



GERMANY FLATLY REFUSES TO SIGN TREATY PROTOCOL Conference Is Notified Huns Decide Paper Is Not Acceptable

BARON VON LERSNER TELLS BODY OF GERMAN DECISION

Paris, Dec. 3.—Germany has decided not to sign the protocol presented to her by the Allies as a condition for putting the Peace Treaty into effect, the Peace Conference has been notified.

It was learned only to-day that Baron Kurt Von Lersner, head of the German delegation here, called on Secretary Dutasta of the conference, on Monday, and told him that Germany had made such a decision.

This attitude is taken as confirming the reports of a sharp reaction in Germany within the last fortnight. Trained observers of German developments have expressed to members of the Peace Conference the view that there has been a complete transformation of the situation in Germany, brought about, in their opinion, by the failure of the United States Senate to ratify the Peace Treaty.

These observers declare that, while the vast majority of the Germans, before the Senate's adjournment, desired the Peace Treaty ratified as soon as possible, they are now supporting the government's attitude in resisting the demands of the Allies for indemnity for the sinking of the German fleet at Scapa Flow, recompense for which was provided for in the protocol.

The question upon which the German representatives here, however, appear most sensitive is the insistence upon the trial of German officers accused of the commission of crimes in France and Belgium.

Thus far, it is stated, no indications have reached Paris of any disposition of the Germans to modify their attitude.

NO PLEDGES FROM GEORGE London, Dec. 3.—Premier Lloyd George gave no pledge of any kind to the American representatives at the Peace Conference that in consideration of the question of Irish self-government not being dealt with by the conference the British government would, as soon as possible after the signature of the Peace Treaty, settle the Irish question on a home rule basis.

This statement was made by Andrew Bonar Law, the government spokesman in the House of Commons, in reply to a question in the House to-day.

8,600 IDLE WHEN PLANT SHUTS Gary, Ind., Dec. 3.—Eight thousand steelworkers were thrown out of work here to-day when the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, the largest manufacturing concern of its kind in the world, was forced to close because of the coal shortage.

FACE GAS SHORTAGE Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 3.—On top of an already acute coal shortage, many Northern Ohio cities are facing a big curtailment of their gas supply from West Virginia as a result of an order of the West Virginia Utilities Commission brought to the attention of Ohio authorities.

72ND SHIP LAUNCHED Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—The 7,835-ton steel cargo carrier Cold Harbor, which was named by Mrs. Woodruff Hog Island's seventy-second ship which was named by Mrs. Woodruff Wilson, was launched to-day, Mrs. H. S. Collins of Wyncote, Pa., was the sponsor.

NEW DRESS STYLE EVERY MONTH Atlantic City, Dec. 3.—Delegates at the annual convention of the Associated Dress Industries of America to-day voted unanimously in favor of exercising all their efforts to put the dress manufacturing industry on a 12 months basis.

THE WEATHER Harrisburg and Vicinity: Fair, continued cold to-night with lowest temperature about 18 degrees. Thursday: Fair and somewhat warmer. Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Thursday, not quite so cold Thursday. Moderate northwest winds.

Dr. Garfield's Polar Relief Expedition Goes to the Rescue



U. B. HEADS FROM ALL OVER WORLD GO INTO SESSION All Corners of Earth Represented at Important Conference

One of the most important conventions in the history of the United Brethren Church opened this afternoon in the Derry Street Church, Fifteenth and Derry streets.

The conference includes joint sessions of the Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Church Extension Board, Board of Education and Board of Bishops.

Among those attendant upon the conference are missionaries from the fields of Africa, China, Japan, the Philippines and Porto Rico.

The sessions, beginning this afternoon, will continue throughout the week, closing Saturday morning.

To-night Dr. J. S. Fulton will preside and addresses will be given on denominational missionary problems and training of the necessary leadership for this work by Dr. A. R. Clippinger and Dr. A. B. Stutzor.

The conferences throughout Thursday, Friday and Saturday will cover in detailed fashion the work of the Women's Missionary Association, the Church Extension Society, Home Missions, and so on.

