

FRANCE IS PLANNING A RECEIVERSHIP FOR GERMANY IS BELIEF

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ALLIES HAVE ALL AUTHORITY NEEDED

To Take the German Situation in Hand Under Versailles Treaty, the Former President Declares.

Paris, Dec. 1. (By the Associated Press.)—A receivership for Germany is a bankruptcy, with an autonomous moratorium to be exploited by the Allies for reparations purposes, is likely to be proposed by France as an alternative to any moratorium on reparations from England, it was said in official circles here today.

The Allies, it is held by the French officials, have full authority under the terms of the treaty of Versailles, to take Germany's affairs in hand and to administer her resources in a manner similar to that pursued by the Turkish Government.

President Poincaré, who is much talked of as the probable successor to Premier Briand in the next government, recalls in a weekly review of the political situation that the treaty of Versailles gives the Allies right, in case Germany defaults, to control her customs, taxes, debts, exportations and coal production.

He said this must be demanded if the reparations commission thinks it is obliged to give Germany further time. Negotiations understood to be going on now in London between the British government and representatives from Germany are regarded in French circles as reprisals for the alleged seizure of French reparations officials as exceedingly precarious in view of what they describe as nervousness shown by Great Britain and Italy.

HIS CHARLES W. MORSE LEFT THE COUNTRY?

Foes a Grand Jury Investigation of His Ship Contracts.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The Justice Department was understood today to have asked the Navy Department to send a destroyer to intercept the French liner Paris, and bring back Charles W. Morse, of New York, who was believed to have left the country in the face of a grand jury investigation of his ship contracts.

It was understood that a naval destroyer would put to sea from a French port within a few hours to intercept the Paris, which left New York last Friday.

While neither Attorney General Dougherty or other Justice Department officials would discuss the reported departure of Morse, it was learned that every agency of the government would be used in effecting his return to this country.

The department's request for assistance from the Navy Department was understood to be in the theory that the legal questions involved in the return of Morse would be threshed out when he was brought back. Immediately on receipt of the report that Morse had left the country the department is understood to have wireless the liner Paris to hold Morse for return to America.

Morse Sailed for Havre Friday. New York, Dec. 1.—Joseph Bourgeois, publicly director of the French line, today confirmed reports that Charles W. Morse sailed for Havre, France, last Friday on the liner Paris. He said he was at the gangway of the steamer and personally examined the passports which had been issued to Mr. Morse.

To SEND ADVISER TO THE CONFERENCE OF BANKERS Foreign Bankers Are to Discuss Exchange Stabilization.

Washington, Dec. 1. (By the Associated Press.)—Decision has been reached by the Federal Reserve Board to send an adviser to the forthcoming conference of foreign bankers, called by the reparations commission to discuss exchange stabilization. It was said officially today at the Treasury Department.

With Our Advertisers. The Riddle Hardware Co. is offering big reductions in auto castings and tires. The castings are guaranteed to give service. See new ad. in this paper.

The White Rotary Sewing Machine is sold here by Cline & Moore. This company has a limited number of the machines to be sold cheap. Read ad. today for further particulars.

The modern Chinese woman is becoming a confirmed cigarette smoker. Seven thousand million cigarettes were imported into China last year, alone, by steaming etainshrdlum

SERIOUS RIOTING IN VIENNA TODAY

Red Flags Were Raised on Improvised Masts Before the Parliament Buildings by Large Crowds.

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Vienna, Dec. 1. (By the Associated Press.)—Rioting of serious nature broke out in Vienna today following a great demonstration before the parliament building where red flags were raised on improvised masts. The crowds then began smashing windows and looting shops dealing in articles of luxury.

Large crowds also attacked a number of fashionable hotels, most of which being those where foreigners reside. The New Bristol was the first of these to be assaulted. Its great doors were battered down, thus permitting the crowds to pour into the building. They began to break windows, some of which were as high as the third floor, and to hurl bedding and furniture into the mob crowded in the streets below.

The Old Bristol hotel later suffered the same fate, its costly furniture and rich tapestries being hurled out to the cheering crowds, which packed the streets surrounding the building.

The Grand Hotel, the largest in the city, and then in turn the Hotel Imperial, also were looted. The activities in these hotels, however, appeared to have been confined to the lower floors.

The Vienna police were apparently helpless, many squads of them being seen standing quietly by as onlookers.

CHINA WILL NEGOTIATE ONLY TWO OF THE POINTS They Are Japan's Demand That Tsing Ko Tao Be Declared an Open Port, and That Japan's Demand That Vested Interests Be Protected.

