

### British Reply Condemns French Action in Ruhr

#### Note Insists German Liabilities Be Fixed by Commission —Demand for Priority Rejected.

By Universal Service.  
London, Aug. 11.—Great Britain's note to France and Belgium, notable for its lucid and vigorous statements of the nation toward war debts and reparations, was delivered tonight.

As foreshadowed, it condemns the Ruhr occupation as unjustifiable and as depreciating the joint allied credit of Germany.

The note insists that Germany's liabilities be fixed after an examination by an expert commission, and makes it plain, courteously but firmly, that if France and Belgium persist in a policy which makes the payment of reparations impossible, Great Britain will expect France to liquidate its obligations to England in order to aid the British government in making its payment of war debts to the United States.

#### Demand Rejected.

England flatly rejects the Franco-Belgian demand for priority on reparations on the ground that Great Britain, owing to unemployment, is suffering more keenly than they.

One of the most striking declarations of the note is that England will never support France and Belgium in their insistence that Germany pay an impossible reparations bill, which apparently means a permanent occupation of the Ruhr.

The note, which contains about 8,000 words, also deals in detail with the questions of interrelated indebtedness and Great Britain's enormous losses through the industrial dislocation since the beginning of the Ruhr occupation.

It declares strongly for the rights of all the allies, not France and Belgium alone, to collect reparations from Germany.

#### Defends Proposals.

The note, above all things, stresses emphatically the justice of the proposals formulated by the international bankers last year, that an impartial commission must assess Germany's liabilities to pay.

The note was drafted principally by Chancellor Baldwin and the financial features were suggested by Reginald McKibbin, a large money lender in Britain, who are vigorously than ever some, with or without Belgium, to reestablished at Whitehall.

### Harding's Boyhood Ambition to Ride With Omaha Man

#### Conductor E. D. Warren Years Ago Admired Boy in Marion, Hauls Funeral Train.

It happened a long, long time ago. About 45 years ago in fact. A little boy stopped his play about the dinky wooden station of Marion, O., and gazed wistfully at the dust-begrimed fireman, who stripped to the waist was stoking a Hocking Valley engine as it steamed out of the station.

"Gee, I wish I could ride all over the country with that man," he said. As the boy grew older, he made the acquaintance of "that man" and after that a wave of the hand and a halloo were exchanged between them whenever the engine pulled into the station.

One week ago, his wish to "ride with that man" came true, and a silent nation stood reverent, with bared heads, as their chief made that cherished ride. It is an old story to the country now—the crepe-docked train, the silent crowds at every station, the great newspaper heads, the last tributes of a nation to its dead executive, and a hundred other incidents.

#### Chosen for Funeral Train.

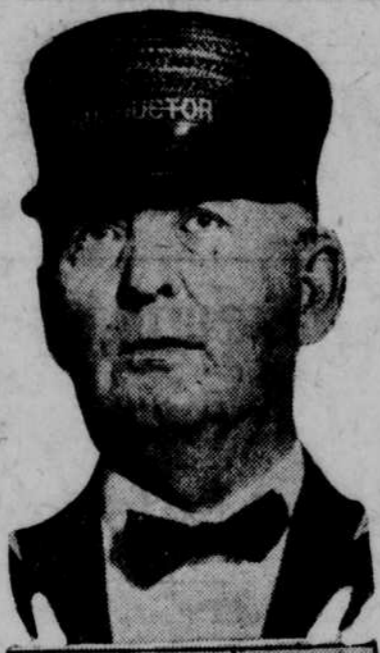
"That man" is Elijah D. Warren of 906 Forest avenue, veteran employee of the Union Pacific railroad, who, because of his previous friendship with Harding, was chosen to conduct the funeral train from the Wyoming boundary to Omaha on its eastern journey.

Warren was born in Athens, O., and lived in Columbus, 60 miles from Marion for about 20 years. When still in his teens, he fired on a Hocking Valley train running through Marion and from that vantage point he gained his first glimpse of the lad that one day was to control the destiny of a nation.

His first real meeting with young Harding came however at the inauguration of J. B. Foraker as governor of Ohio, at Columbus. Warren Harding at that time was a trombone player in the Marion band which played at the inauguration. After that Harding and he maintained a speaking acquaintance.

#### Met Again in Marion.

"Harding was a good mixer, a finely built fellow and very graceful," said Mr. Warren in recalling the meeting. He recalled a sparring match between Harding, who was then 18 and employed in grading on the Cleveland (O.) Central railroad, with another lad.



Elijah D. Warren

"He was too good a man for the presidency. He wanted to accommodate you and at the same time accommodate everybody else," is the tribute Mr. Warren pays to the memory of the chief executive.

