

Germany to Fail To Meet Demands For Reparations

Government's Answer to Allies' Request for Fulfillment of Article 235 of Peace Treaty, to Be in Negative.

Berlin, March 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Germany's reply to the demand of the allies for the payment before March 23 of 1,000,000 marks, gold, to apply on reparations obligations will be in the negative, it was unofficially stated today.

The German government's answer to the allies, now being drafted will be presented within 48 hours.

The allied reparations commission in a note sent March 16 demanding fulfillment by Germany of article 235 of the peace treaty, notified the German government that it must pay 1,000,000,000 marks gold before March 23, and that she must complete the payment of 20,000,000,000 marks gold by May 1.

It was announced by the commission however, that Germany had virtually refused to pay the balance, asserting that the 20,000,000,000 marks have already been paid in full. The allied representative stated that the greatest sum they could compute as having been paid by Germany against the account could hardly reach 8,000,000,000 marks by May 1. It is therefore, the initial payment of 1,000,000,000 marks and a balance of at least 11,000,000,000 marks that the allies are demanding.

Youngest Member Of Legislature Weds Senator's Daughter

John O. Yeiser, jr., 26, youngest member of the Nebraska legislature and son of J. O. Yeiser, well-known Omaha attorney, obtained a marriage license to wed Miss Gertrude A. Sturm, 22, daughter of Senator and Mrs. A. F. Sturm of Newhaka, Neb., in Council Bluffs yesterday.

The wedding party comprised a few intimate friends of Miss Sturm and Mr. Yeiser.

The marriage license was secured a few moments before the closing hour of the clerk's office and the wedding was delayed until Rev. C. E. Cobbley, Omaha clergyman, could be summoned to Council Bluffs to perform the ceremony.

Mr. Yeiser narrowly escaped an embarrassing delay when the over-looked necessity of providing a witness to sign the marriage license register, but was fortunate to meet a veteran newspaper man who was qualified for the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Yeiser will return to Lincoln to remain until Mr. Yeiser completes his work in the legislature after which they will make their home in Omaha, where the young attorney will resume his law practice.

Lads Lead Sheriff To Big Still on Sand Bar in Platte River

Grand Island, Neb., March 22.—(Special.)—The largest still uncovered in this section of the state was confiscated and the two operators arrested through the efforts of two members of the Winchester Junior Rifle corps, who sighted the tent which housed the distillery on a sand bar in the Platte river. The arrest also uncovered the mystery surrounding the burglary of the R. H. McAllister company hardware store, from which several high-powered rifles and much ammunition had been stolen.

The two lads, while hiking along the river, entered the tent and saw the still. They reported their find to Sheriff McCutcheon, who went to the sand bar with the boys and arrested the two brothers, Albert and Joe Roper. Rifles and ammunition stolen from the hardware store were found in the tent.

Man With Stolen Auto Says "Bessie" Gave It to Him

Omaha police are seeking "Mysterious Bessie."

When H. S. Burbridge, 3364 Curtis avenue, was arrested for alleged automobile stealing, he told Detective William Toland and William Zich "Bessie" gave him the car he was driving.

Bill and Bessie said the car was stolen from Stanley Cain of Fremont.

They also allege Burbridge stole another car from J. B. Killian of Fremont.

Roumanian Queen Denies She Is Against Constantine

Athens, March 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Reports that Queen Marie of Roumania was working for the dethronement of King Constantine of Greece and the ascendancy of Crown Prince George and his wife, formerly Princess Elizabeth of Roumania, are without foundation, the queen declared yesterday upon her return to Athens from a tour in Northern Greece. She asked The Associated Press to refute these stories.

Philadelphia Oil Man in Hospital Due to Poisoning

Okmulgee, Okl., March 22.—Ely Sumpkin, an oil man, whose home is supposed to be in Philadelphia, was in a hospital here near death as a result of poisoning, which the authorities believe was self-administered. He was found in a cemetery near Henryetta, in one pocket was a note addressed to the Hotchkiss company of Philadelphia which said:

"I have done nothing criminal and I don't see why you should accuse me."

Stillman Divorce Charges Based on Pitiful Letter

Executive Manager of City National Bank Will Oppose Removal of President.

By A STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

New York, March 22.—James A. Stillman's divorce charges against Mrs. "Ethel" Stillman and his attack on the legitimacy of 28-month old Guy Stillman are based partly on a "long, pitiful letter," she wrote to him two months before Guy was born.

