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Premiers in Conference on Policy

Final Effort Being Made to Settle Reparations Questions—Allied Circles Sober and Anxious.

France May Act Alone

Paris, Jan. 1.—(By A. P.)—The prime ministers of France, Great Britain and Belgium, together with the Marquis Della Torretta representing the Italian premier, will go into conference tomorrow which is regarded as the final effort of the allies to reach a collective settlement of the reparations question.

The meeting is a continuation of last month's premiers' conference in London which was called to examine whether any practical results can come from a general economic congress in Brussels.

Divided on Policy. France and Great Britain are sharply divided in policy. The French insist upon seizing the productive resources of Germany on the left bank of the Rhine and in the Ruhr valley.

Complete peace can be established, he declared, "only on the basis of the treaties and through respect for the rights acquired and the obligations incurred."

The British government thoroughly disapproves stern methods or penalties and desires to work out a plan under which Germany would be allowed a moratorium of at least two years, this time to be employed in so reorganizing her resources that she may successfully shoulder her debts.

Loan Is Suggested. Any settlement likely to be successful depends, in Bonar Law's view, on some form of international loan to Germany, and together with his associates on the British delegation, he has received with approval the suggestion of the American secretary of state that an international committee determine the amount of reparations to be expected.

The conviction held by Premier Poincare of France is that a change in heart on the part of Germany is required above all other considerations. He believes Germany's plans for the future are based upon a policy of resistance to the execution of the Versailles treaty, and any effort to help it regards as useless until the Berlin government decides in earnest to fulfill its obligations.

Extension of the present partial moratorium, which expires on January 15, and the raising of cash for Germany in the interim, are the two in the French view will be nullified by the continued German opposition to payment of her debts, so that action such as France now contemplates will be eventually forced upon the allies.

The Belgian and Italian governments appear now to lean more toward the French view than toward the British, but with some disposition to seek middle ground.

Urgent Conciliatory Program. The Italian delegation has a plan which it will present to the council after Poincare and Bonar Law have explained the French and British viewpoints. This conciliatory program calls for guarantees to satisfy France, but without penalties so as to meet the British objection, relying upon such action by Germany as would have the result of making the guarantees productive without the use of force.

The Belgian premier, M. Theunis, who worked strenuously in London last August to bring Lloyd George and Poincare together, also seeks to harmonize the French and British programs, which it is understood, he thinks, could be done if the German government would unreservedly affirm its willingness to fulfill the reparations clauses of the treaty to the full extent of the nation's resources.

Pueblo Man Robbed, Slain, by Trio of Killer Bandits. Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 1.—Cruz Bela, 27, was found dead in an alleyway in the rear of a garage here today. He is believed to have been lured into the alley, shot in the chest and robbed. The police say they believe he was the victim of the same trio of bandits who held up Philip Greinetz, his father, David, and sister, Josephine, and shot and seriously wounded Philip when the Greinetz family resisted their efforts. The same bandits held up a Mexican later Saturday night, according to the police.

Leaves Newspaper Game. Houston, Tex., Jan. 1.—Max Bentley, for three years managing editor of the Houston Chronicle, announced today that on February 1 he will leave the executive end of the newspaper game and devote all of his time to writing.

He is to be succeeded by C. B. Gillespie of Sugarland.

Mistaken for Burglar, Flees From Cops; Shot

Traveling Salesman Smiles New Year's Greetings From Hospital Bed While His Wife, a Trained Nurse, Helps Care for Him.

"Happy New Year." Accept the greetings from W. G. Briggs, 32, traveling salesman, who smiled them last night from his bed in Lord Lister hospital.

When the New Year was rung in, Briggs celebrated with a party of friends downtown and was hailed by them as "A jolly good fellow, a corking good salesman and a member of Mount Memorial Lutheran church, the kind of a pal we are proud of."

Wounded in Arm. At 5 yesterday morning, while on his way home, he was pursued by a policeman, shot at eight times, wounded in the right arm, suspected of being a burglar, and last night was under guard of James Acton, patrolman, while detectives investigated the case.

