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FATE OF COMPROMISE OF TREATY HINGES ON TODAY'S CONFERENCE

Bi-Partisan Committee of Five Democrats and Four Republicans Have Been Holding Series of Informal Conferences In Effort to Adjust Differences Between Foes and Friends of the Pact.

(By The Associated Press)

in the reservations affecting article ten of the league of nations covenant or the Mearoe doctrine provision of the peace treaty will be acceptable to the republicans, Senator Lodge today informed Senator Hitchcock and other members of the informal democratic committee which has been conferring with Senator Lodge's committee in an effort to reach a compromise on the treaty.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.-Fate of the negotiations for a compromise in the scrate peace treaty deadlock hinged on ed teday's meeting of the bi-partisan comfour republicans who have been holding a series of informal conferences in an effort to adjust differences between the foes and friends of the pact. Senator Lodge, republican leader, who spent the week-end in consultation with his cotteagues, had ready an announcement as to the limit the "strong" reservationists of his party would go in compromising with democrats on the socalled Lodge reservations, the basis of the bi-partisu conferences.

Before the meeting there was no indtcation as to what concessions the repubbeans were willing to make, but it was said the democrats would be told that no change involving the principle of the two principal reservations at issue would be permitted. Any change in these, article ten of the league of nations and that dealing with the voting power in the league, it was said the democrats would be told, must be confined to language on-

The position Senator Lodge assumed was said to have the approval of a majority of the republican membership in the senate, including Senators Johnson, tions which the democrats at the last | as they marched in the parade. session declined to accept.

After the republican leader set forth his stand, the next move will be up to the democrats. There was no indication as to how they would receive the offer. Senator Hitchcock, leader of the Administration forces, said he was hopeful, but not confident of the outcome of the meeting today. Should the democrats refuse to accept the republican proposals as a basis of an agreement, it was be-Rieved in some quarters that further committee conferences would be called off, although the final break might not come for several days.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—No change J. W. W. TO BE TRIED FOR MURDER

(By The Associated Press)

MONTESANO, WASHN, Jan. 26.-A regular venire of 80 men and a special venire of 300 today had been summoned for the opening of the trial of eleven Industrial Workers of the World, chargwith murder in connection with the shooting to death of four former service mittee, composed of five democrats and men at Centralia, Washn., on armistice day. Defense counsel had announced, however, that a second request for a change of venue would be made. The trial was transferred to Montesano, seat of Gray's Harbor county, from Lewis county, where the shooting occurred. Defense counsel then as now charged sentiment against the defendants would deprive them of a fair trial.

It has been estimated that ten weeks will be necessary for the trial. The prosecution has a list of more than 500 witnesses and the defense is said to plan to present fully 100.

Ten defendants are charged with the murder of Lieut. Warren O. Grimm, a leader in the armistice day parade. They are Britt Smith, O. C. Bland, Bert Faulkner, Ray Becker, James McInneney, Loren Roberts, Eugene Barnett, Mike Sheehan, John Lamb, and Bert Bland, John Doe Davis and Ole Hanson also were named in the information but have not been apprehended.

The eleventh man, Elmer Smith, Centralia attorney, is charged with being an accessory before the fact, in that he is charged to have "procured, aided, assistof Califoria, and Borah, of Idaho, as ed, counseled, incited, commanded and well as others of the group who have op abetted" the others in the alleged conposed any modification of the reserva. spiracy to shoot the former service men

> OFFERED GIFT OF \$25,000 (By The Associated Press)

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 24-Cumberland University at Lebanon has been proffered a gift of \$25,000 by the general educational board of the Presbyterian church, provided that the institution raises \$75,000.

The president and board of trustees will launch a campaign for the \$75,000 at a banquet in Lebanon January 30. The fund so raised will be called the Nathan Green Memorial Fund in honor of the late Dean of the law school

FEDERAL AGENTS MAY BECOME INVOLVED IN SENSATIONAL TESTIMONYLOF MARTENS

Ludwig Martens, Self-Styled Russian Soviet Ambassador, Promises to Testify to Facts Involving Department of Justice Agents in Radical Activities - Will Continue Testimony Today.

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26-Developments of a "sensational" nature were prmised by members of the senate foreign relations subcommittee of which Senator Moses, republican, of New Hampshire, is chairman, when the investigation of bolshevik propaganda was resumed today.

Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, self-styled Russian soviet ambassador to the United States, who began his testimony last week just before the committee postponed its sessions, but who got no forther than the reading of a prepared statement dealing with his life history, was

the first witness to be called today. Particular interest was lent Martens testimony, because of his statement that he would testify to facts involving department of justice agents in radical activities.

. TO CALL 24-HOUR STRIKE.

