

REASONS WHY UNITED STATES WILL NOT TAKE PART IN GENOA MEETING

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HIGH OFFICIAL GIVES REASONS

Great Britain Says Refusal of U. S. to Join Conference Will Not Change the Date or Purpose of Meeting.

Washington, March 9.—The refusal of the United States to participate in the Genoa conference may be viewed as the first step in a campaign of tactful pressure to promote the economic stabilization of Europe, it was said today by a high official of the American government. It should not be regarded, this official said, as the United States wanting to hold aloof from the grave situation confronting the European countries.

Secretary Hughes' note to Italy concerning the declaration of the United States of the invitation to participate in the Genoa meeting should be interpreted, it was said, rather as an expression of America's willingness to do whatever it was felt that its aid could be rendered effectively.

The United States cannot afford to enter into a situation where the help expected from it cannot be given, officials explained, adding that the American government must be viewed as holding its support in abeyance until such time as the European nations "get down to brass tacks" in the matter of settling their homes in order.

The economic problems regarded by this country as of supreme importance in the consideration of the methods of world rehabilitation include principally the rearrangement of German reparations and balancing of budgets by certain foreign nations.

Without consideration of these questions in the view of the United States, there could be no practical attempts at worldwide economic readjustment.

While it was thought improbable that there should be a change in the agenda of the Genoa conference, before its meeting, April 10, which would permit the United States to be represented officially, officials said the American ambassador at Rome might attend the conference to report its proceedings to his government.

Not Meet Plans of Great Britain. London, March 9.—By the Associated Press.—The decision of the United States not to participate in the Genoa conference will not affect the date, nor the plans for the conference, so far as Great Britain is concerned, it was stated officially today.

The American refusal was no surprise to official circles where the realization exists, it was said, that efforts to consummate the results of the Washington armament conference by the facilitation of the various conference treaties are engaging the American government's attention primarily at present. It is the British belief that the other nations invited to attend the Genoa meeting will be present.

DEBS WORKING NOW FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS

Wants All Socialists to Work For Annals for All So-called Political Prisoners. Chicago, March 9.—The national office of the socialist party today began sending out an appeal from Eugene V. Debs to all its members and affiliated organizations urging them to work for amnesty for all so-called political prisoners.

A statement accompanying Mr. Debs' letters said all soldiers, who were prisoners are now free, but many of W. W.'s still were held in penitentiaries and all must be freed.

It is planned through the appeal to obtain one million signatures to the petition asking their release.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Market Quiet, the Opening Being 4 to 5 Points Lower Under Realizing. New York, March 9.—The cotton market was very quiet early today. The opening was 4 to 5 points lower under realizing and the market later eased off another few points, with May selling down to 19.02 and October to 19.07, or 9 to 13 points net lower.

Cotton futures opened steady. Mar. 19.36; May 18.15; July 17.44; Oct. 16.83; December 16.63.

Daughter's Opinion Sought. Washington, March 7.—Attorney General Daugherty has been asked by President Harding for his opinion as to the right of Senator Snook, Republican of Utah, and Representative Barton, Republican of Ohio, to sit on the allied debt refunding commission while retaining their seats in Congress, it was announced today at the White House.

Mysterious Suicide May Be Sands. Missing Taylor Man. Hartford, Conn., March 7.—The Connecticut state police tonight renewed their investigation into the mystery of the suicide of a man at Warehouse Point, Conn., whose body was found February 19 with a bullet hole in the head. It is understood the state police believe the body may be that of Edward F. Sands, missing secretary of William D. Taylor, silent film director.

CITY LEAGUE FOR THIS CITY SEEMS ASSURED

Planned Now to Form a League With Gibson, Cabarrus, Locke Mills and American Legion.

At the meeting of the Fred Y. McConnell Post of the American Legion held at the Elks' Home last night, it was reported by Leslie Bell, chairman of the baseball committee of the Legion, that a movement was underway here now to form a city league in 1922, and the Legion voted in favor of entering the league, once it is organized.

