

### French-British Situation Grave; Entente Menaced

#### No Progress Made Toward Settlement of Squabble Over Ruhr — French Premier Standing Pat.

By Universal Service.  
London, July 7.—No progress towards settlement of German reparations were made during the week's negotiations between Great Britain and France.

The crisis now, owing to Premier Poincare's attitude and his refusal of a written answer to Premier Baldwin's questionnaire, is most grave. It threatens, according to J. Le Garvin, in the Sunday Observer, the very existence of the entente.

It is clearly understood that the British government is determined to avert the danger of the economic collapse of Germany which would probably be the final blow to disintegrating Europe.

The government still hopes against hope for an eleventh hour change in the French policy that will save the entente and insure the world against the horrors of another great war.

#### Most Critical Point.

Just how black the outlook is may be deduced from the declaration of Garvin:

"We have reached the most critical moment of the post-war Anglo-French crisis, which is a real tragedy. It is probably safe to say that the next few days must decide the fate of the entente.

"To prevent this the French occupation of the Ruhr must become 'invisible' with no economic interference if Germany is to have a fair chance to pay the irreducible minimum, which Great Britain is ready to join with France to enforce.

"England also is willing to guarantee forever, the security of France, including Alsace-Lorraine.

#### Should Fix Capacity.

"Germany's capacity to pay ought to be fixed at once by an expert impartial tribunal including representatives of the United States. The economic restoration of central Europe is essential to the prosperity of the trade of the world.

"We believe that America will intervene sooner or later in its own interests, now that the great republic has become a shipping nation."

The British cabinet will meet Monday or Tuesday to discuss the coming statements of Premier Baldwin in the house of commons and Lord Curzon in the house of lords. The ministers are worried, as the conversations today were most disappointing.

Lord Curzon complained bitterly that no document has been handed to him from Poincare for communication to the cabinet. Poincare after the war instructed the ambassador, the French ambassador, to present, not his answer, but a written copy of his instructions.

### Woman Accused of Killing Husband Admitted to Bail

#### Wife of Slain Army Officer Collapses Just Before Judge Fixes Bond at \$3,000.

Anniston, Ala., July 7.—Mrs. Evelyn Sue Rieker, who, the state alleges shot and killed her husband, Lieut. James C. Rieker, was admitted to bail in the sum of \$3,000 late this afternoon, following preliminary hearing before Judge J. B. Holman, Jr., of the Calhoun county court.

Mrs. Rieker collapsed shortly before Judge Holman gave his verdict and was not in the court room to hear a short demonstration of approval which met the court's announcement. Friends declared that bond would be made immediately.

Unusual interest was attached to the case, due to the popularity of the slain officer and the youth and beauty of his wife. The court room was crowded, a large number of uniforms representing the military friends of the couple.

The defense presented no witnesses and the state's testimony was mostly concerned with the circumstances of the shooting. No arguments from either side were heard.

Capt. Charles F. Craig testified that in his dying breath Rieker cursed his wife and blamed her for his death. Harry Elder of Indianapolis, brother of Mrs. Rieker, testified that her daughter, Marilyn, 4, was present with the defendant in the court room, the little girl sitting upon her mother's knee while the testimony was being heard.

While the defense placed no witnesses upon the stand, it is understood their plea before the court was that the defendant was suffering from temporary insanity. It is also claimed that Rieker refused to support his wife and was about to leave with another woman.

### Yale Will Give Course in Building Construction

New Haven, Conn., July 7.—Having just announced the coming adoption of a course in building construction, Yale university now promises further expansion of subjects with a course in building construction. From funds furnished by the trustees of the Louis J. and Mary E. Horowitz foundation, the Thompson-Starratt Foundation in Building Construction is to come along with two scholarships to those who finish the course.

"It is the donors' purpose to supply a number of technically educated men to perfect the capacity and work of the constructor in the hope that building construction will become a profession as dignified as that of architecture," says the official announcement.

### Escaped Prisoner Convict

Lincoln, July 7.—Lincoln police received word today that W. D. Mathews, who escaped from the city jail here early in the week, was an escaped prisoner from the Idaho state penitentiary. Mathews was being held here on a charge of stealing a motor car at Wavy.

### Drainage Project Means New Land



No. 1. Here is the camp at Brown lake occupied by W. J. O'Brien, former head of the state game and fish department and his assistant, who are sealing the lake in preparation for its draining. Across the lake is the farm of A. N. Mathers, speaker of the house of representatives. When the lake is drained, Mr. Mathers and seven other farmers will have an increased acreage.

No. 2. And here is a mess or so of bass, which are just fresh from the waters of Brown lake, near Gering. They are destined to go on living in some other lake.

This is just another story of the progress of Nebraska. But those who reside in the Gering valley consider it a most important one. And to eight farmers with land bordering on Brown lake, two miles from Gering, it means the use of many acres which have been heretofore useless.

Brown lake covers about 15 acres. It is a shallow, marshy lake, but filled with thousands of bass. When plans for draining it were laid, the question of what to do with the fish became an issue. Nor was the expense of the drainage project a small matter of consideration.

