore, for J. P. Morgan, prime mover in the International Bankers' conference, to consult the Washington government to learn if it had any objection to the revival of the proposition made a year ago whereby the government would guarantee Germany's payments this year a loan might be advanced to help Germany meet some current obligations.

Such a loan would be valueless if France and the allied powers did not give up the so-called military sanctions provided in the treaty of Versailles or, at least, agree to writing off a period of years the fulfillment of those sections of the treaty. No banker would consider for a minute the floating of a German loan if at any time France were empowered to seize the very resources out of which Germany hopes to develop the money to pay her obligations.

So the whole situation is interwoven in such a fashion that the president has asked Ambassador Harvey to come here at once and give his viewpoint on just how desperate Europe really is and what measures seem to him from an intimate contact with Europe to be advisable.

That's as far as any description of the present situation goes. The American commission created by congress to fund the allied war loans is now in London en route to Africa. It is more and more inclined to the

U. S. POLICY ON EUROPE IS REVERSED

Deadlock of Allies So Acute That Harding Finds It Necessary to Take Hand in Reparations and Debt Disagreement.

Washington, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—President Harding today sought the counsel of his most trusted advisers as to the best means of intervention to prevent the approaching economic crash in Europe.

It is understood the president feels encouraged by the favorable reaction in European capitals to the news of America's determination to prevent a collapse. In addition to frequent consultations with his cabinet, cable discussions with American ambassadors abroad and his forthcoming conference with Ambassador George Harvey, the president will seek the advice of leading senators, including the irreconcilables in the treaty fight, and of prominent leaders in American thought.

President Harding has definitely abandoned his policy of isolation and is now engaged in momentous negotiations with the allies designed to pull Europe out of its welter of chaos. These are leading up to definite action which will be finally determined as soon as Ambassador Harvey arrives from London. An economic conference is one possibility strongly hinted at.

This government is expected to lay its definite proposals before the congress in Paris January 2, or, if circumstances warrant, their presentation might await the outcome of this meeting. President Harding, it is learned at the White House, regards the European deadlock as so acute that he has been compelled to ignore the scruples of the irreconcilables and intervene directly.

It is the most momentous decision he has made since he became president and it reverses the previous policy of this administration. At the White House it was said that the government is so certain that the "government's plans might be frustrated by being made known in advance."

President Harding is ready to take the public into his confidence as soon as certain negotiations under way are concluded on Page Two, Column Five.

HOUSE BODY IS DEFIED BY KELLER

Washington, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Representative Keller, Minnesota, author of the impeachment resolution against Attorney General Daugherty, today agitated the power of the house judiciary committee to compel him to appear and testify in support of his charges. Instead of appearing in person, Keller's attorneys today told the committee to exercise over him.

After wrangling for two hours, the committee adjourned until Monday without deciding what will be done about Keller's refusal to appear.

Lauds Lloyd George's Expose Liberal Chief Suspects France

Comment on the reply of Lloyd George to Chamberlain, published last Sunday's Oregon Journal has come from leading statesmen of Great Britain and France throughout the west. Chief of them is the opinion of the chief of the discussion in both the old and new worlds. The Oregon Journal's George again will speak, this time in answer to France.

By John T. Burke Universal Service Staff Correspondent. London, Dec. 16.—Indorsing Lloyd George's expose of the French attempt to seize the left bank of the Rhine, C. A. McCurdy, organizer of the coalition liberal party and chief whip in Lloyd George's government, today declared: "Lloyd George voices the opinion of an overwhelming majority of the British people when he says that the sympathies of Britain will be definitely alienated from Germany if there is ever a military party in that country in a position to wage a war of revenge, and it will be definitely alienated from France if that country is ever committed to a policy of annexation at Germany's expense.

Army Man Reports On Astoria

Astoria, Or., Dec. 16.—Colonel T. M. Anderson of Vancouver barracks, who arrived in Astoria yesterday to assemble data for the use of the war department in connection with Astoria's appeal to the government for an appropriation of \$3,000,000 for use in rehabilitating and constructing the city, today is sending to the Adjutant General of the United States army at Washington a detailed telegraphic report in which he points out that no food supplies will be necessary from the quartermaster's department and no troops will have to be ordered here to help in preserving the order and morale of the community, that the appropriation of \$3,000,000 is not only necessary and should be made in order that the channel in the Columbia river in front of the city may be dredged and the survey for the government, will support to fill in the business district of the city.

