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Hughes Demands Release Of Americans Held In Russia

Head of Turkish National-Government Would End Greeco-Turk War.

TURKS' LOSSES 60,000.

Resistance of Troops in Asia Minor is Broken, All Reports Show.

London, July 27.-Mustapha Kemal Pasha, head of the Turkish Nationalist government, has sent a telegram to onstantinople asking that the central government intervene with the Allies in an effort to obtain a cessation of Greeco-Turkish hostilities, according to dispatches from Constantinople to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Athens, July 27.-Information from sources indicates the resistence the Turkish Nationalists in Asia linor is completely broken, the Greek official news agency declares in a statement issued here today.

The Turkish losses in killed wounded and prisoners to date are estimated t 60,000. The Greeks, the statement says, are constantly pressing the Kemalists along the road to Angora. Along the route of their retreat, the Turks set fire to their stores of marial, which they were unabel to carry with them because of the rapidity of their flight.

BANDITS DRIVEN OFF. Constantinople, Sunday, July 24.-

ircassian bandits appeared today in Karabogha, on the sea of Marmora, 35 uiles east of Gallipoli, raided the town and killed the Turkish governor and commander of the gendarmerie. A British detachment assisted the Turkish gendarmes in pursuing the As a result of this incident, the British are reinforcing the Dar

OBLIGED TO YIELD GROUND.

danelles garrison.

Constantipoule, Saturday, July 23 .-The Turkish Nationalist Prime Minister Fevzi Pasha told the national assembly last night that, although the Turks has been obliged to vield ground in the face of the Greek advance, the enemy suffered terrible losses. The region between Kutaia and Eski-Sehr, which re cently was captured by the Greeks, was covered with thousands of bodies, he declared.

The prime minister warned the as sembly against panic, asserting that every precaution had been taken to secure a successful continuation of the struggle, which , he said, was entering

the decisive phase. A Greek warship today approached Samsun, on the south shore of the Black sea, with the intention of bombarding the town, but the commande of a United States destroyer, lying off the coast, dissuaded its commander from firing pointing out that such action might endanger the Greek popula-

The Greek destroyer Panther opened fire today on Trebizond, on the Black seacoast to the east of Samsun, but did not cause much damage.

CONSIDER THE GAME LOST. Athens, July 27 .- (Greek Official

Official Agency)-Advices from Constantinople to the newspaper Patris declare the Turkish reverses have had a depressing effect in Angora, the people of which "consider that the game

It is confirmed, adds the dispatch that Mustapha Kemal Pasha has in formed the Turkish government in Constantinople) that the gravity of the situation demands that it intervento save Turkey" and that the Nation alist leader has authorized the centra government to make an appeal to the Allies to conclude peace with Greece The Angora government would accept this action, he said.

PELLAGRA ACCOUNTS DAMAGING TO SOUTH

Asheville, July 27.—Declaring that the credit and reputation of the South are being injured by "false and malicious statements emanating from Washington," the Asheville Board of Trade loday addressed a telegram to Surgeon General Cumming and members of the North Carolina delegation in Congress asking that the source of information regarding semi-starvation and pellagra conditions be revealed.

Newspapers carrying press dis patches refer to epidemic of pellagra in he South due to lack of sufficient shment and insufficient food, giv ing shortage of money as reason and making out conditions very terrible and marming," reads the message. "Please Wire quickly if this interview and story authorized by your office and name of representative furnishing this informa-

The local trade body has asked members of Congrass to investigate the Whole affair, maintaining that the renorts were manufactured from misinformation and will inflict tremendous damage upon business and industry of the South. Other Chambers of Commerce in principal cities of the South also have registered formal protest.

STAY OF JEW IS LIMITED. Vienna, July 27.-No Jew shall re main longer than twenty-four hours in Efferding, in upper Austria, according to an edict issued by the communal authorities. The Jewish members of the assembly have petitioned the government to take action in the matter, saving the edict is contrary to law and also to the minority clause of the peace treaty.

