

Invitation to Genoa Declined

U. S. Government Informs Italy Participation in European Economic Conference Is Impossible.

British Are Disappointed

Washington, March 8.—(By A. P.)—The United States government has declined the invitation to participate in the Genoa conference.

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London, March 8.—The news that the United States has declined the invitation to participate in the Genoa conference is extremely disappointing to all supporters of the Genoa project.

Minister of Dail Negotiates With Limerick Rebels

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Insurgent Republicans and Free Staters Agree to Leave Each Other Alone Pending Parley.

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Will Lose Significance.

America's refusal can hardly be without effect on the British prime minister's plan. It is known that Lloyd George has built great hopes on the conference and its expected results as a political asset in the coming inevitable appeal to the country.

Russians to Attend.

Moscow, March 8.—Conditions might arise under which Russia would refuse to go to Genoa, but at present our plans for attending the conference are unchanged.

No Intimation of Retention of Reported Lloyd George-Poincare Agreement to Put Russia on Probation, M. Chitchev Said.

In an interview in which he explained Russia's position in the light of the Lougou agreement, M. Chitchev said:

Many U.S. Employees Held Not Entitled to Retirement Pay

Washington, March 8.—Approximately 80,000 government employees, holding their positions by presidential order, are held to be not entitled to the benefits of the retirement act.

Goodrich Rubber Manager Killed in Motor Car Wreck

Denver, March 8.—Robert E. Hayes, manager of the Denver branch of the Goodrich Rubber company, was instantly killed early this morning in an automobile accident on the Idaho Springs road, three miles west of Bergran park.

Pomological Society Will Hold Meeting in Bluffs

The next session of the American pomological society will be held in Council Bluffs during the week of November 13 to 18, simultaneously with the meeting of the Mid-West Horticultural association at the auditorium, according to a letter received by Prof. R. S. Herrick from Paul E. Stark, secretary of the society.

Venice Deputy Proclaimed Fiume Government Head

London, March 8.—Giovanni Giuriati, deputy from Venice, has been proclaimed head of the Fiume government which will replace the overthrown Zanella regime, says a Central News dispatch from Rome today.

Lodge Declares Defeat of 4-Power Pact Will Make Arms Race Failure

Peace in Pacific Main Purpose of Americans in Treaty, Bay State Solon Tells Senate.

Washington, March 8.—Termination of the Anglo-Japanese alliance and substitution of a political system actuated by peace in the Pacific, was described in the senate today by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the republican leader and a member of the American arms delegation, as the "main purpose" of the four-power Pacific treaty.

The Anglo-Japanese arrangement, Senator Lodge declared, was regarded by the delegation as "the most dangerous element" in this government's relations with the far east.

He asserted that if the four-power pact with its clause abrogating the alliance failed, the naval limitation agreement also would be endangered, resulting in failure of the conference.

No Entangling Commitments.

No entangling commitments are contained in the treaty, he asserted, and no provisions contrary to American traditions. He characterized it as only an experiment, but added that it was one that must succeed if the United States is to make good its professed desire to take the lead in guiding the world toward peace.

Declaring he desired to "fill the senate with entire frankness," the motives which actuated the American delegation, Mr. Lodge said:

For a month and more before the conference met the American delegation was in session almost every day. We tried to determine and mark out the course which the American delegation, with whom

"Sparks" Jokes as Ship Sinks

Last Word Received From Ill-Fated Norwegian Steamer Jest About Weather by Wireless Operator.

Entire Crew of 35 Lost

Omaha Bee Learned Wire. New York, March 8.—"Skoll" ticked out the wireless operator of the Norwegian steamer Gronoit last Thursday as he and crew of 35 went down with his ship in mid-Atlantic, victim of the winter's worst ocean storm.

"Skoll" he started to repeat, this stout-hearted son of the Vikings of old, challenging death with a jest, even as the mountainous waves swept over the Gronoit for the last time.

