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TEUTONS TO PAY GOLD OR BE INVADED

France to Insist on Payments
—Scene Shifts to London
Saturday—New Polish Line Proposed—Each German Note Confuses Allied Nations More.

BERLIN, April 28.—(By Associated Press.) A semi-official statement was issued here today suggesting that the German government was willing to modify its reparations proposals if asked by Washington to do so and that by such action a basis of agreement could be reached.

PARIS, April 28.—(By Associated Press.) The next development regarding the German reparations is expected to occur in London as according to the best information obtainable here today no further steps will be taken in this situation until the allied supreme council, which is to meet in London Saturday has acted.

France will insist that nothing short of a beginning on the actual fulfillment of Germany's obligations should arrest the pressure of the allies. The first actual beginning, it is suggested, might be the delivery of one billion marks in gold from the reichsbank reserve as demanded by the reparations commission.

PARIS, April 28.—(By Associated Press.) Application of further penalties to Germany and the tracing of new boundary lines between Poland and German upper Silesia will be discussed by the supreme allied council at London Saturday, it was learned today.

The United States, it is understood will be invited to have a representative present.

Premier Briand of France, will, it is asserted, not undertake the occupation of the Ruhr district of Germany without the approval of the allies.

Dispatches are being exchanged between Washington and Berlin, Paris and London and many things may happen before French forces are ordered into Germany proper in default of German payments of reparations.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Ambassadors of the allied powers were looked to here today for indications of the attitude of their governments toward the latest German counter proposals on reparations. As indicated by information contained in Associated Press dispatches from Paris last evening, M. Jusserand, the French ambassador, was expected to inform Secretary Hughes today that the proposals are unacceptable to France.

LONDON, April 28.—(By Associated Press.) Germany's attempt to clarify certain of her reparations proposals, in compliance with the request of the British foreign office yesterday, was said in official circles today to have resulted in even greater confusion.

The present position of Great Britain is understood to be that the proposals are still "sketchy" and very unsatisfactory.

As the outgrowth of the British note of yesterday Germany, it is stated, suggests that the annuities extend over a period of from fifty to seventy-five years or even longer, instead of the forty-two years originally mentioned. This is declared in official circles to be an example of the "evasive methods" of Germany, which cannot be allowed to continue.

Great Britain has requested information in regard to the proposed international loan which it is declared, could not be floated at four per cent, according to the German terms.

M. Jaspard, the Belgian foreign minister and M. Theunis, Belgian minister of finance, had a conference today with Louis Loucheur, French minister for the devastated ruins and afterward conferred with Sir Laming Worthington Evans, British secretary for war, and Edwin S. Montague, secretary for India.

Later the Belgian representatives were quoted by Reuters limited as stating "in the most emphatic manner that they had been unanimous in the decision that the latest German proposals were not even worthy of discussion."

SEATTLE—The second conference baseball game between the University of Washington and the Oregon Agricultural college was called at the end of the fourth inning yesterday because of rain.

Honolulu Postal Chief Faces Prison Term For \$28,000 Shortage

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—William C. Petersen, for six years the assistant postmaster at Honolulu, was sentenced to six years in prison and the payment of a \$10,000 fine in that city yesterday following his conviction on a charge of embezzling \$28,000 in postal funds, according to a message received today by S. H. Morse, chief post office inspector here. Petersen is 40 years old and had a wife and three children. He had been in the employ of the department for 18 years.

FRANCE FIRM BRITISH ALSO BERLIN PLEA

Premier Briand Doubts Good Faith of Germany and Opposes "Radical Policy"—Silent On Another Chance Reparation Pleas.

PARIS, April 28.—(By the Associated Press.) "The German propositions are absolutely unacceptable and made under such conditions as to justify us in doubting Germany's good faith," Premier Briand declared to press correspondents here this afternoon. He added:

"The presence of Americans in our councils would help immensely in the settlement of many questions." "The German government is unable to rid itself of the reactionary element that dominates its policy. Well, we are going to help them get rid of that element and we are going to do it in the right manner."

LONDON, April 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Mr. Lloyd George, the prime minister, speaking in the house of commons today on Germany's reparations proposals said: "I very much regret to say that they are thoroughly unsatisfactory, and I wish it had been possible for me to say that they alter the situation."

LONDON, April 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Lloyd George declared in the house of commons today that the German government was committed to action, so far as the Westphalian coal fields were concerned, if the German reparations proposals were unsatisfactory. He added:

"It is not for me to say whether any other opportunity will be given Germany or not."

