

France Seeks to Get U. S. to Join Modified League

It Is Announced Negotiations Are Under Way Now to Secure Acceptance of Harding.

Paris, March 10.—(By The Associated Press.)—It was stated at the foreign office today that negotiations were under way between the French embassy at Washington and the State department in an effort to induce President Harding to favor acceptance of a modified league of nations.

The French position is conciliatory, and is believed to relate to expressions by officials connected with the present Washington administration, made during the peace conference.

Hughes Is Silent.

Washington, March 10.—(By The Associated Press.)—Administration officials withheld comment today on the statement made at the French foreign office that negotiations were under way between the French embassy here and the State department with regard to the acceptance by the United States of a modified league of nations.

The impression was given, however, that the initiative in any such development rested entirely with the French government and that in any event the matter had not yet reached the stage of negotiations. This was diplomatic day at the State department and Secretary Hughes refused to discuss the question. It became known, however, that on last Tuesday he had a half hour talk with Ambassador Jusserand just before the presentation of the diplomatic corps. Whether the subject of the league of nations was broached has not been made known.

President Harding already has received considerable information through his unofficial sources regarding the feeling of European statesmen and it is expected that he will make a still more exhaustive investigation before he launches his foreign program.

The forthcoming visit of former Premier Viviani on special mission and the return of Ambassador Davis from London are regarded as opening two important avenues of information aside from those which the president is preparing on his own initiative. It would not surprise those who have been in close touch with the situation if, in addition, the president sent several representatives abroad within the next weeks to make inquiries.

Man Charged With Arson To Be Tried in Plattsmouth

Nebraska City, Neb., March 10.—(Special.)—Frank Popel, Jr., charged with arson in connection with the mysterious fire at the Frontier hotel here nearly two years ago, will be tried before Judge James P. Begley in the district court at Plattsmouth next Monday. Popel was convicted in this county several months ago and was sentenced to the penitentiary. The case was appealed to the supreme court and a new trial granted. The case was taken to the Cass county district court on the grounds that a fair trial here was impossible and that the people of the community were prejudiced against him.

Grand Island Merchants Oppose Exchange Rates

Grand island, Neb., March 10.—(Special.)—A vigorous protest against the passage of the proposed law that would authorize bankers to charge exchange of 10 cents on each \$100 on checks has been made by the retail merchants' section of the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce. It is "going back to the old-time holdup methods," declares the resolution adopted, "and is considered unprogressive." Copies of the resolution have been sent to the Hall county's representatives and other members of the legislature.

Prussian Cabinet Resigns

Berlin, March 10.—Resignation of the Prussian cabinet was announced today. The present cabinet was formed on March 29, last, with Herr Braun as premier.

Four Are Slain Near Belfast by Armed Sinn Fein

Two Former Soldiers, Both of Thurlies, Executed by Firing Squad—Two Others Found in Lane.

Belfast, March 10.—Four men, who had incurred the displeasure of the Sinn Fein, were killed here on Tuesday night. The bodies of James Maher and Patrick O'Mara, former soldiers and both residents of the town of Thurlies, were found in a field. Maher's body was labeled "spy." It is stated they were accused of giving information to the police. The bodies of two other men were found in a country lane at Augnacloy and on their breasts were cards inscribed with the words: "Tried, convicted and executed by the Irish republican army." One was identified as Francis McPhillips.

A youth was tied to a gate in the town of Keady on Tuesday night by two masked men, who fastened a placard to his clothing reading: "Too young to be shot. Beware. Keep your mouth shut."

Police at Carrick-on-Shannon have arrested Alexander McCabe, a member of the Sinn Fein parliament, and Michael McLoughlin, a prominent Sinn Feiner.

Patrick Moran, who was tried on charges that he was connected with the murder of several British officers in Dublin on November 21, 1920, has been sentenced to death and the sentence has been confirmed by General MacReady, military commander in Ireland.

Employees Will Vote On Packing House Strike

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agreement entered with the United States Department of Labor. "The vote is to be 'yes' or 'no.'"

Board Given Full Power.

The conference gave the executive board of the union "full authority to call and conduct the entire strike situation, and arrange all adjustments," and warned all affiliated unions and district councils against calling a strike or making any settlements until authorized to do so by the board.

Officers were uncertain whether a two-thirds majority, or simply a majority, was required to make a strike vote carry. They asserted, however, that if the sentiment of the conference delegates was representative workers would vote for a strike by a large majority.

Returns on the vote should be complete by next Wednesday in the opinion of the officers. That the conference favored an immediate strike following the referendum was indicated by a resolution that "it is the sense of the conference that the referendum vote and the putting into effect of such a vote shall be done without any more delay than the sensible handling of the situation requires."

Local Unions Warned.

Mr. Lane said the warning to local unions against taking action before instructed by the board was to prevent a "runaway strike."

The conference called on the central bodies of "all other trade unions" to aid in a whirlwind campaign for increasing memberships. It arranged for a series of mass meetings to be held in every city where unions have headquarters and issued an invitation to "prominent citizens, ministers, priests and men in public offices" to attend.

A majority of these meetings are to be held next Sunday and many of them will be preceded by parades protesting proposed readjustments by packers, according to delegates. The plan to enjoy packing interests from reducing wages and changing working hours, through the federal court, was left "entirely in the hands of Edmond S. Brennan, general counsel for the butcher workmen's union."

Presents Injunction Idea.

