

Russo-German Military Treaty Rumored at Genoa

Tchitcherine of Russia, however, writes denial to Barthou of France of any secret agreement.

Genoa, May 1.—Prime Minister Lloyd George announced to a committee of the conference today that Russia was ready to give back 99 per cent of seized property, "in kind."

London, May 1.—A dispatch to the London Times from Warsaw, dated Saturday, says it is reported that a Russo-German military agreement was signed in Berlin, April 3.

It is reported that the soviet government shall give Germany 20 warships and maintain a certain number of troops opposite the Polish frontier.

Denies Pact.

Genoa, May 1.—Foreign Minister Tchitcherine of Russia has written Vice Premier Barthou of France assuring him there are no secret military or political clauses in the Russo-German treaty signed Easter Sunday at Rapallo.

Hope for the successful outcome of the conference as a notable aid in achieving the establishment of peace on a secure basis was expressed by Pope Pius in his letter to Cardinal Gasparri, which has created such deep interest in conference circles here.

Text of Letter.

"The keen desire by which we are animated to see established in the world a new peace which does not merely consist in a cessation of hostilities, but principally in spiritual reconciliation, causes us to follow with solicitude attention, in fact with anxious trepidation, the work of the Genoa conference.

May full attainment at last prepare the basis for the future and far distant advent of a new era of peace of which one may say, with the Bible that justice and peace have joined, remembering that the exigencies of justice must be tempered with charity.

Such a return to the normal state of human relations in its essential elements, in conformity with the dictates of reason, which is also the divine command, will work greatly to the advantage of both conquerors and conquered, but especially to the advantage of those unhappy populations of eastern Europe which already laid waste by war, by inter-ethnic struggles and by religious persecutions, are now in addition decimated by famine and epidemics, while they embrace in their territory so many sources of wealth that they might be strong elements in social restoration.

Compassion and Comfort.

"May our work of compassion and comfort, together with that of our lamented predecessor, reach these populations, though they are divided from our communion by an ancient difference, and may these unhappy populations also receive the ardent desire of our parental heart to see them enjoy, together with us, the same gifts of humility and peace which are expressed by common participation in the holy mysteries.

"And if by the height of misadventure, even in this conference, the attempt at sincere pacification and lasting agreement should fail, who can think without trepidation how much the condition of Europe, already so deplorable and threatening, would be aggravated with the prospect of continually increasing suffering and the danger of a conflagration which would involve in its ruins all Christian civilization?"

Harmonious Spirit.

The work of completing the allied proposals to Russia was resumed today, with the promise of more rapid headway than heretofore.

The last few days have brought into evidence a more harmonious spirit between the British and French delegations and confidence is felt that the divergence in the British and French views can be adjusted.

M. Barthou wishes to see the proposals in final shape before leaving for his talk with Premier Poincare, and now plans to start for Paris not before tomorrow night.

The impression obtains that quiet official circles are taking place between the allied delegates and soviet leaders.

A review of the past week of the conference shows the inauguration of concerted efforts by representatives of all the powers to rebuild Russia.

U. P. Candidate Holds First Place in Contest

(Continued From Page One.) Miss Fenn added 3,003 votes yesterday to her previous total, giving her 5,809.

No Trace Found of Girl Teacher's Slayer



Hoopston, Ill., May 1.—(By A. P.)—Vermillion county authorities today apparently were facing a solid wall of mystery in their investigation into the death of Gertrude Hanna, whose body was found Thursday in the basement of the parsonage of the United Presbyterian church.

Firemen Thankful for Narrow Escape

(Continued From Page One.) Latest report on the conditions of the injured firemen is as follows:

At Lister hospital: Capt. John T. Hope, 3912 North Eighteenth street; Condition serious and painful; burned about face, neck and hands.

Capt. Robert L. Dunlap, 115 South Forty-first street; Recovered consciousness yesterday morning; lungs injured by gaseous smoke; burned about face and hands.

Harry Dietz, 3433 South Fifteenth street, Hook and Ladder No. 3; superficial burns about face and hands.

Jerry Leahy, 4790 North Seventeenth street, Engine company No. 4; slight burns about forehead, taken home yesterday.

Guy C. Cabbage, 1315 North Forty-sixth street, Hook and Ladder No. 2; burned about face.

Thomas S. Shandy, Forty-eighth and Gold streets, captain No. 3; slight facial burns.

At Paxton Memorial hospital: Thomas Campbell, 2519 Corby street, Engine company No. 4; slight burns about face and hands.

