

LITHUANIA'S DOOR TO SEA ANCIENT DISCORD SOURCE

Present Strained Relations With Germany Over Memel Territory Echoes of Old — Port Important

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (Sp.) — Strained international relations between Germany and Lithuania over Memel territory are echoes of ancient discord, once harmoniously settled by a League of Nations commission, headed by a citizen of the United States, Norman Davis.

"By the treaty of Versailles, it was determined that Memel territory was to be detached from Germany and governed by ambassadors of the allied and associated powers, represented by a French high commissioner," says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C. headquarters of the National Geographic society. "Lithuanians revolted in 1923, taking the rule of the country into their own hands. An ambassador's conference then handed Memel over to Lithuania, although the action was the cause of much dispute.

League Settlement in 1924. "Finally the Memel question was turned over to the League of Nations for adjudication. A special commission, under the chairmanship of Norman Davis, brought about a settlement. As a result the Memel convention was signed in Paris in 1924 by Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan on the one hand, and Lithuania on the other.

"According to the terms of the convention the territory of Memel was a part of Lithuania, but with a large measure of local rule. The Memel, regarded as of international importance, was to be administered by a harbor board of three men—one from the Lithuanian government, one from the Memel territory, and the third appointed by the League of Nations.

"The area of Memel territory is 943 square miles, about three-fourths that of Rhode Island, and its population is approximately 146,000 persons. It constitutes Lithuania's only door to the sea.

Harbor Never Frozen Over. "Its chief city, Memel (called Klaipeda by Lithuanians) is located on one of the largest and most convenient ports of the Baltic sea. Protected by a 60-mile long spit of land, this seaport, on the mouth of the Niemen river, has an advantage over other Baltic ports in that it is never frozen over.

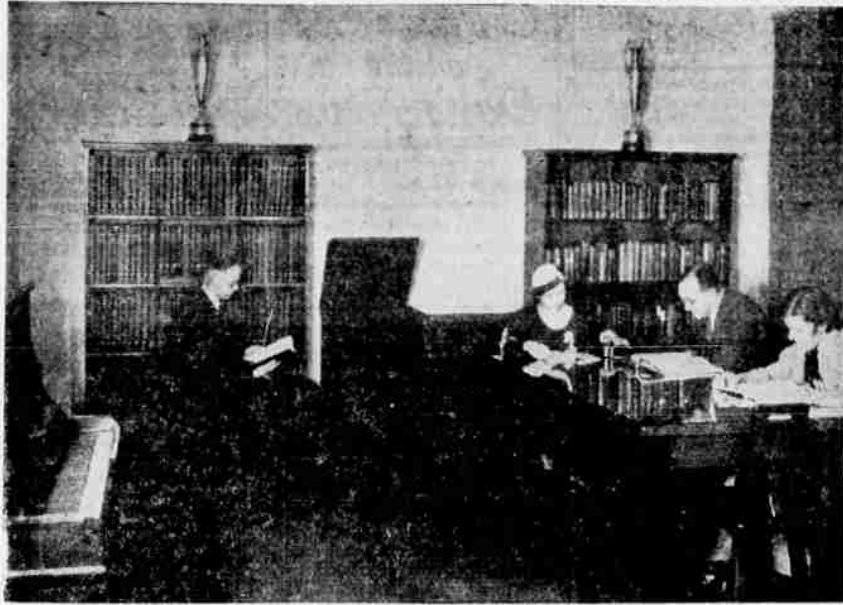
"When Lithuania, after the world war, resumed direction of Memel affairs, it found that port facilities had been woefully neglected. Breakwaters and wharves had fallen into decay and ruin. The government speedily restored the entire area. The harbor entrance was deepened, and today vessels of 10,000 tons unload cargoes from many lands at its up-to-date wharves, equipped with warehouses, oil tanks, grain elevators, and cold storage plants. Railroads link the port with the interior.

"Lithuania's forests play an important part in the economic life of the city. Vast quantities of timber are floated to the seaport, via the Niemen river. As a result, Memel progress has been built upon its wood industries—saw mills, factories that manufacture cellulose, and ship-building yards.

"Although the region surrounding Memel is largely devoted to farming, heavy rains in July and August make it better adapted to stock raising and root crops than production of grains. Hence, the number of livestock has been gradually increasing since 1920.

Amber an Unusual Industry. "Because of its historic interest,

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the production of amber in Memel deserves special attention. All the stages by which an unattractive lump of fossil gum becomes the amber of commerce may be studied in Memel factories. Greatly valued by the ancients, Baltic amber has given historians unmistakable clues regarding the routes taken by traders in the days when Phoenicians bartered for the commercial products of the known world. Baltic amber has been found in Mycenaean tombs as well as in the burial vaults of Tutankhamen. The foot prints of ancient history, it might be said, were outlined in the amber of Lithuania.

"Because of its accessible harbor, Memel's importance as a Baltic seaport has increased each year. In 1921, for instance, only 689 vessels of 146,704 tons, unloaded at its wharves. In 1932, 1113 vessels of 925,700 tons, entered, and 1117 vessels of 912,100 tons, cleared the port. Memel's principal exports are railroad ties, staves, veneer, paving blocks and wood pulp; chief imports are fertilizers, coal, cotton goods, salt, cement, herring, sugar and beverages.

