

arguing that Germany can give sufficient guarantees without such restrictions.

CZECHS REBUFF BERLIN; REFUSE TO MEDIATE Reported Germany Will Appeal to Belgium.

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Germany has asked the Czech-Slovak Government to serve as intermediary between herself and the Entente Powers and has been turned down flatly.

The reply of the Czech-Slovak Government to Germany was that she should communicate directly with the Supreme Council, this reply undoubtedly having been inspired by the French Foreign Office, which is in close relations with Prague.

President Millerand presided yesterday over an unusual conference in the Elisee Palace attended by the principal Cabinet members and Marshals Foch and Pétain and Gen. Weygand, Deputies and Buat, head of the General Staff, at which the Chief Executive of the State clearly indicated that he intended to keep a guiding hand on the French policy with respect to the reparations due May 1 and the measures to be employed against Germany.

Following the declaration in the House of Representatives by Lloyd George that there was no accord with France regarding the programme against Germany, these secret conferences here were of great interest.

The Temps, while expressing doubt that the Germans would succeed in getting the President to agree to European affairs, declares, however, that the view of the United States on the amount Germany would be able to pay in reparations should be obtained and that in any event the United States should have the right to read the Reparations Commission's final report before it is handed to Germany.

BERLIN EDITORS REFER TO PROPOSALS TO U. S. One Plan Is for Germany to Pay Part of Allies' Debts.

By the Associated Press. BERLIN, April 16.—The Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung in an inspired article today advises the public not to expect information on the reparations question until Parliament has decided on it.

The Zeitung also asserts that it understands the Government is utilizing the good offices of a neutral Power to submit new reparations proposals to the United States for the latter's opinion, as the proposal publicly consists of an offer by Germany to assume some of the allied debts to the United States, whose consent necessarily must be obtained.

The Zeitung also asserts that Germany has accepted the suggestion of a disinterested neutral to ask the intervention of the United States in the interest of world peace.

FRENCH PLAN RECALL OF AMBASSADOR AT ROME Attitude of Italian Minister on Reparations the Cause.

ROME, April 16.—Camille Barère, who has been the French Ambassador at Rome for nearly a quarter of a century, is about to be recalled owing to the attitude of Count Sforza, the Italian Foreign Minister, in forcing France in her policy of rigidly applying penalties against Germany for non-fulfillment of reparations demands, according to a Paris despatch to the Popolo Romano.

ITALIAN BUDGET IS CUT TWO BILLION LIRE Passes Senate After Both Houses Slash It.

ROME, April 16.—The Senate today passed the budget, 200 votes to 4. A reduction was made that since the budget left the Chamber the Senate had reduced its amount by 700,000,000 lire. This reduction was in addition to a cut of 1,300,000,000 lire which the Chamber made in the Government's original estimates.

CUBANS WANT NEW U. S. PACT Merchants Ask Government to Begin Negotiations.

HAVANA, April 16.—The Merchants Association of Cuba held a mass meeting this afternoon to protest against any increase in tariffs on sugar and tobacco by the United States Congress.

SEARCHING IN NORTHWEST INDIA

DELHI, India, April 16.—Savage fighting is reported on the Northwestern Indian frontier as the result of the reappearance of the Afghan leader Abdur Rehman, who is carrying on anti-British propaganda and leading a band of howling tribesmen.

FOREIGN BUYING IN RHINELAND IS SLIM

Few French or British at Frankfurt Fair to Purchase Goods.

MERCHANTS COMPLAIN Menace of Reparation Penalties and Restrictions by the French.

WINCE AT CUSTOMS BAR Germans Say Collections Will Not Be Worth Expense Entailed.

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FRANKFURT, April 16.—If the Frankfurt fair is a barometer of the commercial situation to-day, there is an almost entire absence of French and British buyers in the Rhineland and nine-tenths of the sales are for the German home markets.

The only foreign exhibitors are those from countries whose currency is depreciated. Many Finns are here buying agricultural machinery, electrical goods and cutlery for storage in anticipation of the opening of a large trade with Russia.

In Frankfurt fair circles it still hard to report that gained circulation several months ago that France and England had entered into a secret agreement whereby the French agreed to follow the British lead in the Near East and in Russia, while Great Britain trails after the French policy in connection with reparations.

At last we are following our policy unhindered," a French official said. "The Germans must be forced to realize that the reparations proposals are serious and imperative. Statements like that of Dr. Walter Simons, German Foreign Minister, when he asserted that 30,000,000,000 marks gold had been paid toward reparations are mere bluff and will provoke further sanctions" (penalties).

