

FLAMES DESTROY TWO MINING TOWNS

Leadership of French Is Rejected

Premier Baldwin's Speech Proposes Great Britain Take Lead in Reparations Tangle.

Neutrals Aid Is Sought

By MARK SULLIVAN.

Paris, July 13.—Premier Baldwin's speech in the house of commons amounted to proposing leadership on the part of Britain in the relations of the allies with Germany, leadership which France may follow or refuse to follow, just as Britain refused to follow France's lead, when the latter entered the Ruhr last January.

Premier Baldwin's explanation of the causes which have led up to this departure, as well as such proposals for the future as he may make, have the hope that the new British course may so commend itself as to draw endorsement, if not from France, then from the allies other than France, namely Italy and Belgium, and also from neutrals like the United States, and lead to a definite early settlement of the whole reparations problem.

France Takes Lead.

It is to be remembered that France has twice in the last six months gone off on its own lead with a brusqueness contrasting strongly with the spirit of patient conciliation Britain is now trying to show the world. France took the lead most cavalierly when it entered the Ruhr on only 48 hours' notice, and again when it sent a separate reply to the first German note, without even consulting Britain.

When the last German note came, France not only insisted on keeping the lead, but actually demanded that Britain endorse and follow its lead, joining with France in exacting the condition that Germany must withdraw passive resistance before any answer whatever should be sent to them.

Britain Quits Leader.

That is the phase ended by Premier Baldwin's speech. Britain has earnestly searched for every possibility of avoiding a divergence. It could not join with France in a public demand for cessation of passive resistance as a preliminary condition, standing alone, because it would have been in effect an endorsement of joining with France in its policy of occupying the Ruhr and would have committed Britain to following that course to the end—through a series of developments impossible to see, and likely to be dangerous.

This Britain could not do, because its position is that the occupation of the Ruhr is illegal. Britain took this position at the beginning, and with the passage of six months became not only confirmed in its judgment that France's occupation is illegal, but came to believe that it has also been proved ineffective and is increasingly a menace to the peace and stability of the world.

Understanding Is Sought.

In this situation, what Britain sought to do was to come to an understanding in advance with France on a definite program of common action by the two countries, covering every step up to final settlement of reparations. If this preliminary understanding could have been brought about, it was Britain's purpose then to give informal counsel to Germany assurance that this would be followed, step by step, with a program agreed upon between itself and France.

But Premier Poincaré would not come to an understanding with Britain on such a program. Poincaré refused to define clearly what he understood by "passive resistance." He sought not to define what he meant by "reparation." The cause of this refusal is the fear and suspicion on the part of France that Britain might take advantage of it in working out the program and deprive it, not only of what France regards as a fair share of reparations, but also of (Turn to Page Two, Column Six.)

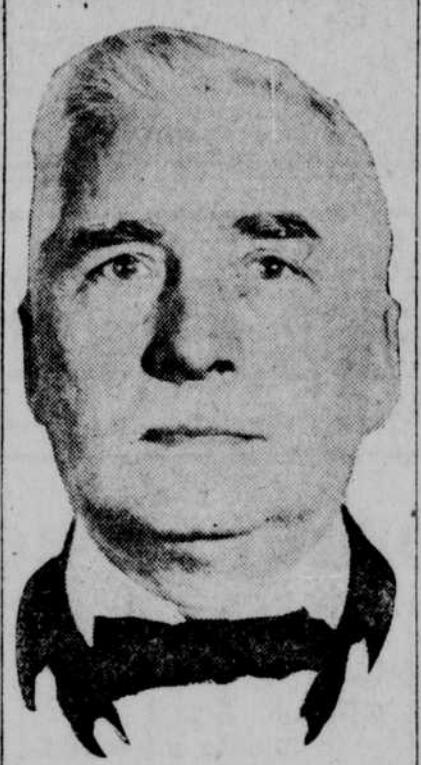
Body of Balloon Victim Arrives at Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., July 12.—The body of Léon Jouis J. Roth, victim of the balloon disaster in Lake Erie, arrived here today from Cleveland, and was taken directly to an undertaker's establishment. It will lie in state in the First Christian church tomorrow from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. The funeral will be held in the church at 2 p. m.

Sheriff After Edwin Rust.

Fargo, July 13.—Edwin Rust, wanted for the murder of Sheriff I. C. Fulkler, of Aberdeen, S. D., on a train near Moorhead, July 1, last night was being sought by sheriff of Becker county, Minnesota, 50 miles east of here in the woods west of Detroit.

