

AMERICA PROTESTS RULING BY ALLIES

SALE OF HUN PROPERTY IS CONDEMNED

Strong Remonstrances Made by American Govt. Against Ruling by Allied Reparation Commission Providing for Sale German Property to Satisfy Indemnity. United States Handicapped by Non-Ratification Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.—“Strong circumstances” have been made by the American government against rulings of the allied reparations commission that under the peace treaty, sale of certain German property in neutral countries can be forced, if necessary to satisfy the initial payment of the German indemnity.

Under Secretary Polk of the state department, writing today to Senator Henderson, democrat, Nevada, said “a further protest” was in preparation as such a construction of the treaty was contrary to an official interpretation exchanged between Germany and the allied powers.

Mr. Polk's letter was in response to an inquiry by Senator Henderson regarding reports that Great Britain had requested that German property and all the rights of German citizens in electrical enterprises in South America be taken over by the commission and subsequently transferred to Great Britain as part of the indemnity due it by Germany.

Mr. Polk said the state department had no information as to this bill added: “There has been received, however, certain information having relation to your inquiry to the effect that the allied governments represented on the reparations committee have advanced and previously adopted a construction of article 235 which would empower the reparations committee to demand payment by Germany of the initial 20,000,000,000 gold marks in any commodities, gold, ships or otherwise, which the reparations commission may desire; and in the exercise of such power the commission may require the sale of German property in neutral countries at least in the form of credits or securities. Under such power it is possible that the sale to the reparations commission of the securities controlled by German corporate enterprises in South America might be required of Germany.

“The department is endeavoring unofficially to keep in touch with matters coming up for decision before the commission in order that any action of the commission which might be in derogation of American trade opportunities should not pass unchallenged. The department is handicapped, however, in that it has no right to demand such information and this government not having ratified the treaty cannot exercise the right to veto an interpretation of the commission's powers such as contained in the construction of article 235 mentioned above.

Nevertheless, strong remonstrance has been made and a further protest is in preparation.”

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS—

NEW YORK, Mar. 19.—William Jennings Bryan celebrated his sixtieth birthday anniversary in New York today. He arrived here this morning from Washington to speak at a banquet to be given in his honor by friends at the Aldine club tonight.

SENATOR HITCHCOCK FAVORS A BEER, LIGHT WINE PLATFORM

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18.—Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, the democratic leader in the senate, declared today to comment on published reports that his telegram to a democratic dinner at Omaha, Neb., March 11, was to be regarded as an announcement of his candidacy for the democratic presidential nomination on a wet platform.

The telegram, Senator Hitchcock said, spoke for itself as setting

SORORITY SYSTEM IS CONDEMNED BY DEAN BRADFORD AS SNOBBISH

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Mar. 19.—Condemnation of the sorority system and recommendation that the sorority houses at Stanford be abolished in favor of women's dormitories was voiced by Miss Harriet Bradford, dean of women, in a report to the president. Alleged growth of exclusive and undemocratic castes in the university, destroying comradeship between sorority and non-sorority members and among sorority women as well, is cited by Dean Bradford as the principal defect of the system.

KAPP PROGRAM FOR RENEWAL WORLD WAR

Chancellor Bauer Causes Sensation by Announcement in German National Assembly—Pitiless Punishment for Offenders—Ebert Troops Now Control Berlin.

BERNE, Mar. 19.—Chancellor Bauer caused a sensation at yesterday's sitting of the German national assembly at Stuttgart when he revealed the conditions presented the government by Dr. Wolfgang Kapp and General von Luetwitz before they entered Berlin last Saturday morning.

“They wished to prepare for a war of revenge and plunge the country into another cataplan,” said the chancellor. “Pitiless punishment must come to those offenders.” Philipp Scheidemann, leader of the majority socialists, Herr Burloge of the center party, Herr Kron of the German nationalists and Herr Becker of the people's party are unanimous in their condemnation of the attempted revolution according to advices received here.

