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FINANCIAL MEET ALSO SUGGESTED

Germany Thinks the Meeting Would Decide Definitely Exact Amount She Should Pay to the Allies.

Berlin, June 7 (By the Associated Press).—Germany's reparations note which was handed to the entente and the United States governments this morning proposes a system of annuities estimated to total 1,200,000 marks annually if an international loan is not available for immediate capital payment.

The annuities would become effective in 1927 and their number and amount would depend wholly on the degree of Germany's economic recovery. The memorandum declares an inevitable requisite to a practical solution of the reparations problem is the early convocation of a general conference to which Germany would be admitted on an equal basis.

The memorandum reaffirms Germany's good will and readiness to meet her reparations obligations, and asserts the conviction that the entire problem should be submitted to an impartial inquiry, the verdict of which, it declares, would be accepted by the German government.

The document is brief and wholly devoted to elucidation of the mooted points on which the creditor nations had requested amplifying statements. It makes no mention of the political situation, the Ruhr occupation, or the question of abandoning the passive resistance and indulging in no recriminations. Neither does it refer to the conditions under which Germany is prepared to carry out the payment of the annuities.

As a guarantee under the annuities, the German government pledges the system which would be capitalized at 10,000,000,000 marks, yielding an annual bonded interest of 500,000,000 marks.

AMUNDSEN PREPARED FOR HAZARDOUS POLAR FLIGHT

Will Attempt Flight to Spitzbergen at the End of June. (By the Associated Press.) Bergen, Norway, June 7.—Ronald Amundsen, the famous Norwegian Arctic explorer, will attempt a hazardous air flight from Point Barrow in Alaska to Spitzbergen at the end of June, it is announced here. Between these two points he will traverse what has hitherto been the Arctic's "blind region," a territory of which nothing whatever is known. The greater part of this blind sector lies directly between Point Barrow and the North Pole.

Experts in polar work consider that one of the greatest of the difficulties Amundsen will have to contend with will be that of orientation—the determination of his latitude and longitude while under flight. Assuming that Amundsen starts from Point Barrow under ideal conditions, and in the course finds himself directly over the Pole, he will, according to astronomic theory, have south on all sides of him. It is of vital importance that he start his southward course along the right meridian, for although in which ever direction he flies it will be south, the following if a wrong meridian may lead him along the icy wastes of the Greenland tableland or even across to Siberia.

Another danger, according to polar experts, is that he may find himself over the open sea between Greenland and Spitzbergen, which is some 350 miles at this point, and entirely out of the routes of any vessels employed in Arctic work. Spitzbergen is notorious for the thick fogs which suddenly and completely envelope it in the course of a few moments, and here again lies a danger.

HEDGECOCK GIVEN PRISON SENTENCE

Former Cashier of Home Banking Company of High Point, Must Serve From 1 to 2 Years in Prison.

Greensboro, N. C., June 7.—From one to two years in the state prison was the sentence imposed in Superior Court today upon B. H. Hedgecock, former cashier of the Home Banking Company, of High Point, and Will Switzer, former High Point merchant, following their conviction under a charge of conspiring to misappropriate funds of the bank. An appeal was noted by Switzer, whose bond was placed at \$5,000. As to Hedgecock, his undeterminate sentence will stand at the conclusion of the three-year term he is now serving for making false entries in the books of the bank.

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The state contended that Switzer drew checks when he had no funds in the bank, and that Hedgecock paid slightly more than \$12,000 of the bank's money out in this manner. The checks were found in a corner of the bank's vault when it was closed.

The case charging Hedgecock and A. R. Huff, a High Point theatre man, with conspiracy to misappropriate, was continued until Friday because of the absence of the state's main witness.

PRESIDENT PRAISES WORLD COURT PLAN

Says America Will Keep Individually and at Same Time Will Help Stabilize the Rest of the World. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, June 7.—President Harding declared in a letter made public today here that by accepting membership in the world court the United States "may make its largest feasible contribution to the stabilization of civilization, while at the same time surrendering nothing of the advantages and independence now enjoyed by the American people."

SHRINERS HAVE BUSY DAY AT CONVENTION

Many Attractions During the Day With the Historical Pageant Coming Tonight. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, June 7.—Another day of crowded activities for the Shrine delegation attending their annual convention here preceded the historical pageant and parade along Pennsylvania Avenue tonight as probably the crowning event of the convention.