Washington, Dec. 1. (By the Associated Press.)—The Chinese government delegation in the direct negotiations on the Shantung question inaugurated today, will, according to the Chinese spokesmen, proceed on the basis that there are only two points on which China is prepared to negotiate, and that these are Japan's demand that Tsing Ko Tao be declared an open port, and Japan's demand that vested interests be respected.

China, it was stated, cannot negotiate control of the Tsing Tsoi Nan Fu Railroad and has not resented from her position taken at Versailles that Shantung be unconditionally returned by Japan.

The Chinese delegation is understood to have sifted the Japanese conditions outlined in the recent exchange of notes between Tokio and Peking, to find a possible basis for the negotiations which would give China what the Chinese people consider fundamental—absolute undivided control of the railroad which Japan took over from Germany as a result of the world war.

NO ACTION TILL AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

To Be Taken by Railway Employees the New Rules Promulgated by the Labor Board.

Chicago, Dec. 1. (By the Associated Press.)—Action on the acceptability of the 172 revised shop rules promulgated by the United States Railroad Labor Board, will not be taken until after the first of the year, according to an announcement today by George M. Jewell, president of the Railway Employees Department, American Federation of Labor, with which the six railroad shops crafts are affiliated.

New rules numbering 148, which went into effect today, completed a new code of working agreements to replace the national agreement of Federal control. Four of the 180 rules of the national agreement were referred back to the roads and their employees for further negotiations, while 10 were eliminated altogether.

Because of the shop crafts' pending request for a wage increase of 13 cents an hour over present rates, a matter which will come up in regional conferences with the roads December 20, it would not be possible to consider the new rules until next month, Mr. Jewell said.

5,000 Needle Workers Out on Strike. Chicago, Dec. 1.—Five thousand needle trades workers employed by the Chicago Cloak and Suit Manufacturers' Association, walked out today because of a new system of piecework pay.

Officers of the Association said no attempts would be made to reopen the shops at present.

Mr. W. M. McNeven, of Brooklyn, arrived in the city yesterday from Greensboro and has begun his duties as manager of the McLellan Glee and Ten Cent Store.

Butterflies protect their bodies from cold by folding their wings to the utmost at night-time.

Gas-tar workers are said to benefit from the "furry" smell in which they work.

About This Time of Year



KING'S DAUGHTERS PLAN FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON.

Will Present Gifts at County Home.—Community Christmas Tree Will Be Erected.

The Stonewall and Junior Circles of King's Daughters held a joint meeting at the St. Cloud Hotel, Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, and the entire time was taken up in making plans for the Christmas season.

The two circles work along the same lines so as to keep the work from becoming irksome as well as overlapping.

The visiting committee reported many homes visited and the usual amount of work in distributing clothes, medicine, school books and other things.

The circle planned to visit the County Home Christmas day, give gifts and sing Christmas Carols. The committee in charge of that particular work is Mesdames W. A. Foll, L. A. Fisher, Ernest Hicks and Misses Lottie and Elma Bogal. Miss Mary Pemberton is chairman of the music committee. We, the King's Daughters, ask for co-operation from the Singers of Concord so that Miss Pemberton will be able to assemble a large chorus at this community Christmas tree.

The circle voted to give to Supt. Boger a check of \$10 to spend for the boys at the Training School for Christmas cheer.

The circle members voted unanimously to have the community Christmas tree and appointed Miss Maud Brown to have the tree placed. Mr. A. Fisher will see that the community tree is properly illuminated.

The Stonewall Circle decided to cooperate with the Junior circle in waging war on the rats of Concord, for the rat is not only a pest but a menace and "good-bye rat" ought to become as imperative as "swat the fly."

The visiting committee for December is Mrs. Chas. Porter and Miss Mary King and Miss May Stockton. If you wish to make the King's Daughters a Christmas present so that they can do effective relief work during the Christmas season, they will be grateful for a bundle of warm clothing and leave the same with the Chief of Police.

The circle, after a most delightful meeting filled with good works, adjourned to meet with Misses Mary and Adele Pemberton the first Monday in January, 1922.

GASTON MEANS SUIT DISMISSED IN CHICAGO

Last Court Action Growing Out of King Willis is Wiped From Record. Chicago, Nov. 30.—The last court action growing out of the will of James C. King, millionaire lumberman, and the shooting at Concord, N. C., of his widow, Mrs. Maud King, was wiped from court records today when Judge Stough dismissed the suit of Gaston B. Means, against the Northern Trust company, of Chicago, for \$1,600,000 for alleged plot to send him to the gallows for Mrs. King's death.

