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STATE DEMOCRACY REVIEWS PROGRESS PLEDGE

Germany Will Accept Allied Ultimatum On Treaty With Russia

DELEGATION SAID HUNDREDS ARMED WITH RIFLES IN BELFAST FIGHT

Russian Position on Expert Report Not to Block Negotiations.

RUSS-GERMAN PACT WAS TO BE SECRET Declared to Have "Leaked" Through Indiscrete Communists.

GENOA, April 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—The economic conference was tonight without a definite settlement of the Russo-German incident after a day given over to private conversations, conferences between the Germans and Russians and all sorts of ententes, and a great assembly of the world's press, called by Premier Lloyd George, who addressed the newspaper representatives of 40 nations and announced that the Germans would accept the conditions imposed by the allies and that the Russian attitude toward the London experts' report would be such that further negotiations would be possible.

After Mr. Lloyd George had made his statement, the Germans announced that they still were considering their reply to the note of the big and little ententes denying their admission to discussions of the Russo-German treaty unless the allies, at least, amended and approved by the conference.

The Germans are said to be divided in their delegation, this is the reason for their delay in coming to a decision for submission to the allies. The Russians also have withheld official publication of their reply to the London experts' report, which had been promised for today.

In short, the day closed with no definite advance over the position of the previous day, but with a general feeling that the Germans will take an attitude which will make the situation easier and pave the way for a conference agreement on the Russian problem.

Hundreds Are Killed And Thousands Injured When Ammunition Is Exploded

Thousands Are Wounded and Heart of Monastir, Serbia, Is Blown Up in Greatest Disaster of Its Kind in History.

BELGRADE, April 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—Four hundred carloads of ammunition and high explosives stored near the railroad station at Monastir, southern Serbia, exploded Tuesday at noon, killing several hundred persons, wounding thousands and virtually destroying the heart of the city. One-half of the city's population was rendered homeless. The victims were mostly children and soldiers. A church in which the children were worshipping, collapsed under the detonation, while the barracks in which 1,800 soldiers were having lunch was destroyed.

Immediately after the explosion, fire broke out in various parts of the city. The panic-stricken inhabitants fled to the nearby woods and mountains from which they watched their homes burn. All telegraphic and telephonic communication from Monastir with the outside world was cut off. The first news of the disaster reached Belgrade from refugees.

The disaster was one of the greatest catastrophes of its kind in history.

ATHENS, April 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—Advices from Salonika today report great loss of life as a result of an explosion of war materials stored 200 meters from the Monastir railway station. Hundreds of children were buried in the ruins of a church on which shells fell and it was believed 1,800 soldiers were buried in the ruins of their barracks, which were demolished, the advices state.

The disaster occurred at noon yesterday. Details of the damage and number of victims are lacking, but the dispatch received here said it was known the death toll was large.

The soldiers were having dinner when their barracks was destroyed, and a large number are known to have been killed. The railway station was demolished. Fires immediately broke out in several places and the inhabitants fled in panic as the entire town was endangered.

ADMINISTRATION LAUNCHES TARIFF BILL IN SENATE

Simmons Advises Minority Working Diligently—Report Not Ready.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Launching the administration tariff bill today in the senate, Chairman McCumber, of the finance committee, warned manufacturers, factory labor and retailers alike, that a protective tariff alone would not bring a revival of business; that there must be a reduction of costs to within the reach of the consumer's pocketbook before there could be a return to "old time prosperity."

Senator McCumber said the way to reduce costs was for the manufacturer to reduce the cost of production, and the retailer to reduce the cost of distribution. He added that the tariff bill is intended to protect the producer against excessive foreign invasion, but just remember that over 50 per cent of all our products must be consumed right here at home.

"This proposed legislation will open the way to prosperity in the United States, but it will not bring about this result," declared the senator. "The American people must do the rest, and that is to reduce their cost of production and distribution. The tariff bill is intended to protect the producer against excessive foreign invasion, but just remember that over 50 per cent of all our products must be consumed right here at home."