The Warrens, however, soon moved west to Nebraska and they lost sight of the Harding family for some time, renewing the acquaintance only when going back to Marion to visit relatives living in the town. He had last spoken with Harding when the latter was lieutenant governor of Ohio. Only the fact that he was out on another run prevented him from seeing Harding when he came to Omaha as a presidential candidate.

Mr. Warren has been a conductor for the Union Pacific for more than 20 years.

The trip of the Harding train across Nebraska made at great speed. The train, the heaviest Warren says he has ever ridden in, composed of an engine and 11 steel coaches, was behind time when the Wyoming boundary was crossed. The distance of 282 miles to Omaha was made in five hours and 40 minutes. The train of sorrow in its mad race against time touched the 70-mile an hour mark.

"I believe that breaks all records for a train of that weight," declared the conductor. Edward Mickeljohn of Council Bluffs, an employee of the road for 35 years, piloted the train.

And that's the way Warren G. Harding's boyhood ambition was fulfilled.

### Two Girls Are Burned to Death by Oil Explosion

#### Father and Mother of Oncoone Children Badly Injured —House Partly Destroyed by Flames.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Columbus, Neb., Aug. 11.—Two children were burned to death and their parents badly injured following the explosion of a kerosene stove at the farm home of Math Abegglen, near Oncoone, early this morning.

Mr. Abegglen lit the fire and left the house to attend his chores. Shortly after, the stove exploded throwing the burning oil over the kitchen. Two daughters, Elsie, 11, and Pearl, 5, sleeping in an adjoining room, were awakened and ran to the kitchen. They were driven back by the flames, their night clothing afire. The girls crawled back into bed, which was ignited.

Their mother, awakened by the smoke, called to the father, who attempted to reach the bedroom through the window. In the meantime, Mrs. Abegglen aroused four other children, sleeping in another room, and aided them to escape. An older girl ran to neighbors for aid and a bucket brigade was formed and extinguished the flames. The loss to the house is estimated at \$2,000, covered by insurance.

The injured girls and their parents were taken to a Columbus hospital, where the girls died shortly after noon. Mr. Abegglen is in a serious condition with burns about his hands and head. His wife was burned about the hands and head and her hair singed.

### Schuyler Is Shocked by Fourth Tragedy

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Fairmont, Neb., Aug. 11.—The 18-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kaspar, farmers near Schuyler, was killed to death by a horse. The child had been playing in the yard with other children. It wandered away from the group toward some horses that were running loose. One of the animals kicked the child on the side of its head, breaking the baby's neck. This is the fourth tragedy in Schuyler vicinity within three weeks. The death of the baby follows the double drowning of Julia Husak and Rosabelle Sedway. Just a few days ago William Krula was killed following a dive in shallow water.

### Woman Accused of Killing Husband Released on Bail

Anniston, Ala., Aug. 11.—Mrs. Evelyn Sue Rickner, rearrested two weeks ago on a federal warrant charging her with killing her husband, Lieutenant Rickner, at Camp McClellan, on June 29, was released from jail here late today after \$5,000 bail, furnished by friends, had been approved by Federal Judge W. I. Grubb of Birmingham. The charge against Mrs. Rickner will be investigated by a federal grand jury in November.

### Governor Bryan Back; Left State to Seek Fish

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reads: "In case of the death, impeachment and notice thereof to the accused, failure to qualify, resignation, absence from the state, or other disability of the governor, the powers, duties and emoluments of the office for the residue of the term until the disability shall be removed shall devolve upon the lieutenant governor."

Inasmuch as neither Lieutenant Governor Johnson nor any other state officer was notified that Governor Bryan was out of the state, the office, though vacant, went unfilled. Such routine matters as came up were handled by the governor's private secretary. The death of President Harding and the passage of the funeral train through Nebraska came during Mr. Bryan's absence, and the state took no official cognizance of the tragedy until a belated proclamation of mourning was issued by the governor's secretary, on orders from his chief. Mr. Bryan was also scheduled to review the Nebraska troops at encampment at Ashland, but failed to appear.

#### Seen in Northern Minnesota.

As inquiries were made the governor had gone became more anxious, the secretary explained that the governor was still within the borders of Nebraska and that he was expected back in the capital at any time. He claimed several times to have held long distance telephone conversations with the chief executive. The first actual clue to the whereabouts of Governor Bryan came only two days ago, when Olin Hitchcock, a business man of York, Neb., returned from a vacation trip to Park Rapids, Minn. This is in northern Minnesota, near Fiskogok lake. There is a doubt concerning what other points were visited by the governor, and some are debating whether or not he slipped over the national boundary into Canada while traveling incognito.

