

GERMANS MAKE NEW OFFER

Father and two Children Die in Fire

2 HUNDRED BILLION MARKS IS SAID TO BE SUM

Germany's new Offer to Allies Said to Contain Proposition on Reparations.

CABLE NOT YET HERE
Nothing to be Made Public in Berlin Until Tomorrow.

(By The Associated Press.)
Berlin, April 25.—The payment by Germany of two hundred billion gold marks in the form of reparations is, roughly, the proposal submitted to the United States for transmission to the allies, according to those in close touch with the government today.
The payments would be spread over a period of from 30 to 42 years, or less, according to Germany's economic recovery. Economic pledges are offered by the government as guarantees of payment.
This offer of Germany, it is indicated, inclines more toward the sum fixed by the Paris conference, rather than the offer of Germany at the London conference, which was summarily rejected by the allies.

Not Made Public.
Berlin (Noon) April 25.—The German government refuses today to make public the note to the allies on reparations in order to give President Harding an opportunity to consider it and make inquiries if he desires to do so before forwarding it to the allies.
The reichstag will not be given the text of the note until tomorrow. Foreign Minister Simons announcement in the reichstag today was merely presented "a statement of Germany's foreign relations," and did not divulge the contents of the proposal on reparations.

Is New Proposition?
Berlin, April 25.—Germany's counter proposals on reparations, it was learned today, refrained from mentioning the proposal that Germany assume all debts of the allies to the United States.

England and France Ready.
London, April 25.—Lloyd George, prime minister of England, stated in the house of commons this afternoon that if the new German reparations propositions, which have not yet been received here, are unsatisfactory, Great Britain will support France at the allied conference next Saturday in a program for the occupation of the Westphalian coal fields.

Note Is Delayed.
Washington, D. C., April 25.—There has been an unexplained delay in the transmission from Berlin of the German counter proposals on reparations delivered last night to American Commissioner Drexel at the German capital, said the state department here today. Officials of that department had expected to have it before them today when they reached their offices, but it has not yet reached here.
The German memoranda is understood to be a lengthy one and it is probable that it was not put upon the cables until late last night, as considerable time would be required for the coding of it.

To Spare Harding.
Berlin, April 25.—The German people's party leader stated tonight that the new reparations proposals Germany is making are such that the entente cannot afford to ignore them; that Germany, in view of the offer of the United States, is determined to make a reparations offer such as will spare President Harding any embarrassment and not make Germany appear ridicu-

J. S. MELVIN GOES TO THERM-A-JUG CO.

To Have Charge of Financing and Collections of Company.

J. S. Melvin, who was formerly local manager for the Hanson & Tyler Auto company, has associated himself with the Therm-a-Jug company and will have charge of the financing and collections of the company. Mr. Melvin has been interested in the company for some time and is now one of the directors.

FORMER BRITISH WOMAN CHAMPION IS WINNER GOLF MEET

(By The Associated Press.)
Brookwood, England, April 25.—Miss Temple Dobell, former British woman champion, won in a scratch play the golf meet at West Hill today by a score of 82 for 18 holes.
Miss Elexa Stirling, the American champion, tied for ninth place.

2 AGED WOMEN ARE HURT WHEN A CAR HITS THEIR BUGGY

(By The Associated Press.)
Waterloo, Iowa, April 25.—Mrs. A. G. Parsons, aged 63 years, received injuries which physicians fear may prove fatal. Mrs. P. Bentley, aged 60, was severely injured and two others received minor hurts last night when a car driven by E. L. Barthe struck a buggy in which they were riding. One horse was killed.

Wilson Honored by Tree in Hall of Fame

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., April 25.—The first tree to be nominated by a U. S. senator for a place in the hall of fame for trees with a history: one in honor of Woodrow Wilson and also the "Old Pine" at Dartmouth college are announced by the American Forestry association.

Senator Charles L. McNary nominated a walnut at Salem, Ore., planted by Mrs. Eugene Breymann, a pioneer in the Oregon country 53 years ago. The tree bears several tons of nuts annually and has a circumference of ten feet eleven inches where Senator McNary's head would touch the trunk. The measurement was made by Prof. Reed of the department of agriculture.
The tree in honor of Woodrow Wilson is in front of the Brooks Memorial Art gallery in Overton park at Memphis, Tenn.

