

France Regards Boyden Speech as Plea for Germany

Statement by American Observer Taken as Proposal for Revision of Versailles Treaty.

Paris, Jan. 12.—America has proposed to France to revise the treaty of Versailles in favor of Germany. It is in this blunt sense that the French government now interprets the dramatic statement of Roland Boyden, unofficial American observer on the reparations commission, before the reparations commission on Tuesday. It is assumed that this statement, aggravated by the events in the Ruhr and on the Rhine, gravely threatens the relations between the two countries.

Members of the French foreign office frankly told the correspondent that Mr. Boyden's appeal for revision of the treaty is considered as an official statement by the American government.

The official French viewpoint is that with a background of 10 devastated provinces it is unfair and unfriendly on the part of America to demand the payment of the French debt and at the same time urge a reduction of the German reparations.

Asked for Sacrifices. "Why does not America ever speak to Great Britain about returning German ships and colonies which are so essential to the recovery of Germany? Why is France alone asked to make sacrifices? Why is Germany not asked to make sacrifices?" asked a high spokesman of the foreign office.

"In my opinion Germany was a voluntary defaulter with respect to her timber and coal deliveries under the reparations commission's schedules for 1922, both on technical and juridical grounds," said Mr. Boyden.

He defined the voluntary default which by the treaty of Versailles would entitle the respective powers who signed it to take action against Germany.

"The deficiencies occurred every month and therefore Germany had ample time in which to take such precautions as were necessary to prevent the shortage from continuing," said Mr. Boyden. "On these grounds I am definitely of the opinion that Germany defaulted."

Forbearance Shown. "It might also be pointed out that forbearance was shown by the commission during August and October regarding the quantities of coal and timber which Germany was to have delivered."

"Therefore I agree with the legal arguments advanced by the French, Belgian and Italian delegates."

M. Barthou, the French delegate, smiled delightedly while Sir John Bradbury, representing Great Britain, frowned as Mr. Boyden paused, but immediately the American took a new track.

"On the other hand I think that the default was due more to the Versailles treaty than the Germans," declared Mr. Boyden earnestly.

"The treaty has placed an intolerable burden on Germany with regard to the payment of cash and materials," added the American in referring to the London schedule of payments which was made an integral part of the treaty. Under this schedule reparations bill stands at 132,000,000,000 gold marks (\$33,000,000,000).

"The fact that a partial moratorium had to be granted Germany last year is in itself a condemnation of the treaty," he continued, "and in the sum total of this vast reparations problem I do not consider these defaults of such importance that they justify putting grave penalties into force. In my opinion the reparations question should be settled in its entirety and not piecemeal."

"It is questionable for this commission to act as tribunal and to testify to a crime, since it is not responsible for the application of the penalty."

"In my opinion the only sensible thing to do is to revise the treaty entirely."

Upon this dramatic declaration

Mer Rouge Mayor Tells of Klan Holdup of Men Later Murdered by Hooded Band



Att'y Gen. A. V. Coco, T. S. Wainmsley, Gov. J. W. Parker & St. Clair Adams. Dr. D. M. McKoin

With machine guns guarding the courthouse at Bastrop, the state of Louisiana has begun its open investigation of the alleged murder of two men at Mer Rouge by members of the Ku Klux Klan. Governor John W. Parker, Attorney General A. V. Coco, Assistant Attorney General T. Semmes Wainmsley and Special Prosecutor St. Clair Adams are conducting the investigation. Dr. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge and accused of complicity in the murders, was arrested in Baltimore, but was freed upon his promise to return to Mer Rouge to await the result of the investigation. The photograph of the disguised klansmen was taken at Homestead, Fla., within three miles of the southernmost point in the United States.

Bastrop, La., Jan. 12.—Robert L. Dade, mayor of Mer Rouge, today named Dr. B. M. McKoin, Captain J. K. Shipwith, Kelly Harp and Ed Ivy as members of a Ku Klux Klan band which held up and disarmed Watt Daniel, W. A. C. Andrew and Harry Neelis, Mer Rouge citizens, near the village of Gallion, La., several months prior to the kidnaping and murder of Daniel and Thomas Richard last August. Dade had admitted previously that he was a member of the Klan band.

"Can you say whether J. D. Higgenbotham was with the band? George S. Guin, assistant attorney general, asked.

"I am not positive," Dade replied. "What was the purpose of the trip?" "We started up to investigate a report that a negro was running a gambling house in which white persons were permitted to gamble with negroes."

"Did you find that condition to exist?"

President Barthou of the commission inquired if Mr. Boyden had a definite plan of any sort to submit to the commission for a vote. Mr. Boyden said he had merely made a suggestion to the commission. As Mr. Boyden was the last to speak, a vote was then taken which showed that three of the allies approved the French proposal to declare Germany in default, while Great Britain voted against.

Mexico Will Not Take Part in Pan-American Meet

Mexico City, Jan. 12.—Mexico's regrets that she will not be able to take part in the Pan-American congress to be held in March at Santiago, Chile, were on their way to the Chilean government today.

In a note handed last evening to Enrique Fernandez, the Chilean minister, Foreign Secretary Pani says that Mexico is forced to decline the conference invitation because she has not an accredited representative at Washington and therefore cannot comply with one of the requirements for admission to the conference circle.

Asserting that Mexico has given proof of her ability and capacity to comply with international obligations

"No, the house was dark." Bringing his narrative to the holding up of the three men, Dade continued: "Neelis, Daniel and Andrews had stopped their automobile on the road and were sitting in the car. Some of the men approached and asked them who they were."

"Were they whipped?" "No, there was no violence; but their guns were taken away from them."