### State Sale of Gas Being Considered

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The "big four" companies charge 17 cents. At the time the "big four" cut their prices 2 cents per gallon, the independents were selling for 17 cents and immediately cut 2 cents below the price asked by the large companies.

### McMaster Explains Move.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—Two objects actuated Governor W. H. McMaster of South Dakota in ordering the price of gasoline in that state to be sold at 16 cents a gallon, he said in a statement made public here following the announcement by the Standard Oil company of Indiana that it had reduced its price of gasoline to meet the prevailing state price of gasoline.

"I had two objects in selling 16-cent gasoline," Governor McMaster's statement said, "first to demonstrate the excess profits being made in the business and secondly, to bring about a reasonable reduction in price."

"Standard Oil claims it has reduced the price to 16 cents a gallon to meet state competition, but they do not tell the full truth."

Reduction Was Refused.  
"On Thursday, August 9, I had a conference with Standard Oil officials and demanded a reduction of 5 cents per gallon in South Dakota. They replied that it could not be

done, that they never would reduce the price in South Dakota as they would lose money. I then told them that the state would sell gasoline for 16 cents a gallon in South Dakota until such time as the Standard Oil made a reasonable reduction. They, therefore, have taken to state price, which is the cost price, as an excuse to move out and to crush the independent oil dealers."

#### Standard Cuts Price.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—Announcement today by the Standard Oil company of Indiana that it would reduce its price of gasoline to 16 cents a gallon in South Dakota to meet the price which Governor W. H. McMaster had ordered the state storage house to fix, was followed by a statement

from L. V. Nicholas, president of the National Petroleum Marketers' association, that independent oil dealers in that state would be crippled.

The Standard Oil company stated that the 16-cent price was much below the cost of production, but that it would carry out its policy that customers should not be asked to pay higher prices than fixed by any competitor.

#### Nicholas Attacks Move.

"They have not honestly and fairly reduced their price 4 cents per gallon as they should, but they have reduced their price 8.5 cents per gallon," Mr. Nicholas' statement said. "In other words, they have brutally and cold bloodedly reduced their prices over the entire state of South Dakota to a point where, not only will they lose money on every gallon they sell, but they will force an in-

calculable loss on the independent oil industry in the state—a loss which the Standard Oil company well knows is crippling to the industry and will tend to further place the oil industry in the state completely and irrevocably at the mercy of the Standard Oil company."

Mr. Nicholas said that the Standard Oil company was not meeting competition in the state, for they could not meet what did not exist. The only place the state has attempted to sell gasoline at the reduced price is at Mitchell, he said, "and the Standard Oil company very well knows that a fair and decent adjustment of the price situation could have been made if they had seen fit."

Mr. Nicholas said that Governor McMaster's plan could not fail to accomplish good and constructive results, and that the governor would take immediate steps to protect the independent oil industry and to preserve independent competition in the state.

## Chompson, Belden & Co.

# August Fur Sale

### 20% to 33 1/3% Less Than September Prices

Never before have we presented such a complete collection of fur garments so rich in quality of pelts, so inclusive in the quality of models.

It is distinctly to your advantage to buy now since prices of furs are at their lowest and all indications point to considerably higher prices later.

#### Hudson Seal Coats \$275

The fine quality of skins in these luxurious Hudson Seal (died muskrat) Coats make them one of our big features. Collars and cuffs of finest Marten (skunk). 45-inch model, beautifully lined.

Natural Muskrat Coats \$125	Sealine Coats \$125 to \$145	Scotch Mole Coats \$395
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Finest dark skins are strikingly effective in these novel creations in this most popular fur. Attractively lined. 45 to 48-inch models.

45 to 50-inch Sealine (died coney) Coats. Only the finest skins used in these unusual models. Never have such designs been attempted in models at these prices. Panels, reverse striped bands, irregular skirt lines, wrap-around models and straight lines.

Ultra-smart models in 48 and 50-inch lengths with novel side closings with ornament fastening. Collar and cuffs of fine Taupe Fox.

#### Terms of Sale

One-fourth deposit will hold any garment you select, the balance to be paid November 1. Free storage on any garment until you are ready to wear it.

THIRD FLOOR.

### German Government Is Tottering to Fall

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whose ranks the red flag is flying.

#### Eleven Persons Killed.

In the vicinity of Aix-la-Chapelle, 11 persons are reported to have been killed in fighting between peasants and workers from the city who were fighting for crops and food supplies.

A Hamburg shipyard workers strike is spreading and demonstrators are marching in the city's streets, with the result that several casualties occurred. The strike there has tied up North shipping.

#### Berlin Communistic Demonstrations Interfered by Heckling and Rioting.

In the event of the resignations of the chancellor, his nonpartisan cabinet, of course, would retire, leaving President Ebert to find a successor who would be able to construct a government on the basis of a four-party coalition, or one which would adopt the socialist platform as its program.