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Sir Auckland Geddes, ambassador from Great Britain, conferred with Secretary Hughes today, arriving at the state department shortly after noon. The Belgian ambassador, Baron de Marchienne, arrived at the department before Sir Auckland left. They were the first of the allied envoys to see Mr. Hughes since he laid the new German reparations appointments before them informally last Tuesday.

BLOODIEST HOLDUP IN MEXICO, 10 KILLED

HOUSTON, Texas, April 28.—In the bloodiest payroll holdup in the history of the oil fields of Mexico, a band of fifteen Mexican bandits held up officials of the Atlantic Gulf West Indies Oil company and secured approximately \$135,000 pesos in Mexican gold near Tampico April 21, according to delayed advices reaching Houston. Ten persons were killed, including two bandits, in the fighting that accompanied the holdup.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 28.—Jack Britton, welterweight champion, will meet in a ten-round bout at Milwaukee May 20 the winner of the ten-round bout scheduled for the Milwaukee arena May 6 between Johnny McCarthy and Dave Shade, both of San Francisco, according to an announcement today by the Milwaukee boxing commission.

OREGON TO CEDE LAKE LAND BACK TO U. S. BY LAW

Controversy Arises Over Acreage Returnable—Want Swamp Lands Excluded—Patented to State Years Ago—Agents Confused.

SALEM, Ore., April 28.—The state of Oregon and the United States government are in a clash as to how much lake land the state is obligated to cede back to the government under an act of the legislature of 1905, which provided for the ceding to the government of lands uncovered by the lowering of the waters of Upper Klamath, Lower Klamath, Tule and Goose lakes in Klamath county for the purpose of reclamation development, insofar as the lands had not been disposed of by the state.

The state land board has received from the commissioner of the general office a demand that the state cede back to the government the lands bordering around Klamath lake, which were patented to the state years ago. A list of the lands accompanies the commissioner's letter. The commissioner claims that these lands were included in the grant by the state in 1905. Attorney General Van Winkle and the state land board both hold that the lands were not included in that grant, for the reason that they had been patented to the state by the government prior to 1905.

Further, the attorney general and the board hold that swamp lands, whether patented or not, were not included in the 1905 grant, because the swamp land account was approved in the year 1869.

4 IRISH EXECUTED FOR LEVYING WAR ON BRITISH FORCES

CORK, April 28.—Four men convicted of making war against British crown forces were executed by a firing squad at the military barracks here today. They were Patrick Sullivan, Maurice Moore, Patrick Romayne and Thomas Mulcahy. Moore and O'Sullivan were convicted of levying war and attacking British crown forces at Clonmilk, county Cork, February 20. Mulcahy and Romayne were convicted of a similar offense committed near Mourne Abbey February 15.

This makes a total of eleven men executed here during the last few months. The execution of six men in February had a swift sequel in the shooting and killing of five soldiers stationed at Cork and in the wounding of several others, one of whom later died.

BUSINESS MEN DISCUSS TARIFF AND TAXATION

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 28.—Problems of taxation and tariff facing American business were discussed today by leading business men and financiers in the annual convention of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

FRANCE SENDS THANKS FOR AMERICAN STAND

LONDON, April 28.—(By Associated Press.) Reuters limited announced today it had learned that France had instructed Ambassador Jusserand in Washington to thank the United States government "for its assurance that the United States would not deliver the German reparations note without the approval of the allies." France added, says the news agency, that it could not approve the proposals or see in them a basis for possible settlement.

Espee Net Income For 1921 Increases, March Business Good

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—Net railway operating income of the Southern Pacific company for the first quarter of 1921 was \$6,590,221, an increase of \$593,736 over the same period of 1920, the company announced today. The net revenue in the quarter was \$11,371,330. Taxes, uncollectible revenues and equipment and facility rents are deducted from the net revenue to determine the net income.

900 HUNS FACE TRIAL FOR WAR CRIMES, MAY 23

Hearings at Leipsic With Minor Offenders—English Witnesses Called—Germany to Conduct Hearings—Allies Supervise Cases.

PARIS, April 28.—Nine hundred Germans, whose punishment has been demanded by the entente for war crimes will face trials at Leipsic, beginning May 23. Seven judges will sit as the court and will first hear witnesses against minor offenders.

