

RUSS EXPRESS ANNOYANCE AT ALLIED DELAY

Foreign Minister Tchitcherin Sends Premier Facta Note Saying Soviet Dissatisfied With Long Wait.

MAY WITHDRAW NOTE

(By Associated Press.) GENOA, April 29.—Foreign Minister Tchitcherin of Russia today sent Premier Facta, of Italy, as president of the economic conference, a note expressing the dissatisfaction of the Russian delegation with the delay of replying to its note of April 20, and saying that the note would be withdrawn and the Russians would resume their initial position unless they were assured that the credit necessary to restore Russia would be granted.

In line with Prime Minister Lloyd George's declaration that the new allies proposals to the Russians must be considered as a whole, a special drafting committee was endeavoring today to frame a document which would harmonize the differences in the demands submitted by the British and French delegations.

Preamble Completed. The preamble was completed last night and the remainder of the draft was expected to be ready for submission to the full sub-committee on Russian affairs scheduled to meet at 11 o'clock today.

While the French document stated that "agricultural reconstruction should come before other things," the British program dealt more fully with credits for Russia, favoring a reduction in her war debt and conceding that foreigners formerly owning property in Russia be granted the use of it instead of a return of actual ownership, which would conflict with the soviet principle of nationalization.

France would demand that, if private property cannot be restored, the former owners be given indemnity. The French further desired an arrangement for payment of interest on the Russian state bonds. Failing an agreement before Dec. 31, next, the matter would be decided by a mixed arbitration tribunal with an impartial chairman.

Denied Rumors. Louis Barthou, French delegate, took occasion yesterday formally to deny that he intended to quit the conference, and said it was not sure he would go to Paris to confer with Premier Poincare. It is understood, however, that he may leave for the French capital after the allied Russian proposals are reported to the conference proper.

The correspondent of the Central News says he learns that the British draft proposals to Russia set forth eight points, the principal of which is that Russia shall recognize all her debts, and after a moratorium of five years pay two per cent interest for five years and then four per cent for another five years.

The document does not specify that Russia must accept the principle of private ownership, but demands long leases of private property to its former owners. A credit scheme of finance trade would be favorably considered if Russia accepted the proposals. M. Tchitcherin, chief soviet delegate, at first refused to comment on the proposals, according to the correspondent, and then, looking at the French draft, he shook his head as though dismissing it entirely.

LEGION AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO ATTEND GREENFIELD MEETING

The American legion and its auxiliary of the sixth district will hold its district meeting May 18, at Greenfield. The auxiliary following its meeting Friday announced the following members from its organization among those who will attend from here: Mrs. A. W. Roach, Mrs. R. P. Whisler, Mrs. Frank McCoy, Mrs. Charles Williams, Mrs. Frank Ingelbert and Mrs. Charles Cook.

A Mothers' Day celebration is being planned by Harry Ray post of the American legion for May 14. Mrs. Frank McCoy and Mrs. Frank Ingelbert were appointed from the auxiliary to meet with the legion committee to formulate plans for the celebration. Mrs. A. W. Roach was selected by the auxiliary as chairman of the Poppy day committee. Poppy Day will be observed Saturday, May 27, it is announced. Three thousands of the flower, emblem of the legion, will be sold by the auxiliary, to be worn on Memorial day in respect to those who lie in Flanders fields.

POSTAL IMPROVEMENT WEEK BEGINS MAY 1

Postal improvement week has been set for the week of May 1, by the postmaster general. Postoffices all over the United States are to take part in the movement.

This will be the first general campaign of its kind in the postal service in several decades, it is said. Business men and their organizations, large users of the mail, newspapers, motion pictures, advertisers and the entire organization of 326,000 postal workers are to be enlisted in this country-wide campaign of interest in postal improvements.

Help of the public is to be sought. Rules for addressing and handling mail in all forms probably will be stressed.

Can Cupid and Little Girl Halt Parents' Divorce?



Mrs. Irene Whetstone, below, and Mrs. Walter J. Stephens, whom she names in her divorce action.

CHICAGO, April 29.—Can Skipper Dan Cupid, with a seventeen-year-old girl as first mate, pilot the badly battered matrimonial bark of Frank M. Whetstone back into the safely charted channels of domestic felicity?

Right now they are struggling in the divorce court shoals of the nuptial seas. Four years ago the girl, Imogene Whetstone, piloted her parents through stormy waters by making them sign the now famous "kiss a day" contract.

Among other things, this contract provided "You must count five before you say anything mean, and kiss each other every day, and love, honor and obey."