NORWAY TREATY APPROVED Washington, July 27 .- The Senate oreign relations committee approved Tuesday the treaty with Norway, sign-

Berlin, July 27 .- (By the Asso

ted Press)—The German r s sweeping fleet, which has bee erating in the Kola Bight northern Russian coast, is r sin a special dispatch from Norway, to have been fir so oy Russian land forts. The Grant eet returned the fire, but no sin a special dispatch from So oy Russian land forts. The Grant eet returned the fire, but no sin is reported on either side. reported on either side. The German fleet, w' helmshaven a week ag White Sea of mines unu the provisions of the Versailles treaty, has retired to Vardoe to await further developments, the dispatch says.

FINDS EVIDENCE NOT SUFFICIENT

Judge Threatens to Free Felsch and Weaver in Black Sox Trial.

Chicago, July 27.-Judge Hugo Friend today informed the State attorney in the baseball trial that he would direct the jury to return a verdict of not guilty in the cases of "Buck" Weaver and "Happy" Felsch, former White Sox players, and Carl Zork, of

St. Louis, unless further evidence was introduced against these men. The judge temporarily overruled the defense motion to dismiss these cases when the State urged that the defendants might be incriminated by further testimony. The State dropped its case against Ben and Louis Levi, of Koko-

Motions to dismiss the charges against Joe Jackson, David Zelcer, of Des Moines, were overruled. The State refused to dismiss the ases despite Judge Friend's statement.

Chicago, July 27.-Billy Maharg, of Philadelphia, pal of Bill Burns and Abe pletion of the alleged conspiracy for the throwing of the 1919 world's series, today told his story, of the reported \$100,000 sell-out of the eight Chicago White Sox players.

Maharg was the final witness for the State in the baseball trial. He was said by Burns to have been present at several meetings of the gamblers and players where pulans for the alleged game-throwing were made. Maharg began his testimony by telling of the meeting he witnessed between Burns and Eddie Cicotte at the Ansonia Hotel in New York in September, 1919.

GANDIL WAS PRESENT

"I heard Cicotte say that, if the Sox won the pennant, the world series could be thrown for \$100.000. Gandil aid the players would throw the games

"After Cicotte and Gandil left, Burns repeated the conversation to me as I and Gandil had agreed to see that the series was thrown for \$100,000. He asked me if I could get some one to put up the \$100,000.

'When I got back to Philadelphia, I went to see a man named Rossie and then I went to New York with Burns and saw Arnold Rothstein, Burns told Rothstein the Sox had agreed to throw the series for \$100,000 and asked Rothstein to put it up, but Rothstein re-

"I went back to Philadelphia. Then got a telegram from Burns to meet him on a train for Cincinnati. I went to Cincinnati, getting there the morning of the first game. I met Burns at the Sinton Hotel that evening. He told me Abe Attell got Rothstein to put up the given the players after each game.

"That night Attell told me the same thing, explaining that Rothstein had put up the money because Attell saved his life once."

Maharg said that, the night before the second game, Attell gave Burns South, including North Carolina were \$10,000 from a great pile of bills un on the verge of starvation. The gender the mattress. He repeated the tes- eral warning, sent out by the public timony of Burns that Burns at Attel's request asked the players to win the third game to help the betting odds, but that Chick Gandil said it "would the cotton belt are not especially flush go the same way as the others." Maharg said that in Chicago the day

of the third game, he heard Burns telephone Attell the message from Gan-He told of an alleged suggestion "Bennett" whom he identified as Davis Zelcer, of Des Moines, that the players throw the fourth game for \$20, 000, which would be put up as a bet.

NOT PEACHES GRAHAM.

Maharg denied that he was "Peaches" Graham, former major league catcher as the defense has claimed. He said Ban Johnson, president of the Ameri can League, sent him to Texas to pursuade Burns to testify.

The State later rested its case in the paseball trial after Billy Maharg, of Philadelphia, had given testimony concerning much of Billy Burns' story of the alleged conspiracy for the Chicago White Sox players to throw the 1919

CAROLINA SHIPPERS ASK RE-ADJUSTMENT

Washington, July 27.-Shippers in the East, the Northeast and in the Car olinas conferred here today with repre sentatives of railroads in an effort to obtain a complete readjustment of Middle-west to the Carolina territory. Certain inequalities the shippers declare exist with regard to depressed rates to points where water competition is a factor, as against higher rates to intermediate points, which they asked re- eral other Southern cities. moved.