State G. O. P. Secretary Back from Conference



Dr. T. W. Bass.

G. O. P. Women More Active, Says Dr. Bass

State Secretary Home from Chicago Conference Tells of Co-Operation Promotion.

Republican women will take a large part in the next election and will demand a fair number of women delegates at the national convention, according to Dr. T. W. Bass of Broken Bow, Neb., secretary of the republican state organization in Nebraska, who represented the Nebraska organization at the regional meeting of the republican party at Chicago Thursday. Dr. Bass returned to Omaha Friday.

Republican delegates from the states of Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois, Michigan and Indiana were sent to the meet to confer with National Chairman J. T. Adams and executive officials of the party to promote co-operation between the national committee and state organizations. Of the 50 state delegates present, ten were women.

Mrs. Anna McFarland of Omaha, who served as executive secretary at the local headquarters during the last campaign, was named by Mrs. W. T. Graham, vice states chairman, to act as her substitute at the conference and left Omaha Wednesday evening. Dr. Bass represented State Chairman Judge E. B. Perry. Mrs. McFarland will spend a week with a brother in Chicago before returning.

The meet was held at the Drake hotel. It was a thoroughly get-together affair to outline work for the next campaign and to get the feeling of people in the different states. These conferences are being held all over the country. Three have been held in the east, and more will be held in the future.

National representatives of the party present were G. B. Lockwood, secretary of the national committee and editor of the National Republican, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton, vice chairman of executive committee, Ohio; C. H. Huston, former assistant secretary of commerce, who with finance committee of organization, and Mrs. Madill Mc Cormick, who has been one of the leaders who have pushed the idea of appointing women to serve with the men on the national committee.

Little Stories of Success

Mrs. O. A. Phippens, 2658 Douglas St., HA 6386, says it certainly does not pay to let your spare rooms stay vacant when they can be rented so easily, conveniently and at such reasonable rates through Omaha Bee "Want" Ads.

Mrs. Phippens placed a two-line Room for Rent Omaha Bee "Want" Ad in Sunday's paper. Tuesday her rooms were rented. All she had to do was call AT 1000 and place her Omaha Bee "Want" Ad—no inconvenience at all.

Here is this Omaha Bee "Want" Ad that rented the rooms.

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

Editor Held Guilty of Contempt

Carl C. Magee of Albuquerque Sentenced to 360 Days in Jail and Fined Total of \$4,050.

New Citation Is Served

Las Vegas, N. M., July 13.—Carl C. Magee, Albuquerque editor, was found guilty of contempt on seven counts in Judge D. J. Leahy's court here today. Four citations had been issued, directing Magee to show cause why he should not be adjudged guilty of contempt, one of them containing three counts, one of them two counts and the others one count each. Magee was sentenced to 90 days in jail on each of the four citations, a total of 360 days, and ordered to pay a fine of \$1 on each count, a total of \$7.

The Magee Publishing company, owned by Magee, and publisher of the Albuquerque Tribune, in which Magee's alleged contemptuous editorials appeared, was fined \$1,000 on three of the four counts and \$1,050 on another a total of \$4,050. The publishing company was made co-defendant with Magee in the contempt proceedings.

New Citation Served.

No sooner had court convened for the afternoon session than Magee was served with another contempt citation, based upon an editorial in his paper of July 8, in which he referred to his experiences in court and to which state's attorneys took exception. The citation is returnable July 21.

During the noon recess attorneys for the defense saw an article in the Albuquerque Herald, said to have been written by H. B. Henning, who is here covering the Magee trial, and which attorneys for Magee held to be contemptuous. The article referred to testimony given by Magee on the stand, in which Magee was quoted as having said that District Judge Reed Hoolman of Santa Fe and H. P. Owen of Los Lunas were corrupt. This, it was pointed out, was incorrect, as Magee had not charged the judges with being corrupt, but had said that they should be investigated. Judge Leahy was asked to cause Henning be cited for contempt. He directed the district attorney to investigate and report.

Magee was given five days in which (Turn to Page Two, Column Four.)

Song "Iowa" Is Hit in Alaska

Introduced by Harding's Party Band Although It Lacked the Music.

Ketchikan, Alaska, July 8.—(By Mail to the Associated Press.)—The song "Iowa," most popular of any piece of music played at the recent state convention in Washington, D. C., has been introduced by President Harding's party in almost every state traversed since it left Washington and today was carried into this Alaskan city for the first time by some of the singing members of the presidential band. But they purchased milk and ice for him, and he is improving rapidly. The Free Milk and Ice fund you should for your own peace of mind as well as for the sake of the babies.