Taught by the girl, Imogene was happy. Her parents would not part. She had implicit faith in the efficacy of the contract. For four years the contract stipulations were observed. But now the parents are in the divorce court. So is Imogene and with her she brought the signed contract.

Just how much the judge will take into account the child's shattered faith remains to be seen. Imogene still insists that "there was a contract" and it should have been kept.

RIVAL POLITICAL FORCES TURN ATTENTION TO GETTING OUT VOTE FOR CANDIDATES

(By Associated Press.) INDIANAPOLIS, April 29.—Rival forces among Republicans and Democrats, contesting for party nominations to be decided at Tuesday's primaries, virtually closed their formal campaigns today, and turned attention toward getting out the vote. With another day intervening before the polls opened, the candidates generally planned to apply the finishing touches to their plans on Monday, but no big rallies or speeches were on the program.

Weather conditions as usual will determine largely the total vote, and though the primaries are state-wide, including the selection of congressional nominees, interest in local contests was counted on by political leaders here to draw out a big vote. Estimates on the total vote ranged between 350,000 to 500,000, few leaders expecting that more than 40 percent of the 1,250,000 voters in the state would go to the polls.

Everywhere, campaign managers viewed the prospects with outward confidence, the predictions on results generally being in conflict. This applied both to contests for the United States senate down to precinct committees, and state convention delegates wherever there were rivals for selection. In all, several thousand prospective office-holders, or party organization officials, were to be decided at the primary.

Heading the ballots used in all counties were the candidates for the United States senate, followed by those seeking nominations for congressmen, state legislature, county and township offices, precinct committeemen and party convention delegates. The last two will be elected at the primaries, and others merely nominated for their party candidate at the November election.

In the state-wide contest between Senator Harry S. New and Albert J. Beveridge for the Republican nomination as United States senator, both candidates ended their formal campaigns today, the latter planning a big rally here tonight. Senator New, who returned from Washington during the evening.

SEVERAL ARE INJURED IN RIOT; 50 ARRESTS

(By Associated Press.) UNIONTOWN, Pa., April 29.—Four state policemen and half a dozen strike sympathizers were injured in a riot at mine number one of the Tower Hill Coal and Coke company, 10 miles from Uniontown, today. Fifty or more arrests were made, the prisoners being brought to Uniontown.

Irish Peace Conference Ends Without Agreement

(By Associated Press.) DUBLIN, April 29.—The peace conference called by Lord Mayor O'Neill of Dublin held another meeting here today, but after a three-hour session it dissolved without any agreement having been reached.

Famous Baseball Story Will Be Told Sunday

"The sermon to be given Sunday afternoon at the tabernacle is the one in which Mr. Sunday gives his famous baseball story," said Bob Matthews, secretary to the evangelist, Saturday. "You would be surprised how well known this story is," he said, "and the number of men who come to that service to hear him tell that story."

RIVAL CHINESE ARE FIGHTING NEAR PEKING

Engagement Continues This Afternoon — Heavy Artillery Firing During Last 20 Hours, Report.

FOREIGNERS WARNED

(By Associated Press.) PEKING, April 29.—Fighting south of the Peking-Tientsin railway was still in progress this afternoon. The forces of General Chang Tso-Lin, military governor of Manchuria and General Wu Pei-Fu, military leader of Central China, were reported engaged along a line extending from Machang, 20 miles south of Tientsin to a point south of Peking.

A dispatch from Tientsin says there has been heavy artillery firing near Machang for the last 20 hours. The foreign legations here have advised the Nationals of their respective countries who are now outside Peking to hasten to the capital as a measure of self-protection.

Fighting Continues. The fighting which began at dawn this morning at Changsintien, 12 miles southwest of this city was continuing at 3 o'clock this afternoon. There was artillery firing in the vicinity of the Marco Polo bridge, which spans the river Yungtingho near the west gate of Lu-Kou-Chiao. The latter place is a little more than four miles from Changsintien.

The Marco Polo bridge is so named because it was mentioned by the celebrated traveler in his account of his journey through China. It is of stone 900 feet long and 240 wide.

A Peking dispatch to The Associated Press, received last night but under today's date owing to the time difference of 13 hours, said fighting had begun at dawn at Changsintien, 12 miles southeast of Peking, and that heavy artillery firing was audible in the capital.

The Peking-Tientsin connects Peking with Taku, her seaport, and the allied diplomats recently served notice on the Chinese northern government that this line of communication must be kept open as a means of safe egress for the foreigners in Peking should the capital be menaced by the forces of Wu Pei-Fu. It would appear that Chang Tso-Lin today is endeavoring to protect both the capital and the railway. The dispatches indicate that the battle line is approximately 100 miles long.

