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## POLISH DELEGATES ON WAY TO MINSK CONFERENCE

Go to Meet Representatives Russian Soviet Government - Numerous Delays Encountered Over Rough

WARSAW, Aug. 19-Polish delegates on their way to Minsk to meet representatives of the soviet government of Russia encountered interminable delays and were forced to merely crawl along over ruined roads in the battle zone east of this city, says a delayed dispatch from The Associated Press correspondent who accompanied the party. The delegation left this city at dawn on Saturday, and by Sunday afternoon, 30 hours later, it had not yet reached Brest-Litovsk, which is but four hours distant by automobile in normal times.

When Brest-Litvosk was reached, M. Dombski, head of the Polish mission, refused to go further if communications with Warsaw were not established. In the meantime the camions carrying supplies had become separated from the automobiles carrying the Polish representatives, and the members of the party suffered from hunger in addition to lack of sleep. It was not until 10 o'eloek Sun day night that the delegation boarded a special train for Minsk at Brest-Litovsk. the correspondent says.

Nothing is known here relative to the refusal of M. Dombski to continue his trip to Minsk unless communications with Warsaw were established. One of the conditions laid down by the Poles before entering the Minsk conference was that the Polish delegates would be permitted to exchange messages with the government here, but it was stated at the foreign office today that no direct reports had been received from M. Dombski and his colleagues.

Only meagre details of the first stage of the journey to Minsk have been re ceived from The Associated Press correspondent who made the trip. His report of the journey as far as Brest-Litovsk was sent by wireless from that city to Moscow after being translated into Russian. At the soviet capital it was re-translated in French and then for warded to Warsaw.

soviet government for an armistice with cred at the church to pay their tribute Poland, as sent to Premier Lloyd eGorge to the dead man, one of the most popuby the Russian delegation in London on lar ball players in the country. August 10, were:

First-the strength of the Polish army to be reduced to one annual contingent and James C. Dunn, president, and the of 50,000 men, together with the army command and an "army of administration' (apparently a permanent force) to aggregate 10,000 men.

Second-demobilization of the Polish army to occur within one month.

Third-all arms, excluding those needed for the army forces specified, to be handed to Soviet Russia and the Ukraine. Fourth-all war industries to be demobilized.

be allowed to come from abroad. Sixth-the line of Wolkovisk, Bialy

stok and Prawevo to be placed fully at the disposal of Russia for commercial transit to and from the Baltic.

Seventh-land to be given free to the families of all Polish citizens killed. wounded or incapacitated in the war.

In return, Russia offered to withdraw the Russian and Ukrainian troops from the Polish front simultaneously with the Polish demobilization and to reduce con siderably upon the termination of these operations the number of Russian troops on the Russian frontier line, these forces to be fixed at a figure to be agred upon .

#### **POLISH MILITARY SUCCESSES CONTINUE**

PARIS, Aug. 20.-The military suc cesses of the Poles continued yesterday, according to a report to the foreign office today from the military mission in Warsaw, under plans elaborated by the French General Weygand and his staff of more than six hundred French officers.

#### WATER IN PANAMA CANAL

LOCKS IS EXTREMELY LOW WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 .- The immense reservoirs which supply the locks of the Panama canal have just passed through a drought period which has sharply tested their adequacy. The current issue of the Canal Zone Record, official gazette of the zone, reports that for several months and 11 days not a drop of water passed over rthe spillways of the Gatun lake. Steam instead of water power was used to operate the locks and towing mechanisms, and the water shortage became a distinct threat to navigation.

On July 26 the water level in Gatun lake had risen as a result of June rains so that the spillways could be opened again for short periods. It has been found that the operation of the locks requires the mithdrawal of 5,600,000,000 cubic feet of water from the lake each

For automobile tourists a wardrobe trunk that can be carried on end securely on a running board has been patented.