Colonel Anderson's telegram also sets forth the urgent need of the appropriation in repairing water and sewer systems of the city before the citizens may start the work of permanent improvement. It is necessary and should be made in order that the channel in the Columbia river in front of the city may be dredged and the survey for the government, will support to fill in the business district of the city.

Copies of the telegram from Colonel Anderson will also go forward to the general commanding the Ninth corps of the United States army at San Francisco, and Major Wilde, who was detailed here from Camp Lewis to assist Colonel Anderson in making the survey for the government, will supplement the Anderson message with data setting forth the condition of streets, sewers and water system following a complete survey being made today by the two army officers, together with Port Engineer Bartlett, City Engineer McClanahan and City Engineer Bergsvik.

PORTLAND MAN IS INDICTED IN OMAHA

Omaha, Dec. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Federal officers today are searching throughout the United States for several of the 42 bankers and promoters indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of using the mails to defraud in connection with the promotion and failure of the Lion Bonding & Surety company.

Among the missing are Edwin R. Gurney of Fremont, Neb., president of the defunct company. Gurney is reported to be in Baker, Or., "on business."

Another indictment against him, returned in 1920 for violation of the blue sky law, is still standing. Among other indicted are H. Clifford of Portland, Or.; William O'Connell of Oklahoma City, Okla.; E. H. Lurkart, Riverton, Wyo.; Arthur S. Beatty, Chicago; F. J. Hannigan, Hutchinson, Kan.; Leonard C. Leonard, Louis E. Cosad, L. F. Sorenson, Luke Mundy, Howard W. Crandall and Joseph Fosarty, all of New York.

Thieves Strip Auto Of Tires and Rims

Lebanon, Or., Dec. 16.—Four new tires were stolen from George Randle of the Pioneer Hardware company, taken from the rims of a Buick sedan in his garage. A flashlight was also taken. Suspicion points to the thieves who took three typewriters from the Lebanon high school during the Thanksgiving vacation, trace of which was found in a Portland second-hand store.

Christmas Cheer Sought for Leper At Kelly Butte

Who wishes to help bring some Christmas cheer to Frank Haggerty, leper, who is confined in an isolated cottage at Kelly Butte, Oregon, during the war department to investigate the needs of the city in connection with the federal appropriation measures before congress. Notice has been sent to all members of the Multnomah county delegation.

British attitude on the reparations question. There is nothing to be gained by France if she attempts to occupy the left bank of the Rhine except the seeds of a future war of revenge. "No country is entitled to impose its will on the nationals of another country or to annex its territory. Germany is exhausted, during the war department to investigate the needs of the city in connection with the federal appropriation measures before congress. Notice has been sent to all members of the Multnomah county delegation.

ASTORIA BILL PASSED BY SENATE

No Appropriation Fixed, but Secretary of War Is Authorized to Furnish Supplies; Destroyer Yarmouth to Remain at Port.

Washington, Dec. 16.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.) The senate today adopted the McNary resolution for the emergency relief of Astoria. This gives the secretary of war authority to issue subsistence and supplies from military stores in cooperation with the Oregon authorities and to adopt necessary sanitary measures. Action was taken without debate. The resolution as passed carries no appropriation, the purpose being to authorize the expenditure and let formal estimates and payment follow when the deficiency bill is passed.

The senate's action was promptly messaged over to the house, so action there is possible later in the day, unless it is determined to recast the resolution. Representative Hawley, who had sought action on the house side, stated that he did not expect a formal report from the secretary of war on Astoria's condition until later today. The committee on appropriations did not wish to consider the matter until it was officially reported that the bill was in the hands of the need for federal aid.

McNary was informed by Admiral Knut that instructions have been issued to the destroyer Yarmouth, which is at Astoria, indefinitely to give all assistance possible to local authorities.

