

U. S. TO HAVE PART IN FIXING PAYMENT OF WAR

WON'T MEDIATE BETWEEN GERMAN AND ALLIES—URGES FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS.

GERMANY MAKES OFFER

WILLING TO RECONSTRUCT DEVASTATED REGIONS OF FRANCE SHE SAYS.

By A. L. Bradford
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, April 22—The United States will have a deciding voice in determining to what extent Germany shall pay for the war. This was the conclusion in Washington today following publication of the German note appealing for President Harding to mediate the reparations question and Secretary Hughes' reply rejecting the appeal, but urging immediate reopening of negotiations between the allies and Germany for a settlement of the problem.

The allies and Germany, it is thought, will be forced to accept the views and principles of the United States in the settlement.

It was believed also to hold a promise of possible future mediation if the allies would agree to it.

A conciliatory move by Germany was seen today in a note to the allied reparations council to begin immediately the reconstruction of devastated France.

The note, not yet delivered, made the offer as "an evidence of good will."

Germany's proposal to a country with which she is still at war was prompted by three considerations they were:

"A United States senator," through an intermediary, assured the foreign office that a German appeal would have a chance.

Loring Dressel, American representative here, told Foreign Minister Simons last week that an appeal could not be considered as "wholly hopeless."

As the next important step by the United States in the reparations situation, it is believed that Hughes will instruct either Ambassador Wallace at Paris or Boland W. Boyden, the unofficial American representative on the reparations commission, to take part in the coming deliberations of the allied supreme council on Germany's failure to meet the reparations demand. Hughes is known to believe that at least unofficial American representation in the settlement of these questions is desirable in order that the United States may be kept informed.

By Carl D. Groat
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
BERLIN, April 22—The Berlin foreign office buzzed with activity today as high officials considered the next step in their reparations campaign.

The American reply to Germany's reparations note was regarded as practically an American command to submit indemnity proposals which France and Great Britain can consider. The Fehrenbach cabinet was disposed to take another chance with the allies.

While Secretary Hughes stated that the United States cannot act as reparations umpire, the note was interpreted as friendly.

By United News
BERLIN, April 22—Germany has sent a note to the allied reparations commission offering to start immediately with the reconstruction of the devastated regions of France. It is stated that the note is sent as an evidence of good faith on Germany's part in her protest that she is willing to do all in her power to repair the damage of the war.

The appeal to President Harding was a desperate last resort to ward off the imposition of further "sanctions." It was based on the very

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TWO BANDITS GET \$200,000 IN GEMS

JEWELRY SALESMAN AND JEWELER INTERRUPTED—CROOKS MAKE GET-AWAY.

By United Press
CHICAGO, April 22.—LeRoy Present, a jewelry salesman, was today robbed of a wallet containing \$200,000 worth of diamonds, in a downtown office building. He had been showing the jewels to Julius Reingold, owner of the J. J. Reingold company, when two bandits entered, pointed guns at the salesman and Reingold and bound and tied them. The bandits then took the jewelry, including \$50,000 worth of stones belonging to Reingold and made a clean getaway.

PROFESSOR'S "GOOD LUCK POWDERS" INEFFECTIVE

By United News
NEW YORK, April 22—There's hardly any market for Prof. E. I. Bagonery good luck powders anymore considering their high price and their inefficacy in his own case when the police called on him. Charged with pretending witchcraft, the good professor is held in jail unable to furnish \$1000 bail demanded by Justice of the Peace Sedam on the strength of Mrs. Hilda Hobschoit's statement that he charged her \$5 for a powder which was sure to bring good luck. Although armed with the powder, Mrs. Hobschoit said she was not immune from immediate trouble, consisting of the loss of her pocket book containing \$1.

The woman further charged that Bagonery tried to put her under a spell with the aid of God like images disposed about an altar in his good luck dispensary.

