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LITHUANIA
MOBILIZES
ON FRONTIER

Occupation of Neutral Zone
By Poland Brings Clash
With Neighbor State —
Heavy Casualties Reported
—Class of '22 Called—
Appeal to League Nations.

WARSAW, Feb. 19.—(By Associated Press.) Fresh attacks by the Lithuanians on the Polish forces in the neutral zone allotted to Poland are reported here today.

It is also said the class of 1922 has been mobilized in Lithuania.

Dispatches last night from both Polish and Lithuanian sources reported collisions between forces of the two countries. The Lithuanian legation in Paris made public a dispatch from Kovno asserting that Polish forces had invaded Lithuania, after occupying the neutral zone near Orany, and attacked the Lithuanian troops with heavy casualties. The dispatch added that the Lithuanian government had reported the facts to the League of Nations, requesting that steps be taken to prevent an extension of the conflict.

PARIS, Feb. 19.—(By Associated Press.) Meagre details of the occupation of the neutral zone between Poland and Lithuania received in official circles in Paris, indicate there has been action on both sides. Dispatches from Polish sources to the foreign office say that as soon as the Poles completed the occupation of that part of the zone given them by the council of the League of Nations, the Lithuanians began firing with artillery upon the points occupied.

At the Lithuanian legation here it was declared the Poles had not only occupied their own part of the neutral zone but had crowded over into the part assigned to the Lithuanians by the league. It also was averred that the Polish frontier guards and officials needed for the administration of the region were accompanied by troops of all arms, contrary to the decision of the league council which, while allowing the claimants each to administer a part of the zone, intended the zone should remain neutral as far as military operations were concerned.

The impression voiced in French official circles is that the Lithuanians are carrying out the threat they made in the league council to resist the occupation of any part of the zone by the Poles. Lithuania has an army of 50,000 men.

CHILD LABOR REFORM
WINS FIRST ROUND

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Advocates of a child labor constitutional amendment won the first stage of their fight today when the senate judiciary committee ordered a favorable report on a committee resolution providing for submission of such an amendment to the states.

Federal Dry Agent Is
Killed By Bootlegger

CLEVELAND, Feb. 19.—Carl Metta, 34, until recently a government prohibition agent and who, in his three years of federal service, had made himself thoroughly feared by illicit whiskey runners, was shot and killed at his home early today, apparently by a bootlegger enemy, police believe.

HINDU NOT ENTITLED TO CITIZENSHIP
SUP. COURT RULES IN OREGON CASE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—A high caste Hindu is not a "free white person" within the meaning of the naturalization law, and therefore under the recent decision of the court excluding the Japanese is not entitled to citizenship, the supreme court held today in an appeal brought by the United States against Bhagat Singh Thind.

The court ruled that the words "white person" must be given the meaning they have in common usage and are not to be applied through a scientific study determining whether

Attorney General of
Louisiana to Probe
Jury for Klansmen

SHREVEPORT, La., Feb. 19.—Attorney General A. V. Coco and Special Assistant Attorney General Howard B. Warren of Louisville left today for Bastrop where they will investigate the personnel of the panel from which a grand jury will be selected March 5 to act on evidence disclosed in the recent open hearing into hooded activities in Morehouse parish.

The attorney general said he had been told five of the panel were known klansmen, five known anti-klansmen and the other ten suspected of being klansmen, but this information was unofficial.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19.—An agreement on a compromise income tax bill was reached today by house and senate leaders, and the measure is to be introduced tomorrow, according to announcement by Representative A. K. McMahan of Albany, at the opening of the session of the house today. Legislators began working on their own time today, following the close of the regular forty day period Saturday. Leaders hoped to clean up by Thursday.

Compromise income tax bill was said to meet the wishes of Governor W. M. Pierce. Elimination of a provision calling for an offset of the property tax against the income tax, reduction of the tax on individual incomes in line with the federal income tax procedure, and inclusion of the federal definition of net income from corporations were said to be features of the agreement.

An exemption of \$2000 is allowed for both corporations and individuals and the excise tax on business is eliminated.

The senate today passed a bill proposed by the roads and highways committee amending the motor vehicle license laws so that after April 1 three-fourths of the regular license fee may be paid. This was intended as relief to automobile owners in sections of the state where automobiles are of little use the first three months of the year.