(By The Associated Press.) PARIS, Jan. 26-The council of the Federation of Port and Dock Workers. which met in Paris yesterday, decided to call a 24-hour strike at all Atlantic ports tomorrow, with a view to supporting

strikers at the port of Loriem, Brittany

SUICIDE MANIA

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. - Since the signing of the armistice there has been a constantly increasing number of suicides everywhere, according to a report issued today by the Save-A-Live League. In Germany, Russia, Syria, and other foreign countries where the number has been very large, the cause is attributed to despair because of miserable living conditions brought about by the war.

The report tabulated 5,121 cases of suicide in the United States during 1919. Of the professions lawyers led the list with 43, of whom 12 were judges; 36 victims were physicians, 28 teachers and 11 clergymen. The list included 20 presidents of large business concerns and 50 prominent club members, millionaires and wealthy society women. Unhappy martial relations were responsible for 350 tragedies.

Men outnumbered women 2,987 to 1,-.657, but of the child suicides 252 were girls and 225 boys. Newspaper editors appeared to be immune.

FOUND CONDITIONS IN **COUNTY EXCELLENT**

E. F. Carter, Executive Officer Mr. Carl Finger Succumbs to of State Welfare Commission, Completes Two - Weeks Survey of County - Speaks in High Terms of Conditions

Mr. E. F. Carter, executive officer of the State Welfare Commission has completed a survey of conditions existing in Gaston county and left the city for Raleigh Saturday. This work was done in cooperation with Dr. W. B. Hunter, welfare officer of Gaston county. Mr. Carter stated that he found conditions here, as a whole, excellent and that he was highly pleased with the cordial spirit of co-operation manifested by the manufacturers and business men of the county.

This work is being done under provisions made by the general assembly as follows: Chapter 100, public laws of 1919, entitled an act to regulate and restrict the employment of children between certain ages; Chapter 83, public laws of 1913, entitled an act to compel manufacturing and business enterprises to provide separate toilets for each color and sex to be lettered and marked distinetly, and chapter 857, public laws of 1909, entitled an act to require employers to provide seats for female emplovees when not necessarily employed or engaged in service of labor.

Speaking of this work in the county, Carter said: "Our survey of the child labor of Gaston county has been very interesting. There appears to be a well-established rule in the cotton mills as to the posting of notices requiring a strict adherence to the laws. A keen interest has been manifested by the directors of these institutions in the attendance upon schools of the children within the age limit. Our conferences with those interested in the education and welfare of the community has given us a first hand knowledge of the fine spirit of co-operation in a number of places and the strong financial and moral support given by the directors of industries to education and welfare work.

Our survey in this county as well as others bears out our former statement that most of the child labor violations confined to the smaller places enu merated in section five. In some of these places the conditions and surroundings are such as to lead a boy to truancy and delinquency. This should call for the full support of every citizen in the great work of directing child life along the lines provided by our welfare laws and which is under the direction of Dr. Hunter, superintendent of welfare work in this county.

In this connection I wish to emphasize the fact that no girl may be employed under fourteen years of ago. No boy may be employed during the school period under fourteen years of age. A boy between the ages of 12 and 14 years may be legally employed before and after school and during vacation when the employer has secured from the county superintendant of welfare an employment certificate. These can be obtained by aplication to Dr. Hunter. The law provides a fine for the parent as well as for the employer who fails to comply with

"The importance of these rules cannot be overestimated as it provides a means BOLSHEVISM DOES NOT to correct any influence that would destroy the morals or impair the health of the child

"During our two-weeks survey we have personally inspected 7.3 cotton mills 86 business places and have held 39 conferences with education, welfare and community directors. It was found that ten buildings for welfare work are now open for active work or are under construction. We have been advised h seven others that they are considering like programs for buildings and welfare work. This does not include numerous others who are developing a fine work, centralizing in the schools. One community which should have special mention has provided a business course in which a goodly number of young people are being instructed in bookkeeping, stenography and short hand. This has been made possible by the co-operation of the mill management with the school board.

"My observation of the schools in the county causes me to add my endorsement to the editorial in The Charlotte Observer commending those responsible for what has been accomplished and the future program now under considera-

"In our survey of the county we have been impressed with the importance of some well-defined plans for vocational training. Nowhere have we found more ideal conditions for providing such a course and centralizing it in the city. The present and future needs of the industry so well established in this county will require some action to meet the ever-increasing demands for trained and efficient overseers and superintendents to manage the future industries. Our conference with Mr. W. T. Rankin, Col. C. B. Armstrong and Mr. A. M. Dixon we have learned that they and others whom we did not have the opportunity to interview are now giving serious con-

COUNTY TREASURER CARL

Attack of Pneumonia Sunday Morning at 4:30 o'Clock - Funeral and Interment at Stanley This Morning at 10 o'Clock.