BULWINKLE TO SPEAK.

Washington, July 27.-Representa tive Bulwinkle has accepted an invitation to address the farmers at a picnic at Mount Holly on July 29, and to make a speech to the Civil and World war veterans at Cornelius on August 4.

HAVE REACHED AGREEMENTS.

London, July 27 .- (By the Associated ed June 20, last, for submission to arbi- Press)—The dominion premiers have tration of Norwegian claims growing reached an agreement on matters at out of requisitioning, during the war, feeting the Pacific conference, concern of ships being built in this country for ing which they previously had differen Norwegian. The treaty would create says The Daily Mail. It is expected that arbitral tribunal of three members.

Hun MineSweepers TRAINING CAMP

Guardsmen and Officers Interested in the Work of the Organization.

IS PLENTY OF FOOD.

Laziness Only Reason for Anybody to Starve in North Carolina.

> By JULE B. WARREN, Staff Correspondent of The News-

Raleigh, July 27 .- Major Gordon Smith, assistant adjutant general, back from Camp Glenn, Morehead City where 1,200 national guardsmen have been encamped for the past 15 days declares it was the most successful school for the soldiers that has ever been conducted in North Carolina. The camp site is in fine shap, the buildings well equipped for the purposes, and the soldiers the best behaved and most in terested of any that he has ever been with at one of the militia or national guard encampments. It was the larg est number of soldiers that have ever been carried into camp for summer training at one time, but despite this fact there was ample work and entertainment for all of them.

The federal government contributed \$35.000 in salaries alone for this camp. Major Smith, as paymaster, had to secure the money in currency from the Richmond Federal Reserve bank, in or der to pay the soldiers off on the day they broke camp. In addition to this money, the federal government, of course, furnished all of the equipment ammunition and supplies for feeding the 1,200 men while they were in the

The guardsmen were so well pleased that not a few of them were willing to remain even longer than the camp lasted. Major Smith had a number o applications from officers and men to be allowed to return to the officers and enlisted men's school which will pre cede the opening of the cavalry school here next month. It will be impos sible to allow as many as made appli cation attend this school. It is the first time in Major Smith's long experi ence with the national guard when the men were not anxious to get away from "Chick" Gandil also was there," said camp at the end of two weeks service. were a little bit afraid that there would they would not observe military cour tesy as they did during the war. But this feature of the encampment was even better than in other years. Mili had not heard all of it. He said Cicotte tary courtesy between officers and men when both were out of camp was better even than when the soldiers were in France. There was mutua inderstanding between the soldiers and their officers and the spirit of comrad ship and military discipline did not strain to the breaking point at any time Preparations are now under way for the cavalry camp which will be held at Camp Glenn in August, and for the artillery school at Camp Bragg some ime in the near future.

FAMINE STORIES RIDICULOUS.

for starving or even becoming hungry in any part of North Carolina is be cause he is too lazy to gather the food that nature provides, declare members of the official family in Raleigh today in branding as absolutely too ridiculous for comment the suggestion of Presi dent Harding that the Red Cross investigate the stories sent out to the efhealth service as to the spread of pe lagra in the cotton belt, is not applica ble to North Carolina. The people of with ready money now, but they have

"Come down and visit us. We hav mighty little money, but plenty of something to eat and we buy gasoline on credit if needs be," which was the invitation an eastern man recently extended to an uplander, is typical of the situation in the cotton belt, these offi pials and public health officers declare 'Pellagra is not a reportable disease

in North Carolina and there is, there fore, no way of checking up the num ber of cases except through the nurn ber of deaths reported," declares R. B. Wilson of the publicity bureau of the health department today, "For the first six months of 1921 there was a de crease of 13 in the number of deaths from this cause in North Carolina." he continued. "A decrease is shown for each month up to June, which month showed an increase of four deaths from pellagra. The total number of deaths reported for 1920 as having been caused by pellagra was 297. The total number reported for the first six months of 1921 was 116. If the same average is maintained for the remain-

(Continued on Page Eleven.) HARDING COMING SOUTH

freight rates from the North, East and Harding is understood to have definiteanniversary of the founding of the city. sion. During the same trip, he may visit sev-



Generally Charlotte and vicinity: fair tonight and Thursday. Light to gentle variable winds. North Carolina: Partly cloudy to

light and Thurshday; gentle variable South Carolina: Partly cloudy to ight and Thursday, probably shower n extreme south portion; moderate citizens after the Governor had ordered asterly winde.

