

RUSSIA NOT HOSTILE TOWARD THE FRENCH

At Least Foreign Minister Tchitcherine, Head of Russian Delegation at Genoa Conference, Says So.

NO SECRET CLAUSES IN RUSSO-GERMAN PACT

French Officials Regard Letter as Continuation of the Efforts to Gain the French Confidence.

Genoa, May 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—Foreign Minister Tchitcherine, head of the Russian delegation at the economic conference, has written a letter to Vice Premier Barthou of France, assuring him there are no secret military or political clauses in the Russo-German treaty signed Easter Sunday at Rapallo.

The draft of the private property articles to be embodied in proposals to Russia drawn up by the experts was submitted to allied conference today and provided a lively discussion. Belgium objected to the draft as unsatisfactory. It was decided therefore, that the experts re-examine the draft and make another report later in the day.

Full Text Read at French Foreign Office.

Paris, May 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—The full text of the letter from Soviet foreign minister Tchitcherine to vice premier Barthou declaring there were no annexes to the Russo-German treaty of Rapallo providing for military combinations with Germany has been received at the French foreign office. French officials regard the letter as a continuation of efforts to gain French confidence in view of Soviet Russia's financial needs.

It was remarked today by foreign officials that M. Tchitcherine referred only to the treaty signed at Rapallo and omitted a categorical denial of any understandings, political or military with Germany.

BATTLE CONTINUES FOR POSSESSION OF PEKING

Advantage Apparently Going to Forces of Gen. Wu Pei Fu

Peking, May 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—The battle for the possession of Peking was still continuing today with the advantage apparently going to the forces of General Wu Pei Fu, driving toward the capital from the south.

Advices from the center of the fighting 12 miles north west of the city, were that General Wu was forcing the soldiers of General Chang Tso Lin from Chang Sin Tien and that the tide of battle was rolling eastward toward the southern walls of Peking.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE WILL MEET JUNE 13-15

Sessions Will Be Held at New Bern and 1,000 Delegates Are Expected.

New Bern, May 1.—More than a thousand Baptist young people are expected to attend the 13th annual session of the state B. Y. P. U. convention, which will be held with the Baptist churches of this city June 13-15. The meetings will be held in the auditorium of the Methodist church.

HOODED KU KLUX GIVE PREACHER \$25.00

Walked into the Church Saturday Night Where He Was Conducting a Revival.

Hickory, May 1.—In the midst of the services at the Highlands Baptist Church here Saturday night, five masked figures walked into the church and up to the altar and handed Rev. H. C. Whitener, who was conducting a revival there, a letter which contained \$25.00. The letter said that the money was a gift from the Ku Klux Klan men, declaring that the order stood for law enforcement and appreciated the sermons which had been preached here by Mr. Whitener.

Bank Steamer Whittier a Total Loss

San Francisco, Cal., May 1.—The bank steamer Whittier, of the Union Oil Company, which went on the rocks at a point ten miles south of Point Arena last night, is a total loss, the company was advised today. The steamer's cargo of 10,000 barrels of oil was lost.

Defective night among 100,000 persons in the United States could have been prevented if half the cases, according to the field secretary of the National Committee for Prevention of Blindness.

FOREST HILL REVIVAL CLOSES

Three Great Services Yesterday—Congregation Again Overflows the Church.

The revival which began Easter Sunday in the Forest Hill Methodist Church and which steadily grew in interest from the beginning, reached a great climax in the services of yesterday and last night, which marked its close.

At the morning hour Mr. Armstrong preached on the "Light That Shall Never Go Out." It was "old folks' day" and a large number of the aged and infirm of the city were brought to the church in automobiles. The singing surpassed anything heard during the two weeks. Mr. Allen and his two big choirs were evidently at their best.

At three o'clock Mr. Allen preached an excellent sermon to men only on "Christianship's Test."

Mr. Armstrong preached last night on "God's Last Call to Man." At the morning hour the congregation taxed the seating capacity of the church, including chairs which filled the aisles. Last night the crowd overflowed the building and numbers were turned away. A class of eight was added to the church. This number will be increased to at least fifteen. Practically all the people who attend this church are members of some denomination.

