

Occupation Is Expensive to Both Parties

Greatest Loss in Disturbance of Economic Conditions—French and Belgian Outlay Heavy.

By Associated Press.
Paris, April 12.—The economic staffs attached to the reparation commission are keeping books on the costs to Germany on the one hand, and to France and Belgium on the other, of the occupation of the Ruhr. Complicated studies are being made of the direct and indirect losses to both the economic belligerents and to their neighbors.

The French experts are particularly interested in German's cash outlays for its program of passive resistance. These are dealt with under several main headings, such as average monthly imports of 1,500,000 tons of coal at from 22 to 25 gold marks a ton or, roughly, 50,000,000 gold marks. This average is struck upon the actual importations and prospective requirements of Germany.

Spending Cash Abroad.
Other items are the payment of half wages to some hundreds of thousands of workmen in the Ruhr, the losses to the German export trade, which is the most difficult category to deal with at present, owing to inadequate figures, and the losses to Germany's internal trade.

These calculations satisfy the French that the German government is spending actual cash abroad and, in its reduced income of foreign moneys, sufficient to have met the cash reparations payments under the Cannes agreement of 60,000,000 gold marks monthly.

The conclusion is reached by these experts that if Germany were to show the same zeal in making payments as in resisting them, it would have been able to continue meeting the Cannes program.

Cost of Occupation Heavy.

On the other side of the balance sheet it was figured three months' occupation of the Ruhr has cost France and Belgium a direct outlay and losses in cash amounting to 441,000,000 francs. This includes the budget allowances for the additional cost of maintaining troops in the Ruhr, which is about 50,000,000 francs monthly for France and 12,000,000 francs for Belgium. Then there are added the sums paid for imported coal to replace that normally delivered by Germany, the expenses of operating the Ruhr railways and payment of the allied engineering staffs.

The exact figures are difficult to estimate by the reparation experts as upward of 500,000,000 paper francs while the loss to Germany exceeds that estimate, and both are increasing rapidly. The economic loss to the entire world is calculated in round numbers at 5,000,000,000 francs for the three-month period.

The exact figures are difficult to fix, because the real loss lies in the disturbance of economic conditions rather than in money actually expended in connection with the Ruhr operations and one of the principal factors is the uncertainty of the situation.

The largest loss, the experts say, is that of lost production. Lack of coal and coke from the Ruhr means that many blast furnaces in France and factories in Germany cannot operate; the lack of raw materials or finished products ties up the by-product factories and this, in turn, affects the sellers so that an endless chain of nonproduction ensues.

Oppose Buffer State.

Berlin, April 11.—German military experts, commenting on the recent suggestions made abroad that the Rhineland be demilitarized and made a buffer state, contend that this would not provide security for either France or Germany, since either one could overrun the territory easily. The creation of such a territory, they argue, would merely mean the pushing of the lines of mobilization on both sides of the Rhine. Germany could mobilize just as well behind the Weser or in South Germany, they point out, while the French mobilization would take place to the west of the buffer state, just as if that were still a part of Prussia.

Lutheran Brotherhood

Makes Plans for Year

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Fremont, Neb., April 12.—Dean W. E. Tilberg, Midland college, was re-elected president of the Nebraska Lutheran Brotherhood at the annual convention held in this city. The organization voted to establish a boys' camp on an island in the Platte river south of Fremont for the benefit of the members of the brotherhood.

Other officers named are Fred Irner, Lincoln, vice president; W. W. Frankfort, West Point, secretary; L. D. Swanson, Omaha, treasurer. The brotherhood boys' camp will be opened in June with Scoutmasters Block and Stree, both of Fremont, probably in charge. John P. Kramer, Mansfield, O., first prohibition enforcement officer to be appointed by the government, delivered the main address at the evening banquet.

Jewish Community Center

Fund Now Reaches \$220,310

The sum of \$220,310 of the \$250,000 goal has been raised to date in the Jewish community center building campaign, said Harry Lapidus, head of the drive, at a meeting of the campaign workers at Hotel Fontenelle Wednesday. About 150 men attended the dinner.

Morris Levy, who started the movement by contributing \$50,000, said he was "glad to see the results obtained so far."

I. Goodman, president of the Y. M. and Y. W. H. A., gave a brief talk on the meaning of the community center. Short talks were given by Fred White, David Share, Harry Wolf, A. Levy of New York city, Harry Lapidus, Harry Ferrer, Harry B. Zimman and Sam Beler.