His aerial sounded no message for four hours later the Estonian, battling fiercely to reach the scene in the teeth of the hurricane, plunged bravely through the storm-swept waters where the Gronoit had so lately been, but not a trace could Capt. Jorgenson find of the ship or its crew. The Atlantic had taken them.

"Sprulos versenkt," was the picturesque epithet of the Gronoit, recorded in Capt. Jorgenson's log.

Estonia Reaches Port.

The Estonia arrived in port today, its 122 passengers saddened by the thought that all its captain's efforts to reach the Gronoit in time had been in vain. To Capt. Jorgenson it was just another episode in the lives of those who go down to the sea in ships. But to Ed Hansen, the wireless operator of the Estonia, it was a personal tragedy of a brother operator whose devotion to duty not even the imminence of the call to Davy Jones' locker could conquer.

An unknown hero he must remain in these annals, for Hansen never asked his name. The Gronoit, loaded at Galveston, New Orleans and Norfolk, left the last named port February 20 for Esbjerg, Denmark, with a cargo that bore it well down to the water line. The Estonia was coming west from the Baltic and the North Sea. It is of the Baltic-American line and sails from Danzig.

Hears Ominous "S. O. S."

Six-hundred miles of Cape Race, while the Estonia was fighting a fearful battle against a gale that blew 110 miles an hour at times and tore great canyons in the great waters. Hansen heard an ominous "S. O. S." signal clicking into his phones. It was the Gronoit and the location its operator gave indicated it was about 50 miles east of the Estonia. He reported to Capt. Jorgenson, who had not left his bridge for 60 hours.

At once Jorgenson decided to put about, despite the protests of his subordinates, who spoke of the fearful risk to which he was subjecting the Estonia. But the passengers were below decks, for none but the sturdiest sailor could be trusted to face such weather. So Captain Jorgenson, true to the traditions of the sea, put over his helm and the Estonia staggered back into the gale.

It was just 10 Thursday morning, March 2, when the first signal started Hansen and it took Jorgenson (Turn to Page Two, Column Six.)

"Artistic Kiss" Ends Operatic Ambitions

New York, March 8.—The "artistic kiss" received at the annual ball of the New York Philharmonic league early Sunday morning has hampered the operatic ambitions of Mrs. Harvey Rosenthal, beautiful wife of a wealthy dentist. Mrs. Rosenthal was to have had an audition at the Metropolitan Opera house Monday.

The ball was terminated suddenly about 2 a. m. after Rafael Diaz, Metropolitan opera tenor, greeted Mrs. Rosenthal with a kiss and was struck by her husband. Following the affair, Dr. Rosenthal was quoted as saying:

"If going into opera includes artistic kissing, Mrs. Rosenthal will never enter opera with my consent." Mrs. Rosenthal did not appear for her promised operatic tryout. So far as could be learned, the audition had been postponed indefinitely. At her home it was said Mrs. Rosenthal was out of the city.

Harding and Party Leave Capital for Vacation in Florida

Washington, March 8.—Accompanied by Mrs. Harding and a small party of friends in official life, President Harding left Washington early this evening to spend a week in Florida in rest and recreation.

The president left the capital at 5 and will arrive in St. Augustine, where he plans to spend most of the week's vacation, at 6 tomorrow night.

The presidential party, in addition to the president and Mrs. Harding, included Attorney General Daugherty, Speaker Gillett of the house, Under Secretary Fletcher of the State department, Brig. Gen. Sawyer, and George B. Christian, jr., his secretary.

Shooting in Belfast

Belfast, March 8.—(By A. P.)—Another fatal shooting occurred this morning in the continuation of the disorders which have been in progress several days in Belfast and which resulted in four deaths yesterday. A sniper on Antrim street shot and mortally wounded one man, William Johnson and slightly wounded another man.

Dozen Overcome—Aged Man Is Rescued—Fireman Hurt in Fall Through Glass Canopy.