"Was there anything else contemplated or suggested?" "There was some talk of giving them a whipping, but I said: 'Fellows, that will not do; I have known those boys all the time and I cannot stand for that.'"

Dade said the men were lectured. "Who gave them a lecture?" "Captain Skipwith."

"What kind of lecture?" "A moral one, about drinking and gambling."

"Did Kelly Harp have anything to say?"

"He spoke his mind. He said they were his friends and did not want to see them punished."

"How was the party organized to go on this gambling crusade?"

"I ran into them in front of the bank in Mer Rouge. They asked me to go with them. They were in three automobiles."

"Where did you get your hood and gown?"

"Edward Ivy gave it to me. He used to live in Bastrop. He had an extra gown in his car. There were some men in the cars I did not know. Laurie Calhoun was there, I believe."

"Did they pick up anybody else in Mer Rouge?"

"Yes sir, Dr. McKoin." "He provided himself with a mask?" "Yes sir."

"All of you were masked?" "Yes."

"What color were those masks?" "Mine was a black one."

"Were there any other black ones?" "I believe I had the only one."

Forty-Five Coal Miners Trapped in Upper Silesia

Berlin, Jan. 12.—(By A. P.)—Forty-five miners were trapped yesterday by the explosion of a gasoline engine in a coal mine near Hindenburg, Upper Silesia. It is feared they all have perished.

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Gloom Descends on United States Troops on Rhine

Order to Return Means End of Perfect Day for Last of Yanks on European Soil.

Coblenz, Jan. 12.—Gloom, if not consternation, has descended upon the 1,200 soldiers of the Eighth United States infantry who are now preparing to bid farewell to this lovely spot on the beasted Rhine. They are the last of the American forces on Europe's soil, and it is the end of their perfect day.

While the news of the withdrawal of the Americans was officially confirmed only yesterday morning, it was known Wednesday afternoon through the message of the Associated Press telephone from Paris and speeded throughout the city. The word reached a dance given by the veterans of foreign wars, where German wives and sweethearts of the American troops were among the dancers. They raised their voices in tearful lamentations. It was a blow to Coblenz and yesterday the face of every man, woman and child expressed a personal grief.

Sorry to See Yanks Go.

The worldwide political significance of the departure of the troops, however, is apparently lost to all save the commanding officers. Real sadness was evinced in a message sent to Maj. Henry T. Allen last night by the head burgomaster in the name of the people of Coblenz. The message read:

"We are sorry to see you leave; we do not know how we can do without you, nor what will happen to us soon. We are sorry to see the Americans go, leaving us so excited and at such a dreadful time. However, we trust all matters will right themselves and we wish all the best things to General Allen and his troops."

Accommodations on board the transport St. Mihiel for about 50 discharged American soldiers who have married or settled here, has been requested in a cable dispatch sent to Secretary of State Hughes by the

commander of the John Quinlan post, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

To Sail at Noon.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The transport St. Mihiel will sail from New York at noon today for Antwerp, where it will take aboard the American troops. It was said at the War department yesterday that definite decision to send the ship to Antwerp had been reached, although Maj. Gen. Allen, commanding the army of occupation, had not yet acknowledged the cable instructions sent to him Wednesday to prepare for immediate evacuation of his entire command.

With General Allen's departure from Coblenz, the American flag will cease to fly on the Rhine.

No Room for Wives.

The wives of returning American troops will not be able to find accommodations aboard the St. Mihiel, it is believed, as General Allen's force, including his staff officers, is more than sufficient to take up all available space.

In the case of wives of the three higher grades of noncommissioned officers, the government will pay transportation, but present regulations do not authorize payment for transportation of wives and families of any other enlisted men.

Where space is available on government transports, however, and where no cash outlay by the government is involved, it has been customary for transportation to be provided for the wives of all enlisted men, the subsistence charge being met by the soldier.

Turks Again Rile Lausanne Meet

Demand Taxation of Foreign Institutions in Turkey Start Immediately.

Lausanne, Jan. 12.—(By A. P.)—The return from Angora of Hassan Bey was followed today by a manifestation of renewed intransigence on the part of the Turkish delegation.

At a meeting of the conference dealing with the economic capitulations the Turks rejected the allied project that the tax exemption hitherto granted foreign religious, scholastic and charitable institutions in Turkey should continue for five years after which they should be placed on the same footing as similar Turkish institutions. The Turks declared the equality of treatment must begin now.

Furthermore they attempted to reopen other questions which had been considered as already settled. There is considerable uneasiness in allied circles over the general problem of capitulations, especially as regards the special courts for foreigners.

It is reported Hassan Bey brought instructions from Angora that the Turkish delegation should no longer discuss this question, on the ground that the Turkish government has already abolished all capitulations.

New Office Building to Go Up in Spring

A large office and shop building will be erected this spring on Howard street between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, so tenants in the old buildings on the property were advised Thursday. They received notice to vacate by March 1, and the old building will be torn down immediately after that date.

Although plans have not yet been completed, C. C. George stated that the first floor would house up-to-date and luxurious shops, and that offices will occupy the upper floors. The building will face north.

Chester A. and Raymond C. Cook are trustees for the estate which has acquired the block of property.

125,000 Army Provided in Bill Reported to House

Washington, Jan. 12.—A standing army of 125,000 enlisted men and 12,000 commissioned officers, the same as authorized last year, is provided for in the army appropriation bill reported today to the house.

The bill carries \$314,040,429 for military and non-military activities or \$16,010,444 less than last year. Of the total \$37,000,000 goes for river and harbor projects heretofore authorized. Last year \$42,815,561 was appropriated for this purpose.

Budget estimates included in the bill for flood control on the Sacramento River was \$490,900, and on the Mississippi \$5,956,600.

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