#### AMERICANS FACE **WORTHY FOEMEN TODAY**

ANTWERP, Aug. 20-American athletes today faced worthy foemen in a wide variety of events in the seventh Olympiad. The program for the day included the finals in the 3,000 metre. steeplechase, the 200 and 400 metre dashes, the 1,000 metre walk, the pole vault and the first contests in the decathlon. The team wearing the red white and blue shield had a full com plement qualified in many of these events and was expected to score heavily. Trials in the heavyweight throwing competition and the preliminaries in the 3,000 metre walk were also to be run off today.

Athletes from the United States have held their own in the short dash events and some of the field contests in which they have always specialized but as usual, have yielded to the old world in the long distance runs. They are now threatened by the Finns and their old antagonists, the Swedes, in field events. The United States has been forced to surrender to Europe a number of first places in contests which she has been hitherto accustomed to consider her own, one of them being the shot putt, in which America lost the championship on Wednesday. Today's pole vaulting contest found Sweden and Denmark with splendid performance qualified for the finals. It was believed that those two countries had an excellent chance to win a number of points in this event.

# THOUSANDS PAY TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF CHAPMAN

Impressive Funeral Services Over Remains Late Cleve land Ball Player.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 20.-Funeral ervices were held here today for Raymond Chapman, shortstop of the Cleveand American League team, who died in New York Tuesday morning following an operation for a fractured skull sustained in Monday's New York-Cleveland

The service was held in St. Johns Roman Catholic cathedral. Thousands of SAY BURN'S WAS The terms laid down by the Russian friends and admirers of Chapman gath-

Mayor W. C. Fitzgerald, B. B. Johnson, president of the American League, entire Cleveland team were at the services. Three of the Cleveland team, Manager Tris Speaker, Steve O'Neill and Joe Wood, were among the pallbearers.

Messages of condolence and sympathy from all paris of the country were still being received this morning.

More than 300 floral offerings were sent by friends, among them being an immense floral blanket, a tribute from 20,623 persons-men, women and chil-Fifth-no troops or war material to dren, who contributed ten cents each to a "Flower from a Fan" fund, each dime to buy one flower. The blanket contained 2,063 flowers. The remainder of the money in the fund will be turned over to the "Ray Chapman memorial fund" to erect a bronze memorial tablet at League Park.

When the funeral party left the home of Mrs. Chapman's parents and proceeded down Euclid avenue to the church. pedestrians paused and stood at attention as a silent tribute to the baseball idol of Cleveland. Hats of the men and of hundreds of small boys were doffed as the hearse passed by.

Flags at City Hall, new courthouse League Park and on downtown buildings were half masted and operations in many industrial plants were suspended for a few minufes at 10 o'clock.

#### HAMMERSTEIN FACES CHARGES

BEFORE FEDERAL JURY NEW YORK, Aug. 20-Arthur Hammerstein, theatrical producer, was the principal of some 200 witnesses summoned to appear today before a United States grand jury, which is investigating charges that he caused distribution of whiskey to "a surprised but delighted audience" at the opening performance of a musical comedy Tuesday night.

Others subpoenaed included dramatic critics, press agents and the chorus girls who are alleged to have passed out tiny one ounce bottles containing the forbidden beverage, which Hr. Hammerstein claimed was "stage tea."

James S. Shevlin, federal prohibition enforcement agent, said the government had one bottle, gleaned from a search of the theatre yesterday, to offer in evidence. The bottle, he said, contained about four drops of pure whiskey.

#### NEW METHODIST BISHOP

GETS PASSPORT TO MEXICO WASHINGTON, Aug. 20,-Bishop Wilbur P. Thirkield, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, recently assigned by the general conference of his church as the first resident bishop at Mexico City, called at the state department today to obtain his passport so as to proceed immediately for his new post. His jurisdiction will embrace Mexico, Panama, Central America and Peru. Bishop Thirkield was for eight years resident bishop at New Orleans.

