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POINCARÉ'S TALK WON'T STOP PARLEY

Washington Does Not Share London's Fear That French President's Latest Restrictions Will Render Conference Futile—Treaty Provisions Respected.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Premier Poincaré's statement of the French attitude toward the new reparations inquiry is construed in official quarters here as little more in substance than a reassertion of the obvious facts that guarantees acquired under the treaty of Versailles cannot be abridged except with the consent of the parties to the treaty.

For that reason the restrictions upon the proposed expert commission outlined by the French premier are not viewed as having altered the situation in a material way. At no time since the plan was first put forward by Secretary Hughes ten months ago has it been contemplated that the commission would have power to commit the governments represented. The whole purpose, it was reiterated today, would be to work out a financial plan for procuring reparations settlements from Germany.

If the commission fails to produce a plan acceptable to France, it will not have advanced matters in the least, since nothing that the commission can do would be effective except with the assent not only of France, but of every other nation which is a party to the treaty.

In effect this understanding of the commission plan means that no proposal to reduce reparations obligations of Germany can have any effect unless the allied governments, including France, are of the opinion on examination of the proposal that it would be wise to adopt it. Until the conclusions of the commission have been made up, however, and are ready for consideration at the European capitals, it is maintained in Washington that the commission plan affords at least an avenue of attack upon the impasse that has been reached in efforts to obtain from Germany adequate settlements on her reparations accounts.

The Washington government is still in the position of an observer, not engaged actively in the negotiations between London and Paris. No additional word has reached the state department from any European capital hearing on the matter.

LONDON, Oct. 29.—The reservations which Premier Poincaré attaches to French assent to the proposed reparations inquiry are regarded by the London newspapers as making the holding of the conference very problematical.

"It begins to be a question whether an inquiry conditioned by such restrictions can serve any useful purpose," says the Times. The newspaper questions whether America will share in the inquiry under the conditions prescribed by Premier Poincaré.

BERLIN, Oct. 29.—The executive council of the metal workers union at Frankfurt on Main has called off the strike of the metal workers.

France's Position Defined PARIS, Oct. 29.—France will not agree to any reduction of the German reparations debt by a committee of experts, nor will she consent to any plan under which the reparations commission would surrender the prerogatives conferred upon it by the Versailles treaty.

Premier Poincaré yesterday gave notice that although France welcomed American presentation on such a commission she must insist that it act only in conformity with the peace treaty thus virtually making the commission an adjunct to the reparations commission's staff of experts.

At Sampigny, in a speech the premier asserted that if the phrase "a fresh estimate of Germany's capacity to pay," meant "a roundabout way to reach a diminution of the German

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Robbery in U. S. A. Consulate Comes Into Divorce Case

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—Horace G. Knowles, former United States diplomat and a witness for W. E. D. Stokes in the retrial of his divorce suit today admitted on the stand that a secret United States diplomatic code had been lost several years ago when he was minister to Bulgaria. He had been offered the Japanese government for \$40,000. He said he did not know whether it had been bought back for \$20,000 by Ellihu Root, then secretary of state.

H. F. SINCLAIR TAKES STAND IN U. S. OIL PROBE

Wealthy Oil Magnate Admits He Often Entertained Ex-Secy. of Interior Fall, Who Signed U. S. Lease—Gave Money to Both Parties.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Harry F. Sinclair, whose lease of the Teapot Dome naval reserve led to one of the bitterest controversies of the last Congress, was quizzed about the leasing negotiations and his relations with government officials generally when he appeared as a witness today in the inquiry being conducted by the senate public lands committee.

In large part the testimony of the oil magnate was a repetition of the story he told last spring to the LaFollette oil investigating committee. He told the motives that led him to sign the Teapot Dome lease; the conditions in the oil industry at the time and the present status of the property. Under questioning he also touched briefly on his personal association with Albert B. Fall, who, as secretary of the interior, signed the lease.

The Sinclair company had oil property in the adjoining Salt Creek field prior to obtaining the Teapot Dome lease. Mr. Sinclair told the committee and had been connected with the serious problem of getting it out of market. He declared, however, that the pipe line being constructed to Kansas City at an approximate cost of \$25,000,000 would not have been built by his companies had not the government insisted upon making such a project a part of the Teapot Dome contract.

