

ALLIES WANT TO FORCE OF FAITH BY THE GERMANS

Note Sent to the German Delegates, Signed by the Ten Powers Involved in the Versailles Treaty, Declaring That Inquiry Has Failed to Disclose Any Shadow or Justification for Germany Negotiating a Separate Agreement With Russia—The Ten Powers Curtly Inform the German Delegates That Their Governments Reserve the Right to Declare Null and Void Any Clauses in the Russo-German Treaty Which May be Recognized as Contrary to Existing Treaties.

Genoa, April 23 (By the A. P.)—The note sent to the chairman of the German delegation today after the meeting of the delegates of the ten powers in the Versailles treaty, which was convened to discuss the French protest against the German note of April 17, follows:

"The undersigned desire to acknowledge the receipt of your reply to their note of April 17, indicating the attitude which they felt bound to adopt in view of the reply received by the German and Russian delegations.

"They note with satisfaction that the German delegation realizes the conclusion of a separate treaty with Russia on matters falling within the purview of this conference renders undesirable that the future of the discussion of the conditions of an agreement between Germany and the various countries represented in the conference should be deferred.

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"Four letters were received from the German delegation in which the German delegation has been forced to conclude a separate agreement with Russia by the refusal of the members of the delegations of the United States, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, and the Netherlands to discuss the subject of the Russo-German treaty in their duty to correct.

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of fiduciary money or bank credits on currency reform is possible and no approach to the establishment of a gold standard can be made. The most important reform must therefore be the balancing of the annual expenditure of a state without the creation of fresh credit. The equilibrium of the budget will lead to inflation. Reduction of government expenditure is the true remedy.

"The balancing of a budget will not lead to a remedy unless it is accompanied by a reduction of internal consumption. It is recognized that in the case of some countries the deficit balance is such as to render attainable the equilibrium of the budget without assistance, which may be unfavorable.

"The next step should be to determine and fix the gold value of the monetary unit. This can only be done by each country when economic circumstances permit; this country will then decide the question as to whether to adopt the gold standard or a new parity approximating to the exchange of the monetary unit at the time."

GERMANS TO CONDUCT PRIVATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRANCE

Genoa, April 23 (By the A. P.)—Another crisis in the economic conference was passed tonight when the German delegation announced after a long session of its delegates and frequent communications with the Russian delegation that the Germans would not reply to the note of the ten powers today stipulating that they sign "expressly reserve for themselves the right to declare null and void any clause in the Russo-German treaty which may be recognized as contrary to existing treaties."

The German side decided to settle by private means the differences between M. Barthelemy, head of the French delegation, and the German chancellor, Dr. Wirth, which arose through M. Barthelemy's statement that the Germans would remain silent and let the conference proceed with its useful work in the hope that the economic situation in Europe would be improved.

Sunday has been rather a bad day for the Genoa conference. Easter Sunday brought the signing of the Russo-German treaty which created much confusion. And today came the note from the big and little entente and Portugal to Germany, which for the moment postponed the signing of the Russo-German treaty. It also was noted that the French demands for the more definite exclusion of Germany from all discussions of the economic situation in Europe were not regarded as closed.

The note is signed by the representatives of the big and little entente and Portugal.

REVIEW OF WORK OF THE GENOA ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

Genoa, April 23 (By the A. P.)—A review of the first fortnight of the economic conference shows to what extent political considerations seemingly have completely overshadowed the economic program for which the conference was convened.

The German-Russian treaty threw the whole conference into an atmosphere of doubt and suspicion and reawakened all the old fears of the European states that secret alliances were being formulated undermining the peace of Europe. France and Italy in the movement of the Russo-German treaty which may be recognized as contrary to existing treaties. The incident may now be regarded as closed.

Please accept the assurance of our high consideration."

BUSINESS BEFORE GENOA FINANCIAL COMMISSION

Genoa, April 23 (By the A. P.)—The financial commission today considered what action should be taken to prevent the flight of capital in order to avoid taxation and came to the conclusion that "any proposals to interfere with the freedom of movement of capital in order to violate the security of contracts or relations with their customers are to be condemned."

