

GERMANY DID NOT ASK UNITED STATES TO SEND ECONOMIC COMMISSION

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PLAN TO LEARN WHAT GERMANY COULD PAY ALLIES

In Washington It Is Said That United States, Great Britain and Germany Are Willing and That France Has Matter Under Consideration

Berlin, Dec. 22 (By the Associated Press).—It was officially denied here today that Chancellor Cuno or any other government official had suggested the appointment of an American commission to investigate Germany's economic conditions.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—The question of America extending aid toward the solution of the economic troubles of Europe has been brought sharply to the front with the emerging of a plan under which an American commission would determine what Germany should pay the allies in reparations.

The proposal so far has been discussed outside the formal channels of diplomacy but an understanding in authoritative circles has been developed through an exchange of views that the United States, Great Britain and Germany are willing to assent to the creation of such a commission.

Premier Poincare of France now has the plan before him and is expected to make a decision when he has concluded a series of conferences with industrial leaders of France and of Germany.

From the beginning of the present discussion officials of the Washington government have been unwilling to do more than hint that a way was being sought to render aid toward a European settlement and so far have refused to discuss the plan for an American commission. Secretary Hughes last night, however, issued a brief statement which avoided any mention of details and said that the "government had presented no proposal" on the subject. The method of sounding out all those directly interested before any definite proposal is submitted with the full force of government authority is a familiar one in negotiations of great delicacy. The secretary's statement recalled an assertion several days ago by a White House spokesman, who, in discussing the American attitude toward Europe, said it was not proper to display on the stage all that was taking place behind the scenes.

MRS. HARVEY SAILS. Goes to Madeira—Ambassador Starts for New York Tomorrow.

London, Dec. 23.—American Ambassador Harvey today accompanied Mrs. Harvey to Southampton, whence she sailed for Madeira to spend the holidays while he is in America.

TEN ALLEGED ROBBERS. After Big Operations Have Been Caught in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Ten men, alleged members of a gang of robbers who, police said, have obtained \$500,000 in operations throughout the Mississippi valley, were under arrest here today. Associates of the men were being sought.

BIG STOCK DIVIDENDS. One as High as 900 Per Cent Ready at Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 22.—Stock dividends ranging from 40 to 900 per cent await investors in five local concerns, it was announced today.

BIG STORM ON WAY. Is Coming Rapidly Northeastward, Says Weather Bureau.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—The weather bureau today gave warning of a disturbance of considerable intensity central of Cape Hatteras which will move rapidly northeastward, attended by strong north and northwest winds.

TWENTY MORE QUESTIONED. By Boston Police After Last Night's Round-Up.

POSSES IN THE CHASE.

After Denver Bandits Whose Trail Is Believed to Be Found.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 22.—Peace officers of Denver and northern Colorado were prepared to push vigorously to-day their hunt for Denver's bank-truck bandits whose trail they believe had been picked up yesterday at an abandoned ranch house twenty miles east of Greeley, Colo.

The four men suspected of being those who Monday shot and killed Charles T. Linton, federal reserve bank truck guard, and escaped with \$200,000 in currency, after a desperate gun fight with guards of the United States mint here, had left the farm house before officers arrived.

Scores of armed men, including county sheriffs and their deputies, in hastily organized posses, and three automobiles and one armored tractor, headed with Denver detectives and policemen, scoured northern Colorado in the vicinity of Greeley, Fort Morgan, Fort Collins and Roggen all last night without catching the quartet.

DAYTIME ROBBER FAILED AT NIGHT

After Making More Than 100 Afternoon Breaks in New York T. F. Belford Lost Out on First Attempt After Dark.

New York, Dec. 22.—Thomas F. Belford, a "matinee burglar," who confessed 100 afternoon burglaries, according to the police, but who was caught the first time he worked after dark, was in the lineup at police headquarters today. Police said the value of goods stolen last August was \$200,000. He was found in the West 92d street apartment of Mrs. Sadie Bennett last night.

Belford, the police said, admitted looting the apartment of Lou Tellegen, actor, of \$5,000 worth of goods, and said he had confined his activities to afternoon work in apartments.

FAMILY GET INJUNCTION

Against Father Lorenzo Perosi, Noted Composer of Church Music.

Rome, Dec. 22.—An injunction was granted in court here today against Father Lorenzo Perosi, noted composer of church music, restraining him from disposing of his property. This was done at the request of Abbe Perosi's family, with a view, it was explained, to protecting his famous orators and other musical compositions. Only three of these have been published, the manuscripts of the remainder being in his personal possession, and considered by his family to be unsafe, owing to his mental condition, which was described as growing worse.

Rome dispatches last May announced that Abbe Perosi had been examined by three physicians, called in consultation by his family, and that the doctors had issued a statement saying they had prescribed isolation and rest for him after having found him subject to wandering ideas which influenced his conduct.

