

Treaty in Limelight In Capital

Much Interest in Visit of Former French Premier—Will Attempt to Convert Ideas of Harding.

Foes of Pact Confident

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Washington, March 20.—An embittered and influential President Harding in the formulation of the peace program he will submit to the forthcoming session of the 67th congress.

This is the foremost topic of speculation in Washington in regard to developments of international affairs. Accompanied by Stephen Laurance, the French journalist, M. Viviani will arrive the latter part of this week for a stay of three weeks or more, during which period he will discuss international problems with the president, Secretary of State Hughes and other cabinet members and a number of senators and representatives.

Advocates of ratification by the United States, of the Versailles treaty in some form and acceptance of a modified league of nations covenant, are exceedingly hopeful that the former French premier will weaken the president's opposition to such a course by his representations of the financial and economic plight of France and the necessity of strong concerted action by the powers, including the United States, to force Germany to pay the prescribed reparations.

May Delay Decisions.

Senators who are irrefragably opposed to the treaty and the covenant are confident that M. Viviani's visit will have no effect on the formulation of the peace program beyond delaying announcement by the president of the course of action upon which he shall have decided. It is known that the president desires the fullest discussion of the problems which will be brought to the fore by the visit of the distinguished Frenchman and it is conceived to be unlikely that any final decisions will be reached until after he has departed.

The present status of interchanges between the Harding administration and the allies is one of diplomatic sparring. Mr. Hughes started out by making it clear to the allied ambassadors that the United States will enter upon no discussions of the matter until it has been decided upon by the administration until the allies have conceded the inalienable rights of America in the mandated territories. The position assumed by the allies is that they are seeking nothing, have nothing to take up with the United States and merely desire to co-operate to the best of their ability with the Harding administration.

Want Support of United States.

The utterances of M. Viviani on the eve of his departure for the United States, however, leave no doubt that he wishes to present to the president the question of the United States backing up France in warring the indemnity from Germany. The most acceptable form of American assistance, in his opinion, would be American ratification of the Versailles treaty and entrance into the league of nations with article 10 eliminated from the covenant.

Mr. Harding is now wholly opposed to such action by the United States and there are few even of the pro-leaguers who entertain hopes that the president can be persuaded by M. Viviani. It would be success for the former French premier to convert the president from the view that the United States ought not to enter the present league of nations, which is a permanent military alliance, either with or without article 10, and ought not to underwrite the terms of the peace in Paris, the dangerous potentialities of which are being demonstrated by current developments in Europe.

Might Take Less.

It is possible that France would be content with something much less than M. Viviani will propose, possibly some official endorsement by the United States of the measures adopted to exact German payment of the reparations. Anything that would tend to disintegrate German resistance and start the reparations payments would benefit France immensely. With revenue from reparations pouring into the treasury, the credit of France would be greatly improved and the French government would be able to negotiate on better terms loans from American financiers.

What administration officials fail to understand is the necessity for American assistance in enforcing the peace terms. With Germany without navy and military armament and with the British navy and a French army of close to 1,000,000 men now under arms, it would seem that the allies need no additional help in imposing their will upon the German republic.

Boy Arrested as He Drives

Away With Benson Man's Car

Otto Glaser, 16, 5536 Spencer street, was arrested Saturday as he was driving away from in front of a soft drink parlor at Benson in an automobile owned by O. M. Hunter of Benson. The boy told police that a man had offered him \$5 to take the car around a corner and leave it there. Glaser is held for investigation.

Will Head City Schools.

Red Cloud, Neb., March 20.—(Special.)—C. L. Clark of Lincoln, rural high school inspector, has been elected superintendent of the Red Cloud city schools at a salary of \$2,700.

Live Stock Men Urge Embargo Upon Meats

Washington, March 20.—An embargo on the importation of meats and readjustment of freight rates on live stock from the west and south-west was urged by a delegation which called on President Harding. Senator Capper, republican, Kansas, accompanied the delegation, which included Judge Sam Howan, Texas, general counsel of the National Live Stock association; T. A. Tomlin, Denver, secretary of the association, and J. H. Mercer, Topeka, chairman of the Kansas City Live Stock association.

