

Russian Reply Is Still Withheld At Genoa Conference

RED DELEGATES BRITISH PREMIER POSTPONE REPLY MUST BUY, QUIT OR AT LAST MOMENT COERCE FRANCE

France Still Remains Firm, Regardless of Belgium's Attitude

GERMANS REPLY AS TO REPARATIONS

Impossible to Comply With Conditions Made on March 21

GENOA, May 10.—(By the Associated Press)—The economic conference cannot stand many more days of strain such as it has undergone in connection with the framing of the allied memorandum to the Russian delegates and the rumors connected with the Russians' reply, which has been awaited for three days, but was not presented today.

The great question bearing on the reply is: What will the attitude of the Russians be towards foreigners' property nationalized by the soviet government? Clause 7 of the memorandum was drafted and redrafted to meet the objections of the French and Belgians. The Belgians finally refused approval and the French approved it with reservations. Every effort has been made by the allies, and the Germans as well, to have the Russians make concessions relative to the restitution of the property of foreigners in order to prevent disruption of the conference.

The Russian reply to the allied memorandum was ready for presentation this forenoon, but was not delivered to the allies as expected at the last moment, after a conversation between Foreign Ministers Tchitcherin, of Russia, and Schanzer, of Italy, it was decided the reply would have to undergo some alteration.

M. Tchitcherin left Genoa at 2 p.m. returning to Santa Margherita to consult the other members of the Russian delegation. It was not expected, therefore, that the reply could be presented until tomorrow. The fact that the delay was due to M. Tchitcherin's visit to Signor Schanzer was regarded in some quarters as a favorable indication.

In a statement handed to the Associated Press before anything definite was known concerning the Russian reply, the French delegation announced that France's attitude on the foreign property issue as regards Russia would probably remain the same whatever attitude Belgium might eventually adopt.

The attitude of the French delegation is the result of public opinion in France, which is bringing great pressure to bear on the government to make no concessions regarding the inviolability of prop-

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Has Already Been Forced to Play His Trumps, Simonds Says

FRANCE TO RETAIN POWER AT ARMS

Position Enlists Sympathy of Rumania, Jugoslavs, Czechoslovakia

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WASHINGTON, May 10.—There have been so many crises at Genoa that one hesitates to name the present situation. What is clear, however, is that the Conference is reaching a supreme test. It was called to deal with the two problems of Russian reintegration and of European stabilization. The first question was to be dealt with in an agreement between Russia and the other European states; the second, by a general declaration, a document of guarantee uttered by all states.

Now, after four weeks we have seen a Russian agreement produced and submitted to Russia. But despite all the efforts toward harmony in these weeks, France and Belgium, the principal creditors of Russia, have declined to sign this document and it has been sent to the Russians lacking these important signatures. Moreover, although it has fallen short of French and Belgian requirements, it is practically certain to be rejected by Russia, since it carries no promise of a loan, the chief consideration of the Reds.

Peace Pact Question Is Raised Meantime

Meantime the question of the peace pact has been raised in a concrete form. France has definitely stated that she will not sign an agreement unless it leaves her free to act according to the Treaty of Versailles. Germany fails to meet reparations payments and unless it specifically binds Russia to accept the frontiers as they now exist. Finally France asks that this pact be signed by all European nations and run for 10 years.

What this means is clear. France will not surrender her right to use force, to occupy the Ruhr, if Germany defaults. Thus she reserves the right to disregard the integrity of German soil, but the Lloyd George pact is designed to establish mutual guarantees of all territories against invasion. The second French condition instantly enlists Polish and Rumanian support for Russia. In Central Europe, Poland in Eastern Galicia have territorial disputes with the Soviets. In the nature of things too,

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the names of the 21 Confederate veterans who during the year passed into the beyond echoed through the beautifully decorated Masonic temple yesterday morning as the service was held. Some 1500 men from the chapter of the U. D. C. Zebulon Veterans, Sons of Confederates camp of United Confederate Veterans and others interested in the Asheville chapter, and Mrs. John S. Watters, president of the Fannie Patton chapter, presided over the session, following which hot dinner was served by the daughters to the veterans and their families.

The singing of America, under the direction of Mrs. James G. Stuckey, opened the exercises and Rev. J. S. Williams pronounced the invocation. "The Confederate Note," a recitation by Miss Evelyn Roberts, followed. An essay on Matthew Fontaine Maury, by Miss Patricia Edgeworth, which was awarded prize of \$5 in gold, by the Asheville chapter, U. D. C., came next. Patriotic songs interspersed the program.

An essay on Jefferson Davis, by Mr. Christine Curtis, which won the prize offered by Fannie Patton chapter, was next read. It was fitting that Mrs. Mary Walden Williamson, teacher in Asheville High school should award both prizes which were won by her students.

