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FRANCE WILL SEIZE RUHR REGARDLESS

Briand to Require Payment of Gold May 1st, Whatever the Offers From Berlin—Paris Convinced Bosche Offer Not in Good Faith—Briand Is Sustained.

REPARATION TERMS ARE IMPOSSIBLE SAYS PARIS
PARIS, April 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Germany's new reparation proposals as made public today, are considered here as unacceptable even as a basis for discussion, according to well informed opinion close to the French foreign office.

BERLIN, April 26.—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 has given freedom of trade.

PARIS, April 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—The possibility of applying penalties to Germany immediately after May 1 despite whatever proposals Germany may make regarding reparations in general, is being seriously considered, according to well-informed French circles today. Such action would be because of the German refusal to transfer one billion marks to the Rhineland or hand over the equivalent of that sum as demanded by the reparations commission.

Cash Demanded May 1.
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. The treaty fixes absolutely this amount, which, being unpaid, justifies the application of penalties, according to this theory, whatever course may be taken regarding the fixing of the total amount.

Brand Sustained
PARIS, April 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—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."

LONDON, April 26.—Allied officials began to gather here today for a conference preparatory to the meeting of the supreme allied council on Saturday, which will discuss finally

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GERMAN LAWYERS IN LONDON, FIRST TIME SINCE 1914, CAUSE NEAR RIOT

LONDON, April 26.—A riot was narrowly averted outside the Bow street court today at the luncheon adjournment of an inquiry into accusations of cruelty and atrocity against German army officers.

A great crowd of former service men had assembled and several rushed toward the German consul for the accused, Herr Schroder, and his friends.

LONDON, April 26.—German lawyers were present today for the first

Big Race Scheduled Between Earth and Comet This Summer

BERKELEY, Cal., April 26.—For a month this summer the earth will engage in a race with the periodic comet Pons-Wiwecke and will endeavor, through its astral influences to "trip up" its gaseous rival, according to a report made public today by the observatory of the University of California.

HUGHES CALLS MEETING ALLIED AMBASSADORS

Secretary of State After Cabinet Meeting, Invites Ambassadors to Meeting on German Reparations—Note Is Not Published.

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.

Sir Auckland Geddes, the British ambassador, also conferred with Mr. Hughes briefly for a discussion of the German proposals. It was said that there was little probability that American reply to the German communication would go forward tonight.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The German counter proposals on reparations 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.

Those attending the meeting maintained absolute silence on the subject and would not say even that the German communication was taken up. It was known, however, that Secretary Hughes laid it before the president and his advisers.

It was stated at the state department that the text of the German communication as received here would not be made public this afternoon.

NO PARTISAN ENDS COUNT SAYS PRES'T

In Letter to Associated Press Luncheon, President Harding Describes Partisanship and Personal Aims—Ex-Ambassador Davis Urges Change in Treaty Vote.

NEW YORK, April 26.—A letter from President Harding bespeaking a continuance of the lofty motives that inspired American newspapers during the war was read today at the annual luncheon of the Associated Press at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Frank B. Noyes, president of the Associated Press, pledged support and sympathy to President Harding in the great tasks he is confronting and gave the only toast offered on these occasions: "The president of the United States."

The guest of honor at the luncheon, which was held in connection with the annual meeting, was John W. Davis, formerly ambassador to Great Britain, who made his first appearance before the members as general counsel for the Associated Press.

Remarking that editorial comment was secondary to the news column in influence upon public opinion, he congratulated the Associated Press "because by the general verdict of mankind it has performed its duty without bias, without prejudice and without partisanship and in an earnest pursuit of the truth where it might be found."

Optimism Sounded
In beginning his remarks Mr Noyes sounded an optimistic note saying: "It is in a troubled world that we meet today, but least of all is it a time for us to indulge in pessimism."

"The rising sun as it reaches in its turn each vexed and burdened country on this vexed and burdened globe is still a rising sun and we hope and believe that each sunrise will find the world a little more tranquil, a little more at rest."

"This betterment will not come automatically though. It must come by human effort and in that effort this nation of ours must play a great part."

"It seems to me that the people of the United States are singularly united in cordial support of our president, in full confidence that he will find the right path for us to follow in this world-wide welter of confusion."