Senator Capper said later he was given to understand that a bill designed to practically place an embargo on various agricultural products probably would be introduced early in the session of congress and would have the support of the administration.

Prove Disloyal Propaganda is Circulated Here

American Legion Turns Over To Federal Officers Newspaper Published in Bremen, Germany.

Lincoln, March 20.—As further proof that there is an insidious German propaganda campaign underway in Nebraska, Frank B. O'Connell, state adjutant of the American Legion, turned over to the federal department of justice a copy of a disloyal newspaper circulated regularly to Nebraskans of German parentage. The newspaper, which states that it is "devoted to the furtherance of international understanding," is supposed to be printed in Bremen, Germany, and was shipped into the state by express.

Adjutant O'Connell said the copy was turned over to him by a member of the American Legion in the Nebraska town where it was supposed to have been delivered with others.

The newspaper very vigorously attacks the Wilson administration in its relation with Germany and attempts to justify Germany's acts during the war. In equally forceful language, the newspaper attacks the French for having put negro troops along the Rhine. It attempts to tell the truth about the "negro horrors of the Rhine," and accuses the United States postoffice department of enforcing a "conspiracy of silence" on the subject.

Editorially the newspaper charges that "the German people were cheated into an armistice."

The newspaper is printed in English for the benefit of its American subscribers.

Adjutant O'Connell, in turning the newspaper over to the Department of Justice for investigation, said this was only one of numerous means agents of the German propaganda campaign are using to regain a hold on German-Americans. "The American Legion in Nebraska," he said, "is devoting every effort to expose the projected revival of German propaganda in the state."

Hays Pledges Efforts To Eliminate Politics From Postal Service

Chicago, March 20.—Elimination of politics and extension of the civil service in the Postoffice department were pledged by Postmaster General Hays in two speeches here yesterday.

His purposes are to take the postal service and politics out of such recitations as in all decency and fairness must be made to assure a square deal and to strengthen and broaden the civil service and put the postal service upon a purely business basis, so sound and serviceable that no political party will ever again dare attempt to ignore or evade it," he declared.

Labor Takes Large Part Of Railroad's Earnings

Chicago, March 20.—Sixty-one per cent of the railway dollar is taken by labor, according to a diagram prepared by S. Mason Thompson of the bureau of railway news and statistics. The diagram shows that the remainder of the dollar was distributed as follows: Fuel cost, 11 per cent; material, 19 per cent; loss and damage, 3.75 per cent; taxes, 4.67 per cent, and the remainder, 85 per cent, went for rents.

Crowd Waits in Vain for Baptism

Shivering Omahans Line Lake Front to See Immersion of Candidates for Negro Church—Ceremony Postponed by Pastor's Illness.

Cold winds blew over the shores of Carter lake yesterday afternoon while fully 1,000 shivering Omahans waited in vain for the scheduled baptism of 19 candidates for membership in the Pleasant Green Colored Baptist church.

The Rev. J. Costello, pastor of the church, had announced he would baptize the candidates in the lake at 3, and would-be spectators began arriving in automobiles and on foot long before that hour, clad in overcoats and furs. The lake shore near Municipal beach, where the immersion was to be held, was lined with several rows of cars.

Life Guards Jim Bruner, Thomas Christopher and Julius Begman, employees of the park department, were on hand—but not in bathing suits—to guard against accidents. They were kept busy answering questions of the impatient crowd.

which remained at the beach until well after 4. A minister had baptized two negro men that morning and departed without giving his name, according to Bruner.

The Rev. Mr. Costello, when located, explained the baptism had been postponed indefinitely because of his illness. In administering the rites of baptism it is necessary for him to lead his "candidates" into the lake until the water reaches his shoulders, he explained.

"It was worn out by five weeks of revival services," said the minister. "The doctor advised against me going into the lake. I'm leaving town for a few weeks and the ceremony will not be held until I return."

