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## CANNOT WORK OLD NOTE GAME ON HARDING

### Will Not Continue Parley With Germany Without Allies

(Associated Press)  
Paris, April 22.—French official circles expressed disappointment that the American reply yesterday to Germany's request for mediation was not a categorical refusal. Regrets were mitigated, however, by satisfaction that America was displaying an active interest in the reparations question. Secretary Hughes is understood to have assured Ambassador Jusserand that the United States will not continue conversation with Germany except in accord with the allies.

Washington, April 22.—President Harding late yesterday declined to accede to the request of the German government to act as mediator with the allies on the question of reparations and to set the amount the German people are to pay.

The United States agreed, however, that if the German government would formulate promptly such proposals regarding reparations "as would present a proper basis for discussion," it would "consider bringing the matter to the attention of the allied governments in a manner acceptable to them, in order that negotiations may speedily be resumed."

### ABILENE WINS COUNTY MEET

Barber of A. H. S. With 10½ Points is High Point Winner

In the county meet held Saturday, Abilene high school led in class A with a score of 83½ points. D. C. H. S. was second, having a score of 35, and Solomon took third place with 10½ points. Barber of Abilene, winning 21 points, was high point winner in this class.

In class B Enterprise high school took 61 points, Hope was second with 57 points, Talmage third with 12 points, Manchester fourth with 3 points.

In class C, grade school events: First, Hope 62 points; second, Abilene junior high, 38½ points; third, Woodbine 20 points; fourth, Garfield school 16 points; fifth, Pearl 13 points; sixth, Enterprise 10½ points; seventh, Talmage 10 points; eighth, Sand Springs 7 points; ninth, Chapman 6 points; tenth, McKinley school at Abilene, 1 point.

The high point winners were as follows: Class A, Barber of Abilene, 21 points; class B, Holsington of Enterprise, 19 points; class C, Rousch of Hope, 21 points.

The next meet for the high schools of this vicinity will be held Saturday, April 30, at the Abilene fair grounds. Letters have been sent out to 150 high schools in this part of the state inviting them to enter the meet at Abilene Saturday. There are no entry fees and the admission to the grounds and the grandstand is free to all spectators as the meet is financed by the Abilene Commercial club.

### NAMED FOR CONTRACTOR

It's West of Junction City—They Call It "Ziegler"

By order of William Jeffers, general manager of the Union Pacific, a new station has been established between Kansas Falls and Chapman. It is known as "Ziegler," taking its name because of the men employed by the Ziegler & Dalton Construction Co., use it in riding to and from work. The construction company is working a large force on the Golden Belt paving east of this city.

### TRAFFIC ORDINANCE IS PASSED

Commissioners Make Complete Rules For Motorists

A revision of the traffic ordinance of the city was adopted by the city commissioners, enacting the ordinance submitted by the business men's association with few exceptions. One of chief changes is in right of way. The car coming from your right at an intersection has the right of way anywhere in the city. The use of clear lenses, unless the same are dimmed, is forbidden anywhere in the city. Dimmed lenses are allowed. Turning in the streets between intersections is forbidden and at intersections turns must be around the center of the intersection. Markers will be placed on the downtown intersections. Mufflers must be closed. Many other regulations tending to make motoring safe are included and the entire traffic regulation is included in this ordinance, all the old ordinances passed at various times being repealed. It is the intention of the commissioners to enforce the ordinance to make the streets safe for pedestrians, especially children, and vehicle drivers alike. The ordinance will be published in the Reflector.

A delegation from the 600 block of West Third was present and asked for regulation of the use of gasoline in large quantities in a cleaning establishment located on the alley which they said constitutes a fire menace. The commissioners agreed to investigate and make it a special order for next Monday.

In view of the increasing number of hobo and harvest hands coming to town and the demand on the city marshal's time in collecting dog taxes at this period of the year W. Metcalf was appointed night marshal. He is a former Wichita policeman and it will be very unwise to take any chances with him. The extra service is in the interest of safety for the coming months. He will also assist in enforcing the new traffic ordinance.