With Mrs. J. S. Watters, taking charge as presiding officer, Arch-

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COOPER POSSIBILITY FOR FARM LOAN BOARD

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Gov. Robert A. Cooper, of South Carolina, was said today to have informed to the board, as a leading possibility for the vacancy of the federal farm loan board, caused by the resignation of A. E. Lever. The appointment for this place is expected to be announced by President Harding tonight.

Governor Cooper, in company with Senator Dial, of South Carolina, attended the exhibition tennis matches on the White House courts today and later conferred with the President.

GOLDSTEIN'S NAME IS WITHDRAWN BY HARDING

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The nomination of Nat Goldstein, of St. Louis, to be internal revenue collector for the eastern Missouri district, was formally withdrawn by President Harding tonight. The action, it was explained, was taken at the request of the nominee. Mr. Goldstein's request that the nomination be withdrawn was made in the Senate to-day by Senator Spencer, republican, to the President and this can, Missouri, who recommended the appointment.

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VETERANS OF '65 KEEP MEMORY OF COMRADES GREEN

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High Tribute Is Paid to Lee by Speakers at Charlotte

MANY OBSERVANCES ARE HELD IN STATE

O. Max Gardner Is Speaker of Day at Statesville Exercises

Gathered around the graves of their unknown comrades on the Newton Academy grounds, 72 Confederate veterans yesterday paid tribute to the memory of the unknown Confederate dead and to the conclusion of fitting memorial exercises tried a valley across the graves of those who paid the supreme sacrifice in a skirmish near Hot Springs during the struggle between the states.

Overlooking the graves of the unknown Confederates stood the monument erected by the Asheville chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy in 1903. Around this monument were floral offerings while beautiful floral designs decorated the graves of the departed.

With this previous act perpetuating the memory of those soldiers who have given their lives for the Lost Cause, the memorial services in charge of the Confederate Memorial Association and conducted at the insistence of Mrs. L. J. Yates, state president, kindled anew in many of the younger generation, who went to honor, reverence, for the "Wearers of the Grey," dead and living.

Troop B Cavalry, C. S. N. Georgia, as a mounted escort of honor, lead the group that yesterday afternoon wended their way through the city to Newton academy grounds. Rev. Dr. O. J. Chamberlain eulogized the Confederate soldier and the spirit which makes them forever famous. The invocation was pronounced by Rev. W. Cole, pastor of the Bethel Grove Methodist church and Rev. Mr. Feinert offered a prayer. Graves of Confederate soldiers buried at Riversides were decorated by the Daughters.

It was stated that between 500 to 1,000 refugees, brought here from the flooded territory are totally destitute and will have to be provided for during a period of from 60 to 90 days.

The Mississippi river remained stationary here today, the gauge registering 20.8 feet for the last three days. From Vicksburg northward the river is dropping rapidly.

A stationary gauge at Natchez led weather bureau officials to believe that a fall will begin to manifest itself at that point within the next few days. From the Red river south the river is expected to rise for the next week.

RAILWAY LABOR BOARD RULES LETTING WORK IS VIOLATION OF RULES

CHICAGO, May 10.—(By the Associated Press)—Contracting shop repair work to outside firms by a railroad company was declared a violation of the transportation act and contract provisions conflicting with the wages and working rules laid down by the railroad labor board were declared illegal in a decision handed down by the board today. The decision was characterized by the board as the most important it has rendered since its establishment.

The decision, which is the first of a series to be handed down on disputes over "farming out" railroad labor, was made in the controversy between the union shop crafts and the Indiana Harbor Belt railroad. The board declared its pronouncement went "to the vital of the transportation act."

"No more important dispute," the decision added, "has ever come before this board for adjudication."

While the decision applied only to the case which last September contracted out repair work to the Birmingham Car Repair company, the general principles involved will govern all subsequent decisions. There are now 26 such cases pending before the board, involving 17 railroads.

Each case, however, will be decided on its merits, the board said, but the principles of the Indiana Harbor Belt railroad decision would stand. Under the decision, thousands of former railway employees now working for contractors at wages varying from the board scale are brought back under the board's jurisdiction. Rules varying from those laid down by the board are likewise, in effect, declared illegal and the contractor employees restored to the working rules promulgated by the board.

PRECEDENT COULD NULLIFY TRANSPORTATION ACT.

The board said that if a railroad company could remove its employees from the jurisdiction of the board, as was contended in the Indiana Harbor Belt case, the entire transportation act can be nullified and the will of the congress set at naught.

At the present time various roads have contracted to independent companies the work of shipment, maintenance of way laborers, clerks, firemen and oilers, boilermakers and signal men and the board declared that if one class could be taken out from under the transportation act, there is no sound reason why each and every railroad employee should be denied protection.

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