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Peace Of Europe Depends On Franco-British Unity

Action of German Government in Accepting Dawes Report as Basis of Negotiation Will Mean Next to Nothing Unless Allies Can Preserve United Front

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Washington, April 18.—While the action of the German government in ratifying the Dawes report at least to the extent of accepting it as a basis of discussion is not only encouraging but highly significant, it must still be regarded as tactical rather than decisive.

Actually the unanimous action of the Reparations Commission in accepting the Dawes report has entailed the German acquiescence.

You have at once an admirable illustration of the justice of the familiar assertion that when Britain and France are united settlement is possible in Europe and that when they are separated nothing can be done. The Germans have accepted the Dawes report, so far as they have accepted it, because they have perceived that with Britain and France agreed upon it and American approval unmistakable, particularly because the report itself is largely an American work, to reject it would be fatal to German position in London and Washington.

But there remain many difficult obstacles to be negotiated. The Dawes report does not—as it could not under the mandate of the experts—deal with such important questions as the sum of reparations and the circumstances of French occupation of the Ruhr, while there is also the very complicated and difficult matter of controls in Germany, which will be the occasion of much debate and material German opposition.

Manifestly the German hope, so far as there is hope, of continued evasion of payment, rests upon the calculation that, although France and Britain have agreed about the terms of the Dawes report, they will presently fail to agree about the matter of French occupation of the Ruhr—military occupation as contrasted with economic exploitation which the Dawes Committee recommends should be abandoned—and that this disagreement will lead ultimately to the destruction of the united front between the Allies which has momentarily been restored.

Moreover, it is essential to keep always in mind the fact that the German government, which has accepted the Dawes report, is about to face the dangerous test of a general election in which the common European notion is that it will be beaten. If it is beaten, it will be by precisely those elements which advocate resistance to all reparations terms and are preaching not peace but a war of revenge.

Assuming that Tirlitz and Ludendorff and the things for which both stand are victorious in the forthcoming election of May 4, the action of the existing German Ministry in accepting the Dawes report will be of small permanent value; for it is almost certain that the acceptance will then be repudiated out of hand by the men who are making a campaign based upon pledges to continue the war, not to work for peace.

There is then every reason for caution at the moment. So far the whole episode of the Dawes report has been far more fortunate than could even have been hoped for six months ago. There has been unanimous report of the experts. This unanimous report has been unanimously accepted by the Reparations Commission. It has now been accepted by the German government as the basis for discussion with the Allies. No one of these three things seemed conceivable when Mr. Hughes and M. Poincare were in discussion last October.

In addition, not only has France ceased to be even in appearance an obstacle to a real adjustment, but Germany has been brought to a position where she feels, as her Ministry's action shows, that she cannot safely reject terms which are far more onerous than she had expected; or, more exactly, she feels she cannot refuse to discuss them.

Now the next step is not German, it must in the nature of things be British. Can France and Britain reach an agreement over the question of the continuation or abandonment of the military occupation of the Ruhr and over the sum total of German reparations, which in reality means the number of years during which the payments fixed by the Dawes Committee are to continue, for the total will be disclosed by the term of years of German payment?

In practice this means the discussion of and agreement by Britain and France on the two questions of British guarantees to France in the matter of security and joint action in case of later German evasion, and the adjustment of the whole dispute as to French debts to Britain. France will unquestionably make concessions in the matter of the military occupation only if Britain agrees to join France in forcible pressure upon Germany if Germany again repudiates her pledges. Similarly France will agree to reductions of reparations precisely as Britain—

GOES TO DEATH FOR MURDER DETECTIVE

Little Rock, Ark., April 18.—Joe Sullivan went to his death in the electric chair at the state penitentiary this morning for the murder of Luther Jay, Little Rock detective, last July.

SCHOONER SINKING

Norfolk, April 18.—The American schooner Orleans is reported to be sinking somewhere between Diamond Shoals and Hatteras but efforts to locate her have thus far proved fruitless.

HARRY HOFFMAN HELD AS MATERIAL WITNESS

New York, April 18.—Harry Hoffman, motion picture operator, is being held as a material witness for the murder of Miss Maude Bauer on March 25.

R. W. BECKWITH DEAD

Washington, April 18.—Robert Watrus Beckwith, 72 years old, passed away at his home in North West, Wednesday morning, April 9, at 6:45 o'clock. Death was due to old age and its attendant infirmities and while not unexpected caused no less grief and sorrow among friends. The remains were laid to rest in the burial plot at Weyman church, near Acme, at 10 o'clock Friday morning. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Alexander Miller, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, assisted by Rev. Mr. Smith, pastor of Weyman M. E. church.

