

BARTHOU BACK AT GENOA WITH INSTRUCTION FROM M. POINCARE TO TRY TO SATISFY THE BELGIANS

Not to Sacrifice the Principle That Private Property of Foreigners in Russia Must Be Respected—Only Political Problems Left to Be Discussed at Genoa Conference.

PARIS, May 5.—Vice Premier Barthou, head of the French delegation at the economic conference, left Paris today for Genoa after his conference with the situation with Premier Poincare and the cabinet here.

The declaration of Dr. Walter Rathenau, the German Foreign Minister, to Prime Minister Lloyd George, that he saw no objection to confirming the treaty of Versailles by accepting the French reservations to the non-aggression pact is interpreted in official circles here as disclosing the hope of the Germans that they may nullify the treaty by means of agreements at Genoa.

CONFERENCE NEARS END. GENOA, May 5.—The economic conference today expected to end its deliberations on financial, economic and transport questions.

This will leave only political problems. The Russian question and the proposed non-aggression pact are taxing the ingenuity of Prime Minister Lloyd George, of Great Britain, but there was optimism today over their possible solution.

It is reported that M. Barthou, head of the French delegation, upon his return from Paris will join in the small conference with the Germans, which Mr. Lloyd George is arranging.

Many of the lesser members of the Russian delegation left today, as virtually all of the work required experts has been completed, and only the delegates and a few assistants will remain to fight out the battle with the powers which has narrowed down to the issue over the nationalization of foreign-owned property in Russia.

BUILDING PERMITS FOR APRIL TOTAL \$98,000

Table with 2 columns: Building type and Permit value. Total: \$98,030.00

Report of Fire Department.

Table with 2 columns: Fire incident and Amount. Total: \$725.00

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, generally fair tonight and Saturday, preceded by local thunder showers on the coast this afternoon or tonight; slightly warmer Saturday.

Mississippi Planter Sums Up Flood Conditions Along River With The Statement "It Is Hell"

Conditions in Inundated Sections Are Becoming Critical—Thousands Are Marooned—Inland Sea 100 Miles Long and 30 to 60 Miles Long Is Formed.

(By The Associated Press.) NATCHEZ, Miss., May 5.—Water from the Weecoma crevasse of the Mississippi river continues to rise in the Louisiana basin of Concordia, Catahoula, Telemus, Avoyelles, LaSalle, and Franklin and other parishes at the rate of about two inches a day at most points, although in the Black river section the rate is slightly greater.

Reports received from Jonesville, a town of more than a thousand people, state that the protection levee around the town, which is the highest point in the district away from the Catahoula hills, is going under and that the residents of the town expect it to be flooded.

At Vidalia, 2,000 population, emergency work on a railroad embankment is still keeping water out of the town and citizens are confident that it will pass through the flood safely.

Although thousands of people are marooned in Concordia parish, only a limited number in the section adjacent to Natchez are coming out. In lower Concordia, in the Black river section, where the water is deeper, government boats continue to carry flood sufferers to Harrisburg and Jonesville.

According to planters who have tents in the flood zone, the conditions in the inundated sections are fast becoming critical. They say most of the land owners have exhausted their resources and can no longer provide for the people.

A list compiled of the people marooned in the Evangeline section shows that 12,000 are in need of immediate assistance. Mr. Godbold summed up conditions by saying: "It is hell."

F. Patterson, member of the West Mississippi flood commission, has formerly and the church legislative body has been deluged with appeals and resolutions of every conceivable kind.

BANDITS CUT THROAT OF GREENWOOD MAN. GREENWOOD S. C., May 5.—Two masked bandits last night held up Troy Carter, 18, on a residential street in an attempted robbery, cut his throat, barely missing the jugular vein and escaped.

FORMER MAYOR UNDERWOOD KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT. FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., May 5.—John Underwood, several times mayor of Fayetteville, was instantly killed and three other men were injured in an automobile accident near West End, Moore county, early today.