News of the letter came today from unquestioned sources. The letter contained the name of Fred Beauvais and Mrs. Stillman made a strong plea for forgiveness without specifying any particular act for which she sought condonation.

For almost two years Mr. Stillman did nothing about the letter. Then, in March, 1920, the multimillionaire banker prepared the divorce action, naming Beauvais, a Canadian Indian guide of the Stillman summer camp at Three Rivers, Quebec, as correspondent.

Mrs. Leeds Enters Life.

About the time Mrs. Stillman wrote "the confession letter," Mr. Stillman assumed the name of "Mr. Leeds of the secret service" and began his relations with "Mrs. Florence Leeds," child of the tennement and daughter of a plumber. When "Leeds," now identified as Mr. Stillman, met Mrs. Leeds, she was a "Chicken" and "Playing Card Girl" in a musical revue. Luxurious apartments, automobiles and riches became hers.

Then came Jay Leeds, now 30 months old, and Mrs. Stillman's counsel hopes to prove that Mr. Stillman is the father—that while he attacks the legitimacy of Guy Stillman, he is the father of the baby of a former child of the tennement.

Attorneys for Mrs. Stillman expect her lawyers will use the "confession" letter at the alimony hearing in White Plains, N. Y., Wednesday, and they are preparing to exhaust every legal means to keep it out of the records.

Oppose Removal From Bank.

Fluctuating reports regarding the possibility of Mr. Stillman being forced out of the presidency of the National City bank by the divorce scandal seemed to veer to Mr. Stillman's favor today.

On the eve of a board of directors' meeting tomorrow, the only official comment came from Charles V. Rich, one of the executive managers of the bank. Mr. Rich is among those in line for the presidency in case Mr. Stillman resigns or is ousted by other shareholders.

Mr. Rich is quoted as saying: "Mr. Stillman will leave this bank only over my dead body. That is how we feel about it here. We are back of him to a man. He is a fine fellow, and it's too bad all this should happen."

Lawyers informed of the letter and its alleged "substantial contents," were of the opinion that supporting proof of it, and evidence of the truth of allegations connecting "Mrs. Florence H. Leeds" and Mr. Stillman, would result in the proceedings being adjourned the legal equivalent of a draw. Neither side, attorneys explained, would be entitled to a decree of divorce, because the law requires that "both parties come into court with clean hands."

This conclusion of the case, it was added, would still leave the paternity of Guy Stillman unsettled. But, declared John E. Mack of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., guardian ad litem of the child, no end can be written to the Stillman case that fails to establish definitely the legal status of the infant.

Remorse Prompted Letter.

According to one narration of the history of the letter, Mrs. Stillman sat down one spring afternoon alone in her boudoir in "Mondaine," the Stillman mansion on the Pocantico Hills estate, and penned it. At the time she wrote it only a few months separated her from the great trial of womanhood, and it was remorse and a strongly developed sense of "fair play" actuated her to write the alleged surprisingly worded communication.

Only one act of wrongdoing was dealt with in the letter, it was stated, the main text of which in rather rambling fashion outlined the loneliness that had resulted from Mr. Stillman's long absence from home.

Mary Bean Asks Decree From Her "Canned" Bean in Pen

Although beans are recommended as being splendid for the support of human beings, Mary C. Bean says in a petition for divorce filed yesterday that her husband, Jesse L. Bean, has failed utterly to support her for the last eight months.

At the present time he is a "canned" bean, he having been sentenced to the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., on January 5, 1921, by Federal Judge Woodrugh to serve 18 months for sealing a barrel of alcohol, his wife alleges.

Since he was a truck driver but that, for the last eight months he has been spending his \$35 a week in gambling.

Journymen Tailors Vote in New York to Go on Strike

New York, March 22.—A decision to go on strike immediately was reached last night at a meeting of Union Journeymen Tailors, representing between 2,000 and 3,000 workers.

The strike, it was announced, is due to the refusal of the Fifth Avenue Merchant Tailors' association to renew the old contract calling for a minimum wage of \$40 for a 44-hour week.

Bermuda Onion Crop Hit Hard by Worm Infection

Corpus Christi, Tex., March 22.—Thrip worm infection has damaged the Bermuda onion crop in Nueces county to such an extent that this year's product will be reduced 50 to 60 per cent, according to C. E. Coleman, a local produce dealer. Ordinarily about 500 carloads of onions are shipped from the county annually.



Guy Stillman

And in this neglect and in other matters the wife was represented as having found the foundation for the plea for forgiveness with which she closed the letter.

