

KEITH COLLINS SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS

Relief In Cable Case Probable

Treaty Now Being Formulated Wipes Out Threatened Monopolies of Firms in Great Britain.

Wireless Future at Stake

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.
Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Washington, Dec. 3.—While the big powers appear hopelessly deadlocked on the question of the German cables and Japan is maneuvering to secure the United States out of important telegraph facilities and commercial rights in the Pacific, there is now every prospect that the international communications conference in session here will evolve, in any event, a cable and radio convention of vast benefit to the American people.

Conditions practically threatening the development of extensive wireless communication in the United States and fostering British cable monopolies at the expense of American rivals will be wiped out if America accepts the treaty now being formulated as a substitute for the existing cable and radio international agreements.

Under the terms of the proposed agreement American telegraph and cable companies would be required:

1. To route a message as directed by the sender, known as "Via" traffic.

2. To make but one sending charge on the same message sent to two or more addressees at destination.

3. To include the sending time in the message without charge.

Terms Fight Agreement.

Unlike all European telegraph and cable companies, the American companies refuse to do any of these things and the Western Union and the Commercial Cable companies are leading a stubborn fight to thwart the adoption of the proposed international agreement.

This is how the refusal to accept via traffic puts a crimp in the wireless concerns: A Chicago business wishes to send a message by wireless to London. The message must be carried by land wire to the American wireless station on the Atlantic coast, and from the wireless receiving station on the English coast to London by land wire. The British telegraph company will carry the message over the English land wire.

The American telegraph company also owns a cable and it says to the sender that if it receives the message it must be by cable. There is no way for the business man to send his message by wireless, unless he addresses it to the radio company. Then the telegraph company will deliver it to the radio company and charge for that service only.

But the radio company does not know the distant sender and will not send the message unless it is prepaid, while the telegraph company refuses to accept from the sender the turn over to the wireless concern the charge for the radio transmission.

Little Radio Business.

The result that practically all foreign messages sent by cable and radio companies are getting precious little business.

The Marconi company tried to back this combination for years, finally gave up and jumped at the chance to sell out to the General Electric company, which is seeking to swing a vast radio undertaking. The General Electric has completed an enormous plant equipped with unheard of innovations for the rapid transmission of overseas messages but, cut off from senders by the telegraph companies, it is without business.

The refusal to accept messages routed by the sender also has served to restrict American competition with British monopolies in notable instances. The only American cable system reaching South America directly is the All-American company. But unless the American business man can file his message at the All-American office in New York it cannot be routed over that system. The Western Union will send by way of London over a British cable and the Postal by way of the Azores over a British cable.

Two Inmates Escape From Custodial Farm at York

York, Neb., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Two more girls escaped from the state custodial farm here. According to the inmates of the institution the girls were aided in their escape by two youths of this city, whose identity is unknown. The girls had escaped before and were in custody in the county jail awaiting transportation to the farm, which is about eight miles from town, they made a date with two young men for the same evening. After dark the girls left the farm, where they were taken in the afternoon, and are said to have met the young men who assisted them to get out of the county.

Costa Rica Is Admitted

To Membership in League

Geneva, Dec. 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—The league of nations committee on the admission of new states today recommended unanimously the admission of Costa Rica into the league as a sovereign state. The United States and 12 other countries have recognized the de jure government of Costa Rica, it was pointed out.

Heir to Quarter of Million Will Continue To Wash Windows

Malden, Mass., Dec. 3.—William R. Hanson was telling fellow employees at a drug store what he would do with the \$1,000,000 that Charles Garland of Buzzard's Bay has refused when a postman gave him a letter that told him he was heir to about \$250,000. He will accept the money, he said, unlike Garland, but he will stay at the work of washing windows and sweeping floors so that he will have something to do.

Grand Jury Gets Evidence in New York Trust Probe

Two Officials of Dealers' Association Indicted for Contempt of Court—Investigate City Contracts.

New York, Dec. 3.—Abruptly halting its inquiry into the activities of the Builders' Supply bureau and the Association of Dealers in Building Materials, the joint legislative committee investigating the "Building Trust" turned its evidence over to the extraordinary housing grand jury which returned indictments charging two officials of the bureau with contempt of court.

