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GERMANY DECLINES TO SIGN PROTOCOL

ATTITUDE TAKEN CONSIDERED AS CONFIRMING REPORTED CHANGE IN SENTIMENT.

RESIST INDEMNITY DEMANDS

Supreme Council Has Addressed Note of Protest to Germany Against the Increase of Mun Ammunition.

Paris.—Germany has decided not to sign the protocol presented to her by the allies as a condition of putting the peace treaty in effect, the peace conference has been notified.

It was learned that Baron Kurt von Lersner, head of the German delegation here, called on Secretary Dutast of the conference and told him that Germany had made such a decision.

This attitude is taken as confirming reports of a sharp reaction in Germany within the last fortnight. Trained observers of German developments have expressed to members of the peace conference the view that there has been a complete transformation of the situation in Germany and that it is due to the failure of the United States senate to ratify the peace treaty.

These observers declare that while the vast majority of the Germans, before the senate's adjournment, desired the peace treaty ratified as soon as possible, they are now supporting the government's attitude in resisting the demands of the allies for indemnity for the sinking of the German fleet at Scapa Flow, recompense for which was provided in the protocol.

The supreme council has addressed a note to Germany protesting against the increase of Germany's armament.

HORMAN H. DAVIS



Norman H. Davis of Tennessee, one of the financial advisers of the American peace delegates at Paris, has been made assistant secretary of the treasury to succeed L. S. Rowe.

PRESIDENT IS NOT NOTIFIED

Probable That Peace Treaty Question Will be Carried Forward into 1920 Campaign as one Vital Issue.

Washington.—The record billion dollar congresses of ordinary peace times faded into the past when Secretary Glass, presenting the annual estimates, proposed appropriations of practically five billion dollars for conducting the peace time activities of the government during the fiscal year 1921.

According to these figures, it will cost more than five times as much to conduct the peace time activities as it did to conduct the war.

The greatest individual estimates for expenditures, of course, go to the army and the navy. The yearly interest on the war debt, however, is \$1,017,500,000, which sum alone is greater than all the appropriations for all purposes whatsoever of any peace time congress.

All in all, the estimator justify the predictions made on the floor of congress during consideration of the war tax bill, that the present generation would not see the government conducted at an expense of less than four billion a year.

The estimated appropriations for the principal government departments were presented as follows:

Legislative (congress) \$9,935,297.25; executive (white house and government departments) \$149,111,463.77; judicial \$1,634,190; army \$989,578,657.20; navy \$642,031,804.80; pensions \$215,030,000; public works \$283,927,610.17; miscellaneous \$33,717,637.91; foreign intercourse \$11,243,250.91. The total of all estimates is \$4,879,410,031.62, the greatest sum ever asked of any congress when the country was not actually at war.

PALMER OPPOSES FURTHER COAL STRIKE CONFERENCES.

Washington.—Attorney General Palmer called upon the American people to "refuse to be stampeded by threats of lack of coal into concessions which will insure unreasonably high prices in all commodities for at least three years to come."

A statement of the government's attitude was made by the attorney general in a telegram to the Chamber of Commerce at Moberly, Mo., from which had come a request that another conference of operators and miners be called.

FORD-NEWBERRY CONTEST TO BE UP SOON IN THE SENATE

Washington.—Simultaneous with the legal proceedings at Grand Rapids an effort will be made in the senate to hasten action on the resolution of Senator Pomerene, Democrat, Ohio, for a senatorial investigation of the Ford-Newberry contest in Michigan.

QUICK END COMES TO STRIKE OF KANSAS CITY SWITCHMEN

Kansas City, Mo.—As suddenly and unexpectedly as it began, the strike of 600 railroad switchmen in the local union was called off.

Disaffection with the present wage scale was responsible for the strike it is said.

GERMAN BLOCKADE MAY BE RENEWED

URGENT SUMMONS IS SENT TO FIELD MARCHAL WILSON TO CONSULT WITH FOCH.

HAD ENOUGH FINGER-WAGGING

Bonar Law Says Allies Can and Will, if Necessary, Force German Ratification of Versailles Treaty.

London.—There was a persistent rumor in the stock exchange that the supreme council of the peace conference had threatened Germany that unless the final peace terms were agreed to, allied troops would occupy Essen and Frankfurt. Up to this time the market has not been affected by the report.

Official announcement that Field Marshal Wilson has gone to Paris in response to "an urgent summons to consult Marshal Foch in connection with the peace treaty," is regarded by some morning newspapers as of considerable significance. It is printed alongside the address made in Glasgow by Andrew Bonar Law in which he said he believed the allies had the power, and if necessary, will exercise it, to insure ratification of the Versailles treaty by Germany. It is suggested that steps to exert pressure on Germany may be imminent.

"There has been enough solemn finger-wagging at the Germans, who have come to believe it safe to defy the allies," says the Daily Mail in commenting on the situation. "A wise and merciful course would be to tell them plainly that if within a fixed time they do not comply with the allied conditions and fulfill the treaty."

STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ASKING HAS BEEN RELEASED

Washington.—The American embassy at Mexico City notified the state department that American Consul Agent William O. Jenkins, at Puebla, Mexico, had been released from custody.

It was announced at the state department that the advices from the embassy said Jenkins had been liberated from the penitentiary where he had been pending trial on charges of giving false information regarding his abduction by Mexican bandits in October.

The embassy's dispatch reached the state department coincident with the arrival at the white house of Senators Fall and Hitchcock, who were instructed by the senate foreign relations committee to discuss with the president pending resolutions proposing that the president be requested to sever diplomatic relations with the Carranza government.

COUSIN OF ROOSEVELT MAKES DEBUT ON STAGE AT PARIS

Paris.—Miss Hilda Roosevelt, cousin of the late Colonel Roosevelt, made her first appearance at the Opera Comique in "Manon" Newspaper critics praise her operatic debut highly.

PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICE TO BE CURTAILED IN SOUTH

Atlanta, Ga.—General curtailment of passenger train service throughout the southern region of the United States railroad administration was announced at headquarters here.

GOVERNMENT BEGINS ITS PROBE AT INDIANAPOLIS

Indianapolis.—Henry S. Mitchell, special assistant to Attorney General Palmer, arrived in Indianapolis to aid in the federal grand jury investigation of charges of alleged violation of the Lever act and anti-trust laws.

NOTHING FOR PUBLICATION ON CABINET PROCEEDINGS

Washington.—The Mexican and coal situations and other matters were discussed at a meeting of President Wilson's cabinet which continued for two and a half hours, but none of the departmental heads would make a statement.

Secretary Lansing, who called the session, said there was nothing to be given out, but conceded that the Mexican problem had occupied the cabinet's attention part of the time.

NORTH CAROLINA AND CUBA ROUTE

SHIPS WILL SOON BE PLYING BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND PORTS OF CUBA.

AUDITORIUM TO SEAT 4,000

Plans in Old Market House Are Progressing Rapidly: Building Will Reflect Credit on the City.

Wilmington.—George L. Tillery, who has been located here as special agent for the South Atlantic Maritime Association, left for Savannah, Ga., where he will have charge of the construction of the South Atlantic Forwarding company, which will act as broker for the shipping corporation.

At his departure Mr. Tillery left a statement in which he said that the new auditorium will be completed and ready for occupancy within a few weeks.

It is progressing rapidly on the new auditorium in the Old Market House on South Front Street. When the necessary alterations to the market house have been completed the auditorium will seat 4,000.

(Special).—The casted as killed in action at I. Foster, Haw River, N. C.

Provision for a memorial to the proposed municipal auditorium, with tablets to the soldiers who gave their lives in the great war, was made by the architect submitted.

WORLD PROHIBITION AND ENFORCEMENT MOVEMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA, IT WAS ANNOUNCED AT CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS.

New Bern.—The "Col. William H. Baldwin," the third concrete passenger-carrying ship ever to be launched, plunged from the launching pier at the plant of the Newport Shipbuilding Corporation here, the event being witnessed by hundreds.

Concord.—Tyrus Raymond Cobb, the world's greatest ball player, is to make a week's visit in Concord, and Mr. Pleasant. This announcement was made on receipt of a letter from Zeb Cox, of Augusta, Ga., who stated that he and Mr. Cobb would arrive here for a week's hunting and fishing trip.

Charlotte.—More than 400 cotton mills in the South were advised by telegraph by W. D. Adams, secretary of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association, that textile mills and other industrial plants operated by electricity obtained only from water power may continue operating day and night as heretofore.

Winston-Salem.—The fuel situation is the live topic in this section. According to information received here Winston-Salem is in Pochontas region and is therefore not seriously affected, that is the stores and other places of business will not be required to close at four unless another order is issued.

Asheville.—With his big brother, Thomas Burgess, killed in a fight with Jim Waldrop in Cherokee county, during a dispute the two had over the settlement of the partnership of a blockade business, William Burgess, a 10-year-old boy, took up the fight with a .22-caliber rifle, and avenged the murder of his big brother by shooting Waldrop.

Henderson.—Damage estimated by company officials at \$300,000 was done to the plant of the Union Seed and Fertilizer Company here by fire.

PROGRESSION IN HARNETT

Lillington.—The officials of Harnett county put the county on the map as one of the most progressive in the State when the board of county commissioners and county board of education voted for a full county and state public health program, and also for an all-time county superintendent of Public Welfare. The latter will cost the county \$2,500 annually and the former \$4,000 annually. The boards went fifty-fifty in both propositions and did it in the presence of many citizens of both parties.

MRS. AGNES MENEFFEE



Mrs. Agnes Menefee, after four years' service in the woman's Battalion of Death, during which time she was wounded twice and decorated by the czar with the Cross of St. George and another medal, arrived in the United States as the wife of an American artillery officer and will make her home with him at Covington, Ky.

