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Economic Conference Opens At The Hague

**Attended By Experts Only And It Is Hoped
That Discussion May Be Held Down To Eco-
nomic Questions Without Political Entangle-
ments—America Absent**

The Hague, June 15 (By The Associated Press)—All Europe centered its hopes today on the opening of the international conference which is dedicated to the task of making practical arrangements for the re-entry of Russia into the concert of nations. The first session of the conference meets this afternoon.

The new European economic conference which opens today in the Peace Palace at The Hague is called to consider questions relating to Russia in her economic relations with her neighbors. It is virtually an adjournment of the Genoa conference, which came to an end the latter part of May without having reached any solution of Russian problems. The decision to postpone action concerning Russia was induced largely by the desire of the European powers to persuade the United States to participate. But the American Government is not to be represented at The Hague any more than it was at the conference in Italy.

While the Genoa conference was nominally economic, it soon developed animated political discussions. The Hague gathering, composed exclusively of experts, is designed to be confined solely to the consideration of economic questions.

When the American Government declined on May 15 the invitation to be represented at The Hague, this decision was received with expressions of regret in Europe, particularly from Great Britain and France, for it was felt abroad that nothing of a permanent and international nature could be undertaken for the restoration of Russia without the co-operation of the United States, whose wealth, resources, and political power made her indispensable to any great world restoration movement.

The Washington Government in refusing to go to The Hague, criticized the attitude of Russia, as a bar to any settlement and characterized the Soviet reply to the Allied terms as lacking any definiteness as a basis for a parley. Nevertheless, Washington said, the American Government always was ready to join other governments in arranging for an inquiry by experts into the economic situation in Russia and the necessary remedies.

"This Government," the American communication said, "is unable to conclude that it can helpfully participate in the meeting of The Hague, as this would appear to be the continuance under a different nomenclature of the Genoa conference and destined to encounter the same difficulties if the attitude disclosed in the Russian memorandum of May 11 remains unchanged.

"The inescapable and ultimate question," the note said also, "would appear to be the restoration of productivity in Russia, the essential conditions of which are still to be secured and must in the nature of things be provided within Russia herself."

Secretary Hoover speaking in Washington May 15 on the American refusal to attend The Hague gathering, said the American Government still maintained there could be no recognition of Soviet Russia unless the government of Moscow conformed to the principles of safety of life, recognition of firm guarantees of private property, the sanctity of a contract and the rights of free labor. Until these things were established and carried out, Mr. Hoover said he held with Secretary of State Hughes that there could be no productivity in Soviet Russia.

France, early in June, in a memorandum to the powers concerned, demanded that the Soviet Russian government withdraw its memorandum presented at the Genoa conference May 11 as a condition for French participation at The Hague. This note of May 11, presented to the powers at Genoa, declared the Soviet's repudiation of Russia's national debts and international obligations and refused to establish the basis of security regarded as fundamentally necessary for the restoration of productivity in Russia; it also claimed heavy financial damages for the participation of the Allies in military operations against the Soviet regime.

The French government set forth certain arguments strikingly similar to those which earlier had come out of Washington. Premier Poincaré declared the reconstruction of Russia depended upon the revival of agricultural production and this, he said, could not be obtained without a change in regime that would assure the peasants the proceeds of their

Busch Row A Big One

**Agitation Against Li-
quor On American
Ships May Wreck
President's Subsidy
Plan**

Washington, June 15 (By The Associated Press)—Definite steps through legislation to stop the sale of liquor on American ships was started today through the presentation by Representative Bankhead of Alabama of an amendment to the merchant marine bill which would cut off Government aid from any ship carrying intoxicating liquor or beverages.

Appeal To Daughtery
Washington, June 15 (By The Associated Press)—Attorney General Daughtery will be asked for a new ruling on the question of the sale of liquor on shipping board vessels, it was indicated by the Treasury today.

**WATER STREET BLAZE WAS
CAUSE OF MUCH EXCITEMENT**

A near-panic was precipitated among Water street business men Thursday shortly after noon when a quantity of oily waste and rubbish in the alley between the Auto & Gas Engine Works, Inc., and the B. L. Banks building, now under construction on North Water street, caught fire from an unknown cause, and sent great clouds of black smoke boiling out into the street.

The Fire Department was called to the scene of the excitement, and promptly put out the small blaze by the use of chemicals and water. There was no property damage.