### DO WE STILL REMEMBER?

Legion Will Send Money to Provide Flowers For Graves in France

Decorating Day the grave of every American soldier in France will be decorated with flowers bought through contributions from the people of the United States. The French people, hearts warm with gratitude for the sacrifices made by those bright American boys, will place the flowers on the graves.

"Shall we not pay our poor tribute to their unselfishness as gratefully?" This is the question the American Legion is asking the people of Abilene and the whole country to answer through a small contribution to the Decoration Day fund for flowers. Boxes for contributions have been provided at the following places: Case's, Steril's clothing store, Golden Belt cafe, Cozy, Tip Top Inn, Palace Barber shop and the Smoke House.

The contributions from individual poets must be at state headquarters by May 1 and therefore the need for giving the money at once is urgent.

### CARS COLLIDED ON BROADWAY

One Driver Backed Out—Other Didn't See Him

Little Bobby Brooks was slightly injured Wednesday night while riding with his grandfather, Jay Harding, when a car driven by D. K. Harshman backed out from in front of the Tip Top Inn and the cars collided. The child was thrown against the windshield with sufficient force to break the glass but he was not cut by it. His teeth cut his lips and his head was bruised but otherwise he was uninjured.

An axle of the Harding car was broken and some other damage done and the Harshman car was somewhat damaged. Neither driver was hurt.

## TWO HUNDRED BILLIONS IS GERMAN IDEA

### But Would Not Assume Any Debts of Allies to United States

(Associated Press)  
Paris, April 26.—The allied reparations commission today sent a note to the German war burdens commission demanding one billion gold marks to be deposited in the bank of France before April 30.

Berlin, April 25.—Payment by Germany of two hundred billions in gold marks for reparations is roughly the proposal submitted by Germany for transmission to the allies, according to sources close to the government. Payments will be spread over a period of from thirty to forty-two years or less, according to Germany's economic recovery. Economic pledges in way of goods and participation in German industries are offered as guarantees. The counter proposals refrain from proposing an assumption by Germany of the allied debts to the United States.

The German offer as indicated includes more toward the terms formulated by the allies at the Paris conference last winter than to the offer made by Germany at the London conference, which the allies summarily rejected. The German government is refraining from making public the note to the United States on reparations in order to give Harding an opportunity to consider it and make inquiries before forwarding it to the allies.

Washington, April 25.—Administration officials declined to comment on the reported contents of the German memorandum on reparations pending the receipt of the official text, which has been delayed in transmission. It is generally expected the text will be withheld until Secretary Hughes confers with Harding and the French and British ambassadors.

### LEGION HOME TALENT

Rehearsals Under Way For Big Legion Comic "Katcha-Koo"

The local Legion post has contracted with the John B. Rogers Producing Company to stage their elaborate musical comedy "Katcha-Koo" with local talent in a Legion benefit, May 9 and 10.

Mrs. Mable Cummings, professional coach and producer, is here and has started rehearsals in earnest. The local post is exceptionally fortunate in securing Mrs. Cummings to put on this one production in over 35 different cities and all reports coming from these places give her the highest recommendations. Mrs. Cummings knows shows in general and knows what it takes to put a local talent affair over big.

The song numbers are catchy and are all new. The dance numbers are very elaborate and the scenery which is special for this production is unique.

### HARDING'S AUTOGRAPH HERE

Abilene National Adds to Its Gallery of the Presidents

The Abilene National bank has just received for its directors' room a handsome photograph of President Harding which he has autographed. It brings up to date the "presidents' gallery" which now has autographed photographs of McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson and Harding. A steel engraving of Alexander Hamilton, founder of the national banking system, with an original letter written by him in 1793 is also a feature of the bank's collection.

### BREWER STORE TO CLOSE

One of Pioneer Mercantile Firms of Town Will Sell Out

The announcement is made this week of a closing out sale of the J. B. Brewer Company whose big dry goods and grocery store has been one of the city's leading institutions for many years. After the sale the fixtures will be sold and the building for sale. The Brewer Company will give all its time to the wholesale egg and produce business, grown to proportions that demand more time than can be given while also managing the store. J. B. Brewer has been in business here since 1879 when, at \$50 a year, he began as delivery boy, later owning an interest in a grocery store and finally becoming its sole owner. About fifteen years ago his brother, Clyde S. Brewer, became associated with him. The store has grown into a modern department store with a business reaching into every part of the county and it will be missed in the list of Abilene firms.

