

U. S. Insists on Payment of Its Claim

Stand of Government Regarding Army of Occupation Set Forth in Note to European Nations.

By The Associated Press. Washington, March 22.—The American army of occupation was sent into Germany and was continued there upon the basis of the right of the United States to be "paid its actual cost upon an equal footing with our allies."

Expect Full Payment. The amount of the claim of the United States for its army costs, the notes declared, was understood to be free from any substantial dispute, but it was deemed to be appropriate, "in view of recent developments," to acquaint the allied governments with the repeatedly reiterated statement that the government of the United States was expecting full payment of the costs of its army in the Rhineland.

Basis for the American claim, the notes pointed out, was found in the armistice agreement to which the United States was signatory, and which provided for military occupation of Germany by the allied and American forces jointly. That agreement, the notes recited, expressly provided that the upkeep of the troops of occupation in the Rhine districts should be charged to the government of Germany.

Payment Provided in Treaty. Priority of payment for the total cost of all armies of occupation imposed by the treaty of Versailles, the notes set forth and since the right of the United States to share in that priority was not "expressly conditioned" upon ratification of the treaty by the United States, failure to ratify should not be construed as affecting, in any way, American rights.

In that connection the notes pointed out that Germany has explicitly consented to the priority of payment of the cost of the American army of occupation, notwithstanding the fact that the treaty of Versailles had not been ratified by the United States, and that hence any technical objection to the right of the United States to share in the priority would necessarily rest solely upon the refusal of the allied powers themselves to permit the discharge of an "admittedly equitable claim."

Big Sum Due U. S. The notes set forth that the total cost of all armies of occupation from November 11, 1918, to May 1, 1921, amounted to \$3,629,820,000 gold marks, that the amounts due to Belgium, France and Italy for their army costs for that period had been paid in full, and that the unpaid balance due May 1, 1921, amounted to 1,060,000,000 gold marks, of which 966,374,000 gold marks were due to the United States and the remainder due the British empire.

It was pointed out, also, that the British government had received 130,096,000 gold marks between May 1 and December 31, 1921, and that the "payment of the balance due and received subject to the rights of the United States."

In conclusion, the notes stated that the American government would welcome any suggestion from the allied governments "for the reasonable adjustment of this matter," and the powers were informed that "upon receiving assurances of payment," this government would be "only too happy to proceed to the consideration of suitable means" by which its claims might be satisfied.

Former Vermont Senator Marries American in Rome. Rome, March 22.—The wedding of Henry F. Hollis, former United States senator from Vermont, to Miss Ann White Hobbs of Concord, Mass., took place here yesterday.

Dodge Acquitted on Intoxication Charge



Kalamazoo, Mich., March 22.—John Duval Dodge, son of the late John F. Dodge, automobile manufacturer of Detroit, was acquitted by a jury in municipal court here today on a charge of driving an automobile while intoxicated.

Irish Republican Army Forces Defy Orders of Dail

Will Hold Convention Sunday Forbidden by Arthur Griffith—Sniping Continues on Ulster Border.

London, March 22.—(By A. P.)—The British government may be possible to draw a cordon of imperial troops between the warring elements of the Irish Republican Army, Winston Churchill, the colonial secretary, stated in the house of commons today.

Dublin, March 22.—(By A. P.)—It was officially announced in the republican organ here today that the Irish republican army convention, the holding of which was recently forbidden by Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail Eireann, would be held in Dublin Sunday as arranged. The announcement is taken here to mean that a definite split in the republican army has come.

The newspaper men were invited this morning to the republican publicity department, where they were received by Commandant O'Connor. Discussing the army convention, the commandant pointed out it had been originally summoned with the approval of Richard Mulcahy, now minister of defense in the dail cabinet. The delegates, he said, had been selected by companies and numbered about 600.

"Rank and File Always Right." Mulcahy, declared O'Connor, had pledged himself in the dail to maintain the army as a republican organization, but the pledge had been violated by the invitations given to the members of the army to form the nucleus of the army of the free state. He said the army convention would be held Sunday, as there was no government in Ireland at present to which the army owed allegiance.

Desultory Firing. Belfast, March 22.—(By A. P.)—Desultory firing continued all day (Turn to Page Two, Column Six).

Why not put that "Want" Ad in The Bee? 17th and Farnam AT lantic 1000

Cut in Army Approved by House

Proposal to Reduce Force 115,000 by July Recommended—Return of Troops Discussed.

Amendments Defeated

By The Associated Press. Washington, March 22.—The house gave its approval today to a provision of the army appropriation bill which would require the reduction by July of the regular army enlisted strength to 115,000 men and then proceeded to enter upon a prolonged discussion of whether congress should direct the return to the United States of certain troops stationed in China, Hawaii, the Panama canal zone and on the Rhine. Secretary Weeks has already ordered the withdrawal of the troops from the Rhine.