Apparently, however, no "scene" resulted, so as could be ascertained the banker and his wife were never known to have discussed the letter.

Beauvais Leaves Estate.

Whether or not they did, Ferd Beauvais shortly afterward left the Stillman estate, where he had been engaged in teaching woodcraft to James (Bud) Stillman, 17, son of the couple, and went to work for the sporting goods establishment of Abernethy and Fitz in New York City.

Another development in the tangled marital affairs of the James A. Stillman family was the information that H. P. Phelps Clawson, son of John L. Clawson, millionaire merchant of Buffalo, N. Y., would appear as a witness in behalf of Mrs. Stillman. His evidence, according to lawyers, will offer decidedly strong opposition to Mr. Stillman's charges against the paternity of Guy Stillman.

Mr. Clawson, it was said, was a guest at the Stillman home in Pocantico Hills on or about January 26, 1918, nine or 10 months before Guy Stillman came into the world. The Buffalo man is said to have offered to testify that Mr. Stillman and Mrs. Stillman were living under the same roof at this time and that he saw no evidence of estrangement.

Agreement in Oil Controversy Near

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tion to the defeat of the Central powers.

Open Dood Guaranteed.

In any event, the administration has been informed that the open door for American enterprise is specifically guaranteed by a provision of the mandate terms submitted to the league of nations council. The provision did not appear in the text of the mandate published in this country and in England early in February.

The inference is that the American provision was inserted in the draft mandate at a later date and it is not unlikely that this was done at the instance of Sir Auckland Geddes, the British ambassador to the United States, who was then in England advising his government on questions pertaining to Anglo-American relations.

Whether this concession of the open door in principle will satisfy the Harding administration and settle the whole Mesopotamian controversy remains to be seen. It is understood that the guarantee does not affect the oil concessions of the Turkish Petroleum company, a British concern, which are alleged to have been obtained prior to the war from the Turkish government.

It has been alleged that these concessions cover all the oil deposits in Mesopotamia, in which event the equal privilege of developing oil production outside of these concessions may not mean much to American oil interests. The allied viewpoint is that the existing concessions in Mesopotamia should not be disturbed by the mandate terms any more than the Standard Oil concessions in Palestine by the Palestine mandate.

Merchant Marine Discussed.

Another question involved in the international problems surveyed by Mr. Hughes at the cabinet meeting is that of the abrogation of commercial treaties conflicting with preferential treatment by the United States of goods carried in American bottoms with a view to building up the American merchant marine. President Wilson was directed by the Jones act to abrogate these treaties, but refused to do so. Mr. Harding, while in the south, saw a member of a commerce company which framed the Jones act.

Senator Jones was called to the White House to discuss shipping questions with the president and arriving just before the adjournment of the cabinet, was invited to the meeting. On leaving the White House, the senator said there is no reason why the president should not proceed to abrogate the conflicting treaties without further formality, despite the fact that the 90-day period within which it was to be done has expired.

\$1,000 Diamond Missing.

Mrs. W. J. Hynes, 432 North Thirty-eighth street, wife of a prominent grain man, reported to the police her \$1,000 diamond pin is missing. She does not know whether it was stolen or lost. Mrs. Hynes missed the pin Sunday.

THE OMAHA-CHICAGO LIMITED LEAVES CHICAGO EARLIER

Effective Sunday, March 27th, Two States of goods carried in the Chicago-Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway will leave Chicago at 6:10 p. m., daily, arriving Omaha 8:10 a. m. For reservation and full particulars call on W. E. Block, Gen. Agt., Pass Dept. Phone Douglas 4481. Omaha, Neb.

Harding Expected To Adopt Japan Exclusion Plan

Japanese Ambassador Declares Belief to Bishop That United States Will Adopt Morris-Shidehara Plan.

New York, March 22.—Bishop Yoshitatsu Hira-Iwa of the Japan Methodist church, now in this city, declared today that while he was in Washington, "Count" Shidehara, Japanese ambassador, had expressed to him belief that the Harding administration would adopt the Morris-Shidehara agreement in final settlement of the Japanese situation in California.

"The Japanese public is anxiously awaiting news to this effect," said the churchman. "The Morris-Shidehara agreement will be satisfactory to the Japanese people, but it leaves unsolved the problem of racial expansion, which is pressing."

Don't Want Philippines.

"The Japanese still look toward the western hemisphere as the only logical ground for immigration. But contrary to belief in this country, they are willing to amalgamate with the people among whom they settle."