CASH CONTINUED TO FOUR FOR RELIEF OF ASTORIA

While forces were being completely organized by the Chamber of Commerce Astoria relief committee today to make a strenuous campaign for federal and state aid for the lower Columbia river city, the cash subscriptions continued to mount steadily. Today the cash received by the chamber as a result of the subscriptions this week amounted to \$48,479.34. In addition the relief headquarters reported that probably between \$20,000 and \$25,000 was outstanding in pledges.

Reports of Major R. Park of the United States engineers and Colonel Anderson, commanding officer of Vancouver barracks, are being awaited by the committee. Colonel Anderson and Major Park were sent to the cottage at Kelly Butte, where it is the duty of the war department to investigate the needs of the city in connection with the federal appropriation measures before congress. Notice has been sent to all members of the Multnomah county delegation.

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Secretary of 'Wet' Movement Ordered To Leave by Klan

Chester, Pa., Dec. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Thomas C. Gilman, secretary of the Delaware county branch of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, today received a letter signed K. K. K. ordering him to leave the county. The letter reads: "You and your associates of this so-called organization will be given 48 hours to remove yourselves and effects from Delaware county. If you fail to comply with this order you will expect a visitation from the followers of the invisible Empire. Stick a pin in your eye. Show your light. K. K. K."

40 Airplanes Look For Lost Aviators

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Forty airplanes, by far the greatest fleet ever engaged in a similar work, were today continuing their almost ceaseless search for the two aviators who have been lost for nine days. The planes today were spread out all along the line of flight from San Diego to Tucson, flying in squadrons of six planes each, in two formations.

MONEY AND ENVELOPE OF BANK GONE

Shortage of Between \$8000 and \$10,000 of United States National Bank Funds Discovered; R. L. Stanford Missing.

Burton L. Stanford, an employe of the United States National bank, has disappeared. An audit of his accounts practically completed shows an apparent shortage of between \$8000 and \$10,000, which has not yet been satisfactorily accounted for.

Stanford had been in the service of the bank for the past 10 years in various confidential capacities. For a long time he has been in the credit department and since the first of the present year had been in the trust department. About October 15 he took a two week's leave of absence and a few days later left Portland, with his wife, for the east.

Mrs. Stanford returned to Portland last week and reported that she had been deserted at Rochester, N. Y. Since that time nothing has been heard by the bank of its missing employe. The bank is protected against possible loss by its blanket bond of \$125,000 covering all employes. The apparent shortage in Stanford's accounts is of recent origin.

COLD WAVE IS TO REMAIN UNBROKEN

Continuance of the present cold weather for an indefinite period was forecast by the weather bureau today, when the mercury again dropped to a minimum of 20 degrees.

Another low temperature of 20 degrees is predicted for Sunday morning and more of the same kind of weather is in sight for next week. The weather bureau reported conditions to be the same as those of the cold wave first gripped western Oregon.

Snow drift trouble on the Columbia river highway has been cleared up and automobiles were able to get through between Portland and Hood River Friday without great difficulty. At narrow places in the Columbia river the stream is frozen from bank to bank. At other points the floes and slush are so thick that the upper Columbia river may freeze at any time. Hundreds of skaters were out today night to enjoy the smooth ice surface, which has covered Laurelhurst lake. Similar skating parties were to be found on most of the sloughs and small lakes about Portland.

Former Portland Girl Dies in South

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—Miss Francis McGill, secretary of the Allied Amusement Industry of California, died Friday at the Florence Ward hospital after an illness of three days. Miss McGill was a native of Portland, Ore.

BOY ADMITS ORDER OF FATHER

Frank Vanderzander, 17, Clears Up Slaying of Jacob Dahenden Near Hayward; Robbery Was Motive; Fled in Fear.

Hillsboro, Dec. 16.—The mystery of the murder of Jacob Dahenden, aged recluse, at his cabin near Hayward November 26, was solved Friday when Walter Francis Vanderzander, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Vanderzander, confessed to the crime.

The arrest of the boy on a charge of first degree murder on which he was held to the grand jury this morning, came when his father took him to the office of Sheriff Alexander yesterday to have him tell where he had secured two revolvers which the father learned from a neighbor's son the boy had with him when he disappeared just prior to the murder. At the time they entered the sheriff's office the father had no intimation that the boy was suspected in connection with the murder.