REMOVED BOY'S APPENDIX WHILE FLAMES RAGED THE DALES, OREGON, May 5.—While fire swept the walls of an operating room, two surgeons here fought the flames and completed an operation on child's appendix, it was learned today.

Cotton Market

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET. NEW YORK, May 5.—Cotton futures closed steady.

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TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

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GEN. WU IN CHARGE OF PEKING TODAY; GENERAL CHANG FLEES TO MUKDEN

General Wu Attributes Success to "The Christian General," Feng—Crowds of Soldiers Clamor For Admission Into Peking—All Fighting Has Ceased in Vicinity of Peking.

(By The Associated Press.) PEKING, May 5.—General Wu Pei-fu was in control of Peking at noon today, and General Chang Tso-lin, whose forces he routed yesterday in a fierce battle south of the capital, was reported fleeing to Mukden.

General Wu attributes much of his success to the initiative of Feng Yuh-shiang, "The Christian General," who commanded the operations which resulted in the retreat of Chang's army.

Last night crowds of soldiers from Chang's defeated army gathered outside the walls of Peking, clamoring for admittance. The southwest gate, where a locomotive in an attempt to run down the gate, but failed.

All fighting in the vicinity of Peking had ceased this morning, but the city remained isolated so far as railroad communication was concerned. General Wu Pei-fu early today was reported within a few hours' travel of Peking, but he had not then decided whether to enter the capital, apparently awaiting the result of the fighting in the direction of Tientsin.

HARDING HEARS REPORTS ON REORGANIZATION DEPARTMENTS. WASHINGTON, May 5.—President Harding today under a consideration today the proposal of the joint Congressional commission on reorganization of government departments and bureaus preparatory to submission of the plans to the Congressional committee.

JURY VISITS SCENE OF SOUTH CAROLINA CRIME. ORANGEBURG, S. C., May 5.—Twelve men, composing the jury, which will decide the fate of Carlos Corbett, charged with the murder of Julian Cooper, one of the three men shot to death by Corbett in May, 1920, this morning went to the scene of the shooting.

TEN DEAD IN TORNADO THAT STRUCK AUSTIN. AUSTIN, TEX., May 5.—The death toll today of Ben Roberts, brought to ten the list of fatalities in the tornado which late yesterday struck the west side of Austin and swept down to Oak Hill, eight miles southwest, causing property damage estimated at \$400,000.

FREEDOM OF CITY GIVEN LADY ASTOR. DANVILLE, Va., May 5.—The freedom of the city of Danville was presented to Lady Nancy Astor today by Mayor Wooding when she appeared before the city council, called in special meeting in her honor.

SON OF ARMY OFFICER CHARGED WITH 17 ROBBERIES. CHICAGO, May 5.—Seventeen charges of robbery and one charge of robbery with intent to kill were filed today against Malcolm Holman, son of Major J. M. Holman, of Camp Grant, Ill.

10-YEAR-OLD SHOT AND KILLED A 4-YEAR-OLD. CINCINNATI, O., May 5.—Bob L. Lutkehaus, 10, who shot and killed Richard Abraham, aged 4, wife's son and Richard's six-year-old brother George, were in the Lutkehaus apartment yesterday, will be examined by psychologists of the juvenile court.

WAS WEARING QUARTER INCH THICK ARMOR. LOS ANGELES, May 5.—A man wearing 32 pounds of armor plate a quarter of an inch beneath his shirt was arrested here today.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO MEET IN CHARLESTON, W. VA. CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 4.—The second pre-assembly evangelistic conference of the Southern Christian church will be held here on Saturday on Wednesday, May 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1922.

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THREE DEAD, TWO DYING AS RESULT OF BATTLE BETWEEN GUNMEN AND COPS; HAD KIDNAPPED A POLICEMAN

Gunmen Had Stolen an Automobile and Were in Canton to Steal One of Gang From Workhouse When Arrested by Speed Cop—Seize Him and Take to Woods—Posse Surrounds Gang.