VIOLENCE MARKS STRIKE OF STREET CAR WORKERS

Rescue Crews Were Chased to Car Barn and There Bombed With Stones. (By the Associated Press.) Schenectady, N. Y., June 7.—Riots in which shots were fired and stones thrown marked the traction strike here early today. Cars were abandoned in the streets by their crews when bombarded with stones. Rescue crews attempted in vain to take two stalled cars with every window broken, back to the barns. Shots fired by the crews' guard failed to faze the mob. The crews were chased to the barns and besieged there and bombarded with stones.

GRIER FRIDAY SOLD TO THE WASHINGTON TEAM

Star Pitcher Brought \$3,000 Cash and Two Other Players. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, June 7.—Pitcher Friday of Raleigh, Piedmont League Club, has been added to the Washington American staff. He will report at end of this week.

Death of Miss Julia Crouch

Salisbury, June 6.—Miss Julia Crouch, one of the city's most prominent women and a musician well known in the state, died today at noon at her home on West Innis street, her death following an illness that was marked as fatal some weeks ago.

The people of the United States spend \$200,000,000 a year for confectionery.

Mah Chiong, Oriental Pastime, Displaces Cards on Liners Plying the Pacific Ocean

Seattle, Wash., June 7.—Gone from the fast passenger ships of the Admiral Oriental line, plying between this port and the Far East, are the card games which up to a short time ago usually occupied the attention of passengers during the evening hours on end. Into the discard, for the time being at least, have gone poker, bridge, baccarat and those other games played with cards of pasteboard. A new and formidable rival, surrounded by the mystery of the Orient, has forced old pastimes out. Where poker parties, bridge enthusiasts, or baccarat fans formerly gathered in the smoking room or social hall may now be found devotees of Mah Chiong, the ancient national indoor sport of China.



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Brought out of the Land of the Lotus, where for centuries it has been played by young and old, by foreign residents and tourists, Mah Chiong is being taken up all over the United States. The game, played with carved blocks or cards about the size of dominoes, is one of the most diverting amusements ever introduced into this country.

When tourists returning from China introduced the game on the President Grant, President Madison and other passenger vessels of the Admiral Oriental Line knew of any experts in the game asked how it was played, Mah Chiong sets were put on the liners and the company published a booklet describing how to play it. Copies of the book were sent to all the agencies of the company from San Francisco to New York, with surprising results.

Shortly after the booklet had been distributed letters started to pour in on the agencies asking if the Admiral Oriental Line knew of any experts in their game who could teach it in person or by mail.

The New York office of the company, presided over by T. J. Kehoe, was suddenly the scene of hundreds of callers requesting copies of the booklet. A large part of these were Chinese, from Manhattan's Chinatown. Many of them were expert Mah Chiong players and wanted the booklet to see if it contained anything concerning the game either contrary to the ancient rules governing the play, or points with which they were not familiar. Others did not know how to play Mah Chiong, but were very desirous of learning how to do so.

This explained that during the past month or so hundreds of letters had been received by Poy T. Kee, a prominent New York Chinese, and a former secretary of one of the biggest Chinese tongs, asking about tuition in the game. Whist and bridge club members, they said, were particularly anxious to learn the game and in many instances fees ranging as high as forty dollars an hour were offered to experts who could teach them Mah Chiong.

New York's Chinatown experts, it seemed, had been all booked, yet the demand for instructors continued, so the company, unfamiliar with the game, but willing to learn and make their knowledge profitable, dropped into the Admiral Oriental Line office.

In order to render all the assistance to both these Chinese and persons booking passage on the company's liners, a Chinese girl expert in the mysteries of Mah Chiong, was installed in the offices and many new Mah Chiong players developed.

Though new in this country, Mah Chiong is said by the Chinese to have been played thousands of years ago, in even the remotest parts of the Empire. So little have the rules of the game changed, or do they vary in different localities, that persons from different sections, speaking tongues which are unfamiliar to each other, are able to play without any difficulty whatsoever.

