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Guns Blaze All Night in Dublin

Free State Troops Repel Terrific Attack on Headquarters of Provisional Government.

Conference Adjourns

Dublin, April 20.—(By A. P.)—The conference between representative free staters and republicans held here today at the instance of Lord Mayor O'Neill and Archbishop Byrne adjourned at 4:45 o'clock this afternoon until next Wednesday. No agreement was reached.

Before the conference the lord mayor consulted Tom Johnson, secretary of the Irish labor party, and Cathal O'Shannon, another Irish labor leader. Afterwards it was announced that the labor party was issuing a manifesto calling a general strike throughout Ireland Monday (as a protest against militarism.)

Dublin, April 20.—(By A. P.)—Last night was the worst Dublin has experienced since Easter, so far as noise is concerned. The residents were kept awake by continuous rifle and machine gun fire and the noise of military lorries rushing to the relief of places attacked.

Several buildings occupied by the provisional Free State government and guarded by official troops were attacked, according to the last edition of the morning newspapers.

Headquarters of the provisional Free State government were attacked but despite terrific firing, entry was not effected. The city hall and telephone exchange also were heavily assaulted.

Heavy Revolver Firing.

According to reports from an independent source, midnight had scarcely passed when heavy revolver firing was heard, opposing parties exchanging dozens of shots. Firing was also observed from the old general postoffice.

Occasionally the short, sharp cracking of revolvers and automatics was almost silenced by the heavier reports of rifles, and later when armored cars belonging to the regulars appeared there was the quick discharge of machine guns.

At about 12:30 o'clock there was a comparative lull, but 20 minutes later several rapid volleys were fired. The uproar soon subsided and except for an occasional revolver shot quiet was restored there shortly after 1 a. m.

Bomb Explosions.

Meanwhile similar firing of considerable intensity accompanied by bomb explosions was heard in other parts of the city, especially in the neighborhood garrisoned by troops acting under the authority of the general headquarters of the Irish republic army. It is not known whether the building was attacked.

Armored cars later patroled the center of the city and everybody on the streets was searched. A party of men in a motor car speeded up when challenged by troops in an armored car and were pursued and fired on by the military.

Many windows in the telephone exchange were smashed by bullets and work there was suspended for an hour.

Snipers on House Tops.

Regular forces on patrol were fired on from house tops.

A statement from official sources says Brig. Gen. Slattery and a party of men in uniform in a car were fired on at 11:30 o'clock last night. The car was riddled with bullets and one of the passengers wounded.

Later another party of regulars conveyed a priest to a hospital in a motor car, escorting him in an armored automobile because of dangerous condition of the streets.

Pioneer Business Man of Lincoln Dies Suddenly

Lincoln, April 20.—(Special.)—Aaron S. Raymond, 77, pioneer Lincoln business man, died here suddenly. Mr. Raymond came to Lincoln 50 years ago and founded the Raymond Bros., wholesale grocery company. Twenty-five years ago he retired to establish the Lincoln Drug company and since that time has served as its president.

He was one of the founders of the Union club, which later became the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, and was actively interested in other civic and commercial enterprises.

The wife and three children survive him. The children are Mrs. J. E. Gavin of Lincoln, Arthur S. Raymond of Lincoln and Miss Dorothy Raymond, who is now in Paris, following a three months' tour of Europe in company with Mrs. W. A. Green and Miss Helen Curtice of this city.

Laborer Killed in Cement Tank at Superior Works

Superior, Neb., April 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Harry Welch, 20, of Adams, was killed at the Nebraska Portland Cement plant here. Welch was working with the yard gang and was sent to clean some dirt out of one of the storage tanks. It was supposed that while doing this he lost his balance and fell in the tank where he was smothered to death by the cement dust. He was gone about 20 minutes before he was missed.

Employment Throughout United States Increases

Washington, April 20.—A decided and continued upward trend in employment throughout the country during the past 30 days was reported today by the president's conference on unemployment. For every 100 jobs available there are new 160 applicants, as compared with 226 applicants in January, the statement said

Baby Is Killed by Auto Driven by Its Mother

Edwin Arthur Wallace, 15 months old, was killed instantly yesterday morning at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Schnellbacher, 2654 Avenue B, Council Bluffs, when he was crushed to death by an automobile being backed out of the garage by his mother, Mrs. E. R. Wallace.

The child was in the driveway as the mother began to back the car from the garage. She did not realize the baby was in danger until the rear wheel had passed over its little body.