Mr. Carl Finger, county treasurer of Gaston county, died Sunday morning at 4:30 o'clock at his home in Chesterplace. Pneumonia following influenza was the cause of his death. Mr. Finger had been ill for two weeks, but was not compelled to take his bed until Sunday," January 18th. During the past week his condition became serious, and fears were entertained for his recovery. Saturday he became much worse and at midnight he lost consciousness and gradually sank until the end came at 4:30.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence this morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. H. H. Jordan, presiding elder of the Shelby district. The pall-bearers were Messrs, Ernest R. Warren, Edward N. Hahn, H. R. Thompson and Frank Boyd, of Stanley, George W. Wilson and E. G. McLard. Barial took place at

Surviving Mr. Finger are his mother, Mrs. Sallie Derr Finger, who made her home here in Gastonia with Mr. Finger and one brother, Mr. Fred Finger, of the regarding the proposed compromise on Barnes-Finger Drug Company, of Kings the Adriatic question, including the dis-Mountain.

Carl Finger was born at Stanley, Gaston county, June 15, 1888, and was 31 years and seven months old. He attended school at Rutherford and Trinity colleges and at the University of North Carolina. At the latter institution he obtained his degree in pharmacy and was, up to the time he was elected county treasurer in 1910, associated with Mr. O. B. Carpenter in the Stanley Drug Company. In 1910 he succeeded the late Capt. J. Q. Holland as treasurer which office he has held continually since,

Mr. Finger was the son of the late L. Eli Finger and Sallie Derr Finger.

Mr. Finger, after coming to Gastonia, egan the reading of law and about one year ago was granted his license. He was a member of the Gaston County Bar Association. He was an omnivorous the commissionans provided for by the reader and was one of the best informed peace document. men in the county on events, current and political.

Despite an affliction which he has endured throughout his life he was one of the grost genial, goodnatured men in Gastonia, always ready with a smile and an encouraging word of greeting. There at the courthouse, frequently going out of his way to render a favor to some one. He was held in the highest esteem by all the county officials.

Out of respect to his memory, practically all the courthouse offices are closed

In all probability the county commissioners will appoint his successor at the February meeting of the board next Mon-

APPEAL TO TURKS

(By The Associated Press.) CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 1-Bolshevism has no appeal to the Turks, being contrary to their religious training and their patriotic sentiment, says Mustapha Kemal Pasha, political and military leader of the Turkish nationalist movement in Asia Minor. Recently there have been reports that the bolsheviki have made inroads in Turkish Asia Minor and that Enver Pasha, minister of war here in 1914, has sponsored a bolshevik uprising in Turkestan.

Mustapha Kemal denied his adherents in the nationalist cause were leagued with Enver Pasha or with Talaat Pasha, former grand vizier, who is reported to have been converted to bolshevism. Bolshevism might result, however, from a peace which makes the Turks a subject people, he asserted, but he added that such an alliance with the soviet power would be but temporary.

sideration to the establishment of a tex tile school in Gastonia. These gentlemen are to be commended for the long view they have taken for the future of the organization of their industry. The full realization of the welfare programs now being promoted and those anticipated should have a far-reaching influence in providing directors for the adult and child life in education, recreation and wholesome amusement. In our interviews with the employes we have been impressed with the good feeling manifested for the plans of co-operative profit-sharing and the ideal housing conditions evidenced in so may communities. I feel deeply indebted to Dr. Hunter for his fine spirit of co-operation in making this survey a success,

TY TREASURER CARL AMBASSADORS PREPARE REPLY TO REFUSAL OF DUTCH GOVERNMENT

(By The Associated Press.)

PARIS, Jan. 26-The reply to the refusal of the Dutch government to comply with the demand of the allies for the surrender of former Emperor William was the first subject discussed today at the initial meeting of the council of the ambassadors, created to carry on the un finished routine work of the supreme council of the peace conference, which disbanded last week. It was decided that the French legal experts available should go into all the aspects of the case and prepare the reply, which probably will be submitted for approval of the council early next week

The discussion in the council aid not disclose the trend of opinion among the members than that it appeared to be the view that the legal phase of the question had become the chief one

The council was precided over by Premier Millerand, Hugh C. Wallace, the American ambassador, was present with the others members of the body. After disposing for the day of the extradition question the council decided to give the representatives of the Jugo-Slavs four days additional time to reply position of Fiume. This carries the question along until Wednesday.

The council received a letter from Stanislau Patek, minister of foreign affairs of Poland, calling attention to the possibility of a strong aggressive movement by the bolsheviki against Polish territory and recommending that a plan be adopted for defensive measures.

