

France Is Barred From Taking Any Action in Basin

Allied Reparations Commission Decides Occupation of Ruhr to Force Payments Is Not Justified.

By HENRY WALES. Chicago Tribune Cable Copyright, 1921. Paris, April 29.—(By Wirefax).—France has no right to occupy the Ruhr or to take military sanctions strictly for the reason that Germany will have failed to pay 20,000,000,000 gold marks by May 1, the allied reparations commission decided yesterday.

The commissioners claim that Germany has paid 8,000,000,000 gold marks in material, leaving 12,000,000,000 still due, whereas Germany claimed to have paid material valued at more than 20,000,000,000 gold marks.

France heretofore has claimed the right to occupy more German territory even if the reparations problem was settled, because the 20,000,000,000 marks payment falls under a separate clause of the treaty.

Quotes Treaty. Although the French delegation on the commission, headed by Louis Dubois, fought desperately, the British leader, Sir John Bradbury, showed in the text of the Versailles treaty, article 235, as completed by the annex to paragraph 12, section C, clause 2, which provides that the allies only have the right to issue five-year gold-bearing 2 1/2 per cent bonds against Germany for any portion of the 20,000,000,000 gold marks not paid by May 1, 1921. Under the 20,000,000,000 marks carry no interest.

The treaty further provides that if by 1926 the entire 20,000,000,000 marks remained unpaid, another gold bond issue at 5 per cent with additional interest for a amortization could be issued against Germany.

The reparations commission's estimate of total indemnity, 132,000,000,000 gold marks, was communicated to Von Cernetz, chief of the German financial delegation, as the sum Germany must pay, amount to 270,000,000,000 marks amortized in 30 annuities beginning with 3,000,000,000 marks yearly at 2 per cent and increasing to 6,000,000,000 yearly at 6 per cent.

Total Reduced. Owing to British and Italian pressure, the reparations commission reduced the total in the last few days to 190,000,000,000.

The commission decided that in view of the enormity of the figures, it would be useless to compile the amount of damages for which Germany was responsible through proving the war. Partial estimates indicated that the sum would run into trillions, which obviously would be so colossal as to be unpayable.

The reparations commission's total now exceeds the Paris demand, which was for 100,000,000,000 gold marks or 226,000,000,000 marks as amortized in 42 annuities.

Employe of Stillman Denies Mrs. Leeds Was Ever on Board Yacht

New York, April 29.—James A. Stillman's yacht, "Modesty," slipped quietly away from the yacht club pier last night with its millionaire proprietor aboard, bound for Southampton.

"All the stories that have appeared at any time of Mrs. Leeds being on board the 'Modesty' are rot," said one of the officers, emphatically. "In the first place no Mrs. Leeds exists, as far as I know. I have been with this yacht ever since Mr. Stillman owned it and would certainly know of the presence of such a person on board."

"In Long Island Sound, Anne Stillman, who is devoted to her father, would frequently come on board with some of her school friends, but aside from that I have not seen women on this yacht. Mrs. Stillman has never been on it to my knowledge."

Fire Laddies Resign When Council Restricts Speed

Alexandria, Va., April 29.—Fire Chief Ogden and 150 of his firemen have quit because the city council won't let them go to fires faster than 25 miles an hour over the streets upon which George Washington used to walk. When the order in council was handed down, they served notice that they would take off their uniforms Saturday unless it was revoked. The council refused to alter its action and has already named a new chief.

Eastern Star at Geneva Elects Officers for Year

Geneva, Neb., April 29.—(Special).—The Order of Eastern Star here elected officers as follows: Mrs. Aurilla Ward, W. M.; Mrs. Alta Brown, V. P.; Miss Emma Cumberland, A. M.; Miss Mamie Nelson, secretary; Mrs. Riera Pa, treasurer. The O. E. S. were guests of the Masonic lodge at a lunch served after the business meeting.

Oldest Grain Man in State Celebrates 81st Birthday

Beatrice, Neb., April 29.—(Special).—William Craig, said to be the oldest active grain man in the United States, celebrated his 81st birthday at his home at Blue Springs. He has been secretary and manager of a grain company for 20 years. He quit his office early and late, and is apparently as active and full of "pep" as a man of 40.

New Public Building May Be Built in Superior

Superior, Neb., April 29.—(Special).—Congressman W. E. Andrews of Hastings has introduced a bill in congress to build a new public building here. Superior was in line for the building when the war halted activities along this line. The positive force is unobtainable at present by lack of facilities in handling mail.