The Brewer Company has developed a large egg shipping business and is one of the leading dealers of the state. For some time its owners have been planning to give the business their entire attention. The sale to be started next Saturday will be one of the most important in the city's history and doubtless attract crowds.

### KANSAS CROP PROSPECTS GOOD

Corn Planting Will Be General This Week, Says State Report

Corn planting will be general this week, when it will start in the northern counties, says the weekly crop report issued today by J. C. Mohler, secretary of the state board of agriculture. Planting has been progressing rapidly in the southeast.

Conditions now are excellent for the planting and growth of crops, the report says, and with warm weather continuing, oats, barley and alfalfa probably will show rapid improvement.

Fruit prospects in Kansas are not bright, according to the report. There will be some apples, especially in the Kaw river valley, but practically no other tree fruits. Strawberries promise a good yield and bush fruits probably will give a fair return.

### PAY NOW AND AVOID RUSH

M. E. Calkins Says Its Time For Second Half of Taxes

Don't be afraid to pay your taxes. It's time to pay the second half now and has been for some time. M. E. Calkins, county treasurer, says he has had numerous inquiries from timid taxpayers as to the date on which taxes must be paid. Now is the time he assured them all and added that it would be well to come early and avoid the rush.

### Will Go to Pinehurst

M. H. Malott, who is a member of the executive committee of the American Bankers' Association, will leave Thursday for Pinehurst, N. C., where the committee will meet to complete arrangements for the annual session of the association. Pinehurst is one of the leading southern resorts where golf is a favorite pastime and it is expected that Mr. Malott will show the folks what the Abilene Country club can produce in "shooting a sweet stick." He will visit his sister in Tennessee while on the trip.

### Hurley Was Umpire

The ball game at Herington Sunday between Herington and Junction City resulted in a win for Herington by the score of 11 to 9. Batteries for Herington: Alexander p. Bailey, c.; Junction City, Irwin p. Ross c. Umpire, Hurley. Time, 2 hours.

We hatch strong fluffy chicks any hen might be proud of, at the 409 So. Cedar Hatchery. 2843t-w

## FRANCE SAYS NEW OFFER WILL NOT DO

### Germany Will Assume Debts to U. S. If Desired

(Associated Press)  
Paris, April 26.—Germany's new reparations propositions are considered here as unacceptable even as a basis for discussion, according to a well informed opinion close to the French foreign office.

Washington, April 26.—The German reparations note was discussed at length at the regular cabinet meeting today but if any decision was reached it was carefully guarded.

Baden, April 26.—Germany "in event the United States and allies so desire, is willing, according to the extent of her ability and capacity, to assume the allied obligations to the United States," says a clause in her counter proposals. It was definitely learned today.

With this exception the counter proposals forwarded to Washington, including an offer of two hundred billion gold marks, are virtually as forecast in yesterday's Associated Press dispatches.

### CLAY THINKS THERE'S OIL

Work Resumed On a Well Near Wakefield at 2,665 Feet

Work has been resumed on the Yarrow well in section 29-9-4, Clay county. On account of labor troubles drilling ceased on this well about eighteen months ago. Wolfe Brothers of Augusta, Kansas, report that they find the hole in good condition at the depth of 2,665 feet. Drilling has commenced and the community clubs at Clay Center and Wakefield are backing the venture and making a thorough test of this territory in Clay county if possible. Geologist Munn claims this territory to be the best structure north of the Butler county field. Continuous drilling is contemplated and it should be but a short time until it is known whether there is oil in Clay county under three thousand feet.