ENGINEERS FEEL HOPEFUL LEVEES WILL HOLD

Many Miles of Road in Mississippi Under Water, Trains Delayed.

SAND BAGS FOR LEVEES SHIPPED Flood Reaches Its Highest Tide in History at New Orleans.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 20.—After another day of fighting to arrest a break in the central Mississippi river levee system, extending from Cairo, Ill., to Vicksburg, Miss., engineers in charge of strengthening the long line of embankments tonight expressed their satisfaction with the outlook in this part of the valley than for several days. At the two points the most trouble has been experienced this week, one seven miles south of Hickman, Ky., and the other south of Arkansas City, Ark., repair and reinforcement work has been rushed and tonight the situation at both places is reported as "satisfactory."

Part of the business section of Hickman is flooded to the second time this spring with gage water from the smaller streams, but no damage has been reported.

At Oldtown, Ark., considered a danger point last week, no more sloughing has occurred and the engineers in charge there say they are confident of holding the levee.

ALL TRAFFIC IS DELAYED IN THE FLOODED AREA

VOGUEVILLE, Miss., April 20.—The Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroad announced today that only the largest engines, which operate on the main line of the railroad running north of Vicksburg because of a continuous stretch of 35 miles of water along its route, due to the swollen Mississippi river, only the largest engines are higher than the water line. All trains are running late.

Water in Levee Street, in the business district of this city, stands two feet deep in places. Trains are finding it difficult to pass through this area.

Notice has been given by officials of the operators of the Royal Route company, which operates packets between Greenville and Natchez on the Mississippi, that all schedules will be delayed off as soon as the boats are needed for relief work.

Preparations for relief work are being made by the public and civic bodies of Vicksburg. Government engineers returned today from a tour of the flooded area with data on conditions and relief measures needed today that the situation in the third Mississippi district was unchanged and that the fight to top levees and repair spots where breaks are probable will continue well into the month of May.

Party Standing On Its Record; Constructive Plans Endorsed; Gardner To Support M'Lean

Mrs. Patterson Choice in Fifth For Congressman Reynolds Nominates Her For Republican Standard Bearer

GREENSBORO, N. C., April 20.—Mrs. Lindsay Patterson of Winston-Salem was chosen as public nominee for congress from the fifth North Carolina district at a meeting of the delegates to the congressional convention here today. Chase A. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, national committee man, placed her name in nomination and she was named by acclamation.

Following the congressional convention, twelfth judicial district delegates met and nominated the concluding paragraphs of the document, incidentally denouncing the covert, unfair and cowardly attack made by the republican party in its platform on the program for a fair and equitable system of taxation, the education of the children and the construction and maintenance of the highways.

After its pledge to the people for the continuance of the progressive program of government, the democratic platform promises that "the democratic party will initiate the affairs of the state, counties and municipalities with every economy consistent with efficient and progressive government."

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It favors the passage of a workman's compensation act fair both to employer and employe.

Expressing "gratitude to the service men of the war," it stands for the enactment of legislation looking to their relief.

Reaffirming allegiance to party principles, commending the constructive policy of the democratic party under the leadership of Woodrow Wilson and endorsing the course of the state's senators and representatives in congress, the party condemns the republican administration for its failure to take legislation to meet the needs of the country.

Getting into affairs of the state, the party heartily endorses the present democratic administration, commending the action of the general assembly in the constructive program they have carried on for the material and industrial progress of the state.

RUSSIAN DEATHS FROM FAMINE MORE ALARMING

PARIS, April 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—Russia's population is dying at such an appalling rate, declared reports received today by American relief agencies in Paris, that the doctors are unable to cope with the situation. In many cases, the reports said, physicians, nurses and hospital interns are succumbing to impoverishment and over work and pedestrians are dying in the streets daily.

The situation throughout the country is assuming grave proportions. Mortality among children has been reduced to normal, he reported, and deaths from acute starvation among adults are rapidly diminishing while the morale of the people in the famine districts has shown an extraordinary change for the better.

