

SINN FEIN SENTIMENT CONTINUES HOPEFUL ABOUT A SETTLEMENT

Emphasis Is Laid on Belief That Premier Lloyd George's Reply to De Valera's Note Will Not Mean a Break in the Negotiations for Peace

LESS HOPEFUL OUTLOOK HELD IN LONDON

There Are Gloomy Predictions in Some of the Newspapers That the Negotiations Will Come To Naught Because of Demands By Sinn Fein

Dublin, Aug. 13. (By the Associated Press)—Optimism continues to pervade Sinn Fein circles to-day regarding the Irish peace proposals. It was emphasized that negotiations have not been broken off and that Premier Lloyd George's reply to the last letter of Eamon De Valera is not expected to mean a break.

Mr. De Valera is expected to return to Dublin tonight. Mr. Munster, where he went to consult local leaders and some Irish prisoners regarding the possibility of an application for their release. It was pointed out by Sinn Fein leaders here, however, that the question of general amnesty was not regarded as an important phase of the negotiations at this stage.

London, Aug. 13.—Eamon De Valera's answer to proposals of the British government relative to peace negotiations in Ireland was considered at a meeting of the British cabinet this morning. Lord Fitzalan, the British general in Ireland and Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, were understood to have been called to participate in the deliberations.

Closest secrecy was still maintained in official circles relative to the contents of the communication from the Irish republican leader, and some political writers to-day reiterated their belief that it was merely a step forward in the negotiations. They declared that the reply asked for explanations of the government's proposals preparatory to the meeting of the Irish republican parliament next Tuesday.

Sensational reports, however, appeared under bold headlines in some of the morning newspapers. Some of them were to the effect that the cabinet took a most serious view of Mr. De Valera's reply, regarding it as tantamount to a rejection of the British terms. It was noteworthy that these rumors were printed in newspapers which yesterday reflected the belief that Mr. De Valera's letter was favorable and indicated his readiness to proceed with the negotiations leading to a settlement. Giving details these disquieting reports stated that Mr. De Valera had demanded amnesty interned, numbering about 6,000, as a for all Irish republicans imprisoned or condition precedent to further negotiations. It was also stated that he had asked monetary indemnity for the losses occasioned by the war in Ireland, which were estimated as amounting to some millions of pounds sterling.

FRANCE IS CERTAIN TO ACCEPT INVITATION

To Participate in Conference on Disarmament.—Invitation Received.

Paris, Aug. 13. (By the Associated Press)—President Harding's invitation to the French government to take part in the conference at Washington on disarmament and far eastern questions was received by the American embassy here last night and will be delivered to-day. Acceptance of the invitation was taken as a foregone conclusion. The French delegation it was understood, as is usual with meetings of the supreme council, probably will be small, as it is known that Premier Briand does not favor an enormous entourage of secretaries and experts.

France, through its embassy at Washington, is receiving many offers to lease a house for the accommodation of the French delegation during the conference.

The Washington government, it was pointed out to-day, appears not to have specified whether the delegations will be the guests of the American government, as has been the practice at meetings of the allied supreme council, notably in the case of Italy at San Remo and of Belgians during the Spa conference.

HITCH IN NEGOTIATIONS ON RUSSIA RELIEF

Riga, Latvia, Aug. 13. (By the Associated Press)—Difficulties arose to-day in the negotiations begun here over the draft of an agreement guaranteeing protection of food supplies sent into Russia for famine relief. Maxim Litvinoff, the soviet representative, raised a number of objections, none both in principle and details, to the draft presented by Walter Lyman Brown, the American relief negotiator.

CHICAGO IS FACING SERIOUS SITUATION

"Crime Wave" Threatens to Follow Long Period of Unemployment.

Chicago, Aug. 13.—The thefts of food from doorsteps and small shops in the poorer districts of Chicago are on the increase. Police Chief Fitzmorris declared to-day. He added that indications are the city will be confronted with one of the worst "crime waves" in its history unless the unemployment situation in the midwest is improved this fall.

Arrests of persons charged with eating in the cheaper restaurants and then admitting that they have no money to pay are more numerous, the chief said, and in some districts police captains report that families are dispensing with cooked meats to economize on fuel. The chief estimates the number of employed in the city at 100,000.