"I'm sorry the crowd was disappointed. It would have been a very beautiful sight. I baptize large classes that way every year. Perhaps the weather will be better the next day we set for the baptism."

New Plan For Railway Lipoedged

Consolidation of All Facilities Under Government Supervision Proposed by Association of Stockholders.

It Would Save Millions

By The Associated Press.

Washington, March 20.—Co-ordination of the facilities and service of the railroads under strict government supervision is proposed by the National Association of Owners of Railway Securities, as a way out of the transportation crisis. The plan will be submitted tomorrow to Chairman Cummins of the senate Interstate Commerce commission. S. Davies Warfield, president of the association, announced today that representatives of his organization would appear later before the committee.

Mr. Warfield says that the plan will save millions of dollars annually, increase facilities and service and lower fares and rates. He adds that American transportation has outgrown its present system and warns that the railroads must recognize that only drastic measures will save them from being swallowed up in the demoralization that government operation and after-war adjustment has brought.

"Unless intensive economical methods in administration are adopted," he continues, "there is no alternative but government operation, followed by government ownership, although the country has given evidence of being opposed to it."

National Service Urged.

The proposed plan is supplemental to provisions of the transportation act permitting regional consolidation of physical properties by the Interstate Commerce commission.

The proposed co-ordination would be brought about through a national railway service, to be organized by act of congress, and which also would be an agency to purchase equipment to be furnished the railroads without profit.

The Interstate Commerce commission would select five of its members who would constitute the service division. This division would have supervision and regulator powers to be exercised through the board of the national railway service.

The board would be composed of 40 members, subdivided into two divisions, finance and administrative, and railway officers, of 20 members each.

Four Group Boards.

Subordinate to the board would be four group railway boards, one in each of the four large territories—eastern, southern, western and mountain-Pacific. Each board would have seven members, five to be selected by the railways and two from the shippers.

The railway officials serving on the four boards would serve as the railway officials division of the national board.

Co-operating with the group boards would be 10 committees, each selected from the railways of each group. These committees would carry out a large range of investigation and report, including the normal equipment requirements of each railway; additional equipment to be leased from the national railway service; standardization of equipment; useless expenditures incident to competition; a study of joint use of terminals, yards and shop facilities; surplus property not required in legitimate transportation; cost of carrying; purchase of fuel and supplies; application of a standard of efficiency in railway operation.

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Officers for Year Named

By Geneva Woman's Club

Geneva, Neb., March 20.—(Special.)—Officers of the Geneva Woman's club chosen for the year are: President, Mrs. Lee Huston; vice president, Mrs. Thomas Moore; recording secretary, Mrs. R. A. Burns; corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. G. Phillips; treasurer, Mrs. L. L. Fisher; custodian, Mrs. M. Bolton; auditor, Miss Cora Stewart. Delegates chosen to attend the district convention in April at Crete are: Mrs. E. Huston and Mrs. C. E. Reynolds.

Miss Nellie Williams of Lincoln explained the system of the county library at the request of the club.

Man Injured When He Steps Into Moving Automobile

Charles Palmer suffered lacerations of the scalp Saturday when he stepped into a moving automobile driven by Ralph Charton, Central City, Neb., at Twenty-fourth and Hamilton.

Palmer, who lives at Eighteenth and Charles streets, was attended by police surgeons and later was taken to a hospital for treatment. Charton was booked for reckless driving and was released on bond.

Tennessee Mountaineer

Is Arrested as Fugitive

Denver, March 20.—Peter Robinson, 39, a Tennessee mountaineer, is held in jail here on a charge of being a fugitive from justice from California. Robinson was captured after he had barricaded himself in a down-town rooming house. Police officers were tracked by detectives from California to Kansas and back to Denver.

Capper Papers Editor to Address Omaha Rotarians

Marco Morrow of Topeka, Kan., editor of the Arthur Capper publications, will address the Omaha Rotarians at their regular noon luncheon at the Rame Hotel Wednesday.