A. N. Mathers, speaker of the house of representatives, and W. J. O'Brien, former head of the state game and fish department, got their heads together and arrived at an answer to these questions.

With C. G. Pelford of Ashland as chief assistant, Mr. O'Brien is now sealing the lake. The bass are being removed to other waters, and the runoff or crappies are being sold for food. The proceeds of this sale are being used to help pay for the work.

A ditch to drain the lake is being dug by the federal government from the North Platte river, four miles distant. But until all the fish are removed, the lake will not be drained.

### Vatican Makes New Effort for Peace in Ruhr

#### Nuncios in Paris and Brussels Instructed to Approach Governments on Settlement Question.

By Associated Press.  
Rome, July 7.—A semi-official communique was issued by the Vatican today as follows:

"The Holy See, which has already deplored the Duisburg outrage, because such incidents render more difficult the work of pacification, has instructed the nuncios in Paris and Brussels to approach the respective governments so that the rigorous measures proclaimed against Germany may be averted for the final purpose of obtaining an understanding between Germany, France and Belgium."

#### Attempt at Self-Defense

Berlin, July 7.—Sabotage in the Ruhr can be explained as growing out of the excitement of a tortured people and as a questionable attempt at self-defense. This is the opinion which Chancellor Cuno is reported semi-officially to have made known to Monsignor Pacelli, the papal nuncio, in their closing conference Friday night.

The words are contained in a semi-official communique which announces that the nuncio presented fully the pope's views with regard to sabotage in the occupied areas of Germany. The communique adds that the federal government "agrees with the Holy See, however, in condemning every criminal use of force."

#### Will Return to Munich

Monsignor Pacelli is reported to be preparing to return immediately to his residence in Munich. The result of his intercessions with the German government, it is said, will be transmitted through him to the pope in a formal declaration regarding sabotage.

It is officially stated that nothing is known here of two notes which Paris reports any France and Belgium sent to Berlin, demanding of the German government formal condemnation of certain acts of sabotage in the Ruhr and threatening to withdraw their ambassadors at Berlin in case of noncompliance.

### Freighting by Truck Is Growing in State

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Grand Island, July 7.—That freighting by automobile is growing rather than diminishing on account of the high railroad rates would seem to be indicated by a new record for long distance trucking made by one of the Grand Island trucking firms.

A large van left Grand Island Friday carrying the household goods of E. K. Haldeman, commercial manager for the Northwest Bell company at this point, recently promoted to a similar position at Des Moines, Ia. The distance is nearly 350 miles each way.

The firm expects to deliver the van load at its destination, the house to be occupied by Mr. Haldeman, in less than two days.

The city of Gothenburg, Sweden, is now celebrating the centenary of her foundation by the great Gustavus Adolphus.

California Uni Professor Flays High School System Berkeley, Cal., July 7.—"Glorified high schools" was the classification given state universities throughout the United States by Prof. Charles Mills Gayley, dean of the English department, and one of the country's leading educators, at the last annual alumni luncheon.

Professor Gayley declared that fully one-third of the students now in the University of California campus did not attend college with purely academic aims, and were not prepared to carry out those aims. He denounced the system of high school preparation as inadequate and antiquated, and added that every student entering the university should be forced to take examinations. Thousands of dollars, he said, were wasted annually because of the present inadequate system of high school training.

### Tasks of Huerta and Hamilton on Parallel Lines

#### Job Facing Mexican Finance Head Similar to That of the Young American After Revolution.

By Universal Service.  
Mexico City, July 7.—If Alvaro Obregon is the George Washington of the new rejuvenated republic of Mexico, Adolfo de la Huerta, Mexican minister of finance, is the country's Alexander Hamilton.

There is a striking parallel between the job which confronted and still confronts young De la Huerta and the task undertaken and performed under similar circumstances by a youthful American, Alexander Hamilton, United States secretary of the treasury, after our own revolution.

De la Huerta, after the Mexican revolution, found his country flooded with useless Carranza paper currency, like the bog of "continentals" in which Hamilton found the new American republic sunk. Both alike had, and solved, the problem of establishing a sound metallic currency.

#### Commercial Credit Falls.

After each revolution, commercial credit had disappeared and a new centralized banking system was needed to further development of the country. Hamilton's answer was the first bank of the United States. De la Huerta's answer is the Banco Unico, whose establishment is expected in the next month by means of \$25,000,000 of New York money invested in the institution via a French banking syndicate.

Hamilton, like De la Huerta, inherited a heavy burden of public debt improvidently loaded on the country in its hour of need. Both courageously resisted the idea of repudiation and set out to organize the shattered national finances so as to discharge the debt. It helps to understand and appreciate what this new Mexico has done, to remember that we were once where it is now.

Finally Hamilton needed to reestablish public credit so that he could raise funds for the prosecution of the internal improvements which the country so urgently needed, roads and canals. Just so with De la Huerta.

He is begging the international bankers to let Mexico resume payments on its inner external debts—money for which has been in New York since early in the year—so that Mexico can appear as the solvent creditor it is, and be in line to borrow the millions that it urgently needs for roads, canals and irrigation.