The deceased was born and reared at Lake Landing, Hyde County. He was educated at Washington and Lee university and spent the greater part of his long and useful life in Beaufort and his native county. His declining years were spent at North West near the home of his daughter, Carrie B. Gaylord, and son, John W. Beckwith of Acme. In addition to his son and daughter, Mr. Beckwith is survived by his widow Mattie L. Beckwith, three grand children William Beckwith, Addie Lee, and Robert Watrus Gaylord, and a brother, Stuart J. Beckwith of Lake Landing.

GRAND REJUVENATION ONLY TEMPORARY SAYS SAVANT

Berkeley, California, April 18.—Rejuvenation by means of gland operations is only temporary, in the opinion of Professor T. C. Burnett of the University of California, department of physiology.

"The apparent improvement following the grafting of glands will remain temporary," the professor explained, until our knowledge of the physiological aspects of glands and gland secretions is vastly increased. From what is known of body glands, it is logical to assume that if we could resupply the secretions which are responsible for our vitality and youth, we might trust old age to the back stage.

"Newspapers are too enthusiastic on the subject. They jump ahead of the experimenters and medical men to get a spectacular story. This policy has its effect on the public. Everyone leaps to startling and unfounded conclusions, and the result is a lack of critical judgment which is essential in the consideration of such a complex subject."

FEDERAL COURT ADJOURNS

Federal Court adjourned Thursday afternoon at 5:30, and Judge Connor left the city Friday morning for his home at Wilson.

A case finally disposed of at this term of Federal Court was that against H. A. Brownley, who was fined \$25.00 for violation of the Mann Act under judgment continued since last October when Brownley, through his attorney, entered a plea of guilty. Judgment was continued because it was represented to the court that the defendant would marry the young woman whom he had brought here as his wife, and the light fine was imposed when it was shown to the court that this intention had been made good.

The defendant through his attorney exhibited documentary evidence of his marriage and was not required to appear in court at this term.

RECALL OF HANNIHARA IS NOT CONTEMPLATED

Tokio, April 18.—The recall of Ambassador Hannihara is not contemplated by the Japanese government, at least for the present, Premier Kiyoura told the American correspondents today, after a meeting of the cabinet.

TWO OF CREW MORGAN YACHT ARE MURDERED

Athens, April 18.—Reports reaching here are that two members of the crew of J. P. Morgan's steam yacht Corsar have been murdered in a Greek port.

MEXICAN REFUGEES ARRIVE IN NORFOLK

Norfolk, April 18.—Eighteen wealthy refugees from Mexico arrived here Saturday but their arrival was kept secret in order to keep the rebels off their track.

PASSION AND CRUCIFIXION AT FIRST METHODIST TONIGHT

On Friday night at 8 o'clock the choir of the First Methodist Church will give a sacred musical service, "The Passion and Crucifixion in Song," at the church. The program is as follows:

"Organ prelude, Funeral Prelude in C Minor, (Battmann); (b) "Song of Paradise" (Wildermere); (c) "To a Wild Rose" (MacDowell).
"The Temptation" (Ashford) — Mrs. Foreman, Miss Sheep and choir.

"The Unjust Condemnation" (Peace)—J. W. Foreman, W. C. Sawyer, H. C. Foreman and choir.
"Not What I Will" (Wildermere) — H. C. Foreman and choir.
"Night of Sorrow" (Wildermere) — Choir.

"Let Thy Will Be Done" (Wildermere)—Miss Margaret Sheep.
"Organ solo, "Elegy" (Massenet).
"Silver Starlight Crowns Thy Tomb" (Judson)—Mrs. Thorburn Bennett and male quartet. (Arranged for quartet by Urner G. Davis.)

"Love Divine" (Pinsuti)—Male chorus and choir.
"God So Loved the World" (Peace)—Choir.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Forehand, 306 West Church street, a little girl Sunday, April 13.

Elizabeth City Woman Is Elected Delegate At Large

Mrs. J. G. Fearing, Nominated by O. Max Gardner, Leads Woman Nominees in Number Votes Received to Send Her to National Convention

SAYS GILLET GOT SHARE OF LIQUOR

Washington, April 18.—For the fourth time, H. L. Scalfie, former investigator for the Department of Justice, took the stand before the Daugherty Investigating Committee today.

Scalfie charges that some liquors seized a few years ago in Washington, but which disappeared from storage, resulting in a grand jury inquiry, went to "the office of Speaker Gillett."

Members of the committee discussed whether they should let this statement stand in the record and the witness named Gaston Means as one of his informants and declared that six Department of Justice witnesses could confirm his statement.