**Banks May Seek To
Lower Discount Rate**

Washington, June 15 (By The Associated Press)—The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco has asked the Federal Reserve Board for its attitude upon the possible reduction of the California banks' rediscount rate from four and one-half to four per cent.

Coal Crisis Threatens

Springfield, Ill., June 15 (By The Associated Press)—The state of the coal supply above ground "demands conference of miners and operators in the very near future," John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, said today. He declared that the nation faces a shortage of "unparalleled intensity."

**Irish Constitution
To Be Made Public**

London, June 15 (By The Associated Press)—Colonial Secretary Churchill announced in the House of Commons today that the constitution of the Irish Free State would be made public tomorrow. He said that it conforms with the Anglo-Irish treaty.

K. K. Kramer, who has been at a Baltimore hospital for an operation, has returned home and is able to be up. In addition to an operation Mr. Kramer also underwent radium treatment. His mother, Mrs. A. K. Kramer, was with him during his stay at Baltimore.

labor. Mr. Poincaré referred specifically to the attitude of the Soviet
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Defendant Fined For Automobile Collision

**Recorder Spence Takes Consideration
Of Extenuating Circumstances In
Case Of Jarvis Seely, Jr.**

Jarvis Seely, Jr., was fined \$25 and costs in recorder's court here Thursday morning on a group of charges which were the result of his running into Florence Case, colored, on South Road street last Friday evening, shortly before dark, while driving his Ford racer. The charges preferred were of operating a motor vehicle at a rate of speed greater than 20 miles an hour; operating a motor vehicle in a reckless and dangerous manner, and assault with a deadly weapon, to wit, an automobile.

According to the evidence, Seely, while driving out South Road street at a rate of speed variously estimated by onlookers at from 18 to 25 miles an hour, turned to the left of the street to avoid a wagon which had stopped in front of Overton's store. The Case woman, crossing the street, came out from behind the wagon just as Seely approached. Each attempted to avoid the other, with the result that the woman was run into near the left-hand curb. Seely did not stop his car, but instead kept on going in the direction of Hollywood Cemetery.

Trial Justice Spence accepted as an extenuating circumstance the fact that Seely had provided medical assistance for the injured woman, and, besides paying all her medical bills, had agreed to furnish necessary food for her until she was able to work again. Hence the moderate fine of \$25 and costs which he imposed upon the defendant.

Walter Harris, known as "Monk," and Sarah Douglas, both colored, were found guilty of prostitution, and were fined five dollars and costs each. W. M. Blount, charged with operating an automobile without license belonging to the Auto & Gas Engine Works, paid the costs of the case.

Jess Willard Says Dempsey's Dodging

Los Angeles, Cal., June 15 (By The Associated Press)—Jess Willard, former world heavyweight pugilist champion, in a statement published today by the Los Angeles Express, accused Jack Dempsey of "dodging" through his manager, Jack Kearns, a return match with Willard. Local sports followers consider Willard's statement an open challenge to Dempsey.

Bank Of England Lowers Discounts

London, June 15 (By The Associated Press)—The Bank of England today lowered the discount rate to three and one-half per cent, a reduction of one-half per cent from the figure established May 13 last. The bank took Lombard Street by surprise in making the reduction.

Mrs. Maurice Pappendick returned home Tuesday after spending several days in Norfolk as the guest of Mrs. T. A. Pope.

The Grand Final Rush For Ford Sedan On In Earnest

**Fast Dwindling Time For Work Makes Con-
certed Action On Part of Your Friends A
Necessity. Endeavor To Get As Many Clubs
As Possible So Your Vote Total Will Stand
The Test at the Last Minute**

Only eight more days and someone will be riding around in a fine Ford Sedan. Will it be you? Answer it for yourself. The answer should be given this week in terms of clubs. If you will ride in a fine car, then you will put everything into your work this week and next, for work is what counts.

The race for the two cars and one hundred dollars cash is between several. Anyone in this group can win. You know whether or not you are in this group. If you are making an energetic effort this week will spell success for you. Waiting and watching have no place in this race. If you are to wait and watch, then you will have the pleasure (?) of watching some one ride away in a handsome Ford Sedan, another in a nifty Ford roadster, and the third with the cash. If you care to work, and work hard this

Looks Like Strike Sure

**Break In Negotiations
Between Mine Work-
ers And Anthracite
Operators Seems Ir-
reparable**

New York, June 15 (By The Associated Press)—The break in the scale negotiations between the United Mine Workers and the anthracite coal operators appeared irreparable today as the union members prepared to leave. That suspension of hearings means a strike was the opinion on both sides of the controversy.