Control of the Russian famine relief until next harvest, Governor Goodrich asserted, is purely a question of railway transportation, the "degenerated administration and equipment of the railways" giving no certainty as to the continued movement of supplies. He declared there were enough supplies on the way to control the situation until harvest if they could be delivered to the famine regions, but added that congestion at junction points, where as many as 50 trains have been stalled for weeks, threatened the continued movements from the ports.

The former governor said there was every indication that the seed provided by the American relief administration would be sufficient to provide for the next harvest. He spoke in glowing terms of the work of the American staff in the famine districts and declared the members had organized thousands of committees in the various communities to a high point of efficiency.

The gratitude of the Russian people towards America is "unbounded," Mr. Goodrich said. "The word 'ara' initials of the American relief administration which is the protective sign on the whole distributive machinery from cars to warehouses and kitchens has been embraced as a word in the Russian language expressing the generous action of America."

"No doubt poverty will continue in Russia, more particularly in the cities and larger towns for a long time to come, but the great disaster of famine from drought will have been overcome after the new harvest in August. Except for the amelioration of inherent poverty from economic demoralization the work of the Americans will have been accomplished."

D. A. R. CEREMONY HELD AT TOMB OF FIRST PRESIDENT

Proposal Made France and U. S. Celebrate "International Day."

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Ceremonies at the tomb of Washington, with Marshall and Mme. Joffre and their daughter the guests of honor, were held today by the Daughters of the American Revolution, who are holding their annual congress here.

Another wreath was placed on the British embassy and Mrs. George Maynard Minor, president-general, placed wreaths on the tomb of Washington and his wife, on behalf of the organization.

A tree from Sulgrave Manor, the ancestral home of the Washingtons in England, also was planted in the grounds by Major-General Bethel of the British embassy as a gift from Great Britain.

The great heroines of the revolutionary period in Central and South America," she declared, "stand forth as examples which have an inspiration to the nations of this continent through the century of their independence. I look forward to the time when you, the proud possessors of an imperishable heritage, will co-operate effectively and constructively with the descendants of those who bore the burden of the struggle in Latin-America for the perpetuation and further development of that spirit of service for which your organization has always stood and which is the watchword of all the Americas."

Mrs. William N. Reynolds of Winston-Salem, N. C., chairman of the committee on international relations in a report today suggested that France and the United States join in celebrating February 6th as "International day" to commemorate the signing of the alliance between France and America in 1778 and the signing of the treaties negotiated at the recent armament conference.

ANTI-CHRISTIAN MOVE IS SPREADING OVER CHINA

AMOIY, China, April 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—An anti-Christian movement, said to have started with the formation of 20 such organizations in Peking, is spreading rapidly over China, according to reports reaching Amoy university, the government university in Amoy.

Christian leaders and consular authorities express alarm at the extent of the movement which is reported to be backed by communist agitators.

MORE LOANS FOR SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES GRANTED

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Approval of 50 advances for agricultural and livestock purposes aggregating 1,829,000 was announced tonight by the war finance corporation. Distribution of the loans included: Georgia, \$48,000; North Carolina, \$282,000; South Carolina, \$181,000; Tennessee, \$20,000; Virginia, \$75,000.

NEW PLANE WILL BE SENT TO PORTUGUESE AIRMEN

LISBON, April 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—A new hydro-airplane will be shipped by the government to St. Paul's Rocks to enable the naval captains Sadura and Coutinho to resume their trans-Atlantic flight, interrupted by the virtual destruction of their machine in landing at the rocks. The new plane will bear the name "Portugal" and will be taken to the rocks on board a naval sloop. It is believed here that it will be at least two weeks before the airman can resume their flight to St. Paul's Rocks.

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Gunmen Go Boldly Into Open in Worst Disorders Ever Seen There.

MANIFESTO ISSUED TO DAIL EIREANN Labor Calls for One Day Strike and for Dail to Show Authority.