The bill provides that before the beginning of the coming fiscal year approximately 6,500 troops stationed in Hawaii, 2,000 men on duty in the canal zone and the entire force of 600 garrisoned in China, as well as all but 200 men and officers in the army of occupation in Germany, must be brought back to continental United States.

Point of Order. Representative Crago, republican, Pennsylvania, raised a point of order against the provision on the grounds that congress was attempting to usurp the power of the president to direct troop movements. The point of order, however, was overruled by Representative Longworth, republican, Ohio, presiding, who declared that while he did so "with personal regret," he believed congress, in appropriating for maintenance of troops, could properly place such limitations on the president and War department.

Moral Reform Wave Sweeps Mexico City. Mexico City, March 22.—A wave of moral reform that might be likened to the blue law agitation of the United States is sweeping over Mexico City.

Outlook for Women in Mexico Now Bright. Chicago, March 22.—The outlook for women in Mexico is very encouraging, Miss Anna A. Gordon, world and national president of the W. C. T. U., said on her return from a tour of Mexico in the interests of W. C. T. U. work.

Church Woman Is Denied Injunction From Ouster. New York, March 21.—The petition of Walter Fairchild, attorney for Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, formerly a leading figure in the First Church of Christ, scientist, for an injunction restraining the trustees of the church from ousting her from membership, was denied by Supreme Court Justice Joseph A. Newburger.

Farmer Capitalist Pleads Guilty to Robbing Store. Denver, March 22.—George Harrison, 72, who claims once to have been a Minneapolis capitalist, pleaded guilty to the charge of robbery of a grocery store here recently, saying that hunger, and the result of destitute circumstances, had forced him to do the act. Sentence was deferred pending an investigation.

Lady Astor to Arrive in New York April 19. New York, March 22.—Lady Astor, who has been given headlines ever since she got into the British house of parliament, will arrive in New York April 19. This was the word received today by Mary Garrett Hay, chairman of the New York City League for Women Voters.

Semenoff Charged With Seizing Furs

Vancover, B. C., March 22.—A writ charging that Gen. Gregoroff Semenoff, Siberian anti-bolshevik leader now in B. Richard & Co., Vancouver, B. C., skins and furs, had seized the skins and furs of a company was issued here today. The writ is for \$150,000 damages. The writ is in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress which had been passed in 1918, when the general disposal of the furs and skins and has with him at the present time, part of the proceeds of the sale.

Senate Holds Night Session on Pacific Pact

Oratory Divided Equally Between Friends and Enemies of Treaty—La Follette Leads Opposition.

Washington, March 22.—Eight hours more of oratory, divided about equally between praise and condemnation of the four-power Pacific treaty, went into the senate record today as the ratification debate approached its conclusion.

So great was the crush of senators who wanted to get their views recorded before the hour for voting arrived on Friday, that an all-afternoon session was not sufficient to accommodate them. For the first time since the debate began, the senate recessed for dinner and met again in the evening to let the discussion wear itself out.

On the side of the treaty proponents, Senator Pomerene, Ohio, a democratic member of the foreign relations committee, took up the fight for ratification with a speech telling his party colleagues they could not consistently oppose the four-power league of nations. He characterized the treaty as a "pocket edition" of the celebrated article 10 of the league covenant and said that although he would have preferred the league as drafted by President Harding, it would be inexcusable to reject the regional understanding now offered.

Conferences Numerous. Numerous conferences between various groups took place while the day's discussion was in progress and although some of the irreconcilable group declared they had consolidated an opposition totaling within two or three votes of enough to defeat ratification, the administration leaders insisted the margins would be much greater. The leaders also stood pat on their predictions that no reservation would be adopted except the "no-objection" declaration drawn by the foreign relations committee.

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WHEN Mrs. O'Hara's roomers read about Millicent's new diamond dog collar they hadn't the faintest idea that Millicent would be looking at the flat upstairs a few days later. MILLICENT by Louis Weitzenkorn A BLUE RIBBON story in Next Sunday's Bee

"I Smell Sulphur!!"



House Leaders Predict Early Action on Bonus

Rules Committee Adopt Resolution for Special Session Today—Democrats Plan Determined Fight.

Washington, March 22.—Extreme confidence that the soldiers' bonus bill would be passed by the house before sundown tomorrow was expressed by republican leaders in charge of the legislation.

Guityrs, Famous French Actors, to Appear in U. S. New York, March 22.—Lucien and Sacha Guityr, father and son, considered the greatest contemporary actors on the Parisian stage, will make their first appearance in America next season, it was announced last night by the Selwyn theatrical interests. Several players from the Comedie Francaise, by permission of the French government, will appear with them.

