

Belgian Debt May Be Agreed Upon Shortly

Two Missions Which Have Been Studying the Debt Problem Will Reach An Agreement Today.

OPTIMISM SEEN ON TWO SIDES

When Missions Adjourned Conference Last Week They Seemed Greatly Divided on Proper Course.

Washington, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Negotiations looking to the funding of Belgium's \$480,000,000 war debt to the United States today gave promise of nearing a close.

The interim had been used by both to consult with high officials of their respective governments, and both therefore, were able to approach the task today with a fuller knowledge as to what terms would provide a satisfactory agreement on one hand to the Belgian parliament and on the other to the American Congress.

Secretary Mellon, chairman of the American commission, and Senator Smoot, a member had conferences yesterday with President Coolidge at Plymouth, Vt., and were in a position prior to the opening of the meeting today to post other American conferences as to the views of the Chief Executive in the matter, and the course he desired them to pursue.

The Belgians likewise had utilized the interval to take up by cable with their home government the progress of the work to date, and therefore like the Americans, were able to enter today's discussions with greater confidence as to the position to take.

These circumstances, coupled with the events of yesterday, contributed largely in promoting a feeling of cordiality over today's session.

GEORGE ANDERSON IS STILL IN HIDING

Officers Not Able to Find the Alleged Slayer of Ben Hance and His Wife. Muncie, Ind., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Geo. Anderson, human "needle in the haystack" sought by police, federal operators, scores of private detectives in connection with the killing of Ben Hance and his wife, was still being hunted today but the search was fruitless.

While the police are busy gathering evidence to be presented to the coroner's jury, Charles "One Arm" Wolfe, identified by Hance in a dying statement as Anderson's companion, is held under a bond of \$100,000. Anderson was named by Hance as his slayer.

Wolfe refuses to answer all questions and his attorney, John O'Neal maintains that he has a bona fide alibi, but the police maintain he has no alibi and evidence against him will be presented the grand jury when that body convenes next month.

District Kiwanis Meeting in Kinston. Kinston, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Twenty-one clubs of eastern North Carolina will be represented at the district Kiwanis gathering here on August 21st.

District Governor E. W. Sikes will head the list of Kiwanis officials in attendance. Two international officers, Fred C. W. Parker and George W. Kimball, secretary and assistant, will also be in attendance. Other district officials expected are Roderick McDonald, secretary; Arnold Briggs, lieutenant governor, and Joe Bowles and Eltinge Elmore, field organizer.

The present plan is for all delegates to meet in the Kinston Chamber of Commerce rooms at 10:30 a. m. From there the delegates will go to Hillcrest, three miles west of Kinston. An open air meeting will be arranged, and at 11 o'clock the program will be under way. Following the address, there will be a barbecue.

In the way of entertainment the Kinston committee has arranged for a dip in the lake, a round of golf and attendance upon a ball game between the Kiwanis Club of Selma and Kinston. The delegates also will have an opportunity to witness the meeting of the Kinston and Rocky Mount teams of the Virginia league.

A loving cup will be presented to the club bringing the greatest percentage of its membership from the greater distance.

Concord Theatre (THE COOL SPOT) Last Showing Today Douglas Fairbanks in "His Majesty the American" A Greater Movie Season Special Also Aesop's Fables and Pathe News No. 66 Tomorrow and Thursday Bert Lytel, Claire Windsor and Cullen Landis in "BORN RICH"

A Cool Cop



It gets hot, down in Fort Worth, Tex., but Traffic Patrolman A. J. Reynolds doesn't mind. He just packs some ice around his feet and carries on.

GUNS FAIL TO MARK IN NEW YORK TESTS

Anti Air Craft Guns Made 19 Hits in 16,000 Shots in Test to Determine Their True Value.

New York, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Only nineteen hits have been made in 16,000 shots which anti air craft machine gun batteries at Fort Tilden fired during a test of the ability of coast defense to protect the port of New York from an attack by air.

Representative F. L. Laguardia, former major in the air service who witnessed the test, said practice showed tremendous advance in anti air craft defense since the war. Others admitted that the tests bore out the assertion of Colonel William Mitchell, former assistant air chief, that guns on land were virtually useless against hostile aircraft.

THINK HULAN WILL RUN INDEPENDENTLY

In Case He Is Defeated in Democratic Primaries in New York City. New York, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The possibility of Mayor Hylan bolting the Tammany ticket and running independently if he is defeated in the primaries September 15th seem to have increased today.

Mr. Hearst is said to contemplate putting into the field the entire "Lafayette" as a major will something to fall back on if he is defeated for the regular Democratic nomination in the primaries by the Tammany designee, State Senator Jas. J. Walker. The time for filing nomination petitions expires Friday night.

"Love" Cure for Criminals. London, Aug. 18.—A man who, with other workers of the Salvation Army, claims to have reformed some of the world's worst criminals by the "influence of love," has been relating some of his experiences at public meetings in London.

Fire on Board Vessel Extinguished. Baltimore, Aug. 18.—(AP)—A telephone received at the local fire department headquarters from Norfolk this morning reported that fire on board the steamer, West Harcourt, which broke out when the steamer was off Hoopers Island, Chesapeake Bay, was out, and that the vessel was proceeding to Norfolk.