BELFAST, April 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—The worst fighting Belfast has yet experienced occurred in the early hours of the night when several hundred men all armed with rifles, participated. The gunmen came boldly into the open, firing flat on street corners and shooting fearlessly. A hot encounter also witnessed in the Short Strand district, where police used machine guns freely. The total deaths through disorders here today were fifty wounded.

DUBLIN, April 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—Firing broke out tonight at 11:15 o'clock and at the hour of the firing this dispatch was going on heavily at the Wellington barracks, Beggarbush and elsewhere.

MANIFESTED DEMANDS THAT DAIL ASSESS AUTHORITY

DUBLIN, April 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—A manifesto issued this evening by the labor party and the independent congress calls for a one day strike and demands that the dail assess its authority, reunite the army under a single command and accept the responsibility of government or individuals without authority.

The manifesto says the lord mayor and the archbishop of Dublin have been requested to invite the representatives of the executive council of the dissident section of the army (that headed by Roderick Roy O'Connor) to the adjourned session of the peace conference between representatives of the free state and the republicans next Wednesday.

It asserts that the labor party and the trades union congress consulted the leaders of the contending parties and forces and have been assured on all sides that many deeds of aggression and violence were committed by groups or individuals without authority. Every effort was being made to reduce to a minimum military intervention in civil affairs.

Pou Delivers Keynote Speech While Women Are Placed Upon Larger Executive Committee

Republican Cry of "High Taxes" Is Shown to Be Groundless, While Full Value Is Being Given for Taxes Assessed.

G. O. P. Administration Condemned for Failure to Enact Laws Meeting Needs of the Country—Delegations Endorsed.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 20.—Standing upon a record requiring an apology and against which reactionaries dared not raise its head, North Carolina democracy in its convention today kept its face to the front and gave impetus to the forward march of progressive government in this state.

The party platform, adopted unanimously tonight amid cheers from more than a thousand delegates in the convention hall, vividly breathes the spirit of progress. Not one step backward is taken, on the other hand the pledge is there to continue the forward move until North Carolina has for ever made secure its place among the leaders of the union.

Not only the platform, but the speeches of democratic "headliners" was a call for continued progress. Congressman Pou, who delivered the keynote address and served as permanent chairman of the meeting, offered not one apology in response to the republican cry of "high taxes." He proved the value of the returns for taxes, however and showed just what has been done.

Governor Morrison, former Lieutenant Governor O. Max Gardner and Josephus Daniels, who were heard by the convention this afternoon called for a continuation of the progressive program and boasted of the record the party has made in state and nation. Gardner, the republican party in Winston-Salem last week, the democratic platform has sound and concrete accomplishments to commend and endorse the concluding paragraphs of the document, incidentally denouncing the covert, unfair and cowardly attack made by the republican party in its platform on the program for a fair and equitable system of taxation, the education of the children and the construction and maintenance of the highways.

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GERMANS ACTED TO AVOID APPEARANCE OF DISLOYALTY

BUENOS AIRES, April 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Russo-German treaty originally was intended to be kept secret. La Caceres, Buenos Aires correspondent in a dispatch to his paper today, says he has learned from trustworthy sources. News of its signing, he said, leaked out in conference circles through the indiscretion of a German correspondent who came to attend a meeting of the John W. Martin criticized President Harding for having violated patronage agreements and "turning down his best friends" who were first to espouse his cause and candidacy.

"All we ask for is some little more recognition," he said.

FREIGHTER IS SUNK IN COLLISION; CREW RESCUED

BUENOS AIRES, April 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Munson steamer Acropolis, bound from Rio Janeiro to Montevideo, collided with the British freighter Aero early today off the coast of Uruguay, says a wireless message received at the Munson line office here. The Aero sank, but all of her crew were saved.

The Acropolis, only slightly damaged, was expected to arrive at Montevideo this afternoon.

READY DENIED BAIL IS REMANDED FOR TRIAL

MIAMI, Fla., April 20.—Circuit Judge Hanning today denied bail to Idoia C. Brady of Chicago, an indicted babeus corpus, and ordered her held in jail for trial at the May term of court for murder in the first degree in connection with the shooting to death of his wife here, February 16.