The indictments directed against John A. Philbrick, former chairman of the bureau and Joseph Penny, secretary, resulted from the repeated refusals of the defendants to answer questions on the witness stand pertaining to the bureau's affairs. They were given their liberty on \$1,000 bail each.

While the legislative committee was in session the board of estimate was conducting its own inquiry into the \$62,000,000 worth of city contracts.

The committee quickly decided to discontinue its inquiry into the affairs of the building materials organizations, following testimony by its accountant and typewriter experts that the minutes produced by the two associations before the committee had been tampered with.

The committee then launched into an inquiry into the brick industry, the Contractors' Protective association and the alleged "towing monopoly" on the Hudson river.

Several brick manufacturers were heard, including W. K. Hammond of this city and David Fowler of Haverstraw, N. Y. Both declared the brick makers were not guilty of collusion in price fixing. Mr. Hammond admitted that the entire output of brick makers supplying the New York market was handled by three agents, but denied they had anything to do with price fixing.

Fowler started the committee when he testified that the Cornell Towing Co. has a monopoly on Hudson river towing and has raised its rates more than 500 per cent during the last few years. These "excessive towing charges," he said, were a great burden on the brick business.

\$36,400 in Liberty Bonds Stolen From Express Company

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 3.—Local officials of the American Railway Express company today announced that \$36,400 in Liberty bonds disappeared October 11, last.

The bonds, which were valued at \$14,500, had been received in pawn shops.

Bennett Smith was employed at the express office as money clerk, and he disappeared simultaneously with the bonds, the police say.

The bonds, it was explained, were taken from shipments passing through St. Louis from Washington to southwestern points.

Smith, it was added, has been traced to Kansas City, Kan.

Sixty Reported Killed

In Chinese Revolution

Shanghai, China, Dec. 3.—A message received from Hankow reports that 60 persons have been killed in the mutiny of Chinese troops at I-Chang, a treaty port in Hu Peh province.

Gunboats are due to reach I-Chang today. The situation in the city is said to be quiet, but looting is continuing. Chinese troops have been dispatched to the scene of the mutiny.

Mail Pilot Breaks Chicago

To New York Aerial Record

Chicago, Dec. 3.—All records for flying between Chicago and New York were broken today by the air mail service, said an announcement by the Postoffice department. J. T. Christensen, piloting a single motored DeHavilland plane, made the distance of 742 miles in 5 hours and 31 minutes, actual flying time.

Cox Accepts Membership

In National Democratic Club

New York, Dec. 3.—Governor Cox of Ohio accepted a life membership in the National Democratic club, "I feel highly complimented to be made a life member of the club," said Governor Cox in his letter of acceptance. "It has had a useful career."

Ultimatum Delivered To Greece

Supreme Council Announces Withdrawal of Support If Constantine Is Returned In Plebiscite.

Allied Premiers to Meet

By The Associated Press.

London, Dec. 3.—The allied supreme council today publicly announced it would withdraw financial support from Greece should former King Constantine be returned in the plebiscite of Sunday, and consider territorial reprisals should he be enthroned.

The council also decided the allied premiers should meet a fortnight hence to discuss conditions as they exist after the Greeks register their choice in the plebiscite.

Briefly summarized, the position of the allies is that they want to see the Greeks vigorously reassert their government must conform, to a great extent, to the wishes of the allies, and that if the admissions in yesterday's note and today's statement relative to withdrawal of financial support are ineffective the allies are prepared to take even sterner measures, which were discussed today.

May Modify Treaty.

As the Sevres treaty has not been ratified it is within the power of the allies to modify it, and they are keeping this fact to the fore, at least as regards Smyrna. It is known that some of those at the conference expressed the belief that Smyrna would be safer from the allied standpoint, in Turkish hands than in the hands of the Greeks under Constantine. The wish was expressed, however, not to go so far as to threaten the Greeks, before the plebiscite, with retaining part of the territory allotted them under the Sevres treaty.

While the premiers are in accord that the sternest measures should be taken if Constantine is returned, they have not agreed on what steps to take if the Greeks choose Prince George for their king. In any event they consider another conference soon will be necessary to decide definitely what shall be done if Constantine wins, or what steps shall be taken if the Greeks vote otherwise.

