

WOMEN DEMAND HEAVY RANSOM

Fall of Cuno Government Is Feared

Franco-Belgian Rejection of Latest German Reparation Proposal Hard Blow to Cabinet.

No Basis for Discussion

By Universal Service. Berlin, May 7.—The Franco-Belgian rejection of Germany's 20,000,000 gold marks offer is thought in parliamentary circles to have so shaken the position of Chancellor Cuno and Foreign Minister Rosenberg that the fall of the present cabinet is feared unless the situation is modified by the attitude of England and Italy.

It is expected that the British note will be handed to Dr. Stammer, the German ambassador at London, tonight. The Italian note will be presented to Baron von Neurath at Rome Tuesday.

The consensus of opinion is that the tone of Premier Poincare's note, as it stands, offers no further ground for discussion, and the language in which it is couched makes the resumption of negotiations extremely difficult.

Note Is Practical. It is admitted, however, that the note is unexpectedly practical, which is attributed here to the Belgian influence, which is declared to be anxious at least to "keep the crack of the door open."

It is thoroughly realized here that should England's reply be confined to a perfunctory acknowledgement of the note, without defining the British position, the discussions will have reached another impasse, this time almost impossible of solution.

General skepticism and pessimism prevail in regard to the possibility of any energetic action on the part of England. This pessimism is reflected in parliamentary and official circles.

Theodor Wolff, editor-in-chief of the Tageblatt, thinks it is not necessary for Germany to consume fresh supplies of official stationery answering the French note, as Germany is only responsible to all the allies in the matter of reparations.

Keep Germany Out of League. Answering the question: "What must and what can Germany now do?" Wolff says:

"France would like to prevent Germany's entrance into the league of nations and such a step on the part of Germany would be the signal for new regroupings and new conflicts."

After pointing out that domestic circles in the United States are showing a growing disposition to participate in reformatory work in the world, Wolff closes with the cryptic remark:

"How would it be for Germany to go where its presence is not wished by France?"

The Lokal Anzeiger thinks that the most discouraging feature of the note is the seven-fold repetition of the declaration that the occupation of the Ruhr is not a violation of the Versailles treaty.

It notes the fact that nowhere in the note is there any recognition of Germany's good will in seeking some way of adjusting difficulties.

Souder's Account in Hershey Bank Is O. K., Auditor Says

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, May 7.—The \$15,000 discrepancy charged in the account of County Treasurer S. M. Souder of North Platte in the First National bank of Hershey, as a result of a statement issued by Governor Bryan Saturday, is not a discrepancy and Souder's account with the bank is in perfect condition, George Marsh, state auditor, announced tonight.

"The discrepancy in the deposit is examined by the fact that in addition to the checking account of \$10,744.14 there was \$15,000 belonging to current cash covered by certificates of deposit issued by the Hershey bank," Marsh said.

This statement by Marsh was issued following a call at his office by J. J. Halligan, Souder's attorney.

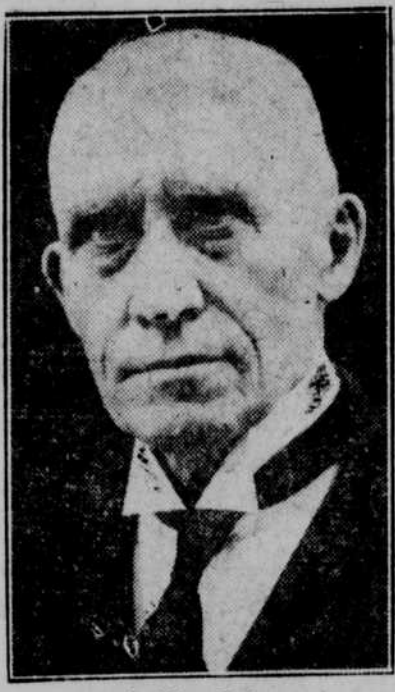
Man Found Dead in Weeds Identified as Kansan

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beaver City, Neb., May 7.—The body of a man found in a weed patch 10 miles southwest of Beaver City has been identified as that of Jack Newkirk, 55, Lenora, Kan. A bullet hole in the top of the skull shows cause of death.