Bigelow to Fight Proposed Fusion of Progressives

Will Launch Active Campaign Against Tieup With Democrats—Machine Politics Charged

Anson H. Bigelow, progressive candidate for United States senator, in an open letter to J. H. Edmisten, state chairman of the party, announces that in the future he will conduct an intensive rather than a passive campaign for the office. Bigelow bitterly attacks fusion of the progressives with the democrats as arranged by the party leaders and refuses to follow the leadership of Wray and Norton.

His letter in part reads:

"I know of no authority from the founders of the party, express or implied, by which the 'new state' dictator, or the state chairman, or even the foremost member of the party, however eminent their past services, were empowered to barter and trade nominations in the progressive party. Neither allegiance to party nor to its principles require me to follow them into the democratic or republican camp. We organized a new party, a party of ideals, because we had despaired of winning ascendancy for the progressive wing in either of the two old parties. Machine politicians had become too firmly entrenched. We are not so fatuous as to believe the machine politicians of the democratic party will permit the progressive party to pick its candidate for governor.

Fusion With Minority.

"Even if it did, we will have picked the candidate only of the minority party. Will the republican party, now entrenched in state and nation, permit us likewise to name its candidate for United States senator? If so, why trouble to run a candidate of our own? If not, what do we gain by a tieup with the democrats? To win, we must make large inroads into the republican voting strength. What have our three manipulators to offer the republicans for support? There is nothing in a trade of nominations with the democrats to atract republican voters! Our only hope was to act independently for a progressive program. If our program was right and our candidates both clean and able, then independents and progressives of both parties would be attracted. If the proposed 'deal' goes through, then progressives of both parties will know that.

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Attempt Made to Wreck Northwestern Train

York, Neb., April 20.—(Special Telegram.)—An attempt was made Wednesday night to wreck a westbound Northwestern passenger train due at 7:45. A piece of steel rail three feet long was staked on the track near the viaduct. The piece of steel was thrown 30 feet clear of the track when hit by the train.

Man Fatally Wounds Wife, Kills Self at Los Angeles

Los Angeles, April 20.—W. D. Heintzelman of Toledo, O., today shot and fatally wounded his wife, Garnet Heintzelman, and then killed himself. Letters telling of his intentions were found on his body. The shooting occurred in a hotel room.

One of the letters was addressed to the coroner and said that the man was going to take his wife's life and his own because he had found her in company with other men. The two had been living apart.

Anti-Christian Move in China.

Amoy, China, April 20.—(By A. P.)—An anti-Christian movement, said to have started with the formation of 20 such organizations in Peking university, is spreading rapidly over China, according to reports reaching here. The agitation has reached Amoy university, the government schools and other institutions.

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Hundreds Killed by Explosion

Thousand People Reported Injured When Great Ammunition Dumps at Monastir Explode.

30,000 Made Homeless

(By The Associated Press.)

Belgrade, April 20.—Several hundred persons were killed, about 1,000 wounded and 30,000 made homeless as the result of the explosion of war material stores at Monastir, according to reports from that southern Serbian city today. The disaster was one of the greatest catastrophes of the kind in history.

The damage will amount to many millions of dollars. The explosion blew up a number of dumps in which was gathered all the ammunition of the former allied armies in the near east.

The population of Monastir, which is composed of Serbians, Turks and Bulgarians, fled in panic in all directions, principally toward Saloniki and Prilep.

The American Red Cross at Belgrade is rushing relief to the stricken community.

Russia Declares German Treaty Must Be Retained

Premier of France Announces Germany to Be Penalized If Pact With Russia Not Abrogated.

Genoa, April 20.—The Russian reply to the allied proposals regarding Russia, which was handed to the allied representative this evening, is reported to be quiet, concillatory in nature.

Prime Minister Lloyd George told the newspaper correspondents here this afternoon that he believed profoundly in the success of the Genoa conference and was convinced it would end in the complete restoration of harmony in Europe.

Genoa, April 20.—(By A. P.)—Prime Minister Lloyd George today said the German delegation to the economic conference had agreed to accept the conditions of the allies not to participate in further discussions of Russian affairs as a result of having signed the Russo-German treaty at Rapallo last Sunday.

Mr. Lloyd George emphatically denied that Dr. Walter Rathenau, the German foreign minister and signatory for Germany of the treaty, had ever informed him, either directly or indirectly, of negotiating for the Russo-German pact.