Note Is Surprise.

Athens, Dec. 3.—The note sent by the British, French and Italian governments to Greece Thursday concerning the possible return of former King Constantine to power and the relations between them and the Greek government, caused consternation here. It came as a surprise to the Greek cabinet.

State of War Between Italy and Fiume Is Started at Midnight

Trieste, Dec. 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—A state of war between the kingdom of Italy and the "regency of Quarnero" at Fiume began at midnight, but up to a few minutes before that time there was no visible evidence that actual hostilities impended. The blockade of Fiume was continuing, and the only indications of trouble were the fierce pronouncements of Capt. Gabriele D'Annunzio against General Cavaglia and the regular Italian troops which were surrounding the city.

Communication between Fiume and the islands of Arbe and Veglia was cut by an Italian patrol in the Gulf of Quarnero.

Police Seek Woman After Finding Body of Infant

Detroit, Dec. 3.—Police here are searching for a woman they believe may be able to throw some light upon the finding early today of the body of a young baby wrapped in brown paper and tucked beneath a bench in a clearing near a train from New York. The child apparently was several weeks old.

County Physician Albert French, who conducted an autopsy, said the baby had been strangled, and he believed, had been dead about a week.

Son Accused of Killing Father Freed by Justice

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 3.—Charges of murder against Victor Check and his wife, Belle Check, in connection with the death of Check's father, Thomas J. Check of Topeka, Kan., here November 13, were dismissed today by Justice of the Peace Charles De Sales Wheeler at the conclusion of the preliminary examination of Mr. and Mrs. Check.

Posses Scour Country for Boy Missing Three Days

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 3.—Peering foul play, a searching party of several hundred was still scouring the vicinity of Bushnell, Ill., near here today trying to find Johnnie Jennings, 13, who has been missing since Wednesday afternoon. He is the son of a wealthy farmer.

Not Enough Funds for Check; Man Given Year in Pen

Lewis S. Yates was sentenced to the penitentiary for one year by District Judge Troup of a charge of cashing a check at the Brandeis stores, October 11, to meet which he had not sufficient funds in the bank.

Federal Agents and Bandits Cause Bad Day for Saloonist

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.
Chicago, Dec. 3.—Peter Lobusowski, a saloonkeeper, had a bad day. The cash register showed but \$3 and federal, state and municipal sleuths were snooping around at all times, seeking evidence to put the booze business on the bum.

Entered two men who looked thirsty. Lobusowski greeted them with smiles and desired to know their pleasure. Both drew revolvers and ordered the proprietor out from behind the bar while they frisked him, finding nothing.

"Where's all the dough?" they demanded.

The saloonkeeper pointed sorrowfully at the cash register and they took the \$3.

"Well, set out some beer," they demanded, and Lobusowski hastened to comply.

The robbers took a snort of the stuff and spat it out.

"No wonder you have only \$3 in the till," said one.

Article X May Be Eliminated From League Covenant

Ruling of Association That it Does Not Guarantee Territorial Integrity Believed To Have Killed It.

By The Associated Press.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 3.—Withdrawal of Argentina from the league of nations is understood to be a strong probability. It is learned the government is hourly expecting a cablegram from Honario Pueyrredon, foreign minister and Argentina's representative at the assembly of the league, reporting his decision on the question. It is believed the basis of this country's withdrawal would be the inability of the Argentine delegation to obtain the necessary approval of its proposals at Geneva.

Geneva, Dec. 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—Presentation and adoption of a resolution eliminating Article X from the covenant of the league of nations before the end of the present session of the assembly would occasion a surprise here, it was declared in some quarters when the assembly began its meeting this morning.

Assertions were made that yesterday's decision on the admission of new states, which held, in effect, that the article does not guarantee the territorial integrity of any member of the league, represented the view of a majority of the delegates at the present meeting. This interpretation, in such an event, caused consideration of certain changes in the covenant were the principal topics of conversation here today.

These changes, which were proposed by Scandinavian countries, were said in no wise to prevent consideration of the present amendments. N. W. Rowell, a Canadian delegate, brought this out clearly by questioning A. J. Balfour of Great Britain.