The trials of non-commissioned officers Heine, charged with abusing prisoners; Captain Mueller, commander at the prison camp at Flayelle-Martel and Private Seaman, who is alleged to have maltreated prisoners at the prison camp at Pommernsorf, will be the first to be tried. Forty-seven witnesses have been called from England to testify in the three cases.

The minister of justice yesterday declared: "Only men charged with the commission of specific crimes will be tried first. We have made every effort to insure fair and impartial hearings. The British, French and Belgian governments will have representatives at the trial, but Germany will conduct the prosecution and the defense. I am able to declare positively that political or other undesirable questions will not be allowed to enter the proceedings."

WELLS FARGO DECLARES DIVIDENDS AGAIN

NEW YORK, April 28.—The board of directors of the Wells Fargo Express company declared a dividend of \$2.50 a share, payable June 20 to stockholders of record May 30. This is the first dividend the company has declared since July, 1918.

BASEBALL SCORES

Table with columns for American and National leagues, listing teams (Detroit, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Boston, Washington, New York, Brooklyn, St. Louis-Chicago) and their scores against opponents.

VOTE SATURDAY ON KNOX BILL; ATTACK OPENED

Nelson of Minnesota Opens Fire, Ending Solid G. O. P. Line—House Votes Down Attempt to Halt Battleships, While World Is Disarming.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—An informal agreement for a final vote next Saturday on the Knox peace resolution was reached today by the senate.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The first attack in the senate on the Knox peace resolution came today from the republican side, Senator Nelson of Minnesota, chairman of the senate judiciary committee, characterizing the resolution as "unusual, hating, equivocal and only a partial and piecemeal work."

His opposition shattered hopes of leaders for a solid republican line-up for adoption of the resolution.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The house rejected today by an overwhelming vote an amendment to the naval appropriation bill providing that no funds should be used for continuing warship construction until President Harding had called an international conference to consider disarmament.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—After defeating all amendments designed to register sentiment towards disarmament the house passed today the annual naval appropriation bill carrying \$296,000,000, of which \$90,000,000 is for continuing construction on vessels.

The bill goes to the senate. No roll call was ordered but on a rising vote, the speaker announced 212 members for the bill and 15 against it.

Senator Underwood of Alabama, democratic leader, followed Senator Nelson in opposition to the resolution, adoption of which, he said, would be "the final scene of a great tragedy."

HAYS PROMISES TO END PRESS WOES AND CENSORSHIPS

NEW YORK, April 28.—Postmaster General Hays in an address today at the annual luncheon of the American Newspaper Publishers' association, outlined the attitude of his department toward the press.

"There are two things in connection with our relations which I would emphasize. First it is no part of the primary business of the post office department act as a censor of the press. This should not and will not be."

"Second, we are going to get along together and do the right thing in all of these matters, of classification, rates, etc., and I want it distinctly understood there will never be any occasion when a publisher with any kind of a grievance is not thrice welcome to sit down with the head of the department and work it out."

He promised to give the question of second class mails his closest attention, saying that the one unpardonable sin of the postoffice is not to deliver the daily newspaper on time.

"The newspaper is pre-eminently a thing which a man wants when he wants it and if he can't have it when he wants it, he doesn't want it at all," he said. "We all know that the newspapers go to press on time that they get off the press on time, that they are delivered to the postoffice on time and that, therefore, if they do not reach their subscribers on time the fault lies not with the publishers, but with the postoffice department."

Montana Bachelor Balks at Tax, Blames Old Maids for State

GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 28.—Declaring that "sponsors are responsible for my not being married in their refusals of my wooing in the past," William Atzinger, aged 35, a member of the board of directors of the Montana state fair, today notified the assessor of Chouteau county at Fort Benton that he will refuse to pay the poll tax of \$3 levied by the last legislature upon bachelors.

ALL VICTIMS OF JOYRIDE CRASH OUT OF DANGER

Council Revokes Taxi Licenses of Two After Smashup—Mulholland Fined \$25 Justice Court—No State Charge Filed.

It develops that none of the persons injured in the auto smashup of Chas. Mulholland's taxi car at an early hour Wednesday morning while returning home from the wrestling match at Gold Hill, sustained serious injuries.

Mulholland and Elmer Bertelson were arraigned in Judge Taylor's court late yesterday afternoon on the charge of intoxication, pleaded guilty and were each fined \$25 and costs. No state charge of driving an auto while intoxicated has yet been preferred against Mulholland, who suffered a dislocated collar bone in the accident, and it was understood today he has left the city to rest up elsewhere.