The commission also expressed the opinion that the creation of measures for international co-operation to prevent tax evasion might be successfully introduced in connection with the problem of double taxation now under consideration by the league of nations.

Recommending resolutions on currency exchange for adoption by the conference, the financial commission says: "So long as there is a deficiency in the annual budget of a statement by the crea-

CABLED PARAGRAPHS

German-Finnish Agreement

Dublin, April 23.—A German-Finnish agreement signed here yesterday regulating urgent economic questions between the two countries, according to a semi-official announcement. The agreement pledges both parties to early negotiations for an economic convention on a broader basis.

Moslems Going to East

Constantinople, April 23.—Twenty-five thousand Russian Moslems scattered in the famine districts of Russia will be transferred to the under-populated provinces of Eastern Anatolia. Negotiations with this object in view have been concluded with the soviet government.

Russo-German Treaty Not Considered

Rome, April 23.—The Russo-German treaty signed on Easter Sunday, has not been officially christened, and Santa Margherita still has hopes it will be held in abeyance until the signing of the fact that it was signed a few hundred feet across the Rapallo municipal boundary and despite the fact that it had not been to the serenity of the Genoa conference.

No Americans Injured at Monastir

Salonica, Greece, April 23.—No American is reported to have been injured in the explosion of war stores at Monastir, southern Serbia, last week. Mrs. William Brewster of New York city, who formerly conducted an American missionary school in the center of Monastir, and her family, are in Salonica. Among the Americans believed to be in Monastir are the Misses Malin and Cameron.

ARMISTICE NOTE FROM THE ANKARA GOVERNMENT

Constantinople, April 23.—(By The A. P.)—The reply of the Ankara government to the recent proposal of the entente powers for an armistice between the Turkish nationalists and the Greeks has just been received here. The reply explains in length the desire for peace in Turkey. It insists on the immediate evacuation of Asia Minor, offers all sorts of guarantees to the missionaries and also assurances that there will be no occupation by the nationalists of the evacuated area for a certain period of time communicated to the allied authorities tomorrow.

ORDER DIRECTED AGAINST THE KU KLUX KLAN

Oklahoma City, Okla., April 23.—A general order directed specifically against the Ku Klux Klan and declaring that it is in violation of the Oklahoma national guard act, was issued by the state today. The order is directed against any person, secret organization or society that might be organized in Oklahoma and its laws, was issued here yesterday by Governor J. B. Robertson and made public today.

COMMITTED SUICIDE AFTER READING CONAN DOYLE

Toronto, Ont., April 23.—After reading a newspaper article charging Sir Arthur Conan Doyle with declaring that death was "painless and beautiful," Philip Brown, 79, committed suicide today by gas poisoning. The article was found in a newspaper clipping detailing recent lectures by the English spiritualist. Near it was a note in which the aged man had written "I am 79 and blind, or very nearly so, and this clipping is true, who should I linger here?"

PASTOR VOLUNTARILY REDUCED OWN SALARY FROM \$10,000 TO \$6,000

New York, April 23.—The Rev. Perry Sticker, pastor of the Church of the Holy Trinity, 215th street, avenue, today voluntarily reduced his salary from \$10,000 to \$6,000 a year in order to help defray the expenses of the church. He admitted that a program of economy had been introduced but said that the parish was solvent in every respect.

WOMAN FATALLY BURNED WHEN STILL EXPLODED

New York, April 23.—The police announced today that a woman who would be lodged against Antonio Chicchi for the death of his wife, 29, who today succumbed to burns received in the explosion of a still in their Brooklyn home last Thursday. Chicchi also was seriously hurt, and the homicide charge will be withheld until he recovers.

CONDITION OF JUSTICE EDWIN B. GAGER CRITICAL

New Haven, April 23.—The condition of justice in this city was criticized today by Edwin B. Gager, chief justice of the superior court. He said that the court remained critical to him. He suffered an attack of congested asthma last yesterday in his room in the city hall. He was taken to the hospital in an unconscious condition and up to a late hour tonight had not regained consciousness.