"I give you the only toast it is our wont to offer on these occasions: "The president of the United States, Warren G. Harding."

Letter From President.
The following letter from President Harding was read: "Dear Mr. Noyes:

"I would be very grateful if on the occasion of the annual luncheon of the Associated Press you would express to the gathering my great regret that public engagements make it impossible for me to accept the invitation to be present. The opportunity to meet so pleasantly a company of fellow newspaper men such as will there be gathered, presents a real temptation to play truant and join you, but it seems quite impossible."

"As a newspaper publisher I am disposed to arrogate to myself a bit of special qualifications to judge the service that the journalistic press has rendered to our country in the difficult period through which we have passed and which is not ended. I know how earnestly and effectively the press tried to hold up the hands of all who were carrying forward our nation's activities during the war. On the other hand, my special in public life gave me some service in public life."

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Carl Tengwald Is Appointed Manager Crater Lake Lodge

PORTLAND, Ore., April 26.—C. Y. Tengwald, for nine years manager of the Hotel Holland, was today elected manager of the Crater Lake lodge in charge of park concessions. Officers of the Crater Lake National Park commission were announced as follows: Eric V. Hanson, president; Richard W. Price, first vice president; V. T. Vawter, second vice president and treasurer; and George Thomas Collins of Medford secretary.

PUBLIC INTEREST WOLGAMOTT TRIAL

Much interest is being manifested both here and in Jacksonville in the trial tomorrow of Dud Wolgamott, the Medford man who was arrested at the public dance at Jacksonville last Friday night by Deputy Sheriff J. J. McMahon on the charge of intoxication. The trial begins in Justice Taylor's court at 10 a. m. Wednesday and will be before a jury, as the accused man through his attorney, G. M. Roberts, entered a plea of not guilty Monday morning and demanded a jury trial. It is anticipated that both the prosecution and defense will present many witnesses. Either County Prosecutor Rawles Moore or Assistant Prosecutor George Coddling will represent the prosecution.

BASEBALL SCORES

Table with columns for American and National leagues, listing teams and scores.

Mother, 4 Children Burned to Death in Kerosene Explosion

GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 26.—Four children of Mr. and Mrs. John Lambert were burned to death and Mrs. Lambert was probably fatally burned early today when a can of kerosene with which a fire was being started exploded and set fire to the Great Northern section house in which they resided.

WILLING TO ASSUME THE ALLIED DEBT

Germany, in Event Allies Desire, Will Assume Allied Obligations to U. S. A., to Extent of Ability to Pay—Terms of New Offer Published in Berlin.

BERLIN, April 26.—(By Associated Press.) 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.

Arbitration Wanted
BERLIN, April 26.—(By Associated Press.) An arbitration proposal by Germany to determine the total amount due from her on reparations is contained in the reparations 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."

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

The text of the clause in the note stating the amount Germany is ready to pay reads as follows: "Germany declares herself as 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 to a total of 200,000,000,000 marks gold."

"Germany proposes in the note 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 four per cent and provide for amortization. The sum of the reparations total not covered by this international loan would be provided, to the limit of Germany's capacity by payments in goods, materials, etc."

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

Will Pay in Cash
Germany's offer of immediate payment represents 1,000,000,000 marks gold the note says, 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.

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

The value of the German offer of 50,000,000,000 marks, with payment extended over a period of years, is placed at 200,000,000,000 marks by computing the interest, compounded annually.

To check the German figures it obviously would be necessary to know the amount of the annuities and the rate of interest, and these are as yet lacking.

Game Wardens on Willamette River Attacked by Gang

PORTLAND, Ore., 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. Shoemaker, 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 fish 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.

CAPT. M. COOPER U. S. KOCIUSKO FLYER ESCAPES

American Airman, Shot Down on Polish Front and Captured By Bolsheviks, Arrives in Riga After Escape From Prison April 12.

RIGA, April 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Captain Merion C. Cooper of Jacksonville, Fla., the Kociusko squadron flyer who was shot down on the Polish front and captured by the Russians last July, escaped from a prison camp near Moscow April 12, and arrived in Riga today.