Lives of 80 guests were endangered early yesterday morning, when fire was discovered in the Goodrich hotel, Eighth street and Broadway, Council Bluffs.

Most of the guests were asleep when the flame started in a lower hallway and spread rapidly through the upper halls, filling the rooms with smoke and making escape impossible by the stairways.

When the fire department arrived, firemen were leaning out of the windows pleading for help. The smoke had cut off exit by way of the single fire escape. Many men reached the ground from the second and third floors by means of ropes.

Overcome by Smoke.

W. H. Fritz, 72, who has lived at the hotel for years, was rescued by firemen after he had become unconscious in his room.

His rescue was effected when firemen placed a ladder to aid a man who sat on the sill of the window of his room, half frozen, begging for help. When a ladder was placed, he thought he heard a man groaning in another room. Firemen dashed through the smoke and found Fritz. He was carried down a ladder and rushed to the Jennie Edmundson hospital where his condition is said to be serious. He is burned on the face, arms and body.

About a dozen women and several children were in the hotel. They were lowered to the ground by ropes. They were lightly clad.

Pet Dog First.

Mrs. Bonnie Loomis, 23, her husband and their pet dog were in room 10. Mrs. Loomis insisted that the dog be lowered to the ground first. This was done, Mr. Loomis lowered his wife and then slid down the rope himself.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dunn and their two small children were in another second-floor room. The two children were lowered first by a rope. Then Mrs. Dunn took hold of one end of the rope and was being let down, but lost her hold and fell several feet, injuring her ankle.

Fireman Injured.

Dick Morrill, manager of a pool hall in the hotel, crept out from his room to a sign over the Broadway entrance of the hotel, where he sat in his night clothes calling for help. He was finally rescued by firemen with a ladder.

Capt. Vincent of fire company No. 3 was injured when he stepped on a glass canopy and fell through. George Bennett suffered a sprained back when he fell from a rope down which he was sliding.

The fire was put out before it had greatly damaged the hotel. The three-story building is owned by W. S. C. Goodrich, who built it in 1906. Loss is estimated at \$15,000.

Hardwood Association Members Vote to Disband

Louisville, Ky., March 8.—The members of the American Hardwood Manufacturers' association today adopted the report of the board of directors which recommended that the present organization be disbanded and the American Hardwood Institute organized in its stead.

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We Can See It Better Now



Plan Campaign for McMullen

Economy and Public Service Principal Issues, Candidate Tells Supporters.

Plans for a campaign in Douglas county in behalf of Adam McMullen of Gage county, candidate for the republican nomination for governor, were made at a luncheon at the Brandeis yesterday. Thirty republicans were present and authorized the formation of a McMullen-for-Governor club. Clinton Brome presided and was directed to appoint a committee to perfect the organization.

Mr. McMullen spoke briefly, affirming his belief that national and state administrations deserve support and will receive endorsement by the voters as they realize the real achievements made. He said that economy must be practiced in the conduct of government and that this, coupled with the rendering of necessary public service, constitutes the principal issue in Nebraska local politics this year.

Allies Await Action of U. S. on Arms Pacts

Paris, March 8.—(By A. P.)—France and other European countries are awaiting the United States senate ratification of the Washington conference agreements before submitting them to their respective parliaments, according to a statement by Premier Poincare and M. Sarraut of the French delegation to that conference, before the senate committees on foreign affairs and the navy today.

They added the information that the ratification of the United States senate was likely to carry reservations, thereby entailing the other signatories to make equivalent modifications in the Pacific and naval limitation treaties. France's difficulties at Washington would be shown when the minutes of the conference were published, as the United States, it is reported, intends doing.

British Ambassador and Wife to Visit Pacific Coast

Washington, March 8.—Sir Auckland Geddes, the British ambassador, accompanied by Lady Geddes and his personal secretary, Hugh Tennant, will leave Washington next Friday night on a visit to the Pacific coast. He expects to return to Washington April 11.

