

Allies Split on German Reparation

Conference of Premiers Ends With Friendly Words—Belgium and Italy Side With France.

Europe in Sober Mood

Paris, Jan. 4.—(By A. P.)—The alliance between France, Great Britain, Italy and Belgium today fell apart over the treatment of German reparations.

His majesty's government, after giving most earnest and careful consideration to the French proposals, have come to the conclusion that they cannot approve them and that, if carried out, they will not only fail to produce the desired results but are likely to have grave and disastrous results on the economic life of Europe.

Personal Feelings Unchanged. "His majesty's government at the same time desires to assure the government of the French republic that, while they regret extremely that there should be an irreconcilable difference of view on a subject so serious, the feeling of friendship on both sides is unchanged."

In his reply M. Poincare said: "The French government for their part, have examined very attentively and carefully the British proposals, and the longer they have studied them the more they have felt obliged to recognize that the proposals would involve, together with a considerable reduction of the debt owing to France, the overthrow of the treaty of Versailles. It is impossible for them to accept such a solution."

"The government of the republic deeply regret their inability to agree with Great Britain on this serious question, but they thank the British government for their friendly statement and can assure them that, in spite of this difference of opinion, the sentiments of the French government and nation towards England remain unchangedly cordial."

Italian Stand. Marquis Della Torretta, representing Italy, said: "The Italian delegation sincerely regrets to see that the efforts it made for the allies, has not been crowned with success. The Italian delegation has interpreted the thought of its government on the conviction that disagreement among the allies has not influenced the cordial sentiments of friendship so long existing and expresses the hope that that eventually even on this present question, there will be consideration and agreement."

Premier Mussolini turned the scale decisively against the British plan. The Italian delegates had reserved their final declarations until today, and this morning, it appeared that they were inclined to support Mr. Bonar Law's proposal with slight modification.

The final quarter of the conference was marked by great courtesy; each of the delegates seemed concerned that nothing in manner or in word should detract from the gravity of the moment.

There are various indications of sadness on the part of the premiers and ambassadors over the dissolution of the alliance which carried their countries through the war and up to this time in dealing with what have been found to be unsolvable problems of peace.

Climax of Conference. The climax of the conference came when Mr. Bonar Law returned to the conference room after telephoning to London. M. Poincare, during

Business Revival at Hand, Asserts Farm School Head

Balance Between Prices of Farm Products and Manufactured Goods Approaching, Dr. David States in Address Before Organ Agricultural Meeting

By PAUL GREER. Lincoln, Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram.) Agriculture, business and the world political situation were linked in discussion of the economic situation by Dr. David Friday, president of the Michigan Agricultural college, at the meeting of organized agriculture here today.

"The nation stands at the point of business revival," Dr. Friday asserted, and he proceeded to analyze the causes of depression and of prosperity. "The necessary balance between the prices of farm products and manufactured goods is approaching," he said.

Leading Economist. Dr. Friday is one of the nation's leading economists. Now the president of a great farm school, he was before the war a consulting economist for a number of eastern financial institutions and during the war served the government in an advisory capacity.

Rates Must Be Cut. "There can be no solution of the Nebraska farmers' problem unless transportation costs are lowered," said Dr. Friday.

"You haven't the people here to eat your products. In Michigan we have a town every 30 miles and can haul our crops to market by motor truck. I wish someone with nerve would get up and put this matter where it belongs. The principal items of expense of the railroads are wages and fuel. Both these must be reduced or else the efficiency of railway labor must be increased. It is not a matter of how much per day is paid this or that group. The thing to look at is the amount of work it does.

Predicts Competition. "My guess is that within a year Europe will be manufacturing goods as a real competitor of American business men. Trade consists of the exchange of goods for goods. When the countries across the ocean again produce goods for exchange, the middlewestern farmers will find an outlet for their surpluses.

Record in Saving. Dr. Friday advised business men to watch the building boom for any signs of slackening and said that the

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Beginning today, you will find a new classification in the "Want" Ad columns of The Omaha Bee—the "SWAP COLUMN."

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Open Grave in Hunt for Royal Gems

Treasury Agents to Disinter Body of Seaman and Search Casket for Russian Crown Jewels.

Smuggling Plot Bared

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Four or five million dollars' worth of the crown jewels of the Russian czars are buried in the grave of James Jones, an American seaman, in the national cemetery at Cypress Hills, Brooklyn, according to a copyrighted story published today by the Chicago Daily News.

Will Open Grave. The News says, William B. Williams of the New York office of the Department of Justice and customs officials will ask Judge Hand for an order to open the grave.

