

FRANCE THREATENS WAR IN POLAND

ENTRY HUN TROOPS TO BE SIGNAL

Official Circles in Paris Declare Military Operations in Upper Silesia by Germany Means War in Which She Can't Be Neutral—Briand Answers L. George.

PARIS, MAY 14.—(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)—THE ENTRY OF GERMAN TROOPS INTO UPPER SILESIA WOULD PROVOKE INTERVENTION BY REGULAR POLISH TROOPS, WHICH WOULD MEAN WAR, AND IN SUCH A WAR FRANCE COULD NOT REMAIN NEUTRAL, ACCORDING TO EXPRESSIONS IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES TODAY.

PARIS, May 14.—France is unalterably opposed to any German military operations in upper Silesia, Premier Briand declared today. "Never, never, could the French government consent to German troops entering Upper Silesia," the premier exclaimed to half a hundred foreign correspondents whom he received at the foreign office in consequence of Premier Lloyd George's speech yesterday in the British house of commons.

"German bands are operating in Upper Silesia, maltreating and arresting Poles," continued M. Briand. "Not all the disorders in that province are produced by the Poles. The French government could not permit German military forces to intervene in such a situation.

"I protest with all my energy against the false impressions being spread throughout the world. The French government has fulfilled to the utmost of its power its duty in Upper Silesia. We have 15,000 troops there who have had to deal with 100,000 insurgents and a rising of several hundred thousand persons.

"The French troops could do no more than hold the cities, the towns and the strategic points.

If British Helped. "If the British government would send 50,000 troops there to help us, the disorders could be put down more quickly.

"The news received by the foreign office from Upper Silesia today is that the insurgents are going to their homes and returning to work.

"The French government's solution is that the allies should in the first place assume a calm attitude and instruct their commissioners in Upper Silesia to try to reach a unanimous agreement."

Such an agreement, said M. Briand, "would not be difficult if all considerations except the results of the plebiscite were excluded. The French government's only instructions to its commission," he said, "were to determine, according to the majority of the ballots in the communes which should go to Poland and which to Germany."

Paris Is Amazed. PARIS, May 14.—The utmost amazement was expressed in official circles at the speech yesterday by Mr. Lloyd George the British prime minister, on the Upper Silesian situation, containing what is regarded here as extraordinarily friendly references to Germany and judgments hostile toward Poland and unsympathetic toward France.

Premier Briand himself took the unusual course of receiving all the foreign newspaper correspondents in a

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William Warner Is Finally Confirmed Medford Postmaster

William J. Warner is now the postmaster in fact of Medford, the telegraphic news having come from Washington late Friday afternoon from United States Senator Stanfield that the senate had confirmed the latter's nomination.

Postmaster Warner will not be ready to announce his appointment of an assistant postmaster and other changes that may be made in his staff until after the official notice of his appointment has been received.

Mr. Warner was first nominated by President Wilson as postmaster last December, but congress adjourned without having confirmed postmastership appointments. President Harding then made the nomination again on April 27th last.

BOLD ATTEMPT RESCUE ARTHUR GRIFFITH, FAILS

Sinn Feiners in Stolen Govt. Car Release Leader, But Rescue Fails When Plot Is Discovered—Fierce Fight Ensues.

DUBLIN, May 14.—(By the Associated Press)—An unsuccessful attempt was made this morning to rescue Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein organization from his confinement in Mountjoy prison.

An armored car was used by the republicans in the attempt to rescue Griffith. A man in an officer's uniform alighted at the prison gates which opened to admit the passage of the car and he and his supposed soldier companions drove straight to the governor's office where the governor and his family were bound and gagged.

The raiders hastily decamped without the prisoners, but took the armored car, which later was found abandoned.

Arthur Griffith was arrested in Dublin November 26 last and lodged in Mountjoy prison. It was explained later that the government desired to learn if he was responsible for the alleged employment of republican funds on ambulances and other operations involving the lives of troops.

The car used in the attempted rescue is reported to have been captured by the Sinn Feiners this morning after a surprise attack in which two of the soldier occupants of the car were wounded. The Sinn Feiners then disguised themselves as members of the crown forces and proceeded to Mountjoy prison.

The military followed the car when it sped from the prison after the failure of the coup and a fierce fight ensued.

The casualties had not been reported up to midafternoon.