FAMINE VICTIMS FREEZE TO DEATH IN CHINA

By United Press
HOCHIENFU, China, April 22.—Daily reports of famine victims freezing to death are being received by the relief mission station here. Rev. B. M. McOwen, Anglican Missionary, says that when grain distribution began, many of the men in the country hereabout were too weak to come and fetch their family ration.

Despite a blizzard that lasted 48 hours without a break, McOwen continued to issue relief stores to the starving, though many who started from points remote from the relief station lost their way in the storm. "We are now enabled to feed about 40,000 persons through to the spring harvest," McOwen says. "Probably ten times that number will need to be fed, if they are not to starve to death."

TEN CENT EGGS IS PREDICTION

U. S. PRODUCERS ASK TARIFF AGAINST CHINESE HEN FRUIT.

(Chronicle's Washington Bureau.)
WASHINGTON, April 22.—Eggs may sell within a few weeks for 10 cents a dozen. The United States is buried under such an avalanche of eggs as has never been seen in this country before and the price is bound to break to even new low levels, according to the market sharks.

There are now on hand 1,883,959 cases of eggs and every case contains 30 dozen. Multiply it for yourself and figure the dimensions of the American omelet. The normal supply is about one-tenth of this amount, or, to be exact, 207,000 cases.

Last year at this time the stock on hand was only 121,733 cases and in 1919 there were available at this date only 319,508 cases. Much of this overload of eggs comes from the importation of eggs from China and other foreign countries.

So great is the depression that a

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COLUMBIA RIVER STEVEDORES OUT; SHIPPING STALLED

STRIKE CAUSED BY ATTEMPT TO CHANGE WORKING CONDITIONS.

TROUBLE IN PROSPECT

NON-UNION LABOR MAY UNLOAD SHIP—POLICE ON JOB.

By United Press
ASTORIA, Or., April 22.—A strike of all union longshoremen on the lower Columbia river, which will tie up shipping at Astoria, Rainier, St. Helens and intermediate points, was called today by the International Longshoremen's association.

The waterfront workers walked out rather than accept a ruling made effective today by the Employer's association, under which traveling time and board and lodging for longshoremen in loading vessels at points along the river were eliminated.

Joseph Taylor of Seattle, president of the Pacific coast district of the longshoremen's organization, is in

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LONGS FOR LITTLE GIRL WOMAN STEALS ONE

By United News
SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—One of the most pathetic cases of unrequited love in the history of the police here was revealed today with the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Pearl Buckley, 36, on a charge of kidnaping.

Milton Frenna, father of three-year-old Helen Frenna, swore to the warrant. He charged Mrs. Buckley with abducting his daughter.

He alleges that Mrs. Buckley stole his daughter and kept her for several days and then abandoned her upon the door step of a downtown hotel.

Mrs. Buckley, according to her story told to the police has always longed for children but she has been denied her. Her desire to "mother" the Frenna child led her to steal it, it is believed by investigators.

Several other persons claim that Mrs. Buckley took their children in the same manner and then abandoned them.

GERMANY WON'T TRANSFER GOLD

ALLIES WILL NOW DEMAND SURRENDER OF METAL RESERVES.

By United Press
PARIS, April 22.—Germany today rejected the allied ultimatum that the Reichsbank metal reserve be transferred to Coblenz and Cologne before May 1. The Germans made a counter proposal that the allies be given the right to prohibit the exportation of German gold from May until October, thus safeguarding the allies' rights.

The allied reparations commission, which issued the ultimatum, said that the rejection would result in a demand for the complete surrender of the country's metal reserves, estimated at \$260,000,000.

SOCIALIST DEPUTY HAS LITERAL CLOSE SHAVE

By United Press
PAVIA, Italy, April 22.—Socialist Deputy Naffi had a close shave today when he refused to cry "viva L'Italia."

A number of fascisti (extreme nationalists) who had sought to compel him to make the patriotic utterance seized him while one of the number cut off his beard.

With his nude features exposed he was then escorted from the city.

HUNDREDS FLEE POISONOUS FUMES OF PHOSGENE GAS

PLUG COMES OUT OF TANK—FIRE SIREN ALARMS RESIDENTS.