Wife on Duty. Mrs. Briggs, a trained nurse, was on duty at Lord Lister hospital when her husband was taken there wounded. She immediately rushed to his bedside and has spent many hours with him.

"She's the best nurse in the world," Briggs declared, once more smiling. "It's easy to be a good nurse to a good patient," Mrs. Briggs said, returning the smile.

Couple Arrested Saturday With \$8,000 in Trunk—Ryan Refuses to Admit Part in Robbery.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 1.—Martin Ryan, alias James Martin, arrested here Saturday night in company with a woman giving the name of Margaret Yard, today was implicated in the robbery of the Drovers' National bank in Kansas City on December 12 in a confession made and signed by the woman, according to the Denver police.

At the time of the arrest of Ryan and Miss Yard, police found more than \$8,000 hidden in the sleeves of a coat in a trunk belonging to them. According to the girl, who is 29 and who claims she has been married, she had been employed in a restaurant in Kansas City, Mo., for about five months prior to meeting Ryan. She met Ryan about two weeks prior to the robbery, she said, and they occupied an apartment. On the day of the robbery, she declared in her confession, according to the police, Ryan came home about 5 in the evening with a bundle wrapped in a newspaper. Unwrapping it, she declared, Ryan threw \$10,000 in bills on the bed, with the declaration that he had got it from the Drovers' National bank.

Ryan and Miss Yard were arrested at the Union depot here Saturday night as they prepared to leave for San Francisco.

Miss Yard collapsed in the office of Captain Rinker while making her statement and now is under the care of a police surgeon. Her collapse was brought about, she declared, by threats made by Ryan that he would kill her if she informed on him. She declares that Ryan told her that if she couldn't "get her," some of the robber band would.

Ryan, according to police, is well known to Chicago police authorities and has served a term in an Illinois reformatory.

Chicago Is Muddy. Chicago celebrated hilariously in its home-honored style, although church services and family and neighborhood parties probably outnumbered the noisier and moist celebrations in which hotel and cafe proprietors estimated at least a half million dollars were tossed away.

Has Fido Strayed Away? You can get him back by calling Atlantic 1000 and sending an Omaha Bee "Want" Ad after him.

Remember, nothing is lost until it's been advertised for in The Omaha Bee "Lost and Found" column.

Remember, Omaha Bee "Want" Ads Bring Better Results at Lesser Cost. Three lines—three times—ten dimes.

Immigrants Are Sought by Industry

Farmers Join With Big Business in Effort to Relieve Present Shortage of Common Labor.

100,000 Increase Sought

Washington, Jan. 1.—The big industries of the country and farm organizations have joined hands in a determined drive to procure such relaxation of the immigration restriction law as will relieve the present shortage of common labor.

Plan Made Public. The recommendations of the manufacturers' committee made public today follow:

"1. That in fixing the quota of each nationality of otherwise admissible aliens under the present law due regard should be given to the ascertained annual emigration from the United States of persons of such nationality.

"2. That the secretary of labor shall be authorized upon the presentation of him of satisfactory evidence of a continuing shortage of labor of a particular class or type to admit otherwise admissible aliens in excess of the quota until in his judgment such condition is improved.

"3. That provision shall be made for physical examination of aliens at ports of embarkation or where their passports are issued, except that such requirements shall be waived upon assurances of another government that satisfactory examination has been made."

Labor Is Opposed. This move will be resisted stubbornly by organized labor on the ground that increased immigration of foreign labor will result in a lowering of wages.

Two Killed When Auto Hits Truck. Speeder Deliberately wrecks Car to Save Lives of Woman and Babe.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 1.—Deliberately turning his speeding car into a motor truck to save the lives of a woman with a baby in her arms walking down the road caused the death of two Dallas youths this morning and a serious injury of four others, including the driver.

Bombs Exploded in Lisbon Near Italian Consulate. Madrid, Jan. 1.—Seven bombs were exploded in Lisbon last night in the vicinity of the Italian consulate and the residence of the civil governor.

Mother and Baby Slain. Two Wounded by Maniac. Canton, O., Jan. 1.—A mother and her 3-year-old son are dead, and two others severely wounded as the result of a maniac's attack on a Canton family New Year's eve.