The league, under present plans, would be composed of the Legion team and teams from the Locke, Gibson and Cabarrus mills, and two games would be played each week by the teams. Mr. Bell stated at the meeting that the Cabarrus and Gibson mill teams were anxious to form the league, and he had reason to believe that the Locke mill would enter the league once it was definitely decided to form it.

All of the business houses in Concord have observed a half holiday on each Thursday afternoon during the summer, and assuming that this plan will be carried out again this year, it is planned to have a game each Thursday and Saturday afternoon during the summer. A full league schedule would be made, and the games would be played under this schedule.

Last year the Gibson and Cabarrus mills had good ball teams, and persons living at these mills are anxious for more games this year. While the Locke mill has not had a team for several years it is stated that the employees and management of the mill favor a team this year. And it is further stated that the ball park is to be put in good condition again this year.

With this park worked, the league would have three good parks, the Gibson and Cabarrus teams already having good fenced in parks. This would provide playing ground for each team twice a week even if the Legion is unable to get a park.

Chairman Bell stated that a meeting of representatives of the three mill teams and the legion team is to be held March 16th when the matter is to be discussed fully, and definite action will be taken at that time.

CRISSINGER AGAINST NEW BONUS PLANS

Said He Would Advise National Banks Not to Accept Certificates of Service.

Washington, March 9.—Comptroller of Currency Crissinger announced today that in the event of the enactment of the soldier bonus legislation providing for payments by adjusted service certificates he would advise national banks to decline to accept the certificates as security for loans.

Mr. Crissinger described the proposed plan of issuing adjusted service certificates for use by the soldiers if desired as collateral for loans to 80 per cent of their face value, as "the worst kind of frozen credit," and declared while he would be without authority to order National banks to refuse to accept them as security he would strongly advise against their acceptance.

The certificates would be "non negotiable" paper, Mr. Crissinger explained, and loans upon them would load the banks up for a three-year term, which they cover with an unmovable mass of security.

The certificates would be similar to real estate loans, which are not rediscountable at Federal Reserve Banks, he said, and "far from the liquid security best for the banks."

DOESN'T FAVOR THIRD POLITICAL PARTY NOW

This Statement of President of American Farm Bureau Federation. Burlington, Vt., March 9.—Jas. R. Howard, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, speaking before the conference of the Farm Bureau of the Northeastern states last night, said he did not favor the Federation becoming actively engaged in the formation of a third political party.

"If such a party should be organized," he said, "I would do my best to keep the American Farm Bureau Federation from taking a part in its activities." He said the Federation took full responsibility for organizing the agricultural bloc in Congress "but it doesn't care to take full responsibilities for all that it does."

AMERICAN CITIZEN KILLED IN MEXICO

Alexander Matherne Murdered at Los Naranjos on Night of March 5th. Washington, March 8.—Alexander Matherne, an American citizen, was murdered at Los Naranjos, state of Vera Cruz, on the night of March 5th, the state department was advised today by vice consul Hickerson, at Tampico. The dispatch stated that the assailants were unknown.

Attachment Served on Message of Peace. Wilmington, March 7.—The British schooner, Message of Peace, noted, run runner, still rides at anchor tonight with a sheriff's deputy guarding her decks, pending the settlement of an attachment served on the vessel by Donald Macrae, British vice consul here.

Consul Macrae served attachment on the ship when she attempted to clear last night, alleging that the master owes him \$250 for services rendered the crew and master when the ship was brought here by a coast guard cutter two months ago.



LEGION WORKING NOW FOR FINE CLUB ROOMS

Plan Underway, by Which It is Hoped the Local Post Can Rent Part of the Cannon Building.

The Fred Y. McConnell Post of the American Legion is working now on a plan whereby it is hoped the Legion will be able to secure the third floor of the new Cannon Building for club rooms.

At a meeting of the post last night the proposition was discussed at length, and the club room committee was continued until Friday night of this week, at which time it is expected to make a definite report concerning the proposition.

Mr. J. A. Cannon, owner of the building, has made his proposition—\$100 per month for 12 months—and the legion members are now seeking methods by which this sum can be guaranteed.

