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SECRETARY WARNS FOREIGN MONOPOLIES

Rise in Raw Materials May be Counteracted By U. S., Says Hoover.

Erie, Pa.—Foreign monopolists of rubber, coffee, nitrates, potash and other raw materials essential to American industry were warned in a speech here by Secretary Hoover that if their unfair exactions upon American consumers continued they could expect to find the United States following the same practices and organizing governmentally to retaliate by shoving upward the prices on commodities it produces for world trade.

The commerce secretary estimated that the United States was spending upwards of \$800,000,000 annually for the purchase of monopoly-controlled commodities, and declared the procedure of some of these price controllers might "ultimately bring a crash down upon the entire industry."

Mr. Hoover deplored the situation and asserted that the best interests of world commerce unquestionably called for the greatest amount of freedom of trade from price controls. The United States as a matter of internal policy had enacted in the past and enforced the anti-trust laws to prevent its own producers from combining to mulct consumers of American products, but now could easily countenance the creation of combinations which would do with the prices of cotton, copper and oil what had been done by English, Brazilian, Franco-German, Chilean and other national producers of raw materials that America imports. The whole tendency, however, presented grave international danger, and the secretary called upon other nations to reconsider their commercial programs.

COUNCIL DECLARES WARS MUST CEASE

New Impetus Given to World Peace Ideal By Balkan Adjustment.

Paris.—Internationalism as opposed to extreme nationalism—an internationalism which will be based in moments of war peril on the surrender of state sovereignty — was given new strength by the league of nations.

Completing the work of its special session by quickly adjusting the crisis between Greece and Bulgaria, the task for which it was convoked, the council of the league, passing on to greater issues, virtually wrote the second chapter of a modern history of which the Locarno security treaties with Germany constituted the first chapter.

This second chapter is that henceforth the league of nations becomes the machinery for the settlement of all disputes and that war must cease, because, as Austen Chamberlain, the British foreign secretary, said, if it does not, all nations will perish from the earth.

Obedying the covenant of the league, Greece and Bulgaria, by agreeing to submit their quarrel to the mediation of the council, set a precedent which, Mr. Chamberlain warned, must be followed by all. He said that any menace of war anywhere concerns all the members of the league.

The closing of the session was marked by a moving address by Aristide Briand, the president, who declared the league's existence had been fully justified by this settlement alone.

In reverent tones, which thrilled his hearers, M. Briand dedicated the session just closed to the memory of Woodrow Wilson, who proposed and realized the league of nations.

MITCHELL TO SUMMON CABINET MEMBERS

Washington, D. C. — Colonel Mitchell's counsel told the court trying Colonel Mitchell Monday that in asking a subpoena for Everett Sanders, secretary to President Coolidge, they would "seek copies of all correspondence exchanged between the president and all persons relative to the necessity and reasons for the formation of the president's air board, headed by Dwight Morrow, as contained in the files of the White House executive offices."

Colonel Mitchell asked the court also to summon Secretaries Davis of the war department and Wilbur of the navy department, as witnesses.

Several other high officials of the two departments, several members of congress and more than 60 army and navy officers also were named by the defense in a list of those it would like to question.

The court martial held that Colonel Mitchell was within his rights in asking for the testimony of a long list of witnesses, including three cabinet officials, in defending himself against the disciplinary charge growing out of his attack on the government's air policy.

GENERAL SARRAIL IS RECALLED BY FRANCE

Paris.—General Sarrail, who permitted the bombardment of Damascus, has been removed from his post as high commissioner of Syria.

American official reports presented to the French foreign office by the American embassy on instructions from Washington gave the French government more information about the actions in Syria of General Sarrail than Paris had received from General Sarrail himself.

Under Sarrail's administration a rebellion of the Druses, a tribe little known in the western world, suddenly demanded and received the world's attention when the French resorted to a bombardment of ancient Damascus. Up to the moment when French shells began bursting in the city the French troubles in Syria were pretty much their own.

