

# PARIS NOTE REJECTS ALL PROPOSALS

Receipt of Three Replies to England's Ruhr Suggestions Quick; Followed by Appeal to House of Commons.

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London, July 30.—Premier Poincaré's reply to Lord Curzon regarding the proposed British note to Germany, and the covering memoranda, was delivered Monday night to the British foreign office.

The French premier's reply firmly rejects all the British proposals. Some of the proposals are answered arbitrarily in the negative, while others are rejected after long-drawn-out legal argument.

It is learned from a high diplomatic source that the French answer demands that Britain make plain just how much she expects for reparations, asking bluntly if Britain will be satisfied with a sum from Germany which will enable her to liquidate her debt to America.

**Baldwin to Ask Support**

Led by Paris newspaper predictions that Poincaré's answer would be cordial and would permit of a continuation of negotiations for a settlement, the reply had the effect of a bombshell here. That the French premier may have overreached himself this time is indicated by the announcement by the Exchange Telegraph Monday night that the discussion of the military occupation of the Ruhr and the settlement of the reparations problem will take place in the House of Commons Thursday on a motion for adjournment.

In this manner Premier Baldwin will place his case before the people of Britain through their representatives, and it is predicted Monday night that if he now adheres to his pledge to go alone, if forced to do so by France, he will have the overwhelming support of all parties.

The Belgian and Italian replies, the latter verbal, were also delivered on Monday evening by the ambassadors after the conversations with Lord Curzon, who also had a conference with Dr. Sthamer, the German ambassador. Then came the startling announcement that Premier Baldwin will submit the issues to the House of Commons.

**Belgium Leaves Loophole**

Belgium agrees to the military occupation policy for the Ruhr so long as Germany continues passive resistance, but Brussels suggests a plan, which, stressing the need of the rehabilitation of Germany and the stabilization of the mark and finances leaves a loophole for the resumption of negotiations.

Belgium also favors an expert appraisal of Germany's capacity to pay either by an international commission or one made by the Allies.

The Italian reply indorses in principle the British stand, insisting, however, on a contemporary solution of the inter-Allied debts and reparations or a separate agreement on the debt question between Rome and London.

The Italian answer is most conciliatory. It favors moderate proportional payments by Germany and advocates united action by the Allies in enforcing sanctions if Germany fails to fulfill conditions of a new and reasonable pact.

Italy also expresses hope that the Italian proposals will form the basis for the new united agreement.

Lord Curzon was in close touch with Premier Baldwin while conferring with the ambassadors.

The cabinet will meet in extraordinary session Tuesday to consider the situation which has been precipitated by the French reply.

**LABORER SHOTS  
STORE PROPRIETOR**

Egan, S. D., Business Man Victim of Shotgun Wounds Monday Night

Egan, S. D., July 30.—W. E. Johnson, 50 years old, owner of a local grocery store, was shot and killed by Antonio Johnson, a laborer, here late Monday night. The latter's wife was also wounded in the shooting affray.

Antonio, according to reports of the shooting, came home intoxicated and began quarrelling with his wife. The murdered man, who lived across the hall from him over the grocery store, attempted to quiet him and Antonio later shot him with a shotgun, according to the sheriff's office.

Antonio was arrested shortly after the shooting by Sheriff John Porter and taken to Flandreau where he was placed in the county jail.

**GUNBOATS ATTACK FORT**

Amoy, China, July 28.—Two gunboats of the Peking government steamed into the harbor here at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon and opened fire on the forts. The guns at the fort returned the fire.

**MADISON PASTOR CHOSEN  
FOR LINCOLN CHURCH**

Lincoln, Neb., July 30.—Rev. Alexander Wimberley, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Madison, Neb., was unanimously chosen pastor of the Westminster church at University Place, suburb of Lincoln, Monday to succeed Rev. James E. Brown.

The Rev. Mr. Wimberley has not yet offered an acceptance to the appointment.