Newkirk left home September 7, 1922, and had not been heard from since. It appears that the man had been killed while in bed, the body wrapped in a rug and brought across the state line and thrown into the weed. The Norton county (Kan.) authorities are working on that theory and are following up some clues.

Newkirk had a wife and four children. He did not live at home but in a garage on the premises.

Former Congressman Addresses Ad-Sellers



J. Adam Bede.

Waterway to Be Salvation of West, Says Adam Bede

Satesman Urges Tidewater Project as Means of Preventing Transportation Collapse.

J. Adam Bede, statesman, journalist and farmer, arrived in Omaha yesterday morning with the announcement that the government or receivers and the west will cease to grow within 10 years unless all means of transportation are made to properly coordinate.

Mr. Bede urges support for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterway project as an efficient means of preventing these dilemmas.

Will Solve Problem. "If the produce of the west can be hauled by water to the Atlantic, it will mean that the railroads can use their present equipment for higher class freight," said Mr. Bede. "Hence it will help to solve their problem. The west doubles its tonnage every 10 years. That means that the congestion is going to get steadily worse, unless some such solution is accomplished."

Mr. Bede then turned his attention to new inventions, declaring that despite the fact that every new invention brings more of what people call "trouble," he is in favor of them.

Creates New Wealth. "Every new invention creates new wealth, and, consequently, causes more friction between capital and labor," said Mr. Bede. "But I would rather see progress with its resulting problems, than no progress. For example, a new home means that one must go to the trouble of buying new furniture. But isn't it a good thing?"

Mr. Bede spoke at the Advertising-Selling league meeting in Hotel Fontenelle last night. His home is Pine City, Minn., and he was in congress for six years during the Roosevelt administration.

Family Quarrel Ends in Slaying

Greeley, Colo., May 7.—Walter L. Bedlin, 41, an employee of the White Ash mine near LaSalle, Colo., is dead with a bullet wound through his chest and his uncle, Christopher C. Bartlow, 49, is in jail here following what is alleged to have been a family quarrel at the home of Homer Shaban, near Kersey, Colo., 10 miles northeast of here, during a dance held there late last night. Bartlow, who is suffering from a slight wound in the forehead, is said by authorities to have admitted shooting Bedlin, claiming he shot in self-defense after Bedlin had shot at him. The altercation resulted from Bartlow's alleged objections to his wife's attendance at the dance, authorities declared.

A Trio of Needs

Shelter, clothing, food—these three are the most essential human needs.

This trio of needs and scores of other desires are reflected each day in the "Want" Ad section of The Omaha Bee—these messengers that cry their wares to all the people.

An apartment, a bungalow, furnished room, light house-keeping, board and room, household furnishings, etc.—all these have place in the appeals of Omaha Bee "Want" Ads.

Every legitimate human desire for comfort, for advancement, for the accomplishment of honest gain, meets with ready response from Omaha Bee "Want" Ad readers, who number thousands every day.

Read and use Omaha Bee "Want" Ads—the bee-line to results.

Bunco Demoralize N.Y. Market

Flood of Buying Orders and Forged Checks Sends Prices Skyward—Slump Follows Exposure.

Blame Crooked Traders

By Associated Press. New York, May 7.—Postoffice inspectors, police and private detectives joined hands today to run down the authors of a widespread plot to upset the stock market by dumping on it hundreds of orders to buy backed by worthless checks running into the millions.

Wall Street generally attributed the scheme to unscrupulous traders, seeking to influence prices for their own ends, although the possibility was not lost sight of that a fanatic or some disgruntled broker might have thrown the monkey wrench into the gears of the New York Stock Exchange.

It was obvious, however, that those who worked out the plot had a wide knowledge of Wall Street and its ways. Although not a single one of the checks was cashed, their dumping on brokers had a marked effect on today's market.

Several brokers, rushing into the exchange with what they thought were bona fide buying orders, "at the market" for New York Central, Corn Products and Chile Copper shares, with a sprinkling of other stock, sent prices sharply up.

Banks Refuse Checks. In the meantime, however, New York correspondents for banks on which the forged checks were drawn, began to turn down the worthless paper. The brokers who had bought, promptly began to unload and the market slumped.