THOUSANDS OF MEN WORKING ON LEVEE; REFUGEES ARRIVING

(By Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, La., April 29.—While the refugee camps in the New Orleans area were being swelled by a constant arrival today of persons rescued from the areas inundated by flood waters released by breaks in the Mississippi river levee at Ferriday and Poydras, La., thousands of men continued the work of reinforcing the embankment at other threatened points. According to reports from lower and middle river points early today no further breaks appeared imminent.

Due to favorable winds and the great volume of water escaping through the levee breaks at Poydras and Myrtle Grove, below New Orleans, the stage of the river here last night showed a decline of four-tenths of a foot, the gauge registering 22.1 compared with 22.50 twenty-four hours before. Falling or stationary stages were shown at all points in the lower river. Heavy rains have fallen throughout the lower Mississippi valley during the last twenty-four hours, however, and have added to the gravity of the situation.

The flood resulting from the break near Ferriday continued to spread today, reaching out over a large area of Tensas parish and near the towns of Vidalia, Azucena and Delta bridge, while at Ferriday the water had increased to a depth of six feet. Small boats continued to search the flooded district to rescue those marooned in their homes or on high ground.

At St. Bernard surrounded by water from the Poydras crevasse, several hundred persons have been removed from their homes in Violet, where the New Orleans Red Cross has established a canteen while more than four hundred marooned last yesterday at Broadwater, six miles below the break, were being taken there today. New Orleans police are assisting in the removal of residents and livestock.

The number of refugees from the flooded area now being cared for runs into the thousands. It has been impossible as yet, however, to arrive at any close estimate of the area flooded by the crevasses and back water, the number of people made homeless or of the amount of the property damage.

Re-elect Adam H. Bartel As "Y" Trustee's President

Adam H. Bartel was re-elected president of the trustees of the Y. M. C. A. at a meeting held Friday. Other officers elected are: P. W. Smith, vice president; John H. Johnson, secretary; Henry Gennett, John F. McCarthy, Richard Sedgwick and James A. Carr make up the remainder of the board.

Boys In Gardening Class Requested to Turn Out

Work on the boys' gardens in the gardening class of the Y. M. C. A. will start Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. All boys having signed for the class are requested to be at the "Y" Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock ready to go to work. Each boy must be there with hoe and rake.

The boys will work on the gardens every night next week, getting the gardens in condition. The gardens are located on the corners in Northwest Fifth and A streets.

Decide Michigan Girl Has Been Murdered

ONTONAGON, Mich., April 29.—Investigation into the death of Frances Pennin resulted in findings by a coroner's jury that she had been murdered. The body of the girl was found in a powder house at North Lake yesterday, smothered in turpentine. In many respects the case is similar to that of Miss Gertrude Hanna, the Hopewell, Ill. school teacher.

Officers at Painesdale and Houghton were ordered to detain George Stimac, who was discharged by the girl's father, for whom he had worked. Witnesses at the inquest declared Stimac had threatened revenge.

Paid Circulation Yesterday, was 11,751

Woman is Custodian of Many Diplomatic Secrets



Who said a woman couldn't keep a secret? Here's one who assuredly can. She is Mrs. Anna Stephanek, whose brother is Czechoslovakian minister to the United States. While she is not officially credited to the legation in Washington, she is known in the diplomatic set as her brother's closest adviser in all matters, and she is regarded as an authority on European politics.

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BARTHOLOMEW TO OUTLINE SITUATION AT GENOA TO CABINET SUNDAY

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, April 29.—A meeting of the entire French cabinet has been called for Sunday night, when Vice-President Louis Barthou, head of the French Genoa delegation will outline the conference situation.

The Echo de Paris understands that M. Barthou, chief of the French Genoa delegation is inclined to accept certain concessions to the Russians relative to war debts, formulated by the British delegates because he has received assurance that the British government is disposed to reduce or cancel, in the same proportion, France's war debts to Great Britain.

BUILDING PERMITS EXCEED LAST YEAR

Building permits amounting to a total of \$64,647, an increase of 300 percent over the amount for the same period last year, have been issued in April, according to J. Ed Higgs, city building inspector. The amount for this month is slightly less than that for last month. In March, \$68,520 worth of permits were issued.

In April, 1921, \$21,315 worth of permits were issued. The largest permit issued this month was for the residence to be erected by Perry Moss at 110 North Thirteenth street.

TO RETIRE JUSSERAND AS ENVOY TO U. S.

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, April 29.—Count Peretti de Rocca, political director of the foreign office, is likely to succeed Jean Jules Jusserand as ambassador to the United States as soon as the former can be spared by Premier Poincare, it was stated today.