## Sea Delivers Prime Whisky to Long Beach

New York, July 30.—Long Beach, famous ocean resort, and home of the one-piece rubber bathing suit staged delirious exhibition of exuberance Monday when the kind Atlantic cast up 200 cases of prime whisky on its shores.

Marine men fear a disaster at sea east the liquor on the waters, but the citizens of Long Beach never paused in their mad rush into the surf except to breathe the old wise crack about the ill wind.

Men in evening dress—some may have been waiters; it was hard to tell in the rush—and women in what used to be called décolleté, joined the milling throng in the waves and rushed out with shouts of glee, holding the rescued cases to their bosom like a rescued child.

There was chagrin awaiting some of the nearsighted for with the cases of rum there floated cases of canned tomatoes, pork and beans, and spinach. These were hurled back into the sea. The "stuff" was "Old Atherton," real pre-war stuff, and water-proof.

## CAPITAL ANXIOUS ABOUT HARDING

Partisanship Laid Aside as Reports Confirm Seriousness of President's Condition—Hughes Gets Bulletins

Washington, July 30.—Reports from San Francisco Monday indicating that the illness of President Harding had a more serious turn were so disquieting that Secretary of State Hughes issued orders for the instant delivery to him of all bulletins on the executive's condition.

Press associations were requested to notify the state department immediately of physician's bulletins received by them, or of other information pertinent to the case. The fact that a noted heart specialist had been called into consultation by Dr. C. E. Sawyer, Mr. Harding's personal physician, was considered especially ominous.

Secretary Hughes has specific authority from President Harding to call cabinet meetings in the absence of the latter if an emergency should arise.

George B. Christian, secretary to President Harding, telephoned the White House Monday from San Francisco that the president would return direct to Washington as soon as his condition permitted.

Politics and partisanship were forgotten by the national capital in anxiety over the president's illness. Everywhere it was practically the sole topic of conversation. The White House lines were crowded with inquiries from personal and official friends of Mr. and Mrs. Harding.

## GREGORY BANKER UNDER ARREST

F. E. Strain, Former President of First National, Now in Hands of Receiver, Held For Embezzlement

Gregory, S. D., July 28.—Charged with violating the national banking laws, F. E. Strain, former president of the First National bank at Gregory, has been arrested by a deputy United States marshal.

The First National bank now is in the hands of a receiver. Strain was taken to Winner to appear before United States Commissioner F. M. Ziebach. He waived a preliminary hearing and gave bond of \$5,000 for appearance at the next term of federal court in Sioux Falls.

The charge specifically alleges the crime of embezzlement. It is alleged Strain took more than \$28,000 from the bank, substituting worthless notes and other papers for cash and currency. The alleged substitutions occurred between September 1, 1921, and June 1, 1923, according to the complaint.

Strain is a married man about 40 years of age, and has two children, it is said.

## BALDWIN SAYS HUGHES INSISTS ON SECRECY

London, July 30.—Premier Baldwin in the House of Commons Monday evening said:

