

First to Last—the Truth: News—Editorials—Advertisements

France Warned Ship Plan

Imperils Navy Agreement; Envoys Ask Instructions

Conference Committee Adjourns Until To-morrow in Expectation No Crisis Will Eventuate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—In vigorous terms the French members of the naval committee of fifteen were told to-day that France by its suggested naval building program was threatening the success of the armament limitation conference. After a three-day meeting, at which France, through M. Sarraut, defended its position, and the position was attacked by virtually every other country, M. Sarraut cabled to Paris for instructions.

With the understanding that cables would be sent, the committee adjourned until Monday. There is great confidence here to-night, especially in view of some private advices from Paris, that the answer of the French government will be such that the menace to the naval armament limitation agreement will be removed.

Pressure on Britain Hinted

There is still much mystery surrounding the reasons actuating France's idea of being allotted ten new battleships which would cost \$400,000,000 American money. A cable received here to-day said a French magazine article concluded with the statement that this drive of the French for a big navy would be very annoying to the British, but that it would disappear into thin air if the British would only agree to conclude a treaty with France guaranteeing her against German aggression.

The British Parliament already has approved such a treaty, but with the expressed reservation that it is effective only if the United States joins in the guaranty. The French, it is said, now understand clearly that the United States will make no such guaranty. M. Briand, the French Premier, stated repeatedly here that he understood that the United States would never conclude such a treaty. Therefore, the logic of this French drive, which has aroused intense interest here, is that France now wants Britain to make the guaranty alone.

Concession for Guaranty

The French, it is hinted, may now turn this contention to their own profit. The French Premier, stated repeatedly here that he understood that the United States would never conclude such a treaty. Therefore, the logic of this French drive, which has aroused intense interest here, is that France now wants Britain to make the guaranty alone.

Incidentally, if the British in Washington have registered the changes in opinion and feeling of Downing Street correctly, there is no eager desire in the British Foreign Office to give such a guaranty. The British have been irritated beyond measure by event after event, beginning on the second day of the session, when Briand in his oration did not mention the part England had taken in aiding France when she was attacked by Germany. Then the British were irritated at this suggestion of a big fleet of submarines. Now comes this talk of a fleet of ten French battleships, and the British are indignant and scornful.

So the British are not in a mood to bargain with French requests, which are being made with a French threat at British sea supremacy—if not a threat at the whole policy of amicably limited armaments.

Olympic Passenger Killed in Terrific 8-Hour Storm

Many Others Hurt, Cabins Aged Flooded and Furniture Is Wrecked in 120-Mile Gale

From The Tribune's European Bureau Copyright, 1921, New York Tribune Inc. SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 17.—The White Star liner Olympic arrived here tonight from New York, twenty-two hours late, after a terrific battle with the wind in mid-ocean. The 120-mile-an-hour wind that struck the vessel in mid-ocean did enormous damage to the ship and caused the death of one man. Another was injured severely, and many others slightly.

The dead passenger was Domenico Brindani, an Italian traveling third class, whose back was broken by a fall. A Czech, who was badly injured, it was necessary to amputate his right leg. A collection amounting to nearly \$1,000 was taken among the passengers for him.

Both of these men and the others who were struck by flying glass and debris, when the back was broken, John Brindani, a Czech, who was badly injured, it was necessary to amputate his right leg. A collection amounting to nearly \$1,000 was taken among the passengers for him.

The storm that the Olympic ran into early in the week didn't get going until last night. Weather experts are puzzled to know where it has been hovering meanwhile.

Paris Offers Revision of Reparations

Ready to Cut Rhine Army if Money Saved Is Applied to Payment of Germany's War Debt

Proposals To Be Made by Briand Will Tell Lloyd George France Is Ready to Aid in Economic Restoration

PARIS, Dec. 17 (By The Associated Press).—The refusal of the Allied Reparations Commission to consider Germany's request for an extension of time for payment of her reparations installments until some indication was given as to how much Germany could pay was embodied in a note to the Berlin government, made public here to-day.

