

HUGO STIMNES AND WIFE ARRESTED BY FRENCH TROOPERS

German Magnate and His Wife Later Freed, After Guards Made Complete Search of All Baggage.

ARRESTS MADE IN THE RUHR

When Train on Which Stimnes Was Traveling Passed Through the Territory Occupied by the French.

Dortmund, April 10 (By the Associated Press).—Hugo Stimnes and his wife arrived in this city today after having been detained at Scharnhorst by French railway guards who took them from the berth on a night train. They were released after the officials had searched their baggage.

The sleeper in which Herr Stimnes and his wife were traveling was attached to a train from Berlin to Essen, on which they had left Berlin last night on the way to Muelheim.

Scharnhorst is the frontier station for the occupied zone, and it was here that the magnate and his wife were routed out of their berth by the French guards, who invaded the sleeper.

Herr Stimnes, who had just arrived in Berlin from his country home, took the night train for Muelheim, where his chief industries are situated.

When the train reached Scharnhorst, which is the first rail point under French control, four French railway guards entered the sleeper and demanded to know the number of the Stimnes compartment.

This is Herr Stimnes' second trip to the Ruhr since the occupation. The French authorities are said to have been watching for him and his agents, and only recently they intercepted some of his private couriers, seizing a private paper which the magnate was forwarding to his representative in Muelheim.

LIAM LYNCH CAPTURED BY FREE STATE TROOPS

He is Chief of Staff of the Irish Irregulars, Official Statement Says.

Dublin, April 10 (By the Associated Press).—Liam Lynch, chief of staff of the Irish Irregulars, has been captured. It was officially announced this afternoon.

Lynch was captured by the Free State forces this morning at Knocknaslan, near Newcastel, after an engagement in which he was seriously wounded.

MAY OMIT "OBEY" FROM THE MARRIAGE SERVICE

London, April 10.—Among the changes that are being discussed in connection with the proposed revision of the Prayer Book of the Church of England, few have excited more comment than the proposed elimination of the word "obey" from the marriage service.

This question, of course, has often been raised, but at no time has it assumed more significance than at present. So great is the change nowadays in the position of women, that large numbers of people who were resolute opponents of the proposal now think that "obey" should no longer have a place in the marriage ceremony.

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BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO GET CLEAN SHEETS

Commissioners Must Fund the Outstanding Indebtedness of Boards.

Commissioners Must Fund the Outstanding Indebtedness of Boards. Raleigh, April 10 (By the Associated Press).—The provision of the 1922 North Carolina General Assembly requiring county commissioners to fund the outstanding indebtedness of the board of education, created for the necessary expenses of conducting the six months school term for the previous year or years, is mandatory, according to an opinion of James S. Manning, attorney general, to Dr. E. C. Brooks, superintendent of public instruction.

The purpose of this act, said Dr. Brooks, "was to set the county board of education clear of all indebtedness. Then the law provides that the boards of education shall live within their income, and if the boards of education willfully exceed the approved budget, the members responsible for the indebtedness thus created shall be individually liable for the same."

Several county officials inquired of the superintendent of public instruction if the provisions of the act were mandatory and the question was submitted to the attorney general who gave the following opinion: "You request the opinion of this office as to whether or not the provisions of the new public school code as contained in sections 296-6, seq. are mandatory upon the county commissioners. Stated shortly, those sections direct the county commissioners to fund outstanding indebtedness incurred in obedience to the constitutional mandate requiring a term of six months for the school. The expression used is: 'The board of county commissioners is authorized, empowered and directed to fund the same by etc.'"

"We construe this statute as first conferring the power upon the board of county commissioners to fund this indebtedness and then as directing them in positive terms to fund it. Consequently, its provisions in this regard are mandatory. This seems to be the clear meaning of the Legislature and the ruling we make is founded upon authority. Thus, Black says (p. 535) stating the rule generally: 'An imperative word is not softened by its conjunction with the permissive word, but vice versa. Thus the expression 'may and shall' means 'must.' In such a phrase 'may' grants authority and 'shall' requires its exercise.'"

