

America May Resume Trade With Russia

Berlin Defies Allies

Germany Refuse Payment of Billion Gold Marks and Dispute Reparations Figures

Mar. 23.—Germany today refused to pay the one billion gold marks due on this date to the allied reparations commission. The commission's figures showing a balance of twelve billion marks due May 1.

Claim Payment Made.

It is maintained in the German press that the twenty billion marks of the peace treaty provided for to be handed over by May 1 is more than paid.

Seeks Foreign Loan.

After the experts have concluded it is established that there is no possibility of the payments by Germany, she is ready to begin negotiations with the reparations commission regarding the floating of a loan abroad.

Local Fruit Men Not In On Merger

A report from Tacoma, Wash., that companies in that city might be a party to a gigantic merger of fruit canning companies of western Washington and Oregon, involving a large percentage of the fruit companies of the west, could not be obtained from local manager here this afternoon.

Soviet Troops Are Deserting

Mar. 23.—Newspaper reports from Riga state that the sixteenth soviet army, stationed in the vicinity of Riga, are in open disorder and deserting in crowds, says an Express Telegram dispatch from Riga today.

Movie Theaters To Boycott Films of Clara Smith Hamon

San Francisco, March 23.—The Allied Amusement Industry of California composed of representatives of motion picture theaters, went on record today as opposing the appearance in films of Clara Smith Hamon, recently acquitted of the murder of her husband, L. Hamon in Ardmore, Okla. Contained in the resolution adopted is the clause to the effect that "this association is of the opinion that an exhibition of this sort would be an insult and improperly put a premium on violence." The members of the association pledged themselves not to exhibit pictures in their theaters in which Clara Hamon appears.

Stillman Charges Wife Is Mother of Indian Guide's Child; Crowd Jams Court

Central Figure In Stillman Divorce



Mrs. Anna U. Stillman

White Plain, N. Y., March 23.—A definite charge that Mrs. Anna U. Stillman, wife of James A. Stillman, president of the National City bank of New York, was the mother of a child by an Indian guide, was made in supreme court here today by counsel for Mr. Stillman during preliminary arguments in the divorce suit the bank president has brought.

Addressing Justice Morschauser, who presided at the hearing on alimony and counsel fees, Delancey Nicoll, chief counsel for Mr. Stillman, said:

"Evidence already before you shows that Mrs. Stillman took as her lover an Indian guide by whom she had an infant son, whom Mr. Stillman must either acknowledge as a member of his family or repudiate as illegitimate.

Relations Long Continued. "This criminal intimacy began in 1916 and continued through 1919. Mr. Stillman feels it his duty to his father's memory, to his family and to his children to press this matter to a conclusion.

"Had it been possible to do this otherwise than in court proceedings, he would have done it. But there was no other way than to make the mother and child co-defendants in a suit."

Mr. Nicoll said he could not understand the feelings of a father "whose wife yielded to the em-

brace of an Indian guide" but that he could understand why he would hesitate to take court action under such circumstances.

Crowds Pack Courtroom. The hearing lasted only about half an hour. When it was adjourned Justice Morschauser reserved decision on the motions before him for alimony of \$10,000 a month and counsel fees of \$25,000 for Mrs. Stillman.

When court opened today so many spectators crowded into the room that deputy sheriffs had to be stationed at the doors to prevent entrance of many more. Many persons stood on the window sills. The lawyers plunged into the question of Mr. Stillman's income which finally was admitted by one of his lawyers to have been \$536,000 in 1920. Counsel for the defendant had claimed it amounted to \$800,000 or \$1,000,000.

Defense Satisfied. John F. Brennan, of counsel for Mrs. Stillman, conceded that (Continued on Page Six.)

Cardinal Gibbons Sinking

Condition Critical Today; Hopes for Recovery Abandoned by Friends

Baltimore, Md., Mar. 23.—Cardinal Gibbons, who suffered a relapse last Sunday, was reported to be in a critical condition today. He is conscious only a part of the time and virtually all hope for his recovery has been abandoned by members of his household.

23 Bearcats Get Letters For Activities

Twenty-three men will receive awards in recognition of their athletic prowess at the annual "W" club award day program this evening at 7 o'clock which is to be held in Waller hall of Willamette university. Awards will be given for baseball, basketball, football, tennis, track and fencibles. Dr. Carl Gregg Doney, president of Willamette university, will make the presentations, while A. F. Flegel, of Portland will deliver the chief address of the evening.

16 Football Awards

The following will receive awards for football: Russell Rarey, Waldo Zeller, Athill Irvine, Paul Wapato, Vern Bain, Bruce White, Jacob Nickel, Harry Rarey, Bernard Ramsey, Willard Lawson, Loren Basler, Kenneth Powers, Ralph Barnes, Raymond Ganzans, Paul Sherwood, Keith Lyman.