Ready With Report Washington, July 27.—Surgeon General Cumming, of the Public

Health Service, was prepared to report to President Harding today on the result of preliminary conferences with Red Cross officials and and others as to necessary measures to meet the reported threat of a pellagra epidemic in a large section of the Southern cotton belt. Despite protests from eight Southern states vesterday that the seriousness of the situation had been exaggerated in government reports, Surgeon General Cumming said today the Public Health Service still stood by its prediction that, unless radical relief measures were taken there would be at least 100,000 pellagra victims in the cotton belt this year and that ten per cent of them would die.

The Public Health Service head and Dr. Joheph Goldberger, pellagra expert of the service, held a lengthy conference yesterday with Dr. Livingstone Farrand, chairman, and other Red Cross officials, but no announcement was made as to the conclusions reached. These will be submitted to the President today.

NOW PREDICTED

Obregon's Request is Voted Down by Deputies as Senate Grants It.

Mexico City, July 27 .- The Chamber of Deputies last night voted down a request by President Obregon that he be granted extraordinary powers to adjust article 27 of the constitution, which nationalizes oil deposits. The Senate almost simultaneously voted to accede to

The President had requested early in the present month that he be given when it became apparent that congress would not be able to give it adequate consideration before the special session ds in August.

STUMBLING BLOCK

Article 27 has been long a stumbling block in the relations between Mexico and the United States, the latter gov ernment characterizing the section as confiscatory and against the principle o merican rights and interests obtained official statement of President Harding's Mexican policy, made June 7, Secretary of State Hughes said that Mexico was free to adopt any policy sne pleased with respect to her public lands, but added that she was not free to destroy without compensation valid titles which have been obtained by American citi

zens under Mexican laws. The action of Congress last night is viewed by political observers here as marking a definite split between Pres ident Obregon and his party. The first indications of party strife were noted nearly a month ago when Augustine Arroyo was elected president of the Chamber of Deputies by liberal constitutionalist members.

GRAND OPERA TAXED OUT OF EXISTENCE

Atlanta, July 27.-Final enactment of the bill passed by the Georgia House yesterday imposing an annual \$2,500 tax on grand opera means the end of the annual week of Metropolitan grand opera in Atlanta, W. L. Peel, president of the Atlanta Music Festival Association, declared in a statement published sere today.

Mr. Peel added that this year the directors of the association, under whose auspices the opera is brought here, paid \$4,000 out o their own pockets to make up a deficit rather than call upon the guarantors of the opera

RUMORS OF SHORTAGE DENIED BY ATTORNEY

Chicago, July 27.-Rumors of a shortage of from \$40,000 to \$50,000 in the old organization of the Chicago Grand Opera Company, due to alleged lax methods in the box office management, were denied today by Redmond Stephens, attorney for the opera company. The rumors were attributed to the discharge of a seventy-five-dollar-a-week boxoffice manager of the company on the theory that he was working in collustion with New York and Chicago ticket "scalpers." The discharged employe was said to have been living on a scale far above that permitted by his wages, although Mr. Stephens stated they had no conclusive evidence

FIVE POWER PROJECTS GRANTED TO BINGHAM

Washington. July 27.-Preliminary permits for construction of five power projects, three on the Perdido and one each on the Styx and Black Water rivers, Alabama, have been granted by the Federal Power Commission to Reed Bingham, it was announced today. Engineer officers of the commission said it was estimated that projects would develop a total of 4,600 horsepower, which it was the intention of Mr. Bingham to sell to the Washington, July 27.-President cities of Pensacola and Mobile. The permits will be mailed immediately to ly accepted an invitation to speak in Mr. Bingham for acceptance and will Birmingham, Ala., late in October at a be formally approved when he has signcelebration commemorating the 50th ed and reutrned them to the commis-