MORSE TRIAL DELAYED AGAIN BY ILLNESS

Harry Morse is ill, So Case Against Him and Others is Again Continued.

Washington, April 10.—The illness of Harry Morse, one of those indicted with Charles W. Morse on charges of ship contract frauds, again delayed the trial of the case today when it came up in court here. It was put over until tomorrow, when it is expected Morse counsel will ask for a still further postponement.

WIFE DISOBEYS HIM, CUTS HER HEAD OFF

Thibodaux, La., April 9.—Victor Tabor, 32, of this parish, has confessed, according to Sheriff Lewis Stark, that he chopped off his wife's head with an axe Saturday night because she disobeyed his order not to leave home without his consent. Tabor walked from his home that night and awakened the sheriff to tell him the story.

PLEADS GUILTY OF GETTING \$977,000.

Cincinnati, April 10.—A. H. Penfield, former cashier of the Springfield Ohio National Bank, pleaded guilty to having embezzled more than \$977,000 of the bank's funds in the United States District Court here today. Sentence was deferred.

Penfield Pleads Guilty to Seven Counts in the Indictment.

The former cashier made no statement in court.

DEMOCRATIC VICTORY CLUB IN ASHEVILLE

Opening of the Democratic Campaign of 1924.

Asheville, N. C., April 10.—With Robert R. Reynolds as President, North Carolina's first National Democratic Victory Club was organized here today. James G. Sikefather being elected vice president and J. V. Jordan, Jr., secretary. Forming of the organization is the opening gun in the Presidential campaign of 1924.

Mr. Reynolds is a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee, a leading spirit in Western North Carolina politics, an able speaker and his efforts in behalf of the Democratic party in this state has reflected credit on his work. His election as President of the National Democratic Victory Club was unanimous and favorable comment has been heard on his selection to lead Democrats in this section to what promises to be a brilliant victory.

Mr. Sikefather is State Highway Commissioner for the Ninth District and is a brother-in-law of Representative Zebulon Weaver of the Tenth North Carolina District. J. V. Jordan, Jr., is a promising young attorney and an acknowledged leader among younger Democrats.

National Democratic Victory Clubs are now being organized throughout the United States, under direction of Cordell Hull, chairman of the National Democratic Committee and an organization of 100,000 workers will be formed by June 1, ready for the nationwide battle for a Democratic victory and an early return of a government for the people and by the people.

BERLIN'S STREET PROPHETS

Now Play a Large Part in the Everyday Life of the City.

Berlin, April 10.—Street prophets and fortune tellers now play a large part in the everyday life of Berlin. At a corner of one of the principal thoroughfares there can be seen daily a man dressed in the costume of the middle ages, with velvet tunic and high velvet boots. This strange individual does a thriving trade by handing out leaflets, for the small sum of ten marks, foretells all that is in store for you.

Another figure familiar to the Berliners is a tall, thin man in a silk hat, who places a table before him and with the tips of his fingers raises it about a yard from the ground by the so-called spiritualistic power that is in him. He sells messages from the other world for the small sum of five marks.

Then there is a man called Sank, once a schoolmaster, awfully dressed in loose boots, sandals and breeches of sackcloth. He holds meetings, which he always opens with the phrase "I am I." His avowed object is to propound a theory for the conquest of the world.

Strangely enough, the passers-by seem to treat these charlatans with an awe almost akin to reverence, and one never sees the slightest sign of scepticism.

PROMINENT OFFICIALS ARRESTED BY FRENCH

Herr Edward Hamm, Secretary of the Chancery of Cuno Cabinet Among the Prisoners.

Scharnhorst, Germany, April 10 (By the Associated Press).—The French today arrested Herr Edward Hamm, secretary of the chancery of the Cuno cabinet; Adam Sternwald, former premier of Prussia and Deputy Giesberts, formerly minister of posts. The latter two were released, but the French are continuing to hold Secretary Hamm on the ground that officials active in the German government had been forbidden to enter the occupied area.

STUYVESANT FISH DEAD IN NEW YORK

Death Occurred Suddenly as He Prepared to Fulfill a Business Engagement.

