

# Industries May Assure Ruhr Peace

## Americans Predict Settlement of Reparations Problem Will Be Completed by Reopening Business.

By MARK SULLIVAN.  
London, May 31.—The judgment of some Americans, who looked carefully into the Ruhr situation, is that ultimately it and the whole reparations problem will be solved by an arrangement whereby the Ruhr industries will be permitted to resume normal functioning and, out of the profit, one portion will go to the German owners, while the other will be distributed among the allies as reparations.

This would have the advantage of giving everybody concerned a financial motive in promoting the greatest possible expansion of the Ruhr industries. It would have the additional advantage of permitting payment of reparations through an even flow of dividends over a series of years from a normal industrial unit, composed of the Ruhr industries and the French iron ore from Alsace-Lorraine.

Must Retain Power.  
This judgment of some Americans is based on the consumption that the industrialists, as they are called, will continue to have as much power in Europe as they have in the affairs of France, Belgium and Germany. The nearest American term for this group would be "big business." For the present, they are extremely powerful in all three countries, and in Germany they have stepped into the places of power formerly occupied by the Kaiser and the military Junkers.

In all three countries, these industrialists are extremely embarrassed by the paralysis in the Ruhr. In France, a fourth of the blast furnaces are out of commission. In Belgium, the embarrassment is worse. In Germany, it is worse yet.

The belief is, however, that Germany may be able to endure the strain rather longer than France. Certainly Germany is determined to prove that German labor will not work at the point of a bayonet—a fact which France and Belgium proved when the situation was reversed.

Radicals are Menace.  
If the industrialists in these countries should come to have less power, and if radical labor should come to have more, then we might see an outcome of the Ruhr episode very different from the action of an international economic super-state.

# State's Poet Laureate Accepts University Job



John G. Neihardt  
Neihardt Takes  
Nebraska Post

# Accepts Chair of Poetry at State University; Urged by The Omaha Bee.

John G. Neihardt, Nebraska's poet laureate, has accepted the chair of poetry at the state university. In a statement made public Thursday, he expresses his appreciation of the board of regents and announces his determination to continue work on his epic cycle of the west.

"I deeply appreciate the action of the board of regents in appointing me professor of poetry at the University of Nebraska," Mr. Neihardt says. "Since I am left entirely free to push ahead with my work on the epic cycle of the west, I am glad to accept, and shall plan to give a brief series of lectures during each year, beginning in the fall of 1924."

Must Complete Work.  
"No offer requiring a considerable portion of my time could have been considered at any salary, for I know that my duty is to complete the work begun 10 years ago and now somewhat more than half done. I especially appreciate the evident understanding of my purpose and attitude by Chancellor Avery and the regents."

Sought Elsewhere.  
He made the suggestion after it was learned that the states of Minnesota and Missouri were making overtures to Nebraska's literary genius.

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# Irrigation in Nebraska Is Endorsed

## Federal Officials Mental Plan Interests Aligned for Project.

Inspection Is Completed  
Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Hastings, Neb., May 31.—Representatives of the Department of the Interior, who yesterday went over the main features of the supplemental water project, ending the tour with a banquet given by the Chamber of Commerce here, were impressed not only with the extent and possibilities of the project, but with the fact that the state of Nebraska feels a vital interest in the outcome.

Large Delegation Present.  
A. R. Davis, head of the reclamation department at Washington, and Dr. W. W. Davis, former governor of Idaho and now assistant secretary of the Department of the Interior, were the government officials making the inspection.

With the Nebraska delegation were many from Holdrege, Minden and Hastings. The entire project was gone over, beginning at Lexington. They visited the power sites in the Plum Creek basin, inspected the proposed inlets from the Platte to the reservoir, and noted the fertile potentiality of the farming land.

Water can be placed upon this territory," the reclamation department head said. It was for further necessary studies, he said, that the department has made an additional appropriation of \$5,000.

Congratulated on Co-Operation.  
Mr. Davis congratulated the state on the co-operation thus far shown, and indicated that with this co-operation continued, the department will proceed with the survey until it is known what the cost will be and what practical results are to be reasonably expected.

Former Governor McKelvie came (Turn to Page Two, Column Three.)

# Mother Flies 640 Miles to Sick Tot

By Associated Press.  
Denver, Colo., May 31.—To reach the bedside of her 8-month-old baby, Mrs. Mosely yesterday afternoon flew by airplane from Kansas City to Denver. The plane piloted by Lt. Col. George Marbutt of Denver, covered the 640 miles between the two cities in six hours of actual flying time.

Near Denver the plane encountered a violent wind storm and was tossed about like a leaf, according to Mrs. Mosely.

Upon arrival here Mrs. Mosely found the condition of her baby slightly improved.

# Co-Operation Is Urged by Gray for Nebraska

Union Pacific President Is  
Keynote Speaker at Get-  
Together Meeting in  
North Platte.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
North Platte, Neb., May 31.—Declaring that the farmers' troubles are the railroads' troubles, and that both must work together to solve them, President Carl Gray of the Union Pacific system today sounded the keynote of a get-together movement aimed at the bringing about of closer harmony and better understanding between the three great interests of the country, the railroads, the farmers and the business men, which will ultimately result in the solution of some of the country's most difficult problems.

Tuesday morning the bandit Shantung bandits on Paotzuku started to sing popular camp ditties, and they sang the other captives. Mr. Frye's chief vocation for a number of years has been the operation of a pool hall in Lincoln.

Major Allen, as quickly as transportation was available, left for Tientsin for a reunion with his wife and son who were among the original captives, but who were later released.