Means was tried at Concord for murder and acquitted.

He charged the trust company, executor of the King estate, painted to have him electrocuted for murder so the company could gain control of the \$3,500,000 King estate.

An alleged second will of Mr. King produced by Means after Mrs. King's death, was declared a forgery by Judge Baldwin in circuit court several months ago.

Means charged New York courts were involved in the alleged plot to convict him of murder.

At one hearing he testified he had been employed as a German agent by Captain Boy-Ed, former German naval attaché, later sent home by the United States.

He told of receiving his pay from Boy-Ed, the money being left behind a gravestone in Trinity churchyard in the heart of Manhattan.

RAYMOND DAVIS HURT IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT.

Struck by a Car Driven by Walter Gray.—Injuries Not Believed to Be Serious.

Raymond, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Davis, of West Depot street, was painfully injured this morning shortly after 5 o'clock when he was struck and knocked down by an automobile driven by Walter Gray, one of the pupils of the Jackson Training School.

The accident occurred just in front of the home of Mr. M. J. Corl on West Depot street, while the child was en route to school.

The child was rushed to the General Hospital and physicians there stated that they did not think he was seriously injured. The first examination showed no broken bones, and though the child was unconscious for several hours, it is expected that he will recover.

Gray was held by the police for several hours but after his story of the accident was corroborated by several witnesses he was allowed to return to the school.

According to the story gathered from the police, Raymond had been riding on the rear end of a large wagon, going east. Gray was going west and when he was several feet from the wagon he saw the child slip off the rear end of the wagon, start to the right, and then change and go to the left side of the road when called by his sister. Gray slid his wheels 62 feet, the police state, but the front of the car struck the child, knocking him down, and throwing him partly under the car. The car did not pass over the body, however, and all the injuries he received were sustained from a blow from the car. This story, told by Gray, was corroborated by two eye witnesses, the police state.

Gray admitted that he was driving faster than the city law allows, but stated that he did not see anything in the road but the wagon as he started to pass, and for this reason did not slow down until he saw the child slip from the wagon.

Busy Week-End at Y. M. C. A.

Another busy week-end crowded full of interesting activities is on the program at the Y. Tonight the high school and employed girls will have the gym from 7 to 8 and from 8 to 9:15. Secretary Verburg wishes all employed girls who want to get on the floor to be there at 7:00 sharp as the high school girls will use the floor at 8.

In the club rooms there will be three meetings. The employed boys will meet in one of the rooms at 7:15 while the Junior and Senior Hi Y will also meet at 7:15 and 8 p. m. respectively.

Tomorrow night the crack team from Erlanger will be here. Concord has been working hard ever since the defeat there last week and another battle royal may well be looked for Friday night. It is expected C. E. Carr of Charlotte, Secretary of the Carolina Sporting Goods Company, will referee.

On Saturday night the usual films will be shown. In the Pathe Weekly will be shown the following items of interest: New Smyrna, the lost city of Florida; the jolly jelly-fish; making a home for puss; and Pathe color. In the comedy the Asop's fable of the Frog and the Ox will be shown. Doors open at 7:40.

The Junior girls club will meet from now on each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. All younger girls in the membership of this club will please keep the date and the change in mind. Beginning on Sunday this club will have their Bible study on Sunday afternoon.

Ten Hunters Lose Lives in Michigan. Detroit, Dec. 1.—Ten hunters lost their lives in Michigan during the 20 days deer season which closed yesterday. Two others are reported missing and a score were wounded. The hunting casualties bring the total for the year to 22.

A man should always keep his trouble to himself, or at least till he meets some fellow who is looking for it.

CHALLENGED GIRL TEAM AND DIDN'T KNOW IT.

Baseball Team of Syracuse University Challenged Team of Goucher College.

Baltimore, Dec. 1.—Syracuse University and Goucher College will not meet in a baseball game next spring, despite the inducements offered by graduate manager "Cy" Thurston, of Syracuse.

It was a straight-from-the-shoulder letter as one man to the other, expressing the hope that the bat tossers of Goucher and Syracuse could get together on the Goucher diamond and fight it out.

It appears somebody told Thurston that Goucher had one of the strongest ball teams in the South, and he sent the challenge in the form of a letter. Goucher is an exclusively women's college.

TO ORGANIZE CAMPAIGN AGAINST "THEATRE COUGH."

Paris Actors Say They Spoil the Effects at Dramatic Moments.

Paris, Dec. 1.—Paris actors have decided to organize a campaign against the "theatre cough." Coughs, they said, have a habit of occurring at a dramatic moment during the play and spoiling the effects intended by the playwrights.

