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"What's the matter?"
"Don't tell them to look at me. Seven of those jurors are regular customers of mine. One of them might forget where he is and tip me a wink."
—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Puzzling.
A gentleman of foreign birth, recently in Indianapolis, was telling a party of friends some of the difficulties encountered in mastering our language.
"Now, for instance," said he, "you say h-o-u-s-e spells bough. Then c-o-u-g-h spells cough. According to the pronunciation given bough, if I should have a severe cold, would I say I had a cough in my chest?"
First Aid.
"I promised Gladys that I'd keep it a secret." "Yes?" "But I'm going to let you help me to keep it!"—Judge.

The Reason.
"Was his bankruptcy due to a lack of brains?" "Yes—a lack and a lass."
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RUSSIANS AIM TO MAKE JAPS THIRD MEMBER

According to Confidential Reports from "Inside", Japanese Are Counted Upon to Enter, Says Von Wiegand.

BY KARL H. VON WIEGAND, Genoa, April 25.—The subtle and far seeing Russian diplomacy of the soviet school is preparing to make another home strike that will again make the world sit up and take notice of the new force that has entered the world of statecraft.

Japan is in a fair way to become the third member of the Russo-German entente if confidential reports circulating here in certain inner circles of the conference may be relied upon as having value.

Aim of Russian Diplomacy.
That is the aim of Russian diplomacy at this time and its achievement will mean the completion of a solid league stretching clear across the hemisphere from the Pacific to the North Sea forming what is potentially probably the most powerful constellation of nations' history ever recorded. This is both because the vastness of natural resources and population and the geographical situation of the conference may be relied upon as having value.

I avowedly say that Russian diplomacy is in a fair way of achieving that aim, but as yet it is unattained. Considerable still depends upon the turn of events at Genoa. If Russia is recognized here by the powers, Japan will do likewise and the chief obstacle of the German-Russian-Japanese league will be removed.

While the conference is meeting in Genoa I am informed from a source which, from the part played in the German-Russian treaty is in a position to know what is going on both here and in Tokio.

Washington Informed, Report.
The first exchanges of opinion between Japan and Russia, I am informed, began about March 20 through private channels. Washington and certain financial circles in New York are said to have information concerning these negotiations.

Officially the Japanese delegation here denies that there are any negotiations going on while Tchitcherin has said nothing concerning them so far.

It may be recalled that both Russian and German officials denied to me in Berlin that a treaty was being negotiated between the two countries, showing what reliance can be placed in official denials when the big interests are at stake.

As in the German-Russian treaty, the private exchanges between the Russians and Japanese laid stress on the "economic" nature of the agreement to be arrived at and that chiefly pertaining to the Japanese interests in Siberia.

"Economics is the guise for the world's new diplomacy. Where a country has economic interest, it is well known that politics follows to defend and protect those interests.

Two things have given impetus to the Russo-Japanese dealings. First is the Russo-German treaty, the other the fact that Washington continues to turn its back politically on the new Russia. The Germans who are being kept informed on the Russo-Japanese conversations strongly objected for some time against Japan becoming a member of the "economic league" on the ground that it would prejudice America which Germany considers is far preferable because its bigger treasury is so vital.

America's Refusal Has Effect.
America's final refusal to be anything more than a big hearted philanthropist to the suffering Russian famine districts has had its effect in recent weeks of negotiations again being taken up with Japan "privately."

In certain quarters, which profess to know of these negotiations, greatest optimism is expressed that before the end of the year a great league upon an "economic basis" from the North Sea to the Pacific will become an accomplished fact in history.

BLOW PUTS PUGLIIST AT POINT OF DEATH

New York, April 25.—Lew Brody, 21, a Brooklyn pugilist, is reported at the point of death in Bushwick hospital as a result of a right to the chin and left to the body administered by Frankie Pitcher in a bout at the Broadway Exhibition association, Brooklyn, Monday night.

The managers of the two boxers, the referee, the manager of the club and Pitcher were placed under arrest but were released pending the outcome of Brody's injuries.