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 19.—Both Gustav Noske, minister of defense in the Ebert government, and Dr. K. W. W. Heine, Prussian minister of the interior, have resigned, according to a dispatch from Stuttgart quoting the Hamburg Fremdenblatt.

Another message from Stuttgart states that at the conclusion of the national assembly's debate yesterday, Konstantin Fehrenbach, president of the assembly declared it was plain all parties condemned the revolt.

“We mourn the dead and convey our condolences to their dependents,” he said. “At this point all the deputies stood up.”

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS—Berlin is still under the rule of bayonets, but troops loyal to the Ebert government patrol the streets. Forces which supported the regime set up last Saturday by Dr. Wolfgang Kapp and his followers left Berlin yesterday.

Withdrawal of these soldiers however, left chaos behind, as the rear guard turned against jeering crowds in Unter Den Linden and fired, many citizens being killed and scores wounded.

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ALL HOPE OF PEACE PACT ABANDONED

Debate Which Promises to Go Far Into Night Shows Failure to Ratify Certain—Senator Walsh Staunch Wilson Supporter. Breaks With Leader—Preamble Adopted Making Formal Acceptance by Other Powers Unnecessary.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.—(Flash)—Senate defeats peace treaty.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.—Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, who was one of the president's staunch supporters throughout the treaty fight of last session, announced he would vote for ratification with the revised republican reservations “because after every reasonable effort,” the resolution modified as it is, “is the best that can be secured.”

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.—Preparing for final vote on ratification of the peace treaty the senate today adopted the modified reservation preamble worked out in the bi-partisan conference under which affirmative acceptance of the reservations by the other powers would not be required.

The preamble provides that “failure on the part of the allied and associated powers to make objection to said reservations and understandings prior to the deposit of ratification by the United States shall be taken as a full and final acceptance of such reservations and understandings by said powers.”

The preamble was offered by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts the republican leader, and accented without a roll call.

By a vote of 41 to 42 the senate refused to write into the preamble a provision that the ratification should not be binding unless the president deposited it within ninety days after the senate acted.

The preamble, as it then came up for the final fight on ratification, follows: “That the senate advise and consent to the ratification of the treaty of peace with Germany concluded at Versailles on the twenty-eighth day of June, 1919, subject to the following reservations and understandings, which are hereby made a part and condition of this resolution of ratification which is not to take effect or bind the United States till the said reservations and understandings adopted by the senate have been accepted as a part and a condition of this resolution of ratification by the allied and associated powers and the failure on the part of the allied and associated powers to make objection to said reservations and understandings prior to the deposit of ratification by the United States shall be taken as a full and final acceptance of such reservations and understandings by said powers.”

When debate on the question of ratification began there was a virtually unanimous agreement among senators that the treaty would fail and speakers on both sides sought to shift the blame for the outcome. It seemed likely that the session would run well into the night if the leaders carried out their plan to insist on a vote before adjournment.

President Responsible
Senator Lenroot, republican, Wisconsin, a leader of the mild reservationists in the first set address on ratification, charged that if the treaty failed of ratification President Wilson would be responsible. The president's strongest supporters, he asserted, “have combined” with the irresponsibles.

Reviewing the republican reservations Senator Lenroot declared the republicans were “willing that a solemn referendum be had and let the people decide.”

“If you take it into the omnium,” he said, “it assures an overwhelming republican victory next November.”

Senator Pomerene, democrat, Ohio said: “The duty of the hour requires that we shall ratify the treaty upon the best terms possible.”

“If we were assured in advance,” he said, “that the reservations we adopt, would not be accepted then there might be some excuse for our”

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COUNT VON BERNSTORFF TO BE FOREIGN MINISTER OF GERMANY



Count J. H. von Bernstorff

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 19.—Count von Bernstorff, former ambassador to the United States, will be minister of foreign affairs in a re-organized German cabinet, according to advices reaching here today. The state is printed by the Hamburg Nachrichten, which declares its information came from a reliable quarter.