According to a French General other sanctions outlined include a prolonged occupation of Upper Silesia, with possibly a customs barrier, and the occupation of the remainder of the Ruhr Basin. The French have let it be understood that they are uncertain regarding the economic consequences of the present sanctions and that they are postponing application of further sanctions as long as possible.

Customs Returns at Border. A month ago a member of the High Commission of the Rhineland estimated that the revenue the Allies would collect through the customs measures would amount to three-quarters of a billion marks gold a year.

The British alone put the tariff into practical application," he said, "but there is no indication on their part to put the full 50 per cent. into effect. The new customs barrier is intended to hamper and it is uneconomical and impractical. We anticipate trouble again by the creation of military barriers between interlocked chemical works, but we are accustomed to these petty formalities.

Dr. Wolff, director of the Chamber of Commerce of Frankfurt and a leading lawyer here, said that he was convinced the French, after two months, would admit the unprofitableness of the new customs barrier. He enumerated common subterfuges which permit an evasion of the tax and called attention to the camouflage practice in giving the origin of the goods exported, the falsification of the "false lines" between the occupied area and Germany, and declared that a certain amount of dishonesty on the part of some officials was to be expected.

72 Sentenced to Death for Russian Uprising

STOCKHOLM, April 16.—A revolutionary court in Smolensk has pronounced sentence on 72 peasants accused of having participated in an uprising according to advices received here to-day. Seventy-two of the peasants were sentenced to death and 200 others to long terms.

The Mensheviks, or minority, have abandoned direct attempts to overturn the Soviet, but they are obliging Nikolai Lenin to make concession after concession, advices from Moscow say.

SMUGGLING GROWING IN RHINELAND SECTION Business Droops and French Fear for Customs Returns.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD. Copyright, 1921, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. WISBADEN, April 16.—The French in the Rhineland are as uncertain about the way the new customs frontier will work as are the Germans and cannot foresee consequences that may develop.

"We recognize the close affinity between German coal and our iron," a representative Frenchman here remarked. "We acknowledge as sound Hugo Stinnes' continental economic idea. But we believe it will come to a fruition without Stinnes and August Thyssen, whose only interest is their personal domination of the scheme."

It is harder to obtain an understanding of the meaning of the customs barrier here in the region most affected by it than it is in the capitals where the policy of the Allies was determined.

Massachusetts Court Allows Verdict Against Newspaper. BOSTON, April 16.—A private corporation has the same right as an individual to sue and recover damages from a newspaper which publishes false, malicious and defamatory articles against it, the Supreme Court ruled to-day.

SINGLE MEN CALLED BACK TO FORD PLANT Signs Increase That Normal Conditions Return.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. DETROIT, April 16.—For the first time since the big automobile plant closed down last December the Ford Motor Company has started the recall of its single men without dependents to the Highland Park works. Hundreds of cards notifying the young men that they are needed at once were mailed Friday night.

ITALIAN PAPERS PRAISE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Called Programme of American Nationalism.

ROME, April 16.—Newspapers of this city give high praise to the policies announced by President Harding in his message to the United States Congress and declare it serves notice on Entente nations, as well as former enemy countries, of the course to be pursued in future by America.

MEXICAN WAR OFFICE DISCREDITS GONZALES Declares General's Revolution to Be Unimportant.

MEXICO CITY, April 16.—The War Office to-day declared that the activities of Gen. Pablo Gonzales, formerly Provisional President, were unimportant and that the Federal troops would be able to thwart any real attempt at a revolution. Gonzales yesterday was reported as having crossed the boundary into Mexico to head a revolution, but the Mexican War Office intimates that Gonzales is still in Laredo.

ACCUSE POLES OF DEAL WITH RUSSIA

Say Secret Clause in Treaty Gives Free Hand in Latvia.

POLISH FORCES IN VILNA Diet Ratifies Peace With Soviet Russia and the Ukraine.

By the Associated Press. KOVNO, Lithuania, April 16.—The Lithuanian Foreign Office to-day said it had been informed from an excellent source of the existence of a secret clause in the peace treaty between Poland and Soviet Russia, under which Russia is to be permitted to have a free hand in Latvia in return for a promise not to interfere with Polish aggression against Lithuania.

Three regiments of infantry, two of cavalry, a number of military cannons and considerable artillery are reported to have arrived in Vilna from Poland in the last few days to reinforce Gen. Zeligowski, head of the Polish "irregular" troops in Vilna, Dr. Kamir Grinius, Premier of Lithuania, declared to-day.