Federal officials, the story continues, have been working on the case for two years. They eventually unearthed records which fitted in with anonymous tips received by the department and by the former imperial Russian ambassador telling of the smuggling plot.

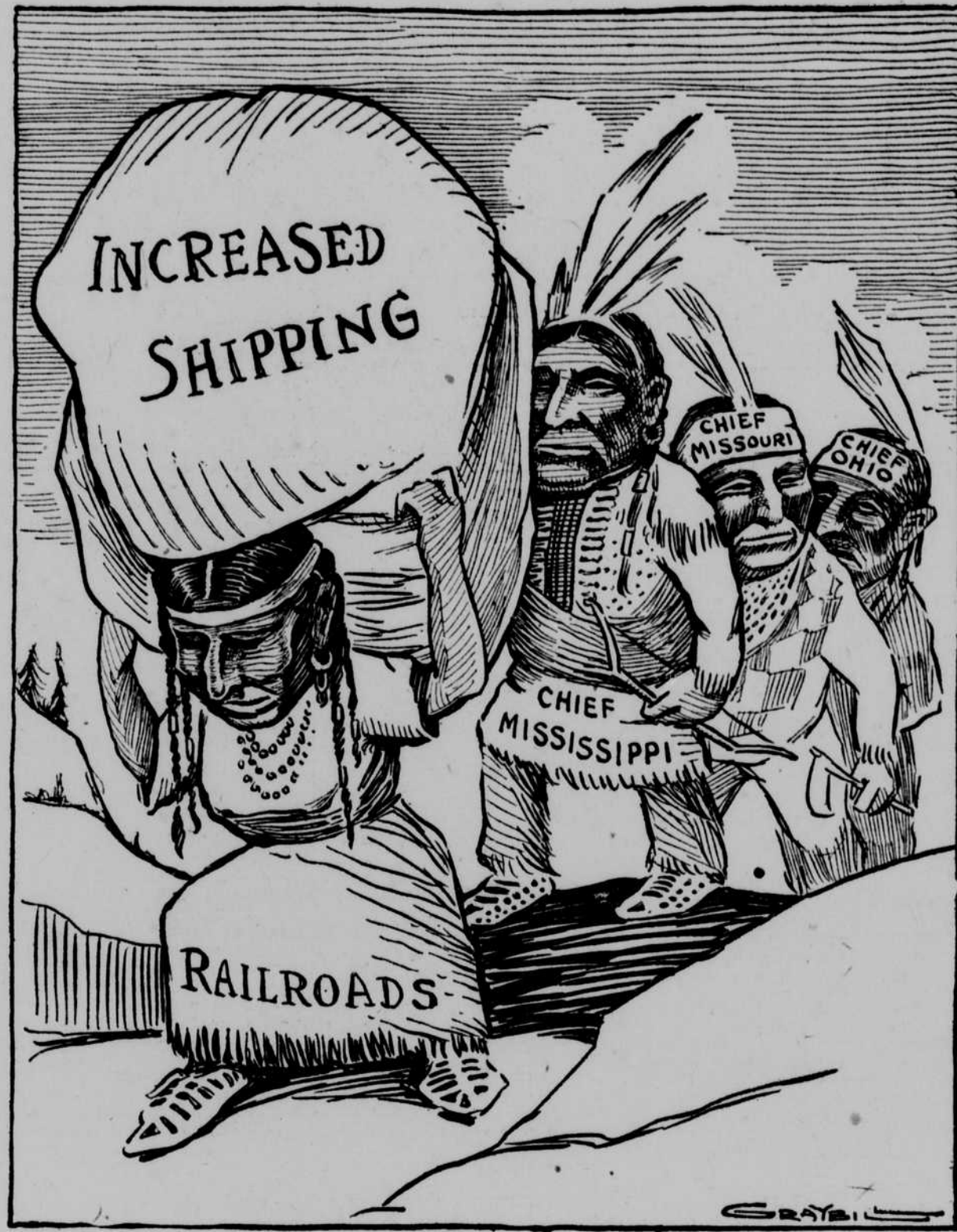
Agents Admit Probe. The records also show that three members of the transport's crew departed at Yokohama. The letters said members of the band who had shipped in the crew to reach Siberia and get the jewels were forced to desert ship and proceed by another route because the transport had been delayed and would not reach the Siberian port in time for them to keep their appointment with the persons who had the gems in their possession.

Seek Russian Jewels. New York, Jan. 4.—Bombed with questions, William B. Williams, special agent of the Treasury department, finally admitted this afternoon that his office was working on a "Russian jewel case."

Williams at first declared he knew nothing about the story, but later, under questioning, said: "We are always looking for the Russian crown jewels."