After a severe grilling by Sheriff Alexander and District Attorney Burke Tongue, during which the youth maintained his innocence, he admitted his guilt to his father, who had brought him back from Salem. When young Vanderzander had stoutly denied the killing throughout the long grilling he was called aside by his father and advised to tell the truth. The youth then broke down and confessed, and fired two more shots, the second of which he admitted he had hidden in his cabin.

Young Vanderzander told of stealing a revolver a year ago and keeping it hidden on his father's farm. Through out the year, he admitted, he had been planning the old man's murder. He thoroughly investigated the cabin and surrounding country. On the night of the murder, Vanderzander is understood to have told the officers, he fired on Dahenden from ambush, while his victim was standing in front of his cabin. The first shot missed, but the mark failed to prove fatal, for Dahenden started for the door. Then, the youth confessed, he fired two more shots, and the old man fell dead.

The boy's admissions confirmed the evidence gathered that the murder was committed between 3 and 4 o'clock on the night of the killing. About six blocks, for the trouble had been near the main meter at East 54th street. The entire district between Albina and Sellwood from the river to East 26th street suffered a water famine throughout Friday as a result of the freeze.

In more than 10 years that the main meter at East 54th street has been in operation, this is the first trouble that has been experienced, water bureau workers declare.

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Assassinated

GABRIEL NARUTOWICZ, president of Poland, who is reported to have been killed after being in office but five days.



Supreme Court Justice to Quit

Washington, Dec. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Milton P. Fitzgerald, associate justice of the United States supreme court, today sent his resignation to President Harding, to become effective on January 1. Poor health forced Fitzgerald's resignation. No information was forthcoming today as to his successor. Fitzgerald was appointed by President Taft in 1912.

Water Rushes Into Pipes When Clogs Of Ice Are Broken

Full water pressure rushed into the pipes of thousands of Portland's homes on the east side between Sellwood and Albina at 5:30 o'clock this morning when the ice clog in the main from the lower Mount Tabor reservoir was released.

The water bureau applied pressure on the clog from intermediate mains and forced the ice back toward the reservoir for a distance of about six blocks, for the trouble had been near the main meter at East 54th street. The entire district between Albina and Sellwood from the river to East 26th street suffered a water famine throughout Friday as a result of the freeze.

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PRESIDENT OF POLAND MURDERED

Narutowicz Is Shot Three Times by Artist Who Believed It to Be for Best; Held Office Five Days; Inaugurated Amid Riots

Berlin, Dec. 16.—President Narutowicz of Poland was assassinated today by a young painter, Niewiadomski, who fired three shots at him. It was reported in a dispatch from Warsaw. The assassin was arrested, the dispatch said.

President Narutowicz was shot to death at the opening of an art exhibition. Three shots were fired, all entering the president's body. Death was instantaneous.

The assassin was arrested on the scene. He said his name was Niewiadomski, and that he was an artist. He said he had been inspired to kill the president because he "believed it best."

News of the assassination caused a tremendous stir throughout this city and "clashes" were expected among the various political parties.

Narutowicz took office December 11. Rioting marked his inauguration. Twenty thousand Nationalists who opposed his election threw missiles at him as he went to the inaugural ceremony.

When he took the oath the Nationalist members of the assembly objected to his election. Before becoming chief executive of the state he was Poland's representative at a number of important international conferences including the Baltic disarmament conference.

He was elected president by the national assembly on the fifth ballot, December 8 with 215 votes, this constituting a majority. Two days later the house of deputies ratified the election. Then the nationalists manifested their displeasure at his selection with riots and disturbances. He was heavily guarded by troops when he went to the government building to be sworn and after this ceremony he was delayed in the diet building while soldiers fought with the mob demonstrating at the gate. Street meetings were held on the corners, high officers of the army addressing some of them.

Governors Accept Harding Invitation To Discuss Dry Law

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Dec. 16.—(I. N. S.)—With the arrival today in Washington of Governor Preuss of Minnesota, President Harding will be informed that 15 of the 19 members of the governors' conference here have accepted his invitation to lunch at the White House Monday.

HERE'S A THRILLER FOR YOU

A new fiction serial "The Rayner-Slade Amalgamation" By S. B. Fletcher in The Oregon Journal A chapter a day Beginning Tuesday