The letter asked that the question be called to the attention of Marshal Foch. The council also had before it a note from the German plenipotentiaries raising certain points regarding the make-up of the boundary commissions provided for by the treaty of Versailles. The questions were raised by the Germans betreaty by the United States and the consegment lack of American members on

LEFT MOSCOW

(By The Associated Press.) STOCKHOLM, Jan. 26-Members of

the soviet government have left Moscow after a renewed outbreak of the pleague was nothing he would not do to accom- and have gone to the city of Tvor, on modate any of the patrons of his office | the upper Volga, according to advices received here.

BRITISH NAVY MAY HAVE LARGE SHELL

Will Pierce Heaviest Armor Without Shattering - Will Render British Gun Unsurpassed.

(By The Associated Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The British may soon be given a new and "unsurpassed" weapon in a large calibre shell, which will pierce the heaviest armor without shattering, said Sir Robert Hadfield, chairman and managing director of Hadfileds, Limited, steel manufacturers, recently. He indicated that possession of such a shell during the great war would have been of inestimable value to the At-

"The feat has been accomplished," he said, "within the last few days of getting the largest calibre of armor-piereing shell unbroken through the thickest of modern hard-faced armor plate. This result will render the British gun unsurpassed, incomparable and the master in any naval engagements of the future.

"If we had possessed such a shell during the war many of the German battleships would have been 'scuttled' long before their end at Scapa Flow."

CLEARING AND WARMER WEATHER TOMORROW.

(By The Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, GA., Jan. 26,-Rain and sleet storms which have prevailed throughout Northeast Georgia and the Carolinas for the past 36 hours, are ex pected to give way tonight and tomorrow to clearing, warmer weather, according to the weather bureau here.

Reports today showed it was sleeting at Raleigh, N. C., where the temperature was 24 degrees. The thermometer reached 32 degrees at Birmingham and Atlan-

Southern headquarters of teh telegraph and telephone companies here reports slight delay to business because of ice laden wires, while railroads report practically all trains operating on sched-

WORLD'S DEBT IS ESTIMATED

World's Debt Increases From Forty Billions in 1914 to Two Hundred Billions Today - Paper Currency Has Increased 600 Per Cent.

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Jan. 26-The world's THE ALABAMA IS debt was estimated by the National City Bank today at \$200,000,000,000, compared with \$40,000,000,00 in 1914.

Paper currency throughout the world increased 60 per cent since 1914, while the gold reserve behind it increased only forty per cent, according to statistics compiled by the bank. The face value of paper currency of thirty principal counties, which totalled \$7,250,000,000 in 1914, had increased to \$40,000,000000 at | the time of the armistice and to \$50,-000,000,000 in December, 1919, exclusive of \$34,000,000,000 issued by the Russian soviet government.

Germany Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria show an advance in note circulation from \$1,200,000,000 in 1914 to \$12.-300,000,000 at the close of the war, and \$18,770,000,000 in December, 1919, the gold reserve falling from \$600,000,000 in 1914 to \$327,000,000 in 1919, the ratio of gold to notes delining from 49.7 per cent in 1914 to 5.5 per cent, in November, 1918 and 1.7 per cent in December,

In the eight principal countries of the allies, paper notes increased from \$1,166,-000,000 in 1914 to \$2,420,000,000, a ratio of 44.3, in 1914 and 59.9 in 1919.

ON STRIKE

. HAVANA, Jan. 24-The engineers, firemen and shopmen of the United Rail- but were returning to the Neff, as it was ways of Havana have gone on strike in | not believed she would be crushed by the soaring upward,

STUCK IN THE ICE

Six Men Unaccounted For In

Attempt to Rescue Steamer Stuck Four Miles Out in Lake Michigan.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26-Six men who tried to reach the steamer Sidney O. Neff, stuck in the ice four miles out in Lake Michigan, were unaccounted for early today and the Goodrich Transit Company's flagship Alabama, carrying a crew of fifty, was fast in the ice banks six miles out.

For the first time in a week, however, the wind today had shifted to off-shore and it is hoped ice breaking tugs could release the small neff, with its crew of eight, tomorrow. It was believed the shifting ice would permit the Alabama to erush her way to port.

Captain Olsen, skipper of the Neff, H. C. Anderson, a sea-faring friend, and four members of the Neff's crew, Amund Strand, wheelsman; George Duncan and Paulus Hanson, watchman, and Conrad Carmody, fireman, were the men reported missing today. The five men from the boat had made their way to the shore,

sympathy with toe striking federated ice. The lookout at the four mile crib harbor union. Train service into and reported that a careful watch all day out of Havana as far as Santa Clara is yesterday failed to reveal the men near virtually at a standstill. Prices of food- ing the ship, which lay within easy range stuffs here and throughout the island are of his glasses. Rescue parties failed to find their trail in the snow.