Stowaways Win Davis



When Secretary of Labor James J. Davis took two stowaway boys by the hand on Ellis Island, the immigration station of the Port of New York, and said: "Good-bye, boys, we may meet again," not knowing what it meant. The boys, with head of Department of Labor, are Kemal Menasset (left), a Turk, and Kyriakos Matras, a Greek. Both arrived in New York as stowaways aboard passenger vessels.

Oregon Orders Return of Lands Taken by Rebels

Included in Parcels in Three States Is Property Confiscated During Revolts From Americans.

Mexico City, April 29.—Lands in the states of Chihuahua, Sonora, Nuevo Leon, Coahuila and Tamaulipas, valued at more than 20,000,000 pesos, which were confiscated during various revolutionary periods in Mexico, were ordered returned to their owners yesterday by a presidential order, sent to the governors of the states.

The order requested careful study of every claim and directed that a return of the lands in question be made as speedily as possible. Among the owners of territory in the states mentioned are many Americans, who deserted their properties during troublous times.

Among the several conditions imposed for the return of the lands was one that irrigation and land development projects under way when the properties were deserted be resumed, and that Mexican labor be employed. President Obregon is said to hope to provide in this way work for thousands of Mexicans who are returning from the United States, where they were unable to find employment.

Kiwanis Club Plans To Stage Pageant

North Platte, Neb., April 29.—(Special).—"All States and All Nations Day" will be one of the big features at the Lincoln county fair here September 20 to 24. The move is sponsored by the North Platte Kiwanis club.

Floats will be prepared representing each state and manned by Lincoln county residents natives of the states represented. Natives of practically every state have assisted in building up the county and this unique way of expressing appreciation was decided upon.

State characteristics will be displayed on the floats and the characters will be in native costumes.

Randolph Band Opens Summer Series of Concerts

Randolph, Neb., April 29.—(Special).—The Randolph band held the first concert of the season here under the leadership of C. A. Harrison, director of the Wymore band last year. The band will give concerts every Wednesday night throughout the summer.

Little Hope for Recovery of J. W. Kelly Is Entertained

Beatrice, Neb., April 29.—(Special).—J. W. Kelly of Beaver City, Neb., who was seriously injured in an auto accident north of the city Tuesday has little chance of recovery, physicians say. His sons, one of whom is a physician, and other members of the family are in attendance at the bedside.

Burlington Depot at Superior Is Burglarized

Superior, Neb., April 29.—(Special).—While the night cashier, W. D. Wrench, was uptown the Burlington depot in Superior was burglarized, someone entering the depot office by prying up a window with a jimmy, then prying open the money drawer. About \$11 was taken.

Poultry Pictures Will Be Shown at West Point

West Point, Neb., April 29.—(Special).—The Cumby county farm bureau will exhibit pictures at the Auditorium next week showing scenes of poultry culling and installation of labor saving devices in the home. This movement is part of the extension service.

Randolph Cemetery Is Beautified By Gardener

Randolph, Neb., April 29.—(Special).—The Randolph Cemetery association has completed the beautifying of the cemetery grounds. The work was done under the direction of a landscape gardener from Arlington.

Revolt Refugees In Finland Give Discipline Show

Man Found Stealing Food in Camp Summarily Punished by Others—Tried to Execute Him.

Teriojki, Finland, April 29.—(By the Associated Press).—The 8,000 refugees from the recent Kronstadt revolution in Russia who are quartered in Finnish concentration camps here and at Ino have just given a striking example of bolshevik discipline.

The refugees are being fed by American Red Cross officers. The other day, one of them was caught by his fellows in the act of stealing a larger share of food than was due to him.

The others formed a committee, and the man found him guilty of stealing food, and then appeared before a Red Cross officer.

Wanted to Kill Him. "Please give us enough guns to form a firing squad," they requested. "We have found a man stealing food and will execute him immediately."

Informed that this was Finland, and not bolshevik Russia, the committee was momentarily disappointed.

"But he must be punished," they insisted. "All right," said the officer, "but no shooting goes here."

The committee then made the thief strip, although the weather was bitterly cold, formed a long line in the woods, including about 150 men, and made the guilty man run naked 100 times from one end of the line to the other, shouting "I'm a thief."

Discipline is Maintained. Discipline in these refugee camps has been excellently maintained, through the orders of Stephen Petrichenko, the 29-year-old sailor who was president of Kronstadt and the leader of the revolt. Yet the Finnish authorities are much worried over their presence in Finland. The Kronstadt men, while opposed to the communists, are a bit too radical in their views to suit the Finnish authorities, who have had a "red" problem at home for a long time.