The committee to which was referred the question of how to resolve the dispute between the council of the league and the council of the Turkish nationalists. The text of the council's reply reached the White House last night.

While White House officials had no information as to the procedure to be adopted by the president, the presumption was that he would await communications from the Spanish and Brazilian governments, who also offered their services as mediators. The council, in its reply to the president, stated that it had requested Spain and Brazil to communicate with Mr. Wilson.

Wilson Receives Note From League Officials

Washington, Dec. 3.—President Wilson had here today the reply of the league of nations council to his acceptance of the role of mediator between the Armenians and the Turkish nationalists. The text of the council's reply reached the White House last night.

Election Indictments Returned by Grand Jury

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 3.—The federal grand jury here returned many indictments in connection with the last primary election in the Thirty-first congressional district. Among the men indicted are Charles Anderson, member of the city council; Magistrate J. J. Schivan, republican candidate for the congressional nomination; Edward F. Kenna and Bernard McKenna.

Among the others named by the grand jury were all the election officers in five districts.

Union Pacific Treasurer.

Frederic Crosby, Is Dead

New York, Dec. 3.—Frederic von Schoonhoven Crosby, treasurer of the Union Pacific railway system for the last 22 years, died last night at his home here after a brief illness. He was born at Troy, N. Y., March 15, 1860. He leaves a wife and two children.

The Armenian Mandate

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They're all against taking a mandate over Armenia.



But, geeh, just supposing oil was discovered in Armenia!

School Children Add \$315 to Bee Free Shoe Fund

Hundreds of Kiddies Make Thanksgiving Donation That Little Waifs May Have Warm Footwear.

Hello, grown folks! Look what your children did Thanksgiving day! They gave \$315 to The Bee's Free Shoe fund, to put shoes on the feet of the poor little waifs.

Bess C. Bedell, chairman of the teachers' committee that manages the distribution of the shoes, brought the money to The Bee office.

Not a Cent Asked.

Not a cent was asked from the children. This \$315 was just a sort of "by-product" of the regular Thanksgiving day offering of Omaha's 30,000 school children.

Those that didn't bring a potato or apple or glass of jelly for the poor brought a penny or a nickel or a dime. And it certainly "added up."

Nine good people of Ellsworth, Neb., sent in \$9. And there were numerous other contributions which boost the fund almost to the \$800 mark, though it has been open less than a month.

More Is Needed.

Plenty of room yet, though. The list of poor little ones waiting for "their" shoes constantly grows. Send or bring a contribution to The Bee office if you can.

Previously reported.....\$457.85
Thanksgiving offering of Omaha's 30,000 school children.....315.00
P. E. Law, Ellsworth, Neb., 1.00
William F. Seeborn, Ellsworth, Neb., 1.00
J. L. Young, Ellsworth, Neb., 1.00
S. E. Stewart, Ellsworth, Neb., 1.00
W. H. Wrightman, Ellsworth, Neb., 1.00
J. B. Kennedy, Ellsworth, Neb., 1.00
H. G. Lancaster, Ellsworth, Neb., 1.00
L. E. Dunn, Ellsworth, Neb., 1.00
Charles W. Murphy, Ellsworth, Neb., 1.00
Henry G. Pike, 5.00
D. X., 1.00
A. Friend, 5.00
H. E. McConnon, 5.00
A. Friend of the Needy, 2.00
Total.....\$799.85

York Man Found Guilty Of Manufacturing Liquor

York, Neb., Dec. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Detrick Bolte, living near Waco, was arraigned before Judge Hopkins on the charge of manufacturing and selling liquor. One-half pint of whiskey was found in his home and nine gallons of white mule. He was found guilty on two counts and fined \$100 on each count and \$2085 costs.

R. N. Felton of Lincoln and Sheriff Miller and Deputy Sheriff Peterson were instrumental in making the capture.

Bandits Make Rich Haul

In Daylight Bank Robbery

Columbus, O., Dec. 3.—Five auto bandits in a bold daylight robbery, secured \$5,000 in cash, \$3,000 in Liberty bonds and about \$169,000 in non-negotiable notes at the First National bank of Grove City, 12 miles southwest of here, this morning, and escaped after locking occupants of the bank in a room. Columbus police went in pursuit of the robbers.