This was how the music was written and the orchestration of it made possible. Bandmaster Charles Benter heard bursts of the song ringing from one of the cabins that night. His attention was caught by the word "Iowa." Soon he had some of his improvisors about him and all were listening outside the door. Below decks they went and began playing, putting what they had heard of the song into notes of their various instruments. When the other musicians appeared in the morning, each was handed his part of the song and the request of the evening before was automatically discharged. Little details like playing the chorus again and again with a total absence of verses—in the same manner as the musicians had heard the cabin serenade—made no difference in the play that President Harding's party thundered out when the band concluded its first playing of "Iowa."

Desertions From Navy Alarm Secretary Denby

Washington, July 13.—Alarmed by the large number of men who are deserting from the naval service, Secretary of the Navy Denby this afternoon ordered all commanding officers, both ashore and afloat, to take immediate steps to break up this practice.

Denby suggested that this be accomplished not only by punishing deserters more severely, but by making the naval service more pleasant to the enlisted men.

Chinese Raid German Home.

Hongkong, July 13.—Chinese robbers today raided and looted the residence of a German at Tung Shan, near Canton. Foreigners of the district are in a state of consternation.

Baby Is Saved by Sweet, Pure Milk

Nurses Find 15-Month-Old Tot Suffering from Poor Nourishment.

Baby Jones is 15 months old. It has three older brothers and one sister. His mother is away most of the day, working in the homes of wealthy people. Sister is 9 years old; she helps as much as she can around the house.

Sister would do anything for Baby Jones, but she also has to keep watch of her other brothers. And the scanty earnings of the mother scarcely buy enough food for the little family. In the winter Baby Jones might have kept well, even under these circumstances. But they purchased milk and ice for him, and he is improving rapidly.

The visiting nurse association found Baby Jones in a serious condition. But they purchased milk and ice for him, and he is improving rapidly. The Free Milk and Ice fund you should for your own peace of mind as well as for the sake of the babies.

Previously acknowledged contributions

Mrs. William C. Shanon	\$1,000.00
Mr. Clifton Wood	1,000.00
Jolly Neighbor Club, Millard, Neb.	5,000.00
Two Friends in Omaha	2,000.00
No Name	1,000.00
Free Friend	5,000.00
J. D. Foster	2,000.00
Clara Havelo	5,000.00
Wm. I. D. Ladd	2,000.00
Mrs. C. Osterberg, Oakland, Neb.	10,000.00
Total	\$1,960.00

Convict Files Own Appeal to Courts

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, July 13.—James G. Y. Incubator, serving one to 20 years in the Nebraska state penitentiary, on a charge of forgery, today filed a petition in federal court, which he drew up himself, asking for a writ of habeas corpus.

The district court at Nebraska City gave Incubator a flat 10-year sentence, but this was changed by the supreme court to an indeterminate term of one to 20 years.

The prisoner contends that he is being held for a crime for which he was never tried in Nebraska or the United States; that when found guilty the crime carried a one to 10-year sentence, but when judgment was passed he was sentenced to a penalty 10 times greater under a new law and that his extradition from Texas was fraudulently secured.

Parole Violator Is Found in Hospital

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, July 13.—Bert Cox, parole violator, who dropped out of sight a year and a half ago, has turned up again as an inmate of the Lincoln state hospital for insane, where he was sent on June 28, after being adjudged a dope addict in Clay county.

Cox was returned to the penitentiary Friday, having partially recovered from the effects of the drugs which caused his commitment to the hospital.

Custer County Baby Is Badly Chewed by Swine

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Broken Bow, Neb., July 13.—The 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Piercy was badly chewed by hogs when he wandered a half mile from home into a large hog pasture. The frantic barking of his dog saved the child from death.

They Are Raided They Have Nobody but Themselves to Blame



French Troops Occupy Limberg

Dusseldorf, July 13.—The town of Limberg, just beyond the Coblenz bridge head which the Americans formerly held, was occupied by French troops yesterday as a permanent occupation town.

The French official announcement of the occupation does not give the number of officials taken as hostages, but it is understood the operation which was on a considerable scale, was undertaken to impose a penalty for numerous recent frontier incidents.

Day before yesterday two French soldiers following some German smugglers were surrounded in the woods by 15 of the security police, the French state. The police seized the Frenchmen, kidnapping them and taking them to Elberfeld where they were questioned and disarmed.

The soldiers reported they had been insulted and jeered at by civilians while held by the police.