The witness denied any personal knowledge of the transaction.

DEMOCRATS MAY VOTE FOR BONUS BILL AS IS

Washington, April 18.—On the basis of reports that President Coolidge would approve the pending soldier bonus bill, some Democratic Senate leaders are considering the advisability of withholding their proposal for incorporating in the measure of a full cash payment option.

Reports of the President's attitude were received through American Legion officials, Democratic Senators said, with word that inclusion of full cash payment option requiring an immediate Government bond issue would endanger prospects of the bill's becoming law.

ORDER HEARINGS ON WORLD COURT PLAN

Washington, April 18.—Early hearings on the proposal for American participation in the World Court were ordered by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today and a subcommittee of five, headed by Senator Pepper, Republican, of Pennsylvania, was selected to conduct a hearing and make a report to the committee.

FUNERAL DAVID PRITCHARD

Norfolk, April 18.—Funeral services for David Thomas Pritchard were conducted at the funeral parlors of E. Lee Cox and Brother, 631 Westover avenue, Thursday night at 8 o'clock. The Rev. S. B. Overton, pastor of Campostella Baptist Church, officiated. Many attended, and the floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. The body was forwarded to South Mills, Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock for burial in the family plot there.

HORSE AGED 51 YEARS TAKES REGULAR EXERCISE

Catawissa, Pa., April 18.—After viewing the approach of spring with apparent nonchalance, Clover, reputed to be the oldest living horse in the world, is nearing his fifty-first birthday on the farm of a local clergyman.

The rigors of winter had no effect on the old horse, for his owner provided him with a special box stall lined with straw, and a double blanket. Regular exercise every day and warm food are said to have helped him weather the dangerous season. Clover still boasts a full mane and all his teeth. His body is without a blemish. Such is his fame that he now enjoys a pension from the Jockey Club of New York.

MRS. McILHENNY DEAD

Washington, April 18.—The city was shocked and grieved Wednesday to hear of the death of Mrs. W. W. McIlhenny who passed away early Wednesday morning after a short illness of ten days. Death was due to typhoid pneumonia.

Mrs. McIlhenny was born in Hyde county, October 1865, being the daughter of Joseph Nash and Ann Bell. She was married on September 2nd, 1890 to William Whiting McIlhenny. By this union six children were born, all of whom are living. Mrs. Sam Mallison, Washington; Mrs. Thomas Hill Duffy, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Z. T. Koonce, Washington; W. W. McIlhenny, Jr., Richmond; H. H. McIlhenny, Annapolis Military Academy, Md., and Miss Mary Belle McIlhenny, Washington. Besides her sorrowing husband, Mrs. McIlhenny leaves to mourn their loss three brothers, J. N. Bell, Hatteras; B. A. Bell, Beaufort; W. M. Bell, Washington; two sisters, Mrs. Dorsey Battle, Rocky Mount, and Mrs. F. V. Rowe, Maxton, N. C.

Mrs. McIlhenny was one of Washington's most beloved women. She was not only a sincere friend and companion, but she was active in public welfare work. Associated Charities and in St. Peter's Episcopal church. She was a consistent member of St. Peter's church and for practically forty years has been a member of the choir.

Raleigh, April 18.—Announcing that he had no Presidential aspirations, Josephus Daniels prevented a fight on his name at the Democratic State Convention here yesterday.

The women won a victory by getting half of the delegates at large to the National Convention, and an Elizabeth City woman, Mrs. J. G. Fearing, led the ticket among the woman nominees for delegates at large.

Mrs. Fearing was put in nomination by O. Max Gardner. Other women delegates at large were Mrs. Palmer Jermon of Wake, Miss Mary Henderson of Rowan and Miss R. M. Berry of Orange.

Men who were elected delegates at large were O. Max Gardner of Cleveland, John Dawson of Lenoir, Josephus Daniels of Wake, and Governor Morrison of Mecklenburg.

As a compliment to the veterans of the World War a ninth delegate at large was then elected, Colonel Wiley C. Rodman of Beaufort, State Commander of the American Legion.

Walter D. Siler of Pitt and Colonel John D. Langston of Wayne were nominated as Democratic electors.

Delegates to the National Convention from the First Congressional District were P. G. Sawyer of Pasquotank and Charles Whedbee of Perquimans.

The surprise of the convention was the announcement from Josephus Daniels that he had no Presidential aspirations and his refusal to have his name submitted for approval.

Mr. Daniels' announcement of his decision was brought forth when Walter Hines of Asheville introduced a resolution to the effect that the convention should not endorse any candidate for the Presidency, as it would be detrimental to the primary system.