#### **MOVE TO RECONSIDER** TENNESSEE'S VOTE

Speaker Walker Will Move That Legislature Rescind Its Action of Wednesday—Both Sides Confident.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 20-Antisuffragists were prepared today to seek reconsideration of the vote by which the Tennessee house ratified the federal suffrage amendment. Speaker Walker, who changed his vote from nay to aye so he would be in position to move reconsideration said he would make a motion that the house rescind its action. His privilege to do so under house, rules expires tonight.

Both suffrage advocates and opponents, as they tightened their lines for the final skirmish, expressed confidence in the result. Encouraged by Wednesday's vote of 50 to 46 for ratification. suffragists predicted they not only would hold their majority in line but would have the added support of the three house members who were absent.

Suffrage opponents, however, announced that forty-seven members of the house had signed a pledge to vote to reconsider the ratification resolution. Several other assemblymen, they predicted, would line-up with the anti-suffrage forces before the proposed roll call, thus insuring a majority for reconsideration.

Four thousand persons last night attended an anti-suffrage mass meeting, at which Speaker Walker outlined plans of his faction for a battle over suffrage on the floor of the house today.

The Davidson county grand jury, which yesterday was instructed by Judge J. D. B. Debow to investigate charges that improper attempts had been made to influence legislators in their consideration of the suffrage question was expected to continue hearing of testimony today.

Two affidavits alleging that a suffrage advocate had attempted to bribe Representative Harry T. Burn, republican, Mc-Minn county, were published yesterday in the Nashville Tennesseean and the Nashville Banner.

No attempt was made in the house at yesterday's session to rescind the ratifica-

Affidavits Made That Legisla- full of prosperous cotton mills. The Credit For Change.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 19 .-Echoes from the bitter suffrage fight in ployes. the Tennessee legislature came today thick and fast.

Judge Debow charged the grand jury in the Davidson county criminal court on the subject of efforts to improperly influence or corrupt the lawmaking body of the state; two Nashville newspapers published affidavits charging that undue influence had been brought to bear on Representative Burn, republican, of McMinn county, to change his vote in Burn in a communication to the house bitterly resented the charges, declaring them utterly false.

The affidavits were published by the Nashville Tennesseean and the Nashville Banner and were purported to have been made by C. C. Wallace, judge of the city court of Lewisburg, Tenn., and Ennis E. Murray, of Nashville, general agent for the federal land bank of Louisville,

They alleged they had heard several persons, including Representative Joe Hanover, of Shelby county, and Major C. L. Daughtry, secretary to Governor Roberts, insist to Burn that he change his vote. According to Murray's affidavit Burn was told "that they would give him anything in the world he wanted and that it would make him the biggest man in Tennessee and I understood Hanover to say it would be worth \$10,000 to

The affidavit attributed to Judge Wallace said, "Mr. Hanover made the statement to Mr. Burn that if he would change his vote he could get anything he wanted and in the moment of excitement there was made mention by Mr. Hanover words to this effect, 'That it would be worth \$10,000 to you.'

. The suffrage amendment was ratified by the house yesterday by a majority of a single vote.

Representative Hanover issued a statement in which he described the charge as "no more than a clumsy effort to embarrass friends and supporters of the rights of our women." He declared that he had only urged Burn to vote for ratification and that Major Daughtry also did no more than this.

Representative Burn, in his communi cation to the house, which was ordered spread on the journal, declared that he had changed his vote in favor of suffrage because of his conviction that justice demanded it.

"I know that a mother's advice is always safest for her boy to follow," he declared, "and my mother wanted me to vote for ratification.

"I desired that my party in both state and nation might say that it was a re-Tennessee who made national woman suf- for his vote,"

#### SHALL GASTONIA BE IN SALLY LEAGUE?

Opinion of Sport Experts is That Gastonia Can Get Berth in South Atlantic League If Fans Wish - Some Sort of Action Necessary at Early Date.