"Japan does not want Hawaii or the Philippines. The present friction has been greatly augmented, however, by the suddenly increased garrisons and the extensive fortifications being erected there."

Japs Fear Aggression.

Frankly, the Japanese people are extremely nervous over the possibilities of aggression from a nation of such power and wealth as the United States. They do not contemplate any trouble of their own accord."

There is a strong movement in Japan for the reduction of armament because the present military and naval expenses consume more than one-third the yearly budget and the people are burdened with heavy taxes. Any action by the United States toward such an agreement would find a hearty response in Japan, but it must originate with your country because of the size of the two nations."

More Than 150 Stills Destroyed by Federal Prohibition Forces

More than 150 stills, used as evidence in federal court convictions against violators of the Volstead act, were chopped to pieces by federal agents under the direction of "Bob" G. Anderson, group chief for Nebraska, and Lloyd A. Magney, assistant United States district attorney, in the basement of the federal building yesterday afternoon.

As federal Agents R. S. Remole and B. F. Lynch wielded wicked swings of the axe to the conglomerate of copper, some weary voter against prohibition remarked: "Who says the country's gone dry?"

Some of the kettles were found to contain residue and veridigris—quite odoriferous spirits of asafetida—is sweet compared to the stench. Proceeds from the sale of the copper will go to the police relief and pension fund, Mr. Anderson announced.

H. G. Streight Resigns as Member of School Board

Because of moving to San Francisco H. G. Streight, elected last November to the Board of Education, resigned Monday night. His successor will be named at the next meeting.

Howells, Loomis, W. J. Hislop and James Fitzgerald are mentioned for the vacancy. Leila Bon and Beatrice Mack were placed on the assigned list of teachers.

The board appropriated \$100 from the Edward Roswater scholarship fund to pay the tuition fee of Otis Marling to the Armour Institute of Technology in Chicago. Work of Mrs. Sarah Barber in speech correction among Omaha school pupils was commended by President W. E. Reed, Dr. J. H. Wallace and Superintendent Beverage.

Man Did Not Throw Brick Said to Have Hit Boy, 10

No complaint has been filed by Mrs. Elijah Sanders, mother of Leo Sanders, 10, 701 South Seventeenth avenue, who was struck in the head by a brick Monday.

It was reported that the brick was thrown by Janitor Fumbaberg of the Newton apartments. This, however, was an error. Mr. Fumbaberg is agent for the Newton apartments, not the janitor and was not present when the boy was hit.

Mr. Fumbaberg said boys had been throwing bricks at the apartment and the janitor had been instructed to keep them away.

Pastor Leaves Humboldt

Fable Rock, Neb., March 22.—(Special.)—Rev. Ernest Molloy delivered his farewell sermon at the Humboldt Christian church and will leave at once for his new pastorate at Mound City, Mo.

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS The Mark of Zorro

8 Days—Starting Saturday at the Moon—Muse Saturday Only.

Students Injured in Laboratory Explosion

Atlanta, Ga., March 22.—Dr. A. R. Bliss, member of the faculty of Emory university, and six or more students, were injured in an explosion in the pharmacology laboratory of the university here today.

The explosion was believed to have resulted from gas ignition. The laboratory was badly damaged and several windows were blown out. Approximately 30 students were in the room at the time. The injured were taken to a hospital.

Commander of U. S. Ship Protests on Act of Officials

Refuses to Permit Cuban Authorities Board Ship Until \$14,000 in Demurrage Charges Satisfied.

Havana, March 22.—Port officials encountered stern opposition yesterday when they boarded the American schooner Benjamin Van Brunt for the purpose of towing the vessel to the dock, following the refusal of the commander of the vessel to leave his anchorage.

When the sailors went over the side of the craft they were met by a huge and ferocious monkey, which ran amuck among the boarding party, and bit a policeman so severely that surgical attendance was deemed necessary.

The captain of the boat had refused to dock and unload his cargo until demurrage charges aggregating \$14,000, together with a payment of \$300 for alleged deterioration of machinery was paid. Cuban authorities took up the matter with the American consul general and it was decided to disregard the skipper's objections and bring the vessel to the wharf. When the boarding party reached the side of the schooner, the captain inverted the American flag as a signal of distress and his wife left in a small boat and boarded the American cruiser Minnesota to make a protest against what she declared was an "invasion" on the part of the Cuban maritime authorities.

