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GERMAN CABINET DEPENDS ON SILESIA

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BUSINESS WAITS RESULT

Importance of Extending Ministry Admitted as Wirth Combination Is Weak.

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The stability of Chancellor Wirth's "Ministry of Fulfillment" depends for the present on the solution of the Upper Silesian question.

This explanation by Dr. Strossmann does two things. It gives an acceptable reason for business interests evading responsibility in connection with signing the allied terms, and it serves as well to provide an equally good reason in case of an Upper Silesian settlement, for the same business interests rejoicing the Cabinet and helping fulfill what they declined to sign.

The importance of extending the Cabinet is admitted on all sides, and there are hopeful voices now that finally the Ministry, commanding an actual majority in the Reichstag and combining the chief business and labor representatives, will usher in an era of real parliamentary activity.

By the Associated Press. BERLIN, May 12.—The Interallied Commission at Oppeln, Silesia, according to advices from that place, denies the report of an armistice and the fixation of a demarcation line in the plebiscite zone.

This report was pronounced a breach of the Treaty of Versailles in articles in the Berlin newspapers.

GERMANS IN OPPELN PROTEST ARMISTICE

Declare General Strike Over Korfanty's Success.

By the Associated Press. OPPELN, Upper Silesia, May 12 (By courier to Berlin, Silesia).—The Germans have declared a general strike in Oppeln in protest against the so-called armistice, which is interpreted by them as recognition of Adalbert Korfanty, head of the Polish invasion.

All telephone and telegraph lines and the gas, water and lighting services were cut at 1 o'clock to-day. There were demonstrations this afternoon in protest against the French withdrawal of troops from the territory occupied by Korfanty's followers.

The population is greatly excited. Many civilians are appearing in the outskirts of Oppeln armed.

BERLIN EXPECTS NO PENALTY FOR BAVARIAN MILITIA DELAY

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NOW that the allied ultimatum has been formally accepted it appears that one at least of the terms in it, the disarming of the Bavarian militia, does not seem as difficult as it has been regarded heretofore, although it is assumed that these difficulties will continue longer than the end of this month.

The rise in the value of the mark, despite the fact that Germany must raise a billion gold marks in three weeks, may not be as paradoxical as it seems. Leading bankers evidently believe the German Government will not attempt to invade the Bourse and make a quick purchase of a billion gold marks worth of securities, but will use securities already on hand for buying food and meet the eventual shortage of supplies after some manner to be improvised when the need arises.

U. S. WILL NOT AID MARKETING BONDS

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Government in payment of sums due from France or from the other Allied Powers is regarded here as entirely in the abstract and a question that may arise in the future.

On the present basis the bonds are not liquid, but merely carry a promise to pay on the part of Germany. Germany's ability to meet the payments has not yet been measured. This means the worth of the bonds will probably have to be established through some guarantee by the country offering them.

Germany's promise to pay already has had a beneficial effect in the United States, according to Secretary of Commerce Hoover, who said to-day that the business and industrial situation had improved and that a further and marked improvement could be expected.

Germany, he explained, will have to pay the bonds through the medium of her foreign trade balance; that is, the excess of her exports. She will have to get the money from outside her borders, and the necessity for a heavy export business and curtailment of imports to barest necessities is plain.

One of the results of the settlement will be, according to Mr. Hoover, a reduction in the price of American goods abroad and an increase in the price here of foreign goods sold in this country. Exchanges will be even and stabilized, and American business will benefit accordingly. European concerns will be able to buy our goods without the handicap of an exchange situation which made the price to them almost prohibitive.

Increase in our own foreign business will accelerate the forward movement of industry and wipe out existing widespread unemployment in this country.

As to the possible acceptance by the United States of German reparations bonds in settlement of allied debts, while the bonds might be offered in the refunding arrangements still to be made, as they cannot be converted into cash except at probable heavy discount, they probably would not be accepted in lieu of interest payments. The Treasury, it

U. S. WILL NOT BE PARTY OF SILESIA QUESTION

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WASHINGTON, May 12.—The United States will refrain from any discussion of the Silesian question before the allied Supreme Council in the event that subject is considered, it was said here to-day.

The instructions to Ambassador Harvey, who as President Harding's personal representative will attend all meetings of the council, it was explained, are to take an active part only in the consideration of questions involving American interests. Administration officials made it clear that, in their opinion, the Silesian question is exclusively European in scope.

It was remarked among the military officers, however, that the order said "the operation has been postponed, and not entirely abandoned."

STOPS REPARATIONS FOR RUHR OCCUPATION

By the Associated Press.