COMET AGAIN VISIBLE.

But Only In Southern Hemisphere Say Astronomers.

Heidelberg, Aug. 13.—Brilliant light bands which took the form of a wreath running from west-northwest to east-southeast were produced by the tail of a comet through which the earth passed last Monday night astronomers at the Koenigsstuhl observatory announced to-night. These light bands, which faded from view with the approach of dawn.

Observations taken at the university are said to have indicated that the head of the comet passed between the sun and the earth and that the light from the comet's tail moved from north to south. The astronomer predicted that the comet will again be visible to points in the southern hemisphere, where conditions for observations are favorable at the present time.

GERMANY DISAPPOINTED.

At Failure of Supreme Allied Council to Settle Upper Silesia Dispute.

Berlin, Aug. 13. (By the Associated Press)—Information regarding the decision of the supreme allied council to refer the upper Silesia dispute to the league of nations, was confined to a brief bulletin received here late yesterday afternoon. The action of the council occasioned surprise in official circles, and there was an intimation that the Weir cabinet was disappointed at the council's inability to reach a final and equitable decision.

NAVY DIVERS TO SEEK BARREL OF SHOTGUN

Authorities Believe Stock Was Part of Weapon Used to Slay J. Belton Kennedy.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 13.—A navy diving crew, at the request of Sheriff Traeger of Los Angeles, has been ordered to at to-day in the oceanic search for the missing barrel of a shotgun. The rusty stock of which was turned over to District Attorney Woolwine here by a beach camper near Santa Monica canyon mouth. Officials declare their belief that it is part of the weapon used in the slaying of J. Belton Kennedy, broker, Kennedy was shot near his summer cottage in Redondo Glen, eight miles inland, Aug. 5.

THREE COUNTRIES ACCEPT

Mexico's Invitation to Adjust Claims for Damages.

Mexico City, Aug. 13.—China, Spain and Holland have accepted President Obregon's recent invitation to appoint a commission to meet Mexican representatives and adjust claims for damage suffered by their nationals during the last ten years of revolution in this country, says a semi-official report.

Naval Reservists on Practice Cruise.

Philadelphia, Aug. 13.—Approximately 75 officers and enlisted men of the naval reserve force of this district were scheduled to embark to-day on destroyers at the Philadelphia navy yard for the sixth summer training cruise arranged by the navy department. As soon as the destroyers are refueled and have supplies placed aboard, the reservists will sail for Newport, R. I. The men are from Pennsylvania, Delaware and southern New Jersey.

AMERICANS GO TO ELOIS

To Take Part in Unveiling of Statue of Joan of Arc.

Paris, Aug. 13.—The members of the American Legion, who arrived here yesterday, left Paris at 7:45 o'clock this morning for Elois, where they were to participate in the unveiling of the statue of Joan of Arc, which was presented to that city by the Joan of Arc committee of the city of New York. The ceremony to take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon was to follow a reception to the Americans by the mayor and municipal authorities at the city hall.

ASK AMERICA TO AID AUSTRIA

By Giving Financial Relief In Waiving Debt Payments

Paris, Aug. 13. (By the Associated Press)—The allied supreme council decided to-day that the international famine relief commission, which was agreed upon at Wednesday's session, be composed of three delegates from each country represented in the council, including the United States and Belgium. The commission will be unofficial in character and will collaborate with Herbert Hoover, head of the American Relief Commission, and the International Red Cross in the Russian relief work.

SUPREME COUNCIL TAKES ACTION

Allies Are Also to Join In Relief Work in Russia

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The pending American legislation referred to in the foregoing dispatch apparently is the bill giving Secretary of the Treasury Mellon wide authority in the matter in refunding foreign loans.

In a resolution adopted by the supreme council the Congress of the United States is urged to act in aid of financial relief for Austria. The resolution expresses the desire of the council that the United States pass, as soon as convenient, the measure in this connection that Ambassador Harvey informed the meeting was still pending, so that the Austrian financial situation, which is declared to have been held up by American delay in waiving Austrian debt payments, may be put into operation.

