

Reparation Again Is Discussed by Allied Council

French Minister of Finance Urges Question Be Left to Reparation Commission as Treaty Provision

Paris, Jan. 26.—Paul Doumer, French minister of finance, opened the discussion of German reparations by the supreme council here this morning. He read a report on the financial situation and outlined the French viewpoint concerning a solution of the reparations question. The conference then heard Baron Ludgar Vincent D'Abernon, British ambassador to Germany. He advised M. Doumer's report occupied virtually the whole of the morning. Meanwhile, the conference plans to discuss the Polish and near eastern questions and to take up the reparations issue again tomorrow.

The position adopted by M. Doumer in his report, it developed, as he proceeded to its conclusion, was a return to Article 233 of the treaty of Versailles, which places the duty of determining the amount of compensation to be paid by Germany with the reparations commission. He insisted on strict adherence to the terms of that article.

Allied military experts today lauded the supreme council their report on a plan for the disbandment of German military units. The reports give satisfaction to the French viewpoint on the question, providing for full compliance with all disarmament clauses of the Versailles treaty.

It concedes to Great Britain, a further delay which was asked for on Monday before the supreme council by Premier Lloyd George. Disarmament must be completed by March 1, and the work must be finished by July 1.

This decision means that the Einwohnenwehr, or civic guards, and the security police, must be disbanded as must all other similar organizations not allowed by the treaty of Versailles. The council has still to act upon the report, but it was the general opinion this afternoon that it would approve the conclusions of the experts.

Taft's Leave Bermuda for Trip Back to America

Hamilton, Bermuda, Jan. 26.—William H. Taft and Mrs. Taft sailed for home after a visit here of almost a month.

Mr. Taft was called home to resume work on arbitrating the value of the shares of the Grand Trunk railway, which is being taken over by the Canadian government.

Milwaukee Elevator Burns

Milwaukee, Jan. 26.—Fire last night destroyed the giant elevator A at the Donohue-Stratton Milling company, with a loss estimated at \$300,000. One hundred thousand bushels of wheat were in the elevator.

Attempt to Kidnap Slacker Bergdoll Is Foiled at Ebersbach

Berlin, Jan. 26.—An attempt was recently made at Ebersbach to kidnap Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, American draft dodger, and a companion named Stecher, by five men in an automobile, two of whom were American military intelligence officers and one an American sergeant, according to the Ebersbacher Zeitung.

Bergdoll was being driven to the Ebersbach railway station to meet wedding guests, when the automobile was suddenly surrounded and its occupants ordered to surrender. The party attempted to escape and one of the Americans fired, the newspaper said, wounding a German friend of Bergdoll in the right hand. Police officers appeared and the five men fled, but the two alleged intelligence officers and another of the men were arrested later.

Fourth Probe to Be Made of Death of Wealthy Miser

Authorities Will Make Another Effort to Secure Further Traces of Persons Responsible for Murder

Madison, Wis., Jan. 26.—A new investigation into the death of R. S. Lawrence, South Madison broker and jewelry connoisseur who was believed to have had \$100,000 in cash, bonds and jewels in his possession when last seen alive three years ago, has been started by Theodore G. Lewis, Dane county district attorney. A fourth exhumation of the body of Mr. Lawrence may be ordered in connection with the inquiry, it was said today.

According to evidence produced through previous investigations Lawrence, on March 21, 1918, counted his money and bonds in his home on Lake Monona, arranging them in piles with his jewels. This was said to have been his daily custom. It included among the jewels was a stone known as the "orange diamond" valued at \$100,000 and said to have been brought from Africa in 1884 as a gift for Queen Victoria of England.

Lawrence went to a lawyer to make a codicil to his will leaving part of his estate to a step-daughter, Louise Vale, a motion picture actress who died later. He was never again seen alive, but that night a mangled body was found on the railroad tracks near the city. It was buried as that of Lawrence although so badly mangled that only his nephew was allowed to see it. The nephew, Edward J. Lawrence, said it was the body of his uncle. Later the body was exhumed by the state, but instead of the mangled remains buried a nude body, identified by several persons as that of Lawrence, was found. Physicians testified death had come from a blow administered on the head. A mark on the head was the only injury revealed.

Body Tampered With. Later another exhumation was made and the body found tampered with, according to physicians who conducted an autopsy, several bruises having been inflicted.

The three undertakers who handled the body on the track, William Williams, now dead; Robert May and Joseph Stevenson, testified in previous inquiries that the body was mangled beyond recognition. Blood-stained bills were circulated in Madison shortly after Lawrence disappeared, it is said.

Lawrence was widely known throughout Colorado as a lobbyist at the state house in Denver, where he spent many years before coming to Wisconsin.

Authorities to Prevent Spread of Sleeping Sickness

Illinois Health Officials Determined That Illness Must Be Stamped Out—33 Cases Found in Chicago

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 26.—State health officials today took steps to prevent spread of "sleeping sickness" from Chicago, where 33 cases have been reported.

"The sickness which is now prevalent in Illinois is unlike the African disease of the same name, which is caused by a fly," Dr. C. S. Drake, director of the health department said. "As far as we can learn, the local malady is due to infective organisms, on a germ, and is not con-

nected with any other disease as has been believed by the medical profession for a long time. "Symptoms are sleepiness, weakness, drowsiness of the eyes, weakening of the muscle of the eye, double vision and an expressionless or mask-like appearance of the face. The patient's temperature usually ranges from 102 to 103."

Dr. Drake explained that victims of lethargic encephalitis sometimes sleep for several weeks at a time. Fatalities usually are high he added, but if the patient can be aroused from his sleep, he has a fair chance of recovering. Unique methods sometimes are resorted to in arousing patients, he continued.

partment to disclose the recommendations of the appointee. The resolution said the adjutants general of 35 states had united on Charles I. Martin, adjutant general of Kansas, for the job.

Crude Oil Drops

Pittsburgh, Jan. 26.—The price of Corning crude oil today was reduced 25 cents a barrel. The new quotation is \$3.50.

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