The government's decision to substitute a civilian for a military man at the head of the mandatory Syrian government is significant of French realization that the Damascus incident has aroused formidable if not generally articulate opposition to its activities as agent for the League of Nations in the Near East.

ITALIAN COMMISSION HERE

Negotiations for Refunding of \$2,139,000,000 Owed United States Open.

Washington, D. C.—Italy's commission headed by Finance Minister Giuseppe Volpi has arrived to begin negotiations for funding the \$2,139,000,000 debt owed the United States treasury.

Based on the principles of the British settlement, the American commission is expected to call upon the Italians for annuities of between \$60,000,000 and \$70,000,000 over a period of 82 years.

The Italian obligation consists of \$1,031,000,000, representing cash advances made prior to the armistice, and \$617,000,000 in post-armistice credits. On this total, less than \$60,000,000 has been paid in interest.

Second Painleve Cabinet Totters.

Paris.—With the Socialists refusing to vote confidence in the second Painleve cabinet, that government's life seemed doomed to be short. The Socialists, in convention here, voted early this morning, 1431 to 1228, against giving the new regime their confidence. Without the Socialists' good will the Painleve group, it was agreed in political circles, undoubtedly cannot survive long.

3 Commissioners Elected at Olympia.

Olympia, Wash. — Olympia's new commission government consists of James C. Johnson, mayor, and E. M. Steels and Frank Phillips, councilmen, following the first commission election here Monday.

Soviet War Chief Dies.

Moscow.—General Frunse, soviet commissar for war, died recently, following an operation.

CLAIM DRY LAW JUSTIFIED

Federal Council of Churches Reaffirms Stand on Prohibition.

Washington, D. C. — "Prohibition has already yielded results which fully justify its adoption."

This is the flat statement of the administrative committee of the Federal Council of Churches after considering its policy on the subject in the light of the recent report on the prohibition situation proposed by its research department. There is nothing in the report, the administrative committee says, "to justify modification of the stand of the churches on prohibition."

The council renewed in the statement its pledge of unequivocal support of national prohibition. Prohibition is the deliberately and permanently established policy of the country, it declared, adding, "the liquor traffic and the saloon must not come back again."

"Dutch" Anderson is Killed.

Muskegon, Mich. — A bandit slain here Saturday night, after he had shot and fatally wounded Charles Hammond, city detective, was positively identified as "Dutch" Anderson, noted thief and pal of Gerald Chapman, super-bandit.

Anderson went to his death fighting. So did Detective Hammond, who, although fatally wounded, wrested the revolver from the bandit's hand in an alley in the shadows of the police station and then killed Anderson with the latter's own weapon.

Syrians Appeal to League.

Geneva.—Protests to the League of Nations' mandate commission from Syria relative to the French administration of the Syrian mandate were referred to France for explanation.

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A STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I will open the doors of a completely remodeled, up-to-date jewelry store on Saturday, November 7th. Every one is invited to be present to inspect this fine establishment and share in the gift and special offer features.

I believe that all of the visitors to the store will agree that my store is one of the most modern in the state. At all times the store will be kept up to a high standard with a fine, up-to-date stock of merchandise.

Every article in the store as well as every repair job, carries an unqualified guarantee. After years spent in this work in some of the finest stores of the Pacific coast, I feel that I can safely promise to please you all.

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BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

William G. Clyde will succeed Homer D. Williams as president of the Carnegie Steel company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel corporation.

Cardinal Gasparri and 10 Italian cardinals will attend the forthcoming Eucharistic conference in Chicago, according to present plans at the Vatican.

The Persian national assembly by almost a unanimous vote adopted a resolution deposing Kajar dynasty, which has ruled the country since 1779.

Victor Henry Herenger, member of the French senate, it is said, will be appointed soon as ambassador to the United States to succeed Emile Daeschner.