It developed that in the entire primary and intermediate departments of the Sunday school embracing perhaps two hundred and fifty children, there were only two children present yesterday above nine years of age who are not church members. This is said to be a very unusual record.

An intermediate class of about sixty voices has been regularly organized and will no doubt develop into a great singing institution. A junior board of seventeen consisting of twenty-five strong, forward stepping men, has been organized. Nineteen of these have been selected and were present last night to be formally installed. This board gives promise of great things.

This is the fifth revival campaign which Mr. Armstrong has led for the Forest Hill congregation. In all these he has done the preaching throughout the city. He is a most excellent orator and evangelist choir leader. No man, it is declared could have given more universal satisfaction. He left Concord this morning for his home in Franklin, N. C., by way of Cornelia, Georgia.

BEST TWENTY-FIVE BOOKS FOR THE ONE ROOM SCHOOL

To Be Selected by Librarians and Teachers at Annual Conference of American Library Association.

Chicago, May 1.—The best twenty-five books for a one room country school will be selected by the votes of several thousand librarians and teachers at the annual conference of the American Library Association in Detroit, June 29-July 1, and of the National Education Association in Boston early in July.

The winning titles will be announced after the conferences "in order that people everywhere may know what books are considered by librarians and teachers as most interesting and useful to children in the elementary grades." It was stated by Earl H. Milan, secretary of the American Library Association.

"A recent study of children's reading in one state showed that sometimes scores of children in a given district do not read anything but the textbooks; and that not infrequently there are no readable books in either the schools or the homes," Mr. Milan said. "In other districts school libraries are made up of discarded books from dusty attics or of large sets of books in near-leather binding, which nobody ever reads."

"It is the hope of the two associations conducting the contest that the selection of this list will serve to stimulate interest in good books for general reading, and to encourage the establishment and development of small school library collections. The desire of the organizations is to interest not only the teachers and librarians but also the school boards, trustees, public officials, parents and the children themselves."

Program for the Bethpage Community Club Meeting

The Bethpage Community Club will meet on Friday night, May 5th. The following is the program: Song: "Come Thou Almighty King." Reading: "Hey, Rube." Play: "Which Will He Marry?" Song: "Let the Rest of the World Go By."

Richard Croker is Dead at His Home in Ireland.

Dublin, April 29.—The death of Richard Croker, former leader of Tammany Hall in New York, is announced by the Sunday Independent. He died at 3:20 o'clock this afternoon at his residence here after a brief illness.

One of Founders of Republican Party Dead.

Chicago, Ill., May 1.—Edmund Abbott West, reputed to have been one of the founders of the Republican party, who celebrated his 99th birthday anniversary last Friday, died here yesterday. His death was caused by pneumonia contracted on his birthday.

FORD AND THORNBERG GET FROM 7 TO 10 YEARS

Other Cases Disposed of in Court Last Week.—Court Recused This Morning.

Calverton County Superior Court this morning at 10 o'clock resumed its April term, with Judge J. H. Ray presiding. The hearing of evidence in the criminal cases was continued, and the civil docket will be taken up on Wednesday morning.

Saturday afternoon's session of court was filled with unusual interest, owing to the fact that sentence was passed on a number of defendants who had been found guilty or had pleaded guilty during the week's sessions. The greatest interest was in the case of Bruce Ford and D. L. Thornberg, who were on trial, charged with murder in connection with the death of Frank Hamit, negro of Kannapolis. The jury Saturday morning returned a verdict of manslaughter, finding both men guilty.

Judge Ray on Saturday afternoon pronounced sentence in the case, giving Bruce Ford from 7 to 10 years in the State Penitentiary; and D. L. Thornberg from 7 to 10 years in the State Penitentiary.

Rob Honecutt, charged with larceny, pleaded guilty to receiving stolen property, knowing that it was stolen, and was sentenced to six months on the roads. He was also charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, but pleaded guilty to a simple assault, and judgment was suspended in this case. A nol prosequit was taken in two other cases against Honecutt, charging him with gambling, and with car breaking.