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TAX REFORM ACCOMPLISHED

According to Statement Passed Out From the White House

TO FREE BUSINESS FROM PARALYSIS

And Remove Every Possible Incentive to Evasion and Fraud

Washington, D. C., Aug. 13.—An official statement explaining the administration tax revision program was issued to-day at the White House. It declares that "the aim was to establish methods that would raise the needed revenue within a reasonable certainty, make collections sure and inexpensive and properly adjust the burden among all classes of the community."

"It is felt that highly important progress has been along these lines," the statement says, adding: "There has been no effort to relieve the rich of their share of burdens, but rather to insure that no class will be left an avenue of escape from these. A casual analysis of the proposals shows that what may be described as 'the rich man's tax' will produce about \$1,800,000,000, while the balance will be distributed over the entire community, rich and poor."

"The reduction is 32 percent of the highest income and surtax brackets is expected by the experts to produce actually more revenue from these sources than do the present much higher rates. The present rates prevent transactions which would involve application of the high rates, and thus keep taxes away from the government. Also, they drive money into tax-free securities, to the distress of business, and they lead to fraud and evasion."

"The experience has shown, in dealing with the excess profits taxes, that where there is periodic selling this tax is pyramided, multiplying the burden of the consumer and inducing speculation and waste. It has been largely responsible for the intense speculation that followed the war. It is an unsatisfactory tax on which to base revenue estimates because its product of revenue is so extremely variable, and in the present epoch of reduced earnings it would utterly fail to produce the amount needed."

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ARMED STATE POLICE PATROL BOARDER WATERS

To Prevent Smuggling of Liquor Into United States Under Ontario Temperance Act.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 13.—Armed with rifles, a detachment of state police to-day started patrolling the waters in the vicinity of Detroit with motor boats to guard against liquor smugglers from Canada.

The troopers, 75 in number, arrived here from Lansing last night and reported to Charles P. Campau, Detroit representative of the Michigan public safety commission, who has declared open warfare on the liquor smugglers.

The arrival of the state police followed reports that efforts were being made to flood the United States with intoxicants from Canada as the result of the court ruling in Windsor that the Ontario temperance act does not forbid their export.

Campau declared he would get "every bottle of beer and whiskey that is brought over" from Canada.

A heavy increase in the number of application for clearance of beer and whiskey for the United States during the last few days was reported from Windsor to-day.

SEVEN LINERS SAIL TO-DAY.

Leave New York for European Ports. Some of Passengers Named.

New York, Aug. 13.—Seven trans-Atlantic liners sail to-day for European ports—the Olympic for Southampton, Carmania for Liverpool, Orita for London, the Amsterdam for Rotterdam, Kroonland for Antwerp, Dante Alighieri for Naples and Savoie for Havre.

Among their passengers are J. P. Morgan, going to England to join his wife and son, who sailed last week; Harry Boland, secretary to Eamon De Valera, going to Dublin to aid his chief in the negotiations with the British government; Lieutenant Commander E. E. Byrd, Jr., going to England to join the naval crew that will bring the huge British made dirigible ZR-2 to America, and H. Percival Lodge, sailing to take up his post as American minister to Serbia.

SEIZED WITH CRAMPS; DROWNED IN POND

Arthur Brown of East Dover Could Not Swim—Body Found in Shallow Water.

Brattleboro, Aug. 13.—Arthur Brown, aged 18 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown of East Dover, was drowned last evening in Dan M. Hale's mill pond in that town. He went in bathing and probably was seized with cramps. He was unable to swim.

Two other young men, who were in the mill undressing, heard his cries and summoned help from a nearby store. The body was found in comparatively shallow water.

Besides his parents, he leaves a sister. Also was younger than he. The young man was a student in the Brattleboro Business Institute.

MAY NEED SECOND OPERATION

More Complications Revealed After Operation on Henry P. Davison

New York, Aug. 13.—Henry P. Davison, son of J. P. Morgan and company was reported resting comfortably to-day at the Roosevelt hospital, where he underwent an operation yesterday for relief of intra-cranial pressure.

Another operation may be necessary, however, his physicians said for correction of an affection near the auditory nerve. No official mention was made in the physicians' bulletin, issued after the operation of a tumor of the brain, which the operation was reported to have disclosed.

The report of the brain case stated that of suffering by Mr. Davison from headaches, nervousness, insomnia and impairment of hearing.