TURKISH LEADERS STIRRING TROUBLE FOR THE ALLIES

CONSTANTINOPLE, Mar. 19.—Leaders of the Turkish nationalists from Azerbaijan to Palestine seem to be co-operating in a movement to oppose allied proposals for a peace and amicable relations. Men closely associated with Mustafa Kemal, leader of the nationalists, have been skillfully promoting opposition to all foreign interference, it is asserted, and the Arabs, Kurds and other tribes are said to be aligned with forces planning to checkmate an advance on the part of the entente looking to the partitioning of the country.

The whole movement seems to be political rather than religious. Whether bolshevism enters into the situation has not as yet developed.

Turkish newspapers frankly say the allies cannot muster sufficient strength to force an unacceptable peace upon the country. They point to Captain Gabriele d'Annunzio's defiance and other instances in which the allies have been powerless to enforce orders.

DECLARE ANOTHER STOCK DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, Mar. 19.—The General Chemical company today declared a stock dividend of 20 per cent. This is the second largest stock dividend declared on shares listed on the New York stock exchange since the United States supreme court decision declaring such dividends exempt under the income tax law. The Crucible Steel company declared a stock dividend of 100 per cent a few days ago.

MASON CITY SHOWS A 78 PER CENT GROWTH

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.—Population statistics for 1920 announced today by the census bureau included Syracuse, N. Y., 171,647, an increase of 34,398 or 20.1 per cent over 1920.

Mason City, Iowa, 20,064, an increase of 8,835 or 78.7 per cent.

Atlantic, Iowa, 5,329, increase 798 or 18 per cent.

WOMAN AGITATOR TURKEY DEPORTED BY THE BRITISH

CONSTANTINOPLE, Mar. 18.—Halide Edib, the most prominent woman leader among the Turkish nationalists and Reuf Bey, deputy for Sivas and mouthpiece of Mustafa Kemal in the cities; Cara Vassaf Bey and several other members of the chamber of deputies, have been deported, presumably to Malta by the British. They were placed on board the cruiser Hebisca today shortly before their departure.

When the Greeks landed at Smyrna and some Turks were killed, Halide Edib came aside all traditions of Turkish women. She organized and addressed mass meetings and so inflamed the Turks that the allied high commissioners forbade further meetings. She has often been described in the British press as a “firebrand and a dangerous agitator.”

She was graduated from the American Woman's college here and won recognition as a novelist and poet.

LATEST NEWS OF THE STATE

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 19.—Thomas Miller who shot and killed Guy R. Nelson, November 23, 1919, was acquitted of a murder charge by a jury in Circuit Judge Stapleton's court today after three hours' deliberation, on the theory that a man's home is his castle.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 19.—Thomas B. Kay, former state treasurer, was the first witness called before the Marion county grand jury which today began its inquiry into alleged questionable transactions that have taken place between the office of O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, and a Portland boarding house.

Mr. Kay was followed by Governor Olesott and Mr. Hoff. The nature of the testimony submitted by these three men was not made public.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 19.—Arguments for the defense in the trial of three alleged members of the communist labor party of Oregon, charged with violating the state syndicalism act, were concluded today, and the closing argument of the state was begun. It was expected the case would be given to the jury this evening.

BAINBRIDGE COLBY IS FAVORABLY REPORTED SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.—The nomination of Bainbridge Colby to be secretary of state, which has been the subject of extensive hearings by the senate foreign relations committee, was favorably reported today by the committee without a recorded vote.

The committee's report generally was regarded as forecasting favorable action by the senate, altho it was indicated that there probably would be considerable debate.

Only a few minutes of discussion preceded the committee's decision. There was said to have been a general agreement that Mr. Colby's statement yesterday had made it unnecessary to call additional witnesses.

PARENTS WILL MEET TO FORM WORKING PLAN

Refusal of School Board to Accept Arbitration Leads to Effort to Determine Sentiment of People—Only Parents With Children in Schools Invited to Attend.