A fine of \$200 and the costs was imposed on Silas Furr for manufacturing liquor. Sam McClure, for two cases of assault with a deadly weapon, was fined \$25 and the costs in each case. Vaudry (Rabbit) Baxter, B. J. Jones and Willie Cobb, charged with store breaking, drew the following sentences: Baxter from 5 to 7 years in the State Penitentiary; Jones from 5 to 7 years in the State Penitentiary; Cobb two years on the roads. Jones also pleaded guilty on another charge of store breaking, and was sentenced to from 3 to 5 years more in the State Penitentiary at the expiration of the above term. Cobb pleaded guilty to another charge of store breaking also, and was given an additional one year on the roads at the expiration of the two years in the foregoing case.

Roy Hooker was found guilty by a jury of transporting and retailing whiskey, and was sentenced to six months on the roads.

Rob Brown, charged with burglary, pleaded guilty to second degree burglary, and was given from 5 to 7 years in the State Penitentiary.

A nol prosequit was taken in the case against Frank Wilson charging him with larceny and breaking.

BANK OF ENGLAND BRANCHES RAIDED

More Than 100,000 Pounds Sterling Taken by Irish Army Irregulars. Belfast, May 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—More than 100,000 pounds Sterling have been taken by the Irish republican army irregulars in raids on various branches of the Bank of Ireland in the South. It was reported in Belfast today.

The branches at Limerick and Waterford were among those raided. All the raiders escaped capture. No other banks were touched.

At Limerick the raid was carried out and the money of the bank was removed in motors, while a large crowd looked on.

Rocky River Springs Put on Fresh Patent.

Albemarle Press. Stanly county has within its borders one of the best mineral springs properties to be found anywhere. But of late years the buildings have depreciated to quite an extent, and those frequenting the place went because of the known virtues of the resort.

It is gratifying now to learn that the place is busy with the work of carpenters, painters and electricians. Mr. B. F. Ansbard is superintending the electric work, and tells us that the hotel is being re-modeled and improved in a material way.

American War Women Have Reunion.

Washington, May 1.—American women who served behind the lines during the world war, whether by ferrying doughnuts, nursing the wounded, or by doing the innumerable tasks for which only feminine hands are fitted, met here today in the first grand reunion since the Armistice.

The purpose of the reunion as announced by Miss Margaret Lambie, chairman of the committee in charge is to rededicate the efforts of those who served overseas to assist disabled former service men still undergoing treatment and to all classes of emergency service.

Special Meeting of Merchants Association.

A special meeting of the Merchants Association will be held Tuesday night, May 2, in the new home, No. 11 West Depot street, the Love building upstairs. The report of the advertising committee of Dollar Days as to what it has done will be made. Other important business will come before the meeting. Everybody comes.

Decision as to Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Washington, May 1.—The emergency fleet corporation of the United States Shipping Board is not a governmental agency in the sense that it cannot be sued without its consent, the Supreme Court today decided.

ROGER EASTLAKE TESTIFIES TODAY

Faces Woman Charged With the Murder of His Wife, on Which Charge Eastlake Himself Was Acquitted.

DETAILS STORY OF MOVEMENTS

Miss Knox Exhibits No Emotion as Naval Petty Officer Proceeds With His Testimony.

(By the Associated Press.)

Montross, Va., May 1.—Facing the woman charged with murder in connection with the death of his wife, Roger D. Eastlake, chief petty officer in the U. S. Navy today took the stand in the court room here and detailed the story of his movements on the day the body of his wife was found literally shot to pieces in their Colonial Beach home.

Miss Mary E. Knox, a Baltimore nurse, the defendant in the case, exhibited no emotion as Eastlake proceeded with his testimony. The witness gave his age as 33 years and said he was employed at the Washington Navy Yard as chief mechanic of aviation. On the day of his wife's death he said he had left the house at 5:30 a. m. after having breakfast with Mrs. Eastlake.