This, and the fear that the American Red Cross cannot continue to feed them indefinitely, has caused Finland to consider various means of getting rid of these 8,000 and the 25,000 other Russian refugees who are in the country. The government would like to have the league of nations take them off its hands.

When the Kronstadt garrison arrived at Teriojki the men were half starved. Ten days of good American food changed their appearance wonderfully and some of them, unused to white bread and a diet containing a large proportion of fats, found it so rich that they were ill and their diet had to be reduced.

Douglas County Resident For 67 Years Dies at Home

Lafayette Shipley, 77, retired farmer, resident of Douglas county for 67 years, died Thursday at his home, 3011 Craig avenue, from tubercular trouble.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Julia Shipley, and one daughter, Mrs. Elsie Thomas of Florence.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 in the chapel at Forest Lawn cemetery by the George Crook post No. 262, G. A. R.

Huge Garage at Wymore Opened With Big Dance

Beatrice, Neb., April 29.—(Special).—Scott's auto garage, said to be one of the largest in the state, was opened at Wymore with a dance and concert by the Wymore band. The Catholic women served supper. It is estimated that more than 7,000 people visited the garage during the evening.

Tornado Destroys Many Windmills in Nebraska

Beatrice, Neb., April 29.—(Special).—The Dempster Mill Manufacturing company of this city has received orders for about 60 windmills, which will be shipped at once to the western part of the state where the tornado of last week did considerable damage to farm property.

U. S. Information Service Urged in Speech By Hoover

Says Publication of True Conditions Would Do Much to Put Business on Stable Basis.

Atlantic City, N. J., April 29.—Maintenance of a government information service to compile and publish production and consumption figures of the more important industries and the primary prices of a few commodities, as a remedy for high prices and profiteering, was advocated last night by Secretary Hoover in an address before the ninth annual conference of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Stability and soundness of business could be greatly enhanced and vicious speculation curtailed, he declared, through realization by the public of the true conditions in the industries.

Many forces are involved in the economic readjustment, he declared, but there are many encouraging signs.

"Many manufacturers and wholesalers," he said, "are making cuts in their inventories that equal or exceed the increases which they obtained when we were on the up grade. They are passing their savings in raw materials and labor on to the next step in distribution. Economically, the retailer, is of necessity, the last to make readjustment and in some localities and some lines has been less responsive than the situation calls for. The processes of competition work very promptly upon the manufacturer and wholesaler. They do not so react upon the retailer."

Building Still High. Labor, Mr. Hoover declared, is progressing in efficiency and shows a willingness to make reductions in wages in many directions, but the costs of building construction have not come down with other industries.

The railroads he described as "the keys of industry" but the advisability of the continued use of an emergency horizontal base of rate increases, he declared, could be seriously questioned. Horizontal increases, he said have thrown the relativity of rates out of gear.

"In the field of foreign commerce," he continued, "the shrinkage in our exports thunders at the doors of every home the warning that we have no isolation from the problems of the world. The unsettlement of the German indemnity, the failure of the United States to make peace, the maintenance of great armaments and back-breaking taxes, the continued hemorrhages of paper money in many foreign states, their struggles over nationalization of industry, the situation in Russia, all militate against European recovery and react upon us."

Long-Time Credit Needed. Without a great shrinkage of industry, he said, the country could not get on for a generation absorb enough imports to balance exports. But a favorable trade balance could be continued, he asserted, by the reinvestment of the balance in long-time credits.

The address of the secretary ended a busy day for the delegates who discussed taxation and tariff problems.

While the vote of the groups of delegates was withheld, it is understood they decided almost unanimously that any permanent tariff legislation must be framed with due regard to export trade as well as to the production of manufacturing in the United States.

They also endorsed the proposition that "our tariff policy should take into consideration the economic needs of foreign countries and the fact that we are now a creditor nation, and should offer trading or bargaining possibilities for international commercial treaties to encourage our export trade."

The vote on whether the government should levy a sales tax also was withheld, but unofficial reports indicated that the tax was approved.

Mexican Bandits Get \$65,000 Oil Payroll

Monterey, Mex., April 29.—Arrivals here today from Tampico brought news of another oil field robbery by a band of 30 bandits. They robbed Salvador Davalos paymaster for the Atlantic Gulf West Indies Oil company, of \$65,000 United States currency, killed three of the guards, and wounded four others, including Davalos. One bandit was killed and two wounded.

The attack took place early in the morning as Davalos and his armed guard were on their way in an automobile to the company's oil camp to pay off the workers.