MARSHAL JOFFRE GUEST NATIONAL PRESS CLUB

Washington, April 23.—Marshal Joffre greeted the members of Washington's fourth estate today in an informal reception at the National Press club. After making a few remarks, the marshal then made a brief address in which he stressed the importance part played by the press in international affairs.

DEATH OF GEORGE L. DAVIS MAY HAVE BEEN ACCIDENT

San Francisco, April 23.—The death of George L. Davis, well known railroad organizer of the northwest, whose body was found on the ocean beach near Mussel Rock south of here, yesterday, may not have been a murder, as was first supposed, but may have been either an accident or suicide, according to evidence adduced today by the authorities. Constable S. A. Landini of Colma township, sent the entire day investigating at the point where the body was found.

SLEEPING SICKNESS CAUSED DEATH OF WORCESTER MAN

Worcester, Mass., April 23.—The death of Albert J. Anderson today from sleeping sickness marked the fourth death from the disease in this city within six weeks. Mr. Anderson's case was reported today from the department, yesterday, making a total of 13 cases this year. Health authorities say they fear no epidemic.

STATE POLICEMEN RAIDED A COCK FIGHT IN WALLINGFORD

Wallingford, Conn., April 23.—A dozen state policemen took part in a raid at Pond Hill Park here today, where a cock fight was in progress. Thirty-one men were arrested and 22 birds were seized. Each man was released in bonds of \$25 for appearance in town court tomorrow.

OBITUARY

George A. Smith
Newtown, N. J., April 22.—George A. Smith, 72, five years president of the Merchants' National bank with which he had been associated for 24 years, died today at the age of 51. A widow, two sons and a daughter survive him. The funeral will be held Wednesday.

Day Strike in South Ireland Today

A Mass Meeting of the Labor Party Will be Held in Dublin at Noon.

Dublin, April 23.—(By The A. P.)—Advised received from the country press indicate that there will be a general observance throughout southern Ireland of the one day general strike called for tomorrow. Trains from the north are not expected to pass over the boundary, and the sailing of cross-channel vessels will be suspended.

The postmaster general desired to maintain postal service for the benefit of the public and hospital purposes, but the postal union has objected to this.

A mass meeting of the labor party will be held at noon tomorrow in O'Connell street. Addresses in denunciation of Militarism in Ireland will be delivered in the evening. Eamon De Valera is due to address a meeting at Boland Mills on the occasion of the anniversary of Easter week, 1916. De Valera commanded the Irish army in the battle and was the last man to surrender.

The only protest against the strike has come from the republican side. The Sunday Express, in an editorial, which is said to support the republicans, prints prominently today an order to republicans not to obey the strike or to "discontinue" it.

The attack on Michael Collins in Dublin last Monday morning is followed by the newspaper which challenges Collins to bring to trial Sergeant Murray, who is alleged to have fired at him and who was arrested by Collins. Murray is still in a hunger strike in the Mount Joy prison.

The local authorities regard night time as dangerous. The secretary of the post office today issued a notice that in consequence of the disturbed conditions in the delivery of public and press telegrams after ten o'clock, the night staff also will be cut down. This will re-establish the conditions that prevailed during the current time.

Last night there was considerable firing in the vicinity of Marlborough hall, which was formerly occupied by the auxiliary police and is now used as quarters for the official troops.

Four Alleged Robbers Arrested in Stamford

They Are Charged With Having Held Up a Grocery Store in Greenwich.

Greenwich, Conn., April 23.—Four men were held up in the North Main street store in Stamford today after they eluded police who pursued them in the darkness.

The officers found overcoats near the Minerva river after several shots had been exchanged and it was believed the men were the robbers. The Stamford police were notified to watch for them.

