

KELSO VICTIMS NUMBER 22

CONFERENCE OF PREMIERS FALLS APART

Meeting Breaks up When France, Italy and Belgium Line up Against England — Poincare Sober.

COOPERATION STILL POSSIBLE IN EAST

Alliance for Which Millions Fought in Flanders Fields is Now Disrupted

PARIS, Jan. 4.—(By the Associated Press)—The alliance between France, Great Britain, Italy and Belgium fell apart today over the treatment of German reparations. The Latin powers, France, Italy and Belgium remain loosely grouped together on that subject, while England, although separating from them, expects to cooperate, especially with France, on the other questions.

End is Friendly

The conference of the premiers, which has been in process here since January 2, ended with friendly words. Premier Mussolini turned the scale decisively against the British plan. The Italian delegates had reserved their final declaration until today and this morning it appeared that they were inclined to support Mr. Bonar Law's proposal with slight modifications. A telegram received from Rome just before the conference opened instructed them to vote for the French plan as against the British in case they should find it useless to push their own plan. This strengthened France and Belgium, and Great Britain stood alone.

Poincare Not Elated

M. Poincare is not elated to-night over his success; he is described as in a sober mood, conscious of great anxieties and difficulties ahead. He will proceed warily and will report to the French parliament on its resuming next Thursday. In the meantime the reparations commission will meet on Tuesday to pass upon coal deliveries and also upon Germany's request for a moratorium.

The French will await the action of the commission before putting their plan into execution.

Hope for Lausanne

There are various indications of sadness on the part of the premiers and ambassadors, and the dissolution of the alliance which carried the countries through the war up to this time in dealing with what have been found to be unsolvable problems of peace. Allusions were made privately to the contrast between this situation and the great and wholehearted enthusiasm during the war. The melancholy thought was expressed that the alliance, for which millions lie dead in Flanders fields and northern France, should now disappear in contentions so remote from the moral enthusiasm inspired by the armistice.

The British see in the friendly manner in which the conference broke up and the mutual expressions of good will a sign that M. Poincare has no intention for the present of departing from a policy of cooperation at Lausanne. The British delegates were anxious yesterday over this aspect of the situation, being apprehensive that the French might withdraw their support.

LAUSANNE IN HIGH STATE OF TENSION

Breakdown of Premier Conference Believed Hope-Raiser for Turkey

LAUSANNE, Jan. 4.—(By The Associated Press.)—The news that the inter-allied reparations conference in Paris had adjourned without an agreement being arrived at created a sensation among delegates to the Near East conference, where the diplomats of all countries have been awaiting the results of the deliberations between the premiers. There was a high state of tension among the delegates tonight as they discussed in groups the effects of the breakdown. The unanimous opinion expressed in allied circles of the Turks, who would seek to profit by the fancied division of the French and British.

REPRESENTATIVE TURNOUT OF CITIZENS IS DESIRED AT OWSLEY DINNER TODAY

Even more than the serving of the American Legion as a present executive, is the underlying plan of the present visitation of National Commander Alvin M. Owsley, to important Legion camps all over the nation. To put over officially the Legion's message of patriotism, of service, of clean, helpful Americanism, is what Commander Owsley is aiming to do on a nation-wide scale.

He is to be in Salem today, and a plate dinner is being served at The Marion in his honor. It is the earnest hope of the Legion officers that the big dining room be packed with representative men of Salem to hear the message that Commander Owsley brings. The tickets may be had at the hotel, or upon application to Millar McGilchrist, Brazier Small, or others of the local legion officers. The dinner is to be served promptly at 12:30.

U. S. SAILOR DIES WEALTHY

Millions Worth of Smuggled Russian Jewels Said Buried in Man's Grave

CICAGO, Jan. 4.—Four or five million dollars worth of crown jewels of the Russian czars lies buried in the grave of James Jones, an American seaman, in the national cemetery at Cypress Hills, Brooklyn, according to a copyrighted story published today by the Chicago Daily News.

The jewels, the News says, were smuggled into the country by a band of New York men who obtained them in Vladivostok in 1920. Enroute to America one of the conspirators, the story says, decided to double-cross his fellows, and hid the jewels, in seven packages, in the lining of the coffin of Jones, a mess man who had died aboard the ship.

The body was buried, the story says, before he had a chance to recover the packets, and as the cemetery is under guard of soldiers, they are presumably hidden in the grave.

The News says William B. Williams, of the New York office of the department of justice and customs officials will ask Judge Hand for an order to open the grave.