Whether or not Gastonia fans want professional baseball as a member of the South Atlantic League next year is a problem that is not exactly settled. It is felt here that the fans would heartily support a team once it is organized and financed. But the question is, whether or not Gastonia fans are sufficiently interested to put up the necessary filthy lucre. And are they ready to come across with the coin that must be forthcoming to buy or lease a suitable park and groundsf

It is known that several would-be managers of Gastonia's Sally League team have been in the city on two or three occasions recently, dickering with ertain fans in regard to Gastonia's chances for landing a berth. What success they attained or what assurance they were given has not been revealed.

It is certain that Gastonia can get in if she wants in. It is up to the sport lovers of the city to say. Of interest along this subject is the following from Eddie Brietz, The Observer sporting edi-

President Hayman, of the Hornets, is heartily in favor of the movement to expand the South Atlantic League into an eight-club circuit and he means to vote for it when the directors consider the proposition at their fall meeting.

Mr. Hayman is anxious to see Gastonia get the eighth franchise. He believes the fans of that hustling little city, some of whom are numbered among the best regular customers at Wearn Field, are sufficiently interested in the national pastime to keep a club in the running throughout the season, no matter how trying conditions may be.

Gastonia certainly ought to jump at the chance to secure a berth in the Sally. The advertisement a professional baseball club gets for a city, particularly when the club is a winner, is worth far more in cold cash than the amount it would take to finance the club through

Gastonia and Gaston county are chuck tor Was Unduly Influenced management of these mills have shown - Burn Gave His Mother in times past that they regard baseball as one of the very best forms of entertainment and recreation for their em-

Why don't some of Gastonia's good sportsmen-Fred Smyre and a few others-get busy and land the eighth Sally franchise for their city? No doubt the cotton mills alone would be glad to contribute sufficient funds to guarantee the franchise being kept the entire season.

Gastonia, it looks to us, has the chance of a lifetime. Shvannah, of course, will bid for and secure the seventh berth, for it was Savannah fans who started favor of the federal amendment and Mr. the expansion movement. Asheville, Mafield for the eighth. Get busy, Gastonia, and put it over these larger but no more enterprising cities!

# LOCAL TALENT SHOW FOR BENEFIT OF HOSPITAL

A local talent vaudeville show is being organized for the benefit of the Orthopaedic Hospital and will be given in the near future.

This style of entertainment has been given at other places with immense success and is the more enjoyable because no performer knows just what the other performers are going to do.

There will be twelve numbers and each one is supposed to occupy ten minutes' time. There will be no rehearsals at all except as to individual numbers.

There will be negro stump speeches. male quartettes, instrumental quartettes, trombone solos, and Jimmy Cox and Warren G. Harding will be represented if not present in person. There will also be a ten-round boxing match.

This will be one of the most enjoyable

entertainments ever given in Gastonia and should draw a big crowd, as all the proceeds will be given to the hospital. And do not forget that one of the best minstrel performers in the entire country will be present and you will say he can represent the darkey character to perfetion. Watch for the dates.

-Mr. H. Gary Rhyne, of Dallas, had a load of the biggest and finest watermelons in town today ever, seen on the streets of Gastonia. Some of them weighed 75 pounds. This is the first load Mr. Rhyne has sold in Gastonia.

frage possible at this date."

Major Daughtry, in a public statement, declared that he had heard the conversation between Burn and Hanover and that Hanover "did not at any time intimate to Mr. Burn that he would be paid any amount of money or that he

# HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION PLANS UNDER'WAY

Chamber of Commerce Plans Program of Beautification of Highways in County -Has Cooperation of County Commissioners.

Providing for the appointment of a special committee on Highway Beautification and transacting much routine business, the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce Thursday afternoon was a busy one. Vice-President A. G. Myers presided in the absence of President Fred L. Smyre. Present were Vice-President S. A. Robinson, Treasurer S. N. Boyce, and Directors C. C. Armstrong, C. D. Gray and Jno. R. Rank-

Much interest has been manifested in the proposed highway beautification plans. The idea has been strongly endorsed by the board of county commissioners. A letter was received Thursday by the Chamber of Commerce from the American Forestry Association endorsing the interest of the chamber in the matter, attention having been drawn to the plans by an article appearing in the news columns of The Gazette recently. The personnel of the committee will be announced later.