Geona, April 20.—(By A. P.)—Prime Minister Lloyd George of Great Britain said today the political commission of the economic conference would meet tomorrow to consider the Russian reply to the allied proposals transmitted to the Russian delegates last week.

The Russians say the treaty with Germany must stand.

Miners in Anthracite Fields Draw on Savings

Hazleton, Pa., April 20.—The first drain on reserve funds by the idle anthracite mine workers since the suspension began nearly three weeks ago was noted today by local bankers, who said that a number of notices for withdrawals from savings accounts had been received.

The cash is not being taken out in large amounts, but in sufficient sums to meet current needs.

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 20.—Claims of advance of bituminous coal prices were made yesterday by P. T. Fagen, a United Mine Workers' official, an United Mine Workers' official. Union inquiries, he said, revealed that slack coal, $1.50 a ton before the strike of miners started, now is quoted at $3, and that screen coal, selling for $2.25 prior to April 1, now is selling for $5 a ton, with little offered.

More Taxes Probable to Meet Big 1923 Deficit

Washington, April 20.—Levying of additional taxes probably will be necessary to meet the deficit of more than $350,000,000 forecast for the fiscal year of 1923 by Secretary Mellon, it was said today at the treasury.

High officials of the treasury, discussing the expected deficit, said that no consideration had yet been given to means of meeting the lack of funds, but that it was apparent the deficit probably would have to be raised by taxation as the government "did not have anything to sell."

Grant Anniversary Will Be Observed at Soldiers' Home

Lincoln, April 20.—(Special.)—State G. A. R. headquarters has received word that the centennial anniversary of General Grant, April 27, will be observed with appropriate exercises at the Milford Soldiers' home. The American Legion post and children from the schools of Milford will take part in the program.

Approve Fire Chief

Lincoln, April 20.—(Special.)—The appointment of John E. Steele of Minneapolis as Lincoln's new fire chief was approved by the Lincoln city commission. The appointment is effective immediately. Steele succeeds Fire Chief Olson, who was recently retired on a pension.

Girl Preacher, 13, Urges Flappers to Learn How to Cook

Miami, Okl., April 20.—Miss Ora Stoddard, the 13-year-old licensed Methodist preacher of Miami, told her sisters that if they must flap they should first learn to bake flapjacks. Here is her advice to girls:

Don't accept dates unless mother approves.

Don't forget that skirts are more than girdles.

Don't smoke because young men are silly enough to do it.

Don't trade your beauty for a good time.

She added that lipsticks don't make up for burned potatoes and that more Bible reading and less high jinking is a safe plan. "If you must flap, learn to bake flapjacks," she said.

Human Skeleton Found in Lonely Spot in Woods

Fremont County (Ia.) and Nebraska Officials Have Theory That John Wilber Was Murdered.

Nebraska City, Neb., April 20.—(Special.)—Is the human skeleton found in a lonely spot in the woods on the Iowa side of the Missouri river by a mushroom picker the body of John Wilber, who escaped jail in Sidney, Ia., about 18 months ago?

This question is puzzling Sheriff Fischer and authorities in Fremont county, Iowa.

Wilber and two young men named Gillespie from South Omaha escaped from Sidney jail where they were being held on a charge of robbing a store at Percival, Ia. The Gillespies were later captured and are now serving a sentence at Anamosa prison.

The two brothers had threatened Wilber for confessing their part in the crime, it is alleged. No trace has been found of Wilber since the escape.

Sheriff Fischer and the Iowa authorities advance the theory that Wilber was killed by the Gillespie brothers and his body hidden in the woods. The bones showed evidence of having been exposed several months. The skull is missing and the authorities are of the opinion it was dragged away by animals whose tracks are plainly visible in the vicinity.

Newcastle Bank Fails; Blame Frozen Creditors

Lincoln, April 20.—(Special.)—Failure of the Newcastle State bank of Newcastle, Dixon county, was announced by Secretary Hart of the state trade and commerce department upon the receipt of the following telegram from that place today:

"Cannot weather the storm. Have closed doors and await your action."

The news was unexpected by Hart, although he knew the bank was having some trouble. A special examination made a month ago showed its reserves low and funds tied up in frozen paper.

State Examiner P. L. Zenlow, whose territory coevers northeastern Nebraska, was instructed to go to Newcastle and take charge of the bank. J. F. Whittemore is president of the bank, Ferd Whittemore of Lincoln, vice president, and T. F. Dougherty, cashier.