Federal officials, the story continues, have been working on the case for two years. They eventually unearthed records which fitted in with anonymous tips received by the department and by the former imperial Russian ambassador telling of the smuggling plot.

These records show that the shipping board steamer Edellison at that time in the army transport service, sailed from New York January 17, 1920, and reached Vladivostok May 29, leaving June 1 for New York by way of Gibraltar. A short distance out of Gibraltar the seaman, Jones, died on board and his body was embalmed and brought to this country, eventually being buried September 23, 1920, in the Brooklyn cemetery. All these details correspond to the information in the anonymous letters, which purported to come from two members of the band who were double-crossed.

GERVAIS CITIZEN COMMITS SUICIDE

John Krause Hangs Self and Then Fires Bullet Into Head

John Krause, a 74-year old retired laborer, committed suicide yesterday at his home near Gervais. The body was found at 11 o'clock in the morning by his wife in a shack a short distance from his home. It was said he had been dead about two hours.

When found the body was hanging by a rope looped around his neck and had a bullet hole in his head. Krause is survived by his wife and three children, Ed, John and Helen. It was thought that he had become despondent. Funeral arrangements will be made later.

GERMAN COSTS INCREASE

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—Cost of living in Germany increased 53.6 per cent in December. The average of prices being 635 times as great as those charged before the war, according to figures published today.

LADY ASTOR GOES ABROAD

PLYMOUTH, Jan. 4.—Lady Astor has been ordered by her physicians to take a complete rest, with a change of scenery, and is planning to go abroad for a month to recuperate.

OPEN HEARING ON KIDNAPING CASE BEGINS

Final Preparations Completed by State — Will Endeavor to Indict Men Believed Responsible.

MARTIAL LAW PUT OFF FOR TIME BEING

Mer Rouge Citizens Arm Selves—Hostile Feeling Seen Between Groups

BASTROP, La., Jan. 4.—The "open hearing" in the Morehouse kidnaping and murder cases began at the parish court house tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Final preparations were completed by the state today in the proceedings by which an effort will be made to indicate those persons believed responsible for the masked and robed mob action on August 24 when two of five men kidnaped were killed and their bodies cast into a lake.

Firearms Discharged

One prisoner will face the bar at tomorrow's hearing unless the state sets into motion its dragnet to scoop up 35 or 40 men who the authorities believe were members of the mob. Adjutant General Tooms failed today to promulgate the martial law order he was said to have in his possession. He desired to put off such action as long as possible, he said. However, it was known the slightest display of firearms would be met with a military order.

Firearms are prevalent in both Mer Rouge and Bastrop in unprecedented quantities. Mer Rouge citizens in particular are known to have armed themselves due to the strained feelings between the hostile factions.

Those entering the court house tomorrow will be searched for firearms, it was learned. The court house will be protected by two companies of state troops now encamped on the court house and jail grounds.

Cavalry Moved

A squadron of state cavalry today was moved from Mer Rouge to Bastrop leaving the remainder of the troops at Mer Rouge where a company of infantry is encamped. The mounted soldiers are expected to be used in serving subpoenas and making arrests. The condition of the roads required the use of such troops, it was stated.

Attorney General A. V. Cocco arrived here today and was in conference with his assistants. He announced that Howard Warren, state senator of Shreveport, had been employed as a special prosecutor to fill the vacancy created by the sudden resignation of St. Clair Adams of New Orleans last night. The attorney general also will be assisted by T. Semmes Walmsey, George S. Guion and Paul A. Sampayrac, assistant attorneys general.

Subpoenas Many

Wholesale subpoenas were in preparation today for the summoning of witnesses for the hearing. In addition to those summoned, all persons are permitted to enter the court of justice and ask to be permitted to testify. It was believed there will be more than 100 witnesses. The witnesses will be sworn and examined by the district attorney, but not cross examined and testimony taken down in shorthand. The hearing will be before the district judge. At the conclusion, the state, if it thinks the evidence justifies, will ask for a grand jury to return indictments.

T. J. Burnett, former deputy sheriff, flanked by some of Louisiana's finest legal talent, will meet the charge against him for murder with an effort to prove an alibi. He was to prove he was working at the Southern Carbon plant at the time the kidnaping occurred.

McKoin On Way Back

The timekeeper by whom he was to prove this, however, was

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LEGION HEAD DRAWS MANY IN EUGENE

Thousand People Greet Alvin Owsley, National Commander—Banquet Given

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 4.—More than a thousand people greeted Alvin Owsley, national commander of the American Legion, when he spoke at the Eugene armory tonight. The commander arrived here at 4:30 this afternoon from California and was greeted by George Wilbur, state commander, Harry Nelson, state adjutant, and other prominent legionnaires of the state. He was tendered a banquet prior to his address at the armory. Owsley will leave tomorrow morning for Salem, where he will deliver an address and then go to Portland.