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Business Slowly Gaining Ground

Increase in Prices of Farm Products—Outstanding Change.

Washington, March 22.—Business is gradually approaching normal, according to figures compiled by the department of commerce, and while the favorable movement has not been evenly distributed among the different industries, the improvement in those industries which "constitute the backbone of American business" has been "very marked" over conditions of a few months ago.

Weeks Studies Report of Airship Disaster. Washington, March 22.—Secretary Weeks had before him tonight for examination the report of the special army board headed by Lieut. Col. Arthur G. Fisher appointed to investigate the wrecking of the army semirigid dirigible, Roma, at Hampton, Va., recently with the loss of many lives. The secretary declined to make public the board's findings, but said he expected to give out the report tomorrow.

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Coal Mine Strike Now Inevitable, Union Heads Say

No Hope Held Out of Averting Walkout on April 1 by Government Action—Committee Silent.

Indianapolis, March 22.—No hope was held out in union circles here that the coal strike set for April 1, might be averted by government officials, who have not entirely abandoned their efforts to get a settlement, particularly in the soft coal fields.

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Oklahoma Governor Indicted

Executive and Former State Banking Commissioner Alleged to Have Accepted \$25,000 for Aid.

Ex-Banker Under Arrest. Oklahoma City, Okla., March 22.—Governor J. B. A. Robertson of Oklahoma submitted to arrest here tonight on a charge of accepting a \$25,000 bribe to permit operation of the Guaranty State bank of Okmulgee while it was in an insolvent condition. The governor immediately made bond of \$5,000 for his appearance for trial.

Oklmulgee, Okla., March 22.—Governor G. B. A. Robertson of Oklahoma, and Fred Dennis, former state banking commissioner, were indicted on a charge of accepting a \$25,000 bribe conditioned on their deposit of \$150,000 of state funds in the Guaranty State bank of this city to permit the bank to continue to operate while in an insolvent condition, in an indictment returned by the district court grand jury against John P. Cook, former president of the bank, and John H. Rebold, vice president. The bill was made public shortly after noon today after Cook and Rebold had been arrested.

The indictment charges that the money was paid to the governor and Dennis with the "felonious intent to influence the acts, decisions and judgment of them" after Dennis had conducted an examination of the bank's affairs on the same day and found the institution to be in an insolvent condition. The indictment also charges that Rebold and Cook gave \$25,000 in a cashier's check to Governor Robertson and Dennis.

Born in Iowa. Oklahoma City, Okla., March 22.—J. B. A. Robertson, fourth governor of Oklahoma, assumed office January 19, 1919, having been elected on the democratic ticket the preceding fall. He has been a resident of Oklahoma since 1893.

Governor Robertson was born in Keokuk county, Iowa, in 1871. The indictment accusing Governor Robertson of connection with alleged illegal transactions in connection with the failure of the Bank of Commerce at Okmulgee is not the first time his name has been linked with the failure of a bank situation.

Leaves Sick Bed. J. T. Jenkins of Oklahoma City, who left his sick bed to vote against the report, later died. The majority of the house were republicans and the governor and his friends at the time declared the attack on him was political. The executive denied in detail the accusations brought against him.

Iowa Professor Urged as Minister to Sweden. Washington, March 22.—Appointment of Prof. Arthur J. Pearson of Drake university, Des Moines, Ia., as minister to Sweden was urged by Senators Cummins and Rawson, of Iowa, who called today on President Harding.

Auction of Soviet Furs Is Halted by Injunction. Leipzig, March 22.—The civil court of Leipzig yesterday halted the auction of a large consignment of furs, pelts and hides for the account of the Russian soviet government on an injunction obtained by the Russian Trading company of Copenhagen, which claims to be owners of the goods stored here for the account of the Moscow government.

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Unions Vote to Strike. Copenhagen, March 22.—(By A. P.)—Thirty Danish trade unions have voted to declare a general strike beginning April 1 in retaliation against the general lockout, which was declared February 15, affecting nearly all industries and about 150,000 employees.

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The Weather Forecast. Thursday: Fair and warmer. Hourly Temperatures. 4 a. m. 33, 5 a. m. 35, 6 a. m. 37, 7 a. m. 39, 8 a. m. 41, 9 a. m. 43, 10 a. m. 45, 11 a. m. 47, 12 noon 49, 1 p. m. 51, 2 p. m. 53, 3 p. m. 55, 4 p. m. 57, 5 p. m. 59, 6 p. m. 61, 7 p. m. 63, 8 p. m. 65, 9 p. m. 67, 10 p. m. 69, 11 p. m. 71, 12 noon 73.