The Montreal Amateur Athletic Association has erected a 125-foot flagpole on its grounds in honor of the thousand members of the association who served in the war.

COLE'S TRIAL NEXT PHASE OF TRIANGLE TO GET ATTENTION

He Will Go on Trial at the October Term of Court for the Killing of W. W. Ormond.

ORMOND BURIED AT ROCKINGHAM

Funeral Largest Ever Held in That City.—Leading Lawyers Engaged in the Case.

Rockingham, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Tributes paid to Wm. Ormond, young man of Raleigh, who was shot and killed here as the aftermath of a love affair that was defied, citizens of Rockingham turned their eyes today toward the October term of Superior Court when W. B. Cole, wealthy mill executive, is scheduled to go on trial on a charge of murder in connection with the slaying.

Counsel for the defense already include several leading attorneys of North Carolina. Conferences were held by them with the defendant, at which it was apparently decided not to press for the release of Cole under bail. The Solicitor will be assisted by private counsel.

Complete denial that the North Carolina Department of the American Legion will employ counsel to aid in the prosecution as reported, was given last night by Wade H. Phillips, of Lexington, state commander, in a telegram last night to the Associated Press.

Burial services for Ormond here yesterday afternoon were attended by what is said to have been the largest number of citizens ever seen at the funeral of a private citizen in Rockingham county. Business houses closed during the services. Friends and relatives of the deceased packed the Methodist Church where the services were conducted.

Comrades at arms of Ormond bore the casket, covered with the national colors from the church. More than 300 automobiles joined in the procession to the cemetery.

The romance which existed between Ormond and Elizabeth Cole, 24 year old daughter of the manufacturer, as well as Cole's objection to the match, were matters of general knowledge here for several months. Only after the shooting last Saturday did it become widely known, however, that a series of letters had passed between Cole and Ormond. Threatening statements are alleged to have been made in these communications.

Scenes of Auto Fatalities in Ohio Are Marked by Crosses.

Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Dotted the sides of Ohio's highways throughout the length of the state at frequent and infrequent intervals tremendous advance in anti air craft defense since the war. Others admitted that the tests bore out the assertion of Colonel William Mitchell, former assistant air chief, that guns on land were virtually useless against hostile aircraft.

State Council Jr. O. U. A. M. Meets. Winston-Salem, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The State Council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics assembled here in annual session this afternoon, and indications are that the attendance will be the largest in the history of the state organization.

Lafayette's Visit to Be Recalled. Richmond, Va., Aug. 18.—(AP)—The Culpeper Minute Men Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, has completed arrangements for a celebration next Saturday in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of the visit of General Lafayette, who, by special invitation of the town of Culpeper, and accompanied by his young son and his old friend, President James Monroe, was the guest of the town on August 22, 1825.

Degrees by Wholesale. Buenos Aires, Aug. 18.—When the Prince of Wales goes home he will be the possessor of an added number of degrees, for nearly every prominent educational institution and learned society in the Argentine has decided to bestow their highest honors upon the royal visitor. Naturally, it will be possible for the Prince to receive all the honors at the centers from which they emanate.

Baseball Booms in Cuba. Havana, Aug. 18.—More than 1,000 amateur and professional teams easily put baseball in first place as the most popular sport in Cuba. The American national game, however, is not the only one that engages the attention of the youth of Cuba.

UNFIT FOR ANIMALS— Yet Mother Was Evicted From This House to Bear Child in Open



Evicted from a pigsty home, which officials say was not fit for animals to live in, Mrs. Anne Cooper, 19, of Phoenix Park near Chicago, gave birth to a baby under a tree. The baby died. Mrs. Cooper, whose husband fled three months ago to evade robbery charges, has never paid rent due to the dilapidated state of the building.

Miss Ederle Is Forced To Leave The Channel

Bad Weather Forced American Swimmer to Give Up Attempt to Swim Across English Channel.

Dover, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Gertrude Ederle was compelled to abandon her attempt to swim the English Channel this afternoon, owing to adverse weather conditions.

Started at 7:09 o'clock. Cape Gris, Nez, France, Aug. 18.—Gertrude Ederle, 17 year old New York-memoirist, began her attempt to swim the English Channel this morning, entering the water here at 7:09 o'clock.

Awakened from a sound sleep at 4 a. m. she seemed the only person among the hundreds gathered at her training camp to be unaffected by the bustle of preparation.

DISSE BREAKS DOWN DURING MURDER TRIAL

Nonchalance of First Days of Trial Gave Way During Day to Tears. Richmond, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The nonchalance of Rudolph Disse gave way today to tears. The 20-year-old triple slayer broke down completely and cried like a child as his aged mother took the witness stand in his defense, and was unable to testify, and had to be taken from the courtroom in a hysterical condition.