Later the French Foreign Office gave out an official statement on the attitude Premier Briand will assume in his discussions of the reparations problem with Lloyd George on Monday. This statement of principles reads:

First—France is willing to abandon the London schedule of payments, provided Germany pays an equivalent amount on a different form of schedule. France prefers to abandon the London schedule rather than remodel it.

Second—The French government will consider a reduction of the Allied forces in the occupation of the Rhineland and apply the money saved thereby to reparations, provided Great Britain offers an absolute guaranty in the event of future German aggression.

Third—France will assist in the improvement of the general economic situation, in common agreement, recognizing that Great Britain is as gravely concerned over trade prospects as France is over reparations, and will discuss lower tariffs and other similar problems.

Ready to Lend Help

Fourth—France is ready to undertake any practical measures jointly with Great Britain toward the economic and industrial restoration of Germany.

Fifth—While unwilling to accept a reduction in the reparations claims, France is prepared to grant Germany every possible facility to make deliveries.

Surprise Is Expressed

The German government was taken to task in a note for this situation. The Reparations Commission has received a letter from the Chancellor, dated December 14, announcing that the German government was unable to pay in their entirety the installments due under the schedule of payments on January 15 and February 15 next, and requesting the Reparations Commission to extend the time limit for the payment of these installments.

Return to Good Times Predicted by Harding

Improvement in Conditions Asserted in Letter to St. Paul Newspaper

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 17.—Confidence in "the return of good times" is expressed by President Harding in a letter to the editor of the St. Paul "Pioneer Press and Dispatch," on the occasion of the paper's annual edition to be published to-morrow.

Schoolboys, Beating Way, Shot by Marine Guard

Youths Stealing Ride Home Refuse to Get Off and Are Slightly Wounded

DENMARK, S. C., Dec. 17.—Two sixteen-year-old schoolboys were shot to-day by a marine guard on Seaboard Train 4, between Columbia and Savannah, while attempting to ride the trucks home from school at Fairfax. The boys, U. R. Swygert, of Peake, and Hermann Dusenberry, of Conway, were ordered to get off the train by the mail guard and when they refused, it is said, they were shot. The boys were slightly injured, according to information received here, one being wounded in the neck and the other in the foot.

The name of the guard has not been learned, and so far as could be ascertained to-night no report had yet reached the marine or postal authorities on the incident.

2 Killed in Irish Riot as Daily Debates

Dozen Are Wounded in East Belfast Outbreak as Mobs Attack Trams; Troops Open Fire

Ratification of Treaty Demanded Storm of Criticism Over Delay Sweeps Erin; Vote Likely by Tuesday Night

BELFAST, Dec. 17 (By The Associated Press).—The rioting swept East Belfast and the Newtownards Road district to-day, resulting in the death of at least two men and the wounding of a dozen. Rifle firing, directed largely against the tram service, was so intense that all the cars had to be stopped. Passengers in the riot zone were compelled to lie on the floors of the cars.

The crown forces used Lewis guns on the rioters in an effort to stamp out the disorders. The 9 o'clock curfew was again put into effect to-night.

Tomorrow is the anniversary of the closing of the gates of Derry (Londonderry) in 1609, when was begun the famous siege by the forces of James II which is commemorated in Ulster by the burning of the city of the "terrible Governor." This celebration, it is feared, will accentuate the heated feeling.

The dead are an employee of the tram service and Edward Brennan of the Short Strand, a Sinn Fein area. The police rescued other car crews who were attacked.

Public Becoming Impatient

Special Cable Dispatch to The Tribune Copyright, 1921, New York Tribune Inc. DUBLIN, Dec. 17.—The persistent delay of the Dail Eireann in voting on the Anglo-Irish treaty has provoked a storm of criticism in all parts of Ireland. Demands that the treaty be ratified are pouring in on the Sinn Fein delegates, and their final closed sessions to-day were filled with the spirit of impatience that is sweeping the country.

