

PUT HOUSE IN ORDER, IS AMERICA'S FIRST DUTY TO NATIONS OF WORLD, SAYS PRESIDENT HARDING

Germans and Poles in Artillery and Machine Gun Duel in Silesia

PEOPLE PANIC STRICKEN, FLEE FROM WAR AREA

Berlin Denies. All Responsibility for Disturbances to French.

Vigilance Will Be Used to Prevent Soldiers Crossing Line, Promise

Berlin, May 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Reports from Oppeln say that the Germans and Poles are engaged in heavy artillery and machine gun firing along the Oder, especially near Krappitz. Both sides are entrenching and the people in several towns are panicking.

The French note, to which the German memorandum is a reply, changed Germany with Oppein. The suppression of volunteer forces against the upper Silesian Poles to prevent the organization of armed forces at Kreuzburg, Oppeln, Krappitz and Barmen, approximating 20,000 men.

In reply Germany says that the allied forces in upper Silesia cannot supply a guarantee, although there have been many promises that foodstuffs would not fall into insurgents' hands and that the self-defense organizations have been largely recruited in upper Silesia as a natural result of General Lerond's failure to protect the Germans in that area.

In conclusion the German note points out that Germany cannot be responsible for a situation over which the allies have assumed control and that if the Germans have armed themselves with rifles, machine guns and artillery, as the French note asserts, it is a question with which the forces of occupation must deal.

Germany, however, promised to exercise strict vigilance to prevent volunteers from crossing the German frontier, and says that the police force on the German Silesian border will be materially increased.

Harvey's Speech Draws Criticism of Women's League

San Francisco, May 23.—A telegram to President Harding protesting against Ambassador Harvey's speech at London regarding American participation in world affairs as a violation of one of Harding's pre-election promises was sent Monday by Mrs. Ray Lyman Wilbur, wife of the president of Stanford university, as president of the Women's League for the Peace Treaty. The telegram read:

Dog Feasts on Huge Shortcake; Business Forego Confection

Vancouver, B. C., May 23.—A strawberry short cake six feet in diameter and two feet thick filled with bushels of strawberries and covered with a foot of whipped cream, was to have been placed de resistance at the Merritt board of trade dinner.

MRS. BERGDOLL AGAIN CLASHES WITH HOUSE SOLONS; IS VICTORIOUS

Denounces Inquiry as Persecution; Says Congressmen Too Nosey; Testifies Gold Buried on Her Farm Near Philadelphia.

Washington, May 23.—Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, mother of Grover C. Bergdoll, the slacker, again went to the bat Monday with the house investigating committee.

Granite State, Once Pride of American Navy, Burns to Water's Edge in N. Y.

New York, May 23.—The New York naval training ship Granite State, once the pride of the American navy, Monday was burned to the water's edge in a spectacular fire in which sailors dived through portholes, after flooding the magazine.

'Funeral Trust' Quiz Ordered in Chicago; Undertaker Bombed

Chicago, May 23.—Investigation of an alleged "funeral trust" was begun by the state attorney's office Monday, following refusal of chauffeurs and livermen to drive or supply automobiles for the funerals of two former soldiers.

All Balloonists Land Safely; Results Await "St. Louis" Pilot Report

Birmingham, Ala., May 23.—Until J. S. McKibben, pilot of the "St. Louis Number 5," was reported Monday night as having reached St. Louis after landing in Tennessee Sunday, reports officially, the winner of the national elimination balloon contest which started from here Saturday night will not be known until the other eight pilots have landed and reported.

'DRY' FORGES WIN \$200,000 TO PAY SLEUTHS

Volstead Amendment to Deficiency Bill Is Adopted 77 to 38.

Purchase of \$100,000,000 Farm Loan Notes Eliminated From Bill.

Washington, May 23.—After heated discussion of the prohibition question was bitterly criticized and as vigorously defended, the house Monday voted an additional \$200,000 for enforcement of the Volstead act until July 1.

Bryan Delivers Democrats Message of Hope; Names Five Mediums to Success

Columbus, O., May 23.—William J. Bryan brought a message of hope to members of the Jefferson club at their picnic Monday.

Chester Jury Near Selection

Kansas City, May 23.—Forty-seven men from which 12 will be chosen as jurors were selected Monday at the opening session of the trial of Denzel Chester, charged with the murder of Miss Florence Barton, who was shot to death the night of October 2, while riding in a motor car on a country road with Edward Winter, her fiancé.

Military Objector Succumbs to Fast After Sixty Days

Selma, Iowa, May 23.—Walter Oliver, son of a wealthy farmer living near here, died Monday the sixtieth day of his self-imposed fast.

Less Government Interference in Business, and Co-Operation, Is Promise of Chief Executive

250,000 School Children Waving Flags, Cheering Wildly, Greet President

New York, May 23.—The greeting that reached the President's heart while in New York Monday was that given by young America—the 250,000 school children who lined the route to Brooklyn.

These children, granted a half holiday, stood in a drizzling rain, waving flags and cheering wildly as the car came in sight. Their voices rose in a mighty crescendo that brought radiant smiles from the president and Mrs. Harding.

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Summer Rate on Coal in Canada Reduced

Ottawa, May 23.—The board of railway commissioners Monday ordered a 10 per cent summer reduction in freight rates on coal moved to the prairie provinces. The lower rate is effective from June 1 to August 31.

Senate Economy Forces Defeat Alameda Naval Base Project, 30 to 40

Washington, May 23.—Another successful attack by economies forces in the senate against the \$400,000,000 naval appropriation bill resulted Monday in the defeat of the naval committee's plan to establish a Pacific coast base at Alameda, Calif. By 30 to 40 the item was stricken from the bill.

Also Emphasizes Fundamental Importance of Agriculture in Address at Dinner Celebrating 125th Anniversary of New York Commercial.

Washington, May 23.—The long battle in congress over the emergency tariff bill ended Monday when the house by a vote of 245 to 97 adopted the conference report to which the senate had agreed. The measure was sent to the White House, where it is expected to be signed soon by the president.

HAROLD SENT TARIFF BILL

House Adopts Conference Report by 245 to 97 Vote.

ULSTER FLIES UNION JACK ON ELECTION EVE

Belfast, May 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Sir James Craig's last word to the unionists on the eve of the election was "Fly the Union Jack"—was complied with to the full in Belfast Monday night.

300 TURKISH BANDITS CAPTURED BY FRENCH