Saengerfest Feature Saxons' Convention

(By The Associated Press.)
Cleveland, April 25.—A saengerfest in which choruses of more than 1,000 men and women will participate will be one of the features of the annual convention of the central alliance of Transylvania Saxons here May 28, 29, and 30. Five thousand persons are expected to attend.

lous in her present action.
This party leader declared that France would have the least of reasons to reject the new proposals, which he hinted as having been designed to represent a liberal compromise by Germany.

M. L. McCOLLOUGH RESIDENT HERE SINCE 1879, DIES

Well Known Member of the City Council and Prominent Citizen Passes Away.

FUNERAL TOMORROW
A Man of Wide Influence and Power in This Community.

M. L. McCollough, a resident of Webster City since 1879 and one of the best known and prominent men of the community, died yesterday about noon at the home of his adopted daughter, Mrs. Harry D. Ambrose, 738 Bank street. He had been in poor health for several months with heart trouble and for some weeks had been bedfast. Specialists had been consulted and everything possible had been done to restore him to health.

The funeral will be held from the Ambrose home tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and at the Methodist church at 2:30, with the Masonic order attending. Dr. R. T. Chipperfield, his pastor, and Rev. F. W. Ginn, of Fort Dodge, a former Methodist pastor here, will conduct the services.

M. L. McCollough had been identified with the business interests of Webster City since he left his father's farm and came here in 1879. He had been a member of the city council since the adoption of the city manager plan and his influence and popularity was fully attested in the large vote always given him by his fellow citizens when he was called to serve them. He was born in Monroe county, Ohio, Oct. 27, 1851. The father followed the trade of shoemaking and later engaged in agriculture and was a prominent citizen of Ohio until he removed to Iowa in 1836. In that year he settled in Marshall county, where he farmed until his death.

Early Manhood.
M. L. McCollough received his education in the public schools of Marshall county. His father was a prominent farmer in that region. He remained on his father's farm, actively assisting in the labors of tilling the soil until 1879, when he moved to Webster City and began a career which made his name prominent in different commercial capacities. His first business connection was with I. W. Packard, with whom he was associated in the buying and shipping of grain for three years. In 1883 he spent a year at Woolstock buying grain for N. G. Omstead. He returned to Webster City the same year and entered the employ of Frank Iros, in their clothing store. This association continued for five years. In September, 1888, he established himself in business in partnership with F. S. Currie under the firm name of Currie & McCollough. They dealt in clothing and men's furnishings, and in the eight years of their business connection established a flourishing and prosperous concern which gradually grew to be one of the largest clothing enterprises in Webster City. In 1896 the partners disposed of their interests in this line and opened a real estate, loan and insurance business which they conducted under the name of Currie & McCollough until 1903.

As an Auctioneer.
In this year the partnership was definitely dissolved and Mr. McCollough gave his entire attention to his auctioneering business, which he had started as a side line twenty years before. Up to this time he had given it very little attention, but when his real estate business was disposed of, he gave all his energies to the reorganization and development of his auctioneering business. He subsequently owned

ASKS THAT FEWER PATENTS BE GRANTED TO FOREIGNERS

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., April 25.—There is much activity among German citizens in obtaining patents from the American government embodying navy principles and American railroad artillery and ordnance principles, which has led Secretary Weeks to ask congress to put a limit in the granting of patents to foreigners.
The war secretary said that 201 ordnance patents have been obtained in this country by German citizens since July 1 and that all have been transferred to Frederick Krupp, the well known German manufacturer of ordnance at Essen.

PLACES \$6,000 IN POCKET AND SHOOTS TOP HIS HEAD OFF

(By The Associated Press.)
Centerville, Iowa, April 25.—Edward Earris, aged 50, of Mystic, a bachelor, put \$6,000 in securities and cash in his pocket this morning and then shot the top of his head off. He was despondent over ill health and had told neighbors that he feared he would lose his mind.