Youth Shot Dead While Slayer Believed He Was Breaking Into House. Tick-Tacking the New Year.

Sir Horace Plunkett Will Study American Methods. New York, Jan. 1.—Sir Horace Plunkett, recently nominated to membership in the Irish Free State senate, arrived here on the steamship Adriatic, commissioned by his government to study agriculture and methods employed by the United States in maintaining the congressional reference library.

Aged Man Found Dead. Alexandria, La., Jan. 1.—The body of George Atwell, 65, who has been missing since last March, was found in a field near Selma, La., today, on a tree nearby a rope hung on which were found human hairs.

Last British Troops Leave Ireland



Announcement that the last of the British troops had left Ireland marked an era in the Emerald Isle's history. This picture shows some of the troops loading their storesboard ship preparatory to their departure.

Hiding Place of Mrs. Phillips Is Discovered

Cabin in Lonely Canyon Near Los Angeles Was Occupied by 'Hammer Murderer' Four Days.

Los Angeles, Jan. 1.—Discovery of "a cabin in a lonely canyon near Los Angeles," where Mrs. Clara Phillips, "hammer murderer," who escaped from the Los Angeles county jail December 5, "concealed herself for at least four days" after the jail break, was announced at the sheriff's office tonight.

The statement was made that Arthur Lee Phillips, husband of the convicted murderer, "was known to have purchased food at a grocery near the cabin for four days after his wife's escape," and that another man, whose identity has not been learned, delivered the food at the cabin.

First Real Clue. They said this discovery offered them the first "real clue" to the whereabouts of Mrs. Phillips and that it would be followed by an intensified effort to locate her.

Second Man Used. Toward evening, the second man would arrive, obtain the food and hurry away.

The officers said they did not believe Mrs. Phillips remained in the cabin more than four days, as the purchases of food at the grocery ceased after that period, and it would have been dangerous for her to appear in public to obtain supplies.

Reappointment of Louis Grebe as chief bailiff and Moses P. O'Brien as probation officer also was announced.

Terms of court for the coming year, March 7 and October 1; Burt county, March 12, November 12, and Washington county, April 2 and October 8.

Double Tunnel Under Mount Blanc to Be Dug. Geneva, Jan. 1.—Plans of the French and Italian engineers for the proposed double tunnel, under Mount Blanc, which have just been announced, contemplate the opening of the tunnel to traffic within five years.

Three Western States Inaugurate Governors. Denver, Jan. 1.—Three western states inaugurated governors today, Arizona restoring to office its first chief executive, George P. Hunt, and William B. Ross was placed at the head of the ship of state in Wyoming and James F. Hinkle in New Mexico.

Welfare Congress Convened. Mexico City, Jan. 1.—The second Mexican congress on child welfare was inaugurated here today with 250 delegates, representing all the states of the republic, in attendance.

Goss to Head District Court

Named Presiding Judge for 1923 at Annual Meeting in Courthouse.

Judge Charles A. Goss will be presiding judge of the district court during 1923.

He was chosen to succeed Judge Charles Leslie at the annual meeting of district judges yesterday in the courthouse. Judge Leslie was not a candidate for reelection.

Other assignments include: Law courts, Judge Charles Leslie, court No. 2; Judge Carroll O. Stauffer, court No. 3; Judge A. Troup, court No. 4; Judge Arthur C. Wakeley, court No. 5; and Judge William A. Redick, court No. 6.

Portrait of Charles A. Goss.

Supreme Court Will Meet Today. Oath Will Be Administered to Butler—Big Cleanup of Cases Expected.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The supreme court will meet tomorrow after a three weeks' recess. Based upon the record it made on returning from the further long recess, when by opinions and orders it removed 78 cases from the docket, court habits expect another big cleanup up after Associate Justice Pierce Butler of St. Paul has had the judicial oath administered to him by the chief justice, making him a member of the court.

Justice Butler will have the peculiar experience of not occupying the seat at the foot of the bench. Justices of the court are seated in order of seniority of service, and it is customary for the new member to go to the end of the bench to the left of the chief justice.