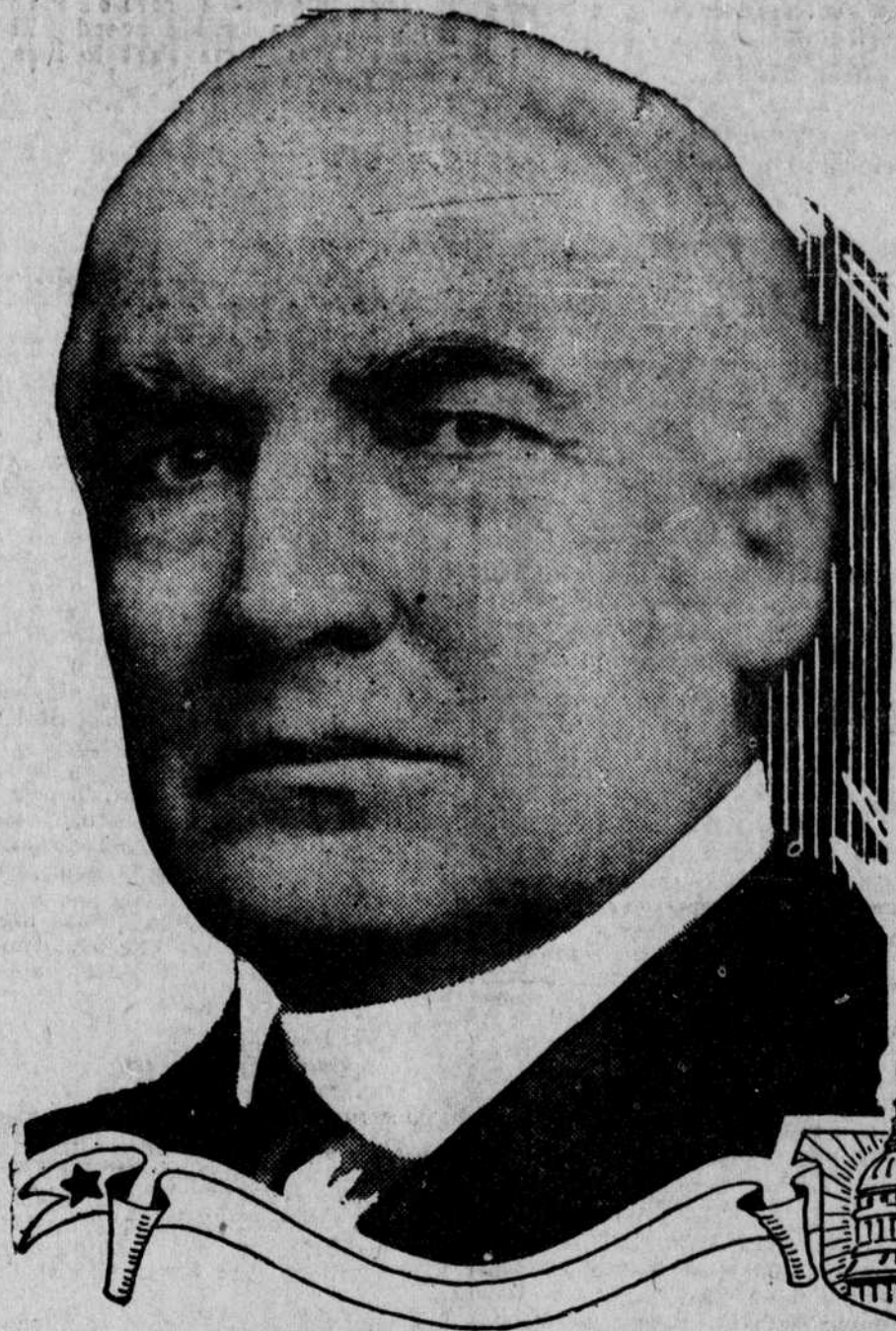
"I regret that I am unable to give out the terms of the Washington proposals for the right to search ships for liquor beyond the three mile limit, because the United States objects to the publication of the proposals at present."

## FOUR SENATORS DEMAND HARDING CALL CONGRESS

Minnapolis, Minn., July 30.—Four United States senators—members of the agricultural and progressive bloc met here today and joined in a request to President Harding to call a special session of congress to provide relief for wheat farmers.

Along with their insistence for the special session, the senators, Magnus Johnson, Henrik Shipstead, Smith V. Brookhart and Lynn J. Frazier, sent to the executive best wishes for his speedy recovery from his illness.

## Nation's Chief Dangerously Ill.



PRESIDENT HARDING

## CONDITION REGARDED AS "GRAVE"

Physicians Anxious as Further Dangerous Complications Develop—X-Ray Confirms Congestion in Right Lung.

BY JAMES R. NOURSE,  
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San Francisco, July 30.—President Harding is fighting a desperate battle against a development of pneumonia in the right lung. His condition was announced Monday night as "grave."

An official bulletin issued by the physicians at 9 o'clock was as follows:

"Definite central patches of broncho-pneumonia have developed in the right lung, as indicated clinically and by the X-ray. Nourishment is being taken regularly and the abdominal symptoms are less noticeable. While his condition is grave, he is temperamentally well-adapted to make a strong fight against the infection.