Piedmont Northern Committee to Meet. Salisbury, Aug. 17.—A meeting of the committee to arrange a conference with James B. Duke relative to the extension of the Piedmont and Northern Railway from Charlotte to Winston-Salem by way of Concord, Salisbury and Lexington has been called by the chairman of this committee, Walter H. Woodson, Esq., of this city, to be held here Wednesday, August 19, at 11 a. m.

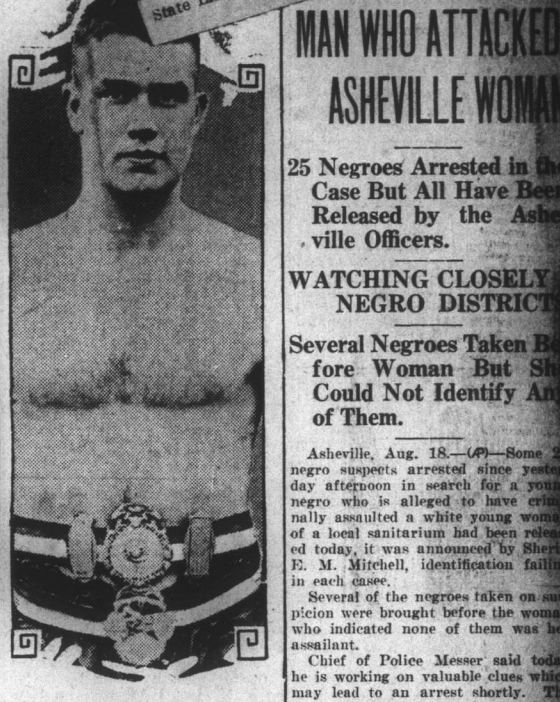
New Deputies for DeMolay. Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 18.—Three new state deputies for the Order of DeMolay have been appointed by Alexander G. Cochran, grand master councilor, according to announcement from headquarters here. These deputies are Thomas J. Harkins, Asheville, N. C.; Rev. S. Cary Beckwith, Charleston, S. C.; and Marshall W. Wood, Boise, Idaho. Each will have charge of the order in his state.

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Hospital Is Robbed. Newark, N. J., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Six men raided St. Girard Newark Italian hospital today, escaping with liquor valued at \$1,150, with \$1,800 in jewelry and \$540 in cash, taken from Dr. Chas. P. Gmai.

Post Foreights for Dempsey-Wills Fight. New York, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Tex Rickard, fight promoter, and Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, each posted \$25,000 forfeit this afternoon for a Dempsey-Wills match.

Navy's Champ BLE TO LOCATE MAN WHO ATTACKED ASHEVILLE WOMAN



Here's Jim Sigman, heavyweight boxing champion of the U. S. navy. He won the title recently after having put in a four-year "hitch" with the gods. He's 23, stands 6 feet 3 and weighs 200 pounds.

AMERICANS TO BUY GERMAN INDUSTRY?

Auto Maker of the United States Said to Be on Deal For One of the Stinnes Plants in Germany.

New York, Aug. 18.—(AP)—American capitalists whose names are withheld are involved in two big German financial deals reported in cable dispatches from Berlin. An agent of an American automobile manufacturer is reported to have made tentative overtures to purchase the Aga Motor Works owned by Edward Stinnes, son of the late Hugo Stinnes, German industrial magnate. Young Stinnes is in financial difficulties having insufficient cash to meet his payroll, and his position is such that it is admitted he may be soon compelled to close the works.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Fairly Steady at Decline of 1 to 5 Points.—December Off to 23.58. New York, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The cotton market opened fairly steady today at a decline of 1 to 5 points in response to fairly steady Liverpool cables and bearish crop report.

Seeking Safe Blowers. Gastonia, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Police were searching today for unknown parties who blew open a safe in a filling station here last night and escaped with \$60 in cash. The authorities here offered \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the intruders.

Farmers who put all their eggs in one basket and sold them cooperatively this year made a good profit, say marketing specialists. The cooperative marketing of poultry and eggs paid handsome return in some North Carolina counties.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS: Fair tonight, slightly warmer in the north and east portions except on the northeast coast; Wednesday cloudy, possibly light local showers in west and north central portions.

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Chief of Police Messer said today he is working on valuable clues which may lead to an arrest shortly. The negro districts of the city are being closely watched.

The alleged assault occurred on a mountain path on Sunset Mountain in a secluded spot not far from the sanitarium. The woman, who is said to be about 30 years of age, was an exercise patient of a tubercular sanitarium, and was taking a walk along the path shortly before noon. The negro appeared suddenly and seizing her by the throat dragged her about 50 feet to a spot behind a log hidden from the trail. He is alleged to have threatened to cut her throat if she cried out.

Details of the assault in the hands of the authorities were not complete today. Yesterday the authorities were of the opinion that the negro had not succeeded in his attack; today opinion was expressed that should he be captured he will be indicted for criminal attack and face trial for a capital offense.

SEEKING NEGRO-ON AN ATTEMPT CHARGE. Buncombe Officers and Citizens Search Sunset Mountain Locality. Asheville, Aug. 17.—While strolling in the woods near a tubercular sanitarium on Sunset Mountain shortly before noon today a young woman patient was accosted by a negro man and an attempt was made at criminal assault according to police.