JAPAN MAY WITHDRAW FROM ASIA

America's Attitude Toward Problems in Far East Leads to Important Colonial Conference—Evacuation of Siberia Considered—Shantung Abandonment Nonsense

TOKIO, May 14.—(By Associated Press.) Examination of Japan's position relative to the entire field of questions affecting the Far East is the object of a colonial conference to be held here soon, according to authoritative information.

This conference, which possibly may remodel Japan's policy in Siberia and China, will be attended by the highest Japanese civil and military officials holding positions in China, Siberia, Korea, Shantung, Kwangtung and Manchuria.

One of the principal subjects to be considered is said to be the complete military evacuation of Siberia.

Shantung Is Problem. Forecasts of the work of the conference also emphasize the importance placed upon the question of Kwangtung in which China persists in declining to enter into negotiations for the restoration to her of that district.

In an attempt to hasten a solution of the question, it is said, Japan may decide to withdraw her troops from the Tsinan Fu railroad, but reports that this country intends to release the entire peninsula of Shantung unconditionally are authoritatively held as nonsensical.

There is said to be no possibility of recognition being given the south China government at Canton, of which Dr. Sun Yat Sen is president. There are indications also that Japan is seriously examining the possibility of a trade agreement with the Far Eastern republic, which has its seat of government at Chita.

U. S. Attitude Puzzles. America's attitude toward Japan's activities in the Far East is deeply occupying the Japanese, who apparently are trying to understand what significance lies behind the recent note sent to the powers by Secretary of State Hughes relative to discussion of mandates over islands in the Pacific.

Endeavors will be made, it is declared, to determine America's exact intentions in the Far East, and Japan is said to be disposed frankly to outline her own attitude. The foreign office declines to discuss the visit to America of Admiral Uru, who is a close friend of Secretary of State Hughes and Secretary of War Weeks.

Asia Main Problem. The trend of public discussion here relative to relations between America and Japan is distinctly away from the problem and toward the vaster field of Asia it being believed that an understanding on Asiatic matters is urgently needed.

Emphasizing this view, Count Soyama, a liberal member of the house of peers, has begun a series of articles on relations between Japan and America, with the avowed purpose of throwing such light on the situation as may lead to an adjustment. He dismissed the California question as a "local difficulty" but insists that potential causes of trouble exist on Asiatic questions.

"If the United States with her enormous wealth and astounding power," he says, should oppress Japan it would be impossible for Japan to maintain the peace, despite all her efforts to do so, because her security would be endangered."

WHITE POPULATION ALASKA DECREASES. WASHINGTON, May 14.—The white population of Alaska decreased 23.4 per cent between 1910 and 1920, the census bureau announced today.

Governor of Idaho Signs Extradition Woman Blue Beard

BOISE, Idaho, May 14.—Lieutenant Governor Chas. C. Moore today signed the papers calling for extradition from Honolulu of Mrs. Paul Southard, wanted in Twin Falls in connection with the deaths of four husbands.

KEYTESVILLE, Mo., May 14.—Mrs. A. Trueblood Southard, held in Honolulu in connection with the death of her fourth husband, was born and reared in this community. She was the daughter of William Trueblood, a farmer.

About six years ago the daughter, Lydia, married Robert Dooley, also a native of Keytesville, who died a few months after his marriage. Edward Dooley, his brother, also died. Some investigation was made of the death of the brothers but no action was taken.

PORTLAND MAN IN SUICIDE ATTEMPT

OREGON CITY, Ore., May 14.—Found on a road near here last night shot through the breast, and brought here by an automobile party, a man who was thought to have been the victim of an attack this morning had revived sufficiently to tell Sheriff William J. Wilson that he had shot himself with intention to end his life, according to a statement by Wilson who interviewed him in a hospital.

TUGBOAT STRIKE IN GALVESTON HARBOR

GALVESTON, Texas, May 14.—Refusal of tugboat engineers to move the United States shipping board steamer Lackawanna, today precipitated a strike of tugboat crews in Galveston. All tugboats in port were tied up shortly before noon and operators began paying the men off.

C. H. Marshall, district agent of the shipping board, said efforts would be made to get non-union men to man the tugboats.

BASEBALL SCORES

CLEVELAND, May 14.—Babe Ruth knocked his eleventh home run of the season in the eighth inning of the game here today with two men on bases.

Table with columns: National, R, H, E. Rows include St. Louis, Brooklyn, Cincinnati, New York, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Chicago-Boston game postponed.

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SAULT STE MARIE, Mich., May 14.—One of the worst spring blizzards in years spent over Lake Superior last night, driving all lake vessels into harbor. Six inches of snow fell.