Minor senate officers picked by the senate caucus were: Assistant secretary, H. E. Wright of Seward; second assistant secretary, Fred E. McFarland of York; sergeant-at-arms, F. S. McGinnis of O'Neill; assistant sergeant-at-arms, W. F. Johnson of Clay Center; chaplain, the Rev. A. A. Cressman of Crete.

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Howell forces considered that they had won a victory when they gained the unanimous adoption of a resolution presented to the caucus by Lamb. The resolution recited charges that for 30 days representatives of the Nebraska Power company of Omaha and the telephone companies had been

Bandits Wait All Night in Garage; Get Jewels, Cash

Guests at New Year's Party Go Home in Blankets When Sneak Thief Lifts Wraps.

Two unmasked bandits who told R. J. Tate of the Tate Land company, as he entered his garage yesterday morning that they had been waiting for him all night, robbed him of diamonds valued at \$4,000. They also obtained \$80 in cash.

A sneak thief removed all but a few of the wraps and coats at a New Year's watch party at the home of Jacob Bernstiel, 2807 Wirt street. As a result there was a hasty search for blankets and other coverings for the guests. The loss is estimated at \$1,000.

Demanding money he said was hidden in an oats box, a bandit stopped C. J. Marsh, milk wagon driver, 3608 South Twenty-fifth street, at Twentieth and Nicholas streets early yesterday.

How he knew I had that \$30 there is more than I can figure out," said Marsh to police.

The Weather. Forecast. Nebraska—Tuesday, snow; not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperatures. 5 a. m. ... 27 1 p. m. ... 36 6 a. m. ... 27 2 p. m. ... 36 7 a. m. ... 26 3 p. m. ... 37 8 a. m. ... 26 4 p. m. ... 37 9 a. m. ... 25 5 p. m. ... 37 10 a. m. ... 25 6 p. m. ... 37 11 a. m. ... 25 7 p. m. ... 37 12 (noon) ... 25 8 p. m. ... 37

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Simultaneously, republican majority senators met and nominated Senator Charles L. Saunders of Omaha for president pro tem of the senate, virtually by acclamation. Clyde Barnard of Table Rock was nominated for secretary of the senate. It will be his fourth term in that office.

One woman won a place among the legislative officers, the first time that a woman has been so honored. Miss Frances Sturmer, for the last three months assistant secretary of state, was nominated by the republican house caucus for second assistant clerk of the lower house, winning easily over three opponents.

Democrats of the house met informally and listened to addresses by Governor-elect C. W. Bryan, who appeared with a jaw swollen out of shape because of an ulcerated tooth, and by Arthur Mullen of Omaha.

They decided to ask for four-ninths representation on all committees. Representatives from the Second congressional district, embracing Douglas, Washington and Sarpy counties, refused to concede the demand of Howell forces that they re-caucus and by Arthur Mullen of Omaha.

Howell's supporters professed to be satisfied, however, that the outstate selections gave a preponderant vote on this important committee in their favor.

Committee on Committees. Other district selections for the committee committees were: Second, Third; George Staats of Fremont; Allen G. Burke of Bancroft.

Fourth; Earle C. Smiley of Seward, Harvey Essam of Beatrice. Fifth; R. R. Vance of Hastings, W. F. Wood of Valer.

Sixth; C. L. Miner of Ravenna, Ross Amundson of Springview. Seventh; J. Reid Green of Lincoln was chairman of the caucus and was elected chairman of the committee on committees. Oswald Keifer of Superior was secretary of the caucus.

Mathers, the republican choice for speaker, is a banker who came up from the ranks. As a state university student he worked his way through school by washing dishes in a restaurant.

Frank Corrick of Lincoln, chief clerk of the lower house in 1921, was again elected to that position. He polled 50 votes, with four for C. L. McConaughy of Seward.

Other house officers picked by the caucus were: Assistant secretary, H. E. Wright of Seward; second assistant secretary, Fred E. McFarland of York; sergeant-at-arms, F. S. McGinnis of O'Neill; assistant sergeant-at-arms, W. F. Johnson of Clay Center; chaplain, the Rev. A. A. Cressman of Crete.

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