#### Receipts Equal Expenditures.

It was De la Huerta who, as governor of Sonora, organized the country's resistance to Carranza's attempt to dictate his successor. It was De la Huerta who, as provisional president, ended the depredations of Villa by setting him as a gentleman farmer on a ranch in Durango. It was De la Huerta who sent General Obregon to Tampico and secured the emigration to the United States of the bandit Pelaez. Those two major bandits removed General Obregon's task of pacifying the country was facilitated.

Finance Minister De la Huerta has organized the tax system of his country so that for the first time since Diaz the receipts equal the expenditures. Carranza covered his deficits by altering the reserves of the banks, printing several hundred million dollars of paper money, paying the government's employees 25 per cent in bonds, instead of cash and almost completely ceasing expenditures for education.

The first thing that De la Huerta had to do was to clean up the Carranza mess. He has retired the Carranza paper money by accepting it in part payment of taxes and he has replaced it by silver coinage as the circulation medium. He has given the banks 6 per cent bonds for all the money Carranza stole from them. In this year's budget is an appropriation of the \$1,200,000 to retire the last of the Carranza bonds held by the government employees; nearly \$2,000,000 was thus spent last year.

#### Petroleum Taxes.

In 1922 the Mexican federal treasury collected \$27,000,000 and spent \$27,000,000. Where did the money come from? The main item was petroleum taxes on which the republic collected \$56,000,000 last year. Petroleum production had not begun in Diaz's day. It is a question how much of last year's \$27,000,000 would have found its way into the public treasury if shrewd old Porfiro, friend of foreign concession hunters, had been in the president's chair.

It is true that the main expenditure was for the army, amounting to \$134,000,000. But a strong and ready army was necessary after 10 years of free-for-all banditry. The military expenditures are falling month by month. During the year 1922 the government dropped 10,000 soldiers from the payroll. The military budget for 1923 is \$30,000,000 less than for 1922.

While the 1923 budget shows a drop of \$200,000,000 in military expenditures, it shows an increase of exactly \$20,000,000 in outlays for education which were \$22,000,000 last year and will be \$52,000,000 this year.

That is what Mexicans are saying.

"Poor little Mexico, distracted and torn by 10 years of civil war spent in struggling for freedom, balances her budget and meets her obligations, domestic and foreign. She sends to New York money for the payment of interest on her foreign debt. She can't pay the debt of the European belligerents—most of whom have suffered less than Mexico—point to as good a record? Not one. And half the non-belligerents in the world are equally delinquent. Where do some Americans get this talk of belligerent Mexico and Mexican disregard of contracts and the sacred rights of capital?" So Mexicans ask.

That's a question not very easy to answer.

Automobiles, horse races and the motion pictures are among the amusements now available at the leper colony at Molokai, Hawaiian Islands.

### Auto Driven by Girl, 13, in Collision at Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., July 7.—Two cars, one driven by C. E. Foster of Omaha and the other in charge of the 13-year-old daughter of Ferdinand Olinhouse of this city, collided at Sixth and Jefferson streets. Both machines were badly smashed. Mr. Foster, the only occupant of the car, escaped unhurt, as did Mrs. Selma Olinhouse and her five children.

### Shortage of Labor Halts Work on N. Y. Highways

Albany, July 7.—Because of the great scarcity of the "pick and shovel" labor and the refusal of contractors to submit proposals for new roads, together with what is regarded as abnormal conditions in transportation and materials, \$15,000,000 in new highway construction has been deferred by Highway Commissioner Frederick Stuart Greene.

### Hays Raises \$100,000 to Help Y. W. C. A. Care for Film Struck Girls

New York, July 7.—Will H. Hays has raised a fund of \$100,000 from the leading picture producers to enlarge the Hollywood Y. W. C. A., which this summer will care for thousands of girls who are now making a concerted march on the movie center of the world.

Mrs. Edward M. Townsend, business head of the Y. W. C. A., who made this announcement today, said that when the enlargement is made, 100 girls will be cared for every two weeks while they wait for funds to take them back home.

Many of the present stars found their first film jobs while being taken care of in the Hollywood Studio club, but the girls are arriving in such large numbers now that the percentage of those who get work is almost infinitesimal. Mrs. Townsend said.

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### Italian Prince and Wife Drugged, Robbed of Jewels

#### Two Servants in Palace Household Beat Couple and Escape With Valuables and Money.

Rome, July 7.—A bold robbery, with a prince and princess as the victims, was carried out here today. Taking advantage of their position in the palace household, a waiter and a chauffeur, early this morning, overpowered Prince Carlo Giustiniani Bandini and his wife, Princess Maria, drugged them and made away with jewels and money valued at 2,000,000 lire.

The police are searching for Marino.

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### Guagnelli of Faenda de Sao, Brazil, and Alfred Civchi of Gallese, Italy, Sought as Deserters.

Portland, Ore., July 7.—Twenty-six members of the crew of the British cruiser Curlew were missing when the vessel sailed today after spending the Fourth of July here, according to the commander, Capt. L. Stanley Holbrook. The men now are sought as deserters.

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