RESULT OF PTOMINE POISON

At Ten Years of Age Deceased War Soldier's Simple Farmer Boy, 23 at 30 His Fortune Was Uncountable.

New York.—Henry Clay Frick died at 30.

THE CAREER OF HENRY CLAY FRICK

The career of Henry Clay Frick was formed one of the most inspiring chapters in the romance of industry in the United States. At 10, a boy on a farm in a family of only ordinary means, he was, at 60, a man of so many millions that his fortune, like those of Carnegie and Rockefeller, was largely a matter of guess work even to himself. It has been said he was worth more than \$100,000,000, perhaps as much as \$200,000,000.

VATICAN AT ROME ANXIOUS ABOUT MATTERS IN MEXICO

Rome.—Anxiety is felt by the Vatican relative to the situation in Mexico, especially regarding ecclesiastics in that country. Religious connections have recently seemed to have returned to a satisfactory and normal condition in Mexico, but fears are expressed that a new upheaval in Mexico may lead to persecution of the clergy.

ARRESTS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT ARE SOON TO BEGIN

Indianapolis.—Convicted that efforts to bring about resumption of operation of coal mines through offers of a 14 per cent wage advance to miners have failed, the United States district Judge Anderson against the strike has been granted the government has concluded to institute contempt proceedings at once, it was indicated here today.

FEDERAL AGENTS WOULD MAKE STATEMENTS AS TO WHEN COURT ACTION MIGHT BE EXPECTED BUT IT IS KNOWN THAT THE EVIDENCE HAS BEEN COLLECTED AGAINST ALLEGED VIOLATORS OF THE JUNCTION.

St. Louis.—Reduction of passenger train service one-third in the southwestern region as a coal conservation measure was ordered by Regional Director E. F. Bush.

VILLA TAKES REVENGE FOR THE EXECUTION OF ANGELES.

El Paso, Tex.—General Sanchez, commander of the eighth Mexican regiment federal troops, was still reported missing and it was believed he had been killed with a number of his command, of 675, with whom he had boasted that he would fight with Villa when this band of desperadoes with 1,000 followers marched for the execution of General Franks at Angeles, swooped down on the federals at Rancho Espojo, and massacred them.

THE SUGAR BOARD TO BE DISSOLVED

GOVERNMENT WILL PROSECUTE OFFENDERS UNDER TERMS OF LEVER FOLD ACT.

HOLDS CONGRESS AT FAULT

Determination of Department to Abandon Its Program Gives Leeway for Further Rise in Price of Sugar.

Washington.—Abandonment of governmental attempts to control the distribution and sale of sugar was announced by Attorney General Palmer. "A conference has been held between representatives of the sugar equalization board and department of justice officials in which the sugar situation was reviewed," Mr. Palmer said. "The department has neither the power nor the facilities with which to control the purchase or distribution of sugar. The only governmental body having this power, is the sugar equalization board, and its control terminates December 31."

"The Congress, although requested to do so, has failed to extend the life of the board. The department of justice will continue its efforts in the future to the enforcement of provisions of the Lever food control act by prosecuting all instances of sales of sugar for an unjust and unreasonable profit."

Determination of the department of justice to abandon its program was said to give full leeway for a rise in sugar prices.

AGREEMENT MADE BY POWERS INTENDED TO SATISFY ITALY.

It is understood Great Britain is prepared to sign upon which the agreement will be handed over to the Italian plenipotentiary in Paris.

The nature of the proposals is not stated, but they are said to have been framed with a view to satisfying the Italian people.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

Washington.—A surplus of \$2,342,451 in postoffice operations for the fiscal year 1919 was announced in the annual report of Postmaster General Burleson.

An aggregate surplus of more than \$25,000,000 as compared to an aggregate deficit of more than \$19,000,000 for the preceding seven year period is shown in an appended table.

RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO DECLARE WAR ENDED

Washington.—A joint resolution declaring the war with Germany "at an end" was introduced by Representative Tinkham, Republican, Massachusetts. He indicated he had asked the suspension of Republican leaders in the senate, and said he would ask early consideration by the foreign affairs committee.

REPORT OF CAPTURE OF VILLA DECLARED UNTRUE

El Paso, Tex.—Lodges Garcia, consul general here for Mexico, received information from military headquarters at Chihuahua City which said that the reported capture of Francisco Villa was a hoax.

CUT PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICE IN SOUTHWEST.

St. Louis.—Reduction of passenger train service one-third in the southwestern region as a coal conservation measure was ordered by Regional Director E. F. Bush.

LEADERS OF MINE WORKERS APPEAR AND GIVE BOND

Indianapolis, Ind.—Headed by Act President John A. Lewis, the general and district officers of the United Mine Workers of America appeared at the federal building and surrendered to United States Marshal Mark Stoen who had warrants for their arrest.

The men posted bonds of \$10,000 each, which was furnished by a surety company. The hearing will be held next week.