Already uneasy under the recent attacks of bear traders, and further depressed by acute weakness that developed in the grain and cotton markets, the entire list took the toboggan and most of the shares listed by the big board made new low records for the year before they quit sliding. The decline did not end until a few minutes before the closing, when a covering movement by bear traders checked the drop.

Some shares reacted 1 to 2 points, but practically the entire list closed below Saturday's high, the losses ranging from 1 to 1 1/2 points.

The operators of the swindle, if they took full advantage of their opportunity, made a killing both on the brief peak reached before the forgeries were disclosed and then covering and buying for the rise.

Clara Popular in Honduras

Gallantry of Latin Americans Won by Flashing Smile, Worries U. S. Officials.

Copyright, 1923. Tegucigalpa, Honduras, May 7.—Gallantry of the Latin-American men especially the police, to have thawed out under the flashing smile of "Mrs. Jesse Carson"—partially identified as Clara Phillips, notorious Los Angeles murderess and cave woman—is causing some anxiety to the American minister, Franklin Morales.

Already a party of school boys has appointed him as consul general to Dublin, a position he declined. Governor Pointer named him as a member of the Omaha fire and police commission, but he would not serve. However, Governor Morehead finally lured him with an appointment as a colonel on his staff, and Mr. O'Connor, in full regiments, went to Washington and rode in the parade which marked the inauguration of President Wilson.

While practicing law in Omaha, Mr. O'Connor visited largely in real estate and has accumulated a large fortune by the increased value of land. He is now the owner of large tracts in Nebraska and Oklahoma as well as of considerable Omaha property.

Six Women Are Overcome by Smoke From Subway Fire

New York, May 7.—Six women, overcome by smoke, were carried from the subway soon after fire started on the lower level express tracks at sixty-seventh and Lexington avenues this evening. The fire was but a few blocks from the scene of a disaster less than a year ago in which nearly a hundred persons were taken to hospitals suffering from suffocation.

In less than an hour after the first started, police and firemen had cleared the Sixty-seventh street station of passengers and firemen had extinguished the blaze. Traffic was soon resumed on the line.

2 Iowans Killed When Auto Hits Train on Coast

Fresno, Cal., May 7.—Three men and three women were instantly killed shortly after 7 last night at a railroad crossing one mile south of Selma, Fresno county, when a Southern Pacific passenger train struck the automobile in which they were riding. The automobile was registered to John De Mott, a rancher of Fresno.

The dead are: John De Mott, Orange Cove, Cal.; Mrs. John De Mott, Orange Cove; Edward De Mott, Orange Cove; Dr. James G. Ogg, Orange City, Ia.; Mrs. James G. Ogg, Orange City, Ia.; and Mrs. Conrad Jongschaard, Merced, Cal.

The automobile was in the center of the track and received the full impact of the train. It was hurled more than 100 feet along the track. Two of the bodies were hurled some distance from the crossing, but four of them were found hanging to the front of the engine.

Dream Preacher Nearly Ruins Finn Folks

By International News Service. Helsinki, Finland, May 7.—Finland's "dream preacher," Maria Akerblom, has ridden about Finland on horseback, her hair flowing in the breeze, foretelling the end of the world. She declared that it was useless to own property, and as the result of her preachings large numbers of peasants are reported to be facing economic ruin.

John J. O'Connor, Pioneer Attorney of Omaha, Expires

Oldest Member of Bar Won Many Hard Legal Contests—Active in Democratic Politics.

John J. O'Connor, 1922 Georgia avenue, one of the oldest members of the Omaha bar, died yesterday afternoon at 2 of diabetes. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Nellie O'Connor; two sons, John J. O'Connor, Jr., and Hugh O'Connor, and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Lynch and Mrs. Ann Wear. Funeral services probably will be held Thursday or Friday, it was announced.

Mr. O'Connor had offices in the Brown block. He was born in Toronto, Canada, April 22, 1844, and after attending the public schools in that city he went to the oil region of Canada, where he worked until he had accumulated sufficient money, speculating on small capital, to pay his way through St. Michael's college. After his graduation he entered the office of J. H. Cameron, who was then a member of the Canadian cabinet with the position of solicitor general, and after completing his law studies decided to find a place most satisfactory for the practice of his profession.