Mr. Morrow, who is a prominent Rotarian, will speak on the "Philosophy of Rotary." P. F. Petersen will preside at the luncheon.

Fire Damages Theater.

Nebraska City, March 20.—(Special.)—A fire in the basement of the Overland theater here caused considerable damage to three dressing rooms in the annex of the building. The fire started in the basement from an undetermined origin.

Wanderer Loses Nerve; Jailor Fears Suicide

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, March 20.—Carl Wanderer's iron nerve is breaking down and today he is a whining culprit, instead of the fearless, sneering, self-confident underdog. He had been held ever since the triple crime, in which he had placed him in the death chamber, are watching him to prevent suicide.

Early next week, the body of the "ragged stranger," for whose murder Wanderer was convicted, will be buried in Eastern field. He had been held ever since the triple crime, in which he had placed him in the death chamber, are watching him to prevent suicide.

Clashes Between Pole and British Troops Reported

All Preparations Completed For Upper Silesia Plebiscite—Many Germans Return For Voting Privilege.

By The Associated Press.

Berlin, March 20.—Special dispatches from Katowitz, Silesia, report that Polish bands crossed the Silesian frontier into Rosenberg and became involved in fights with British troops at Gross Lassowitz. Several persons were seriously wounded, the dispatches state.

Tarnowitz, Upper Silesia, March 20.—All preparations had been completed when the polls opened today in Upper Silesia to determine whether the rich mining region of 50,000 square miles shall be under the sovereignty of Germany or Poland. From distant parts of the world Germans and Poles, former residents and entitled to vote, had journeyed here.

The plebiscite, it is estimated, involved the pilgrimage of 140,000 Germans. Special trains were furnished at the expense of the Germans and the trains were so crowded many passengers were obliged to stand. Among the last contingents were 40 from South Africa, completing the representation of nearly every country except the entente.

The final results were expected to be delayed somewhat by the order of the inter-allied plebiscite commission suspending wire communication with the world, except press dispatches, which were subject to the approval of the authorities.

Expect Big Vote.

Approximately 2,500,000 Germans and Poles were expected to cast ballots and the propaganda agencies of both countries have worked to the utmost.

Each voter received two ballots, one Polish and the other German. After marking one both ballots were dropped in the ballot box. This method, it was expected, would prevent counting the votes. Even prisoners were entitled to vote.

Concentrations of Polish and German troops were reported on the frontiers, and it was thought in some quarters fighting would occur, although the council of ambassadors had notified Germany full responsibility would be on her should disorders occur if German troops entered the zone.

Poland Also Warned.

Poland also was warned that the allied powers would not tolerate any interference for the maintenance of order.

According to information in the hands of the inter-allied plebiscite commission, Germans are prepared to protest to the council of ambassadors, should the vote be unfavorable to Germany and will ask a partition of Silesia, asking that Poland be given the eastern section where the Polish majority exists.

The resignation of many German judges, where the Poles predominate, has been received and no excesses were appointed, or if appointed, have refused to serve, the intention being to assert that without German representation there was no guarantee of fair play.

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Two Lose Lives When Burlington Train Hits Switch Engine in Red Cloud Yards.

Say Engineer to Blame

Red Cloud, Neb., March 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Engineer C. S. Lawrence of Oxford, Neb., and Fireman E. J. Kimmel of McCook, Neb., were killed instantly when a Burlington extra stock train from the west collided with a switch engine in the Red Cloud yards at 5 this morning. Lawrence was engineer on the switch engine and Kimmel, fireman on the freight train.

Reports indicate that the extra stock train in charge of Conductor Hinshaw and Engineer Reilly was coming into the local yards at a high rate of speed. The yard crew was switching and had gone onto a siding, leaving the switch open from the main line. This was permissible as the main line is protected by a semaphore about two miles west of the depot, so arranged that it must be set at danger before the main line switch can be opened.

It is said that the engineer of the stock train, who was on the engine, tried to jump, but stumbled and fell in the tender and this saved his life. The fireman on the switch engine jumped in time to escape injury.