Baseball letters and certificates will be awarded to the following men: Barney Page, Bryan McKittrick, Loren Basler, Lawrence Davies, Raymond Dmick, Athill Irvine, Rein Jackson, Percival Austin, Paul Brown, and Henry Spikes.

Fisher Only Track Winner

Robin Fisher, of Salem, is the only letterman in track to receive an award.

Noble Moodie and Hugh Doney will receive appropriate awards in tennis.

Six cardinal and gold blankets will be awarded to men this evening who have played four years in any one sport. The following will receive the blanket awards tonight: Paul G. Wapato, Loren H. Basler, Rein Jackson, Russell Rarey, Athill Irvine, Bryan McKittrick and Laurence Davies.

Hold Annual Banquet

Bernard Ramsey, Sheldon Sackett, Frank Bennett, Howard George, Lorelei Blatchford, Myrtle Mason, Ina Moore and Helen Hoover will receive forensic awards in debate, while Paul G. Wapato will receive an award in oratory.

Immediately following the program at Waller hall tonight, the "W" men, and their guests, will journey to the banquet room of the city Y. W. C. A. for their annual banquet. This banquet is considered to be one of the most important social functions of the university, and many alumni, who are ex-Bearcats, are invited as special guests.

Indian Who Took Horse Jailed Here

"Burglary not in a dwelling house."

That is the charge faced by Billy Williams, 17-year-old Indian of Chemawa, who now sits dejectedly behind the bars of the county jail. Feeling a great "urge" to ride the range in the manner of his ancestors, Billy says he "borrowed" a horse which he found in the barn of A. Hudnall, a rancher who resides near Chemawa. After doing a turn over terra firma, Billy tied up the animal to a fence nearby.

But Mr. Hudnall was riled and yesterday swore out a complaint charging Billy with burglary. Officers say that Hudnall is of the opinion that Williams intended to return on horseback to the Nevada reservation where he formerly resided.

Seen In The Crimelight

Muskogee, Okla., Mar. 23.—The amount of loot obtained last night when two men held up and robbed eighteen Pullman passengers aboard the Texas special of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad, is placed at \$1809 by railroad officials here today.

El Paso, Texas, Mar. 23.—The five men taken into custody late yesterday in connection to death Monday night of Prohibition Officer S. E. Beckett and S. A. Wood will be arraigned tomorrow on charges of murder, the district attorney's office here announced today.

Telegraph Wires Cut.

Belfast, March 23.—Telegraph wires between Belfast and Dublin were cut last evening.

Negotiations To Be Opened With Soviet Delegates

Modification of Rulings Made by Wilson Administration Already Made Is Report; Relaxation of Passport Restrictions Are Understood To Be Pending

Washington, March 23.—Early consideration is to be given to relations between the United States and soviet Russia, it was indicated today at the state department. Formal announcement of any change in the relations between the two countries or in any of the rulings by the Wilson administration may not be made for some time, but it was made clear that already certain modifications of those rulings either are under consideration or have been made.

These decisions were reached independent of the appeal from the soviet government to President Harding and the American government for a resumption of trade relations between the United States and Russia. That appeal reached the state department today from the White House.

Soviet Appeal Received.

The appeal was received at the White House and sent to the state department without being called to the attention of President Harding and it was first announced that it had not been received. A similar announcement also was made at the state department, but this subsequently was corrected.

In the event of an agreement by the United States to treat with the soviets, it was indicated that no technical bars would be placed against the entry into the United States of a delegation which the Moscow wireless dispatch to London said the soviet proposed to send here to negotiate a trade agreement.

May Relax Bars.

It also developed that a slightly broader view has been taken by the department regarding the issuance of passports and visas. While there has been no indication of any material relaxation of the regulations it became known that in certain exceptional cases visas and passports would be authorized. The announcement in press dispatches from Stockholm that a quantity of Russian gold now is on the way from that place to the United States also developed that the American government would not raise the question of the metal's origin. It was explained, however, that the parties to whom it was consigned would accept it at their own risk. The official view is that its status cannot be properly impugned if it bears the mint mark of any recognized government such as that of Sweden, which is reported to have been placed on the consignment. It, after it is received and accepted, a claim as to its origin or ownership is made, the question would be one for the courts to decide.

Girl from Salem and Aged Man Passed as Man and Wife

Sometimes passing as husband and wife, as in Seattle and Klammath Falls, and sometimes as uncle and niece, Charles J. Cameron, 55-year-old resident of Centralia, Wash., traveled with Mary Alvis, 17-year-old girl who, according to her testimony, was aided by Cameron in escaping from the feeble-minded school here, witnesses said yesterday in federal court in Portland. Cameron is fighting a white slave charge.