GROUP WOULD DROP FATTY

Will Hay's Hand-Picked Commission Believes Public is Against Films

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The committee on public relations picked by Will Hays from the leading religious and civic organizations of the country to aid him in elevating the motion picture industry, today adopted a resolution urging him to advise producers against releasing any films in which Roscoe C. "Fatty" Arbuckle has a part. The text of the resolution shows that Mr. Hays had won a majority of the committee members over to his view that Arbuckle should be given his chance to "make good," somewhere in the industry. But the majority insisted it should not be on the screen, where Arbuckle was a comedy star before his indictment and acquittal on a charge of slaying Virginia Rappe, screen actress, at a drinking party in San Francisco. A job as director was suggested as one way out.

Debate Stormy

Forty-six members of the committee, headed by Lee F. Hamner of the Russell Sage foundation, committee chairman, were closeted with Mr. Hays for more than three hours. It was said that less than half the time was consumed in the debate on the Arbuckle "pardon," which aroused such a storm of nation-wide protest. Despite the length of the debate, the meeting was amicable, and there was no sign that any members felt like following Julius Barnes, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, in resigning from the committee.

STEAMER ALASKAN BELIEVED WRECKED

Body of One Man, Lifeboat and 3 Belts Found at Point Pachena

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 4.—The steamer Alaskan is believed to have been wrecked Tuesday night off the west coast of Vancouver Island and her crew of seven to 10 men lost. The body of a man was found at Point Pachena lying beside a lifeboat and three life belts marked "Alaskan."

Distress signals seen Tuesday night by the keeper of the Pachena light are thought to have been displayed by the Alaskan.

The Alaskan, commanded by Captain A. J. Bailes of Victoria, was bound from here to Barclay Sound which is just west of Point Pachena. The rest of the crew are said to have lived here and in Vancouver.

The Alaskan was of 100 tons capacity. She was built in San Francisco and far many years plied between Seattle and Alaska. She had recently had trouble with her boilers.

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BEGINNING OF MINE KILLINGS IS DESCRIBED

Witnesses for Defense in Herrin Case Tell of Death Volley Fired by Hidden Machine Gun.

GUARDS DECLARED INSOLENT IN MANNER

Union Miner Said First to be Shot—Peace Delegation Was Turned Back

MARION, Ill., Jan. 4.—Declaring that the first shots fired in the Herrin riots were poured from a hidden machine gun at the "strip" mine where the trouble started, upon a peaceable crowd approaching the pit, witnesses at the trial of five men charged with murder today slowly unfolded the defense's version of the tragedy which cost the lives of three union miners and 20 non-union workers.

Guards Domineering

The armed guards stationed at the mine when it was re-opened during the coal miners' strike last June were pictured by witnesses as domineering in their attitude toward persons approaching the mine and as swaggering about armed with high powered rifles, steel-jacketed bullets in the bucketful, hundreds of deadly hand grenades, pistols, and a machine gun. Described by one witness as "roughnecks" and "bullies," the guards were declared to have deliberately sought to intimidate everyone with whom they came in contact, either by threats, boasts of their prowess with firearms or stories of what they would do if attacked. Other witnesses asserted the guards were fearful of being attacked, and seemed to be trying to avert it by instituting a reign of terror over the peaceful countryside.

Gun Is Placed

Three of the 15 witnesses heard today, John C. Baker, Grover Kelly and Nelson Meadows, all of whom are union miners, testified that they had seen a gun placed in position on top of the mine dump early in the afternoon of June 20 and concealed behind a clump of bushes. They agreed that the first shots fired at the mine that afternoon came from this gun, which was in a position to rake the surrounding country. Before the shooting began, Kelly said he saw a crowd, some of whom were armed, moving toward the mine and heard one of them say: "We don't want any trouble."

Then he said that two of the crowd declared that they would go to the mine and get the non-union workers to quit.

Meadows testified that he, too, had seen the same crowd and had gone ahead to the pit with a companion, Leonard Stanton, also a miner.

Volley Heard

"We were stopped by two guards with rifles. When we said we wished to see Supt. C. K. McDowell, they told us we had no business with him," he declared. "We told them we were not looking for trouble but were trying to avert it, but the guards made us turn back. As we went out we met the same crowd going toward the mine, and told them they had better go back or they would get in bad company up the road. "They said they did not think so, and went on toward the mine while we returned to our automobile to repair a puncture. Then we heard a volley of shots from the mine. It was some time later before we heard any shooting from outside the mine."