The roads and highways committee of both houses were today considering amendments to the motor license bill which the house voted down last week and which has been revived as a result of Governor Pierce warning the house members that the senators were likely to kill the bill increasing the gasoline tax from two to three cents unless license fees were reduced.

The senate today passed a bill by Senator G. W. Joseph of Portland, amending the double election board law to provide that counting start at four o'clock in the afternoon instead of when 100 ballots are cast, as the present law provides.

The senate also passed Senator W. H. Strayer's bill eliminating the requirement that teachers attend institutes.

The house today indefinitely postponed the bill transferring from the office of the secretary of state to the highway commission the entire control of traffic on state highways.

Accused of Murder Again.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Daniel J. McCarthy, business agent for the plumbers' union recently acquitted of killing a Chicago police lieutenant, today was under arrest in connection with the fatal shooting of Stephen J. Kellher, another labor leader last night in a south side cafe. Mrs. Kellher, wife of the slain man, also was held by the police.

FRENCH JAIL
2 WOMEN IN
RUHR ZONE

Helen Maske Gets Six Months
and Wife of Editor Arrested
for Refusing to Follow Husband—President of Rhinish Prussia Expelled—More Strikes Called.

ESSEN, Feb. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Helen Maske, a German woman, has been sentenced to six months in prison by a French court martial for failure to obey an order to leave the occupied area on account of activities against the forces of occupation.

The wife of the editor of the Aachen Freipress has been arrested because she refused to obey an order to follow her husband, who was released and hotel and restaurant owners to certify expelled. Dr. Guenzler, the union labor leader in Essen, who issued an appeal to German merchants refuse to serve the French and Belgians, has been sentenced to two years imprisonment and to pay a fine of eight million marks.

Three German court officials at Bochum have been arrested for opposing the French. The stores in Bochum were closed in protest and there was a similar closing at Bottrop, where Ober Burgomaster Bauer was arrested for refusing to deliver coal. Three telegraph officials at Duesseldorf have been arrested.

New Strikes Called.

New boycotts and strikes of protest have been declared in the Essen, Dortmund, and Bochum districts according to German sources, as the result of arrests.

The French authorities announced today that they had plenty of railroad cars and other equipment for the transportation of fuel to France and Belgium, but that it was being found difficult to induce the Germans to load the cars.

General DeGoutte, French commander, issued a proclamation in the Ruhr assuring full protection to Germans working for the army of occupation and safety against any action by the German government.

Jailed for Impertinence.

DUESSELDORF, Feb. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—The expulsion of Dr. Gruetznar, president of Rhinish Prussia, for writing an impertinent letter to General Baussain, commander at Duisburg, removes from the occupied area a prominent German official and has caused something of a stir among the civilian population.

The letter that resulted in the arrest of Dr. Gruetznar was in protest against the imprisonment of Ober Burgomaster Jarres of Duisburg. Dr. Gruetznar, in his communication is alleged to have referred to the forces of occupation as "bandits."

Gelsenkirchen's fine of 100,000,000 marks, assessed upon the town as a penalty for the shooting of two French soldiers has been paid out of the 110,000,000 marks which the French seized when they took over the railroad station and the Rathaus.

DUESSELDORF, Feb. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—A new order issued by the inter-allied high commission in the Rhineland gives German customs officials in that territory until tomorrow to decide whether they will accept an offer of re-engagement by the French or be dismissed.

Occupation Costs Money.

PARIS, Feb. 19.—An appropriation of 110,000,000 francs for the expense of the Ruhr operations in January and February has been prepared by Finance Minister De Lasteyrie for approval by the cabinet council tomorrow, after which it will be submitted to parliament.

Belgian Miners Strike.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Twenty-five thousand Belgian miners of the 35,000 employed in the Mons basin have gone on strike over the question of wages.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Former Prime Minister Lloyd George, in the debate in the house of commons today characterized the French act in the Ruhr as a repetition of the psychological blunder the Germans made in 1914. He contended it was essential that America should participate in the solution.

Evelyn Nesbit in Trouble Again



Evelyn Nesbit

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 19.—A warrant was issued for the arrest of Evelyn Nesbit by City Recorder Corio today when she failed to appear in his court to answer a charge of disorderly conduct. She is alleged to have created a disturbance in a cafe Saturday night.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 19.—Evelyn Nesbit, arrested at a cabaret, where she has been employed, was scheduled for a hearing in court today. Released on bail after her arrest, she declared she was the victim of a "frame up."