SINN FEIN VOTERS WIN RIOTS START

Serious Trouble Expected in Ireland Following Quiet Victory of Sinn Fein at the Polls—Nationalists and Unionists Clash in Belfast District—De Valera Elected.

BELFAST, May 14.—Three riots between nationalists and unionists today have given rise to the fear that with the rising tide of political feeling serious trouble may be brewing for the election period.

After the withdrawal of the curfew today, a nationalist crowd invaded the unionist area in York street and threw stones. A fierce fight resulted.

Two hours later the trouble was revived. Revolvers were used but without serious results. The third disturbance occurred when shipyard workers were attacked by a gang of men armed with revolvers and stones.

DUBLIN, May 14.—The elections yesterday were the quietest ever known in Ireland. Polling was unnecessary as, according to the British custom, when only one candidate is nominated the polling is dispensed with. In this way the 128 seats in the southern parliament were filled, as the four impartial nominees, who were named for Dublin university, also were unopposed.

Two of them, Thrift and Alton, are fellows of Trinity college, Dublin, while the other two are Sir James Craik, king's professor of medicine, school of physics of Trinity college, and Gerald Fitzgibbon, eminent member of the Irish bar.

De Valera Elected. Those elected include Eamon De Valera, for Clare; Michael Collins, commander in chief of the Irish republican army, for county Cork; Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein; Alderman Cosgrove, and many other men prominently connected with the Sinn Fein movement.

Those elected in Cork city or county include Sean MacSwiney, brother of the late lord mayor of Cork, who recently escaped from Spike Island internment camp and Mary MacSwiney, his sister, who is in America. Other women elected are Countess Georgina Markievicz, who is in prison, and Mrs. O'Callahan, Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Pearse.

In Donegal also there was no contest, the single unionist candidate, Major Moore, having at the last moment withdrawn, leaving six Sinn Feiners to be returned unopposed.

Sinn Fein Triumph. For the northern parliament 77 candidates were nominated and the unionists expect a majority of 12. It is noteworthy that in Monaghan and Cavan, two Ulster counties which are included in the southern parliament, the Sinn Feiners won overwhelmingly.

In county Down six unionists, including Sir James Craig (premier designate of Ulster); three Sinn Feiners, including Eamonn DeValera; two nationalists, including Joseph Devlin, and one labor candidate, were nominated for the eight seats. De Valera had the remarkable number of 500 nomination papers, many of them signed by Catholic priests. His chief unionist opponent is Sir James Craig. Devlin is nominated also for Antrim and West Belfast.

Belfast furnished a surprise by the nomination of one unofficial labor candidate in each of the four divisions. No independent candidates were nominated for Belfast.

PARIS, May 14.—Predictions that the Sinn Fein would win nearly half the 52 seats in the northern Irish, or Ulster parliament were made to a representative of the Journal by Barry Egan, acting lord mayor of Cork, who is here. He pointed to the 124 unopposed Sinn Fein nominations for the southern Irish parliament and expressed confidence that the Sinn Fein would do better in northern Ireland than the unionists were willing to concede.

Declares Mr. Wilson Did Little to Get Philippine Freedom

TARLAC, Tarlac Province, P. I., May 12.—Former President Wilson made little effort to grant independence to the Philippines. It was declared today by W. Cameron Forbes, former governor general of the islands and a member of the special mission sent here by President Harding to investigate conditions. Forbes, replying to a strong plea for independence made here, declared that although democrats were in control of congress for six years during the Wilson administration, little action was taken to provide self government for the islands.

Forbes declared the mission was not authorized to promise independence, but was simply here to investigate conditions and report to President Harding.

COLUMBIA IS VICTORIOUS IN VARSITY RACE

New Yorkers Defeat Tigers' Crack Crew, While Quakers a Poor Third—Yale Defeats Harvard on Track Sixty-Two to Fifty-Four.

NEW YORK, May 14.—The Pennsylvania junior varsity crew defeated Columbia by ten feet in their race on the Harlem river today. Princeton entered no crew in this event.

NEW YORK, May 14.—Columbia won the annual Child's cup varsity rowing race on the Harlem river today. Princeton finished second and Pennsylvania third.

Columbia finished three-quarters of a length ahead of Princeton, with Pennsylvania trailing two and a half lengths behind the New Jersey crew. Nearly 25,000 persons watched the race.