Countess Is Tried By Court Martial

Charge of Conspiracy Lodged Against Her for Organizing Irish Boy Scouts.

Dublin, Dec. 3.—At the royal barracks today the Countess Georgiana Markievicz, member of Parliament for the St. Patrick's division of Dublin City, who was arrested two months ago, was tried by court-martial on a charge of conspiring between January, 1918, and September, 1920, to organize a "hanna eireann" or otherwise known as Sinn Fein boy scouts.

This organization has been charged with conspiracy to murder military police, with unlawful drilling, the carrying of arms, furnishing recruits to the Irish volunteers and generally promoting dissatisfaction.

The countess looked extremely ill today. The military escort confiscated the photographic plates taken by the newspaper photographers.

The newspaper men were searched when they entered the barracks. The countess today refused to recognize the court and the session was occupied with the examination of witnesses for the prosecution.

The proceedings were enlivened by the countess acting as interpreter for counsel, who frequently stumbled over the pronunciation of Irish names in the translation of documents.

Convicted Murderer Of Former Omaha Man Kills Self in Cell

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 3.—Louis Marcum, who yesterday was found guilty by a jury in the district court of murder in the first degree and his penalty fixed at life imprisonment, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a safety razor blade in the county jail last night.

Marcum came to Burlington with a string of race horses to the Tri-State fair last August. Without apparent provocation, while drunk, he shot and killed Peter Moran, another horseman, whose home was in Omaha in a stable at the fair grounds. Marcum's mother lives in St. Louis.

"Whisky" Billed to China Proves to Be Colored Water

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 3.—Investigation of customs authorities of a shipment of "whisky" billed at approximately \$54,000 from this city to Shanghai revealed the barrels were filled with colored water. The shipment was being loaded on a Japanese liner when the government officials halted it and examined each of the 27 barrels at the fair grounds. Arrests are expected.

Vaccination Compulsory in Dubuque by Council Order

Dubuque, Ia., Dec. 3.—An ordinance making vaccination compulsory in all schools and colleges of the city was passed by the city council today. Many cases of smallpox are prevalent in the city.

Fly Campaign Opens

New York, Dec. 3.—One pair of flies effectively swatted now will avert the possible plague of 324,000,000 potential descendants next autumn, it is asserted on posters circulated today by the Merchants' Association of New York City, which launched a winter fly swatting campaign.

\$75,000 Taken From Train by Masked Bandits

Milwaukee Passenger Boarded By Two Men at Minneapolis; 100 Pieces of Registered Matter Stolen.

Minneapolis, Dec. 3.—Registered mail unofficially valued at from \$25,000 to \$75,000 was stolen today by three bandits who held up the clerks in a mail car of the Milwaukee-Minneapolis train on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad between Hopkins and Minneapolis. The bandits escaped.

The bandits are believed to have boarded the train at Hopkins, a short distance out of Minneapolis. When almost within the city limit they entered the mail car, bound the crew and jumped from the moving train with the loot.

The three clerks in the car, E. A. Anke, Minneapolis, and F. C. Tousey and A. J. O'Brien, St. Paul, said they did not know the bandits were aboard the train until the command to deliver the registered mail was heard. The three were forced to submit to being bound and were lying, hog tied, on the floor of the car when the train stopped at the station.

The police believe the bandits escaped in an automobile after they jumped from the train.

Cheater Breaks Silence For First Time in Month

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 3.—Dennis Chester, charged with killing Miss Florence Barton, talked today for the first time since he was returned from Nebraska, but only after giving "douching gas" combined with "douching gas" combined with "douching gas."

On coming out of the influence of the anaesthetic, the accused man cried:

"Oh, God, let me talk. I never done it. I never killed anybody."

Chester is being held in a cell at the city hospital. He has been in a state resembling coma until today. The other experiment will be tried again tomorrow, hospital attaches said.

Bolshevik Smash Lines Of General Balakovich

Warsaw, Dec. 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—The bolsheviks have smashed all the detachments of General Bulak Balakovich and the remnants are fleeing toward Poland, some crossing the frontier near David Grodek, north of the Pinsk marshes, where they were disarmed, according to reports received here.

The Weather

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