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A credit of 134,000,000 pesetas for military operations in Morocco has been approved by the council of state.

WAITSFIELD

Mrs. John DeBoer has leased her farm to Frank Persons for a year. Possession to be given Sept. 1. Mr. DeBoer will go back to Brookline, S. D.

C. M. Danna and family, with their guests, camped at Highgate this week. All ladies, whether they are members or not of the home bureau, are asked to meet in Library hall Tuesday, Aug. 16, to help plan the work for another fall.

Mrs. Hattie Smith returned Friday from Waterbury.

The date of the annual Odd Fellows' field day has been named Aug. 18.

Misses Alice Smith and Doris Moriarty were in Waterbury Friday.

C. Long went to Rutland Thursday with a load of the chautauqua paraphernalia.

WEIGHT KILLED LITTLE GIRL

Elizabeth Boyles, Aged 8, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George O. Boyles

SKULL FRACTURED BY 150 POUNDS

Weight on Fire Escape Fell When Supporting Rope Broke

Elizabeth Boyles, the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George O. Boyles of Montpelier, was fatally injured late yesterday when a fire escape weight on the Hazen block in that city fell and struck her a glancing blow on the head, fracturing the skull and breaking the left arm. The child died at Heaton hospital at 10 o'clock last night, there being no hope of recovery in the intervening hours.

The little girl, with her brothers, had been to the moving picture show, having left their bicycles in the alleyway in the rear of the Hazen block.

It was while they were after the bicycles that the little girl received her injury. The wire rope holding the weight used to keep the stairway in position broke, letting the 150-pound weight fall on the child's head. It was only a glancing blow but was sufficient to fracture the skull. The accident happened at about 4 o'clock.

The alleyway was used quite frequently, being on the regular beat of the policeman and being used by occupants of the Hazen building. The property is owned by the Langdon estate and is located on the corner of Main and Langdon streets. The weight was about eight feet above the ground.

The victim of the accident was a bright little girl, very popular with old and young, and great sympathy is felt for the family. She was born in Montpelier May 26, 1913, and she leaves, besides her parents, two brothers, Orvis and Brandon.

The funeral is to be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

MANY MORE LICENSES HAVE BEEN REMOVED

Most of Them Suspended for an Indefinite Period—Three Revoked.

Secretary of State Harry A. Black to-day relieved the following persons of their automobile operator's licenses: E. J. Blair, Enosburg; L. A. Lumbr, Montpelier; Elmer Kent, Dorset; Fred Maynard, Burlington; Robert K. Green, Woodville, N. H.; Edward Cerasoli, Barre; Fred L. Kimball, Ludlow; W. L. Kerrigan, Rutland; Michael St. Albans; M. A. Marcia, Westford; Michael Ward, Swanton; A. R. Morrill, Swanton; Frederick McAdams, Hardwick; Clifford Farnsworth, Castleton; J. H. Waite, Castleton; Wellington D. Hays, Montpelier; Frank Johnson, Rutland; Perle C. Frank, Montpelier and J. J. Grady, Castleton, all of whom were suspended indefinitely.

The following licenses were revoked: C. A. Rogers, St. Albans; Fred Goodrich, Fair Haven; G. A. Springfield, Barre. The following were suspended for 30 days: Clyde Davenport and G. W. Lee, Moretown.

COLORED MEN ARRESTED.

Are Held On Suspicion In Connection With Burglar Raid.

Rutland, Aug. 13.—Charles Bird and John Williams, colored and strangers in this vicinity, were arrested at Ludlow yesterday by policeman G. E. French on request of Deputy Sheriff Allen A. Leonard of Wallingford and are held at the city jail here on suspicion that they committed the robbery of the Don B. Etapence general store and the Warren Cole house at East Wallingford Thursday night and the burglary of four houses in this city early Thursday morning. The colored men were given a brief visit last night by State Attorney Charles E. Novak and Chief of Police B. S. Hyland. They have been unable to explain the reason for having Canadian bills in their pockets. There was some Canadian money in the sum of \$25 from Mr. Etapence. The total amount of cash in the men's possession was about equal to the total sum lost in this city and at East Wallingford.