The retirement of M. Jusserand, according to present plans, will be arranged during his usual summer visit to Paris.

Killed One Man

Fired by the death of his chief and both fellow deputies, J. M. Kelly asked that the inquest be postponed and that he be allowed to turn all his energy to getting the men still at large. He headed a posse which killed one man outside Frederick at 2:30 this morning. Another was arrested at Browning, five miles up the river. He had walked the distance and was caught attempting to board a train. A quantity of cartridges and a razor were found in his pockets.

SHERIFF AND 2 DEPUTES SHOT DOWN

Slain in Gun Fight With Railroad Laborers at Frederick, Illinois—Investigate Shooting.

AFTER "RIVER RATS"

(By Associated Press.) RUSHVILLE, Ill., April 29.—A verdict of "death by unknown causes" was returned today by a coroner's jury investigating the killing of Sheriff Edward Lashbrook and two deputies, in a gunfight with railroad laborers at Frederick last night.

State's Attorney Paul Morning announced today that he was turning his investigation of the shooting for which 23 Greek laborers are held in Beardstown to "agitators among the Greek workmen, whom he said evidently were the cause of the shooting."

"The men were barricaded in box cars where they had been driven by attacks of labor agitators and goaded to the point of fury. They misunderstood the motives of the sheriff and his force."

Called "River Rats" "River rats," was the way in which Mr. Morning described the alleged labor agitators, who had attacked the Greeks.

Trouble commenced soon after the section gang came here, Mr. Morning said. "Agitators in Frederick and recruits of the same sort came from Browning, five miles up the river, gathered upon the box cars housing the Greek workers and sent them an ultimatum to quit their jobs or suffer the consequences. This gave rise to the shooting which continued three nights."

When Sheriff Lashbrook and three deputies went to the Greeks last night, it was to protect them. Deputy Carl Neff had a conference with the ringleaders, and told them they came as officers of the peace.

BEARDSTOWN, Ill., April 29.—Out of the worst flood in its history into the greatest shooting affray this vicinity ever has experienced, the city of Beardstown and the village of Frederick, separately, were joined today in an attempt to exact justice for the killing at Frederick last night of Sheriff Edward Lashbrook and two deputies of Schuyler county.

The deputies were Carl Neff, who died, and one-hundred and thirty-five, the shooting and Frank Turk, who with the sheriff was killed instantly. Stories of the shooting at Frederick and subsequent arrest of 28 Greek section hands, charged with the killings as they jumped from a Chicago, Burlington & Quincy train as it pulled into Beardstown, equal the wildest fiction.

Were Ordered Out The maintenance of way workers, who three weeks ago, when flood water was at its highest, were ordered out of Beardstown, were charged with nightly trouble making at Frederick, where they were brought by the railroad this week to repair tracks damaged by flood waters.

Sheriff Lashbrook, with three deputies, approached the workers' box car home last night to arrest some of them and warn them to leave Frederick.

A volley heard across the flooded river rang out as the quartet stepped on the station platform. Three of the four fell. Deputy J. M. Kelly felt the whizz of bullets and jumped to safety behind a corner of the station. From that point, he says, he saw the men in a body rush toward the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy passenger train which pulled into the station from the north as the shooting ceased. Some others ran in the opposite direction.

Sensed Trouble Across the river Chief of Police Robert Whetter gathered four of his policemen about him and waited for the train, sensing trouble. The track workers literally jumped into their arms. All but four made a wild scurry to escape. They plunged waist deep into the water which for weeks has made Beardstown's streets impassable, except to boats and boats.

Capture of the four was effected without difficulty. Chief Patterson, lead the 28 toward the city jail and under the pistols of the four police the prisoners went waist deep to jail. Guards about the place immediately were doubled and then quadrupled. A guard was put at the C. & Q. bridge to stop every person from Schuyler county who seemed bent on trouble and another guard was sent to the section gang in the Beardstown yard. Every precaution was taken. The sheriff said to prevent violence, which it was feared might follow when Beardstown citizens learned the prisoners were the maintenance of way workers.

In Frederick, meanwhile Schuyler county authorities were working fast. Coroner Fred Harvey and States Attorney Morning arrived from Rushville and preparations were made for an immediate inquest. Six men were obtained for a jury. As they were about to be sworn in word came from another room in the house—the home of Dr. McElroy that deputy Carl Neff had died.

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While Deputy Kelly continued his search, Coroner Harvey examined the bodies of the three dead men. Sheriff Lashbrook was shot in the chest, Deputy Turk in the mouth, and Deputy Neff in the back.

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