"Pulse, temperature and respiration are about the same as shown in the previous report.

(Signed) "C. E. Sawyer, M. D., Ray Lyman Wilbur, M. D., C. M. Cooper, M. D., J. T. Boone, M. D., Hubert Work, M. D."

Confirmed by X-ray Photo.

The presence of the pneumonia was first revealed by the examination made by physicians Monday afternoon. It was confirmed by the X-ray photograph taken later, which clearly revealed the development of the symptoms most feared, and against the presence of which the physicians were hoping against hope there would be no indication.

The development of pneumonia, the doctors stated, was due to the president's weakened condition, and his inability to throw off the activities of the ptomaine poisoning, which are affecting other organs of the body.

The alarming turn in the condition of the president was further indicated Monday night when several tanks of oxygen for emergency use were taken to his apartment.

"Overtaxed," Says Sawyer

Dr. Sawyer attributed the growth of the later complications to the fact that the president's system, over taxed and weakened by his exertions on his trip, had been unable to resist and throw off the toxine effects of the poison emanating from the food which caused the attack of ptomaine poisoning.

Everything that medical science can do for the president is being done

## GIRL WOUNDED BY HER MARRIED LOVER DIES

Glenwood, Ia., July 30. (Special)—Irene Boyce, 16, who was shot Thursday by Everett Vallier, farmer neighbor, died from her injuries. Her mother, who was shot at the same time, it is said, will recover.

Vallier was arrested earlier in the week on information filed by Irene's father, charging a statutory offense and alleging that Vallier took the girl to Onawa and kept her there over last Sunday. Vallier committed suicide. He left a widow and five young children. His widow declares Irene Boyce was infatuated with her husband and lured him away.

Dr. Sawyer added. He denied reports that the president may be removed to a hospital for treatment, stating that the hotel suite is fully equipped and provided with all that is necessary properly to care for the patient. The president is attended by the expert nurse who attended Mrs. Harding during her illness, and the laboratory equipment of the sick chamber is adequate. Dr. Boone, the naval surgeon in the party, is one of the leading laboratory specialists in the country and is aiding Dr. Sawyer in tracing the course and effects of the disease.

Dr. Sawyer also spoke feelingly of the attitude of Mrs. Harding, who, he said, has been made fully acquainted with every phase of the trouble and has never yet betrayed one sign of disapproval or disagreement with the physicians' instructions.

**President is Cheerful**

The president also accepts the situation with remarkable cheerfulness, Dr. Sawyer added.

"When I told him the physicians desired to have an X-ray photograph taken of him in order to disclose the extent of the complications resulting from the poison," Dr. Sawyer said, "the president smiled and replied: 'Bring them on, I have nothing to conceal.'"

"Where a poison such as that from ptomaines has been introduced into the system there always exists the possibility that it will result in complications which are likely to affect almost any other organ of the body," Dr. Sawyer explained. The morning bulletin disclosed the fact that an affection of the gall bladder had arisen, while the afternoon bulletin made known the existence of the lung congestion.

**May Affect Other Organs**

"All these things, of course, affect the heart action, causing the condition which we announced Monday afternoon as serious," Dr. Sawyer added. "We have first of all the poison to fight, and secondly these other organs become affected, thereby causing them to be put out of their full capacity to function. The liabilities are that these tendencies will increase and that other organs of the body may become affected."

**Mrs. Harding at Bedside**

Mrs. Harding remained constantly at the president's side during the day and proved herself to be an efficient nurse. It is by a strange freak of fortune that she should be today well and strong and acting as the president's nurse when only about a year ago she was herself in a precarious condition, her life being at times despaired of. During her long illness the president was in continual attendance upon her and she demonstrated how fully she could play her part Monday by remaining at his bedside, rendering those little services which only a wife knows how to perform for her husband.

In the president's sick room Mr. Harding has become a heroic figure, and her constant attentions, supplementing the work of the trained nurses, has been of great comfort to the president.

