

the Berlin Government found itself in an extreme position.

In its first memorandum to the United States with respect to reparations, which was drawn on last March 24, Germany said she was ready to meet any proposal which appeared feasible "for the solution of the economic and financial problems of Europe," and that she invited the examination by unbiased experts of her own ability to make payment. It was added that it was entirely clear to both the people and the Government that Germany would have to pay to the limit of her ability.

In replying to this memorandum, Secretary Hughes said that the United States stood with the Governments of the Allies in holding Germany "responsible for the war and therefore morally bound to make reparation so far as may be possible."

"This Government," Mr. Hughes continued, "believes that it recognizes in the memorandum of Dr. Sinowatz a sincere desire on the part of the German Government to reopen negotiations with the Allies on a new basis and hopes that such negotiations, once resumed, may lead to a prompt settlement which will at the same time satisfy the just claims of the Allies and permit Germany hopefully to renew its productive activities."

GERMANS BEGIN TO SEE FRANCE IS IN EARNEST Appeal to Harding Causes Sensation in Berlin.

BERLIN, April 21.—The news that Germany's note to Washington on reparations pledges Germany to accept the mediation of President Harding without reservations and to fulfill absolutely any award President Harding may make after examination and investigation into the subject caused quite a sensation in political and financial circles.

Dr. Walter Simons, the Foreign Minister, announced to-day that he would answer interpellations in the Reichstag on the German reparations proposals and the manner in which they have been prepared on Monday or Tuesday.

The German Foreign Office to-day sent a note to Lord Drexel, the American Commissioner here, expressing regret for the attack on a German newspaper on Tuesday by James E. Robinson and his wife, residents of Chicago.

AMENDMENTS TACKLED ON PEACE RESOLUTION Knox Measure to Be Favorably Reported Monday.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., April 21.

The Knox measure and the technical state of war with the Central Powers was taken up to-day at a meeting of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and its author, Senator Knox, agreed to some amendments which will be written into the resolution next Monday.

BERLIN WITHDRAWS ITS TONNAGE CLAIMS New Valuation of Shipping to Be Submitted.

By the Associated Press. PARIS, April 21.—The Reparations Commission to-day issued an official statement concerning German shipping. It says:

"The German shipping delegation has officially announced the withdrawal of its figures of 4,500,000 tons gross shipping, valued at 7,000,000,000 gold marks, which it claimed to have been delivered in execution of the Versailles treaty."

COMMUNISTS PUT OFF PAYROLL IN SAXONY Party Now Threatened With Disintegration.

By the Associated Press. BERLIN, April 21.—Communists holding public office in the province of Saxony have been taken off the payroll by President Hoersing of the province.

NEW JERSEY CENTRAL R. R. Through Supt. Error in the New Jersey Central R. R. Atlantic City-Philadelphia Section Advertisement of April 21 Shows Time Schedule was Printed. See Correspondence on page 4 to-day.—Adv.

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Irish Unionists in South Appeal for Postponement of the Elections.

New York Herald Bureau, London, April 21. Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD. Copyright, 1921, by THE NEW YORK HERALD. While even the warmest supporters of Lloyd George among the southern Irish Unionists are appealing for a postponement of the elections under the Home Rule act, Sinn Fein has issued a manifesto for the first time, calling the act "dishonest, illusory and insulting."

Although the request for the postponement of the elections was discussed by the Cabinet to-day, no decision was reached. The question will be discussed again next Thursday.

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SINN FEIN AIMS AT U. S. IN BAN ON EMIGRATION

Big Rush of Irish to Come Here, Mostly Young Girls.

DUBLIN, April 21.—The decree just issued by the Irish Republican Parliament prohibiting emigration from Ireland "without permission from the proper authority," although it is directed against all emigration, was directly occasioned by the heavy increase in emigration to the United States so far this year, it was declared here to-day.

The numbers of Irishmen applying at the American consulates in Belfast, Dublin and Queenstown for visas has been so great recently that the consular staffs have been working to the limit to keep up with the demand.

GREEKS REENFORCING THEIR USHAK FRONT

40,000 New Troops Put in Field of Action.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 21.—Artillery forces are being massed by the Greeks on the Ushak sector of Asia Minor and 40,000 new troops have been put into the field, two-thirds going to the Ushak front.

It is believed here that the Greeks are about to begin their original project and cut through Kutais. They have four divisions in this sector.

The Turkish Nationalists claim the capture of a formidable mountain position at Mouradiah, which is the key to Afum-Karabissar.

ATHENS, April 21.—Protests against the issuance of 500,000,000 drachmas in paper money by the Greek National Bank will be presented to the Hellenic Government by the International Financial Commission, which holds that such action is in violation of the law of 1893, which vests in the commission the authority to limit circulation of paper money.

It is pointed out that the Allies permitted the Venizelist Government to issue 400,000,000 drachmas in currency in new territories in order to pay soldiers, and it is asserted the International Commission cannot ignore the precedent.

EXCESS PROFIT TAXES TO BE DROPPED IN BRITISH BUDGET

Every Effort Being Made to Meet Interest Due United States as Well as £26,500,000 in Five Year Notes Maturing Here on November 1.

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Attention in business and banking circles here is being directed toward the introduction of the budget in the House of Commons Monday. It will be introduced by Austen Chamberlain, Government spokesman in the House of Commons and until recently Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Mr. Chamberlain as Chancellor of the Exchequer and who formerly was president of the Board of Trade, has been so busy in connection with Government efforts to settle the strike of the coal miners that he is not prepared to handle the budget figures, and, therefore, Mr. Chamberlain will make an explanatory statement regarding the budget, which he himself prepared.