The Legion members are certain the rent can be easily raised each month, and several plans for raising the money are being worked out.

One member of the club room committee stated at the meeting that he understood a Business Men's Club was being organized here, and that promoters of the club had spoken to Mr. Cannon about renting the building, and for this reason he urged the Legion members to take definite action at once so Mr. Cannon would know the wishes of the post. The matter probably will be settled Friday night.

Harry Caldwell was made chairman of the tennis committee of the legion, and will issue or accept challenges from any other Legion post. The best tennis players in Concord are members of the legion, and in this sport the Concord post will be easily able to handle any competition.

MEETING OF GASTON COUNTY SPINNERS TODAY

Association Agrees to Put Into Effect Immediate Drastic Curtailment. Gastonia, N. C., March 9.—At a meeting today of the Gaston County Spinners Association, at which more than 5,000 spindles were represented, it was agreed to put into effect an immediate drastic curtailment. This means, it was said, that perhaps half of the 1,140,000 spindles in the county will be idle. A glutted yarn market was assigned for the action.

Death of Master C. H. Peck. Master C. H. Peck, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Peck, died yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of his parents on South Church street. He had been ill since Sunday, and since Tuesday, when he contracted diphtheria, his condition had been critical. It was not generally known that the child was critically ill, however, and the announcement of his untimely death caused much sorrow.

The deceased was four years of age, having celebrated his fourth birthday September 11th, last. He is survived by his parents, four sisters and three brothers. His sisters are Mrs. George French of Charlotte; Mrs. Arthur Furr of Albemarle; Misses Louise and Ethel Fisher Peck, of Concord, Fred and Robert Peck, of this city, and Lewis Peck, of Raleigh, are the surviving brothers.

Funeral services were held at the home this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. M. L. Stirewalt, and interment was made in Oakwood cemetery.

Negro Whitefield is Given Speedy Trial.

New Bern, March 8.—Fifteen years in the state penitentiary was the sentence imposed on Will Whitefield, a Negro who in a speedy trial before Judge C. Lyon, at Jacksonville today was convicted of assault and robbery of Ed Smith, merchant and postmaster at Marines, two years ago.

Taken to Jacksonville this morning after spending the night in Craven jail under guard of a detachment of Raleigh national guard troops, Whitefield was tried and convicted and passed through here tonight going back to Raleigh to begin his sentence.

CHORAL CLUB CONCERT NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

For Benefit of War Mothers Memorial Chimes—Complete Program Given.

The program for the concert Tuesday night, March 14th: Wedding Music (from the Rose-Maiden) by Cowen—Chorus Club. (a) Life, by Pearl G. Curran; (b) The Robin's Song, by Howard White; (c) Through a Primrose Dell—by Mrs. Chase, Gilbert Strass—Mrs. Mary Sims Sloan. Hallelujah Chorus, from The Messiah, by Handel—Choral Club. Selected—Miss Grace Kohn. Intermission. (a) I Love a Lassie, by Harry Lander; (b) I Think I'll Get Wed in the Summer Time, by Harry Lander—Miss Helen Patterson. Hall! Bright Abode, from Tannhauser, by Richard Wagner—Choral Club. (a) In the Land of the Sky Blue Water, by Cadman; (b) By the Waters of Minnetonka, by Leaurance Thurford—Mrs. Sloan. Selected—Miss Grace Kohn. Star Spangled Banner.

When Handel wrote the "Hallelujah Chorus," he thought he saw the Heavens opened and angels standing around the throne of God. This anthem was sung in Albert Memorial Hall in London on a great occasion, when Queen Victoria was present. The audience stood throughout the singing of the anthem, as is a custom. When the triumphant notes "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" burst upon their ears, the Queen rose to pay reverence and homage to Him whose praises were being sung.