There is little excuse for 75 per cent of the theatre coughs, according to French specialists, who say a moment's concentration when the cough is felt to be coming on will usually prevent it. There have been instances of actors threatening to stop performances due to coughing in the audience.

SIX KILLED IN TRAIN ACCIDENT IN OREGON

Twenty-Two Were Injured.—One of Killed Was a Marine Who Was on Guard of Mail Car.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 1.—Six persons were killed in a head on collision early today between the eastbound Portland-Spokane limited and the west-bound Oregon-Washington train of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company, two miles of Celilo.

Twenty-two persons were injured. Among the dead was A. H. McBride, a marine, who was guarding the mail of one of the trains. The others that were killed included two trainmen and three Oregon passengers.

NO TRACE OF POISON FOUND IN LEE WELL.

It Was Claimed That Sudden Deaths of Several Was Due to Poisoned Water.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 1.—Absolutely no trace of poison was found in the water of the well of the Lee farm at Beldos, S. C., by Dr. R. F. Parker, of Charleston, who made the examination.

It was claimed the sudden deaths of several members of the family were caused by drinking water from the well in which poison had been piced.

Reading Newspapers Will Help You to Keep Young. New York, Dec. 1.—Reading newspapers will help one to keep young. This is the opinion of Dr. Stephen Smith, founder of the New York Health Department, who recently celebrated his 98th birthday.

"Read all the news in the papers," he advises. "Read even the murders. I get six papers every day and read them all through."

"Up to two years ago, Dr. Smith walked eight miles every day. He still takes his daily constitutional, but has cut down the distance.

STOCK LISTS FOR CLUB ARE OPEN

Splendid Progress Is Reported by Solicitors.—Plan For a Rapid Campaign in Selling Stock.

YOUNG MEN ARE RALLYING LOYALLY

Five Greens on Golf Course Are Ready.—Plan Fastest Tennis Courts in State.—Pool to Come From Branch

List for subscribers to stock for the country club are going the rounds today and the solicitors are reporting splendid progress. The reports from the manner in which the younger men of the city—the men who rapidly are stepping out as leaders in the community's activities—are particularly encouraging. The established business and professional men, those behind the proposition, state, have long been supporters of the country club plan but have been waiting for the younger men and the community as a whole to support the institution.

It is planned to end the campaign as soon as possible in order to begin plans for the actual starting of the club. Most of the people of the community, the boosters of the club state, know the value of a country club and it is hoped they will respond to the request for the subscription to stock without delay. It is pointed out that the country club will be a community property, in its broadest sense, and every citizen of the community is asked to boost the plan along.

One of the most enthusiastic supporters of the club is a young lady, who when she learned that stock subscription list had been started, began inquiring among her business friends as to where she could go to buy shares. In fact she is so enthusiastic and optimistic over the proposition she already has purchased her golf clubs and planned several parties.

Local golfers are growing more and more enthusiastic over the club and the golf course. Five greens already have been marked out and ready for short notice. Devotees of tennis are manifesting interest equal to that of the golfers and they state that when the club starts they will see that the courts there are among the fastest in the State and they plan to have enough of them to permit the members playing without long delays "waiting for a court."

Plans for a swimming pool are only tentative but those familiar with the property state that the stream that ripples through it is sufficient to furnish ample water for a swimming pool and pond and that one could be constructed with small cost. All the plans for the club and the advantages it offers are dependent, of course, upon the interest and the support it receives from the people of the community. If they give it the right support they get the right dividends. Its supporters state.

TO RESUME HEARINGS ON PERMANENT TARIFF BILL

Chairman Penrose Announces That They Will Begin December 7.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Chairman Penrose of the Senate finance committee announced today that hearings on the permanent tariff bill will be resumed December 7. The revised schedule will be taken up first and the cotton schedule next.

Three Big Days at Eldo's.

Friday, Saturday and Monday will be three big days at Eldo's. You can see by reading the two page ad. in this paper today. In this ad. you can find enumerated a few of the many bargains the company will offer for two days, and by calling at the store you can find many other bargains. Overcoats, suits, shoes, shirts, hats, blankets, ladies' suits and coats, hosiery, overalls, silks, linens, and many other commodities are to be sold at a real bargain, and it will pay you to visit the store while the sale continues.

Bandits Get \$50,000 in 'Hold Bullion.'

Jackson, Cal., Dec. 1.—A month's cleanup of gold valued at between \$50,000 and \$70,000 was taken from the Argonaut Mine here today by eight men who bound the two mail men on duty to open the safe and escaped in automobiles.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 1.—Gold bullion to the amount of \$60,000 was obtained by bandits armed with sawed off shotguns, who held up the Argonaut Mine at Jackson last night, according to a report to the Sacramento police department today.