Last December 28, the Newcastle bank's statement showed deposits of $361,000 and loans amounting to $483,000. Its capital was $30,000 and surplus $2,000.

Cropsey Offers Release of Massachusetts Bonds

Lincoln, April 20.—(Special.)—Treasurer Dan Cropsey has written to the state treasurer of Massachusetts reminding him that the state of Nebraska holds $790,000 of its bonds, which it is willing to have retired. The bonds draw but 3 1-2 per cent interest.

Recently the governor of Massachusetts wrote Governor McKelvie, telling the Nebraska executive what splendid shape Massachusetts was in. Cropsey is taking him at his word and will permit him to retire the issue, which has 18 years to run, investing the preceeds in higher interest rate securities.

The Rival Attraction

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Fremont Women Laud Hays' Action

Endorse Edict Barring Pictures of Arbuckle From Screen in Telegram.

Fremont, Neb., April 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Fremont women have rallied to the support of Will H. Hays, czar of filmdom, in his recent edict that barred Fatty Arbuckle from the silver sheets. A telegram in token of their approval of his initial action as dictator of the movie world was sent today.

The announcement that "Fatty's" pictures were to be released in a test of his popularity was met with dismay by the women of Fremont. The latest development that bans the comedian's pictures from the screen has delighted them. By taking the initial step in expressing their approval, the women's clubs of Fremant hope that the same plan will be adopted throughout Nebraska and the nation as a whole.

The message was signed by the following: Mrs. Henry Wehner, president of Woman's club; Mrs. Louise Diehl, dean girls at Midland college; Miss Daisy Shuckard, principal junior high school; Mrs. Harvey C. Kendall, president of the P. E. O.; Mrs. C. J. Beckley, regent, D. A. R.; Mrs. C. D. Blunt, president W. R. C.; Mrs. E. W. Frederickson, president of the women's auxiliary of the Henry Teigeler, jr., post of the American Legion; Mrs. T. L. Mathews, county chairman of the republican women voters; Mrs. Emma Meservey, county chairman of the democratic women voters.

Omahan in Washington With Harvard Glee Club

Washington, April 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Edward M. Hall of the Harvard Glee club, an Omaha boy who graduated from Central High school paid his respects to Congressman Jefferis today. The Harvard Glee club, which is entour during the Easter vacation, appeared in Washington's leading theater in concert. The club was received by President Harding.

Three Lost at Sea 12 Days Rescued at Palm Beach, Fla.

Captain, Wife and Cook on Auxiliary Schooner Come Near Shore on Last Drop of Gasoline.

West Palm Beach, Fla., April 20.—Lost at sea for 12 days and without food and water for three, Captain and Mrs. H. L. Morrow of Savannah and a cook came within 400 yards of shore here on their last drop of gasoline and were rescued when fishermen passing along the shore saw their distress signals.

Weak from lack of food and exertion in handling their auxiliary schooner, South Atlantic, a 40 foot craft, they and their negro cook were in bad physical condition when a launch took food to them. None the less famished and pathetic was Cutie, a show dog, which was hardly strong enough to move when a feast of bones was laid before it.

Leaving Fernandina, Capt. Morrow said, on April 7, he was blown out to sea and carried 50 miles across the gulf stream. He said he lost his bearings completely, but managed to bring the craft back across the stream, and, heading west, knew that he would strike land sooner or later. They headed for Miami, expecting to make the distance in three days. The first day they struck a blow and found the boat more than they could handle.

They had 150 gallons of gasoline aboard at the start and saved this as much as possible by using sail, until Morrow and his wife became too weak to handle the canvas. Three days ago the Morrows, the negro cook and Cutie shared the last can of beans. The boat was sighted here about 11 o'clock this morning with an American flag flying upside down.

Supreme Court Hears Appeal of County Treasurer

Lincoln, April 20.—(Special.)—The state supreme court, with all members sitting, listened to attorneys' arguments on the appeal by J. L. Heilman, former treasurer of Thomas county, from conviction and penitentiary sentence for embezzling several thousand dollars of public fulnds in his possession.

W. A. Prince of Grand Island, who was employed as special prosecutor at the trial, assisted the attorney general's office in presenting the state's side.

Parole Board Revokes Release of Omaha Man

Lincoln, April 20.—(Special.)—Grady Hord, Omaha, is once more in confinement at the penitentiary, after having been transferred to the men's reformatory last fall and afterward let out on parole. He was arrested at Omaha for joyriding in a stolen car and the state parole authorities had him returned to the prison to resume serving his sentence of one to 20 years for forgery, committed in Douglas county. He was sentenced May 10, 1920.