The Brody-Pitcher mix up was a preliminary to the 12 round bout between Joe Tiplitz, of Philadelphia, and Italian Jack Dempsey, of Brooklyn, in which Tiplitz won the decision.

RAIL CONSOLIDATION UP.

Washington, April 25.—Consideration of the plan for consolidation of all major railroads in the United States into 13 great systems was inaugurated Monday by the Interstate Commerce commission. The hearings are expected to continue several months.

NORBECK OFFERS BILL.

Washington, April 25.—Another plan for farmers' long term credits, providing a national farmers' finance union, a federal corporation with \$200,000,000 capital was proposed in a bill introduced Saturday by Senator Norbeck, republican, South Dakota. The organization would be operated by the secretaries of the treasury and agriculture and four other members appointed by the president. It would be authorized to extend one year loans to farmers, bankers or co-operative associations up to an aggregate of \$1,000,000,000 in times of crop surplus with agricultural products prices low.

"WELSHMAN" TO QUIT GENOA FOR FEW DAYS

Will Leave at End of Week And Accompany King to Brussels.

Special Cable Dispatch. Genoa, April 25.—Lloyd George is going to leave the conference at the end of the week.

The British premier Monday night notified Premier Facta, president of the conference, that he would have to be in London May 3 to accompany the King of England to Brussels.

Lloyd George is not expected to be away from the conference any longer than is necessary.

CHARGE TREASON AGAINST MINERS

War Against West Virginia Is Act for Which 23 Coal Workers Arraigned Will Stand Trial.

Charleston, W. Va., April 25.—War against the state of West Virginia is the overt act of treason for which 23 miners, arraigned in Jefferson circuit court Monday, will stand trial.

The defendants are among more than 700 indicted in connection with the miner's march against Logan county. These cases of more than 100 were transferred from Logan to Jefferson county for trial.

Judge J. N. Wood has under consideration a motion by the defense to quash the treason indictments on the ground that they are invalid, using the term "traitorous" instead of "felonious" and failing to specifically set out what acts of treason are charged against the miners.

Back to Trial of Burr.
Back to the historic trial of Aaron Burr and to the whisky rebellion hearings, attorneys for the state and defense went for decisions to prove and disprove the validity of the treason indictments.

Briefly the men charged with treason, including high officials of districts 17 and 29, United Mine Workers of America are accused of conspiring together to wage warfare against the state of West Virginia, to overthrow the local government of Logan and Mingo counties, and to liberate prisoners held in Mingo under the martial law edict.

The so-called "armed insurrection" was carried out with machine guns, army rifles and other implements of war, according to the indictments, which charged further, murder, intimidation, assault and other crimes were employed by the miners' army in an effort to carry out their purpose.

Terror Reigned for Week.
The leaders held for treason are accused by the state of having brought about the mobilization of from 8,000 to 10,000 men at Marmet, W. Va., near the state capital. When the state and federal government failed to disperse the miners, southern West Virginia sprang to the defense of the borders of that county.

For a week terror reigned on the Logan-Boone border. The "war" ended when the federal troops arrived. The miners laid down their arms and went home. The Logan defense army was demobilized.

Three Logan defenders were killed. The service of murder indictments against hundreds held them accountable even though they were not present. The legal fight in the trial of the treason cases will be contested around the contention of the state attorneys that all of the acts committed by the miners' army, as it attempted to invade Logan county, may be legally charged to certain men accused of organizing and inspiring the march. The state will attempt to show the intent of the march was to upset the government.

What Defense Contends.
On the other hand, the defense in opening parleys took the position that individual members of the miners' army cannot be held accountable for acts of others over which they had no control in a treason case. Conspiracy to commit treason is not treason, according to Harold W. Houston, chief counsel for the miners.

Charles W. Odenton, member of the national democratic committee, heads the prosecution.

GERALDINE FARRAR WILL JOIN BELASCO

To Join in Play He Picks for Her After Her Concert Tour.

New York, April 25.—Reports that Geraldine Farrar, who resigned from the Metropolitan Opera Company Saturday after 16 years with that organization, would join David Belasco next season were confirmed Monday night when it became known that she would be starred in a new play especially selected by Mr. Belasco.