"I left by the front door," he said, "and saw no one around the house, and walked down the board walk. In about three minutes I heard cries from the direction of my neighbors, the 'Gulls'."

Eastlake qualified his testimony a minute later, saying the sounds were more like screams as if the person crying were in a rage. He said he arrived at the boat 18 or 20 minutes of six, and was about to go on board when some one called him and told him he was wanted at home.

"It was Wm. Carruthers," said Eastlake. "He told me my wife had been murdered and said 'that woman is there' 'I asked him what woman, and he said as far as I can remember, he said Miss Knox'."

Eastlake said he went to his home and said he was met by Miss Knox who cried "O Roger, who can be your enemy? I want to have a talk with you."

"I tried to open the door to go in, where she lay, but someone caught hold of me and told me I could not go in there. I asked if she were dead, and was told that she was."

DECLARES OKLAHOMA'S CLAIM NOT WELL FOUNDED

To the Bed of the River—Supreme Court Decision Today. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 1.—The Supreme Court today declined to decide at this time what constitutes the South bank of the Red River—an issue in the controversy between Texas and Oklahoma involving rich oil lands—but in an opinion delivered by Justice Vandevanter declared the claim of Oklahoma to the bed of the river was not well founded.

SECRET PROCESS FOR MAKING FERTILIZERS

Is Intended for Commercial Use at the Nitrate Plant at Muscle Shoals. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 1.—A secret process for making fertilizers has been discovered and is intended for commercial use at the government nitrate plant at Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

B. Mayo chief engineer for Henry Ford, told the senate agricultural committee when it began examination today of the Ford modified proposal for purchase and lease of the Muscle Shoals property.

DECLARES PACKERS ACT CONSTITUTIONAL

Decision Rendered Today by the United States Supreme Court. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 1.—The packers and stock yard act of 1921 was declared constitutional today by the Supreme Court.

The court, in disposing of the cases brought by Jas. E. Burton and others, representing Chicago's traders, and Stafford Brothers, in behalf of the Chicago commission merchants, traders and dealers who buy and sell live stock after its arrival at the Chicago stockyards are engaged in interstate commerce.

Camp Bragg Made a Permanent Military Establishment.

Fayetteville, May 1.—Camp Bragg, located near here, has been made a permanent military establishment by an order of the War Department issued on April 18th, it was learned here today. The camp in the future will be known as Fort Bragg.

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The Constantinople Women's College, founded by Americans, is the only European college for women east of Vienna.

PASTOR KIDNAPPED

Rev. Mr. Irwin Cannot Identify Any of Those Who Attacked Him.

Lawton, Okla., May 1.—Plans for the church trial May 9th of the Rev. Thomas Irwin, pastor of the West Presbyterian Church here, proceeded today in the absence of any action to determine who kidnaped the Rev. Mr. Irwin Saturday night; hit him on the head, chloroformed him and threw him in a ditch 12 miles from this city. The Rev. Mr. Irwin today said he could not identify any of the three men who attacked him.

Both factions in the congregation which has been split for more than a year when the pastor preached the funeral sermon of Jake L. Hamon, after Hamon was slain by Clara Smith Hamon, were discussing the incident today, but out of the discussion nothing concrete for investigation has come thus far.

This is one of the things which has brought about a movement for his removal.

The Rev. Mr. Irwin later married a couple in a public bathing pool, and exhibited motion pictures in his church, things which split the congregation anew.

CAPTAIN OF AMERICAN ARMY IS WOUNDED

Occured During a May Day Demonstration at Mayence.

Mayence, May 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—During a May Day demonstration here today a captain of the American army was wounded by the manifestants.

A column of May Day demonstrators was marching through the Rheinstrasse when through a mistake in steering the American captain's automobile ran into the procession. The machine was stopped immediately, but it was at once surrounded and attacked by a shrieking furious crowd which began to mount the car. The captain, believing his life to be in danger, drew his revolver. One of the men in the crowd tried to disarm him, but the revolver was discharged and the officer sank back, wounded in the shoulder.

French soldiers extricated the American's car and made several arrests.