Ford Disclaims Reports of Returning War Profits to U. S.

Washington, April 20.—Henry Ford has disclaimed any responsibility for printed reports that he returned to the United States treasury approximately $29,000,000 in war profits. Replying to a letter from Secretary Mellon asking an explanation of the report, the Detroit manufacturer's secretary said Mr. Ford knew nothing of the statement as to alleged reimbursement of the government until he had seen it in print.

Waters Rush on Illinois Farms

Breaking of Hartwell Levee Completes Flooding of 30,000 Acres.

Carrollton, Ill., April 20.—(By A. P.)—Breaking of the Hartwell levee on the Illinois river, near here, at 11 o'clock last night, completed the flooding of 30,000 acres of reclaimed farm land along a 23-mile river front in Greene county. Reports this morning say that few if any lives were lost, as the populace of the territory had been forewarned.

Hartwell levee, protecting 8,000 acres of wheat land, is the third large levee in Greene county to yield to the pressure of the flooded Illinois. The others, which gave way last week, were at Eldred and Fairbanks.

These three levees afforded protection to 30,000 acres, of which reports say, at least half was planted in wheat.

Last night's disaster occurred at a point directly opposite the pumping station, and did great damage to it. Workers there, however, are said to have escaped without injury.

Big Break in Levee.

Murphysboro, Ill., April 20.—A big break in the levee near Degognia and Fountain Bluff, small towns southwest of here, was reported today. Water was said to be rushing over thousands of acres of cultivated farm land.

High Record at New Orleans.

New Orleans, April 20.—The Mississippi river passed the highest stage ever recorded here today when the local gauge registered 22.1 feet, one-tenth of a foot higher than the previous high record established in 1912. According to the weather bureau, the river will continue to rise until a stage of 23 feet is reached, about May 10.

Sandbags Shipped.

Washington, April 20.—Four million sandbags were shipped by special trains from Schenetady, N. Y., today to points along the Mississippi river where the water, reaching an unprecedented high stage, has created a seriously threatening situation.

U. S. to Accept Victory Notes at Par for Taxes

Washington, April 20.—Collectors of internal revenue were authorized today by Commissioner Blair to receive at par Victory notes of either the 4¾ per cent or 3¾ per cent series, in coupon form, in payment of income and profits taxes, payable on June 15, 1922, and Victory notes of the 4¾ per cent series, in coupon form, in payment of income and profits taxes, payable September 15, and December 15, 1922.

Victory notes of the 3¾ per cent series will not be acceptable in payment of income and profits taxes, payable September 15 or December 15, 1922. And registered Victory notes will not be acceptable on any payment.

The Weather

Forecast.

Friday fair; not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	40	1 p. m.	70
6 a. m.	40	2 p. m.	72
7 a. m.	44	3 p. m.	74
8 a. m.	39	4 p. m.	76
9 a. m.	55	5 p. m.	76
10 a. m.	59	6 p. m.	75
11 a. m.	64	7 p. m.	73
12 noon	69	8 p. m.	70

Highest Thursday.

Cheyenne	64	Pueblo	74
Davenport	64	Rapid City	68
Denver	66	Salt Lake	68
Des Moines	70	Santa Fe	82
Dodge City	78	Sheridan	66
Lander	56	Valentine	74
North Platte	76		

Jury Still Ballots on Cole's Fate

Case Submitted Yesterday Afternoon — Slayer's Argument Consumes Three Hours

Crowd Waits for Verdict

The fate of the man who has assumed the name, "Otto Cole," is in the hands of a district court jury which began deliberation at 4 yesterday afternoon.

Cole has acted as his own attorney. He has been on trial since Monday on a charge of murdering Harry Hahn, secondhand clothing merchant 414 South Tenth street. The shooting occurred March 28.

Record crowds have been present at the extraordinary trial. The big courtroom was packed by a crowd estimated at 700 all of yesterday. Scores of others stood in the halls trying to get in.

At 10 last night no word had come from the juryroom.

Praise Not Effective.

"The most unusual trial ever held in this county," was the manner in which County Attorney Abel V. Shotwell characterized the Cole trial in opening his argument to the jury after Cole had finished three hours of argument.