### BUTTERFAT AT PRE-WAR RATE

Dairymen Get Figures of 1916 These Days

Butterfat is back to pre-war figures, taking another drop, and being at 32 cents, little more than half the price of one year ago. The Belle Springs prices for butterfat on April 25 for each of the ten years past were: 1912, 25c; 1913, 28c; 1914, 26c; 1915, 24c; 1916, 30c; 1917, 37c; 1918, 38c; 1919, 60c; 1920, 57c; 1921, 32c.

### Obituary—Mrs. William Huff

Agnes Anna Bollinger was born in Virginia, Nov. 18, 1839 and departed this life from Abilene, Kansas, April 18, 1921, aged 81 years and 5 months. In her early childhood her parents migrated to Ohio where she grew to womanhood and in 1856 she was married to Wm. Huff, in Cincinnati, and later they came to Kansas, and for nearly 50 years they resided in Dickinson county, much of that time being spent in Abilene. To this union 6 children were born, 2 of whom died in infancy, the other four, Mrs. Sadie Hart of Cripple Creek, Colo., Mrs. Katie Shane and Mrs. H. P. Seeds of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. F. E. Baile of Abilene, survive her.

In her early womanhood Mrs. Huff obeyed her Master and became a member of the Christian church, to which she remained loyal for almost half a century, but has now gone to join her husband who preceded her but little more than a year. Besides the four daughters mentioned she leaves eight children and thirteen great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at the Christian church Wednesday afternoon, April 20, with the pastor, Rev. Troy P. Bess in charge, and the body was laid in the Abilene cemetery.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to express our gratitude to the friends for their kindness during the sickness and death of our mother, Mrs. Wm. Huff and for the splendid floral offerings.—The Children.

### KEEP YOUNG

People with bad backs and weak kidneys are apt to feel old at sixty. Many old folks say Doan's Kidney Pills help them keep young. Ask your druggist. Here's an Abilene case:

D. Town, proprietor book and stationery store, 511 S. Cedar street, says: "On several occasions I have used Doan's Kidney Pills when the kidney secretions have passed too frequently and have been highly colored and filled with sediment. I have been bothered with dizziness. Doan's Kidney Pills have corrected the trouble, clearing up the kidney secretions. The frequent getting up through the night is very troublesome but Doan's I have found are good for that. I gladly recommend them."

Price 60c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Town had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.

### JUNCTION IN UNITED SYSTEM

Economy of Service Leads to Joining Larger Company

The Junction City light and power service, the Interurban Railway from Junction City to Fort Riley and the Junction City ice plant, all under the Union Light & Power Co., are slated to become a part of the United Light & Power Co., according to negotiations now in progress. The Junction City managers realize that economy of service is attained by the larger system. The Junction City Union says:

"The announcement was made today of the transfer of a number of shares of stock in the Union Light & Power Co., owned by residents of Junction City to the United Power & Light Company of Abilene. The interests of the Tylers, the largest stockholders in the local company, are retained by the Tylers, and they will be associated as a director and stockholder in the United company.

"In speaking of the transfer one of the officials stated that the transfer would in no way interfere with the operations of the plant in Junction City. He stated that during the past few years the cost of operating had doubled and trebled that one item alone, that of coal had gone from \$50 per day at the local plant to \$100 and that with the modern equipment at Rocky Ford the water power could be used much cheaper for the peak loads, and in case of an accident the steam plant could be put in operation in a few minutes' time.

"The United Light & Power System of Abilene was formed a few years ago by C. L. Brown, and today the company furnishes power and lights to over 85 towns in Kansas. Three years ago the big power plant at Rocky Ford was bought, and since it has been the property of this company the large new dam has been built, steam turbines have been installed for auxiliary power, and this one plant alone can handle the business of the 80 towns.

"The company also has the big water power plants at Blue Rapids and Abilene, and steam power plants at Manhattan, Abilene, Junction City and Miltonvale that will be kept under steam at all times and used as auxiliary plants for the peak loads. The officials announced that there would be no changes made in the many employees, but every effort would be made to give the very best service possible with the fine equipment that is now owned by the company."

### INTEREST INCREASES

Convention Attendance Exceeds Expectation at Christian Church

The Christian church convention being held in this city has a registration of 175 delegates, a better representation of the surrounding towns than the leaders had expected. Yesterday the time was spent in the discussions of Sunday school and young people's work. Some good discussions were reported. The illustrated lectures in the evening were the most attractive features of the day.

