

Germans Offer To Assume Allied Debts

Ruhr Occupation By Allies Likely Briand Declares

Latest Reparations Proposal by Germany Held Unacceptable In Paris Official Circles and Premier Promises Action If Demands Are Not Fully Met by May 1

Paris, April 26.—Germany's new reparations propositions made public today, are considered here as unacceptable as a basis for discussion, according to well informed opinion close to the French foreign office.

Paris, April 26.—Premier Briand told the chamber of deputies this afternoon:

"If on May 1 satisfactory proposals, with acceptable guarantees are not made by the German government, the Ruhr district will be occupied."

It is held in French official circles that the failure of the Germans to pay the balance of the twenty billion gold marks due May 1 under the provisions of articles 235 of the treaty of Versailles is entirely independent of the negotiations regarding the sum total of the reparations she must eventually pay.

French officials are convinced, it is declared, that the Germans are only seeking to delay the execution of all clauses of the treaty in the hope that the allies may divide among themselves and make bargaining easier for Germany later on.

After hearing the premier's statement, the chamber voted confidence in the government by a vote of 424 to 29, with 59 deputies abstaining from voting.

Rehearing Is Denied Kings Co.

Decision of County Judge Relative To Berry Growers Is Upheld by Harris

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The case, according to records before the supreme court, was based on the alleged refusal of Mr. Ramp and other loganberry growers to deliver their product to the plaintiff corporation. These records showed that in the year 1917 the Salem Kings Products company, through its agents, submitted to the berry growers contracts in which it was set out that the growers would deliver their berries to the corporation at a price of four cents a pound.

The growers refused to sign these contracts whereupon the corporation prepared a rider to the effect that in case the prices for loganberries advanced it would pay to the persons under contract the same price as paid in the open market. This rider, when made a part of the contract apparently was satisfactory to most of the growers, who signed the agreement.

In the year 1919, when the war had increased the prices of all commodities, loganberries demanded nine cents a pound. The growers then refused to deliver their berries to the Salem Kings Products company, which had restricted its offerings to five and one half cents a pound.

Suit later was instituted by the fruit corporation to enforce the provisions of the contract. This was fought bitterly by the defendants, and resulted in a victory for the latter.

Kellogg Bill Passed Washington, April 26.—The Kellogg bill authorizing the president to regulate and license landings of submarine cables in this country was passed today by the senate and goes to the house.

\$200,000,000 Spent For Advertising In Newspapers In Year New York, April 26.—Newspaper advertising throughout the country during 1920 amounted to more than \$200,000,000, an advance of \$50,000,000 over that of the previous year, the bureau of advertising of the American Newspaper Publishers association reported today.

Newspaper advertising space has gained in favor as a medium of determinable results and of sure economy, the committee reported. Increase of service to advertisers has made necessary the opening of a San Francisco office to supplement the Chicago and New York offices.

A FALSE ACCUSATION

The accusation that The Capital Journal is opposed to the enforcement of the prohibition laws in Marion county, or elsewhere is unjust and false.

The Capital Journal stands for the enforcement of all laws of the city, county, state and nation, regardless of persons, by regularly authorized officers of the law, responsible to the public for all of their actions in enforcement of the laws.

Its support is pledged to all public officials in their efforts to enforce the law and protect the interests of the public and exposure promised to all who violate the laws.

It considers the enforcement of laws as a sacred duty entrusted to the hands of public officials for conscientious and efficient execution according to legally prescribed methods which guarantee the observance of the constitutional rights of the lawless and law-abiding alike.

It has opposed and will continue to oppose all efforts to delegate the enforcement of laws to any private agency acting independently of the regularly authorized police authorities.

Its columns are open to the public and it invites their use by any organization of citizens having as its aim the more efficient enforcement of the laws, in the exposure of crime and vice, or the failure of public officials to respect and execute the trust placed in them.

Lauterman Won't Talk; Journal Is Right, Says Chief

Yesterday afternoon The Capital Journal carried a news story telling of a complaint filed by Chief of Police Moffitt, charging H. Gannon, until recently an Anti-Saloon League representative, with being drunk and disorderly.

Chief Moffitt, The Capital Journal story stated, had signed the complaint at the request of J. H. Lauterman, manager of the Argo hotel. It added that Chief Moffitt had been told by Mr. Lauterman that Lauterman had determined to ask for the complaint only after he had failed to get any response to a complaint made to Ronald C. Glover, chairman of the "steering committee."

It further stated Mr. Lauterman had told Chief Moffitt he had intended to take the matter up with Governor Olcott.

Drunk Held Papers From Anti-Saloon League, Says Davis

That H. Gannon, for whom a "drunk and disorderly" complaint has been issued, held credentials carrying the signature of F. W. Snyder, which stated that he was a "cover up" man, is the statement of Night Desk Sergeant Davis, of the Salem police department.

Anti-Saloon League officers, it was said today, have denied that Gannon was an employe of their organization.