Marinon Ark., July 27.-Following his arrest for stealing a ride on freight train, Ossie Ttate, negro, 22 confessed, according to local officials that he killed the 15-year-old white boy

NEGRO CONFESSES MURDER.

whose body was found at the Arkansas end of the Mississippi river bridge here last February and who was buried after all attempts at identification had lailed. GOVERNOR FIRES OFFICER. Montgomery, Ala., July 27.-Conrad W. Austin, chief of law enforcement officers, was dismissed from the service of the state Tuesday night by Governor

Agreed On By Administration DELIVE

TO TAX REVISION

Senators Virtually Agree to Sidetrack Tariff for Tax Measure.

Washington, July 27 .- Virtual agreement was said today to have been reached at a dinner conference at the White House last night for Senate consideration of tax revision legislation before the permanent tariff act is taken up that body. A number of Senators were President Harding's guests and the legislative situation was said to have been discussed extensively. President Harding told his guests he hoped both branches of Congress could recess from the middle of August to the latter part of September, or the first of October, but was represented as opposed to any recess of either body until the tax revision bill has passed the House, leaving the Senare finance committee to work on both tax and tariff measures during the recess

RECESS PLANS PUT OFF.

Senate leaders said today that all proposals for a recess would be abandoned until the tax bill came from the House, probably within a fortnight and making adjournment of both bodies possible about the middle of August. White House officials had nothing to ay about the conference today and was understood Mr. Harding himself had forbidden advance announce ment of his plan to consult his former associates in the Senate. They were said to have advised him that the finance committee would not have the louse tariff bill ready for Senate con sideration short of five or six weeks. and it was on this showing that a consensus of opinion around the dinner table that tax revision should be giv en precedence was said to have been disclosed.

The President was told, it was said that the tariff bill would require working over to a hitherto unexpected exent. American valuation provisions n the bill were discussed by the diners and there were reports today that the President did not favor the policy, but comment on that phase was refused. The railroad question and funding of Allied loans also were talked over during the dinner as well as summe recess possibilities for Congress.

BLAIR'S BEER POLICY IS BEING DRAWN UP

Washington, July 27.-Announce ment by Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair of his policy on the question of medical beer regulations will be now definitely deciding, officials said today, Whether the regulations should e issued at this time or deferred because of probable early action by the Senate on the Willis-Campbell bill to prohibit the prescribing of beer by doc-

The commissioner also is working out the final form the beer regulations might take which, it is understood would provide in general for prescriptions of one case at one time, bu without limit as to the number of Acording to Prohibition prescriptions. Commissioner Haynes, however, the pro bability of the eventual issuance of beer regulations is slight. There was apparently little desire on the part of rewers, he said, to obtain the regulations, in view of the pending hostile

SATISFACTORY WEEK FOR CROPS OF STATE

Raleigh, July 27.-There was too much rain in parts of the southeast and west while the weather was too dry in the north-central section of state or the week ended Tuesday. Temperaures averaged somewhat below normal and the percentage of sunshine was dather low. Over much of the state, however, conditions were favorable and on the whole, all crops except tobacco made satisfactory progress. The tobacco crop was unfavorably affected, being damaged in some sections by rain while in many localities it is diseased or deteriorating; on the other hand, in some sections good progress is reported. Cotton made good to very good progress some localities and in generally satisfactory shape as a whole. Over most of the State corn, sweet potatoes, soy beans, truck and minor crops are doing well. A good hay crop is reported in the west, though with codnsiderable trouble in curing on account of frequent rains. Heavy shipments of

ALCO MENTIN

We used t' have t' be led int' temptation, but nowadays we have t' be Thomas E. Kilby, for insubordination androlded an backed out. We kin that Austin refused to discharge dep uties who raided the homes of Mobile sort o' fellers that try t' sell us a set of O'Henry.

Excise and Surtaxes to Go RIGA YESTERDAY

doned.