This incident, it was explained, has caused the punishment of Barman. It also is claimed that the security police in Barman and Elberfeld have engaged in sniping operations against the French.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., July 13, 1923.

Highest, 80; lowest, 70; mean, 80; normal, 72.	Total excess since January 1, 291.
Relative Humidity, Percentage.	7 a. m., 87; 8 a. m., 86; 9 a. m., 85; 10 a. m., 84; 11 a. m., 83; 12 noon, 82; 1 p. m., 81; 2 p. m., 80; 3 p. m., 79; 4 p. m., 78; 5 p. m., 77; 6 p. m., 76; 7 p. m., 75; 8 p. m., 74; 9 p. m., 73; 10 p. m., 72; 11 p. m., 71; midnight, 70.
Precipitation, Inches and Hundredths.	None.
Direction and Force of Wind.	None.
Deficiency, 1.84.	

State Assessment Figures May Reach Last Year's Total

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, July 13.—With 25 counties in the state to be heard from, Tax Commissioner Smith's figures on the 1923 property assessment of Nebraska show a total of \$1,996,365,529, which is within \$1,394,546 of last year. If the remaining counties hold up well, and Lancaster and Douglas show their expected gains, this decrease may be wiped out.

Senator Dillingham Dies.

Montpelier, Vt., July 13.—United States Senator William P. Dillingham of Vermont died here late last night.

Senator Dillingham was born in December, 1843, and was a son of Paul Dillingham, who was governor of Vermont from 1865 to 1867. He was governor of Vermont from 1888 to 1890 and was first elected United States senator in 1900. In 1907 he was chairman of the United States immigration commission.

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Russian Countess Found Dead.

Rome, July 13.—The Russian countess, Claudia Kapnist, 26, formerly the Baroness Meller Zayemelsky, was found dead today at the foot of a terrace at the Villa Sfirra, where she lived with the Countess Staffe Persen. Countess Kapnist was a dancing aviatrix and had just brilliantly passed examination as a pilot. It is not known whether her death was due to accident or intent.

Lady Astor's Bill Passes.

London, July 13.—Lady Astor's bill restraining the sale of intoxicating liquors to persons under 18 years of age passed the third reading in the house of commons today by a vote of 237 to 10.

Insane Man Recaptured.

Lincoln, July 13.—Joe Woods, 37, Omaha, who escaped from the state hospital a day after he was received at the institution, was caught in a downtown street here and returned to the asylum.

Some of the Big Features Which Will Interest the Summer Reader in The Omaha Sunday Bee

Robbery

The daring plot for the holdup and robbery of a glided, Broadway cafe, with the clean-cut escape of the arch-brigand, who made away with thousands in loot. A gray ghost story by Arthur Somers Roche, brilliant mystery writer. In the magazine section Sunday.

Isosceles

And what does that mean? Read "The Isolation of Isosceles" by O. O. McIntyre and perhaps, if you're clever, you'll find out. At least you'll find several laughs in Mr. McIntyre's tomfoolery, and that's what one needs these hot, summer days, a laugh or two. In the magazine section Sunday.

Panic

Few realize how close the United States was to panic during the depths of the agricultural and business depression of 1921-22. How that panic was averted is told in an interesting article by Fred Stark, director of a War Finance Corporation. In the magazine section Sunday.

Love

How pretty Constance Bennett's love was taking her to Europe with him to keep her away from rich Philip Plant. And how he found Philip's mother taking him abroad for a similar reason on the very same ship. A full-page, illustrated feature story in the magazine section Sunday.

Cash

Do you want to win a prize? Can you use \$7 Title Contest Picture No. 2 will be published Sunday. Five dollars will be paid for the best title submitted. It's easy. Just write your title on a post card and send it in. There has to be a winner—perhaps you'll be the fortunate one.

Art

The only rotogravure section in Nebraska is a regular feature of The Omaha Sunday Bee. Four pages of pictures from all over the world. Sunday's rotogravure section includes another page of Louis R. Postwick's excellent pictures of our neighbors of the Caribbean sea.

Palestine

The Jews alone can save Palestine, says David Lloyd George, former premier of Great Britain, in a special dispatch. The famous Welshman severely criticizes the stupid bigotry of the anti-semitic and predicts disaster for Palestine unless the Jews are given a free hand.

News

Don't forget that The Omaha Bee is the only Sunday newspaper in Nebraska that receives the Saturday night wire reports of three great news agencies—The Associated Press, the International News Service and Universal Service. If it's the news you want in your Sunday paper, you have to read The Omaha Bee.