The itinerary will include the Grand Canyon of the Colorado on March 14; Los Angeles, March 15, and San Francisco, March 19. Paying a short visit to the Yosemite Valley on March 20, the party will arrive at Portland, Ore., on the following day and after two days in that city and another day in Seattle will arrive at Victoria, B. C., April 1 and in Vancouver on April 3.

There will be a four days' visit at Vancouver and then starting eastward the party will arrive at Winnipeg on April 9 and Chicago on April 10.

One Man Killed, Two Boys Missing in Michigan Fire

Cheboygan, Mich., March 8.—One man is dead, two boys are believed to have been killed and three blocks in the business district are in ruins as the result of a fire which swept Cheboygan today. The loss is estimated from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

The fire is believed to have been started by a cigaret carelessly thrown into a waste basket. The two boys reported missing are believed to be buried beneath the debris.

House Members Predict Passage of Bonus Measure

Republican Leaders Consider Calling Bill Up Under Suspension of Rules—Would Limit Debate.

Washington, March 8.—While the fight against the compromise soldiers' bonus bill continued unabated, house members on both sides of the question predicted that the measure would be passed by the house.

Although a two-thirds vote would be required to put the bill through under such a procedure, republican leaders were discussing the question of calling up the measure under a suspension of the rules. This would preclude the possibility of amendment and ordinarily would limit debate to 20 minutes on each side.

The majority membership will be sounded out on this proposition, but a decision probably will be withheld until after the return, late in the week, of Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee, who will have charge of the bill on the floor.

The next rules suspension day in the house will be March 20. Leaders said the army appropriation bill would be taken up next Tuesday, ahead of the house bill and even if the latter measure were not called up under a suspension of the rules, it probably would not be considered before the week beginning March 20.

There was some discussion during the day as to President Harding's attitude with regard to the compromise bill. Representative Mondell of Wyoming, the majority leader, said he did not think the statement made at the White House yesterday that Mr. Harding occupied the same position that he did when he suggested a sales tax or postponement of the legislation was to be taken to mean that the executive was prepared to veto the measure.

Adjutant General of Army Plans to Retire September 1

Washington, March 8.—Maj. Gen. Peter C. Harris, adjutant general of the army since September 1, 1918, plans to leave the active service about April 1, it was learned today. The general, a brother of Senator Harris of Georgia, expects to take an extended leave of absence until September 1, when he will go on the retired list.

Gen. Harris entered the military academy from Cedarhurst, Ga., in 1884, graduating in 1888 and being assigned to the infantry upon taking up active service.

His only son, Capt. Charles D. Harris, was killed in the last days of the war and was awarded the distinguished service cross posthumously.

Anti-Blue Law League to Hold Meeting in June

Washington, March 8.—A national anti-blue law conference will be held at St. Louis June 23, 24 and 25, the Anti-Blue Law League of America announced today. It is expected at this conference, it was said, to "settle the question of whether or not the people of the United States want to have blue laws and interference with their rights as to the observance of Sunday."

"We intend," the announcement added, "to give representatives of the reform organization seeking to establish national and state blue laws, an opportunity to express their arguments in support of their proposed measures. We will present ours and the people will act as the judge."

Seeking Death's Portals Chemist Goes Beyond

New York, March 8.—Seeking data for his book "The Hereafter," Thomas W. Weggilius of Brooklyn 23, a chemist, swallowed what he thought was just enough anesthetic to take him to death's portals.

The book will never be finished for Weggilius miscalculated the dose and the portals swung wide for him.

The Weather

Forecast. Thursday—Fair; not much change in temperature. Hourly Temperatures.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Rows for 5 a.m., 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m., 12 noon.

Highest Wednesday

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include Cheyenne, Davenport, Denver, Des Moines, Dodge City, Grand Island, Lincoln, North Platte, Pueblo, Rapid City, St. Louis, St. Paul, Valentine.