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Washington, July 27 .- Tax programs are like time-tables subject to change without notice. But certain principles have been agreed upon by President Harding and Administration leader which can be of some guidance to tax payers. Those principles, as explained at the White House, do not necessarily commit the Administration to a cut and dried procedure which will prevent a change of mind. In other words nothing is final until it is actually in the bill that passes both Houses, but so far as any one can foresee, indee i the best judgment that can be marshalled at present, leads to the following conclusions:

First, the excess profits tax must b epealed. This action will be taken not nerely because the revenue from exess profits has diminished to such an extent that it compares unfavorably with the immense amount of damage done to business as whole through the restraints placed upon individual anterprise, initiative and expansion.

THREE-CENT POSTAGE.

Second, the return to 3-cent postars for first class mail. This step is to b taken reluctantly by the Republican Administration for the shrewd Albert Sidney Burleson, postmaster general under the Democratic Administration, took off the extra cent and the fear is that Democratic campaign orators will point to the extra postage as a sign that the poor man's burdens have not been decreased but increased. Never theless the 3-cent tax is favored as a great revenue producer and as the best means of getting better postal service. Will Hays, the new postmaster general, is trying to produce an effi ient postal service and is making good headway. He finds it necessary to spend money to get efficiency. He has been told by business men to go ahead and incur a deficit but deliver the mail on time. So the price of efficiency is an extra cent on postage. The genera opinion is that the stamp tax will har!

Third, a cutting down of the large axes. The hardest thing in the work o explain to the average taxpayer i he why and the wherefore of a surfax The income tax blanks give no inklina as to how the scientific tax experts de vised it and the taxpayer doesn't see any particular scheme of percentages behind it. The large surtaxes have, how ever- operated like the excess profits taxes to destroy initiative at the very time when men of capital should be using it to promote American enter prises, giving employment to the un employed and starting the wheels c business and industry on the road to sound and uninflated prosperity. That there will be a dimunition of large surtaxes can now be taken for grant

NO SALES TAX.

Fourth, all the schemes for sales tax turn-over tax, production tax or con sumer's tax will go by the boards. That's the trend at present. The Ad ministration has listened to all the va rious plans proposed and attempted t find one that wouldn't increase the ourden on the ultimate consumer. The suspicion exists that the idea is uneconomical and leads in the end to double taxation. This is stoutly denied but the truth is that the Administration has not been convinced and the tendency is to forget these various Leonid Stark, the Bolshevik minis sales and consumers' taxes and try to here, last night.

raise money by other means. President Harding has told callers has telegraphed to John Miller, that he doesn't believe relief from tax Riga representative of American reburdens can be accomplished by new devices or rather by new tax proposals munication of Herbert Hoover, as he but by a rigid cutting down of govern- of the relief administration, with ment expenditures. The biggest prin gard to American relief for the ill i ciple underlyng the whole tax program starving of Russia, would be answer is the battle-axe applied to the expen- in detail. dture column. By every dollar that the expense bill is diminished the amount that must be raised by taxa- Secretary Hoover in his recent ca tion is reduced. Mr. Harding insists message to Gorky as the prime col that when all is said and done the tion upon which American relief me best way to reduce taxes is for the government not to spend so much money. The drive for economy makes only to run up against some after-thewar snag or emergency situation like that involved in financing the railroads or agriculture or the shipping board and the best laid plans go awry.

In a nutshell tax revision this year will mean tax readjustment—a transfer of the burdens and a more even distribution in the hope that business incentive will be restored. Lower taxes to the nation as a whole are still in the realm of conjecture but a rearrangement of taxes may give business some measure of relief and permit expan-

JOINT PROBE ENDED IN A DISAGREEMENT

Atlanta, July 27.-The joint investi gation of conditions at the State prison farm by the Senate and House penitentiary committees broke up Tuesday night after House members had charged that Senator Campbell, chairman of the Senate committee, who presided, would not recognize them when seeking

Senator John H. Jones, suggested that the House committee make its own investigation and, if it considered the charges sustained, put proposals for im peachment of the state prison commissioners before the Senate, which it was announced later would be done.

BAPTISTS TO JACKSONVILLE.

Nashville, Tenn., July 27 .- Jacksonville, Fla., has been awarded the 1922 session of the Southern Baptist convention, which will convene May 17 and continue for a week, it was announced today by Dr. Hight C. Mocre, recording secretary of the convention.