It is understood that Miss Farrar will start on a concert tour next fall and continue it until Christmas, after which time she will join Mr. Belasco.

RETIRED BUSINESS MAN TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Cherokee, Ia., April 25 (Special).—Michael Caley, 70, retired business man, committed suicide Saturday afternoon by hanging himself to a bed post with a towel. Brooding over ill health is supposed to have been the cause.

Mrs. Caley discovered the tragedy as she returned home late in the afternoon from a shopping expedition downtown.

IRELAND IGNORES 'LABOR REPUBLIC'; RIOTING CHECKED

This Morning's Advances from Dublin State Quiet Prevails Throughout Erin After Day's General Strike.

London, April 25 (2 a. m. Tuesday).—The proclamation from Dublin confirm the latest advances that quiet now prevails throughout Ireland after the day's general strike.

The proclamation for a workers' republic purported to be signed by well known labor leaders, caused some alarm, but the proclamation was not attended by any demonstrations.

Late last night the hall of the grand lodge of Irish Free Masons was commandeered by a detachment of armed "irregulars."

London, April 25.—In the midst of Ireland's isolation from the outer world during Monday's industrial strike, rumors spread to London that a workers' republic had been proclaimed there.

An investigation late Monday night, however, revealed that all that happened was that attempts were made to start a flame of bolshevism during the paralysis of the country's communications and business.

Ask People to "Man Barracks."
Leaflets were posted on walls and distributed among workers advocating a workers' republic and calling upon the people to "man the barracks."

Little notice was taken of the leaflets. Alderman O'Brien, addressing one of the three great labor meetings, repudiated the propaganda on behalf of the party. He said:

"The leaflets have been issued by some people who never do anything when there is real work to be done."

London received its first news of the day from Ireland at 10:30 Monday night, when the tickers flashed "all quiet in Dublin."

Later reports showed that the general strike was absorbed throughout southern Ireland, only a few shops daring to defy the closing order.

Ireland's moderate labor men claim that the workers effectively protested against factionalism and militarism and prophesy that the effect of the strike will be to modify the recent military disorders.

A special dispatch to Universal Service from the Cork Examiner declared that everything was quiet there.

M'NIDER PLEADS FOR YANK BONUS

He and Woodside Urge Senate To Pass House Bill—Legion Head Again Flays "Big Business."

Washington, April 25.—Opposition to a soldiers' bonus comes from a small minority constituting what may be termed "big business" and financial interests, Hanford MacNider, national commander of the American Legion, told the Senate finance committee when it met Monday morning to consider bonus legislation.

Commander MacNider declared these interests, have used every form of argument available to prevent congress from passing a bonus bill. He called attention to the "referendum" of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, a leader of the opposition forces, and declared the referendum was not fairly taken and does not represent sentiment in the country on the bonus question. He submitted to the committee a long list of individual chambers of commerce, civic organizations and state legislatures which have endorsed the bonus.

Mr. MacNider urged passage of the House bill, as did Robert G. Woodside, commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Commander Woodside declared that passage of some form of bonus legislation was inevitable and that the people of the country are in favor of it. He described experiences on a recent tour of the country on which he found ex-service men suffering and in need of assistance.

Neither Mr. MacNider nor Mr. Woodside made any suggestions to the committee as to how the bonus funds should be raised, stating this was a problem for congress to solve.

The committee refrained from discussion of the Legion representative's suggestions, although Senator McCumber and others strongly indicated that they are not in favor of the bonus bill. It is their plan to hold additional hearings and then begin the writing of a new bill, which probably will emphasize the paid up insurance feature.

The proposal to attach a "rider" to the tariff bill to raise money needed for the bonus is still under consideration by the committee.

The treasury department still adheres to its recommendation of a sales tax to raise the revenue needed to defray the cost of the soldier bonus, it was learned officially Monday.

Hold Millionaire And Pretty Girl as Robber Suspects

Toledo, Ohio, April 25.—Because Juan Tomadell, corporation president and New York millionaire, tendered a \$1,000 bill in a department store here Monday, employees became alarmed. They notified the police and Mr. Tomadell and his private secretary, a pretty young woman, were taken to the police station as bank robber suspects.