Turks Call All Men to Colors. London, Jan. 4.—The Turkish government has issued a decree calling to the colors all able bodied men in the liberated regions, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Constantinople.

Why Can't the Chiefs Carry Part of the Burden?



America May Act on Reparations

Administration Leaders Assure Senate Consideration of Representation.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Assurances of immediate consideration for the resumption of the reparations work by administration leaders today after Chairman Lodge of the foreign relations committee had conferred with President Harding and Ambassador Harvey at the White House.

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Boy Who Accidentally Wounded Himself Dies. Fremont, Neb., Jan. 4.—(Special Telegram)—Roy L. Wagner, 12, died at the Fremont hospital, where he lay following the accidental discharge of a 22-caliber rifle Tuesday. The bullet entered the boy's abdomen. He was unloading the rifle he had recently purchased out of his own savings.

11th Catholic Building in Canada Razed by Fire. Quebec, Jan. 4.—The 11th fire to sweep a Catholic institution in Canada within the last year was reported today. It razed the Good Shepherd convent of St. George De Beauce, about 20 miles from this city, shortly after midnight.

W. P. G. Harding Eliminated as Federal Reserve Body Man. Washington, Jan. 4.—The name of W. P. G. Harding has been eliminated from those now under consideration for appointment to the governorship of the federal reserve board, it was said today by a high official of the treasury. It was said that Mr. Harding, a former board governor, would enter private business.

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New Names Added. The name of Emil Johnson, a contractor, who came recently from California, was added today to the list of missing. His wife and three children were at a hotel here, but he had not been accounted for. A brother of Allen Pennell also was reported missing.

Drag for Bodies. Eight boats patrolled the river below the collapsed span, dragging for bodies. One body was pulled to the surface. Cranes worked at the mass of wreckage which stretches across the channel marking where the old bridge had stood.

Miss Hope Harjes Killed in Hunting Accident in France. Paris, Jan. 4.—(By A. P.)—Miss Hope Harjes, daughter of H. H. Harjes of Morgan, Harjes & Co., the Paris branch of J. P. Morgan & Co., has been killed in a hunting accident at the Harjes country place.

Quit Attempt to Climb Shasta. Redding, Cal., Jan. 4.—Charles Warner, Oakland newspaper man, and Leonard Thatcher, student at the University of California, arrived in Sisson, a town at the base of Mount Shasta, north of here, at 3:15 last night, and announced they had failed in their effort to make the first mid-winter ascent of the mountain. They turned back at Thumb Rock, the halfway point, at noon Tuesday.

The Weather. Forecast. Friday fair and colder.

No Action on Impachment. Washington, Jan. 4.—The house judiciary committee adjourned after a two-hour session today until next Tuesday without taking final action on the Keller impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty.

C. W. Bryan Sworn in as Governor

Twentieth Executive of Nebraska Inaugurated—"Brother William" Present at Ceremonies.

Repeal of Code Sought

Lincoln, Jan. 4.—(Special)—Nebraska inaugurated its 20th governor this afternoon at 2 in the person of Charles W. Bryan in the lower house of the legislature in joint session.

Mckelvie Moves Out. Governor Bryan was sworn in immediately after Governor Mckelvie had delivered his message.

British Merchant Walks Into Duellist's Line of Fire at Mexico City. Mexico City, Jan. 4.—(By A. P.)—George W. Steabben, a British merchant, was mortally wounded last night when he walked into the line of fire between two men engaged in a pistol duel in the streets.

Urges Repeal of Civil Code. Immediate repeal of the civil administrative code to make possible a plan to regroup its activities and establish an executive commission composed of all constitutional officers, excepting attorney general, who will act in an advisory capacity, this council to meet once a week and determine policies of all state departments, was urged today upon the 42d legislative session by Governor Charles W. Bryan in his inaugural address.

Day's Activities in Washington. The Copper farm credits bill was favorably reported by the senate banking committee substantially as drawn.

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Oral argument in the appeal of foreign and American shipping companies from the lower court decision which upheld the Daugherty ruling was begun in the supreme court.

The federal coal commission in a telegram to representatives of coal operators and American shipping companies in Chicago urged continuation until April 1, 1924, of the present wage scale in the event of failure to report any other agreement.

Coincident with the arrival here of the British debt commission, confidence was expressed at the treasury that an early agreement would be reached on the funding of Great Britain's debt to the United States without radically changing the debt funding law.

President Harding, Ambassador Harvey, who is home from London, and Senator Lodge at a brief conference discussed the Robinson resolution proposing American representation on the reparations commission. Senator Lodge later calling a meeting of the senate foreign relations committee for consideration of the proposal.