# Getting Squeezed



Release of Last  
Captives Likely  
Within Next Week

Negotiations With Chinese  
Bandits Entering Final  
Stage—Bravery Saved  
Lives of Prisoners.

By Associated Press.  
Tsao-Chwang, May 31.—Negotiations for the release of the 12 remaining foreign captives held by the Shantung bandits on Paotzuku started to sing popular camp ditties, and they sang the other captives.

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# Jerry Howard Refuses to Talk

Appointment Stops Flow of  
Ideas—Lincoln Pool Hall  
Owner Heads Labor  
Board.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Lincoln, May 31.—Jerry Howard absolutely refused to talk for publication today, after he left the governor's office.

Before entering, Jerry was full of ideas on the betterment of the poor working girl and others, who either through choice or necessity must labor for a living, and he planned to outline his ideas on more shower baths, shorter hours and better pay to the governor.

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# Testimony in Heart Balm Case Is Entertaining

Mother of Plaintiff in \$50,000  
Suit Against Omaha Doctor  
Excites Applause  
and Laughter.

Viola Johnstone, attractive and vivacious New Yorker, whose \$50,000 heart balm suit against Dr. Karl Connell is being heard in District Judge Wakeley's court, does not sleep, cries, worries and is melancholy since Dr. Connell "told her that he could not marry her."

"My daughter had one sweetheart during her life and he was Dr. Connell," said Mrs. Johnstone in her sweet Irish brogue.

It was Mrs. Johnstone who enlivened the hearing and excited laughter and applause in the courtroom. She was aided and abetted by Attorney DeLacy and Connell for the defendant. The crowd was satisfied to spend an entire afternoon in a hot courtroom.

Advised to Wed Farmer.  
"When my daughter, Amy, asked Dr. Connell to get her a rich husband with a chunk of money, Dr. Connell told her that the only men who have the money are farmers."

"He then kissed me and my other daughters."

"He told us that he would have to talk it over with Violet."

# BUSH FIRES SWEEPING WHITE RIVER

## People Driven From Homes in Ontario Town—1,600 Rang- ers Fighting Flames in Western Quebec.

Homes Lost in Michigan  
By Associated Press.  
Port Arthur, Ont., May 31.—The flames from bush fires have entered White River from the east and the people are taking flight, leaving homes hurriedly with grips, suitcases and bundles, according to information here. A special train is being loaded to move them out of the danger zone.

White River is a small town on the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway, 67½ miles east of Winnipeg.

Serious Fires Reported.  
Quebec, May 31.—Serious fires have broken out in western Quebec, said reports received at the forestry branch of the department of lands.

Sixteen hundred fire rangers are fighting the flames. The worst fires are near Lake Kipawa, Lac Du Mome and along the Gatineau.

Communication Cut Off.  
Sudbury, Ont., May 31.—A bad forest fire has broken out between Mississauga and Lechals, 68 miles west of Chapeau, cutting off wire communications and interrupting train service.

Farm Houses Burned.  
Ludington, Mich., May 31.—Every available man in the village of Pentwater is fighting forest fires, according to a telephone message received here today. Schools closed at noon and the pupils joined the volunteer fire fighters. Two summer resorts, Garrison park and Oceana beach, are in the path of the flames. It is reported that two farm houses burned.

Settlement Saved.  
Duluth, May 31.—A portable gasoline engine pumping through an inch and one-half hose, saved the mining settlement of section 30, near Winton, from destruction by a brush fire late Wednesday. Ranger E. P. Murphy reported to the district forest office here today. One house was burned.

# Ex-Demo House Leader Dead in North Carolina



REP.  
CLAUDE  
KITCHIN.

# Claude Kitchin, Demo Chief, Dies

Is Victim of Complications  
Following Stroke of Pa-  
ralysis 3 Years Ago.

Wilson N. C., May 31.—Representative Claude Kitchin, formerly minority leader in the lower house, died at 6:14 o'clock this morning.

# Oldest Richardson County Resident Dies at Stella



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# Herndon Reported Slated for Election Commissioner

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Lincoln, May 31.—Leo Herndon of Omaha, one of the governor's political advisers, was here today for the avowed purpose of consulting the governor over some minor appointments.

# Hail at Nebraska City

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Nebraska City, May 31.—A hail storm visited a small section near this city and considerable damage is reported to growing crops and fruit.

# Elevator at North Loup Is Destroyed by Fire

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
North Loup, Neb., May 31.—The Farmers Grain and Supply company elevator here was destroyed by fire after the building was struck by lightning. O. R. Hill, local manager, says over 1,000 bushels of grain were lost by the fire.

# Loup River Bridge and Dam Washed Out by High Water

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Callaway, Neb., May 31.—The bridge across the Loup river near Finchville was washed out by high waters. The mill dam at Arnold gave way earlier in the day.

# Spark Plug Will Run Match Race; Barney Waives All Restrictions

The great Spark Plug race has been saved for Omaha. The magnanimity of Barney Google himself did it.

The race was saved after two arbitration committees had been appointed in an effort to adjust differences that arose between Charlie Irwin and William Nesselhaus, owners of Abadane and Adonis, respectively, and Charlie Gardner, Barney Google's business representative in Omaha.

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# Principles of Lincoln Inaugurated by U. S. Army

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Norfolk, Neb., May 31.—American troops on the Rhine, without orders from their government, inaugurated the doctrines of Abraham Lincoln and made good headway toward peace and happiness in the Colde zone, according to Col. David L. Stone of Fort Crook, chief of staff of the Seventh Army corps area and who was Gen. Henry Allen's personal representative and observer on the Rhine-land high commission.

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