Gannon was taken into custody on the night of April 8, but was released by Desk Sergeant Davis when he promised to return the following day. Officers state that Gannon never returned to the station.

Jersey Holding World Record In Class Dead

Poppy's Dorothea, owned by Frank Lynn of Perrydale and holder of the world's record for a three-year-old Jersey, died here Sunday night. The animal, produced \$94.4 pounds of butterfat and 17,800 pounds of milk in a single year, and was valued by Mr. Lynn at \$15,000.

Experts who examined the animal recently and were in touch with her milk and butterfat production, predicted that she would establish a new record for Jersey cattle of all ages.

Dorothea, as she was best known among cattle breeders, weighed 1490 pounds and was exceedingly large for Jerseys. It was said here today that her loss is one of the greatest that has been sustained by Jersey breeders for many years.

There is one consoling feature in connection with the death of the valuable animal, however, according to Mr. Lynn. This is the fact that she left two daughters, together with a young bull, her full brother and sire, from which Mr. Lynn hopes to blend and breed even a better cow than Poppy's Dorothea.

There is yet five feet of snow at the Tempest mine in Baker county, and supplies for the miners are being taken in on hand sleds.

William Hodd, Chief Engineer Of Espee Quits

San Francisco, April 26.—Announcement of the resignation of William Hodd, its chief engineer, and for 54 years in its employ, was made by the Southern Pacific company today. The resignation is effective May 3, when George W. Boeckhe, assistant chief engineer will assume Mr. Hodd's position.

Growers Meet; 300 In Session

Paulus Discusses Sales Situation; Lewis Reports On Growth and Fruit Acreage

More than 300 members of the Oregon Growers Cooperative association attended the annual meeting held today at the offices of the association in the Masonic Temple.

In his annual report R. C. Paulus, manager of the sales department, referred to the fact that the past year has been one of unusual financial difficulties, perhaps worse than any since the panic of 1907.

Speaking of the cannery situation, Mr. Paulus said that should canneries not put up their usual pack, it would be necessary for the association to develop other markets.

Although the total sales of the association were much less than first estimated on account of the great damage to crops, Mr. Paulus said that the business had been conducted on the first overhead estimate of five per cent.

As to the future, Mr. Paulus was optimistic, taking into consideration the heavy crop damage in the east, all of which would cause a heavy demand this fall and winter for dried fruits.

C. I. Lewis, manager of the organization department, stated that the fruit acreage now controlled by the association was 28,883 owned by 1640 members.

Referring to the prune situation, Mr. Lewis said that in order to control the markets next season, efforts would be made by the association to secure at least 50 per cent of the acreage in western Oregon.

Telegrams were read by Mr. Lewis telling of the great damage by cold weather to crops in the east. He cautioned all growers to take more than average care of their crops as conditions were now favorable to the Oregon grower.

John Frazier, assistant sales manager, in submitting figures on sales this past season, said that broccoli had been shipped to 38 markets, and fresh fruit to 50 markets.

Average prices for fresh fruits Mr. Frazier said were as follows: Gooseberries, 7.9 cents pound; raspberries, 20 cents pound; straw berries, 16.9 cents pound; currants, 10 cents; evergreen blackberries, 7 cents; cherries, 12.7 cents; loganberries, 12.7 cents; green prunes, 4.4 cents a pound. The association handled 27,514 crates of broccoli averaging \$1.29 a crate. Late pears averaged \$2.89 a box, Mr. Frazier said.

Poachers Put Game Wardens To Rout, Report

Portland, Or., April 26.—Attacks were made upon deputy game wardens near Oregon City last night by a gang of alleged poachers, according to a report today by Carl D. Schoemaker, state master fish warden. Two boats operated by wardens on the Willamette river were attacked by men on nearby bluffs who hurled rocks, and finally parties of the alleged pirates put out on three boats of their own and drove the officers from the river, according to the official report. One shot was fired, and officers made one arrest. Reinforcements were sent to the scene by state officers today.

Huns Declare Readiness To Assume War Obligations In Counter Reparations Offer

Deposit As Evidence of Good Faith Offered; Asks Discontinuation of Present Penalties System to Allow Greater Freedom In Tasks Necessary to Fulfillment of Pact; Text of Note To United States Made Public Today

Berlin, April 26.—Germany, "in the event the United States and the allies so desire, is willing according to the extent of her ability and capacity to assume the allied obligations to the United States" says a clause in her counter proposals, it was definitely learned here today.

With this exception the counter proposals forwarded to Washington, including the offer of two hundred billion gold marks, are virtually as forecast in yesterday's Associated Press dispatches from this city.

As evidence of her good faith, says the note, Germany is prepared immediately to place at the disposal of the reparations commission 150,000,000 marks in gold, silver and foreign exchange, and 850,000,000 gold marks in treasury notes, redeemable within three months in foreign exchange or foreign securities.