Guilty of Voluntary Manslaughter.

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 29.—Ben Cook, charged with killing John Larson, his brother-in-law, was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter by a jury in Superior court here today. His sentence was fixed at from one to two years.

The case against W. H. Cook, Sr., father of Ben Cook, who was jointly charged with the killing was not pressed.

"Kisses that vibrate with the essence of life" led to a Chicago divorce. It would appear that even kisses up there do the "Chicago shimmy."

Dogs were despoiled by the ancient Hebrews, but worshipped by the ancient Egyptians.

IRISH PRESERVATION OF THE IRISH TRUCE

Whatever May Happen to the Peace Conference.—Suggested That Conference Be Adjourned for Few Weeks.

BRITISH PRESS IN FAVOR OF IT

The Original Truce Terms Provide No Plan For Its Cessation.—Further Meetings Are to Be Held.

London, Dec. 1. (By the Associated Press.)—Preservation of the truce in Ireland whatever may happen to the peace negotiations, is being urged today by a considerable section of the British press. It is suggested that this be achieved through adjournment of the conference to a fixed date a month or six weeks hence.

The San Francisco publicity department here reiterated this morning that it expected further meetings between the government and Sinn Fein delegates, and it is believed arrangements regarding the truce will be considered at the next meeting.

The original truce terms provide no plan for its cessation, and it is said, that even if it develops that facilities must be provided, provision must be made for fixing a definite date for the abandonment of the post in order of letting the truce break down without notice, which has been considered in many quarters the probable outcome.

DECREASE IN NUMBER OF BOMBS DURING 1920

Total Was Approximately 2,000, a Decrease of 500 From the 1919 Total.

New York, Dec. 1.—Homebodies in the United States during 1920 totaled approximately 2,000, a decrease of 500 from the 1919 record, according to a compilation by Frederick I. Hoffmann, vice president and statistician of the Prudential Life Insurance Company of America.

The figures made public last night through the Spectator, showed Memphis, Tenn., still in the lead with a killing record of 374 persons by every 100,000 population. The safest of all cities for which figures were furnished, was Rochester, N. Y., where the rate was but 1.3 for every 100,000.

In general the tables showed that Southern States with large negro populations, had the highest homicide rates, and that the proportion of negroes slain was from 3 to 4 times that of whites. The average was slightly in excess of 4 to 1.

Tabulation for the period 1915-1919, geographically, showed the New England States to be the most law-abiding so far as homicides are concerned, with a rate of 2.8 for each 100,000. The Southern group had the highest rate, 10.8.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at a Decline of From 22 to 25 Points.

New York, Dec. 1.—The cotton market opened barely steady at a decline of 22 to 25 points owing to weak Liverpool selling and renewed liquidation. January sold off to 17.54 and March to 17.50, or 23 to 25 points less lower, right after the call, but the price soon turned steadier on covering which was probably prompted by the firmness of the foreign exchange rates.

Cotton futures opened barely steady. Dec. 17.50; Jan. 17.45; Mar. 17.35; May 17.05; July 16.27.

VIGILANCE COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE WORK

Notwithstanding Criticism of Its Work by Officials at Washington.

Detroit, Dec. 1.—The vigilance committee organized here recently during the visit of Prohibition Commissioner Hayes, plans to continue its assistance to local prohibition officials despite criticism of its methods by officials of the Treasury Department at Washington. It was announced today.

Hundreds of law law violators have been reported to the authorities since the movement was launched, it was said.

SON OF MR. ED. MERRILL KILLED BY RICHMOND STREET CAR.

Was 17 Years of Age.—Was a Nephew of Mr. Dave Merr, of Concord.

Salisbury, Dec. 1.—Leonard, the 17 year old son of Mr. Ed. L. Merr, of Richmond, Va., was killed by a street car in Richmond last night, according to information received here. The boy's father is a brother of Mr. David Merr, of Concord.

German Marks Have a Marked Rise.

London, Dec. 1. (By the Associated Press.)—German marks underwent a further marked recovery on the London exchange market today. Henry buying sent the rate to 250 in the pound Sterling, against yesterday's close of 240; profit taking sales by speculators who bought at the highest figure raised parities, but purchases predominated.

In support of her plea for a divorce, a Detroit woman testified that on the occasion of a visit to her husband in an effort to bring about a reconciliation she was charged her five dollars to take her back to the railway station in his "driver."