New York, April 10.—Stuyvesant Fish, banker and former President of the Illinois Central railroad, died suddenly today.

Mr. Fish, who was senior director of the National Park Bank, collapsed as he entered the bank to attend a directors meeting this morning. He died almost instantly of heart failure.

President Plans Another Trip

Washington, April 10.—President Harding hopes to visit Alaska this summer when he goes to the Pacific coast on his speech making trip. Although definite arrangements have not been made, it was said at the white house that he probably would be able to leave for the trip about June 20, and reach Alaska about July 15th.

Slight Snow Fell at Asheville, S. C., Monday.

Asheville, S. C., April 9.—A slight snow fell here this morning between 8 and 9 o'clock, lasting several minutes.

Son-in-Law of John F. Browning Fatally Shot by Two of Kinsmen

John F. Browning, former inventor of a local bank, was shot and fatally wounded in his home here yesterday when Mariner F. Browning, nephew of John F. Browning, the famous gun inventor, and John M. Browning, Jr., called to visit Mrs. Ballantyne, who is the inventor's daughter away, after alleged domestic difficulties. Mr. Ballantyne died in a hospital several hours after he was shot.

The police said Mariner Browning admitted he shot Mr. Ballantyne in self-defense. Both the Brownings were placed in the city jail pending the outcome of the police investigation of the killing. They were looked "for investigation."

When they got to the Ballantyne home in a fashionable residential section, the police said Mariner handed one of the officers a pistol saying: "I'm the man who did the shooting; here's the gun."

County Commissioners Discuss Road Matters

Board Passes Resolution Asking That Underpass and Not Overhead Bridge Be Erected by the State on the Road Leading From This City to Kannapolis.

The county commissioners held another extraordinary session at the court house Monday, making the third for this month. The meeting Monday was called for the purpose of discussing the route to be followed on the construction of the Concord-Kannapolis highway. The board was advised that the highway commission has made a change in its plans for the construction of this road, and instead of an underpass it now plans an overhead bridge.

After visiting and examining the proposed point for the underpass and the overhead bridge the board passed a resolution asking the highway commission to hold up present plans and construct the underpass instead of the overhead bridge.

The board members were advised at the meeting that the first plans adopted by the highway commission called for the underpass, and it was generally understood that such plans would be followed. Recently, however, according to information received by the board, the overhead bridge plan has been adopted by the commission, and plans are underway now for its construction.

The board was also told at the meeting that if the overhead bridge plan is followed, many persons living on the west side of the railroad tracks will have to cross them at a grade crossing to get to the highway, whereas if the underpass is built and the present route of the road is used, these persons will not have to cross the tracks.

CHESTER CONCESSIONS HAVE BEEN RATIFIED

Ratification Made by the Turkish Nationalist Assembly at Angora.

Angora, April 10.—(By the Associated Press).—The Turkish Nationalist assembly had ratified the so-called Chester Railway and Mining concession.

Negotiations for the "Chester concession" in Turkey, which includes the development of the Mosul oil region and the construction of 1,200 miles of railroad in the Mesopotamian fields were first instituted by President Roosevelt. It takes its name from Rear Admiral C. Chester, now retired, who was sent to Turkey in 1908 to obtain for the United States interests in certain valuable priority rights in the Turkish oil producing district.

The former Turkish government some time ago approved the grant, but action by the nationalist government at Angora has been awaited.

MISSING SALISBURY YOUTH WRITES HOME; IN BREMEN

Thurston Watkins, Reported Missing Since December 18th, is Working on Board Ship.

Salisbury, April 9.—Thurston Watkins, the 20-year-old son of J. F. Watkins of this place, who was reported missing on December 18th, is at Bremen, Germany, according to a postal card written by him to his father and received today.

He stated that he was working board vessel and that he expected to land in the United States within the next two weeks.

Merchant Wounded by Robbers.

Elizabeth City, N. C., April 10.—Nehemiah D. Pendleton, a Wekesville merchant, was in a hospital here today unconscious from a blow on the head delivered when his store was robbed last night. He was brought here last night for treatment.