The official time of the victorious shell was 7 minutes 58 3-5 seconds. This was slower than the speed in the junior varsity event won by Pennsylvania in 7 minutes, 25 seconds. There was a higher tide with more current for the first race.

Yale Beats Harvard. ALE FIELD, May 14.—Yale won the track meet. Score, Yale 62 1-3; Harvard 54 2-3.

Summaries: One mile run, won by Campbell, Yale; O'Connell, Harvard, second; Reed, Yale, third. Time 4:24.

100-yard dash, won by Gourdin, Harvard; Feldman, Yale second; Cowles, Yale, third. Time 19 2-5 seconds.

440-yard run won by Wharton, Harvard; Chute, Harvard, second; Johnson, Harvard, third. Time 51 3-5 seconds.

120-yard hurdles, won by Hawers, Harvard; Cobb, Yale, second; Shelden, Yale, third. Time 15 4-5 seconds.

HARDING TO PROCLAIM MARTIAL LAW

Drastic Action By President Is Announced By West Virginia Senator—Genuine War Is Raging On Kentucky Border Scores Are Killed—Battle Continues.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Martial law in the area of disturbance on the West Virginia-Kentucky border is to be declared immediately by President Harding, Senator Sutherland of West Virginia said today after a conference with the president at the White House.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—After it had been decided to issue a proclamation declaring martial law in Kentucky and West Virginia late today, the war department received a message from Governor Morrow of Kentucky, saying that state troops had been sent into the strike district. The proclamation then was withheld. The proclamation, however, was signed by the president, who empowered Secretary Weeks of the war department to promulgate it should later information indicate that it was necessary.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 14.—An unconfirmed report was received at state police headquarters this afternoon that four men had been killed in fighting at Lynn, W. Va.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 14.—The battle in the mountains, which has raged for two days between sympathizers and opponents of the United Mine Workers in the Williamson coal district, was resumed today at McCarr, Ky., and Lynn, W. Va., a little village near McCarr. Firing also was reported at Sprigg.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Major General Read, commander of the fifth corps area, was instructed today by Secretary Weeks to send federal troops into Mingo county, West Virginia, if the general deemed the presence of troops there necessary to quell the border disturbances.

Labor Struggle Rages. WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 14.—The battle in the mountains of Mingo county, West Virginia and Pike county, Kentucky along the Tug river, which has raged for several days, fierce as it has been, is merely a phase of a greater struggle in which this rich rural district is locked—the industrial struggle over the question of unionizing or keeping "open" the mines.

Union miners on "lockout strike" as the leaders describe it, were evicted from homes owned by the coal companies, to settle nearby on leased land in tent colonies. No longer able to trade at the company commissaries at the various mining towns they subsist on rations shipped in by the union.

Propaganda is being circulated by both sides, each blaming the others for disorders.

PIKEVILLE, Ky., May 14.—Terrific firing from both the Kentucky and West Virginia sides of the Tug river along the section that has been in a virtual state of war for the last 48 hours, was resumed early today, according to reports from Pike county officers in the trouble zone. From the West Virginia side came word that a number of men, whose names had not been learned, were killed.

TOWNLEY BLAMES GRAIN GAMBLERS FOR CONVICTION DISLOYALTY CHARGE

HERINGTON, Kan., May 14.—Women hecklers were numerous last night at the debate of William Langer, former attorney general of North Dakota, and A. C. Townley, president of the national non-partisan league.

Townley, in presenting his version of his prosecution in Minnesota during the war, attributed it to "grain gamblers."

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BANKER LINDBERG WINS FREEDOM BY ORDER OF CALIFORNIA COURT

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—An order denying the extradition of Jafet Lindberg, Tacoma and San Francisco capitalist, to Tacoma for trial on an indictment charging the illegal diversion of funds from the defunct Scandinavian American bank, was issued today by the superior court.

The order marks the successful conclusion of habeas corpus proceedings brought by Lindberg to obtain his release.

The court held that the indictment did not state a specific extraditable offense. Recently another Tacoma indictment charging the specific illegal borrowing of \$37,500 from the bank by Lindberg was introduced

by the district attorney here but the court held that this could not be considered in the proceedings as it was not the charge on which the extradition application to Governor Stephens was based.

Lindberg made a fortune in Alaska and later became a director in the Tacoma bank. Following the failure of the bank indictments were returned against a number of its officers charging the withdrawal of large sums without proper sanction.

A supplementary charge that Lindberg was a fugitive from justice was dismissed by the court when it was shown that he had never made an effort to evade the proceedings against him.