"DRUNK IN LINE OF DUTY" PLEA GIVEN

By Former Patrolman Who Has Been Charged With Murder in the Recorder's Court in Detroit. (By the Associated Press.) Detroit, June 7.—"Drunk in the line of duty" is the novel defense counsel are offering for Terence Monaghan, former patrolman, whose trial on a murder charge is starting in recorder's court here. Monaghan is charged with having shot to death Edison Heffron in a near-by saloon, New Year's morning of this year.

INTIMATE REPORTS WILL PLEASE LACY

Auditors Understood to Have Given This Hint as to the Financial Status of North Carolina. Raleigh, June 7 (By the Associated Press).—While no official announcement of the report of auditors investigating the state's financial condition has been authorized for publication, the Associated Press learns from an authentic source that the accountants before leaving Raleigh told B. R. Lacy, treasurer, that their reports "probably would please him better than one he could make himself."

ALEXANDER HOWARD HELD ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Arrested in Pittsburgh on Complaint Made by Mrs. Inga Sorensen, of Chicago. (By the Associated Press.) Pittsburgh, Pa., June 7.—Alexander Howat, deposed leader of the Kansas United Mine Workers, who has been in Pittsburgh for several months, was arrested today on a serious charge preferred by Mrs. Inga Sorensen, of Chicago, in behalf of her six-year-old son, Judge DeWolve in the morals court held Howat for a hearing. Howat denied the charge.

Now Is The Time To Subscribe For Stock in The 70th Series

Concord Perpetual Building And Loan Association SERIES STARTS SATURDAY, JUNE 2nd

CITY ATTORNEY'S RA ATTRACTS MUCH

M. H. Caldwell and J. L. Crowell, Jr., Candidates.—Mr. Oglesby is Not An Applicant. Considerable interest centers in the election of various city officers at the board of aldermen meeting tonight, a city attorney, tax collector, city clerk and treasurer being scheduled for election.

The contest for the office of city attorney has been enlivened somewhat during the past few days by the activities of friends of the candidates. It is understood that Mr. M. H. Caldwell, incumbent, and Mr. J. L. Crowell, Jr., are active candidates for the office and have been waging a campaign for the position for several weeks. The name of Mr. John M. Oglesby also has been frequently mentioned for the place but Mr. Oglesby states that he is not an applicant.

No man can be unmindful of kind evidences of friendship and confidence on the part of his fellow citizens. Mr. Oglesby stated, "and I appreciate the cordial offers of support that have come to me. However, I deem it best to devote my time to private practice and to answer other calls for service to the community at this time."

It is understood that Frank Mills, incumbent, and Charlie Fields, with probably others, are active candidates for city tax collector. So far as announced, there are no active candidates for city engineer. It is understood G. H. Richmond, incumbent, is the only candidate for city clerk and treasurer.

THE COTTON MARKET

Feature Today in Trading Was Continued Strength of Near Positions. (By the Associated Press.) New York, June 7.—Feature today in the cotton market during today's early trading was continued strength of near positions. The opening was steady at an advance of 3 to 9 points on July and August while later deliveries were 2 to 12 points lower under scattering liquidation. There was buying of July by trade interests and that month sold up to 38 points net higher.

Cotton futures opened steady: July 27.15; October 24.24; December 23.84; January 23.54; March 23.47.

Large Four Seal Seen at Shallotte Inlet.

Southport, June 6.—A fishing party near the ocean inlet at the Shallotte river, in the lower part of this county, a few days ago were greatly startled by the appearance alongside their small boat of a large fur bearing seal. As the seal passed along it displayed long tusks, and its length seemed to be equal to that of the boat in which the fishermen were seated. The seal made no effort to attack the boat, and the boat's occupants were very glad to remain quiet and let it swim away without receiving any attention. Some years ago, a seal of about the same character and description was seen at about the same place.

Judge Kerr Offers to Let Kitchin Be Named.

Tarboro, June 6.—As a tribute to the memory of Hon. Claude Kitchin, congressman from the second congressional district of North Carolina, and to his devoted family, I shall not be a candidate for the unexpired term of Mr. Kitchin in the national house of representatives in the event that his widow or son will consent to be named by the district committee for this vacancy," declared Judge John H. Kerr, in a statement here today.

"Should any candidate or candidates shall be a candidate also, and shall enter the primary with the other candidate or candidates and submit the matter to a primary in the district."