"A five-day voyage from London, Memel is within easy access of several delightful summer bathing resorts, notably at Schwartzort, Sandkrug, Nidden and Palanga. All are on the Baltic sea, and are famous for their golden-sand beaches, and towering pine woods nearby.

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GIANT AIRPLANE HOPS PACIFIC IN 17 HOURS, 45 MINS.

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Pan-American Airways, greeted Captain Musick.

Greeted by Officials. The clipper's commander and his crew of five men were introduced to A. E. Kirk, president of the Honolulu chamber of commerce, who in turn presented them to Governor Joseph Poindexter, Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, and others.

The first airmail from the Mainland to Hawaii was delivered to Postmaster John Wilson, whose men deposited it in an automobile and sped toward the Honolulu postoffice, accompanied by a police escort.

The record making flight was regarded by the ship's crew and Pan-American officials as a routine affair.

It was undertaken, after four years' preparation, for experimental purposes preparatory to establishment of an 8500-mile passenger and transport airline to the Orient.

Musick and his crew apparently were not fatigued after their long flight.

Trip Uneventful. They appeared reticent to give many details about the journey, which Musick described as "uneventful."

He said they flew in good weather until they encountered a mild rain off Hawaii.

They cruised at an average height of 6000 feet, but climbed to 8500 feet to avoid the mist.

The aviators said they slept in shifts and ate warm food during the trip.

Musick said no definite time had been set for the return to the coast. He added the plane would fly on experimental flights over the Hawaiian islands before returning.

Last Air Pioneering.

"This project means the final stretch of overseas pioneering in the Pacific and is a tribute to the remarkable strides made by aviation in the last three decades," said Captain Musick. "Therefore, the aviation industry in the United States should share in the results of this hop."

"We had no difficulty on any portion of the trip. We were able to accomplish the scientific experiments and the observations assigned to us. When we think of the others who made this trip across the Pacific with single motored planes, we are impressed with their courage in flying without communication facilities."

No Difficulties.

He dismissed all talk of difficulties on the trip, saying he had had three years of schooling in ocean flying.

"Right in the middle of our 2400 miles," he said with a grin. "Red Sullivan, assistant in command, turned to me and said, 'I know every wave in this ocean.'"

General Drum, in an address of welcome which was radio-cast, traced transportation from the early pony express days until today's flight, which he characterized as "the dawn of a new era."

"My congratulations for your trip," he said to Musick and his crew. Mayor Fred Wright of Honolulu and Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, representing the United States navy, also spoke briefly.

SOLON THREATENS PUNCH HUEYS NOSE AT FIRST CHANCE

Special Session of Louisiana Rubber Stamp Legislature Is Enlivened by Revolt Against Dictator

By QUINCY EWING Associated Press Staff Writer BAYON ROUGE, La., April 17.—(AP)—Its special session enlivened by ejection of a woman foe of Senator Huey P. Long, from the state house as she waved an American flag and by a farmer-legislator's threat to punch the senator, the Louisiana legislature was ready today to rubber-stamp more laws for Long.

In a night meeting, marked by the ousting of Mrs. J. S. Rousset, president of the women's division of the Square Deal association, anti-Long organization, and a near-fight between Long and Representative Malcolm S. Dougherty, the house received six more bills and advanced 26 others to passage vote.

When Representative Iom J. Guilory, administration floor leader, invoked a rule last night to clear speakers from the side-wall railings and off the floor, Mrs. Rousset, carrying an American flag, shouted: "I object!"

Sergeant-at-Arms A. J. Thomas seized her by the arm and led her out of the chamber as she waved the flag and sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

Representative Dougherty, a dairy farmer from the strongly anti-Long hill parish of East Feliciana, had a run-in with Long that resulted in his being put out of Gov. O. K. Allen's office by one of the senator's bodyguards.

Ready to Fight Huey "A bodyguard seized and put me out. I told Long I was able to knock hell out of him any time and any place I could get him," Dougherty declared.

Dougherty said a verbal altercation occurred when he asked Long to support a house resolution calling on

WOMAN SHRINKS FROM WINDOW LEAP



When Harry B. Van Allen, New York broker, jumped 12-stories to death from a Boston hotel room, he left behind his widow (left) and S. Lenora Bryan, New York manicurist, who said she was to have leaped with him but "couldn't take it." (Associated Press Photos)

congress to retain the cotton processing tax, and when he asked Long what he said about Dougherty in a recent speech.

The cotton resolution subsequently was adopted by the house.

REICH WILL IGNORE ACTION OF POWERS SAYS SPOKESMAN

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resolution would hinder "the task of reconciliation."

Joseph M. Beck, Polish foreign minister, voted for the tri-power resolution, presumably, league authorities said, under strong persuasion from France. Poland previously had indicated her hostility toward the declaration because of its proposals for invoking sanctions against future treaty violators.

Russian Overruled

An attempt by Maxim Litvinoff, soviet commissar for foreign affairs, to extend the implications of the resolution to parts of the world other than Europe was overridden.