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LAX METHOD OF GIVING BUILDING PERMITS SCORED

Commission to Supervise New Work and Remodeling Projects Is Asked ROTARY CLUB ACTS FIRST Present System Permits Contractors to Erect Unsanitary Structures

Criticism of the method of granting building permits in Harrisburg, of the methods of construction permitted and the lack of proper zoning standards were the subject of a meeting of the Harrisburg Rotary Club last evening at the offices of the Bell Telephone, North Third street, where the Rotarians were the guests of District Manager William H. Pether.

The discussion arose over the following resolution, offered by request by James W. Barker, which was finally adopted:

Whereas, it is very important and of interest to every citizen of Harrisburg that buildings to be erected shall be of a permanent form and credit to our city, and

Whereas, in the past and at present buildings have been and are being built or remodelled after a fashion that is hazardous to surrounding property and in a manner that depreciates adjoining property and on a plan that permanent sanitary conditions cannot be maintained; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Rotary Club of Harrisburg through the Committee on Public Affairs take up at once with the city commissioners of Harrisburg the question of appointing a building commission which shall have authority to approve and supervise all building operations whether new or remodeling within the city limits of Harrisburg.

It was brought out at the meeting that while Harrisburg has a building inspector it is the custom to grant building permits merely upon the statement of builders and contractors and that no supervision is not thorough, it was said, and many buildings of a dangerous character are being erected.

When the coast guardsmen reached the scene they found it impossible to approach the barges in their powerboat because of the storm. A door was launched from the powerboat and the people on the barges were lowered into the bay.

PLAN NEW SHIPS New York, Dec. 3.—Two tank steamships of 20,500 dead weight tons each, which will be the largest bulk oil carriers in the world, have been ordered by the Standard Oil Company. It was made known here to-day. The tankers will cost approximately \$3,500,000 each and will have cargo capacity for 140,000 barrels of liquid fuel.

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EXTENSIVE PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS OUTLINED BY C. OF C.

Housing Will Be Studied Along With Commercial and Social Welfare Developments in Coming Year

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO GET FIRST CONSIDERATION

Municipal improvements, commercial welfare, social welfare, community service, transportation problems, and agricultural interests, comprise the five planks of the comprehensive program outlined for the endeavors of the membership of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce during the coming year.

A solution of the housing problem, consideration of a city-county governmental building, contagious disease hospital, city armory, and aviation field, are the projects listed under civic improvements.

The encouragement of home trade and the expansion of local markets, for wholesalers, retailers and manufacturers are the endeavors outlined under the commercial plank.

It is expected that the Harrisburg Hotel Company will declare a six per cent. dividend later this month on its capitalization of over a million dollars. This is the company formed by Harrisburg people to build the hotel.

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REFUSES TO HANDLE VOLUNTEERS' COAL PITTSBURGH — RAILROAD TRAINMEN AT FRONTENAC HAVE REFUSED TO HANDLE CARS CONTAINING COAL MINED BY THE STATE'S VOLUNTEER MINERS.

GENERAL PROBE OF TRADE COMMISSION Washington. — General investigation of the Federal Trade Commission was ordered to-day by the Senate. Besides inquiry into charges of Senator Watson, Republican, Indiana, that the commission is a "hot bed of Socialism and Bolshevism," the investigators will take up the commission's attitude toward business interests and its general value as a Federal agency.

WOULD SEVER RELATIONS WITH MEXICO FOLLOWING EXPOSE OF BOLSHEVISM WASHINGTON.—A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PRESIDENT WILSON TO SEVER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH MEXICO WAS INTRODUCED TO-DAY BY SENATOR FALL, REPUBLICAN, NEW MEXICO, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH AN INVESTIGATION OF THE MEXICAN SITUATION.

"I CHARGE," SAID SENATOR FALL, "THAT THE MEXICAN EMBASSY, THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK AND THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF BOLSHEVIK PROPAGANDA AND THAT THIS HAS BEEN DONE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND CONSENT OF CARRANZA."

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CITY IN GRIP OF COLD WAVE

Real winter gripped Harrisburg to-day with the arrival of the crest of a cold wave. The mercury this morning had dropped to the eighteen degree mark.

No material change in temperature is expected during the night, according to the weather man's forecast. More reasonable weather is expected to-morrow.