DUESSELDORF, May 12.—Gen. De-goutte, commander of the allied forces on the Rhine, arrived here this morning from Mayence and immediately ordered the preparations for occupation of the Ruhr to cease.

It was remarked among the military officers, however, that the order said "the operation has been postponed, and not entirely abandoned."

PEACE IN IRELAND RECEIVES IMPETUS

Conference Between De Valera and Sir James Craig Arouses New Hope.

By the Associated Press.

DUBLIN, May 12.—The recent meeting of Sir James Craig, Premier-designate for Ulster, and Eamonn de Valera, the Irish Republican leader, must be regarded as an event of the first political importance, says a statement issued to-day by the authorities in Dublin Castle. The statement adds:

"With the doubtful exception of the convention of 1917-1918, which was held at a time when the authority of Redmond (the late John E. Redmond, president of the United Irish League) to speak on behalf of the majority of southern Irishmen already was seriously challenged, this is the first occasion in modern history in which duly accredited representatives of North and South Ireland met of their own initiative without the intervention of British statesmen to discuss the differences so long dividing the two sections of the Irish people. And although neither Sir James nor Mr. de Valera appears to have emerged from the interview with their convictions in any degree shaken, the fact of their having entered into direct negotiations produces an impression in the minds of men of all parties of materially improved prospects for peace."

Unless the unexpected happens tomorrow, the date for the nomination of candidates for seats in the Southern Parliament, there will be no contest, and apparently no one except persons in favor of the Republican movement will be nominated.

Five women will be named for the Southern Parliament. Mrs. Clarke, widow of one of the signatories of the Republican proclamation during Easter week, 1916, and Mrs. Pearce, mother of Patrick Pearce, who commanded the Dublin Republicans on that occasion, will stand with the Countess Georgina Markievicz for Dublin seats, while Miss Mary Mac-Sweeney and Mrs. Kate O'Callaghan, widow of the murdered Mayor of Limerick, will run respectively in Cork and Limerick. Two will be nominated for the Northern Parliament.

Fourteen civilians were injured, some of them seriously, by the explosion of a bomb thrown at a lorry loaded with auxiliaries in Grafton street this evening. The explosion created a panic, and pedestrians fled from the thoroughfare.

Three Republicans were shot dead to-day and several wounded in a fierce fight which followed a police ambush near Liatowel.

There were twenty-six attacks on the crown forces in Ireland during the past week, resulting in twenty-eight casualties, of which eighteen were mortal, says the official weekly summary of conditions. The report chronicles four assassinations, three murders of civilians attributed to Sinn Feiners and fifty-eight raids on the mails.

RULING IS BASED ON SOVIET RECOGNITION

British Court of Appeals Reverses Finding in Case of Confiscated Goods.

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, May 12.—The initial judicial decision affected by the British Government's tacit recognition of the Soviet Government as the de facto Government of Russia was rendered this afternoon when the Court of Appeal reversed a previous finding of the high court in the disputed ownership of a quantity of veneer and other wood material shipped from Russia under a contract made by Leonid Krassine, the Soviet trade commissary.

[At the time the Anglo-Soviet trade agreement was signed it was said British trade would await the decision in this case before embarking in extensive trade with Russia, as upon this test case depended the rightful ownership of goods exported from Russia.]

The goods concerned had been confiscated by the Soviet Government in 1919, and were sold to a firm of British importers last August. The British courts found the original owners entitled to the goods, as the Soviet Government had not been recognized by the British Government and consequently had not the right of confiscation.

The Court of Appeal found, however, that since the Soviet Government had been recognized as the de facto Government of Russia, it was not within the jurisdiction of the British courts to consider the justice or morality of the confiscatory order, "although such principles," said the court, "are repudiated by the vast majority of the citizens of Great Britain and are not recognized by its laws."

Krassine, addressing the Supreme Economic Council on Foreign Trade Prospects, announced, according to the Helsingfors correspondent of the London Times, that the Soviet had purchased from America 600,000 pairs of boots, besides coal and 2,000 tons of rope. He noted the importance to America that England should not get control of Russian naphtha.

The United States, said Krassine, had not yet begun real negotiations with the Soviet. He declared the Soviet intended to re-establish its own banking institutions in London and that measures had been taken for opening credits for the development of Russian trade to the extent of two or three million pounds sterling.

JOIN THIRD INTERNATIONAL. SANTANDER, Spain, May 12.—The syndicate of metallurgical workers, assembled here in national congress, to-day decided to join the Third International of Moscow. The delegates from the Asturias and Vigo voted against the proposal.

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