KUKLUX KNOW NOTHING OF PLAN TO KIDNAP BULLOCK

Have Nothing to Do With the Case, Says Chief of Staff of Klan. (By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., May 1.—Officials at headquarters of the Ku Klux Klan here today declared they had no knowledge of any plans being formulated by members of their organization to kidnap Matthew Bullock, the negro wanted at Norfolk, North Carolina, and bring him back to North Carolina.

Reports from Hamilton, Ontario, state that Bullock has fled to another country and his whereabouts were not disclosed.

In the absence of Col. Wm. J. Simmons, imperial wizard, S. E. Savage, chief of staff, declared the Klan had had nothing to do with Bullock's case and no efforts had been made to bring the negro back to the United States.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at a Small Advance, and Later Prices Softened. (By the Associated Press.) New York, May 1.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 5 points to a decline of 4 points, near months being influenced by bullish statistics and firm cables, while later deliveries reflected the prospect for better weather in the South. Private reports received right after the opening, however, reported rains in Central Texas, and prices stiffened up with July selling at 17.83 and October at 17.93 or about 10 to 12 points net higher.

Cotton futures opened steady: May 18.30; July 17.75; October 17.85; December 17.88; January 17.81.

With Our Advertisers.

Bell & Harris will give a ten per cent. discount on any piece of furniture in their store on Dollar Days, May 2 and 3.

Hot water bottles at Cline's Pharmacy. See ad.

The U-Save-It Store wants you to buy your groceries there for a month and then "notice the difference."

All the straw hats at Hoover's have air cushion sweat bands. Prices from \$3 to \$7.50.

Extra nice bananas, apples, oranges, etc., as well as fresh vegetables at the Sanitary Grocery Co.

New May Victor Records at Bell & Harris music department.

Yesterday a Good Day at Methodist Protestant Church.

There was a fine congregation present yesterday morning at the Methodist Protestant Church. An effort had been made last week to get all the members to attend services yesterday, and while they all did not come, yet the effort was a great success.

The congregation has about outgrown its present quarters, especially the Barren class. PASTOR.

Only once, so far as is known, have the secrets of the music used in St. Peter's, at Rome, been violated. Mozart is reputed to have memorized one of the masses while hearing it sung.

ADVOCATES TWELFTH GRADE AT CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Jarrett Asks That the Boys and Girls Be Kept at Home One Year More.

Mr. Editor: The boy or girl of today is the man or woman of tomorrow. We parents are the farmers of the future crops of the human race. As we cultivate and train our successors, so may we expect them to develop. We often hear the complaint that the children of the present are lacking in respect and obedience as compared with us in our childhood. Stop! Look! Listen! Are we giving our children as much of ourselves as our parents gave us? To those of us who have no children I wish to tell this true story. When I was a boy I raised chickens and guinea pigs. There was an old hen from whom the hawks had taken her last egg, and there was a guinea hen who had four little babies, which she was dragging around in the wet mill they were ready to die. The chickless chicken hen took the next to motherless guinea chicks and raised them.

An unprecedented thing has happened in Concord. There is a class of thirty or more boys and girls in our high school. The majority of them are crying out to us to keep them at home one more year before we fling them on the world. They realize their lack of preparedness to meet the standards of our colleges and of life if they do not go to college. This lack is no reflection on our honorable school board nor our splendid superintendent of schools, nor on the faithful, hard-working faculty of teachers. These have all done their best under existing conditions; and we, the people, are the only ones who can change these conditions. And may God have mercy on us if we do not. We have been given a trust fund in our children. Are we going to be unfaithful to that trust?

If there were thirty children in this splendid old town crying out for bread there would be ten thousand men, women and children ready to divide their last crust with them. There are that number of boys and girls crying out to us for more of the bread of knowledge, more of the bread of home life. In place of being in a hurry to meet the adventures of college life and the experiences of life in general as we were, they are begging for one more year of childhood. No matter what the underlying reason for this desire may be, can we afford to ignore a reason which has been strong enough to break all traditions in school life? Men and women, we cannot afford this. These thirty or more men or women of the next citizenry of our town and State want a twelfth grade in our school. Can we turn them down? God forbid.