The court room was crowded yesterday with numerous witnesses and curious spectators. According to the girl, the couple traveled over Oregon and Washington by automobile, camping along the way or stopping at hotels and private dwellings.

Lumber Prices Far Too High Is Claim; Dealers Ask Proof

Chicago, March 23.—Lumber dealers have issued a challenge to the Illinois Society of Architects to prove charges made in the society's bulletin that lumber prices are 150 per cent higher than in 1914. An offer to pay \$1,000 to charity if the charge is proved has been made and E. E. Davison, president of the architects society, declared today he would accept the challenge.

The lumber men assert prices are only 60 per cent above the 1914 level and that one-third of that is due to high cost of transportation.

Owner Sues to Secure Booze

Louisville, Ky., Mar. 23.—Suit to compel Volstead law enforcers to release from government bonded warehouses whiskey wanted by its owners for personal use has been filed in court here by John W. Keller of Paducah, Ky.

The plaintiff claims he had put the liquor aside for entertainment of his friends, guests and himself in his home and that in January he applied to the revenue collector for permission to pay the tax and remove the whiskey. The collector, he says, referred him to the state prohibition director, who denied permission.

The postage stamp made its first appearance in 1829.

Japan Will Fight To Prevent Soviet Rule In Kamchatka

Tokio, Mar. 23.—Japan will be obliged, whatever action may be deemed necessary, to preserve her rights in Kamchatka, if the Russian far eastern republic persists in its course of transferring a part of that peninsula to the authority of the Russian soviet government, Viscount Uchida, foreign minister declared in the house of peers here today.

After stating that Japan had recently received information that this transfer had been made he said this country had sent a protest to the far eastern republic administration at Chita and had submitted five demands. He declared that these demands had not been accepted yet.

Japan has extensive fishery interests in Kamchatka. (This report of the transfer of part of the peninsula of Kamchatka to the soviet government in Moscow appears to have a direct bearing upon concessions granted there to Washington B. Vanderbilt of California, by the bolshevik regime in Russia. The concession, covering the exploitation of the oil, coal and fishery interests of Kamchatka was granted last year.)

It is learned that Charles James, one of the men killed by an Oregon Electric train near Salem last week, had an uncle residing at Barren, Wash. His name is Clarence Simon.

Americans Sent to Jail For Attempt To Take Bergdoll

Mosbach, Baden, Mar. 23.—Carl Neuf and Franz Zimmer, American detectives, have been sentenced to terms in prison in criminal court here for "illegal assumption of power" in attempting to arrest and abduct Grover C. Bergdoll, American draft evader, in Eberbach last January. Neuf, against whom a charge of "inflicting bodily injury" has been preferred was sentenced to jail for 15 months while Zimmer's term in prison was fixed at six months. The additional charge against Neuf arose from a bullet wound suffered by a young woman when a revolver was fired during the attempted abduction.

Four Germans who were tried as accomplices of the Americans were found guilty and sent to jail for terms varying from five to eleven months. It was shown one had driven the detectives' car and that the other three had accompanied the two Americans on their trip to apprehend Bergdoll in Eberbach.

Plebiscite Satisfies France.

Paris, Mar. 22.—Paris newspapers commenting on the plebiscite held Sunday in Upper Silesia and determine the future political status of that region, declare there is a possibility the mining districts in the western and southern parts of Upper Silesia may be given to Poland by the allies. Most of them declare that France will be satisfied with the verdict rendered at the polls.

In passing sentence on Neuf, the German court declared the American detective was aware that aside from the charge of desertion, no other indictment was pending against Bergdoll, but that nevertheless the detective had attempted to arrest Bergdoll without the cooperation of the German police and take him into the occupied area, although Neuf was aware that such a procedure constituted an illegal assumption of authority in unoccupied Germany. The use of a weapon, declared the court, constituted "negligent infliction of bodily injury."

The penalty upon Neuf was fixed at fifteen months in jail, the court said, because the detective's conduct constituted "a gross breach of the law and an invasion of the rights of the German authorities."

The other defendants were guilty, the court ruled, because they knew their acts were not permissible and were punishable under the criminal code.

The six defendants were assessed the costs of the trial. Each of them was credited on his jail sentence with eight weeks of preliminary confinement.

Daughter And Mother Write Finis To Lives

Indianapolis, Ind., Mar. 23.—Mrs. Stoughton Fletcher and her mother, Mrs. Eva Bentley, committed suicide at the Fletcher estate north of this city today, according to a coroner's verdict this afternoon. Stoughton Fletcher, the husband, is a prominent capitalist and horseman. He was in Chicago today, servants said.

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