Germany, in her new reparations proposals, declares that the present proposals are only capable of being carried out if the system of penalties in force is discontinued forthwith; that she is freed of all unproductive outlays now imposed on her, and that she be given freedom of trade.

An arbitration proposal for determining the total amount due from her on reparations is contained in the note forwarded to Washington. A clause in this note says:

"Germany suggests the appointment of an unbiased commission to fix the total sum of her war reparations, which she pledges to accept as binding and to carry out in good faith."

Germany, adds the note, would welcome any suggestions from the American government for further negotiations or for changes in the present proposals.

"With the acceptance of these proposals," says the German note, "Germany's other reparations and obligations will be annulled and all German private property in foreign countries released."

The note to the Washington government, embodying the German proposals, was made public here this afternoon.

Note Made Public. The text of the clause in the note stating the amount Germany is ready to pay reads as follows:

"Germany declares herself ready to engage to pay for reparations a total of 50,000,000,000 marks gold at their present value. Germany is equally ready to pay this amount in annuities adapted to her productive capacity up to a total of 200,000,000,000 marks gold."

Germany proposes in the note that the issue of an international loan the proceeds to be placed at the disposition of the allies. On this loan Germany would pay interest at 4 per cent and provide for amortization. The sum of the reparations total note covered by this international loan would be provided to the limit of Germany's capacity, by payments in goods, materials, etc.

Co-operation Pledged. "Germany is disposed," says the note, "to allow the allied powers to participate in Germany's economic and financial amelioration. Germany will co-operative with all her efforts in the reconstruction of the devastated regions, so that she may acquit herself as quickly as possible of the sum remaining unpaid."

Germany's offer of immediate payment represents one billion marks gold, the note said, made up as follows: First—One hundred and fifty million marks in gold, silver and bills receivable. Second—Eight hundred and fifty million marks in bills of exchange upon the treasury, which would be paid at the latest in three months in bills receivable and in foreign securities.

Offers Security. As security for the credits accorded her, the proposals state, Germany is willing to pledge publicly her revenues and properties, in a manner to be determined between the contracting parties.

"Germany," continues the note, "takes upon herself the obligation to recognize as binding the decisions of an international commission of experts upon her capabilities. If it is believed by the American government that another form of proposals would make the matter easier to handle, the German government asks that it be notified of day.

the points on which modification appears desirable to the American government. "The German government also would welcome any suggestion from the American government. The German government is too deeply convinced that the peace and well being of the world are dependent upon a speedy, moderate and just solution of the reparations problem not to do everything possible so that the United States shall be in a position to present the matter to the allied governments."

Hughes Calls In Foreign Envoys To Discuss Note

Washington, April 26.—Secretary Hughes invited all ambassadors of the allied powers to meet him at the state department today following receipt of the new German reparations proposals. It was understood Mr. Hughes desired to talk over the German proposals with them informally.

It was stressed that the purpose of the conference was for informal discussion of the German communication and not in any sense a diplomatic transmission by the United States of the German offer.

The German counter proposals were discussed at length today at the regular meeting of President Harding's cabinet, but if any decision was reached the fact was carefully concealed.

Approval Of County Court Is Expressed

The Business Men's Bible class and the Sunday school organization of the First Methodist church, and members of the Leslie Methodist church Sunday adopted resolutions expressing confidence and commendation in the Marion county court and in city officials instrumental in bringing into the county outside operatives to assist in the enforcement of the prohibition law.

The Bible class and the Sunday school organization each went on record by the adoption of written resolutions, and later the congregation of the church at the morning service made a similar expression by rising vote.

At the Leslie Methodist church in South Salem similar resolutions were adopted and signed by 93 citizens.

Alexander Crawford, identified with the upbuilding of Oregon since 1853, is dead at his home in Arlington, aged 88 years.

Harding May Visit Coast This Summer Washington, April 26.—A vacation trip to the Pacific coast for President Harding late this fall is being urged by some of his friends and it is understood to be receiving favorable consideration. The president is said to have indicated that if he finds opportunity for a vacation this year he will spend it in the northwest.

The northwestern trip first was suggested as part of a trip to Alaska, but it has been indicated that the president has little hope of getting that far away during the present summer.

Round Up Of Indicted Ball Players Opens

Chicago, April 26.—The period of leniency for the men indicted in connection with the 1919 world series scandal who have not rendered has passed and warrants for their arrest have been sent to various cities. It was announced today at the state's attorney's office following receipt of official information concerning the arrest yesterday in California of Hal Chase, the first of the indicted men to be taken into custody.

Arrest of Eddie Cicotte, Happy Felsch, Fred McMullin, Rachel Brown, J. J. Sullivan, Charles Risberg, the two Levi brothers and David Zelser may be expected any day, it was said.

The state officials have given up hope, however, that Abe Attell, former pugilist, will be brought to trial, it became known. Attell is in Canada.

About 50 feet of the South Inlet county bridge near North Bend went down Monday when piling eaten by teredos broke off.