The April Cave Man



Women's Clubs Hold Convention at Hebron

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Hebron, Neb., April 12.—The opening sessions of the Women's club convention for the fourth district were held here with Mrs. Seward L. Mains of Crete, district president, presiding. Mrs. John Slaker of Seward gave an address which dealt with the necessity of additional funds to meet

the expenses of the general federation building in Washington, D. C., club organization, the work and influence of the club in the state and nation.

Mrs. P. C. Perryman of Ord discussed the transportation question, and Mrs. Edgar B. Penney of Fullerton, state president, gave an address on "The Widening Way," discussing the education of the women's clubs and stressing the need of educating children for their safety.

A reception was given the state and district officers and speakers at the home of Mrs. F. M. Wetherald.

Mellon Hopeful Over Debt Pact

Believes Split Between British Cabinet and Parliament Will Not Affect Agreement.

Washington, April 12.—The treasury expects no special difficulty in formal promulgation of the debt-funding agreement with the British government, despite the differences which have arisen between the government and the parliament.

Secretary Mellon said today that he looked for no change in the personnel of the British cabinet which would interfere with the agreement which already had been executed but not finally signed. He appeared also to regard the agreement as one to which the British government already is committed regardless of any personnel change which may take place.

The secretary explained that the formal draft of the agreement had been forwarded to London by mail, and added that the usual delays would be encountered in its passage through government channels before its return to the British embassy here. The treasury was advised officially today of the action of the Finnish parliament in approving the bill for funding that country's debt to the United States, thus making it possible to carry out the debt commission's suggestion that the Finnish settlement be allowed to become operative on a tentative basis pending ratification by congress.

Lincoln Woman Is Willing to Face Nebraska Officers

Lincoln, April 12.—Chief of Police Peter Johnstone has received a message from Pasadena that Mrs. Harry E. Edmondson, held there after the shooting of her husband, when he abetted Nebraska without requisition to face officers here regarding any charges that they may make. She was held in California when about \$15,000 worth of gems were found in her possession. It is claimed here

that a valuable fur coat shown in a picture of Mrs. Edmondson with husband, was stolen from Mrs. George Rohan of this city. It is in connection with this coat that the Lincoln police wish to question Mrs. Edmondson. Mrs. Edmondson's offer to return was made after Chief Johnstone had wired to know whether Mrs. Edmondson had any knowledge of the coat being stolen property. Tempted burglary, he is willing to return

Final Chapter of War Activities of Postal Department Written

Washington, April 12.—The final chapter of the war activities of the Postoffice department was written when Walter B. Wisley, postal agent at Coblenz, and the last of the mail service employes to leave Germany, made his final report here.

Wisley was sent to France from Chicago five years ago and attached to the 32d division. Later he was made agent at Coblenz. His report showed that in 1920 the Coblenz office did a business which produced \$1,250,000 in revenues. Ten other offices also were in operation at one time in Germany.

Bond Receipt From Matters Evidence at Colonial Trial

A receipt from Thomas Matters given to the Colonial Timber and Coal company for \$125,000 worth of bonds was introduced by District Attorney Kinsler in the Colonial trial Wednesday.

The purpose of this evidence is to show the connections of Matters with the company.

Omaha High School Pupil Finds Mother in Sioux City

Sioux City, Ia., April 12.—Leaving a note threatening suicide if he failed to find his mother in Sioux City, Norman Hewett, 18, Omaha High school student, disappeared from school Wednesday he arrived here and found his mother, Mrs. Frank Harrison, 2604 Nebraska street, with whom he returned to Omaha.

York Commercial club. Response A banquet at the Commercial club was by Frank T. Martin of Omaha, scheduled for this evening.

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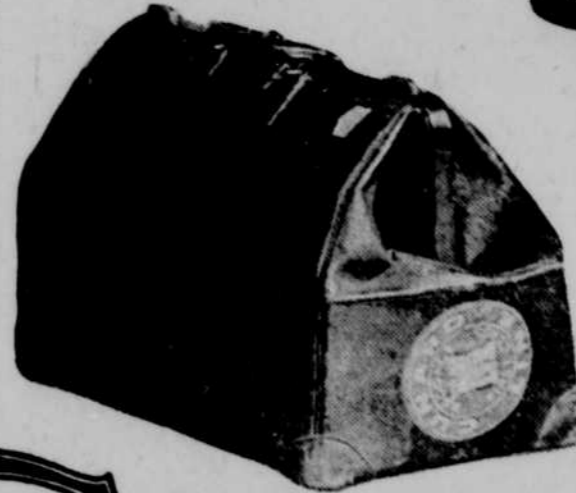
O.O. McIntyre says—

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