Came Here in 1869. Mr. O'Connor came to Omaha in 1869. He went out on the plains, drove an ox wagon for a year, taught school several terms and then returned to Omaha and entered the law office of Charles H. Brown, with whom he formed a law partnership which lasted 30 years until the death of Mr. Brown.

During the days of his more active practice Mr. O'Connor was noted for his fighting qualities. He tried some of the longest and most difficult cases ever brought before the Omaha courts.

Of these the case of Ryan & Walsh against Douglas county was on trial 28 days and the case of Thompson against First National bank lasted 40 days. One of the most hotly contested cases was known as the Kennedy will case, in which he was opposed by John D. Howe, the late Judge Lake and the late Judge Bird, who recently died at Kansas City. In opposition to such an array of legal talent Mr. O'Connor finally won the case for his clients.

Declined Many Offices. Mr. O'Connor had the honor of declining more offices than any other man in Omaha. He has always been an ardent democrat and was a member of the first state convention of that party ever assembled in Nebraska. He was a member of the state central committee, a position in which he served continuously for 33 years, being a member of the executive committee of that organization for 16 years.

In 1891 President Cleveland appointed him as consul general to Dublin, a position he declined. Governor Pointer named him as a member of the Omaha fire and police commission, but he would not serve. However, Governor Morehead finally lured him with an appointment as a colonel on his staff, and Mr. O'Connor, in full regiments, went to Washington and rode in the parade which marked the inauguration of President Wilson.

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We've Often Wondered if Ever We Did Find the Lost Chord Whether We'd Know Enough to Hold It



Ancient Forms of Barter Revived in German Trade

State Banks Issue Bonds on Commodities, Due to Slump in Price of Paper Marks.

Washington, May 7.—Old forms of barter are being revived in Germany as a result of the rapid depreciation of the mark, according to a report from Charles B. Dyer, the American consul at Berlin. Dyer and coal are the principal bases for the bartering system.

"It is obviously uneconomical for a German to save paper money when its purchasing value will probably be cut in two in a few weeks' time," Mr. Dyer says. "The whole credit system of the country has been turned upside down. Co-operative farm loan societies have seen their operating capital dwindle daily."

"Farmers were able to pay off heavy mortgages, contracted in gold marks, from the sale of a few head of livestock, paying in paper marks. Such conditions have led agricultural interests to seek a currency standard of their own. State banks have started to issue rye and coal bonds—bonds in terms of 50 bushels of rye, or a ton or five tons of coal. Insurance companies also have begun to utilize the principle of commodity exchange."

Lava Coming From Mt. Etna

Catania, Sicily, May 7.—Lava is spilling from the crater in Mount Etna formed by the eruption of 1911. The stream, moving slowly, has already progressed three kilometers, although it has only touched uncut lava land.

Man Wanted at Cheyenne for Murder Arrested in Iowa

Corpus, Ia., May 7.—Frank Dores, 25, wanted at Cheyenne on a charge of murder, according to a message to local police from Sheriff George J. Carroll, was arrested here today.

Abe Martin

His real name is Kin Hubbard, but to the many thousands who know him he is better known as "Abe" Martin.

Will Rogers says he is the greatest humorist of his day. Certainly he is as good as the best. And his humor is clean and wholesome and constructive. His home is in Indiana, the state which claims the late James Whitcomb Riley, George Ade, Booth Tarkington, Meredith Nicholson, Gene Stratton Porter and many other geniuses of literature. But none is more highly regarded in his home state than Kin Hubbard.

Beginning yesterday the utterances of Kin Hubbard through the loveable "Abe Martin" will be printed exclusively in The Omaha Bee. Read the first one on the editorial page of this issue, and you will be sure to become "Abe Martin."

Germany Sees Chance of Reparations Settlement

Berlin, May 7.—Despite the ardent pleas of the French reply to the German reparations note, the foreign office is not inclined to interpret it as wholly barricading the path to negotiations.

Sioux City Man Found Dead

Sioux City, Ia., May 7.—Fred E. Smith, 35, a moving company employee, was found dead in a sitting posture in the railroad yards here today. Death was due to heart failure, the coroner announced.