Burned on Face. Harold M. Healey, 2912 Lake street, Engine company No. 4; facial burns.

At home: Battalion Chief John T. Coyle, 1615 Evans street, painful burns about face and hands.

Horace C. Greer, 3806 Seward street, chauffeur to Chief Dineen, slight injuries; reported at work yesterday.

Chief Charles A. Salter, 2104 Douglas street, slightly overcome from gases. On duty yesterday.

Arthur Olson, 1520 North Thirty-second street, chauffeur to Chief Salter; slightly injured. On duty yesterday.

Three Greeks Bound Over at McCook in 'Stolen' Car Case

McCook, Neb., May 1.—(Special.)—An unusual case was heard in district court here in connection with the disappearance of the automobile of John Pappas, Greek, the auto being insured for \$1,000. Portions of the dismantled car were found recently by officers on different parts of the farm of Howard Lee of near Edison.

Pappas and two other Greeks were arrested in connection with the "theft."

All were given a hearing in Justice Austin's court. Frank Javenson was able to give the required bond of \$5,000 for his appearance in district court. John Pappas and George Portis are still in jail.

Supreme Judge Injured in Plunge Down Cellar Steps

Lincoln, Neb., May 1.—(Special.)—C. B. Letton, judge of the state supreme court, awoke in his home at Lincoln at 4 this morning and started for the bath room.

Because he turned to the left instead of to the right, he plunged head first down the basement steps, fracturing his right arm, dislocating his shoulder and suffering severe cuts on his face.

Consolidated School in Richardson County Burns

Falls City, Neb., May 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire, believed to have been started by spontaneous combustion, completely destroyed Richardson county's only consolidated school in Franklin precinct Sunday. The loss is estimated at \$15,000, of which \$11,500 was covered by insurance.

Nervous Diseases and Spinal Troubles Respond to Chiropractic



Bryan Harmony Banquet Dubious 'Morning After'

Some Party Members Say Peace Dinner Emphasized Wide Split of Organization in Nebraska.

Lincoln, May 1.—(Special.)—Politicians today were analyzing the political effect of the William Jennings Bryan talk here Saturday night, head by members of every faction of the Democratic party.

Some Democratic politicians say the fact that Art Mullen, John H. Morehead, "Brother Charlie" Bryan and leaders of the various elements, consented to break bread together was a sign that the dove of peace had succeeded in settling.

Other democratic politicians, who asserted that it is good politics to face a situation and not be blind to a reality, declared the Bryan talk again emphasized that two factions are struggling for supremacy in the democratic ranks.

Admit Bryan's Business.

They look upon a harmony banquet as one wherein the principal speaker is willing to gloss over unpleasantness of the past, and it is admitted Bryan was as blunt in his speech Saturday as he ever was in discussing national questions.

Everyone admitted the Hitchcock element, led by Mallin, was ready to forgive and forget, and went to the banquet for that purpose if Bryan would accept them back into the fold and incidentally endorse their candidates, including Senator Hitchcock.

Politicians say the Hitchcock element believed that Bryan through his desire to help his brother, Charles W. Bryan to the democratic nomination for governor, would call prohibition and its enforcement a dead issue.

Instead, it is admitted they found the inflexible Bryan unwilling to compromise for the things he believed in, and serving notice on his followers that enforcement of the prohibition law was not a dead issue.

Edmisten Sums it Up.

J. H. Edmisten, third party chairman, who was an attentive listener to the Bryan speech, summed the situation as it stands today as follows:

"Bryan is willing to harmonize and have his followers harmonize on a candidate for public office if that candidate will endorse prohibition, promise to fight to keep the Volstead act on the statute books, and see that it is enforced. He is against, and wants his followers to be against, anyone who does not stand for this law whether he be a democrat, or what not."

Chicken Thieves Jailed

McCook, Neb., May 1.—(Special.)—Augustine Larson and Edward Jones, two young men of Frontier county, have begun a sentence of 30 days in the Red Willow county jail for the theft of \$50 worth of chickens from William J. Price of that county April 14. Restitution in the sum of \$100 also was required.

Allows War Loans

Washington, May 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The War Finance corporation announces that on April 27 and 28 it approved advances of \$90,000 for agriculture and livestock purposes in Nebraska.

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Loss in Winter Wheat Larger Than Usual

Lincoln, May 1.—The abandoned acreage of winter wheat in the western two-thirds of the state will be larger than usual, although spring grains have replaced considerable of this acreage and the balance probably will be planted to corn, according to a survey contained in a report issued today by A. E. Anderson, federal crop statistician. The condition of wheat remaining for harvest is improving in most counties, says the report.