The action of the Department of Traffic and Transportation Affairs in inducing the Southern Railway to remove ing other permanent improvements, was approved and endorsed.

Much routine business was also dis

# RAINS CAUSE GREAT DAMAGE IN MOUNTAINS

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Aug. 19.—Enormous damage has been done to growing elaborate flower costumes provided. crops in western North Carolina as a result of rain every day for the past 15 days. Railroad tracks, because of the Flora, the goddess of flowers, suddenly excessive saturation, are being patrolled appears and declares that he shall be night and day to prevent the ballast punished for his miscreant act. The from sliding. At Bridgewater, N. C., play that follows is what happens to him near here, the waters of the Catawba river are slowly creeping upon the em- power of Flora. The cast is as follows. bankment on which the track is laid, Mr. Lockwood, Florist .... George Gray immediate relief. All records for pre cipitation in August have been broken.

#### LINCOLN HIGHWAY WILL HAVE PERMANENT MARKERS

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 20.-Before next winter comes enameled steel markers will have been placed at every confusing turn and crossroads on the Lin coln Highway from New York to San Francisco, making what is said to be the longest highway in the world with such guide marks, according to announcement from headquarters of the Lincoln Highway Association here. The road from Omaha to San Francisco already has such markers and work of marking the highway from New York to Omaha now

is in progress. The Lincoln Highway is 3,223 miles long. It passes through Philadelphia. Pittsburgh; Canton, O., Fort Wayne and South Rend, Ind., Tinton, Ia., Omaha, Salt Lake City, and Carson City, Nev., among other points. The Highway never has been permanently marked between New York and Omaha.

#### HUNGER STRIKE IN

BALTIMORE PENITENTIARY BALTIMORE, Aug. 20 .- More than 50 "hunger strikers" started a riot in a dormitory of the Maryland penitentiary here early this morning. Shortly before three o'clock the men, who had been segregated, tore out the electric lights and, with the building in darkness, started a demonstration that lasted for

Breaking out of their cells, in some unknown manner, the men, though unable to get out of the building, set up a shouting and general racket that could be heard for blocks. City policemen responded to a riot call, but had little suc cess in quelling the disturbance because of their inability to see the rioters in the inky darkness. The warden then resorted to fire hose, several streams of water being played upon the men by fire companies called to the prison. The prisoners then began to quiet down.

This morning's demonstration resulted from a strike a few days ago of prisoners who declared they would not work unless given a better variety of food. The warden met their ultimatum with a declaration that any man who would not work would not eat. Al lbut about 50 of the men went to work.

#### REPORTED PLOT TO "HOLD"

CONGRESSMEN IS UNTRUE WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.-Cabled reports from Tokio that a plot to "hold" the party of American congressmen now visiting the far east when it arrived in Korea had been unearthed, were characterized today by Kiusic Kimm, chairman of the Korean commission, as "another Japanese fabrication."

"No sane or even insane Korean would dream of holding the American congressional party," Mr. Kimm declared, "not only because of the absurditime to gain the sympathy and moral well understood in Tokio.

## "THE FLOWER SHOP" MAKES A DECIDED HIT

Musical Operetta Given For Benefit City School Library Pleases Large Audience -Local Talent Stars - To be Repeated Tonight.

The two-act musical bouquet, "The Flower Shop," presented Thursday night by a cast of local talent under the direcion of Charles Hilliard, was thoroughly enjoyed by a full house. Tonight's performance will undoubtedly be greeted by another large audience.