The fulsome praise for the county attorney showered by Cole in his argument had no effect on Shotwell's handling of this man posing as "Otto Cole" and with a long criminal record. "A man devoid of all knowledge of social duty; including six penitentiary sentences, according to police; a floater who came here from no one knows where; a self-confessed killer, so devoid of human feeling that he declares he has but one thing to regret in his whole life and that, the drowning of a dog; a man who actually parades before you his own disbelief in the God you and I believe in and worship."

These were words used by the county attorney in his argument which lasted only an hour, but was packed with a concise statement of the state's side of the case and a call to the jurors to return a verdict of first degree murder.

Points Out Privileges.

"You have witnessed in this courtroom the unusual spectacle of a man electing to defend himself on a charge of murder, although the state has offered to provide him with counsel," said Mr. Shotwell.

"You have witnessed the sight of this defendant allowed to pursue a course of conduct which he would never have been allowed to pursue if he had had an attorney.

"You have witnessed a thing never before seen in a court, I believe—a judge offering to allow a defendant in the midst of the argument to take the witness stand and under oath give testimony. And you have seen the defendant stand mute at the offer."

Speaking of Cole's self-defense argument, Shotwell said:

"Self-defense! Here on the one hand you have Cole, big, strong; a boxer according to his own boast, a handler of guns since he was a boy; a man who has courage when he has a gun in his hands. On the other hand is Harry Hahn, five feet five inches high, weighing 130

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Omaha Bakers Oppose Uniform Bread Law

Lincoln, April 20.—(Special.)—The Nebraska supreme court this afternoon heard arguments on behalf of the Omaha bakers assailing the constitutionality of the Smith uniform bread law passed by the legislature of 1921.

The act was declared to be not only unfair to the bakers, but against the interests of the purchasers and consumers of bread by M. A. Hall, who represented the Omaha bakers.

Assistant Attorney General Dort answered the plea of the bakers' counsel, upholding the law as one which protects the public against short-weight loaves without imposing any unreasonable requirement on the manufacturers. He quoted figures showing tests made on the weight of loaves turned out by different bakeries to show that they can easily make loaves of a uniform size within the two-ounce tolerance which the law allows.

State Representative Ed A. Smith of Omaha, who introduced the bill in the legislature, attended the hearing in the supreme court. The case was appealed from a decision by Judge Morning in Lancaster county which held the act valid.

Consideration of Tariff Bill Begun by Senators

Washington, April 20.—Consideration of the administration tariff bill was begun in the senate today with an address by Chairman McCumber of the finance committee, who declared a protective tariff and reduction in production costs were necessary "to reconstruct the commercial bridge across the chasm separating the cost of production in the United States and abroad."

Asserting that the income of two-thirds of the American people was below the prewar basis, the North Dakota senator declared that manufacturers would have to bring down production costs of their commodities "to within the purchasing reach of this vast army of American farmers and American wage earners—a reach that cannot extend one inch beyond the limit of their earnings."

Liberian Loan Favored.

Washington, April 20.—By a vote of 13 to 9, the house ways and means committee reported favorably today the Fordney resolution authorizing a loan of $5,000,000 to the republic of Liberia.

Good Will Election Redeems Pledge of American Women

Organization Founded in 1917 When General Petain Took Group to Devastated Region at Blerancourt for Welfare Work Still Lacks $750,000 of Funds Promised.

The American Committee for Devastated France, with which The Omaha Bee is co-operating in the Good Will election, is a peace-time organization.

Its history began in 1917 when a group of 10 American women were taken by General Petain into the devastated region of northern France and stationed at Blerancourt on the Aisne to look after the physical and moral welfare of the few inhabitants left in the section and any more that cared to return to their homes. Among those women were Mrs. Anne Murray Dyke and Miss Anne Morgan. These women of means were donating their service, their funds and money contributed by their friends to perform a humanitarian task.

Looked to America.

At that time the eyes of the world were upon America. We had fought a war for ideals. Our soldiers, our statesmen, our women were treated as Greek divinities and the American nation as the nation of ideals and visions.

The women who formed the original Committee for Devastated France there pledged themselves and the women of America to the care of the physical and moral welfare of four cantons. To do this work contributions of $2,000,000 were necessary, an infinitesimal sum, when it is remembered that France has already expended in other parts of the devastated regions over 90,000,000 francs.

Still Need $750,000.

Three years have gone by. The unselfish women who have been devoting their time and money to the work which was pledged have done nobly and have left a monument in France that is a symbol of the age-old friendship between the two republics. However, $750,000 of the original pledge is still to be raised

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