DEATH OF MRS. IDA SLOAN JOHNSON

Occurred This Morning at Five O'clock of Pneumonia, at Her Home in No. 3 Township. Mrs. Ida Sloan Johnson, wife of Mr. Baxter Johnson, of No. 3 township, died this morning at five o'clock. Mrs. Johnson had been afflicted for a number of years with dropsy, and developed pneumonia about a week ago, which was the immediate cause of her death. She was one of the county's best women, always active in church and civic life and the news of her death will be heard with sorrow by her numerous friends and neighbors.

Besides her husband, Mr. Baxter Johnson; Mrs. Johnson leaves three sons and one daughter: Messrs. J. Lawrence, William S., and Ralph Johnson, and Mrs. Edna Irwin, all of No. 3 township. Also two sisters and two brothers: Mrs. T. B. Douglass, of Charlotte; Mrs. Sallie Davis, and Messrs. James B. Sloan and Jno. R. Sloan, of Texas, besides a number of grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services will be held at Gilwood Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Johnson was a member, tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock and interment will take place in the Gilwood cemetery; the services will be conducted by her pastor, Rev. T. A. Barnes.

PROHIBITION "NAVY" TO COMBAT RUM RUNNERS

This Plan Now Has the Approval of Secretary Mellon. It Was Stated at the Treasury. Washington, March 9.—Formation of a prohibition "navy" for combating rum smugglers along the Florida coast has the approval of Secretary Mellon, it was stated today at the Treasury. Officials declared that the use of coast guard submarine chasers by the prohibition officials should have a marked effect on the liquor runners in southern waters.

Continue Hearings Indefinitely.

Washington, March 8.—Hearings by the house military committee on the various proposals it has received for private development of the government's properties at Muscle Shoals, Ala., will be continued indefinitely.

RECEPTION AT CONCORD FURNITURE CO. SUCCESS

Many Friends Called at the Store Last Evening From 7 to 9 O'clock.

The reception was a wonderful success, exceeding my greatest expectations," said Mr. J. E. Davis, head of the Concord Furniture Company, this morning, commenting upon the event held last evening at their store in celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of that company's business career in Concord.

The store was decorated for this occasion in a color scheme of red, white and blue, and for the further pleasure of the visitors splendid music was furnished by a twenty-five piece band from Kannapolis.

It is estimated that between six hundred and seven hundred persons visited this piece of business during the reception hours, which were from 7 to 9 o'clock. Each of these were served with ice cream and two kinds of cake. People of all classes, and from far and near were present.

No goods were offered for sale at the reception last night. The splendid line of furniture carried by the company was well displayed, however, and the management stated this morning that the place had been filled with customers, anxious to avail themselves of the bargains which are being offered in this line.

LEE S. OVERMAN BURIED IN CONCORD

Death Occurred in High Point Yesterday—Funeral Today. The body of Lee S. Overman, of High Point, arrived in Concord this morning on train No. 1; and funeral services were conducted at 2:30 o'clock by Stokes Lodge No. 32 A. F. & A. M. of this city.

Mr. Overman, who was about thirty years of age, died at his home yesterday morning about 1:30 o'clock from Bright's disease and high blood pressure. For the past four years he had been engaged in the electrical business, and for eight years preceding that time he was in the United States Navy as an electrician on board the Mount Vernon. He was originally from Salisbury.

Surviving Mr. Overman are his wife, who was formerly Miss Maude Gibson, of this city; and one daughter, Alice, about six years of age. The following members of Numa Lodge No. 344 A. F. & A. M., of High Point, arrived in Concord this morning, accompanied the body to Concord as a Masonic escort, from which the pall bearers were selected: R. B. Parker, J. L. Parrish, P. V. Kirkman, Jack Burris, E. H. Fields, W. H. Currie, J. W. Price, W. W. Burgess, and W. W. Smith.

Only Short Time to Pay Taxes.

Commissioner of Revenue Watts said today that only one week more remains to income taxpayers to make their returns and pay their taxes without penalty or interest. The time expires on Wednesday, March 15th, at midnight. After which time a penalty of five per cent, which in no case will be voluntarily waived on or before May 15th. The Commissioner will grant extensions of time from March 15th to persons, partnerships and corporations whenever they apply for such extensions and show good cause for them. Where extensions are granted interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from March 15th will be due and will be collected in every case.