POST OFFICE AT SOMMERSSET ROBBED AT AN EARLY HOUR

(By The Associated Press.)
Des Moines, Iowa, April 25.—Polk county officers today were notified that the post office at Sommersset, twelve miles south of here, was broken into and robbed at an early hour today. Stamps and money to the amount of \$150 were taken.

DEMAND ONE BILLION GOLD MARKS BEFORE APRIL 30

(By The Associated Press.)
Paris, April 25.—The allied reparations committee today sent a note to the German war burdens committee demanding that one billion gold marks be deposited in the bank of France before April 30.

the feed barn east of the market square. In 1908 he extended his activities to include a grain business in connection with the two other departments of his enterprise but discontinued this in 1911. Mr. McCollough was a director in the First National bank and had held this office since 1904. He was also prominent in political circles. His citizenship was representative of the best and his life and activities have been a dominating factor in the civic growth of Webster City.
On November 25, 1875, Mr. McCollough was united in marriage to Miss Frances Shewalter, a native of Clinton county, Ohio, who survives him.

Mr. McCollough had been a prominent factor in local political affairs and gained the recognition of his fellow citizens for ability and integrity during his first service in the city council back in 1888. From 1890 to 1896 he was one of the supervisors of Hamilton county, and in this line of activity was distinguished by the same ability which marked his entire career. He had not concentrated on one line of activity but had engaged in various enterprises, in all of which he was successful, and all of which have been forceful factors in the advancement of Webster City, commercially, financially and politically.

PEACE RESOLUTION UP IN SENATE TOMORROW

Resolution to End State of War Reported out of Committee Favorably Today.

FIGHT AGAINST IT
Democrats in Committee Voted Against it and Will Fight.

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., April 25.—The Knox peace resolution was reported out favorably today by the senate foreign relations committee.

A few of the Democratic members of the committee voted in opposition and announced their intention to make a fight on the floor of the senate against adoption.
Although the committee did not decide upon the time when the resolution is to come up for action, Chairman Lodge has planned to call it up tomorrow. The vote in the committee was 9 to 2. All the Republicans supported it and two Democrats—Pomerene, of Ohio, and Pittman, of Nevada—voted against it. Other Democrats who were absent were given the privilege later of recording their votes in opposition.

Minor changes, only, have been made in the resolution as it was received from Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, its author. The principal change is an amplification of that section to end the war with Austria-Hungary, making it practically the same as that applying to the German government.

4 YEAR OLD BOY KILLED BY AUTO; DRIVER IN JAIL

(By The Associated Press.)
Marshalltown, Iowa, April 25.—Russell Lister, aged 4, was killed almost instantly Saturday night when he was struck by an auto driven by a Mr. Vinton, at Whitten. Vinton claims the child ran in front of his car, but witnesses say the little one was sitting on the curb when hit. Vinton is in jail awaiting an investigation.

VOLCANO HEAT WILL PROVIDE ELECTRIC LIGHT

(By The Associated Press.)
Honolulu, T. H., April 25.—The heat of Kilauea volcano, whose great, perpetually active crater, 32 miles from Hilo on the Island of Hawaii, daily provides an awe-inspiring spectacle for crowds of tourists, is to be utilized to provide electric light and power for every town hamlet and industry on the island, if the purposes of a memorial recently addressed to the legislature of Hawaii are worked out.

The memorial asks the territory to appropriate \$25,000, to be matched by a similar amount from the Hawaiian Volcano Research association, for borings and other preliminary work.
The memorial cites the fact that volcanic heat already is being used on a large scale for the production of power in Italy. The Kilauea project has been endorsed as feasible by the Pan-Pacific scientific congress which met here last August.
The possibility of recovering sulphur, copper and, perhaps, other minerals from the gases of the crater, as well as using the power generated to extract nitrogen from the air also is pointed out in the memorial.

ODD FELLOWS CELEBRATION TOMORROW

Anniversary of the Order to be Celebrated in City.

Webster City Odd Fellows and their families will celebrate the anniversary of the founding of this order tomorrow evening in Odd Fellows hall. Committees from the Odd Fellows and both Rebekah lodges are cooperating to give a program of special interest to all. Refreshments are to be served and a social evening enjoyed. All Odd Fellows and their families and all Rebekahs and families are invited to attend.