Mr. Brennan, who attended the closing sessions of the conference yesterday, presented the injunction idea, and added that, "if necessary, we can ask the courts to appoint receivers for the big packing concerns."

He proposed to file a petition for injunction against the packers in the federal court in Chicago the fore part of next week and ask for a temporary restraining order to prevent packers from reducing wages and changing hours beginning Monday, as is planned by packing interests.

"We are investigating laws bearing on restraining such readjustments," said Mr. Lane. "I believe the Kansas Industrial law makes a 30-day notice of such a change as the packers propose necessary. If so, the packers have failed to comply with the law in that state, for they have given us only a short notice."

Southern Nebraska Fruit Not Damaged by Cold Wave

Beatrice, Neb., March 10.—(Special.)—The temperature dropped to 21 above zero in this section of the state, but it is said the fruit is not far enough advanced to be damaged.

Occupation of Rhine Ports Is Nearly Completed

All That Remains to Be Done Is Seizure of Few Villages and Several Important Cross Roads.

Allied Military Headquarters, Neuss, March 10.—(By The Associated Press.)—Allied forces have virtually completed the occupation of the Rhine ports of the Ruhr region. All that remains to be done being the seizure of a few villages and important cross roads. As yet, commanding officers have not arranged for a division of the occupied zone between the British, Belgian and French units.

The soldiers engaged in the operation were delighted with their "military promenade," which was favored by unusually fine weather. They draw comparisons between the reception given them here and in Frankfurt last year, and there seems to be a sort of friendly atmosphere in the occupied district.

A Duesseldorf newspaper said yesterday that if the allied authorities followed out the lines laid down in the proclamation by General de Goutte, the occupation of the city would be "impossible."

While the presence of allied troops has been accepted by good grace by most of the people, business men in the occupied district are worried over the consequences of new customs system. Reports are current that certain factories have cancelled orders amounting to 60,000,000 marks, but these rumors have not been confirmed.

People of the middle and working classes fear there will be an increase in the cost of living. They are laying in stocks of provisions and are besieging stores. In some cases fear is expressed that stocks of food will be rapidly exhausted.

Omaha Trainmen Complain Of Safety Conditions

Lincoln, March 10.—(Special.)—Fifty members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Trainmen of Omaha, headed by W. H. Stropshire, have complained by petition to the Nebraska railway commission that safety conditions required by statute have not been complied with by the railroads in the Omaha switching yards.

The complaint also applies to freight service in the state. The commission has notified the brotherhood that a formal complaint will be necessary before it can take jurisdiction.

Alliance Schools to Retain Salary Schedule of 1920

Alliance, Neb., March 10.—(Special.)—The board of education here has decided to adhere to the salary schedule which was adopted in the spring of 1920. High school teachers, who remain next year will receive an increase of \$100 and grade teachers will receive an increase of \$75.

Pawnee City Glee Clubs Will Present Operetta

Pawnee City, Neb., March 10.—(Special.)—The high school operetta, offered each year by the two school glee clubs, is being prepared under the direction of Miss Gertrude Hassler, instructor in school music. The name of this year's play is "The Love Birds of Hawaii."

Phelps-Dodge Corporation Cuts Its Dividend Shares

New York, March 10.—Directors of the Phelps-Dodge corporation, copper producers, today declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 a share, compared with the previous rate of \$2.50 a share.

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Center Aisle—Main Floor

Silk Lisle Hose Are Serviceable

Black, navy, gray and cordovan silk lises with garter tops and double soles.

Black lisle hose with lavender tipping are full fashioned.

Black lisle hose with maco split soles are well reinforced.

These three styles are \$1.25 a pair.

Center Aisle—Main Floor

Demonstration of Yarns

Miss Steenstrup is demonstrating Minerva yarns. She brought with her models of the newest designs in both knitting and crocheting and will assist you in copying them.

Artneedlework—Second Floor

Skirt Protectors

Rubberized protectors are a safeguard to any frock—particularly to accordion pleating, to clinging silks, and to fabrics which muss easily. They help a gown retain its newness and trim lines.

Priced from 50c upward.

Corsets—Second Floor

Union Suits for \$1 and \$2

Fine cotton union suits with round neck or bodice top and wide or tight knees are \$1.

Fine lisle suits in two styles are \$2 a suit.

Second Floor

Refreshing Charm of Easter Fashions

It is easily possible to follow the dictates of Fashion and still possess clothes of individual becomingness, for every type has been given consideration this spring season—variety is present to a marked degree.

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has the approval of women who appreciate the beauty and desirability of simplicity in dress. A simplicity that depends upon the skillful use of fine materials with proper attention to the details of finishing and ornamentations. Such fashions are never tiresome.



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An Unusual Sale Friday

Attractive in all of the new shapes, desirable colors and fashionable trimmings of the Spring season.

The entire collection has just been received. You'll like every one of them. They are exceptional.

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Millinery—Fourth Floor

Duretta Cloth for Strenuous Wear

This is a new cloth, of a galatea weave, but with a higher lustre which it retains after laundering. For children's rompers, middie blouses, boys' summer shirts, nurses' uniforms, and for sport skirts, Duretta is an ideal fabric.

Duretta Cloth, 36 inch, may be had for 39c a yard.

Linen Section—Main Floor

Percal for 25c

Dark or light backgrounds with attractive stripes and figures—36 inches wide—a very good quality for 25c a yard.

Woven Madras for 50c a yard

New spring designs in fine madras, 30 inches wide, for 50c a yard.

Second Floor