FORD SELLING AUTOS ON CASH PAYMENT

Deposits Can Be Made in Savings Banks and Buyers Will Draw Interest.

Henry Ford has worked out a plan, it was announced yesterday, which, upon the initial payment of one person in the United States will be listed by an authorized dealer as a prospective owner of a Ford motor car, and when the installments equal the price of the car, delivery will be made. In some cases it may take several months before the price of the car is fully paid. The length of time in making the payments will make no difference. The prospective buyer's name will be kept on the list and after a substantial payment is made, it will be possible, provided satisfactory references are given to obtain possession of the car, the balance being paid on the installment plan as is now the case with the deferred payment system in vogue with the Ford Motor Company as well as by many other automobile concerns.

This new plan, which goes into effect tomorrow, is different from the customary deferred payment system, in that the small payments will be made at any local bank and will draw the regular interest of savings deposits. A special card for these payments is provided. It provides for weekly payments of a stated sum but the prospective owner may increase his weekly installments at will, thereby advancing the date when he will get possession of the car.

In the formal announcement, signed by Edsel B. Ford, as President of the Ford Motor Company, it is stated that this plan "extends to the whole family an opportunity to participate in the car purchase by permitting each member to contribute a small amount weekly to the plan with the wholesome effect of inculcating thrift and also demonstrating the benefits to be received from regular and consistent accumulation of funds to spend for things desired. The price reduction of Ford cars and trucks which went into effect last October, bringing them to the lowest level in the history of the Ford Motor Company, opened a market of unusual proportions and with the inauguration of the Ford weekly purchase plan this market now becomes even more comprehensive."

The regulations on the weekly purchase card specify that interest will be payable only on completion of all payments if made regularly, or when delivery can be made by the dealer through applying the total amount of the deposit as a first payment.

In the event of a condition arising whereby the prospective buyer should find it impossible to complete his payments for the car selected, the amount of money deposited in the bank may be withdrawn, entailing no loss to the depositor. It is stipulated, however, that this privilege of withdrawing deposits credited to the Ford weekly purchase plan will be permitted only in cases of extreme emergency at the discretion of the bank and the dealer.

I. C. C. TO INVESTIGATE ACT OF LEGISLATURE

Which Eliminated Pullman Surcharges on Passenger Traffic Within Borders of This State.

Washington, April 10.—Acting on the petition of all railroads operating in North Carolina, the Interstate Commerce Commission today ordered an investigation of the action taken by the State of North Carolina to eliminate Pullman surcharges on passenger traffic within the borders of that state.

On March 3rd, 1923, by an act of the general assembly of the state, railroads were required to cease collecting the 50 per cent. surcharge on Pullman fares, the notice stated, and the railroad petition reported that such requirements constituted a discrimination against interstate passenger traffic. After North Carolina state officials have been notified and have responded to the railroads' petition the times and places for hearing will be set.

All-Day Meeting Rocky River Missionary Society.

The Agnes Penick Missionary Society of Rocky River Presbyterian Church will meet with Mrs. Will Pharr Thursday at 10:30 a. m. Mrs. Kellersberger, of Concord, a returned missionary, will be present and make an address to the members at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. This will be an all-day meeting and the members will serve lunch at 12 o'clock. It is desired to have all members present on this occasion. The Rocky River missionary society has been extended an invitation to guests of the Rocky River Society at this time.

Petitions of Railroads Denied.

Washington, April 10.—Petitions asking for reconsideration of the recent ruling requiring railroads to sell interchangeable mileage books at reduced rates were denied today by the Interstate Commerce Committee.

Mrs. P. B. Raiford, Jr., is confined to her home on Franklin Avenue with an attack of tonsillitis.

16 Candidates for Mayor and Aldermen at Monroe.

Monroe, April 9.—With 16 candidates for aldermen and two for mayor, the democratic primary for Monroe, to be held Saturday, April 14, promises to be one of the most hotly contested ones ever held in this city. The candidates are all good men, which will help to complicate matters in the minds of the voters when they get ready to cast their ballots.