Big Bond Issue For Virginian Railroad

Washington, June 15 (By The Associated Press)—The Virginia Terminal Railway was today authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission to issue \$909,000 in fifty year five per cent bonds and to turn them over to the Virginian Railroad.

Young People Hold Best Meeting Yet

New Bern, June 15 (Special)—The Baptist Young People's Convention which has been in session here since Tuesday night, reached high tide this morning with the thrilling address of Secretary T. C. Gardner of Texas on "The Blessings of the B. Y. P. U." and Dr. R. J. Bateman, of Asheville, a Time as This or Esther's Chal-lenge. "Coming to the Kingdom for Such" The convention will close tonight following an address by Dr. Chas. E. Maddy on "What Is Your Life?" This is by far the largest convention the Baptist young people of this State have ever held and it is considered by many the best. The B. Y. P. U. work is coming into its own. Secretary Maddy has put on an extensive program for the summer months employing ten additional B. Y. P. U. workers and sending them to every section of the State.

High Point will doubtless be chosen this afternoon as the next meeting place of the convention. Few changes in the election of the officers this afternoon for another year is anticipated. Leonard F. Gore, of Wilmington, is president; Miss Louise Miller, of Greensboro, recording secretary; Perry Morgan, of Raleigh, State secretary, and Miss Elma Leigh Ferabow, of Raleigh, secretary of junior work.

"Loyalty" is the key-word of the present session of the B. Y. P. U. convention, and Dr. Zeno Wall of Goldsboro, sounded the keynote in his address last night on "Stephen, the Loyal." "Stephen," said the speaker, "was simply an ordinary man, who was permitted to live in extraordinary times, and by the help of the Lord, was able to do extraordinary things."

Little Charles Burgess is improving at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Burgess, on Cypress street, after a week's illness.

Modern Drydock Completed And First Used This Week

**Is Of Crandall Type, And Is Built On Same Plan
As One At Norfolk Which Is Largest On At-
lantic Seaboard—Only Other Of Type In The
State Is At Wilmington**

Forty to fifty thousand dollars is the investment represented by the Crandall railway drydock, completed this week on Riverside avenue by the Elizabeth City Iron Works & Supply Company. The dock was built according to specifications drawn by the Crandall Engineering Company, of Boston, among the most famous drydock builders in the country. It is thoroughly modern, and is a smaller replica of the 5,000-ton drydock built recently by Crandall for the Colonna Marine Railway Corporation of Norfolk—the largest drydock on the Atlantic seaboard. The only other dock of the improved Crandall type in North Carolina is situated at Wilmington.

The new drydock is 191 feet long, 40 feet wide, and has a draft of eleven feet. In other words, it is equipped to take a vessel drawing up to eleven feet of water, a capacity that is ample for local needs, since no vessel drawing more than ten feet of water can safely come up Pasquotank River to this city. The "cradle" of the dock runs upon a track resting on piles driven deep into the bed of the river. After these were put in place, divers went below the surface of the water, and sawed them off by hand at the proper depth.

One feature of the cradle that is not found in drydocks of an older type is that it is so constructed that the vessel remains on a level keel after it has been hauled from the water, since the blocks upon which the ship rests are graduated in height. The old-style drydocks take the ship in a slanting position; and the former arrangement facilitates repairs. A floored platform constructed on the cradle is of further advantage to the workmen repairing the hull of a vessel from the outside.

Is Electrically Operated
A fifty horsepower electric motor operates the hoisting machinery by which a ship to be repaired may be hauled upon the drydock; and the actual pull is dependent upon a huge chain, each link of which weighs approximately 35 pounds. The new drydock has a guaranteed capacity of 600 tons, or 1,200,000 pounds, and if necessary, can withstand a considerably heavier weight. Just about 75,000 feet of lumber, mainly long leaf pine, were used in the building of it. Between seventy and eighty tons of rock ballast are used to weight down the cradle sufficiently to keep it from floating from the track when it is in use under the water.