The committee asked numerous questions concerning the organization of the Mammoth Oil company, which holds the Teapot Dome lease. Mr. Sinclair said the royalty oil obtained by the Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing company from the Salt Creek fields, a company controlled in equal part by himself and the Standard Oil company of Indiana, would exceed the capacity of the pipe line now being constructed.

Walsh Cross Examines. Senator Walsh, Democrat, Montana, questioned the witness closely concerning his purchase at a cost of \$1,000,000 of the quit claims of the Plover and other oil companies to clear the government title preparatory to the leasing of Teapot Dome.

Mr. Sinclair responded in the negative to a question as to whether the million dollars had not been paid to get the Mid-West company, operating wells in the Salt Creek region and a bidder for the Teapot Dome lease, out of the way.

Senator Walsh also wanted to know whether former Secretary Fall had not been a guest of Mr. Sinclair on other occasions than during the trip to Europe last summer, concerning which Mr. Fall recently testified. Mr.

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ANXIETY FELT OVER CONDITION OF EZRA MEEKER, RELAPSE IS SUFFERED

SEATTLE, Oct. 29.—Anxiety over the condition of Ezra Meeker, 22 years old, one of the early immigrants on the Oregon trail, who has been ill since October 19, was expressed today by his physician and son-in-law, Dr. C. L. Templeton. "Thursday and Friday Mr. Meeker was much better and I had hopes that he would be up in a few days," said Mr. Templeton, in whose home here the patient lay. "Saturday fever re-

WEED OUT CROOKS IN U.S. BANKS

President Coolidge Urges Convention of Bankers in Washington to Weed Out Those Who Are Not Able Or Honest—Reparations Are Discussed.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Investment bankers of the country gathered here today for the annual convention of the Investment Bankers association of America were told in an address by President Coolidge that the country depended upon their assistance and help "to weed out those who are not desirable by reason of not maintaining a high standard of ability and honesty in the banking business."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—"Participation of the American government in discussion of German reparations would not involve this country in European policies or diplomacy but holds an encouraging hope of settlement of this great overshadowing problem," John A. Prescott of Kansas City, president of the Investment Bankers association of America, declared in his address today before the opening session of the organization's twelfth annual convention.

"It seems unlikely that any feasible composition of the questions of reparation can be brought about without the active cooperation of the United States," Mr. Prescott said, "and that so long as this is withheld, even the present state of peace will hang by a slender thread and the welfare of this country will be in danger."

"The settlement of reparations, in my opinion, is an economic and business proposition and should be dealt with promptly and energetically as such." This must be done some day if there is to be peace.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 29.—(By the Associated Press)—A difference over the bankers' attitude on co-operative marketing and selling developed today at the conference of the agricultural commission of the American Bankers' association in the opening session of a two-day meeting. Reports of members of the commission from each of the 12 federal reserve districts indicated that the commission was almost evenly divided over the wisdom of co-operative effort among farmers.

P. B. Doty of Beaumont, Texas, member of the commission for the eleventh federal reserve district, expressed what seemed to be the prevailing opinion when he said that "the success of co-operative selling depends upon who is to manage the organization and what it tries to sell."

GOVERNOR WALTON INVITED TO TALK ON KU KLUX KLAN

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Oct. 29.—(By the Associated Press).—This week will see Governor Jack Walton appearing before the state senate to answer to the charges of incompetence, corruption and moral turpitude which the lower house of the legislature voted against him.

The governor is to come before the senate Thursday and it is understood his presence will be accompanied by his counsel filing a general demurrer to the charges against him.

The senate, sitting as a court presided over by the chief justice of the state supreme court will consider this demurrer and unless it is sustained, the governor must go to trial before that body. Meanwhile comes the report that Governor Walton has been approached about a Chautauqua lecture contract. Although he would not comment on it his friends intimated he favors accepting it. The governor would tell the world about his war with the invisible empire in Oklahoma if he goes on the lecture platform.

Death Toll of the Automobile

TACOMA, Oct. 29.—Returning from a trip to render aid to a stalled automobile stage near Gig Harbor late last night, Everett Anderson, 35, a mail carrier, was fatally and his wife severely injured when their car ran off the road into a ravine. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson had been married only 10 days. Anderson died on a launch that was chartered to bring him to a hospital here.