There is little likelihood that any important changes will appear in the budget which Mr. Chamberlain will offer. Already it has been formally announced that the excess profit tax will be dropped, but it is considered that Mr. Chamberlain will be very lucky if he can provide £20,000,000 or £300,000,000 surplus over current expenditures for the year.

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NO DISARMAMENT FOR THE BOLSHEVIKI

Army Counts Millions of Men and 150,000 Officers, Trotzky Says.

By the Associated Press. RIGA, April 21.—The Bolshevik regime in Russia, according to the Moscow *Izvestia*, has decided against the introduction of the militia system and in favor of keeping up a formidable standing army. The reconstruction and arming of the fleet has also been decided upon.

Trotzky, in addressing the students of the Military School in Moscow, declared that the Bolshevik army now counts millions of fighting men with 150,000 officers, while the output of the Russian munitions factories, he declared, increased 400 per cent in 1920.

A Helfingors despatch quotes him as saying that in the coming summer he would take up the possibility of an offensive in the East and a war of revenge against Poland.

Furthermore, says the *Izvestia*, it has been decided to replace all non-Communist officers by Communists as soon as possible.

The recent Congress determined to take steps to halt what the *Izvestia* terms the demoralization of the army of certain groups of individuals who are proposing the introduction of the system of electing officers and commissars throughout the army.

A despatch from Moscow says the Communists have secured a majority of 85 per cent in the recent election of the Moscow Soviet. The final results show: Communists, 1,025; non-party delegates, 157; centering, 11.

Reports reaching Riga to-day of the voting in the various factory and other Soviets declared that the supporters of the Mencheviki and other parties opposing the present regime found themselves unable to make any headway.

LONDON, April 21.—Soviet newspapers reaching London admit that a serious situation exists in Siberia and that orders have been telegraphed to the local Soviets to hire Chinese troops and German and Austrian prisoners of war to fight the rebels.

The Department of Commerce as a result has begun an investigation of the various subsidies paid by Germany. Beginning has been made on public utilities and the transportation lines so check an indirect subsidy which permits low rates and spreads the costs of transporting goods to the entire people.

Germany's system is regarded as one of primary interest and concern in making any tariff for the United States. All goods sold by this country in foreign markets must pay their way, while German costs are lost in subsidies.

Secretary Hoover likewise believes the general international trade situation indicates clearly that this country is bearing the credit burden of much of the world's export trade, particularly in foodstuffs and raw materials, to the detriment of American farmers.

The Secretary said to-day that while the volume of American food exports was holding up despite a sharp decline in value, imports were also heavy, American exports are going to Europe, where we must extend credit, while other countries are sending their excess foods to us, where there is a good cash market, preferring not to go themselves to the credit market.

In effect, Secretary Hoover believes this makes the United States pick up the credit burden and deprives our farmers of the benefits of sales of surplus food and raw materials abroad, as incoming foods nullify the possible effect on prices.

It was for this reason that the Administration emergency tariff measure was designed primarily to cover foodstuffs and raw materials.

NORWEGIAN WORKERS FOR INDUSTRY CONTROL

LONDON, April 21.—As the first step in the campaign of Norwegian workers to resist the expected plan of the employers to reduce wages, according to a Christiania despatch to the Central News, representatives of the workers' committees to-day formed a district council as a preparatory measure to the taking over of all industrial concerns in the country.

While in the United States in May, 1918, Prof. Masaryk was elected first President of the new republic of Czechoslovakia. After formal recognition was extended his country by the Allies he returned to Prague the following October to assume the Presidential duties.

In February, 1920, the Czechoslovak National Assembly accorded him the privilege of remaining in office "for life."

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IMMIGRATION FIGHT IN HOUSE ON IRISH

Friends of Erin Seek to Keep Door Open for Political Refugees.

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The first fight in the new Congress on the Irish question is scheduled to break out in the House to-morrow during consideration of the immigration restriction bill.

Members with strong Irish sympathies, led by Representative Bourke Cockran (N. Y.), will seek to amend the bill so that the immigration door will not be closed to political refugees.

One of the main purposes of the amendment is to change existing laws so that Donal O'Callaghan, Lord Mayor of Cork, recently ordered deported, will not be forced to leave the country.

O'Callaghan and his friends have been protesting the deportation order on the grounds that he is a political refugee.

The Cockran amendment would allow the entrance into the United States, despite the temporary ban, of "aliens who are refugees for political reasons."

Whether the alien is a political refugee would be determined by a United States District Court and a jury in habeas corpus proceedings. Indications are that the amendment will be defeated, although a strong fight for its passage will be made.

An attempt to bring it up as an addition to one section of the bill to-day was prevented by a ruling of Representative Stafford (Wis.), chairman of the House Committee of the Whole, that it was out of order in this form, but could be presented as a new section to the bill.

Only one important amendment to the bill was adopted to-day. It provided more strict requirements for the entrance of refugees from political persecution and was offered by Representative Husted (N. Y.).

Aliens must prove they have suffered actual persecution before admittance under the amendment.

An amendment by Representative Siegel (N. Y.) to increase the number of immigrants that may enter under the ban to 3 per cent of the nationals of each country in the United States in 1920 instead of 1910, was defeated.

Representative Hill (Md.) sought to allow the entrance of all blood relatives, but this was voted down. The House also refused to decrease the percentage of immigrants to 1 per cent, as proposed by Representative Quin (Miss.).

Representative Fish (N. Y.) suggested that all aliens who served in the military and naval forces of the United States be allowed to send for their relative, and this amendment was pending when the House adjourned.

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