The thieves entered the Etapence store by removing a window. Then they went upstairs where Mr. Etapence lives and took \$20 from his trousers pockets. They secured a small sum in the cash register in the store but failed to notice a drawer a foot away in which there was a large roll of bills.

TRAIN MOVING SLOWLY.

Otherwise Occupants of Auto Might Have Been Hurt Worse.

St. Albans, Aug. 12.—James Horwigan of Fairfield received bruises to his right hip and right elbow, and Miss Florence Blain received a cut over her right eye when an automobile in which they were riding, together with Mrs. James McNamy and Mildred Montgomery, all of Fairfield, was hit by a Central Vermont freight train, extra No. 707, yesterday on the first highway crossing south of the Swanton station.

The report of the train crew stated that the train was moving about five miles an hour at the time and before the train reached the crossing the whistle was sounded and the engine bell was ringing.

The automobile party was taken to Swanton, where the automobiles were attended by Dr. C. E. Allen. A serious accident was averted by the slow movement of the train. H. L. Perry, constable and Irving Bronson, customs officers, were eye witnesses of the accident.

CREAMERY CO-OPERATION.

Was Considered by Creamery Men of the State.

Seventeen representatives of the 29 co-operative creameries in Vermont met at Montpelier yesterday for a conference called by President John J. McGrath of Milton.

The conference was for the purpose of hearing the report of a committee consisting of Cary C. Fletcher, Earl N. Gray, and M. C. Anderson, relative to the plan proposed by Julian Langner of New York City, specialist in co-operative organization, for the enlarging under one selling head of all the creameries in Vermont, or whether the present federation should be added to.

The conference came to no decision, and it was decided to call another meeting to discuss the situation more fully than it could be taken up yesterday.

The speakers yesterday included Mr. Langner, Roy Potts of Boston, special agent in dairying and poultry products, and John C. Orcutt of New York, former secretary of the agricultural committee of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. J. P. Hoag of Grand Isle was elected clerk of the conference.

DIED AT AGE OF 86.

Mrs. Sarah J. (Dana) Hines Passed Away at So. Barre.

Mrs. Sarah J. (Dana) Hines passed away at her home in South Barre this morning at 8:15 o'clock, having reached the age of 86 years. She moved to South Barre ten years ago from Waitfield, in which town she was born and where she lived until moving to South Barre. She is survived by two brothers, Edwin Dana of Gaysville and Jackson Dana of Fayston, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at her late home Monday at 9 a. m., and the body will be taken to Waitfield for burial. It is requested that flowers be omitted.

ELOPING GIRL A BRIDE.

15-Year-Old Irene Root of Burlington and Husband Arrested.

Burlington, Aug. 13.—Chief of Police Russell received yesterday information that Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Demosel had been arrested in Geneva, N. Y., in response to a telegram sent by him.

Mrs. Demosel, who was Miss Irene Root of this city, left her home Saturday night to go to a local motion picture theatre. She did not return home.

It has been learned that she and Demosel were married in Geneva. The girl is only 15 years old and Demosel is 25.

VICTIM OF ATTACK BETTER.

Mrs. Louis Cheeseman of Addison Has Chance to Recover.

Vergennes, Aug. 13.—The condition of Mrs. Lewis Cheeseman, who was attacked and brutally beaten about the head and face by Albert Batchelder, 18, inmate of the industrial school, was said last night to be slightly improved and to have a chance of recovery from her terrible injuries.

Batchelder, meanwhile, is still in the Addison county jail at Middlebury awaiting the outcome of his victim's injuries.

RANDOLPH

At a game of ball at Woodstock on Thursday between Randolph and Woodstock a victory was gained by the Randolph boys, and on Saturday a return game is to be played between the two teams.

Miss Clara Carpenter of Montpelier arrived here on Friday for a short stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Carpenter.

Mrs. Charles Holman and son, Richard, left here on Friday for Medford, Mass., where she will pass a few days with her daughter, Mrs. P. G. Jarey, better known here as Mildred Holman.

Mrs. A. E. Johnson and her daughter, Greta, are passing a week in Waterbury Center with the former's sister, Mrs. L. W. Ruslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bardeley of Barre and children went to Old Orchard beach, Me., this week. Mrs. B. A. Manchester accompanying them there.