Berg Stock Promoters Held Guilty

McWhorter, Wohlberg, Masse and Chipley Convicted of Conspiracy to Use Mails to Defraud.

Jury Out Only 90 Minutes

"Guilty" was the verdict a federal jury returned at 5 quarter afternoon against the quartet of Berg stock company promoters charged with conspiracy to use the mails to defraud.

The convicted men are William A. McWhorter, Charles Wohlberg, Jacob Masse and W. G. Chipley, in the order in which the verdicts were returned.

Jury members reached a decision at 2:45 p. m., a scant hour and a half after they returned from luncheon, the case going to them at noon. But when Dennis Cronin, United States marshal, came down to inform the judge, he found Judges Munger and Woodrough had left only five minutes before to attend a memorial for the late Judge Walter I. Smith in Council Bluffs. They did not return until 5.

Defendants Show No Emotion

Fred M. Whitney, foreman, and other taken declared to say how many ballots were cast. "We agreed to say nothing about it," they explained.

The four men heard the verdict with no perceptible show of emotion. Wohlberg, Masse and Chipley standing by McWhorter seated. A younger brother of Wohlberg stood at his side.

A. L. Sutton, their attorney, immediately made application for a new trial and appeal to the circuit court. Judge Munger granted a 20 day adjournment to file his brief for a new trial, the latter acting as a stay of sentence.

Face Another Indictment.

Sutton inquired when his clients will be tried on similar indictments framed in the Missouri Valley Cattle Loan company promotion. Judge Munger replied he did not know whether he would preside in this case.

He is scheduled to hold court elsewhere next Monday, so that if the government desires to prosecute at once, Judge Woodrough or Judge Martin Wade of Iowa will have to be procured.

Chipley, eldest of the four men found guilty, is the oldest and white-haired, presumably between 50 and 60 years of age. His home is New York. McWhorter, who looks 45, is a Texan. His wife obtained a divorce from him in Omaha nearly two years ago. Masse, married, is Wohlberg, single, which is in any sense younger men. Wohlberg's attorney states he supports a widowed mother and a sister and is sending two younger brothers through college.

Lansing-Ishii Pact Void, Says Harding

Washington, March 8.—The Lansing-Ishii agreement has been completely superseded by the new power treaty relating to China now before the senate. President Harding informed the senate today in response to the recently adopted Borah resolution. The executive added that the four-power treaty did not refer to the Lansing-Ishii pact and that the latter would bear upon the Lansing-Ishii notes.

"The so-called Lansing-Ishii agreement," the president declared in a letter to the senate, "has no binding effect whatever, either with respect to the past or to the future, which is in any sense inconsistent with the principles and policies explicitly declared in the nine-power treaty."

The president added that the four-power treaty "does not refer to China and hence does not directly bear upon the Lansing-Ishii notes, which related exclusively to China," but said that the four-power pact, in his opinion, was "an essential part of the plan to create conditions in the far east at once favorable to the policies we have long advocated and to an enduring peace."

Thousands Attend Funeral of Noted Negro Condemner

New York, March 8.—A throng which filled the Masonic temple of St. Cecilia lodge and overflowed into the street, today attended funeral services for Egbert Austin (Bert) Williams, famous American negro comedian, who died here last Saturday. Scores of his former associates, officers of the lodge and prominent members of Williams' own race, accompanied the body to Woodlawn cemetery.

It was the first time that a negro had been buried with the Masonic ritual in this state, according to officers of the order. Williams was a member of Waverly lodge No. 597 of Scotland, and it was at the cable request of the grand lodge of Scotland that the services were held at St. Cecilia's, known as the theatrical lodge of the city.

Right of Smoot to Sit Allied Debt Body Upheld

Washington, March 8.—The right of Senator Smoot of Utah and Representative Burton of Ohio, republicans, to sit on the allied debt refunding commission while retaining their seats in congress was upheld by Attorney General Daugherty in an opinion prepared for President Harding and transmitted by the latter today to the senate.