Among the cars wrecked were 10 of stock and two of cement. The caboose of an earlier stock train, standing on another track, was overturned by the wrecked train. A number of passengers shortly before had occupied this car, but were at breakfast when the crash came.

Superintendent MacLaren and Trainmaster Welch of McCook arrived this morning to conduct an investigation.

Engineer Lawrence had been working on the switch engine here for about a month. Fireman Kimmel is a son of Editor F. M. Kimmel of the McCook Tribune.

Mrs. Nellie L. Guild, Resident of Omaha For 50 Years, Dies

Mrs. Nellie L. Guild, resident of Omaha for nearly 50 years, died yesterday, after a sickness of several months at the home of her sister, Mrs. William Randall, 820 Park avenue, with whom she has made her home for the last 35 years.

Her husband, David Guild, a former resident of Omaha, died in 1886.

Besides Mrs. William Randall, a sister, Mrs. John Hodge of Oakland, Cal., formerly of Omaha, survives. Mrs. Guild was born in Scotland, December 21, 1858, and came to Omaha with her parents in 1872, where she lived five years in prison.

Mrs. Guild was well known in the city and was a charter member of Westminster Presbyterian church, in which she was an active member.

Funeral services will be held from Westminster Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon at 2. Burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Nine Guilty of Conspiring Sentenced in Scotland

Edinburgh, Scotland, March 20.—Nine of 15 persons alleged to be Sinn Féin officers, charged with being found guilty of conspiring against the government. A verdict of not proven was returned in the case of two of the prisoners and the four others were found not guilty. The nine were sentenced to terms of five years in prison and a fine of £500 was imposed.

Motor cars and explosives said to have been the property of those convicted were ordered forfeited. All the prisoners left the dock smiling cheerfully.

Three Unaccounted For When Kansas Hotel Burns

Emporia, Kan., March 20.—Three persons are unaccounted for, following a fire which destroyed the Hotel Whitley today.

Several persons were severely injured and others received slight injuries when they fell from the second story.

Jack Fisher, a wrestler, fell three stories when a rope burned in two, but he was uninjured. Ed Warner, Fisher's manager, jumped three stories and landed uninjured on the wrestler's back.

The damage is estimated at \$100,000.

Damage Suit Filed Against Minnesota Bank Examiner

Minneapolis, March 20.—Suit for \$200,000 damages against F. E. Pearson, state bank examiner and 14 other defendants was filed in Hennepin county district court by J. M. Arrowood, former cashier of the Farmers State bank of Kimball, Minn.

Arrowood alleges that he was forced to dispose of bank stocks worth \$200 a share at \$80 a share because of alleged manipulations of the defendants.

Destroyer Aground

Washington, March 19.—The destroyer, Toucy, went aground off St. Simons sound, near Brunswick, Georgia, the Navy department announced tonight. It was reported as resting easily and in no danger.

Does Harding Enjoy Being President of U. S.? He Does!

New Executive Grappling With Tasks With More Expedition Than Many Friends Thought Possible—Demands Service to People and Is Eager to Help Give Service.

By EYE WITNESS.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Washington, D. C., March 20.—Does Warren Harding from Marion, O., enjoy being president of the United States?

Does he? Does the gusto of the man survive the grind?

It does—thus far. A man who has looked over the shoulder of all the presidents at work from Roosevelt to Harding inclusive, said to me:

In these first grilling days of a new administration it's the sense of power that holds 'em and keeps 'em happy—dammit, they love it! Call me this man on the phone and this one and this one, and in six minutes four of the best brains in this country at his elbow, and then the five of them bend to a problem for 20 minutes—half an hour—three-quarters—as long as the president wishes—and there is not a whisper of a footfall to distract him! It's king-size, my boy!

Warren Harding is grappling with his new tasks, with more expedition than some persons who know him well thought he would.

Eight months ago he liked to work leisurely. He always had. The campaign pulled him pretty well out of that failing—for a failing it had sometimes proved to be.