Britain Asks New Offer by Teutons

Blunt "No" Is Reply of France to German Reparations Proposal.

London, May 7.—Great Britain will dispatch a note to Germany within 36 hours, expressing disapproval of the latest German reparations proposals and urging Germany to present a more practical and liberal solution of the problem.

Paris, May 7.—The Franco-Belgian reply to the latest German note on reparations was remitted to Germany yesterday afternoon.

It was a simple rejection of the proposals and offered no counter proposals.

Launch and Crew of Six Missing Since May 5

Key West, Fla., May 7.—The 62-foot motor launch Q15 of the United States army, with a crew of six on board, has not been heard from since 4 on the morning of May 5 when it was seen lashing the high seas in a strong gale in latitude 26.55, longitude 86.40. It was officially made known here today on arrival of the United States army boat General Frank M. Cox.

Late today the coast guard cutters Saukce and Cossack were preparing to go in search of the missing boat. The General Frank M. Cox, attached to the United States army, Capt. E. K. White, U. S. A., in command, was enroute from New Orleans to Panama canal.

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Former Secretary of Mine Company Commits Suicide

Philadelphia, May 7.—Col. Clinton A. Higbee, retired secretary of the Tonopah Mining company, shot and killed himself last night in his room at the Union League club here. It was learned today. Club employees were startled by the sound of a shot, and running to the colonel's room, found his body stretched on a divan, with a .32-caliber revolver beside it.

Youthful Slayer Confesses Under Slight Third Degree

Detroit, May 7.—Breaking under a slight third degree, E. Przybylski, 17, and Max Novak, 19, confessed today, according to police, to the assault which resulted in the death of Helen Yesh, attractive 17-year-old girl. Miss Yesh died last night after she was found, assaulted, scratched and strangled in a vacant lot.

American Women Are Released

Miss Aldrich, Her Companion, Maid and Three Others Are Given Freedom by Chinese Bandits.

U. S. Army Officers Held

Shanghai, May 7.—A report received in official quarters today says the bandits who raided the Pekin express early Sunday morning at Suchow, province of Kiangsu, capturing a large party of passengers, including foreign-born, have demanded \$2,000,000 Mexican ransom for all of the captives.

Pekin, May 7.—Unconfirmed reports have been received here that the Suchow train bandits have killed one or two of their prisoners.

Shanghai, May 7.—Miss Lucy C. Aldrich, sister-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., of New York, who was carried off by the Chinese bandits who held up the Pekin express at Suchow Sunday morning, is free and unharmed, according to a message received this evening from Lyching, confirming earlier reports of her release.

Miss Aldrich, the message said, was found today in the village at Tssetson on a branch line railroad, 15 miles from the main line to Pekin. Her condition is not serious, the message said, and she is proceeding to Tsinanfu, province of Shantung.

Pekin, May 7.—Approximately 20 foreigners, many of them Americans, including a prominent newspaper publisher and two American army majors, tonight are in the hands of a daring gang of Chinese brigands, who raided the Pekin express early Sunday morning at Suchow, province of Kiangsu, shot down one English passenger named Rothman, and drove scores of others, white and natives, off like a herd of cattle in their midst.

Advises received here from several sources indicate that the women among the white passengers later were released, but only after they had been beaten and spanked by their brutal captors in an effort to make them keep up with the fast-moving cavalcade as it traveled through the darkness away from the scene of the holdup.

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Imperial Wizard Evans Chief Executive of Klan

Atlanta, May 7.—The imperial klans of the Knights of Ku Klux Klan was vested with full executive authority over the affairs of that organization in a decree signed today by Judge Thomas of Fulton superior court. The effect of the order, it is stated, is to relieve the imperial wizard of independent administration and executive authority. Under the decree, Imperial Wizard H. W. Evans is declared to be the chief executive of the order, but all of his acts are made subject to a two-thirds vote by the klans, and he is bound to follow all acts of the klans. The order is the aftermath of recent litigation between factions of the klans.

The Weather

Table with weather forecasts for various locations including Omaha, Lincoln, and other regional cities, listing temperature, humidity, and wind conditions.