Termed Distinct Triumph

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (By The Associated Press).—Authorization by the Allied Council of Ambassadors for the construction of a Zeppelin in Germany of five of the big dirigibles, one of which had been applied to the United States during the peace conference. The United States based its application on the ground that it was entitled to another airship under Germany's reparations agreement. The Council of Ambassadors referred the matter to the principal Allied powers and several notes are said to have been exchanged.

The council's decision has been dispatched to Washington and should reach the State Department to-day. It is said that construction of the new Zeppelin may be commenced in January.

Advice of Unionists Sought

If the Dail ratifies, the next step will be the drafting of a constitution, to help with which representatives of all shades of opinion will be called in. The Sinn Fein, who were elected in the last campaign will take seats in the new Parliament—a step indicative of the change of spirit that has been heard in the Sinn Fein circles here and elsewhere. The vote on the treaty can be taken on Monday if all those who desire to speak can be heard, but the expectation is that this isn't possible.

Will Not Cost U. S. a Penny

The completed airship will be delivered to the United States in Germany without the expenditure of a single dollar.

House Passes \$20,000,000 Bill for Relief of Famine in Russia

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Despite the determined opposition of an appreciable number of prominent Republicans the House late to-day passed by a vote of 181 to 71 the bill appropriating \$20,000,000 for the relief of the famine-stricken areas of Russia. The measure goes to the Senate, where it is expected leaders will force its early adoption.

The supplies to be purchased are corn, seed grain and condensed milk. They will be distributed by the American Relief Administration, a new financial organization under the direct supervision of President Harding.

Burns Predicts Solution Of Wall St. Bomb Plot; Used Lindenfeld as Spy

Decoders Work All Night on Confession

The bomb plot confession of Wolfe Lindenfeld, whose arrest on Friday in Warsaw, Poland, is expected to clear up the mystery of the Wall Street dynamite outrage which cost the lives of thirty-seven persons, is being decoded, it was said last night, in the offices of the State Department in Washington. It is 10,000 words long, and the task of putting it into English was expected to take all night. The department's cables carried nothing else yesterday.

Confession Obtained in Poland May Involve 300 in Conspiracies of Terrorists in the U. S.

Several European Arrests Expected

William J. Burns, chief of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice, came here from Washington last night to take charge of the renewal of the inquiry into the Wall Street explosion, the mystery of which he believes has been solved by the confession in Warsaw of Wolfe Lindenfeld.

Dispatches received from Warsaw last night were to the effect that the loquacious prisoner was engaged in making further statements which were being translated into English, but had refused to tell where he was at the time of the explosion, beyond saying that he was "up town, in Manhattan." There is also a month of the period he has spent abroad which has not been accounted for. He spent six weeks in Moscow.

Two Men Shot in New Jersey By Dry Agent

Both Said To Be Dying From Wounds Received in Fight Following Liquor Raid on West Orange Street

Green Miller, revenue agent from the mountains of the South and right-hand man of E. C. Yallowley, head of all the prohibition agents for the United States, came to prohibition headquarters yesterday to report to Prohibition Commissioner Roy A. Haynes and Director Ralph A. Day that he had shot two men in West Orange, N. J., Thursday night. Both men are dying from wounds received in a fight following a liquor raid.

Wholesale Murder Plot Government Learns of Plan to Shoot All Revenue Men; 13 Already Killed

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Information Being Pieced

Mr. Burns is waiting also for a cable message giving further details of Lindenfeld's arrest. The twenty dispatches telling of it do not square in some respects with the information in the hands of the Department of Justice. The discrepancy is that the news dispatches say that Lindenfeld was arrested as a principal in the explosion, whereas he was sent abroad by the Department of Justice as a radical, conversant with the facts and willing to betray the live persons, one of them a woman, whom he accused in connection with the explosion.

Tracks of Dinosaurs Found in Connecticut

Slab of Sandstone Also Shows Ripple Marks Made Millions of Years Ago

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Mrs. Harding Saves Two Policemen From the Cold

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Suspects Trained in Europe

The Department of Justice was aware at the time that suspects in the bomb explosion were being trained in Europe. The Burns agency would take place soon in several European cities.