"No Divorce!" Is Dictum of Countess of Craven To Her Eloping Mate And Inamorata



THE EARL OF CRAVEN AND LADY CATHCART ON BOARD SHIP BOUND FOR SOUTH AFRICA; ABOVE, THE COUNTESS OF CRAVEN.

LONDON—Grounds for divorce? Oh, yes, there's no question but the countess of Craven has them, for did not her husband, the young Earl of Craven, clope recently with Lady Vera, Countess Cathcart, quite openly and with the whole world looking on? In fact, ship photographers were surprised to find the runaway pair quite willing to pose for them, on board the boat on which they sailed for South Africa.

But even this broad hint has failed to move the Countess of Craven, whose neglect to file suit for divorce is taken in England to mean that she proposes to withhold the earl's freedom and keep his illicit romance forever unallotted by the marriage ceremony.

THINK BANDITS ARE CLOSE TO SCENE OF CRIME

Search for the Siskiyou tunnel murderers and bandits is now concentrated in the mountains lying within an area of twenty miles west of the scene of the crime, and according to reports from Yreka, Cal., the authorities are convinced four men known to be in that section are the much sought desperadoes. It is believed that the quartet headed for the coast immediately after the crime and then doubled back. Guards have been stationed at all outlets in this area. The general opinion is that the bandits have been definitely located, and their capture is but a matter of time.

One report from Yreka said that the four men, stopped at a forest ranger cabin Thursday and demanded food, which was given them. As soon as the visitors departed, the ranger phoned to Yreka, and according to report identified three of the lot from poster descriptions.

An official said this noon that developments of the last three days "have resulted in the unearthing of new and important evidence that convinces us absolutely we are on the right track." The official refused to divulge the nature of the new evidence.

Daniel O'Connell, chief of the Southern Pacific special agents said that there was nothing new to give out on the man hunt.

The state game warden has granted permission for the use of game warden's in the chase, upon request of the district attorney. Reports of pilfered cabins in the region where the bandits are thought to be hiding have been received by the authorities, and last Thursday night a boat was stolen from its moorings on the Klamath river and used in crossing the stream. Posters containing photos of the three D'Autremont brothers have been distributed in all states west of the Rockies, and Old Mexico.

Covell Trial Again Put Off

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Oct. 29.—Trial of Arthur Covell, crippled bandit-astrologist, on a first degree murder charge in connection with the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Ebba Covell, which was postponed to this week, will not begin until the last of the week or the first of next, according to the district attorney's office.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo.—E. L. Stoninger of Lincoln, Neb., flying a German Fokker, won the 110 mile air race for commercial planes at an average speed of 117.4 miles an hour.

Strike Giant Geyser of Hot Water Near Lakeview, Oregon

LAKEVIEW, Ore., Oct. 29.—A new geyser has "come in" on property of a local sanitarium. The first two wells struck steaming water at depths of from 55 to 100 feet and the boiling fluid shot up to heights of from 25 to 50 feet at intermittent intervals. The third well developed into a geyser when it was sunk to a twenty foot level and for a week has shot a steady flow of boiling water 75 feet into the air. The geyser, now beyond control, spouts 300 gallons of water a minute.

U. S. AIRPLANE SITUATION IS VERY CRITICAL

Dwight Davis, Assist. Secy. of War, Tells Detroit Business Men He Will Refuse to Be Responsible if More Airplanes Are Not Built.

DETROIT, Oct. 29.—Dwight Davis, assistant secretary of war, told Detroit business men today he would "refuse to be held to the responsibility" placed upon him by congress in the matter of adequate provision for the mobilization of material to meet war time needs unless congress passed legislation to relieve what he described as a serious situation as to the army air service.

Speaking at a business men's luncheon, Mr. Davis declared the air service should be authorized to begin a ten year building program on a modest scale and asserted that even that would not give the United States at the end of the ten years as many planes as other nations now have.

More serious still, Mr. Davis said, "our airplane industry is starting to die. Foreign nations are building up a flourishing airplane industry, capable of immediate conversion to war needs by large appropriations for planes and by heavily subsidizing commercial aviation. We are allowing this industry, absolutely vital to a national defense, to die a lingering death."