Bridgewater Storage Heavy Since Rainfall.

Hickory, April 10.—A report from Bridgewater since the recent heavy rains gives the water as 24 feet below the spillways. At one time during the winter the water was 65 feet below and is estimated that the rains, being favorable, from which the power plants on the Catawba river will be fed during the summer and fall.

RADICALS ARRESTED MADE AT NATIONAL CAPITAL

Several Persons Are Being Held by the Police for Investigation, as a Result of the Raids.

Washington, April 10.—Seven persons were being held by the police today for investigation following a roundup of alleged radicals in two raids here last night in which Department of Justice agents participated. A quantity of radical literature seized was being examined by the government agents.

SOME ARRESTED WERE RELEASED

Police Visited Meeting Place of One Group and Ten Arrests Were Made, Five Being Released Later.

In the first raid ten persons were taken to police headquarters out of more than a score who had gathered at the typographical temple to attend a meeting in behalf of Wm. Z. Foster, labor leader, under the auspices of the labor defense council. They were apparently unaware that the meeting, the police were informed, had been called off by officers of the typographical union when they learned of its nature. The five held on an investigation charge out of this group included a man who gave his name as Edward J. Irvine, secretary of the District of Columbia local of the Workers Party of America.

SUPREME COURT RULING ATTACKED BY GOMPERS

Minimum Wage Law Decision Is Not Popular With Federation of Labor Chief.

Washington, April 10.—The Supreme Court's decision invalidating the District of Columbia minimum wage law, was declared today by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, to have "insulted" set forth the "retrogressive employer view point of wage earners."

"Five justices, a bare majority of one," said Mr. Gompers in a formal statement, "have taken from the woman and girl wage earners the protection that guaranteed them something approaching a fair wage and fair hours of work."

"I recall no recent decision which so basely sets forth the reactionary employer viewpoint of wage earners. The court says that labor is to be bought just as groceries are bought. To buy the labor of a woman in the District is now like buying pig feet in a butcher shop, according to the learned Justice Southernland, who wrote the decision."

"Has the Justice ever read the Clayton act which says 'The labor of a human being is not a commodity or article of commerce?'"

"All progressive men and women must resent the language used by the court in this decision. It demeans humanity. Women and girl wage earners are to be bought over the counter. Thus does the court put human beings in the class of commodities, the subject of highly organized, powerful, commercial traffic. If it is appalling and almost beyond comprehension that such language, and such reasoning should be written into a decision of our court of last resort."

Says Tariff Does Not Affect the Sugar Prices.

Washington, April 10.—President Harding has received informal assurance from the Tariff Commission that the new tariff law has had no effect on the price of sugar, and it was indicated at the White House today that the commission would confer with him on the subject sometime during the week.

Favor General Tax Reduction if Any.

Washington, April 10.—President Harding believes that if a reduction is made in Federal taxes it should apply all along the line, and not solely to surtaxes.

Governor of Minnesota Signs Anti-Mask Bill.

St. Paul, Minn., April 9.—Governor J. A. O. Preuss today signed the Cain anti-mask bill which was finally passed last week by the Legislature. Supporters of the measure said it was aimed at the Ku Klux Klan.

Firing of Dry Agents on Young Workers is Now a Closed Incident

Asheville, April 10.—Damages to the automobile occupied by Miss Beulah Bowen and Miss Mary Gwynn, Y. W. C. A. staff members, fired upon by prohibition officers near Greenville, S. C., Saturday evening, have been paid by L. T. Queen, in charge of the prohibition officers, and the incident will be closed as far as they are concerned, the young women said today.

The young women, while indignant over the treatment to which they were subjected while en route from this city to Greenville, said they do not wish to enter into any legal proceedings against the prohibition officers. Many of their friends have urged them to have charges preferred against the officers, who, the Y. W. C. A. workers said, at no time pretended to have a warrant for them or to search their car, but they wish no further publicity, they said, and are content with settlement of the damages to their car, which was struck by these revolver bullets fired by the prohibition officers.

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