He recommended that in the interest of world peace the countries who are not represented at the session should add to their foreign policy the doctrine of renunciation of any idea of revenge or foreign conquest.

Salvador de Madariaga, in making known Spain's decision to support the resolution, said his country "cannot refrain from voting for a resolution which declares law reigns above force and none are above the law."

The Spanish delegate complained there has been a steady weakening of the league covenant, adding that this "is due to the fact that the political philosophy before the war was not destroyed by the war."

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BERLIN, April 17.—Dazed, even stunned, by the fact that even Germany's official friend, Poland, voted in favor of the Geneva resolution of censure, Wilhelmstrasse officials gathered today to determine what official attitude Germany shall adopt.

While Germany fully expected the satellites of the three powers that met at Stresa and Russia to support the league resolution, German officialdom seemed frankly disappointed by Poland's attitude and intimated surprise that Germany's old comrade-in-arms, Turkey, and the Latin-American nations led by Argentina had decided to approve the Franco-British-Italian resolution.

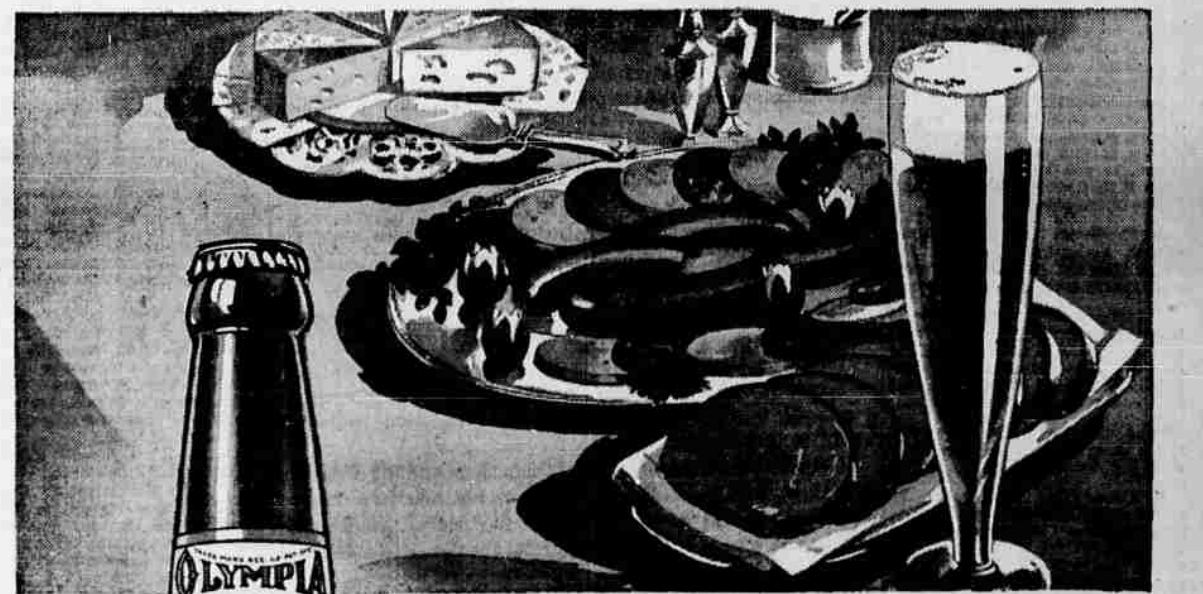
The evening newspapers, with one accord, denounced Germany's action. Fear League Covenant

Some of the diplomats on the Wilhelmstrasse regard the unfriendly nature of the resolution as less important, however, than the insistence by the league council upon the stricter application of the league covenant.

Persons well acquainted with the status of Germany's rearmament expressed concern that through some act considered a violation of the league covenant, Germany might find herself in a state of war. Despite boasts as to the advanced condition of the rearmament, well-informed persons say there is much doubt as to whether these boasts are well founded.

Germany's only certain reservoir is her man power, but technical equipment still is sadly lacking. Reichswehr officers make no secret of the fact that they considered the army in a state of reorganization. They said they hoped that the forthcoming month may pass off without untoward incident so that they may at least complete their technical reorganization.

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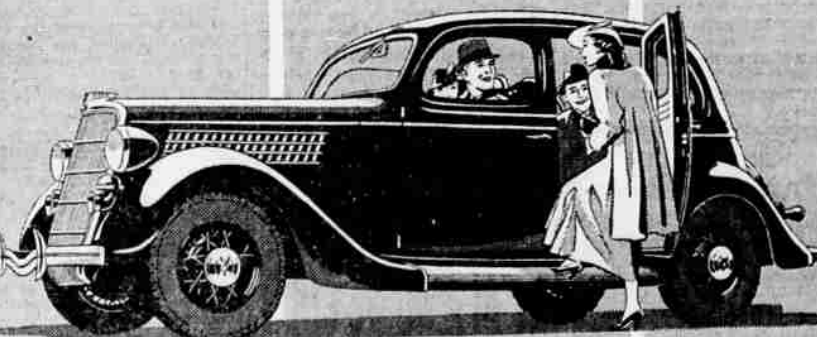
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