ARREST 2 YOUNG MEN FOR ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY

(By The Associated Press.)
Centerville, Iowa, April 25.—Arthur C. Conger, aged 22, and Bernard Wessel, aged 20, are in jail here charged with attempting to rob the Exline Savings bank Saturday.

MARINE ENGINEERS BENEFIT ASSOCIATION CALLS STRIKE

(By The Associated Press.)
New York, April 25.—The Marine Engineers Benefit association today issued a strike proclamation to be effective May 1. This announcement was made after their representative had broken off negotiations with the American Steamship Owners association at a conference to effect new working agreements.
Union leaders claim that 100,000 firemen, boiler men and water tenders will be affected and that a strike of international proportions may develop among ship employees.

To Replant Forests of Green Mountains

(By The Associated Press.)
Montpelier, Vt., April 25.—A drive is being made in this state to set an example for the nation in forest rehabilitation. Warnings by experts that extensive timber cutting bids fair to change the historic Green mountains into a sad colored brown range have sunk deep in the minds of the farmers and hundreds are seeking to heal the broad scars left by the axmen.
For the last few years prudent grangers have been setting out an average of 500,000 forest seedlings each spring on denuded wood lands of little or no agricultural value. Reports show that at least 80 per cent of these youngsters are developing rapidly into sturdy trees.

Near East Relief has Balance of \$367,219

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., April 25.—Accounting for the disbursement of \$13,129,117 in 1920 and a total of \$69,000,000 to date, including flour, clothing and medical supplies, the annual report of the Near East Relief, incorporated by congress Aug. 6, 1919, was filed with congress here by Charles V. Vickrey, general secretary of the relief organization. The report includes an auditor's statement by a firm of chartered accountants, whose travelling auditors in the field check on all expenditures by the Near East Relief. A balance on hand of \$367,219 is reported.

FATHER LOSES LIFE TRYING TO SAVE DAUGHTERS

James Vulcano, Des Moines Baker, Des With Two Little Daughters in Midnight Fire.

HOME IS BURNED
Goes Back Into House for Daughters and Never Returns.

(By The Associated Press.)
Des Moines, Iowa, April 25.—James Vulcano, 28 years of age, and two daughters, Mary aged 2, and Louisa, aged 3, were killed in a fire which destroyed their home at 416 south Union street at midnight last night. One child was suffocated while the father and the other child were burned to death. Mrs. Vulcano escaped.

Guided Wife Out.
Vulcano guided his wife to safety and then returned to the house for the children. He never came out of the house. His body was found at the foot of the stairs.

Charles Furnaro, who lived adjoining, discovered the fire. All the rear part of the structure where the Vulcano family slept, was burned. Coroner Cliff, after a preliminary examination, expressed the belief that the fire started in a garage next to the house. Vulcano was foreman in a bakery.

THREE MEN NOMINATED BY PRESIDENT FOR JOBS

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., April 25.—Francis M. Gordon, of Spokane, Wash., has been nominated by President Harding to be assistant secretary of the interior. Robert H. Lovett, Illinois, has been nominated for assistant attorney general. Theodore G. Riskey, Illinois, has been nominated as solicitor for the department of labor.

TWO DES MOINES OFFICERS CHARGED WITH MALFEASANCE

(By The Associated Press.)
Des Moines, Iowa, April 25.—Charges of malfeasance in office are to be lodged against Jack Brophy, chief of Des Moines detectives, and Frank Hart, night captain, formally this afternoon, Sheriff Robb said today. The charges are to be based on the affidavits made public Saturday, the sheriff said. Sheriff Robb also said that he expects to ask the suspension of the two men, pending the investigation.

Marriage to be Obligation in Turkey

(By The Associated Press.)
Constantinople, April 25.—Marriage will be made an obligation in Turkey, if the law proposed by Salih Bey, deputy from Erzerum, passes the Ankara parliament. The depopulation of the country is such, according to Salih Bey, that the Turkish race will shortly be inferior to the number of Greeks and Armenians. He declared that while the old time Turk was willing to take as many as four wives, the modern one is slow in taking one.
In National Turkey the police now impose fines on couples living out of wedlock.