ROB JACKSONVILLE BANK.

Jacksonville, Fla., July 27 .- Six bancits today entered the Bank of South Jacksonville, across the St. John's river allus tell how hard times are by th' from here, held up the teller and escaped with cash estimated at \$10,000, ac- Russian central famine relief con cording to police reports.

Surgeon General Is General Scheme For Taxation FORMAL DEMAND

Can Be No Thought of Better Relations Until Those Held Are Released.

MORE THAN 20 HELD

Hughes' Message is Wholly Independent of Hoover-Gorky Correspondence.

Washington, July 27 .- Formal de mand for the release of American pris oners in Russia has been made upo the Soviet authorities by Secretar Hughes. The State Department wa advised today that the communication had been handed to the Soviet represen tative at Reval yesterday by Const Albrecht.

The text of the communication he not been made public. It is understood however, to be a brief insistence the the Americans be released before the can be any thought of better relation between the United States and Ru sia. The action was taken in the nam of humanity and because all efforts secure the release of the American made through Dr. Nansen, of the Rel

cross, nave failed. What course will be taken by the United States if the Soviet authoritic ignore or refuse to accede to the di

mand was not indicated. The communication was sent to Co sul Albrecht July 25. The curt demarmade upon the Russian authorities for the release of American prisoners is ti first official representation made upo the subject, although Lenine at Trotzky and their associates have bepreviously advised informally of the determination of the United States n to consider closer relations with Russ

until this was done. HUGHES BACKS HOOVER.

The dispatch of the communicati was timed so it would reach the Ru sians approximately simultaneous with the message sent by Secreta Hoover in response to the appeal ma by Maxim Gorky. The State Depa ment's message is regarded officially wholly independent of the Hoov Gorky correspondence, although it admitted that it will serve to streng en the attitude taken by Secreta Hoover, who made it clear in his m sage that any relief by the Unit States for the suffering Russians wor depend largely upon the manner which Americans in Russia are treate There are now held as prisoners Russia eight or ten Americans. A larg number are believed to be detained wil in borders Russia, some of whom restricted to limited areas. Within the areas they are permitted to come a go, but always under surveillance s with the understanding that efforts extend their movements will result

DETAILED ANSWER TO HOOVER Riga, Letvia, July 27.—(By the As ciated Press)-An official demand Secretary of State Hughes for the lease of the American prisoners in R sia was handed by Consul Albrecht

closer confinement.

Maxim Gorky, it was learned tod

The release of the Americans 1 prisoner in Russia was laid down ures for Russia would be taken up. TEXT OF NOTE

The demand of Secretary Hug was intended for Maxim Litvinoff. chief of the Soviet legations abroad in his absence it was handed to Mi ter Stark. The text of the Ameri Secretary of State's communicat "The American government is ad

release of the American prisoners Russia, they are still held in a n serious plight. "In the name of humanity, American government demands of Soviet authorities that these prison be at once released. It is manifestly possible for the American authori

o countenance measures for relief

the distress in Russia while our

ed that, despite the repeated efforts

Dr. Nansen on its behalf to secure

zens are detained." MORE THAN SCORE HELD. More than a score of Americans are held prisoner in Soviet Russia, cording to the latest news receive the State Department in Washing from that country. Principal am them are Mrs. Marguerite E. Harri of Baltimore, a newspaper corres dent; Captain Emmet Kilpatrick Uniontown, Ala., a Red Cross wor Royal C. Keely, an engineer; Wil. Flick, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Weston B. Estes, motion picture

tographer, and X. B. Kalamatiane Racine, Wis. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT EN ROU London, July 27 .- (By the Associ-Press.)-The reply of Maxim Gork the recent cable message sent by bert Hoover, as head of the Amer relief administration, stating that ditions upon which American relie: Russia's sick and starving would h was received by the London head? ters of the relief administration | this afternoon and was forwarde

Washington. M. Gorky, it was learned, expre thanks for the Amreican offer, but ed that the detailed reply would made from Moscow by the head on tee, Leo Kameneff.