Former Lieutenant Governor Doughton then gained the floor and read a letter from Josephus Daniels expressing his appreciation of the movement to put his name forward for the Presidency and saying that he was not a candidate.

The convention adjourned after adopting a platform, endorsing the present State administration, emphasizing the benefits flowing out of Democratic rule and pledging continued progress if the party is kept in power.

SAYS KNEW NOTHING OF OIL AT CHICAGO

Washington, April 18.—Stories of oil interests' influence at the Chicago Republican Convention in 1920 were further explored by the Senate oil committee today, with William Hooper Proctor of Cincinnati, campaign manager for Leonard Wood, on the witness stand.

Mr. Proctor denied that he had communicated with the late Senator Penrose during the convention, declared that he had not seen Jake Hamon there and said that he had not conferred during the convention with Harry Sinclair, although he had asked Sinclair beforehand for a campaign contribution and it had been refused him.

He had not heard until the last day of the convention, the witness said, of the plan to nominate Harding.

MOTHER AND TWO DIE WHEN MATCH STRUCK

Jamestown, Pennsylvania, April 18.—A mother and two of her children were killed here today when an explosion wrecked the home of Anthony Pracko. Five other members of the family were burned by fire.

Fire department officials believe that gas leaking into the house from a main was set off when some member of the family lighted a match.

WIEGAND IS RELEASED BY A VIRGINIA COURT

Lynchburg, April 18.—Carl Wiegand, attorney of Chapel Hill, N. C., wanted in Columbus, Ohio, on the charge of non support of a minor charge, was discharged from the custody of Detective Kaffits of Columbus by Judge Christian in the corporation court today. The court acting on a petition of habeas corpus, held that a conspiracy existed between Kaffits and Police Chief Featherstone of Chapel Hill and other Chapel Hill officials to abduct Wiegand and take him to Columbus.

BLACK AND GLAZED KID SHOES AGAIN IN VOGUE

Philadelphia, April 18.—Demand for black shoes for women has improved materially in local shoe circles recently and glazed kid is also coming more into demand much to the delight of local makers as this is the center of the glazed kid industry.

COTTON MARKET
New York, April 18.—The cotton exchange is closed today on account of Good Friday.

Preparing Easter Display Million Needles Are Busy

And Most of Them Zipping Through Silk, for Looms This Year Provide Opportunity for Nearly Every Woman to Get Finery According to Her Purse

By AILEEN LAMONT
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New York, April 18.—Nearly a million needles are busy today in preparation for the Easter displays and about nine-tenths of them are zipping through silk. The end of Lent is no time for borrowed finery, but the looms of the great manufacturers this year have provided wild silks even for tame loaves. This does not mean that quality has been sacrificed or that prices have fallen materially. It seems simply that the artistic designs the American manufacturers have originated have given opportunity for nearly every woman to emphasize her good points, through the medium of their wares, at an outlay commensurate with her purse.

Perhaps the popularity of these fabrics may be traced to the fact that the riot of color which they present has given the winter weary city dwellers of the North an advance touch of spring. Some of the manufacturers have not been content with the silk appeal but have added to it the lustrous richness of velvet. Many of the new silks carry velvet stripes, dots or blocks of velvet weave, adding to the richness of the effect.

The spring colorings are vivid but not glaring. In fact the blurred, effects noticeable in the better class of imported woolsens also has been utilized on the silk looms. This effect has been attained not by dyes but in the weave itself. Nowhere is this softening effect so noticeable as in the plaid designs which have got away from the more staid and sober

patterns of the clan tartans of Scotland into the color scheme of spring. The printed silks are even more remarkable in design than the so-called "specialty" fabrics.

But whatever the fabric of the Easter frock of 1924, it is by their scarce ye shall know them. The smart shops on and off Fifth Avenue are full of beautiful and expensive scarfs, shawls and squares designed to add a touch of individuality to the Easter costume. One must pay as one's purse or one's charge account will stand. But a woman need indeed be ignorant of her own possibilities and capabilities who cannot design and make one for herself with no more expense than the purchase of a yard and a half of silk fabric, with the accompanying crepe or lace border, entails.

Speaking of laces, their vogue continues unabated both for adornment of dresses, hats and lingerie but it is a noticeable fact that the most elaborate displays are found on table and tea cloths. These, in elaborateness and beauty, often vie with the marvelous altar cloths of medieval Europe—perhaps because the modern household so frequently makes a god of its stomach.

No mention of silks would be complete without reference to their use in the most recent pajamas. Many of these are designed closely after the modern riding habit with the trousers of black silk or satin tightly following the lines of the leg from the knee down.