The men were brought here and locked up for a hearing tomorrow. They are alleged to have held up a grocery store and taken \$200 from the proprietors. Three hundred dollars was overlooked by the robbers. The men gave their names as Hocco, Frank and Forganman, Speranza, brothers, and Philip Cigli, all of Stamford.

RESIDENTS OF NEW JERSEY FRIGHTENED BY A METEOR

Asbury Park, N. J., April 23.—A meteor, discharging gaseous odors, flashed through space to the south of this place at 8:30 tonight, disappearing in a thunderous roar. Frightened residents of many coast towns.

Window panes in residences in Toms River, N. J., were shattered at times, and the gas and dust, which was said to be more than a quarter of an hour, compelled the residents to hold damp handkerchiefs to their nostrils.

A party led by town officials has set out to find the spot at which the meteor fell. It is believed the town is near Brown's Mill-in-the-Pine, a village thirty miles from here.

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS

Dedication of \$650,000 for the memory of John Burrough, noted naturalist, took place at Big Indian, in the Catskills.

The Rhode Island legislature adjourned at 7 o'clock Saturday morning sine die.

Bulgaria has notified the Ukrainian soviet government that all the troops under the command of General Baron Wrangell arriving in Bulgaria have been disarmed.

Bright lights, joy rides and the motor have made a hit in China. Trade Commissioner Lynn W. Meekins reported from Shanghai.

The Prince of Wales said farewell to Tokyo Saturday, leaving for Yokohama on the special train provided for his use while in Japan.

Two policemen were killed in St. Louis by three bandits who held up the officers of Morris and Co., bankers, and escaped with about \$75 of payroll money.

The officers of the post refused permission for a day to be conducted by Lawrence textile unions for the benefit of striking operatives of that city.

A resolution fixing the age of admittance for pastors to the conference at 25 years was passed by the Methodist Episcopal church conference in Auburn, Me.

A levee on the west bank of the Mississippi river at Myrtle Grove about thirty miles south of New Orleans broke Saturday and neighboring plantations were flooded.

The marriage of King Alexander of Yugoslavia and Princess Marie, second daughter of King Ferdinand, and Queen Marie of Rumania, has been definitely fixed for June 1.

Grand Duchess Marie of Mecklenburg-Schwerin died at the royal castle at The Hague. She was the mother of Prince Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, consort of Queen Wilhelmina.

Emma Safford, 22, of Pawtucket, R. I., and Bernice Holmgren, whose home is in Ohio, freshmen at Northfield (Mass.) college, have been missing from the school for five days.

In an effort to help check crime in New York city, the underworld labor-oriented unions have agreed to accept a perfect burglar alarm. Alarms in use will be inspected.

Factories in Detroit have absorbed all skilled workers and the demand for men of first class is greater than the supply. The weekly report of the Employers' association states.

Major Sydney Cotton, of the Canadian air mail service, has begun another record by flying from Boston to New York and back in nine hours, with mail deliveries at three places.

The Apollo Hat Frame Company, which is located only a few blocks from the Clinton Hill police station, New York, was jimmied up by thieves who got away with \$350. They left their tools as clues.

Endorsement of Flanders poppy day by President Harding was announced by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, who are head of the movement for the wearing of the inter-allied flower on Memorial day.

The Boston and Albany railroad announced the close of business on Wednesday, April 26th, its locomotive shops at West Springfield, Mass., would be closed for an indefinite period.

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New Haven, April 23.—Although no further arrests were reported today in the case, it became known that the police are searching in Hartford for Morris Lester, a former police officer, in connection with the alleged swindle of Frank Stapleton of Waterbury out of \$30,000. Stapleton made his complaint to the New Haven police yesterday, and soon afterward the White of this city was arrested on a technical charge of larceny, with bail fixed at \$15,000.

The division in bonded stock deal which failed to produce any liquor. The man known as Lyons and two or three other persons were arrested in connection with the deal. The police in New York and New Haven. He handled over \$30,000, he said, and expected to get the owner of the car, a carload of bonded liquor. When the whiskey failed to arrive he went back to the hotel where the supposed revenue agent was supposed to be stopping, but they had checked out.