Construction of the drydock was begun about the middle of February. In connection with it, the Iron Works & Supply Company has also erected a sixty-foot shear-leg derrick, built of steel, and electrically operated, with a lifting capacity of fifty tons. This is situated on the waterfront just at the rear of the company's marine machine shop on Riverside avenue, and is used for lifting boilers or machinery from boats, for "stepping" masts—placing them in position in vessels—and for other heavy lifting.

Now Ships Are Drydocked
For the information of the uninitiated, here is the method by which a ship is hoisted into position on the drydock: First the cradle is released, and is run on a track extending under the water to a point where the depth is sufficient for it barely to clear the keel of the ship. Then the ship is maneuvered into position halfway between platforms at either side of the cradle, and is tied securely there. Everything is then in readiness for the lift. The hoisting machinery is put into action, and in five minutes the vessel is high and dry upon the ways.

The first job on the new drydock was taken on Tuesday, when a barge belonging to D. E. Williams, prominent lumber man of South Mills, was hauled upon the ways in a leaking condition. Simultaneously a small yacht owned by Richard Smith, an employe of the Iron Works, was taken from the water for minor repairs.

The completion of the Crandall drydock is but one of a series of advances made by the Elizabeth City Iron Works & Supply Company in recent years. The company now owns a modern machine shop and foundry at the corner of Water and Pearl streets, where the original plant of the company was situated, and also a machine shop specially for marine work on Riverside avenue, closely adjacent to the drydock.

The Elizabeth City Iron Works & Supply Company was originally

Hundred Thousand Barrels Shipped

More than 100,000 barrels of early Irish potatoes—to be exact, 536 carloads of approximately 200 barrels each—had been consigned to Northern markets over the Norfolk Southern Railroad from this city up to nine o'clock Thursday morning, and indications were that the potato rush of the last ten days would continue, gradually diminishing, through the coming week. Quotations Thursday morning ranged from \$3.50 to \$6.00.

Sixty-five per cent of the potato crop of Pasquotank County has already been dug, according to S. G. Scott, of the firm of Brock & Scott, prominent brokers who keep in close touch with the local situation. Mr. Scott says that the probabilities are that heavy shipments from this County will continue day by day until the crop is cleaned up, unless digging operations are again hampered or suspended on account of bad weather. Brock & Scott had handled 125 carloads, or 25,000 barrels of potatoes, up to midnight Wednesday.

Currituck County potatoes are still moving in bulk over the North River Line for reconsignment over the Norfolk Southern from this city to the markets of the North and West; and it is believed that the bulk of the Currituck crop will be moved this week. Shipments over the line are now aggregating 7,000 barrels of potatoes daily.

Buyers here Thursday morning were paying \$3.00 to \$3.50 for choice stock f. o. b. Elizabeth City, but their purchases were comparatively light, growers in many instances preferring to ship on their own account in the hope of obtaining larger profits. The New York market was quoted at \$3.50 to \$6.00, depending on the quality of the stock, with many North Carolina potatoes selling at around \$5.00. Philadelphia prices were \$3.75 to \$5.25, depending on grade and condition of the stock. The Chicago market was \$4.50 to \$6.00.

Asks Leaders Hurry

Washington, June 15 (By The Associated Press)—An appeal to the Republican leaders in the House to bring in a special rule by which prompt and speedy action may be had on the Ford offer for Muscle Shoals was made today in a brief speech by Representative Almon of Alabama.

Radical Resolution Killed By Labor

Cincinnati, June 15 (By The Associated Press)—Without opposition or debate the convention of the American Federation of Labor today killed a resolution proposing a radical change in the form of the organized labor movement in the United States by the amalgamation of all unions into single organizations each covering an industry.

Officers of the railway unions will not interfere to stop the strike of the shop craft and maintenance of way workers, B. M. Jewell said today, addressing the Federation convention. He said the workers are "ready for the test."

Ward Is Indicted

White Plains, N. Y., June 15 (By The Associated Press)—Walter S. Ward, millionaire baker's son, was indicted today by the grand jury on the charge of killing Clarence Peters last May.

founded shortly after the Civil War as a shop for the manufacture and repair of buggies, by J. F. Sanders, father of the present owners. The elder Mr. Sanders conducted it for many years on that basis, but gradually extended his activities as gas-boats and other mechanical innovations began to be generally used throughout this section. The Elizabeth City Iron Works & Supply Company was incorporated in 1903. Brad Sanders is president and general manager, Andrew Sanders is vice president, and H. W. Sanders is secretary-treasurer.