

Reparation Cut Offered by France

Poincare Presents Proposal at Premiers' Meet That Sum Be Reduced to 50,000,000,000 Marks.

Agree to Moratorium

Paris, Jan. 2.—(By A. P.)—Premier Poincare of France offered at today's conference of allied leaders a proposal for a reduction of German reparations to 50,000,000,000 gold marks.

The French plan offers a two-year moratorium, but it exacts productive guarantees to insure the resumption of payments later by the Germans.

Under the French plan the Class C bonds would be used to extinguish the interrelated debts.

The Germans made formal request today that Karl Bergmann be permitted to make an oral statement before the premiers on the new German propositions.

Attend to Feel Out Allies

There seemed little likelihood of the meeting of the premiers was about to start, that the German request for an oral hearing would be granted, as the allies are generally of the opinion that a written proposition is far better than an oral presentation.

Preliminary Meeting

Paris, Jan. 2.—(By A. P.)—Premier Poincare held a preliminary conversation with Prime Minister Bonar Law at the Carlton hotel today.

Signs of Harmony

The diplomatic barometer seemed inclined to take an upward spurt as the statesmen of Great Britain, France, Italy and Belgium gathered for the anxiously awaited conference of farmers.

U. S. "Watchfully Waiting."

Paris, Jan. 2.—(By A. P.)—Myron T. Herrick, American ambassador to France, has arrived in Paris from Cannes and with Roland W. Boyden, the American representative with the reparations commission, will watch developments closely during the premiers' conference and keep Secretary of State Hughes well informed of the progress made.

Although the United States is without an observer at the premiers' meeting, it is in a position to watch the French foreign office and the various delegations will be kept informed through the usual diplomatic channels and the reparations observers, so that the State department, in accordance with the instructions, will be able to follow events closely.

Capt. Lawrence O'Brien Dies

New Haven, Jan. 2.—Capt. Lawrence P. O'Brien, long interested in the Fenian movement and one of the organizers of several attempts in America to help the cause of the Irish nationalists in the late '60s, died here yesterday.

Modern Adam and Eve Who Lived in Woods, Want Modern Divorce

Boston, Jan. 2.—The modern Adam and Eve have separated. Mrs. Carl Sutter, who achieved notoriety and the title of the "modern Eve" by living the primitive life in the Maine woods with her husband for two years, has decided to ask a divorce.

Irish Republicans Picket City Hall in Consulate Row

Free State Forces Continue to Hold New York Offices—Mayor Refuses to Mix in Squabble.

New York, Dec. 2.—Irish republicans contesting with free staters for possession of the Irish consulate, tonight picketed City Hall, parading in front of the building with placards denouncing "Mayor Hylan's police."

The unusual spectacle, occurring as the homebound throngs were passing through City Hall park for Brooklyn bridge, attracted a great crowd.

"What is Sir Basil Thomson's mission in the United States?" one banner was inscribed. "Others read: 'Sir Basil is here to teach Mayor Hylan's police 'black and tan' methods.'"

"Sir Basil Thomson of Scotland Yard was entertained by Mayor Hylan's committee, while Mayor Hylan's police assaulted Muriel MacSwiney."

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Party Guest Is Robbed of \$150,000

Wealthy Buffalo Woman, Attending New Year's Celebration, Is Choloformed and Stripped of Jewels.

Plans Are Carefully Laid

New York, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Irene Schoellkopf, wife of a wealthy Buffalo business man staying at the Ritz Carlton hotel, was choloformed and robbed of \$150,000 worth of jewelry in a sensational holdup staged in a fashionable apartment house on West Fifty-second street, New Year's eve.

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Age and Youth, Tired of Living, Plunge to Death From N. Y. Skyscraper

New York, Jan. 2.—A 14th-day in leaps from a skyscraper. The 22-story Municipal building, opposite City Hall, was discharging its luncheon crowd and thousands of persons were hurrying in and out of the Brooklyn bridge terminal when a woman's body came whirling through space.

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Welfare Congress Convened

Day's Activities in Washington

The senate and house were both in recess. Hearings on the Kellogg-White federal radio control bill were begun by the house merchant marine committee.

Ten Mail Clerks Fired in Bluffs

E. H. Sylvester, night clerk in charge of the mail terminal at the Union Pacific transfer station in Council Bluffs for nearly 10 years and for 13 years in the mail service, with nine other substitutes and regular clerks were dismissed from service yesterday on orders received from Washington and executed by J. H. Musgrave, superintendent.

Dismissal Comes as Result of Orders Received From Washington

Gale-Battered Steamer Docks at Astoria, Ore.

Astoria, Ore., Jan. 2.—With her master severely injured, her steering gear disabled, one rail smashed and her deck gear damaged, the steamer Satsuma, victim of the recent heavy gale, was in port today.

Bombs Exploded in Lisbon Near Italian Consulate

Madrid, Jan. 2.—Seven bombs were exploded in Lisbon Saturday night in the vicinity of the Italian consulate and the residence of the civil governor. No one was injured. All the public buildings yesterday were under strict guard and the city was generally quiet.

The Weather

Forecast. Wednesday fair and colder. Hourly Temperatures.

Actions of Mine Guards Described at Herrin Trial

Only One Defense Witness Able to Testify to Actual Assault Prior to the Massacre. Marion, Ill., Jan. 2.—(By A. P.)—The holding up and searching of peaceable travelers and the alleged terrorizing of the surrounding countryside by armed guards at the Lester "strip" mine, was described by 10 witnesses for the defense at the reopening of the trial of five men charged with murder in connection with the Herrin riots today.

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Legislature Easily Gets Under Way

Organization Outlined at G. O. P. Caucus Meeting Confirmed Without Ripple of Excitement.

Party Lines Hold Firm

Lincoln, Jan. 2.—(Special)—Organization of the house and senate decided upon at Monday night republican caucuses was confirmed today by both bodies without a ripple of excitement.

Committees from both branches were appointed to arrange for a joint session probably tomorrow to listen to Governor McKelvie's budget message. The budget is now in the hands of printers and it is expected it will be ready tomorrow.

Messages of Governor McKelvie and Governor-elect Bryan on legislation will be read Thursday before a joint session at the time the governor-elect is inaugurated.

The only action taken in contradiction to the caucuses was the placing of Theodore Osterman, democrat of Merrick, in nomination for speaker of the lower house in opposition to A. N. Mathers of Gering.

Members were busy today endeavoring to reach the ears of the committee on committees for choice standing committee appointments. Democrats were asked to present their aspirations for committee appointments to the committee on committees in writing.

R. B. Howell, United States senator-elect, was still busy laying the groundwork for his legislation. Democrats apparently were maintaining a "watchful waiting" policy, eagerly hoping for a split in G. O. P. committee appointments in order to turn the combing strategy to anyone wishing to bolt and thus gain control of committee appointments when the time arrives to confirm work done by the committee on committees.

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It is also reported, but not confirmed, that Ismet Pasha, head of the Turkish delegation to the Lausanne conference, has been instructed to insist upon integral restoration of the pact and that he has been authorized to sign a separate peace with such powers as are willing to subscribe to its terms.

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