#### "No Confidence" Vote.

The socialist party, which has been a party caucus late this afternoon, adopted a resolution of "no confidence" in the Cuno government.

#### Congressman Is Improved.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Columbus, Neb., Aug. 11.—Congressman Edgar Howard, who has been seriously ill at his home here for several days, is reported greatly improved today.

### Haas Brothers

#### STYLE QUALITY PRICE

Styles at Haas Brothers are the latest and absolutely authentic. We handle only merchandise of KNOWN merit and our reputation of honest merchandising is your guarantee. Our prices are the lowest consistent with high quality merchandise. A trial will convince.

#### Take Elevator to Haas Brothers "The Shop for Women"

16th and Douglas Streets Brown Block

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### GREATER August Sale

of all  
SUMMER FOOTWEAR  
and  
FALL OXFORDS

#### LADIES!

If you don't need any more summer footwear you had better buy a pair of oxfords and take advantage of these reduced prices. A wonderful selection in

Pumps	Value to \$9.00	Reduced to \$4.45
Colonials		
Sport Styles		

Other Reduced Prices \$4.85, \$5.45, \$6.45

#### LADIES \$1.95

Exceptional Bargains

Fit Yourself Values that sold up to \$12.00 going at \$1.95

#### LADIES \$1

with a small feet, sizes to 4 only, fit yourself at—

In this lot ladies will find patents, suedes, black or brown kid, black or brown satins.

#### Sale of Children's Shoes

ALL SUMMER FOOTWEAR REDUCED TO COST AND LESS

#### MEN!

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AT DRASTIC REDUCTIONS  
NOTHING RESERVED

A Fine Selection at \$4.45

Values that sold up to \$8.00

Other reduced prices \$5.45 \$6.45

Heavy reductions on your favorite brands, such as Howard & Foster, Stacy, Adams. COME IN MONDAY

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### The Satins— They Come! They Come!

It's here at last—the threatened invasion of the silk crepe stronghold. Satin Canton, very crepey, very clingy and heavy with a rich satiny surface—is the 1923 version. A complete display of lovely autumn shades awaits your inspection.

#### Brocades

—another conquering hero of the season, frankly confess to a clinging way about them, a desire to fall in long, graceful drapes. Their makers have chosen these picturesque names for three of the smartest weaves we are showing:

Powder Puff, Cat's Purr Star-O-Style

See them as you will wear them, by daylight, in the Silk Section, Main Floor.

#### "Sty Lastic"

The New Stylish Stout Corset Without Laces

Those special features of construction which have made the Stylish Stout corset so satisfactory are now introduced in a wrap-around model of elastic and coutil.

\$10 Second Floor

#### A Dignified Simplicity Gives Charm to Fall Frocks

#### For Larger Women

With the simplicity of beautiful tailoring and the dignity of correct lines, "Super Custom Tailored" dresses give the larger woman her most favorable clothes setting. A distinguished group of them is shown in Poiret twill and the new Charmeen, a twill fabric so fine and thin it drapes like a heavy silk.

\$69.50 to \$98.50

#### New Winter Coats For Larger Women

Since a limited selection of sizes often handicaps the larger woman in her shopping, we feel it important to emphasize the unusual number and excellence of our winter coats in larger sizes now on display.

At \$25 there is a youthfully styled cloth coat of herringbone weave with belt all around and ample patch pockets, while soft beaver collar and cuffs trim a lovely leaf-brown model at \$98.50. Still more gorgeous is another brown with rich embroideries and shirred collar of Viatic squirrel, \$195.

A selection from coats of so many types and purposes will well repay the larger woman who shops now.

\$25 to \$250 Third Floor

#### Find 600 Bottles of Beer.

Six hundred bottles of beer were found concealed in an underground vault at 6172 South Forty-second street. Charles Ertfamer was arrested.

One man fled as officers descended on a farm at Fifty-fifth and W streets, where Victor Knolski and wife, Sophia, were arrested. Five 50-gallon barrels of mash were destroyed.

Home-brew was found at the home of Alva Hausafus, 6012 South Forty-third street.

Paul Scraps, Seventy-third and Pacific streets, who previously had been ordered to appear in federal court and failed to show up, was re-arrested yesterday.

Frank Suter, 820 North Sixteenth street, was arrested when Samardeck and Fee raided his place of business. The officers obtained a small amount of liquor.

Alfred Bergen, 2413 Bristol street, and George Zurenecko, 2417 Dodge street, were arrested on charges of transporting liquor by Patrolman Eggers and Kelly at Tenth and Pierce streets. Officers found whisky were in the car, officers said.