THREE MEN OVERCOME

SEARCH UNDERWAY FOR POSSIBLE VICTIMS OF EARLY MORNING ACCIDENT.

By United Press
BOUNDBROOK, N. J., April 22.—Poison gas fumes from a leaking tank at the Hemingway Chemical company, forced hundreds of people living near Middlebrook to flee for their lives early today. The deadly fumes covered a considerable area.

The wild flight of residents, aroused from sleep at 3 o'clock in the morning by the wailing of the fire alarm siren, saved them from death. Many fled in automobiles and others trapped the roads.

Deadly phosgene gas, manufactured for war purposes, escaped from a large tank when the plug came out.

Three workmen, one wearing a mask, immediately collapsed when the fumes began spreading over the city.

About dawn the refugees began trooping back to their homes.

Search is now under way for possible victims who might have been overlooked in the general flight.

'ROUND COAST BASES

By United Press
SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—Sacramento and San Francisco still were tied for Coast league leadership today.

Vernon humbled the Seals in a tight battle which went 12 innings. The score was 5 to 4.

Seattle entertained the home town fans by rolling up a 4 to 2 victory against Sacramento.

Oakland beat Los Angeles, 7 to 2. The Angels blamed it onto a goat which was presented Oscar Stangane at the opening of the game and in the seventh inning got loose on the field.

Portland and Salt Lake didn't play. There was too much rain in the Oregon town.

MEXICAN REVOLT PLANS SEIZED

203 CARRANZISTAS SIGN ORDER—GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO COMBAT MOVE.

By United Press
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 22.—Printed copies of a proposed revolt set for May 5 in Mexico, known as the "plan of national reconstruction" and sponsored by 203 prominent Mexicans formerly prominent in the Carranza administration, have been seized by government agents, it was learned here today.

The Carranzistas signed their names as leaders of the revolt. According to the copies seized Pablo Gonzales, formerly a candidate for president of Mexico, is to be given the job of leading the revolt.

The literature, which is being distributed among Mexicans in this country, provided for the complete overthrow of the Obregon government.

MEXICO CITY, April 22.—President Obregon declared today that the Mexican government is prepared to combat any revolutionary attempt here May 1. Thorough investigations have been made and leaders of the government are known, he said. A rebel movement headed by General Murguia is insignificant, he said, and it will be suppressed without trouble.

TWO BIG TOWN BOYS STAGE LITTLE SHOW

MOONSHINE, WOMEN AND GASOLINE LAND THEM IN CITY BASTILE.

The old adage concerning "Wine, Women and Song" was revised last night to "Moonshine, Women and Gasoline," when A. P. Hill and G. E. Anderson of Portland set out to have a "big time in a small town." Hill and Anderson had the moonshine and the gasoline, and sought to secure the third ingredient, the women. They accordingly drove their big automobile up Second street seeking any two fair damsels who would consent to ride with them.

Their search came to an abrupt end, however, when they accosted two local girls at the intersection of Second and Washington streets. The girls did not care to go for an auto ride with the "big town" boys, and emphatically said so.

About this time Patrolman McClaskey put in an appearance and placed Hill and Anderson under arrest on a charge of disorderly conduct. After brief confinement in the city jail, both were released on \$50 bail and escorted to a local hotel, where they promised to spend the remainder of the night.

Fines of \$15 apiece were assessed on the disorderly conduct charges this morning and paid.

The defendants gave fictitious names to the police, Anderson being "Sandy" Sanderson, proprietor of a string of Portland candy and photographic supply stores, while "Hill" is Stanley Hemphill of that city.

BIG FIGHT WILL GO LIMIT SAYS HINKEL

By United Press
CLEVELAND, April 22.—Matt Hinkel, millionaire promoter and referee: "I expect the Dempsey-Carpentier contest to go the limit of 12 rounds. With a no-decision law this would make Dempsey the winner. If it is the same Dempsey who fought Willard he'll win inside of five rounds. But he has had only one hard fight since then and may lose. I haven't seen enough of Carpentier to give an accurate forecast."