"TRUTH IN FABRIC" BILL

Favorably Reported by Committee to Senate.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Favorable report was ordered by the Senate interstate commerce committee today of the Capper "truth in fabric" bill to require manufacturers of woolen cloth or garments to state the percentage of wool and other material contained in their products.

The measure, which was the subject of an extensive committee hearing more than a year ago, has been advocated by the Senate farm bloc. It would give the secretaries of the treasury, commerce and agriculture jurisdiction as to the manner of marking clothes, garments and yarns. The marking, however, would have to state the proportions of virgin wool, reworked wool, cotton, silk or other ingredients in products in which wool is a component part.

Failure of manufacturers to make the marking would be penalized by a fine of \$500 or one year's imprisonment or both for the first offense, and for subsequent offenses by a fine of not less than \$1,000 or one year's imprisonment or both fine and imprisonment.

The American Electrical Heater Co. plans the 900 per cent dividend with an increase in capitalization from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000. Dividends of 100 per cent are announced by the Buhl Land company and the Buhl Stamping company, while stock dividends of fifty to forty per cent were announced, respectively, by the Buhl Malleable company and the Buhl Sons company.

ACUSHNET FLOATED OFF.

After Being Aground in Boston Harbor Several Hours.

Boston, Dec. 23.—The coast guard cutter Acushnet was floated today after having been aground for several hours in Boston harbor.

The Acushnet, which was bound for Woods Hole, returned to the Boston navy yard, where it was found she had sustained a slight strain, causing a leak.

MOTION FOR VERDICT DENIED

Five Defendants in Herrin Riot Murder Must Stand Trial

MOTION TO WIPE OUT STATE'S EVIDENCE

State Rested Its Case Yesterday—Defense Proposed Alibis

Marion, Ill., Dec. 23 (By the Associated Press).—Motions filed by the defense asking that all evidence introduced by the state be excluded and that the court direct a verdict of not guilty were denied today at the trial of five men on charges of murder in connection with the Herrin riots.

The state rested its case yesterday afternoon and adjournment was taken to permit the defense to gather its witnesses.

A. W. Kerr of counsel for the defense, in a statement yesterday afternoon said he would seek to prove that the accused men could have had no part in the killings. He asserted that the defense would seek to impeach testimony given by several state's witnesses that they had seen the defendants with guns the day of the rioting or had seen them shooting at some of the victims.

Under the Illinois law there are no degrees of murder and the jury will be compelled to return a separate verdict for each of the defendants and also, if it finds them guilty, to fix the penalty, ranging from one year's imprisonment to death.

OVERHEATED MOTOR CAUSED

Burning of Turning Works at Norway, Me.

Norway, Me., Dec. 22.—A three-story frame structure occupied by the Novelty Turning company was burned today. The fire started from an overheated motor and spread rapidly. H. W. Brown, the proprietor, estimated the loss at \$50,000, with partial insurance.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH

Emile Arnsten Slain in State of Vera Cruz.

Tampico, Mexico, Dec. 22 (By the Associated Press).—Emile Arnsten, assistant pipe line superintendent of the Mexican Gulf Oil company, was shot and killed from ambush last Wednesday on the road between Texaco and Zacamitla, state of Vera Cruz, it was learned today.

TURKISH PROBLEMS FAR FROM SOLUTION

Turkey Imposes Certain Conditions on Allies If She Accepts International Control of Straits.

Lausanne, Dec. 22 (By the Associated Press).—The Greek desire that settlement of the problem of the Turkish straits was not progressing as rapidly as had been anticipated became general today as the result of a statement issued by the Turkish delegation.

This made it clear that Turkey's acceptance of the proposal to appoint an international commission of control depended upon acceptance by the allies of certain conditions demanded by the Turks.

The modifications of the original project for control of the straits asked by the Turks include an understanding that the international commission shall have no jurisdiction whatsoever over the so-called zones of demilitarization in the region of the straits.

The Turks furthermore have demanded a pact by which the allies, individually and collectively, guarantee that the safety and neutrality of Turkey will not be jeopardized and that there is no aggression against Constantinople.

Reports were in circulation yesterday, just before the adjournment of Wednesday's discussion of the straits question when both the allied and Turkish delegates were conciliatory. Ismet Pasha had made an important and final statement of Turkey's position.

Last night Lord Curzon, M. Barrore and the Marquis de Geronzi, heads of the British, French and Italian delegations, conferred on the straits questions and were later joined by Ismet Pasha. After this meeting the Turkish delegation issued the text of Ismet's last minute speech of Wednesday. It was given out in this form:

"To prevent misunderstanding concerning the so-called 'international straits commission', Ismet Pasha wishes to make clear a point which seems to him essential. 'It results clearly from his declarations of yesterday and to-day that conformably to the program of liberty of the straits, the commission should solely undertake the mission of seeing to it that the regulations concerning the passage of warships be observed.