The following reply to the plan of compromise suggested by Rev. L. Myron Boozler and adopted by the Parent-Teacher's council was recently received from the school board: “To Mrs. Storor representing the Parent-Teacher's council: “My Dear Mrs. Storor: “The members of the school board have unanimously agreed that it is incompatible with the best interests of our schools to have any further public discussion of the school situation at this time.”

“Very Respectfully, “E. G. RIDDELL, “Chairman.”

At a meeting today the following resolution was adopted by the Parent-Teacher's council: “To the Public: “The school board's reply to our resolutions, offering the plan of arbitration in the present school matter, is printed today. We feel that the public is more vitally interested in our schools than any other public institution and is right in asking a hearing in the matter. We do not pose as being the public, but as the one organized body of citizens directly concerned in school matters; it was within our province to present the attitude, believing that we represent the attitude of the general public. The school board does not share in this conviction.”

To determine this it has seemed wise to the Parent-Teacher's Council to call for a meeting of the parents of the city, having children in the Medford schools. This meeting will be held in the assembly room of the public library, Saturday evening at 7:30. It is the wish of the council that this meeting be free from all personalities and heated discussion. “PARENT TEACHERS' COUNCIL”

NEGRO FEAR OF ABDUCTION INTO DISSECTING ROOM, IS RIOT CAUSE

BALTIMORE, Md., Mar. 19.—Riddled by shots and probably mortally wounded, W. A. Scott, a negro, was captured early this morning after a desperate three-hour battle waged from a barricaded house. Two negroes were wounded in the fracas and another negro mistaken for the hunted man was shot three times by policemen and beaten by a mob before it was learned he was not the man.

The belief that white physicians are abducting colored persons for dissecting purposes was held by the authorities to be responsible for the

STORM KING RAGES OVER SIX STATES

Four Killed in Colorado and Property Loss Promises to Run Into Millions—Worst Storm in 19 Years—Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota, S. Dakota Effected—High Wind Is Striking Feature.

DENVER, Colo., Mar. 19.—Normal conditions were restored in the eastern Rocky Mountain region following the worst wind storm in nineteen years which yesterday crippled wire and train communication, caused thousands of dollars property damage and resulted in the loss of at least four lives.

In addition to the three deaths reported in Colorado yesterday Juan Borado, 32, was killed when he stepped upon a live wire on the streets of Cheyenne, Wyo., where a 70 mile gale played havoc with light and power wires.

In Denver several automobiles were wrecked by the wind, several collisions resulted, there were 47 fires and buildings were damaged. Numerous minor accidents resulted from the storm.

Sand Blocks Train
In northwestern Colorado the dust storm hid the sun for hours and the tracks of the Colorado and Southern railroad were covered so deeply with sand at Wellington, Colo., that trains were detained over the Union Pacific road. The Denver and Salt Lake road was forced to suspend operations in the mountainous district because of a hundred-mile gale which swept the mountain pass at Tabernash.

Wire communication was restored last night when the wind died down.

Wheat Blows Away
TOPEKA, Kas., Mar. 19.—Loss to wheat growers caused by the worst windstorm Kansas has ever known will reach at least one million dollars, according to S. D. Floran, federal meteorologist here.

Reports reaching the federal weather station indicated that the heaviest damage was felt in the south-central part of the state. The winter drought was still in force according to statements by weather bureau officials and the winds swept the highlands carrying wheat and dirt into lower ground only to bury grain planted there. The wheat “simply blew away” said Mr. Floran. “It cannot be said that the wheat crop was destroyed,” he continued, “for considering the increased acreage, while it was devastated in some parts of the state, it will pull thru in other parts.”

Electric Power Crippled
ST. PAUL, Mar. 19.—A storm, which in intensity equals any experienced this winter, still prevailed in southern Minnesota, South Dakota, northern Iowa and North Dakota this morning. South of a line drawn across Lake Minnesota from a point fifteen miles northwest of the twin cities to Lake Superior, running south of the twin ports about 50 miles, came reports of a heavy wet snow and high winds. In northern Iowa considerable sleet was reported; northern Wisconsin as far south as Madison was covered with snow and South Dakota experienced a blizzard.

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