Crowd Fired On

Baker testified that he had seen the beginning of the shooting through a pair of field glasses from the front of his home, three-quarters of a mile from the mine. He said that he had seen three men drag the gun to the top of the dump and conceal it behind a clump of bushes, two of the men going away and leav-

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COMB OF COWLITZ BEGUN, RECOVER 1 BODY, 2 MORE DIE

KELSO, Wash., Jan. 4.—(By the Associated Press)—The toll of the Cowlitz river bridge disaster yesterday had reached the total of 22 missing persons tonight. All were believed to have perished. When searchers ceased their labors for the day at darkness one of the bodies held beneath the surface of the stream or caught in the bridge wreckage had been recovered. To this total of the missing were to be added the names of C. O. McDonald of Vancouver, Wash., and Harry Kirk of Kelso who died today of their injuries after being rescued.

SIX KILLED IN BIG RACE RIOT

Many Others Injured When Clash Between Blacks and Whites Breaks

Bridge Said Safe

Several automobiles were extricated from the mass, lifted by the cranes and placed upon hoists. T. P. Flaska, a local attorney and an old citizen, who has been connected with all of Kelso's town activities, said the bridge was recently pronounced safe by a state inspector. The weakening of the bridge, Mr. Flaska asserted, was not due to the recent "log jam" but to the piling against which the logs were piled remains intact, he said, an examination disclosed. The collapse of the bridge was due to the snapping of the cables supporting it. C. E. Andrew, state bridge engineer, today began an investigation of the cause of the collapse of the bridge, although he says the bridge is under the jurisdiction of the county, not the state.

Boards Rain Soaked

"The bridge during the past six months has carried twenty times its normal traffic," said Mr. Andrew. The old four-inch plank with which the floor was covered, wore down, and some time ago another layer of plank three inches thick was added. The rains have soaked the boards through the seven inches, adding much to the weight of the bridge. A watchman was placed on the bridge to keep the traffic some feet apart. It was just an old structure which, from some cause yet to be determined, gave way when the last straw was placed upon it.

SCHOONER SAID CLOSE TO ROCKS

Coast Guard Cutter Sent to Relief of Ship Off Washington Coast

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 4.—The coast guard cutter Haida has been dispatched from Port Angeles, Wash., to the aid of a four-masted schooner reported in a dangerous position between Destruction Island and the mainland, off the Washington coast, it was stated at the headquarters of the United States coastguard service late this afternoon.

The Haida was sent to Port Angeles last night when the weather bureau station at Tatoosh reported a vessel blowing distress signals in the vicinity of Destruction Island. Later it was stated that the signals were merely fog signals of a vessel proceeding outside Destruction Island, but the Haida remained at Port Angeles in case of emergency.

The vessel was observed off the mouth of the Hoh river when the fog cleared up this afternoon, according to weather bureau officials at Port Angeles, who received the report by telephone from a rancher. A coastguard power boat was sent from Neah Bay to tow the vessel out of shallow water, but was not expected to reach Destruction Island for eight or nine hours.

According to the report received at Port Angeles, the vessel was anchored, but in a dangerous position, and would probably be unable to beat out to windward without assistance. If a storm should arise, it was believed, she would crash on the rocks which abound in the vicinity.

The Haida was expected to reach the scene before daybreak tomorrow.

Missing Tabulated
It also was considered probable that some persons not yet reported as missing since the disaster, had lost their lives, as transients and strangers were considered almost certain to have been in the traffic jam on the bridge at the time of its collapse. A careful check tonight of the list of missing showed these names:

A. G. Huntington, Kelso pioneer.
Mrs. A. G. Huntington.
Lloyd Huntington, their son, a stage driver.
John Godfrey, transient laborer.
Ben Barr, county commissioner-elect, of Woodland, Wash.
Harley Hillard, of Woodland, a mechanic.
Allan Chisholm of Moose Jaw, Sask.
Ralph Chamberlain, lumber employe.
W. P. Croske, 224 Broadway, Tacoma.
W. V. Buck of Montana, mill employe.
W. F. Hartley, Kelso, a logger.
John Cooper, Kelso, mill carpenter.
Herbert Titland, 6225 South Union Ave., Tacoma.

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THE WEATHER

OREGON:—Friday rain.

LOCAL WEATHER

(Thursday)

Temperature, maximum, 45.
Temperature minimum, 40.
River, 14.5 feet above normal level. Falling.
Rainfall, .67 inch.
Atmosphere, cloudy.
Wind, southwest.