During the day hundreds of telegrams of sympathy were received from all over the country. The president has not been able to read any of them and few have been read to him.

## HOLSTEIN STOCK ON WESTFIELD FARMS

Westfield, Ia., July 30. (Special)—C. L. Knapp and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Knapp returned this week from Northfield, Minnesota, where the men purchased 25 head of Holstein heifers for use in the herds on their farms here. Keith Knapp remained to bring the animals back and arrived with them Friday afternoon. They were shipped to Hinton and driven out from there Friday evening, making the distance in about four hours.

## DOCTOR—FATHER OF HARDING WATCHING NEWS OF SICKNESS.

Marion, O., July 30.—President Harding suffered several attacks of indigestion 20 years ago, accompanied by a slight disturbance of the heart, but at no time then was his condition serious, according to the chief executive's home town friends here.

This is the only illness Mr. Harding has had, local people declared, in which there was anything akin to heart trouble.

Dr. G. T. Harding, the president's father, said he had received no direct word as to the nature of his son's illness, and he eagerly scanned press dispatches telling about the president.

## FERGUSON TRIAL OPENS TUESDAY

Sioux Falls Man Charged With Shooting in Row Over Chickens, to Face Jury for Murder

Sioux Falls, S. D., July 30.—The trial of Charles Ferguson, elderly citizen of Sioux Falls, for the murder of his neighbor Eugene Griffin, employe at the Morrill Packing plant will open here in district court Tuesday.

Ferguson is charged with shooting Griffin through the heart when the latter killed one of Ferguson's chickens which annoyed him at night. Griffin's body was found near a chicken coop in Ferguson's yard shortly after 3:30 o'clock in the morning, a few minutes after two shots were fired. A gun, supposed to have been carried by Griffin, was found a few feet from the body.

It is expected that Tuesday will be spent in selecting a jury, and the evidence will be heard Wednesday and Thursday. The jury will probably get the case Friday.

A large delegation of citizens from Canton, S. D., will be at the trial to testify regarding the character of Ferguson, who was a former resident of that place and, according to his acquaintances, is a highly respected citizen.

## BANK CLOSES DOORS FOLLOWING ROBBERY

Mysterious Disappearance of \$26,000 From Nickerson Vaults Still Unsolved

Fremont, Neb., July 30.—The First State Bank of Nickerson, this county, failed to open its doors Monday and the announcement was made by the directors that they had placed the bank in the hands of the state department of trade and commerce. The bank was recently robbed in cash and bonds of a sum reported to approximate \$26,000. The combination of the vault and inner safe were opened.

The robbery has proved to be one of the most mysterious that has ever faced Dodge county authorities. Shortly after the robbery the management was taken over by President A. W. Sprick, and Vice President C. E. Negus was relieved of his duties as manager. The bank's directors are A. W. Sprick, Fontanelle; C. E. Negus, Nickerson; Frank Bullock, Nickerson; E. R. Gurney, Fremont and W. A. Anderson, Wellman, Ia.

## MISSING WOMAN'S BODY FOUND MONDAY

Boys Discover Corpse of Mrs. Callahan in River Near Yankton, S. D.

Yankton, S. D., July 30.—The disappearance of Mrs. Bridget Callahan, 71 years old, from her home here on February 9, was solved Monday morning by the finding of her body in the Missouri river seven miles east of Yankton.

Several boys from Yankton were swimming in the river and discovered the body. Her son identified the remains from the clothing.

At the time of Mrs. Callahan's disappearance it was believed she had walked into a hole in the ice on the river.

## DES MOINES STORE BUYS STOCK OF COMPETITOR

Des Moines, Ia., July 30.—The entire business of Wilkins Brothers, retail mercantile dealers here for 42 years, was purchased by Younker Brothers of this city Monday. They will take possession of the building occupied by the Wilkins store August 1.

Heads of the Younker firm are planning a \$600,000 expansion program to be started with the remodeling of the Wilkins building. It is announced.