"On the other hand, the points which the Turkish delegation accepts and those on which it demands modifications are one and indivisible."

In addition to the non-aggression pact, the Turks desire that the straits commission should have no jurisdiction over the zones of demilitarization or in such matters as lightships and pilotage in the straits. They insist that all notifications of intentions to send warships through the waterway should be obligatory and not merely "notification by courtesy" as the allies wish.

The United States has gone on record as opposing a straits commission, but it was not until the road doesn't please. The answer was "Yes," so the query came:

"Should yeast be boiled with wine or put in afterward?" "Why, you see, ma'am I could hardly answer that question, you know?" "I don't see how you can hold your job, then," and the phone went "click."

SCHOOL BUILDING DEDICATED.

And Prin. O. D. Mathewson of Lyndon Institute Presented Gold Watch.

Lyndon Center, Dec. 22.—The new \$200,000 administration building of Lyndon institute which has just been completed to replace the one burned Jan. 3 of this year was dedicated yesterday afternoon with fitting ceremonies. The exercises were held in the large chapel, which was filled to capacity and presided over by Elmer A. Darling of East Burke, president of the board of trustees. Twenty of the 26 trustees of the institute were present and several representatives of the schools and colleges of Vermont. After the invocation by Rev. W. J. McFarland of Lyndonville the address of the occasion was given by Samuel W. McCall of Winchester, Mass., one of the trustees of the institution. His address was a scholarly review of the history of the institution with which he was very familiar both as a trustee and because his wife is the daughter of the first president of the institution, Sumner S. Thompson.

The address was followed by personal greetings from other institutions. Congratulations were given from St. John's academy by former Governor Josiah W. Gates of Franklin, president of the board of trustees, and Principal Theodore H. Wilson, Prof. James Wallace of the University of Vermont at Burlington and Prof. Edward D. Collins of Middlebury college, a former teacher at the institution, and Clarence H. Dempsey, state commissioner of education, followed with felicitous words.

At this point President Darling presented Principal O. D. Mathewson a beautiful gold watch and chain on behalf of the trustees, to which the principal happily and briefly responded. Mr. Mathewson then read congratulatory telegrams from President Harding, Chief Justice Taft, Mrs. Theodore V. Vail, whose husband in his lifetime was a generous patron of the school and president of the board of trustees, President Hopkins of Dartmouth, President Lowell of Harvard, President Butler of Columbia, President Finley of the College of the City of New York, President Thomas of Pennsylvania State, President Gibson of Princeton, and Ambassador George Harvey of London. The dedicatory prayer was read by Rev. W. H. Gould of this village closed the exercises. During the evening there was a general reception and inspection of the building with a musical program.

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OPEN DOOR IN AMERICA. To Those Who Approach It With Earnest Determination.

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"Those who come to America from older lands," said Mr. Davis, "seeking the opportunities for life, liberty and happiness, which are offered under our free governmental institutions, have ample cause for rejoicing at this Christmas season. They face a great future. America opens wide the door of advancement to those who approach it with an earnest determination to labor for progress."

PYROMANIACS STILL BUSY.

Burned a Feed Mill and a Barn—Oil-Soaked Rags Found.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Two more fires today were attributed to pyromaniacs who have burned more than 35 barns in southeastern Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey. A co-operative feed mill at Dublin, near Doylestown, Pa., was destroyed with feed from many of the farms in the region. State troopers said the blaze had every appearance of incendiary.

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One Dead, Another Wounded and a Third Sought by Police.

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KILLED IN PLUNGE

Ernest Mowery Victim of Automobile Accident.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 22.—Ernest Mowery, 35 years old, of Indian Orchard was killed and a woman companion was seriously injured last night when their automobile, which they were riding through on a forty-foot embankment, slid into the Chicopee river in Chicopee. An unidentified man, who refused to give his name, but who is said by the police to have been the driver of the car, is held on a charge of manslaughter.

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BOGUS MONEY ORDER ARRESTS

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COUNTRY FLOODED WITH CHEQUES

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MRS. MARY JAMIESON.

Native of Topsham Died in Barre This Morning.

The death of Mrs. Mary Bassett Jamieson occurred at Barre City hospital this morning at 3 o'clock after an illness lasting over a period of two years, due to a general breaking down. She had been confined at the hospital for the past five weeks.

Mrs. Jamieson was born in Topsham Oct. 11, 1849, the daughter of John and Mary Prescott. Her marriage to Calvin Bassett occurred over 50 years ago. Mr. Bassett passed away 13 years ago and a second marriage took place to Mr. Jamieson, who survives as do two children as follows: Burton Bassett of Barre and Hayes Bassett of Plainfield. Three other children, John, Clinton and Anna, died several years ago. There are also two brothers, William and Henry Prescott, residing in Plainfield.