"In my opinion, congress should immediately adopt a ten year program beginning on a modest scale, not as an aggressive gesture but solely as a measure to provide planes needed for purely training and defensive purposes. If this is done we will not have as many planes at the end of ten years as other nations now have, but it will at least give us a fighting chance. If this is not done, I refuse to be held to the responsibility put on me by congress."

Asserting that organization for modern war is as much a business matter as a military one, the assistant secretary said business men "could not evade the responsibility put upon them."

U. S. SUBMARINE SINKS, 2 SAVED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Two of the five men reported missing on the submarine O-5 at Panama yesterday have been rescued from the sunken ship, the navy department was informed officially late yesterday. The men reported saved were Lawrence Brown, electrician's mate, Tyngel, Mass., and Henry Breault, torpedoman, Grand Isle, Va.

PHILIPPINE LEGISLATURE TO FIRE BILLS AT HEAD OF GENERAL WOOD

MANILA, Oct. 29.—(By the Associated Press)—At a caucus of the Philippine independence commission today it was decided to ask the legislature to establish another national bank either at Ilo Ilo or Cebu. Senator Sergio Osmena was delegated to draft a bill creating the bank for presentation to the legislature. It was expected that Governor General Wood will veto the bill, but it was agreed that the bill will be re-passed over his veto in this event. It is the plan of the commission to have as many bills as possible passed over the governor general's veto in the belief that President Coolidge can not turn them all down and that one reversal of the governor general's veto will be a victory for the Filipinos.

MANILA, Oct. 29.—(By the Associated Press)—A wireless message received here today from Governor General Wood, who is at Parang, Mindanao, said the Moro trouble there appeared to be entirely local and largely caused by the Moros dislike of Christian schools and certain irritating taxes. Governor General Wood has sent couriers to hostile leaders to arrange for a conference.

3 SUSPECTS ARE ASKED TO GIVE UP

Paul D'Autremont, Father of Boys Suspected of S. P. Hold-Up and Murder, Issues Country-Wide Appeal for Them to Surrender and Prove Innocence.

EUGENE, Oct. 29.—Paul D'Autremont, father of Ray, Roy and Hugh D'Autremont, Eugene boys accused by railway and postoffice detectives of holding up the Southern Pacific train and killing four trainmen near Siskiyou October 11, is making a plea of the newspapers of the northwest to endeavor to reach his sons, believing implicitly in their innocence and believing that if they read in the papers that their father is anxious to hear from them and to establish an alibi for them, they may come home and tell where they were at the time of the murder and what they have been doing since.

Asks Boys to Write

D'Autremont said yesterday that if by any possible chance his boys read his appeal in the newspapers he would like for them to communicate with him or any of the following: Percy Varney, former parole officer at Salem; D. C. Lewis, 422 Chamber of Commerce building, Portland; or Fred E. Smith, Eugene, who has been retained as attorney to defend the boys if they are arrested and indicted for the crimes of which they are accused. "The father also makes an appeal to anybody who knows of the whereabouts of the three boys to communicate with any of these men."

D'Autremont, since the detectives have accused his sons of the crimes, has received many letters from persons in different parts of Oregon where the boys have worked, expressing their innocence. Their lives have been such, the letters in nearly every instance state, that the boys seem incapable of committing such crimes as attributed to them.

Methodist Minister Writes

Among the letters received by the father is one from Rev. John D. Woodfin, pastor of the Methodist church at Westport, Oregon. He said: "It is hard to believe that there is a ghost of a chance of these boys being the culprits. I am sure of what I have seen of them that there is no thought in my mind of such a nature or tendency in their lives."

Mrs. S. D. Dormes, 850 Twelfth street, Salem, writes to the father of the boys that she knows them well and that they joined the Christian church at Albany two years ago. She said they were regular in attendance while they lived there and seemed to be good Christian boys. Other letters are of the same tenor.

D'Autremont declared last night that if Dan O'Connell, chief of detectives of the Southern Pacific had no more evidence against the boys than has been announced by him, there is a very slim case against them.

B. F. KEITH SUED FOR OVER TEN MILLION

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—A suit in equity for \$10,000,000 was filed in federal court today by Shubert Vaudeville, Inc., against the B. F. Keith Vaudeville Exchange and the Orpheum Circuit, Inc., alleging violation of the federal laws relating to restraint of trade.

Earthquake in Rome

ROME, Oct. 29.—Earth shocks here today caused several buildings to shake. Little damage was caused.