"Hands Off" In Regard to McLendon Revival.

Greensboro, June 6.—For the second time within a few weeks the Ministerial Association of the city has decided to say hands off in the matters of Rev. B. P. McLendon's (Cyclone Mack's) revival when it will open here soon. The question of where to co-operate came up and was left in such a status that it is up to each individual minister to do as he pleases in the matter, so far as services at his own church are concerned.

New York Police Uphold Dry Laws.

New York, June 6.—Police of New York city as well as district attorneys have promised their full co-operation in aiding the federal authorities to enforce the Volstead law. It was announced today after a conference called to discuss methods of enforcement as a result of the repeal of the state Mullan-Gage law.

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New Mayor of College.

Salisbury, June 6.—C. M. Hendelrite and his board of aldermen now head the city government of Salisbury, W. B. Strachan and his board members having given over the reins of control to the newly elected officials Monday. Standing committees have been named and the new administration is now actively at work.

Rockwell to Have July 4th Celebration.

The several different Junior orders of the Rockwell vicinity have joined forces and will have a fourth of July celebration at Rockwell this year which will consist of a speaking program in the morning and an athletic program in the afternoon. A full program of the events of the day will appear a little later.

STILL LEADS NATION IN BIRTHS

SAYS LATE REPORT

Rate in State for 1922 Was 30.2 Births for Each 1,000 Population.—Had a Low Death Rate.

DEATH RATE IN NATION INCREASES

Slight Increase Also Shown in This State, While Decrease in Birth Rate Was Also Shown. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, June 7.—A decline in the birth rate and a slight increase in the death rate in 1922 was shown in provisional Census Bureau figures for the year, announced today by the Department of Commerce.

For the 24 states reporting birth figures, the rate for 1922 was 27.7 for each 1,000 population, against a rate of 24.4 for 1921. For 23 states the death rate last year was 11.9 against 11.6 for 1921. North Carolina reported the highest birth rate, 30.2, while a rate of 18 for the state of Washington was the lowest. The death rates in the 33 states ranged from 14.7 for Maine to 8.1 for Idaho.

North Carolina's birth rate in 1921 was 33.8, while that state's death rate was 11.5 for 1922 against 11.3 for 1921.

THE UNIVERSITY EXPECTS A RECORD COMMENCEMENT

Governor Morrison Will Be on Hand to Present the Diplomas. Chapel Hill, June 7.—With Governor Morrison expected to be on hand to present diplomas to the seniors, and perhaps to make a speech, the University is looking forward to the greatest commencement in its history.

The ceremonies begin next Sunday, June 10, with the baccalaureate by Rev. Plato Durham, eminent Methodist divine, and, close Wednesday with the presentation of diplomas by Governor Morrison and the commencement address by Gordon Battle of New York. Mr. Battle, alumnus of the University, is a prominent figure in the legal profession and the political life of New York.

Alumni will come back to the Hill in greater numbers than ever before. The Virginia-Carolina baseball game, scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, June 12 is an attraction that commencements in the past have not offered. Tuesday is Alumni Day. However, activities of the alumni begin the night before, Monday with a business meeting of the officers of local associations.

Wednesday is the final day. There will be no academic procession from the Alumni building to Memorial Hall, with the Governor, trustees, distinguished guests, alumni and students in the line. And the Fifth Field Artillery band from Fort Bragg will provide the music.

An information bureau for alumni will be established in the Y. M. C. A. building. The University's business manager has arranged to provide sleeping quarters for them in the dormitories.

BODY OF DEAD NEGRO FOUND IN FLORIDA

Body, Riddled With Bullets, Found Hanging to Tree on Palm Beach Island. (By the Associated Press.) Palm Beach, Fla., June 7.—The body of Henry Simmons, negro, riddled with bullets, was found today hanging to a tree on Palm Beach Island. The negro was suspected of having shot and killed Policeman J. A. Smith, a native of Staunton, Va. Sunday morning. The negro was a native of the Bahama Islands. A coroner's jury returned a verdict that Simmons came to his death at the hands of unknown parties.

Against World Court Plan.

Madison, Wis., June 6.—The State Senate yesterday adopted a resolution denouncing an attempt of the United States to enter the league of nations or to be associated with the world court.