Mayor Gates and the councilmen were prompt to act yesterday and after an investigation ordered that Mulholland's city taxi license be revoked, also that of Billy Shann, another taxi driver, who was arrested last week. It is understood that steps will be taken to have Mulholland's state license to drive a car also revoked.

The fact that Mulholland's taxi was a Nash car was so described in the Mail Tribune yesterday in its account of the sudden end of the drunken joyride, led some persons to erroneously think the car in the smashup might be one of the Nash Taxi service cars. The Nash Taxi service is a strict business concern with able and careful drivers, and was not concerned in any way with the joyride and accident.

Miss Billy Duley, who was thought yesterday to be the worst injured member of the party was able to leave the hospital last night and be taken to the home of a woman friend, Miss Freddie Schwartz and George Reynolds, the other two injured, it is understood were to leave the hospital today for their homes.

ITALIAN FASCISTS TAKE CITY HALL

PARIS, April 28.—Italian fascist the city hall in Fiume and proclaimed extreme nationalists have seized a provisional dictatorship under the presidency of Riccardo Gigante, former mayor of the city, says a dispatch from Fiume today.

The elections of Sunday last, which resulted in favor of the autonomists have been declared cancelled.

CALIFORNIA SPRINTER TO INVADE EAST

LOS ANGELES, April 28.—Charles Paddock, Olympic sprint champion, who at recent meets at Berkeley and Redlands, Cal., was credited by timers with establishing five new records, announced today he would compete in the international meet at the Harvard university stadium June 15, and in the American inter-collegiate track and field meet at Chicago June 18.

GERMANY IS NOT BEHIND IN BUSINESS

Now Able to Sell Goods Cheaper Than Allies—Her Workers Aid By Industry—Economic Crisis Looms if New Attitude Not Taken—Cost of Labor Blamed.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Germany, through the economy and sacrifices of her working people, has settled down to real production and is outstripping the United States and allied nations in the fight toward normalcy. Charles M. Schwab declared today in an address before the Chamber of Commerce of the state of New York.

Mr. Schwab was the guest of the chamber at a reception given in recognition of his service to the country during the war. He recently returned from Europe.

"Germany today can put a ton of steel in England at a price \$20 a ton cheaper than England can make it," he said, "and is selling pneumatic tools in Detroit where formerly we shipped such machinery to Germany and sold it cheaper than she could make it."

"The difference is solely a matter of labor costs. It is estimated that 5,000,000 men are out of work in this country. It is accordingly of supreme importance to the working man as well as to the capitalist to restore our prosperity. It is possible that after having won the war, we of the allied nations, with everything in our hands, will allow Germany to win the peace through the efforts of her labor."

"I understand that our railroads today pay to labor over sixty cents out of every dollar received. The labor cost of making a ton of steel today is 85 cents out of each dollar of total cost."

"Railroad costs must come down and it is in the interests of national prosperity that our government acting through the railroad labor board and every other agency, shall reduce railroad wages and bring costs down to a living point."

"The same situation confronts our merchant marine. Insofar as our people in America are prepared to go to work at reasonable wages, insofar as we are prepared quickly to abandon the artificial extravagance will we lay the foundations for a new prosperity such as we have never enjoyed before."

The chamber presented to Mr. Schwab a bronze tablet, at the top of which was inscribed words uttered by Iachimo, a character in Shakespeare's play, Cymbeline. The quotation reads: "Here's a voucher strong than ever law could make."

JAPAN READY TO LEAVE SIBERIA, IS REPORT OF TOKIO

TOKIO, April 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Japanese government, according to the Nichi Nichi Shimbun, has decided in principle upon the evacuation of Siberia, but discussion exists, it says, between the war office and foreign office as to the proper time for withdrawal. The foreign office advocates retirement by the Japanese as soon as possible because of the tendency of America and other powers to inaugurate commercial intercourse with the Siberian government at Chita.

The foreign office today published without comment, the official decisions of Paris and of the League of Nations at Geneva, concerning the mandate for the Pacific Islands, including the island of Yap.

FOREST FIRES RAGE AT SANTA BARBARA

LOS ANGELES, April 28.—Four or five fires, which threaten to destroy large areas of timber are burning in the Santa Barbara forest reserve, according to reports received by federal and county forest officials here today.