Gastonia's amateur Thespians outdis themselves. The several parts were taken and executed with an ease and skill that surprised the most blase theater-goers of Gastonia. Miss Ruth Mason in the leading role of Grace, sweetheart of Tom, played by the author, Chas. Hilliard, both in her several musical numbers and stage presence, displayed uncommon skill. Miss Gaynelle Boone, as Flora, the goddess of flowers, was particularly

The two black-face artists, Miss Mary Lafar and Mr. Horatio Whitsett, brought down the house, as Lushtisha and Horatio, the negro maid and porter, respectively. Their musical number, "Jazzing the Blues Away," was a distinct hit and the fence at the passenger station, pend on their triumphal trip down the stage and through the audience they were given rounds of applause.

Mrs. C. Highsmith as Miss Smithers, the old maid, carried out the part to perfection. Her work was of a high order. Not in a long, long while has so much of Gastonia's beauty been massed together as was the occasion last night. The choruses were composed of good looking maids and matrons. Native and natural beauty was enhanced by the

Chas. Hilliard, whose father runs a florist shop, wantonly destroys a rose. while in a trance caused by the occult Dick and Harry, his pals . . . Evan Glenn Jack Ward Grace, Tom's best girl ..... Ruth Mason

Violet and Mary, Grace's chums

Mrs. Holland Morrow, Annie Clifford Miss Smithers, old maid

Mrs. C. Highamith Horatio, colored maid. . Horatio Whitsett Lustisha, colored maid.... Mary LaFar Flora, Goddess of Flowers

Gaynelle Boone A Voice ......Ruth Mason Girl in Basket ...... Maxine Brawley Husband ...... Cleveland Andrews Wife ..... Elaine Myers Neighbor ..... Carolyn Wray Mother-in-law .... Mary Sheppard Gray The supporting choruses and ensemble

were furnished from the following: Jonquils-Mrs. Ed. Adams, Mrs. T. H. McKaughan, Mrs. Ted Cashion, Frances Mason, Gladys Armstrong, Wombra Mc-Combs, Virginia Brawley, Kathryn Shuford.

Palm Trees-Misses Louise Beal, Mary Love Babington, Christine Sloan, Eleanor Smith, Elizabeth Marshall, Amy Sue Jacobs, Gaynelle Hampton, Mary Kate Poole. Trellis Girls-Jennie Land, Mabel Beam. Annie Rankin, Mary Neil Davis,

Jennie Mae Henry, Grace Brawley, Lillian McLean, Lois Rankin. Basket Girls-Miss Burney Boyce, Mrs. Plato Durham, Mrs. Raleigh Armstrong, Mrs. Lawrence Rankin, Mrs. Ted

Cashion, Miss Lake Simpson. Jonquil Wreaths-Lydia Lane Moore, Rose Page, Eloise Hopkins, Evelyn John-

Daisies-Thelma Harbin, Wilma Kirby, Josephine Moore, Isabel Babington, Mary Owen, Alice Wilkins, Emma Mae Henry, Elizabeth Parker, Edith Parker, Mildred Armstrong, Martha . Moore, Frances Robinson, Elizabeth Ragan, Carrie Taylor, Mary Lee Mason, Virginia Fayssoux.

Sun Flowers and Ivy Vines Hazel Long, Lucius Wilson, Basil McGhee, Mack Underwood, James Sloan, Leon Schneider, Earl Dellinger, Edwin Walker. The musical numbers were as follows:

1. Fashion Parade-Grace and Basket Girls.

2. Heart of a Rose Tom. 3. Floral Drill-Daisies.

4. Here's a Rose for You-Grace and Chorus. 5. Honeymoon-Dick and Chorus.

-6. Rosy Moon-A Voice. 7. Love Time in Picardy-Mary and Jonquils.

8. Can You Imagine-Tom, Husband, Wife, Neighbor, Mother. 9. Jazzing the Blues Away-Horatio,

Justisha and Sunflowers. 10. Cleo Rag-Lotus Blossom and

Palm Trees. 11. Tom, Grace and Chorus.

support of the outside, world." What was planned, he said, was to present a memorial to the party, and he quoted ty of such an action, but-because the dispatches to Japanese vernacular newspublican from the mountains of East would be given any oher consideration Koreans are extremely anxious at this papers as showing that this object was