Hope that a world conference, with the United States participating, will be held after the Genoa meeting is over was expressed by the German chancellor, Dr. Wirth.

A petition in bankruptcy against the United States Food Products corporation was filed in federal court in New York. Liabilities of \$2,996,830, including the liabilities of subsidiary corporations, and assets of \$1,342,596 were listed.

The 57th New York, Chicago's chief claim to Bohemianism and the center of the local "Greenwich Village," which has come into prominence lately through police raids, poisonings and attempted suicides was destroyed by fire.

Miss Anna Klumke has offered the chateau near Fontainebleau, France, occupied by the late Rosa Bonheur as a studio and in which the famous artist executed most of her animal paintings, to the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Two rescue workers were killed and two others injured at the scene of a fire from the Sturton Oil company near Morganston, Va., when they were crushed under a fall of slate while searching for the bodies of two miners buried several days ago in a cave-in.

The selection of Dr. John Royal Harris, former of Pittsburgh and recently head of the southern division of the National Farm Association, as president of Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tenn., was announced at Nashville, Tenn.

The Soldiers and Sailors' Memorial hospital erected by Messrs. of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York was dedicated at Utica Saturday. The principal address was by Supreme Court Justice A. S. Thompson, deputy grand master, company of Daughters of the American Revolution.

Devastation wrought in Canada by the fierce and warm forest fires has been estimated at \$2,000,000. A prominent lumber operator in the province of Ontario is estimated to have lost \$500 for practical experiments in reforestation.

Greek troops are occupying the positions evacuated by the Italian forces in the Meandros Valley of Asiatic Turkey. Italian bricklayers of Boston filed a demand for a dollar an hour wage, effective today. The present rate is 90 cents.

Five deaths were reported in hospitals at Downey and Artesia, near Los Angeles, as a result of the explosion of a gasoline tank and gasoline wagon which occurred while fighting a fire in a gasoline filling station at Downey.

Auto buses from New York were run over the New York, New Haven & Hartford tracks Saturday as a demonstration for the members of the Society of Automobile Engineers who held a conference in conjunction with Yale engineers professors at Mason laboratory.

FIRE DROVE GUESTS FROM HOTEL WILLARD HOTEL, WASHINGTON

Vice President Coolidge and Several Members of Congress Were Among the 600 Who Were Routed Out of Their Beds at 5:45 A. M. Sunday—There Was Considerable Confusion, But No One Was Hurt and the Blaze Was Confined to the Tenth Floor—Fire Started in the Ball Room—Loss is Estimated at From \$100,000 to \$300,000.

Washington, April 23.—Vice President Coolidge, several members of the senate and house of representatives and many other persons, prominent in public business, were among the 600 who were routed out of their beds at an early hour this morning by a fire which swept the tenth floor of the Willard hotel, a structure at Pennsylvania avenue and Fourteenth street.

The blaze had its origin in the ball room on the tenth floor, where a few hours before President Harding, Mr. Coolidge, members of the cabinet and other representatives, foreign diplomats and others had sat around the telephone operator on duty called "room" at its annual spring dinner and social frolic. The fire was confined to the floor and the roof above, but tons of water poured into the flames spread through the floor below, causing much damage.

There naturally was some confusion and excitement as hotel attaches, policemen and firemen pounded on doors and the telephone operator on duty called "room" after room, but all those in the hotel got out of their apartments in the corridors and lobbies in safety. Many went to their bedrooms with them, but several remained at the Willard and returned to their rooms after the fire had been extinguished.

At 5:45 o'clock when a gasping policeman noticed smoke coming from the tenth floor, he turned in an alarm and the fire rushed into the hotel, forcing the hotel clerk, Mrs. George Maynard, to flee.

Several fire companies were on the scene in a few minutes. The chief of their forces was Vice President Coolidge. He was in the street by 6:00 o'clock. He was in the street by 6:00 o'clock. He was in the street by 6:00 o'clock.

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