Robbers Enter Salisbury Store and Get Goods.

Salisbury, March 7.—Robbers last night looted the store of the Bell-Harry Company in Salisbury and got away with several hundred dollars worth of ready to wear, bath robes, kimonos and other goods. An entrance was effected through a skylight in the roof, the robbers setting themselves down inside the building by a rope.

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HIGHER FARES HAVE LESSENERED BUSINESS

For the Railroads of the Country During the Past 12 Months, Says Fred W. Putman.

FEWER PEOPLE RODE ON TRAINS

And the Railroads Lost the Good Will of the People on Account of the Higher Fares Charged.

Washington, March 8.—Increased passenger fares have lost to railroads 22 per cent of the passenger business they had in 1920 and also the good will of the public, Fred W. Putman, of the Mississippi Railroad Commission, declared today in the final arguments in the Interstate Commerce Commission inquiry into general rate levels.

"The railroads 18 months ago had the good will of the public, and today they have lost it," Mr. Putman asserted. "It is the relationship of the railroad users through the ticket windows, and on the passenger trains that forms public opinion, not through the freight department."

Asked by the Commission what rate of return he considered the railroads ought to earn, Mr. Putman said that if the Commission held 6 per cent reasonable it should expect the railroads to earn more than that in good times and less than that in periods of depression.

John H. Burdmore, counsel for the national industrial traffic league, urged the Commission, whatever its action might be as to rates, to issue a decision in the case so shippers would know the future.

QUITTS EFFORT TO SETTLE THE STRIKE

Considers It Unwise to Make Further Attempts to Persuade Elber Side.

Providence, R. I., March 8.—The state board of mediation and conciliation today abandoned attempts at settlement of the strike differences and adjourned indefinitely. A statement issued this afternoon by Labor Commissioner George H. Webb, following a lengthy session of the board, announced that the board "considers it unwise to make further attempts to persuade either side to submit arbitration."

A little more than a week ago the board gave up attempts to settle the strike when textile manufacturers and operatives refused to submit their differences to arbitration. On Saturday the board met again in what was announced as a final effort at mediation. A plan was drawn up providing for a 10 per cent wage reduction instead of the 20 per cent asked by mill owners, and for the retention of the 48-hour working week in the mills instead of the 54-hour week proposed by the manufacturers, the statement issued by the board today was taken as indicating that these terms were not acceptable to one or both of the interested parties.

EDWIN S. MONTAGUE TENDERS RESIGNATION

Had Been Secretary For India—Recently Criticized by Sir William Hicks. London, March 9.—Edwin Samuel Montague, the secretary for India, tendered his resignation today and it was accepted.

The Indian policy of Secretary Montague was subjected to an attack in the House of Commons last month in a speech by Sir Wm. Johnson Hicks, who deprecated the secretary's idea of trying to govern India according to "liberal and home rule ideas." Mr. Montague defended himself by declaring the government's policy was the maintenance of the integrity of the empire, coupled with the greatest opportunity for the development of full self-government for India. One of the charges against Mr. Montague was that he had allowed too much freedom to Mohandas K. Gandhi, the non-co-operationist leader.

TO MAKE SEPARATE WAGE AGREEMENT

For Illinois Coal Workers, Unless Interstate Conference is Called by Miner's Union. St. Louis, March 9.—Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois district, United Mine Workers of America, today reasserted he would negotiate a separate wage agreement with Illinois operators unless the internal organization called an interstate conference of the operators of the central competitive field comprising four states. Mr. Farrington added, however, this was contingent on any action President Harding might take to avert a miners strike April 1.

New Way of Pulling Hold-up.

Detroit, March 8.—A man riding a bicycle pulled up alongside a man and woman in an automobile in the North part of the city early today, flourished a pistol, demanded and obtained the motorists' money, then pedaled himself to a hangup place where the motorists were unable to locate him.