Captain Cooper was accompanied here by two Polish officers. The American aviator, while serving with the Poles in their operations last summer against the bolsheviks, disappeared behind the soviet line in Galicia July 19.

Captain Cooper had made an earlier attempt to escape and after being free for several days was recaptured. He was considered not a Polish, but an American prisoner. He was in several prison camps and worked last winter shoveling snow on the railways. He passed himself off as a corporal under an assumed name.

Captain Cooper finally learned that his identity was about to be revealed through the efforts of some outsiders to secure his release and he decided to take a chance to escape, together with some Polish friends, with whom he was scarcely able to make himself understood because of language differences.

The railway bridges on the way to the frontier were heavily guarded and the little party had to make long detours at every stream. Near the frontier they hid for 36 hours above a brick stove in a peasant's hut. They parted with their shoes and overcoats to speculators who aided in smuggling them into Latvia.

"We adopted the American hobo methods to our circumstances," said Captain Cooper. "We jumped freight trains at night when we could, and walked through the woods when we couldn't get a ride, sleeping mostly in the daytime. Everywhere the peasants were kind to us."

BASEBALL CROOKS FLEE TO MEXICO STATE AUTHORITIES UP IN THE AIR

CHICAGO, April 26.—Private information that several of the men indicted in connection with the 1919 world series baseball scandal have fled to Mexico has been received and an appeal will be made to federal officials in Washington in the hope that some way may be found by which they can be extradited, it was announced at the United States attorney's office today.

The officials refused to divulge the names of the men they believe have fled to Mexico.

Buck Weaver, Claude Williams, Joe Jackson and Carl Zork have given bond. Attorneys for the other White Sox players said today that they would produce their clients within

GEN'L WOOD STOPSPANIC MID-OCEAN

Speech to Passengers on Disabled "Wenatchee" Quiets All Fears—Ship Arrives in Yokohama Towed By Edmore—U. S. General Given Ovation.

YOKOHAMA, April 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—The American steamer Wenatchee, bringing Major General Leonard Wood to Japan on his way to the Philippines, arrived here at 6:30 o'clock this evening in tow of the steamer Edmore after a series of mishaps to her machinery. The Wenatchee some days ago was forced to send out calls for aid and the Edmore went to her assistance.

General Wood, at the height of the irritating mishaps, addressed the passengers in the salon and his calming words soothed them and removed their fears. The trouble to the Wenatchee, which according to the passengers and officials of the steamship company resulted from undersized and ill-adapted pumps feeding the boilers and from leaky pipes through which salt water reached and clogged the turbines, began when the vessel was two days out of Seattle. General Wood and W. Cameron Forbes, former governor general of the Philippines accompanied him, declared there was absolutely no panic, and praised the conduct of the crew. If the women were alarmed, he said, they did not show it. In view of the growing apprehension on the part of some of the passengers, however, the nature of the accident was described to them and General Wood followed with patriotic remarks which allayed the passenger's fears. After that the time was passed in dancing and giving concerts.

The Edmore's work of towing the Wenatchee was made difficult by the constant breaking of hawsers, three of which parted last night, leaving the Wenatchee without aid until this morning.

General Wood, on his arrival, was received by Major Nishihara, aide to General Tanaka, the war minister and Secretary Iwate of the foreign office, after which he was photographed and interviewed by a small army of Japanese newspaper men. To the latter General Wood voiced his pleasure at the invitation to visit Japan after finishing his work in the Philippines, where he is going as President Harding's representative to investigate conditions.

Tonight, General Wood was to be the guest of several hundred Americans of Tokio and Yokohama at a dinner in his honor.

YOKOHAMA, April 26.—The new United States shipping board steamer Wenatchee disabled several days ago enroute here on her maiden trans-Pacific voyage arrived tonight under tow of the Admiral line freighter Edmore. Major General Leonard Wood, W. Cameron Forbes, of President Harding's mission to study the Philippines situation and a number of other notable passengers were on board.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Brigadier General John H. Sherburne of Boston was named today as special counsel by the house committee appointed to investigate the escape of Grover C. Bergdoll, Philadelphia draft dodger. Chairman Peters announced that the time for hearing witnesses would be determined later in the week.

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