The bandits ambushed the party, firing upon them without warning. The A. G. W. I. Oil company is a subsidiary of the Atlantic Gulf, West Indies Steamship company.

Landis Gets New Thrill. Freeport, Ill., April 29.—Judge Landis discovered a new thrill by riding in the cab of an Illinois Central locomotive from Chicago to Freeport. He assisted the fireman by ringing the bell.

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He's Still To Blame For All These Frosts



When the weather forecast predicts a clear, sunny day but it turns out to be a chilly, rainy day, here is the gentleman to blame. Charles F. Marvin, for many years director of the weather bureau, was recently reappointed to the post by President Harding.

Nebraskans in Capital. Washington, D. C., April 29.—(Special Telegram).—Frank A. Beg and Herman J. Krause of Alliance are in Washington on income tax matters. William Estill, of Walthill, Neb., is in the city for a few days.

Efforts of Labor To Fix Selling Prices Scored

Members of Publishers' Association Urged Not to Be Stamped Into Buying Print Paper.

New York, April 29.—Efforts of labor unions to fix the selling price of articles were condemned today by the annual convention of the American Newspapers Publishers' association and members were urged not to be stamped into buying news print paper by threats or predictions of higher prices.

The resolution on price fixing reads: "The American Newspaper Publishers' association views with concern, the effort of labor unions to fix the selling price to the consumer of articles or products; and therefore resolved: That the fixing of a minimum selling base of any article or product used in the conduct of trade, commerce or manufacture is destructive of competition, tends to create a monopoly and is detrimental to the best interests of all citizens."

The resolution on news print calling attention to the recent increase in production, expressed the opinion that the present supply was largely in excess of consumption and that consumption this year would be less than last year. It continued: "The present contract price is, in the opinion of your committee, the price not determined by manufacturing costs, but by previous competitive conditions which do not now obtain."

London Stock Exchange Will Be Closed on May 2

London, April 29.—The Stock exchange here will be closed May 2.

Negotiations to End British Coal Strike Wind Up in Deadlock

By The Associated Press. London, April 29.—Negotiations under way in an endeavor to end the coal strike reached another deadlock today when the miners' federation rejected the government's latest offer to increase temporary subsidy from £7,500,000 to £10,000,000. The rejection was made by an overwhelming majority of the miners' delegates because the offer "fails to concede the fundamental principle for which we stand."

The miner delegates are returning home. Frank Hodges, secretary of the miners' union, said the government offer would mean a reduction in the miner's wages of 4 shillings in July and 4 shillings 6 pence in August, and that this was more than they could agree to.

The fundamental principle contended for by the miners is a national wages board and a national pool and this both the mine owners and the government still oppose. Apparently, therefore, nothing can prevent the strike from continuing another week.

Dubois Votes to Increase Grades in High School

Pawnee City, Neb., April 29.—(Special).—At a special meeting of the patrons of the Dubois schools it was decided to make a four-year high school out of their now two-year school. The proposition carried by a vote of 96 to 67. A special election will be called in the summer to vote on whether or not a new building will be built.

High School Banquet. Pawnee City, Neb., April 29.—(Special).—The Pawnee City High school held its annual junior-senior banquet in the high school parlors. The two classes and the faculty were in attendance.

Probe Into Care Of Ex-Service Men Is Assured

Senator Walsh Introduces Resolution Providing for Investigation of World War Veterans.

Washington, April 29.—Sweeping investigation of the sensational charges of Senator Walsh of Massachusetts in the senate regarding the federal government's treatment of disabled ex-service men was promised today.

Senator Walsh, at the request of many of his colleagues, introduced a resolution providing for an investigation of the treatment of World War veterans. The resolution was referred to the committee on audit and control of contingent expenses and probably will be reported favorably within the next day or two.

Senator Walsh's resolution provides for the appointment of a select committee of five members, three republicans and two democrats, to investigate "all bureaus and agencies of the government dealing with the care, treatment, insuring, compensation, rehabilitation and hospitalization of veterans of the World War."

It provides specifically for investigation of the "manner, methods and scope of the activities of the bureau of war risk insurance, the United States public health service and the federal board of vocational education," and calls for a report and recommendations from the committee for the improvement of the welfare of ex-service men at the earliest possible date.

A light automobile invented by a Frenchman can be made to jump over obstacles not more than three feet in height.



Out today New Victor Records May 1921

Table listing various Victor records with columns for title, number, size, and price. Includes titles like 'I Passed by Your Window', 'Frances Alda', 'Gabriella Besanzoni', etc.

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