Needed Pushing.

In Marion they used to say, "Warren's all right, but there's times when he's got to be pushed."

As president he does not enjoy procrastination any more. Nothing so emphatically indicates that he has grown.

Like Roosevelt and Louis Philippe, he is a moody monarch, and sometimes the prompt swinging away to

swift work and decisive action depends on the mood.

But Harding does not work just as Roosevelt did. Roosevelt's decisions usually were quick, and so are most of Harding's—the actual deciding, I mean, not the getting to the discussion in a different way.

After the discussion he wants no more of a question. He wants to feel that his head is clear of it. At such moments he can be very stubborn and vehement—even irascible if they lecture him.

There is another side—more characteristic of the man. You may not have a great president—time alone can tell that—but you have got a great helper.

To James J. Davis, the new secretary of labor, who has just come from the president, I said: "How do you find him to deal with?"

"I'll tell you in mighty few words," the Moore chief said, "it's this way. A cabinet officer goes right into Harding at any and all times; an usher takes him right in. I never yet have seen a man respond as the president has. It's up to you to give service. It's the way he puts it, and he is eager to help us to give service."

"I felt a little bit weak—you understand—a little bit shaky when I went to the first cabinet meeting, but that man gives you confidence. When I left I knew I had the president of the United States back of me. I've been around the world and I've met men—all kinds of men—and I never saw a man that so wanted to help you solve the human problems."

"For example: I went to him and (Turn to Page Two, Column One.)

Many Churches Add New Members On Palm Sunday

Kountze Memorial Receives Class of 192, Largest in City—Pastor Officials In Wheel Chair.

Large congregations crowded Omaha churches yesterday, worshipping on one of the great festival days of the church year, Palm Sunday, which commemorates the entry of Christ into Jerusalem.

Most Protestant churches received large classes of new members, this being the Palm Sunday custom, especially in Lutheran and Episcopal churches.

Vastly the largest class of confirmations in this city and probably the largest yesterday was the class of 192 young folks received into Kountze Memorial Lutheran church in the morning. Rev. Dr. Baltzy, seated in a wheel chair because he recently broke a bone in one heel, conducted the service, assisted by Rev. George Dorn, associate pastor of this church.

Hundreds Stood.

The edifice was crowded to the doors, hundreds even standing throughout the ceremony. Next Wednesday evening an additional class of 72 will be received into Kountze Memorial church, bringing its total membership to 3,550.

At St. Marks Lutheran church, Rev. W. I. Guss confirmed a class of 13 boys and girls. At Cross Lutheran church, 15 children were confirmed in the morning and a class of adults later.

Bishop Shaylor confirmed a class at the Episcopal church of St. Philip the Deacon yesterday afternoon.

Palm Ceremony.

The worshipers who filled all Catholic churches at yesterday's special services were presented with sprigs and leaves of palm in accordance with time-honored custom, the palms having been blessed by the clergy.

In Episcopal churches also there was the ceremony of blessing the palms.

Warm weather helped to bring out huge audiences to all churches, but Sunday starts the most solemn week of the Christian year, that which commemorates Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. Many churches will hold special services every evening this week.

Judge Orders Car Seized By "Dry" Agents Returned

Salt Lake City, March 20.—An automobile seized by the government and held for libel in connection with liquor trafficking was ordered returned by Federal Judge Tillman D. Johnson when it was shown that the machine had been used without the owner's knowledge or consent.

Judge Johnson cited the recent action of the court of appeals in St. Louis in a decision holding that the passage of the Volstead act repealed all internal revenue laws covering prohibition.

George Carter Suggested For Job of Public Printer

Washington, D. C., March 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The Iowa delegation in congress presented the name of George H. Carter, who is clerk of the joint committee on printing, to President Harding for the position of public printer. It is thought, however, that Oscar J. Ricketts of Illinois has best chance to land the job. He was backed by "Uncle Joe" Cannon and the Illinois delegation.

Six Killed In Elevator Explosion