Malekulon Brides Have Two Front Teeth Knocked Out.

It must be hard during corn-on-the-cob season. Detroit, March 8.—A man riding a bicycle pulled up alongside a man and woman in an automobile in the North part of the city early today, flourished a pistol, demanded and obtained the motorists' money, then pedaled himself to a hangup place where the motorists were unable to locate him.

PRESIDENT HARDING ON WAY TO FLORIDA

Chief Executive Leaves National Capital For Week's Rest and Recreation in Southern State.

SMALL PARTY IS WITH PRESIDENT

Party Will Spend Most of the Week at St. Augustine, Where the President Will Make His Headquarters.

On Board President Harding's Special Train, March 8. (By the Associated Press)—Refreshed by a good night's rest, President Harding was looking forward enthusiastically to the first day of his vacation when he arose this morning aboard the special train which is carrying the Executive and his party to Florida for a week's rest and relaxation. Since leaving Washington late yesterday the special had made good time and early today was skirting the lower South Carolina coast. It is scheduled to arrive at St. Augustine, which will be the President's vacation headquarters at 2 o'clock. The train ran through Virginia and the Carolinas without incident.

Elaborate precautions are being taken by the Atlantic Coast Line railroad officials to protect the special train on which the President is traveling. Every yard of track is being inspected by a pilot train running ahead of the special with the general roadmaster of the line riding behind the pilot to make the inspection. No train is permitted to be operated on any switch turned between the pilot and the special. A picked crew of trainmen is operating the special and the general road foreman of the engineers is riding in the engine house.

One of the last things attended to by President Harding before leaving Washington yesterday was the payment of his income tax. His check, included \$1,800 as income tax on his Presidential salary.

CASE AGAINST WYCKOFF AND OTHERS CONTINUED

Henson of T. M. Pittman, Counsel for Defense, Henson for the Continuance. Henderson, N. C., March 9.—On the request of the defense who pleaded the illness of T. M. Pittman, his leading counsel, Judge Oliver H. Allen in Superior Court here today ordered the continuance of the case against George A. Wyckoff, W. F. Woodson, and R. T. Stokes, charged with conspiracy in connection with alleged involuntary fires occurring here within the past year.

Judge Allen overruled the protests of the prosecution that harm would be done by delay, and ordered the continuance. In addition to Mr. Pittman's illness, the defense also claimed the illness of a relative of Wyckoff, whose presence was desired in the case, and the inability of the defense counsel to confer with their clients.

The defendants, two of whom have been held in Wake County jail and one in Durham county jail, are to be sent back to those prisons for safe keeping, the defense announcing it would not ask for reduction in their bonds.

NEW PAYING SCHEME FOR "MOVIE" THEATRES

"Pay as You Leave," and Each Patron Pays as Much or Little as He Wants to. Bend, Oregon, March 9.—That the "pay as you leave" plan adopted here Monday by two motion picture theaters is resulting in bigger houses and at least as large a return as formerly, was the declaration today of J. H. Sparks, manager of the theatres. Many will pay at the old rate, a few pay less, and practically some walk out without dropping some change in the box left at the door.

It is optional with each patron how much he shall pay or whether he pay at all.

With Our Advertisers.

The 12th Anniversary Sale is now going on at the Concord Furniture Company. The goods offered are not "left-overs." They are new goods being sold at a big reduction, as new ad. today tells you. The prices and terms are right.

Fished in Demographics.

Pawtucket, R. I., March 8.—A crowd of textile pickets from East Providence made a demonstration near the Glenayn eye works in Philadelphia this morning. Labor leaders said that subsequently a majority of the workers left the plant. Officials of the company asserted that only 50 of the 300 operators quit. They added that the Glenayn print works was not affected.

New Jersey Ratifies the 18th Amendment.

Trenton, N. J., March 6.—The New Jersey senate tonight ratified the 18th amendment to the federal constitution, by the vote of 12 to 4.

Three republicans joined with Senator Simpson, democrat, in voting against ratification. The republicans were Senators Smith, White and Whitely.