The permanent mandates commission of the league of nations asked the French government for an official statement concerning petitions, protests and complaints which have been filed with the league with reference to the French bombardment of Damascus October 18 to 20.

The Thiaucourt, France, war monument will be unveiled November 8 at Thiaucourt, the first French town to be captured in the Argonne drive. Ambassador Herlick and high officials of the French government will take part in the dedication ceremony. Four thousand American soldiers killed in the Argonne and St. Mihiel campaigns, lie in the Thiaucourt cemetery.

Big Area in Oregon Burned Over.

Salem, Or.—A total of \$1,144 acres of forest land was burned over in 1925 with the destruction of approximately 6,509,000 feet of timber valued at \$15,000, according to a report issued by the state forester.

Postal Department Wants Better Addresses on Mail Matter

While it is generally accepted that this is not the age of miracles, nevertheless, there are thousands of patrons of the United States mails who take it for granted that Uncle Sam has many wonder workers on his payroll.

The very fact that there are wizards in the employ of the post office department—men and women who are uncanny, to say the least, in deciphering illegible handwriting—has caused no end of trouble and expense to the government as well as to the taxpayer, along with inconvenience in the receipt and delivery of mail matter.

Yet, with all this expert handling and careful study of handwriting on the part of the postal clerks the annual revenue from dead mail matter received by the government amounts to approximately \$300,000.

Last year the dead letter office received \$120,000 from the sale of orphaned packages which could neither be forwarded to the addressee nor returned to the senders because of inadequate addresses. The same office turned into the United States treasury \$55,523.96 in cash removed from misdirected letters or found loose in the mails.

Postage stamps were taken from letters or found loose in the mails having a value of \$12,165.67, almost double the entire revenue of the postal service in 1924. Three cent fees collected for the return to sender of letters which could not be de-

livered totaled \$92,007.54. But this is not half the story. Checks, drafts, and money orders, whose owners could not be located, and amounting to \$3,546,542.54 finally found a place in the dead letter office.

For want of correct or complete addresses 21 million letters were deposited in the dead letter office, not to speak of 800,000 parcels which had been improperly addressed or wrapped.

Strange to say, this depositing of letters and packages in the mails with incomplete, inadequate or incorrect addresses and wrapping comes in a large majority of cases, from those patrons who are most liberal contributors to this branch of the United States government.

It has been estimated by postal officials that 200 million pieces of mail are given "directory service" every year, which means that employees must take time from the regular handling and dispatching of mail in the endeavor to provide correct addresses for this huge volume of misdirected matter. In New York city alone, the cost of this service approximates \$500 every day in the year and the total amount is stupendous.

While the revenue from the dead letter office is sufficient to keep that branch of the postal service functioning it is not nearly enough to pay the annual toll for support of the "nixie."

A "nixie" is a letter or parcel so improperly addressed that it can neither be delivered to the addressee nor returned to the sender without special treatment. This special treatment costs the post office department or the taxpayer in the final analysis,

approximately \$1,740,000 every year. In order to lift this tremendous burden from the shoulders of the post office department and on the pocket book of the American people, an active, nation wide campaign has been conducted for the purpose of impressing on the mailer the necessity from every viewpoint of using more care in the addressing of his mail, not only letters but parcels as well.

FORMER PROPERTY CUSTODIAN INDICTED

New York — Thomas W. Miller, formerly alien property custodian, and several Swiss and German bankers and firms were indicted here by a federal grand jury charged with conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the handling of the affairs of the American Metals company, seized as German property during the war.

The aliens are accused of working through Colonel Miller and others in positions of trust and responsibility at Washington to obtain cash and Liberty bonds held as part of the German property seized by the United States government at the start of the war.

The whole case centers around the allegation that the American Metals company seized by A. Mitchell Palmer at the outbreak of the war, was fraudulently made to appear in large part as Swiss property, whereupon the government paid \$7,000,000, representing 49 per cent of the company's capital stock value to the Societe Suisse pour Valeurs De Metaux.