To Erect \$180,000 Methodist Church at Chapel Hill.

Chapel Hill, April 30.—James Gamble Rogers, the designer of the cathedral quadrangle, including the famous famous Harkness dormitories, has been selected as the architect of the new Methodist church. Mr. Rogers has been here on a visit, looking over the campus and the village in preparation for his preliminary design.

Mr. Rogers, whose home is in New York, was delighted with the trees in the campus and the village, and he declared it his intention to design a church which would be in harmony with the luxuriant foliage round about. The church will cost about \$180,000.

Attempt to Assassinate Chinese General.

London, May 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—An attempt to assassinate General Wu Pei Fu, leader of the central Chinese forces, was made Saturday, says a Peking dispatch to the Evening News today, which said the report had not been confirmed. The general was said to have been slightly wounded and his assailant was captured and executed, the dispatch said.

Five Negroes Killed in Explosion.

Kansas City, Mo., May 1.—Five negroes were killed and a number of others injured early today in an explosion in a rooming house. The cause of the explosion has not yet been determined. The building was wrecked.

First Tire is Made in Salisbury Plant.

Salisbury, April 30.—The Paul Tire and Rubber company, a new concern for Salisbury, has just turned out its first automobile tire.

This company's plant, in the south-east part of the city, covers 28,000 square feet, and when it full capacity will turn out 500 tires and 1,000 tubes daily, giving employment to 250 people. There are 60 Salisbury people interested in the company. Two city blocks owned by the company will be used for building purposes to house employees of the plant.

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A BILL AMENDING THE FEDERAL RESERVE ACT

So That State Banks With \$15,000 Capital Would Be Allowed to Enter the System, Introduced Today.

LAW NOW REQUIRES CAPITAL OF \$25,000

This Is Intended as a Further Step in Program Extending Credits to Agriculture, It Is Said.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 1.—A bill amending the Federal Reserve Act so that state banks with a capital of \$15,000 would be permitted to enter the Federal Reserve system, was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Harris, Democrat, of Georgia, as a further step in the program of extending credits to agriculture. The present law requires that a bank must have a capital of \$25,000 before being admitted.

Senator Harris said his bill, which he expects to broaden the loaning facilities "where the most good could be had from credit power of the system," had been approved by the Federal Reserve Board, and had the backing of Eugene Meyer, Jr., managing director of the War Finance Corporation.

The Harris measure provides specifically that a state bank seeking membership under the amendment, must set aside annually not less than 20 per cent. of the net income from the preceding year until it possesses paid up and unimpaired capital of not less than the capital of \$20,000, which would have been required if the bank had been admitted to membership under the present law.

CROKER'S ESTATE VALUED AT TWO TO FIVE MILLION

Considerable Part of Property Is Along the Water Front at Palm Beach.

New York, May 1.—Relatives, friends and former political associates of Richard Croker, who died Saturday at his estate in Ireland, speculated today as to whether the former Tammany Hall chieftain left a will. Richard Croker, Jr., said in his opinion his father probably left no will. The estate was variously estimated at from two to five million dollars. A considerable part of the fortune was said to be property along the waterfront at Palm Beach, Fla., worth about \$2,000,000.

New Law Requires Autos to Stop at Crossings.

Richmond, Va., May 1.—Drivers of automobiles and other vehicles using the public highways of Virginia must come to a full stop before crossing any main line railway track at grade under a law recently enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia.

The law provides that drivers of all vehicles on approaching any grade crossing of a main line railway track outside an incorporated town must stop not less than ten feet nor more than one hundred feet from the nearest rail. A penalty of ten dollars for each violation is provided in the act.

Advocates of this act pointed out that its enforcement would greatly reduce the number of grade crossing accidents. By enacting this law the Virginia soviets have given legal effect to the admonitions which railroads have for many years displayed on their crossing signs, urging drivers of vehicles to "Stop, Look, and Listen!"

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