WARSAW, April 16.—Ratification of the treaty of peace between Poland, Soviet Russia and Ukraine has been voted by the Polish Diet. This action, which took place yesterday, completes Poland's engagement to have the convention approved within thirty days after the pact was signed, on March 18, Russia has ratified.

CORPORATION'S RIGHTS IN LIBEL UPHELD Massachusetts Court Allows Verdict Against Newspaper.

It upheld a verdict of \$1,000 damages awarded the Fitchburg Temperance Society, Societas of Worcester, against the Ralvazja Publishing Society, also of Worcester.

Officials say that this is the first assured sign that the company is nearing a normal working production basis. Up to this time only married men and single men with dependents have been called back to work.

CHASERS KILL DOGS THAT BITE TWO BOYS Automobile and Motorcycle Pursue Weehawken Animals.

Two mastiffs which had bitten three Weehawken boys were chased by Patrolman Carroll and William Fanning through Weehawken streets yesterday afternoon, the officer firing at the animals. The shots failed to take effect.

REJECT NAVIGATION PROJECTS. WASHINGTON, April 16.—Improvement of Schuette harbor, Massachusetts, and the Neches River, Texas, between Beaumont and the mouth of the Angelina River, is inadvisable, the army engineer corps advised the House to-day after a survey.

INTENDS TO FORCE REDS TO FREE U. S. HOSTAGES

Washington Stirred by Holding of Americans in Jails.

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HOELZ, GERMAN RED LEADER, CAPTURED Arrest of Saxony's 'Robin Hood' in Berlin Is Officially Announced.

By the Associated Press. BERLIN, April 16.—Max Hoelz, alleged to have been the leader of the recent Communist uprising in middle Germany, was arrested here last night, it was officially announced to-day.

Dr. Paul Levy, leader of the German Communists and foremost representative of that party in the Reichstag, was expelled from the party to-day by its Central Committee "for gross breach of faith and seriously damaging the party."

Dr. Levy had criticized the Moscow Internationale in connection with the recent uprising in Central Germany, which he strongly opposed as a piece of government propaganda.

RADIOS TO EXCHANGE NEWS AMONG COLLEGES Plan Is Decided at Convention in Cambridge.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., April 16.—Plans for the exchange of college news by radio were made to-day at the inter-collegiate conference on undergraduate government, in which the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. All the institutions among the forty-three represented that have radio societies are expected to participate as soon as the final details can be arranged.

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COMMUNISTS CALL LENINE A BETRAYER

Denounce Him for Seeking to Forget the Stupidities of Smolny Institute.

AMERICANS IN DISTRESS Mrs. Harrison's Case Is Pitiful, Says Zuckr—Bolshevik Are Hiding Secrets.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD. Copyright, 1921, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. REVIVAL, April 16.—According to Morris Zuckr of Brooklyn, N. Y., the Communist organizer who arrived here from a five months' stay in Russia, Lenin's most remarkable statement before the Tenth Communist Congress was this:

"We must forget the stupidities of Smolny." That is the original Bolshevik programme which was elaborated at the Smolny Institute in Petrograd.

Zucker thinks that Lenin's most important supporters are truculent youths who really do not understand Communism, but will back up Lenin in whatever line he takes.

ROBOVITCH IS RETURNING. LIVERPOOL, April 16.—Leo Robovitch, arrested here on February 19 in connection with the alleged passing of a fraudulent check for \$40,000 in New York, sailed for the United States to-day on the Celtic in the custody of officers.

GERMAN WAR CHIEFS AT QUEEN'S MEMORIAL Ludendorff and Others Appear in Uniform.

BERLIN, April 16.—A memorial service for former Empress Augusta Victoria was held here this morning, at which, according to the Kreuz Zeitung, Gen. von Secht, the Chief of Staff, appeared in uniform, as did Gen. Ludendorff, Gen. von Kluck and many other former officers. Gen. Ludendorff was heartily cheered by the crowd.

GREKS ROUT TURKS AND HOLD ALL PASSES Defted Army Reported in Disordered Flight.

By the Associated Press. ATHENS, April 15.—The Turks have failed completely in their attack against the Greeks in the Touloubanar sector of Asia Minor. It was semi-officially stated to-day, Mustafa Kemal Pasha, the Turkish Nationalist leader, is reported to be personally endeavoring to rally his forces, which are fleeing in disorder toward Kutahya, twenty-seven miles southwest of Eski-Shehr.

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