FUEL CUT IS MAKING PUBLIC OUTLOOK GLUM

Prospect of Further Curtailment of Industry as Result of the Coal Strike

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Further disruption of the national industry because of the fuel shortage brought about by the strike of bituminous coal miners was in prospect to-day.

State executives, who, under appeals from their constituents for aid, have sought ways and means for replenishing the dwindling fuel supply to-day virtually were without encouragement as regarded increased production. Only in isolated instances were there reports of a change of front by the miners.

William S. Leib on Stand Makes General Denial of Charges Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—William S. Leib, of Pottsville, took the stand in his own defense to-day and made general denial of the forged charges against him. He declared positively he first saw the tax receipts he is charged with forging when they were presented in court by the prosecution as evidence.

Leib, a commissioner of Schuylkill county, and former resident clerk of the House at Harrisburg, is on trial here charged with signing the names of clerks in the State tax office to receipts he gave the Merchant and Evans Company, of this city.

Leib was cool when sworn by a court officer. He answered unhesitatingly questions put by John Whelan, his counsel.

GAS SUPPLY IS THREATENED BY FUEL FAMINE

Coal Shortage at the Steelton Mills Would Make Harrisburg Dark

Any serious curtailment in the fuel supply of the Steelton plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company may mean the immediate withdrawal of the city gas supply.

This announcement was made to-day by officials of the Steelton plant at the same time that it was announced that fires in one blast furnace and one mill had been banked as a method of coal conservation.

While there is a possibility of the cutting off of the plant supply, the situation is not expected to reach such a crisis. More coal is now being consumed at the Steelton plant than is being received, but there is no immediate danger unless the shipments are cut down considerably.

Optimistic View It is generally believed, will not result. It is expected that all public service companies will receive full supplies of fuel. So by reason of its furnishing gas to Harrisburg and Steelton.

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Stomachs vs. Press

London, Nov. 24. — Why the peace with Germany was signed at Versailles at 3 o'clock in the afternoon was explained by Sir George Riddell in the course of a speech at a recent luncheon to French journalists here.

Sir George said that when arrangements were being made for the time at which the Treaty should be signed he suggested to Premier Clemenceau that it should be at eleven o'clock in the morning for the benefit of the press.

M. Clemenceau replied: "No, it is impossible. What about luncheon?" Sir George said: "What about the press?"

M. Clemenceau replied: "What is the press to 600 suffering stomachs? It will be 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. The question will not be raised again."

MEXICO PLACES MUDDLE BEFORE ITS PRESIDENT

Solution of Difficulties Arising Out of Affairs With U. S. Up to Him

HOLD A SECRET SESSION Senate Behind Closed Doors Decides Not to Make Any Legislative Intrusion

Mexico City, Tuesday, Dec. 2.—The solution of difficulties arising out of international affairs with the United States was entrusted to President Carranza without legislative intrusion by the Senate at a secret session held to-day. Relations with the United States were declared during the session as being "very delicate."

Jenkins Writes From Mexican Penitentiary After Refusing Bail Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 2.—"I am now in prison, because I refuse to give bail for one cent, as I will not even compromise with them under any circumstances," W. O. Jenkins, the American consular agent at Puebla, Mexico, declares in a letter received to-day by John B. Edgarton, of Lebanon, Tenn., who was captain of the Vanderbilt football team when Jenkins played tackle.

Writing in the Puebla penitentiary, Jenkins said: "I regret very much the great notoriety that has been given to my hard luck, in being carried away by some bandits who live near here, but it has been unavoidable, although the incident would have been forgotten if the authorities had not tried to cover up their criminal responsibility in allowing this city to be unguarded, by charging me with my own abduction."

MILLION DOLLARS TO BE PAID OUT FOR CHRISTMAS Savings of Year to Be Distributed by Banks in Time For Holiday Shopping

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The amounts to be distributed this year, promises to exceed the distribution of last year by 10 per cent, according to one well-known banker. He said the amounts to be distributed by his bank are that amount greater and that conditions are believed to be the same with other savings accounts. Last year was slightly below normal because of war conditions, but nevertheless, it is believed that distribution this year will be in excess of that of any previous one.