The fellowship luncheon at the Evangelical church was attended by 120 people. R. C. Harding of Salina acted as toastmaster and several delegates responded to toasts.

This morning was spent in business session and convention sermon.

### Infant Son Is Dead

Donald, aged 2½ months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cramm, died at the home on West Sixth street this morning. Funeral at 3 p. m. Sunday, Rev. C. L. Hovgard officiating, burial in Abilene cemetery.

## GAMBLING IN GRAIN MEANS A FARM LOSS

### Congress Takes Up the Regulation of All Exchanges and Boards

(Associated Press)  
Washington, April 26.—The house agricultural committee started public hearings today on bills for the regulation of grain exchanges which permit trading in futures. Representative Tinner, Republican, Kansas, told the committee his grain trading control bill would drive "gamblers" from the grain market and prevent "manipulations."

His plan would prohibit boards of trade or their members from having private wire connections with any city, town or community other than another "contract center," as exchanges which conformed with the law would be designated.

"Secrecy is necessary to manipulation," Mr. Tinner continued, "and that is why the Chicago board of trade keeps no records."

### HAD LARGE ATTENDANCE

I. O. O. F. Meeting Will Be Held in Abilene Next Year

The county meeting of the I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodges, held Friday in Manchester was attended by more than 400 members of the organizations. Dinner was served to the delegates, at 5:30 following which the Manchester band gave a concert.

After the music work was put on by the two orders, the first degree by Abilene, the second by Enterprise and third by Chapman. Eight candidates were put through the three degrees.

Abilene was chosen for the annual meeting next year. Officers elected were the following: Mrs. A. L. Young, Abilene, president; Mrs. Mary Murphy, Enterprise, vice president; Clarence Glenn, Manchester, secretary-treasurer.

### HEN AND COW PROVED WORTH

Big Increase in Value of Dairy Products Since 1895

The hen and the cow have proved their worth as substantial revenue-producers for Kansas farmers.

Comparative tables just prepared by the State Board of Agriculture show how the value of dairy products in this state increased from \$4,510,631.95 in 1895 to \$36,453,393.27 in 1920. In the same 25-year period the value of poultry and eggs increased from \$3,515,067 to \$20,670,329. Thus the value of these "by products" of the farm totaled more than fifty-seven million dollars last year, which is about 6 per cent of the total value of all agricultural products including livestock.

In commenting on these figures, J. C. Mohler, secretary of the board of agriculture, declares more diversified farming with increased attention to dairying and poultry raising would contribute to a more evenly balanced agriculture. Past experience has shown, Mohler states, that greater diversification is the one big need of Kansas' chief industry, to insure prosperity.

Part of your money you spend for necessary things.

The rest of your dollars can be disposed of as you will.

If you spend them, they will go into someone's bank account. Why not keep them and put them into your own?

We will help you save, by paying 3% on Time Deposits or Savings Accounts.

**The Citizens Bank**  
of Abilene

"The Oldest Established Bank in Abilene, Kansas"

## Special Price ON Goodyear Tires

Through a special concession granted us by the Buick Motor Company, we are in a position to make a very low price on a few sets of 33x4 Goodyear Fabric Tires. These are tires taken off of new cars and were replaced by the Buick Motor Company with cord tires. These tires show no wear and carry the same factory guarantee as absolutely new tires. We had to buy these tires in pairs; that is, with every all-weather tread we had to take one smooth tread, and we will sell them only in pairs that way, making a price of

\$56.30 per pair

We have only a few sets of these tires on hand and they will not last long at this price.

**ABILENE BUICK COMPANY**

## The Woman's Bank Account--

More women today have bank accounts than is realized. They pay the home bills, make their savings and in a large sense keep their accounts through their bank book. It insures a receipt and safety. We have many women and girls as customers and endeavor to give them the best possible service. No matter how large, no matter how small, we welcome these accounts and the satisfaction each customer secures is evidence of our ability to meet her banking requirements.

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