The abandonment is generally light east of a line drawn north and south through Hastings and Grand Island; according to the report, the heaviest loss in this section being in Nuckolls, Thayer, Hamilton and Merrick counties. West of this line the losses are larger than usual, says the report.

The chances for a spring sprouted winter wheat to produce a fair crop are better in northwestern counties, the report declares.

"Adams and Kearney counties have suffered the greatest losses and at best will not harvest more than one-third of the planted acreage," states the report. "Butlalo county also has a heavy loss of wheat acreage."

Scottsbluff Hotel to Become Hospital

Scottsbluff, Neb., May 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Scottsbluff scored another civic victory this afternoon when \$20,000 in cash was given to apply on the purchase price of \$40,000 for the North hotel, which is to be made into the Methodist hospital for western Nebraska. Gifts from citizens of other valley towns, and a loan completed the amount for the unfinished structure of six stories, which will be completed as a hospital.

With Bishop Stutz of Omaha, as the principal speaker, the hospital success was celebrated at a banquet tonight. In February Scottsbluff voted bonds of \$300,000 for a new high school building. The Elks are constructing a home that, when finished, will cost \$100,000. The public library was opened but a week ago, and there is a good deal of building of city homes and farm homes and buildings.

Irate Father Spoils Elopement to Bluffs

Word from an irate father reached Council Bluffs yesterday just in time to spoil the elopement plans of Nels Bundy, 21, and Mabel Kilmer, 17, both of Lincoln, Neb. They were detained when they appeared at the office of the county clerk for a marriage license. They are held pending the arrival of the father, P. Kilmer.

Bundy has been employed by his sweetheart's father, he said yesterday, and has been making his home with the family at 843 North Eleventh street. Mabel will not be of legal age until December, but both announced their conviction that they will be able to induce her father to consent to the match before that time.

Nebraskans Vote Against Federal Aid for Highways

Reavis Only Congressman From This State to Cast Ballot in Favor of Good Roads Bill.

Washington, May 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Four Nebraska voters were among the 31 negative ballots cast in the house today against the Dunn good roads bill, which provides for a continuation of the federal aid program. Representative Reavis was the only member of the state delegation who voted for the bill. The others were against it.

The bill secured more than two-thirds vote necessary to pass it under a suspension of the rules. The opposition of the Nebraskans was predicated upon a resolution adopted in January by the house and senate of the state legislature, opposing any further "matching of dollars" with the central government. The principal "whereas" of the resolution was:

"The burden of taxation resulting from meeting such federal appropriations has become grievously heavy, and an increasing number of Nebraska citizens have indicated their unwillingness to be so taxed, as well as their disapproval of federal control of state expenditures consequent upon the acceptance of federal appropriations."

Reavis Explains Attitude.

Representative Reavis said that with all due regard to the state legislators, his own judgment was different, and that he believed there was no single item more vital to the progress of Nebraska than good roads, and that these should be fully up to the standards maintained in other states.

George B. Johnson, state engineer, was in conference today with Thomas H. MacDonald, chief of the bureau of public roads, concerning details of the contracts for roadwork to be done during the present season in Nebraska. Mr. Johnson said that bids would be advertised for within the next two weeks. Over \$2,000,000 is involved in this year's program.

Mr. Johnson did not know that the Dunn bill was coming up today. He expressed gratification that he had passed. He said that the new provision of the bill, limiting federal aid to \$10,000 a mile, would not affect Nebraska, the style of construction adopted there not being so expensive. In only one or two cases and for short distances only, where there has been heavy grading, has the cost of a Nebraska road gone as high as \$14,000, which was the maximum. The central government could contribute one-half of that sum and still be within the provisions of the new legislation.

Plans Being Printed.

Mr. Johnson came to Washington this morning from New York, where he has been in conference

with Governor McKelsie, W. W. Head of Omaha, and Architect Goodhue concerning the specifications for the new capitol building. These are completed and went to the printer today. The latter has promised to have them in Nebraska by May 8. Mr. Johnson leaves for home tonight. He says that the governor and Mr. Head finally will remain in New York until Thursday.

Misses Helen Cornell, Ethel Fulaway and Ella Fleischman, all of Omaha, are here as delegates to the

national convention of the Women's Overseas Service league. They represent the Marion Crandall chapter of Omaha, named after the first woman killed while on duty in France.

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