BABY STRANGLER TO DEATH BY BED CLOTHES

By United Press
DENVER, Colo., April 22.—Strangled to death by the bed clothes which he had accidentally wrapped around his neck, the body of Channel Wilcox, Jr., two-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Channell Wilcox, was found in his crib this morning by the mother.

WATCH AGAINST I. W. W. IS SET

EMBARKATION POINTS GUARDED TO PREVENT REDS ESCAPING COUNTRY.

CHICAGO, April 22.—All embarkation points and United States borders will be guarded by department of justice operatives to prevent members of the I. W. W. from escaping, District Attorney Cline said today. This action followed the supposed escape of "Big Bill" Haywood, reported to have arrived in Russia.

Cline has assurance from Otto Christensen, attorney for the I. W. W., that other members convicted with Haywood will report at Leavenworth Monday, but is taking no chances, he said.

Christensen was one of those who put up \$15,000 bond for Haywood and it was he that first reported the disappearance of his client to Cline.

"I don't believe that Haywood intends to stay away from the United States," declared William Ross Lloyd, millionaire radical, who also signed Haywood's bond. "He perhaps did not know that he had to begin his prison term so soon."

FINAL HIGHWAY PLAN EXCLUDES ANTELOPE ROAD

WHOLE \$800,000 BOND ISSUE TO GO FOR SOUTH BOULEVARD.

STATE TO MATCH SUM

MARKET ROAD FUNDS WILL BUILD LATERALS, IT IS EMPHASIZED.

If the proposed \$800,000 bond issue is carried at the June 7 election, every cent of the money will be matched by the state in its application on The Dalles-California highway and the specified connecting laterals, instead of allotting \$150,000 of the bond issue for use in constructing a connecting link with Antelope without state cooperation, as was originally planned. It was decided last night by The Dalles-Wasco County Chamber of Commerce board of directors, meeting with the county court. Directors from all parts of the county, including Antelope, were present at the meeting.

The entire history of the agreement between the county court and the state highway commission was explained by County Judge J. T. Adkisson. The state highway commission, in the earlier conferences with the Wasco county court, absolutely refused to cooperate on a 50-50 basis in the construction of a lateral highway connecting Antelope with The Dalles-California highway, Judge Adkisson explained. The highway commission did finally agree, however, to a proposal that \$150,000 out of the \$800,000 bond issue, might be used by the Wasco county court in the construction of such a connecting road, but stipulated that the state would not cooperate to the extent of spending a single penny on such a road, Adkisson continued.

The recently circulated petitions, found illegal after nearly enough signatures had been secured to permit the calling of a special election, stipulated that Antelope should have its connecting road, to cost approximately \$150,000; this sum to be matched by the state on the 50-50 basis. This last clause is where the petition was illegal, Adkisson explained, as the highway commission had specifically declared that it would not cooperate on the Antelope lateral.

It was brought out in the general discussion that the state highway commission agrees to match the entire \$800,000, if that sum is voted by Wasco county and spent on The Dalles-California highway and the specified connecting laterals. The highway commission will not, however, match \$150,000 of this issue for use on the Antelope connecting road, thus in effect causing the county to lose \$150,000 of state money which it would otherwise secure if this road was not built from bond issue funds.

H. B. Taylor, Antelope director, told the meeting that he felt assured that his district would vote against the bond issue almost to a man if Antelope is left without any assurance of securing a connecting link with the main highway.

N. G. Hedin of Wapinitia explained that Antelope already has \$47,000 remaining from a former bond issue, which is going to be spent this year in the laying of a new grade, to be known as the Antelope grade. He urged that the Antelope district organize and attempt to secure next year's market road fund from the county court, which with the \$47,000 already allotted to that district, should be enough to build the connecting link.

Judge Adkisson said that next year's market road fund has not been promised to any district, and that he did not intend to "buy any votes" with that money, but that he believed that the district most aggressively seeking the fund would find favor with the court.

Hedin, following lengthy discussion

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