The police say the arrest was ordered by the cafe manager after an encounter between Miss Nesbit and a physician at one of the cafe tables before she was to go on with her dance act. Miss Nesbit, according to the police, suddenly brought the dancers to their feet by crying that the physician had approached her table and struck her in the face.

FARMERS' PARTY
SECEDES FROM
U.S. LABOR BLOC

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—The farmer and labor party has decided to sever all connection with the conference for progressive political action formed in Cleveland last year, it was announced today.

In a letter to Wm. H. Johnston, chairman of the conference Jay G. Brown, secretary of the farmer labor party stated that the action of the conference in adopting a constitution at variance with that of his organization provides a binding program to which the farmer labor party cannot adhere. To act with an organization of non-partisan bodies when the farmer labor party is a partisan association would be inconsistent, Mr. Brown explained.

The letter states:

"The incentive for participating in the conference at its inception in Chicago was in the hope that when the pending economic difficulties, affecting particularly the railroad workers and miners, together with the congressional elections were out of the way there might be brought to the organized labor groups identified with the conference, a realization of the necessity for independent political action through the conference, on the part of the workers through a party of their own, at the succeeding meeting. In this we were disappointed.

"It is therefore felt that, in fairness both to the conference and ourselves, we should undertake to carry on the work in cooperation with such groups as are willing to cooperate on the basis of independent political action."

The letter concluded with Mr. Brown's resignation as a representative of the farmer labor party from the conference national committee and the statement that he could not attend the March meeting to be held in Washington on March 10 and 11.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Washington's statute regulating the practice of dentistry in that state was held by the supreme court today to be constitutional.

EX-MEDFORDITE
MURDERED AT
SISSON, CALIF.

Fred Hurst, a former well known resident of this city died in the hospital at Dunsmuir, Calif., Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock from bullet wounds, sustained at the climax of a bitter quarrel, with his business partner, at Sisson, Calif. Saturday afternoon. The two men conducted a cigar store at Sisson. According to a report received in this city, this morning the partner, is under arrest, and in the hospital suffering from injuries sustained in the battle. The name of Hurst's partner, or the cause of the quarrel were not learned.

According to word received by friends in this city, Hurst was shot four times, once in the hand, once in the neck, once in the stomach and once in the chest. The regular doctor at Sisson, was out on a call, and it was necessary to rush the wounded man to Dunsmuir, Calif. Loss of blood, was given as one of the contributing causes of death.

Relatives in this city left Saturday night by auto for Dunsmuir, Cal., and a phone message Sunday morning said Hurst's condition was favorable.

Hurst was born and raised in the Rogue River valley, and was about 35 years of age. He is survived by a wife and little girl, besides relatives and friends in this city and valley. He was widely known. He moved from this section about seven years ago, and resided at Weed, Calif., for several years before moving to Sisson, Calif.

John Hays Hammond
New Ambassador to
Japan, Tokio Reports

HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—It is reported in Tokio that John Hays Hammond, mining engineer and millionaire, is to be named American ambassador to Japan to succeed Ambassador Charles Beecher Warren, according to a cablegram from Tokio received by the Japanese newspaper Nippon Jiji of Honolulu.

EDWIN SANFORD
TAKES SEAT ON
SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Associate Justice Edwin T. Sanford of Tennessee took the judicial oath upon the re-convening of the supreme court today after a three weeks' recess. He was conducted to his seat at the extreme left of the chief justice, filling the bench for the first time since the present term of the supreme court began in October and thus making likely the early consideration of a number of cases which have been put off, due to the vacancies.

Among the cases on the calendar for presentation to the court after the delivery of opinions are several of nation-wide importance and it is expected that the alien land cases from California and Washington to determine whether Japanese can be prevented from owning or leasing land in those states will be set for argument shortly.

The cases on the calendar for this week include the attack by the Chicago board of trade upon the constitutionality of the "grain futures act," under which the government seeks control over the principal grain exchanges of the country and to which it proposes farmers' co-operative associations shall be admitted to membership.