(By The Associated Press.) CANTON, Ohio, May 5.—Three men were dead and two bandits dying early today, the result of a gun battle in a woods five miles north of here late yesterday between an armed posse and four gunmen following the kidnapping of a motorcycle policeman who had arrested the men for speeding.

The gunmen, police say, had come here in a stolen automobile to assist in the release of "Okklahoma Slim" John Stevens, a member of their gang, who is said to be wanted in numerous middle western cities on charges of bank robbery. The dead:

Edwin Stevenson, Cleveland gunman, unidentified gunman, Harry Harper and George Brainer, the other gunmen, were shot through the head. Physicians said they could not survive the day.

When the gunmen were arrested by Motorcycle Policeman John Wise they forced him to enter their automobile and drive to the woods where they bound, gagged and tied the officer to a tree.

As the officers neared the bandits, the latter opened fire and fled into the woods, where they were surrounded by the police and scores of citizens. The battle ensued.

When the fire from the gangsters stopped, the posse found all four sprawled on the ground, the unidentified man dead.

Stevenson died later from his wounds. Police are investigating the theory that the quartet may be those who robbed the Lima (Ohio) Bime Savings Bank of \$4,500 on Tuesday.

One of the members of the gang told Sheriff Shelton that two of the gunmen had stolen an automobile in Sharon, Pa., last week and on Tuesday had stolen the touring car in which they rode yesterday.

JAP MOVIE ACTOR BRINGS SUIT AGAINST CORPORATION. LOS ANGELES, May 5.—Sessuo Hayakawa, Japanese motion picture actor, has brought suit against the R-G Pictures Corporation, headed by Rufus Cole, for \$20,000, charging breach of contract.

MARY PICKFORD HEAD OF ACTRESS ASSOCIATION. LOS ANGELES, Calif., May 5.—Mary Pickford has been chosen president of a club of motion picture actresses, the primary purpose of which is to protect the good names of its members, it was announced here today.

ARCHDUKES RETURN TO BUDAPEST FROM ABROAD. BUDAPEST, May 5.—Archduke Friedrich and his son Archduke Albrecht, who have been residing abroad since the collapse of the monarchy, arrived in Budapest today.

GARDNER TO SPEAK AT CROUSE HIGH SCHOOL. LINCOLNTON, May 4.—The commencement exercises of Crouse high school will be held on Friday, Saturday and Monday, with the baccalaureate sermon to be preached on Sunday by Rev. E. J. Sox, of Lenoir College.

BEVERIDGE HAS LEAD OF 20,000 OVER NEW. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 5.—Former Senator Albert J. Beveridge defeated Senator Harry S. New, by 20,472 votes in Tuesday's primary for the republican nomination for United States Senator, according to complete unofficial figures from the 32 counties in Indiana as tallied by The Associated Press here today.

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ROTARY CLUB TO PLAY KIWANIS IN BASEBALL

Will Attempt to Make Up for Last Year's Defeat—None Under 30 Years of Age to Play.

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It was announced that within the next few days the Rotary club will challenge the Kiwanis club for a game of baseball in order to make up for the stunning defeat administered last year by the Kiwanis.

Having lighted the candles, one of the men handed the minister a sealed envelope containing resolutions of respect for Mr. Mase and the two departed as quietly as they had come.

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The chief property damage was done to the plant of the Westcott Manufacturing Company at Lynchburg and St. Edwards College, the school and blind institute for negroes, and other buildings in the south of Lynchburg.

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JACK DEMPSEY READY FOR CARPENTIER OR WILLARD

Will Sail For New York May 13—Has Seen Europe and Is Ready to Go to Work—Willing to Meet Any of Them.

(By The Associated Press.) PARIS, May 5.—Jack Dempsey told The Associated Press today it was at most certain he would meet Georges Carpentier again, in London or Paris, late this year, if Carpentier defects to Lewis in London, May 11, and provided the purse is satisfactory.

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