The deceased was an attendant of the Hedding Methodist church. She had a wide circle of friends who held her very dearly and who will join in extending sympathy to the family.

Funeral services will be held from the Jamieson home on Trow hill, Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. B. G. Lipsey officiating. The body will be placed in the vault at Elmwood cemetery to await interment in Maplewood cemetery in the spring.

UNDERHILL WAS THREATENED.

By Fire Which Started in Barn in the Rear of Store.

Underhill, Dec. 22.—The entire village was threatened with destruction by fire last evening when the barn in the rear of the Mason & Foster general merchandise store was burned. The absence of the wind, the heroic efforts of nearly 100 fire fighters, who worked feverishly and the help from the Burlington department, which sent Chief Stockwell and the big chemical, prevented the village from being wiped out.

The cause of the blaze in the barn is unknown. Flames were first seen coming through the roof, and soon the structure was a blazing mass. As it stood high, and for some time the store building itself, but six feet away, was threatened. A bucket brigade of about 75 men was formed and kept throwing water on the building and also on the sheds of the Congregational church nearby.

It was soon seen that the situation was dangerous and a request for help was sent to Burlington. Chief Stockwell and the chemical reached Underhill one hour after receiving the request and were still here at 12:15 this morning. But the blaze is now under control, and the danger of further disaster is over.

No one had been in the barn for several days, as far as anyone knows, and the cause of the blaze is, therefore, a mystery.

LIMBS WIRE TOGETHER, TWO BODIES FOUND

One of the Heads Was Gone—Bodies Were Brought Up from Lake

By Dynamite.

Shrewport, Ia., Dec. 22.—The decomposed bodies of two men, believed to be Watt Daniels and Thomas Rich, missing victims of the Morehouse mob of last August, were found today near the Eastland ferry on Lake Fourche, which separates Morehouse and Richland parishes, according to the correspondent of the Shreveport Journal. The limbs of the dead men were tied with wire. They came to surface as a result of a charge of dynamite, exploded last night by unidentified persons.

The bodies were nude except for belts and a portion of the trousers. One man's head was gone. It is thought that those who used the explosives left without knowing the bodies had come to the surface.

Owing to the condition of the bodies it is believed identification will be difficult unless there are marks on the belts.

The place on the bank near where the ferry boat was accustomed to land was badly torn up by the explosion. Many dead fish were on the surface of the water.

TO ANNUL 43-YEAR MARRIAGE.

Frank O. Powers of Lyndonville Claims Wife Left Him 18 Years Ago.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 22.—Married 43 years ago and separated from his wife 18 years ago, Frank O. Powers of Lyndonville sought a divorce in Caledonia county court this week from Jennie E. Powers. In his suit the petitioner claims that after they had lived together for 25 years Mrs. Powers departed and he had not heard anything about her for years.

After hearing nothing from her or about her for 15 years, Mr. Powers learned on working a divorce suit and legal authority that his wife was dead. A few years later he married the second time. A year or so ago he received news that his first wife was still alive and was threatening to make trouble for him. He separated from his wife he was then living with and proceeded to inaugurate divorce proceedings. He sues on the ground of desertion.

COUPLE NEARLY KILLED.

When Gas from Stove Overcame Them at Middlebury.

Middlebury, Dec. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert LaFrier of the East Middlebury road narrowly escaped asphyxiation by coal gas yesterday morning. They retired last evening after Mr. LaFrier had put coal on the stove. Early this morning Mrs. LaFrier awoke, and though partially overcome she managed to drag herself to the door and summon aid. Mr. LaFrier was unable to move.

MAURICE W. RYAN.

Died at His Home in Northfield Yesterday.

Northfield, Dec. 22.—Maurice W. Ryan, aged 63 years, died suddenly yesterday morning at his home on School street from the effects of a stroke. Mr. Ryan was very prominent in the Catholic Order of Foresters, having been a director of the state organization of that name for some years. His funeral will be held Saturday forenoon at 9 o'clock from St. John's Catholic church.

HARDWICK AND BETHEL SETTLE

Agreement Reached in Building End of Granite Industry

TAKES IN OTHER GRANITE CENTERS

Conference Has Been Held in New York City For a Week

Word was received here today that the conference in New York City, which had been in session there a week, late yesterday afternoon, had reached an agreement by which a settlement is effected in the granite cutting industry in Hardwick and Bethel, Vt., Concord and Redstone, N. H., North Jay, Me., Cape Ann, Mass., and Westley, R. I.

This conference was called by building interests in New York and was attended by representatives of the manufacturers and unions from each of the above-named places.

The agreement provides for a 44-hour week the year through, a wage of \$1 an hour and a fine of not to exceed \$200 on members of the union who have worked in American plan plants during the past season. The agreement also provides for nine hours' pay for the extra eight-hour shift on machinery.