"Marrying Parson" Needs One More Couple to Make 5,000

Omaha's "marrying parson" was holding his breath yesterday. He's nearing the "zero hour."

In fact, he's about to "go over the top."

The marrying parson is the Rev. Charles W. Savidge.

Some time ago, he said he'd be satisfied when he married his 5,000th couple.

Well, Monday he married four couples, and that brings his total up to 4,999.

That's why he's holding his breath.

Here are the four couples that did it: Miss Vivian Hensel, and William A. House; Alice Barger and Frank P. Andrews of Hastings, Neb.; Gladys Sutherland and Cleo Combs of Council Bluffs; Mary McCormick and William A. Moore of Shenandoah, Ia.

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Bill Regulating Lawyers in State Revived Again

"Amulance Chasing" Measure Brought Before Senate Would Prevent "Rustling" by Outsiders.

Lincoln, March 22.—(Special.)—Senator Walter Hoagland of Lincoln county, who originally opposed S. F. No. 227, to prevent "ambulance chasing" by lawyers, which was killed in the senate February 18, succeeded in reviving the bill again Tuesday morning, on his declaration that he believed it had merit.

The senate was not disposed to go back again and on a rising vote the motion to suspend the rules was defeated. Before the vote was announced, a roll call was demanded.

An appeal was taken from the chair—Lieut. Gov. P. A. Barrows the occupant—on a ruling that the roll call was in order because the vote had not been announced, and the chair was sustained. It was the first time in two sessions that the chair had been appealed from. Senator Cooper took the action.

On the roll call the rules were suspended, 16 to 15, and the bill was raised to life.

Senator Hoagland explained that the bill would reach a firm of Minneapolis lawyers who have agents in Nebraska and who "rustle" all accident cases away to the Twin cities, where in one case it cost a Nebraska railroad \$2,996 to defend itself.

H. R. No. 404, the bill raising the salaries of deputy state officers and board secretaries, was recommitted from the third reading file for further discussion on motion of Senator Brown.

The senate passed on third reading S. F. 208, the Omaha charter bill.

Sunday Service on Two Burlington Lines Will Be Tried Three Months

Lincoln, March 22.—(Special.)—The Nebraska railway commission has authorized the Burlington railroad to run a Sunday train on the Aurora-Barwell and the Aurora-Sargent branches for a three-month trial, with a hearing before the commission in the opera house at Central City, Neb., on July 6, to determine the result.

The commission had ordered a six-months' trial on the Sargent line, when petitioners on the Burlington line asked the same service. The railroad offered to give both lines a three-months' trial. The towns on the line objected, but the commission after a hearing last week ruled for the shorter term acceptable to the road.

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State Journalists to Attend World Congress

Lincoln, March 22.—(Special.)—Governor M. K. Keble has named five Nebraska journalists to represent the state as delegates to the Press Congress of the World at Honolulu, October 4 to 14. The delegates will pay their own expenses. They are:

George C. Snow of Chadron, president of the Nebraska Press association.

O. O. Buck of Harvard, secretary of the association.

Gene Huse of the Norfolk (Neb.) Daily News.

F. C. Edgcombe of the Geneva (Neb.) Signal.

Adam Brede of the Hastings (Neb.) Tribune.

Columbus Fire Department Plans Second Annual Fair

Columbus, Neb., March 22.—(Special.)—Preliminary arrangements for their second annual fair were made by members of the Columbus Fire department at a special meeting. The festivities will be held in Maennerchor hall, and will continue four days, April 6 to 9.

Bill for "Better Schools" Passed By Lower House

Move for Reconsideration of Measure to Sell School Lands Fails; Low Rentals Discussed.

Lincoln, March 22.—(Special.)—Nebraska's school lands and alleged excessive low rentals for these lands occupied two more hours in the lower house today.

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Almost in the same breath western Nebraska representatives pleaded and begged with the legislature to pass House Roll No. 529, to make better schools in western Nebraska. This bill passed by a vote of 65 to 20.

It provides that when the money from the semi-annual state school apportionment is distributed, counties holding school lands shall receive this money in proportion to the amount of school tax that would be levied against this school land if it were owned by private individuals.

In a speech in favor of the bill Representative Rodman intimated that Douglas county, "for instance might want aid from the rest of the state for a road to Fort Crook."

Representative Foster of Omaha, jumped to his feet and declared he favored the bill.

Representative Leary speaking against the bill said: "I am glad the Douglas county representative has caught the significance of the remarks of Mr. Rodman."

The Douglas county delegation voted solidly for the bill.

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