The authority of states to prohibit the use of foreign languages below the eighth grade in public, private and parochial schools, already assailed in cases from Iowa and Ohio, will be further tested by two cases from Nebraska, the more important having been brought by the Nebraska district of Evangelical Lutheran synod of Missouri and other states.

Former service men will be interested in a case brought by the United States against Nelson W. Rider to have finally determined the construction to be placed upon laws regulating the pay enlisted men receive while in training for officers' commissions in the reserve corps.

The motion picture industry is interested in cases which the court will hear during the week, two brought by the Fox Film corporation against Frederick M. Knowles, and others presenting for interpretation disputed questions arising from filming of copyrighted books.

TARIFF BILL SHOWS
BIG FEBY. BALANCE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Prospects of surpassing the September customs receipts record of \$53,000,000 by a total for February of \$55,000,000 were seen by the treasury announcement today that the receipts for the first fifteen days of February were \$24,730,955.

The September record was made through the efforts of shippers to unload shipments in advance of the application of the new tariff law. Estimates of the collections for the current fiscal year ending June 30 have been raised from \$450,000,000 to \$480,000,000, and even as high as the half billion mark.

An increase in gold exporting and a decrease in imports of the metal was mentioned as a gratifying index of improved world financial conditions.

REPORT RICHEST HEIRESS IN ENGLAND
IS TO MARRY STEEPLECHASE JOCKEY

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The morning newspapers announce today that Lady Ursula Grosvenor, daughter of the Duke of Westminster, is soon to marry the successful steeplechase jockey, Jack Anthony. Lady Ursula, who will be 21 years old on Wednesday is an accomplished and fearless horsewoman.

If Jockey Anthony weds Lady Ursula Grosvenor, he will marry into

31 PEOPLE
PERISH IN
N. Y. FIRES

Twenty-two Patients in Hospital for Insane Burned to Death While Four Negroes Die in Tenement Blaze—Asylum Fire Started By Blast in Hell Gate.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Four negroes—a grandmother, daughter and two grandsons—perished in a Brooklyn tenement fire today, bringing to 31 the total of fire fatalities in Greater New York during the coldest weekend of the winter.

Twenty-five perished at the Manhattan state hospital for the insane on Ward's Island.

A woman dropped dead from heart disease at a fire in her Bronx home.

A three year old child lost its life in a five-story tenement fire on the upper east side. The charred body was found in a crib.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—(By Associated Press.) Eight inquiries were under way today in the tragedy on Ward's Island, a little jutting rock in the swirling waters of the Hell Gate where yesterday fire swept a ward of the Manhattan state hospital for the insane, killing 22 patients and three male attendants. Nineteen bodies had been recovered before dusk and six more remained in the ice covered ruins. These, it is feared, have been cremated, and Superintendent Marcus B. Heyman expressed doubt whether more than charred bones ever would be recovered.

The blaze was believed to have been started by a terrific blast in Hell Gate which broke the insulation on electric wiring, causing a short circuit.

A curious hush pervaded the island during the night. The bedlam of cries and ravings which ordinarily might have been expected was entirely lacking. The whole population of the state's asylum presented a phlegmatic calm after the day of sorrow, a day on which the insane acted most sanely.

The one unit of the 75 on the island that was attacked by flames housed the most violently insane—men of homicidal tendencies who at any moment might have leaped at the throats of their rescuers. But although a few struggled as the guards tried to push their way to safety through the smoke and flames, not a single attack upon an attendant was reported.

Several world war veterans perished in the flames.

Yesterday's blaze destroyed but a part of the great building, which, overcrowded as it is, sometimes shelters 2200. The building is fifty years old. The peril in which the inmates on the island lived has been brought to the attention of the public in the last 26 years, by six fires besides that of yesterday.

W. B. BIDDLE PASSES
AWAY IN CHICAGO

The sad news of the death of W. B. Biddle, father of W. F. Biddle of Medford, was received here today. Mr. Biddle died last night in Chicago where he had been critically ill for six weeks following a cold contracted while in the east where he went to attend the S. P. U. P. merger hearing in Washington, D. C. Mr. Biddle who had been a Medford resident the past few years was formerly vice President of the Frisco railroad and while here took an active part in the management of the local department of the Oregon Growers. W. F. Biddle was at his father's bedside when the end came.