GENOA PARLEY FACES FAILURE ECONOMICALLY

Proves Scif Conference Not of Lenders but of Borrowers And Is Threatened by Absence of U. S. Dollar.

BY KARL H. VON WIEGAND, Genoa, April 25.—Absence of the American dollar threatens the economic part of the Genoa conference.

Up to now, the conference has to shed about continually in political storms. Except for some resolutions on paper, no progress has been made toward economic reconstruction of Europe or anything practical looking toward stabilization of currencies.

This fact is standing out in bold relief as talk of ending the conference increases.

Russians Strike Snag.
Successful as has been their diplomacy in statecraft, the program of the Russians has struck a financial snag. The Russians want a loan of at least \$2,000,000,000 to begin with and there is not a dollar in sight.

The prospect of going home with empty pockets is beginning to worry the Russians and they were talking Monday night of entering a formal protest against the slowness with which the conference is moving to solve the problems leading to Russian reconstruction.

"Russia must consider it an attempt to violate her independence and sovereignty if certain powers attempt to annul or alter the treaty Russia concluded with another power, in this case Germany," Tchitcherin declared Monday night.

Russia Stands Pat.
"Such an attempt is something quite unusual and almost unprecedented in the history of diplomacy. Russia will oppose and reject any effort made to alter the Rapallo treaty."

Asked if Russia would enter the League of Nations, Tchitcherin replied:

"Not until the constitution of the league is so arranged that all peoples in it have equal rights and special representatives of labor admitted, can Russia become a member of the league."

Tchitcherin's impression of the conference is a "colorful picture that splendidly reflects Europe's confusion."

What Russia Wants.
Russia, according to the new answer submitted to the committee of experts Monday, accepts the London memorandum as a basis of negotiations under the following conditions:

- 1—Recognition of the soviet government.
- 2—That certain credits be assured.
- 3—Annulment of war debts with the exception of private war debts which are expressly guaranteed.
- 4—Recognition of the pre-war debts excepting such as fell on Poland or the border states.

Of Borrowers, Not Lenders.
It is daily becoming more evident that this is not a conference of lenders, but of borrowers and that the former cannot be coaxed out of the tall timber.

Many predictions are being made that America's absence will prove fatal to the economic program of the conference.

Germany wants a loan of \$1,000,000,000 and says that, in addition \$2,000,000,000 is necessary to place the railways of Central Europe in necessary shape. Germany has given up hope of getting any financial aid at the conference.

Economically the Genoa conference seems certainly doomed to failure. The British admit that nothing more than possibly a basis of relief is likely to be found.

British Plea for Fair Play.
An eloquent appeal for fair play was made Monday night by Lord Chancellor Birkenhead to American and British correspondents. He said:

"Give the conference a fair chance. We are meeting at one of the darkest moments in history. The conference has a greater meaning to civilization than that of Versailles."

In appealing for the support of the press, Lord Birkenhead said:

"Maintain all those elements which make for success and weaken those which make for failure."

He painted a dark picture of Europe if the Genoa conference fails.

Monday was sort of a feast day at the conference. The French attempted to bury the hatchet with the British at a luncheon given the latter by M. Barthou.

The little entente entertained the journalists at luncheon.

Monday night Russians and Germans celebrated the Rapallo treaty at a dinner given by Tchitcherin at which numerous toasts were drunk to the success of the pact.

FRENCH DELEGATION REQUESTS GUARANTEES

Genoa, April 25.—The French delegation announced Monday that it was willing to subscribe to the proposed pact under which the various nations would agree to abstain from aggression, provided it was backed by proper guarantees, considered especially necessary in view of the Russo-German treaty.

GENOA DENIES HUNGARY AND RUSSIA FORM PACT

Universal Service. New York, April 25.—Universal Service Monday night received advice from Genoa, stating reports of a secret treaty between Russia and Hungary were without foundation. Another news agency had reported it was learned that the soviet representatives were negotiating a secret pact with Hungary, giving mutual support against Rumania and the little entente.