Lake Andes, S. D., July 30.—(Special)—The first picnic of the Masons and Eastern Stars of Charles Mix county was held at Rest Haven, a lake resort near here, Friday. Lake Andes Mason Lodge and Eastern Star Chapter had arranged entertainment.

Several hundred were present from the towns of Platte, Geddes and Wagner. A baseball game between two pick-up teams started the entertainment, followed by tugs of war between several women and men's teams. Swimming, boating and dancing were also in order.

## RAIL HEADS WON'T SLASH WHEAT RATE

Presidents of Western Lines Reject Proposal of Producers for 25 Per Cent. Reduction on Export Consignments.

Chicago, July 30.—Chief executives of the 20 western railroads meeting here Monday to consider the suggestion of a committee of Omaha business men that a 25 per cent reduction on export consignments of wheat and flour be put into effect as an emergency measure to stimulate the grain trade, adjourned Monday night without making a definite announcement of their action on the matter. It was indicated informally by several of the participants in the discussions that the proposition was not endorsed.

A communication embodying the conclusions of Monday's conference has been dispatched to the Omaha committee and will be made public there Tuesday. Details of the outcome of the meeting were withheld because of the desire of the rail chiefs that the information be in the hands of their correspondents before being made public.

Traffic representatives of the interested lines meeting here last Friday unanimously rejected the suggestion for such a preferential rate. This finding of the traffic men was to be approved or rejected by Monday's meeting of the road presidents.

Another suggestion made by wheat growers to alleviate the conditions in the agricultural districts was the closing of the grain pit in the Chicago Board of Trade for 90 days.

"I shall personally do my utmost to bring this about," said Joseph P. Griffin, former president of the Board of Trade.

## Operations of Refinery Suspended

Ponca City, Okla., July 30.—Charging of crude oil into Marland Refinery Company stills stopped at one o'clock Monday afternoon and Walter Miller, director of the refinery, announced that the shutdown will be effective probably during the entire month of August.

## POLA TURNS FROM CHARLIE TO WLT

Tennis Star Now Ace-High in Affections of Erstwhile Fiancee of Comedy King

BY R. A. DONALDSON  
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Los Angeles, Cal., July 28.—Pola Negri announced today her engagement to Charlie Chaplin is definitely at an end.

Simultaneously, the exotic Polish film star lowered her long black lashes and sighed rapturously when some one mentioned the name of William T. Tilden, II, tennis champion.

"Charlie Has Lots to Learn"

Blushes carried the soft contours of Pola's lowered face as she replied to the latest Hollywood rumor that she had dropped the custard pie for a tennis racket, saying:

"I can say nothing except that I admire Mr. Tilden very much. You must not ask me more."

More blushes and a sudden switching of the conversation to why Charlie was jilted.

"Mr. Chaplin should never marry. He is lacking all the matrimonial requirements," Pola declared.

"I realized five weeks ago it was an impossibility. He's a charming little fellow and we're still friends, but I realize now that I never could have married him."

**Rivals Dine Same Place**

"He experiments in love, in my opinion. I am glad it is over. I have ambitions and I am sure I never could go a great actress as Mrs. Charlie Chaplin."

Pola dined with the tennis champion the other night. At a nearby table ignoring them was Charlie Chaplin with Lenore Ulrich.

## FARMERS WANT GRAIN CORPORATION REVIVED

Fargo, N. D., July 30.—State grain growers meeting will be held in Fargo Wednesday to pass resolutions asking congress to revive the United States grain corporation. The time and place of a national meeting probably will be arranged at the meeting.

Huron, S. D., July 30.—(Special)—An executive meeting of the South Dakota Retail Hardware Dealers association was held in Huron, Friday, the principal business coming before the organizations executive board before a discussion of the accomplishments of the associations convention in Sioux Falls in January, and the matter of deciding on the place of meeting in 1924. Whether or not exhibits by wholesalers and jobbers should be encouraged or discouraged was another matter under discussion, but, as with the choice of a meeting place, no definite decision was reached.