

GERMANY IS VERY NEAR TO COMPLETE COLLAPSE DECLARES BONAR LAW

Futher Than That, The Prime Minister Refused To Discuss the Matter of German Reparations in the British House of Commons

INTIMATED HE HAD MORE INFORMATION

This Statement Follows a Meeting of Allied Premiers in London at Which the Matter of German Reparations Was Thoroughly Considered

London, Dec. 14 (By the Associated Press).—Germany is very near to complete collapse, Prime Minister Bonar Law told the House of Commons today.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Premier Bonar Law's demand for complete and final settlement of the momentous issue of German reparations reflects exactly the view of the Harding administration.

From the outset of its contact with the problem in the spring of 1921, the Harding administration has adopted the view of the former Wilson administration that there should be definite fixing of the total on the basis of Germany's ability to pay.

In what is considered every legitimate way the influence of the American government has been, and will continue to be, used toward harmonizing the views of the nations involved. It has been made clear by official spokesmen of this as well as the prior administration, however, that the question of German reparations and that of the allied debt to the American government are not cognate, however, much European statesmen may suggest that they are.

That continues to be the set viewpoint of the Harding administration. There has been on change of attitude in opposition to cancellation of the foreign war debt to the United States.

The attitude of the American government as revealed by responsible American spokesmen is understood to be as follows: First, Germany is responsible for the war and, therefore, morally bound to make reparations, so far as may be possible.

Second, the United States all along has negotiated and looked with favor upon negotiations between the interested powers on a basis calculated to lead to prompt settlement of the reparations issue, so as to satisfy the just claims of the allies and, at the same time, to permit Germany hopefully to engage in productive activities.

Third, European nations should unite in an effort to set their own house in order and what Europe really needs is the balancing of budgets and the reduction of armaments.

TELLS WHERE BODY IS.

Arthur Foster Says Remains of Mrs. Kate Trostell in Chicago River.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Arthur Foster told the police today that the body of Mrs. Kate Trostell, missing since Saturday, could be found in the Chicago river near Ashland avenue.

Foster, who had sought the woman since childhood as a sweetheart, and had been rejected, had previously hinted that she committed suicide.

The admission came after three days of questioning. When first taken into custody for questioning, Foster maintained he had not seen Mrs. Trostell on the night of her disappearance.

Foster courted her in their youth and after her husband died resumed his attentions.

Last night 11-year-old Eleanor Trostell coaxed and pleaded but still Foster was sphinx-like.

"You killed my mamma! Where have you hidden her?" the child finally shrieked.

Foster was adamant.

"Deploy that!" he snapped.

LIQUOR SCHOONER STILL PURSUED

Turns Out to Be the Salvatrice Which Was Headed for Cape Cod.

Boston, Dec. 14.—It was no ill wind that turned the French schooner Salvatrice, with her cargo of 2,000 cases of alcohol, toward the New England coast, federal authorities said today.

While the coast guard cutter Acushnet was seeking the schooner among the shoals off Nantucket, officials ashore said they had established her identity as the Salvatrice, instead of the Silver Piece and that she had sailed from Antwerp with alcohol intended for Cape Cod.

When Captain Fatherlot of Nantucket yesterday showed the vessel's manifest, it gave Cuba as the destination for her cargo. The skipper was still ashore with two of his men today, while the other two were believed to be making heavy weather of it with the 82-ton schooner.

There was no later word today of the British schooner Nathalie J. Nelson whose actions off Cape Ann caused the coast guard cutter Osage to be sent to keep her under surveillance.

They announced today that a sloop went out to the Nelson last Saturday, took off 150 cases of liquor and brought it ashore. The sloop was seized Sunday with only 43 cases left.

SHIP PULLED OFF; NO SERIOUS DAMAGE

The Manchester Spinner Was Blown Ashore in Boston Harbor.

Boston, Dec. 14.—The British steamer Manchester Spinner blown ashore on the westerly side of Long Island Tuesday night, was floated at high tide early today. It was believed that she sustained no serious damage.

The tug Juno, operated by the Boston Tow Boat company, and one of the fleet sent to assist the Manchester Spinner was named and sunk by the army tug Jessup a short distance from the stranded vessel. The tug's crew scrambled to safety over the Jessup's side.

RESCUED AT SEA.

Crew of Trawlers Caught Out in Bad Weather.

Boston, Dec. 14.—The story of the rescue of twenty shipwrecked French fishermen crew of the trawler Auguste Leblonde, was told today when the Norwegian steamer, Niels Nielsen, arrived here, a week late, with a cargo of cod from Grangemouth.

Last Wednesday night, off the Grand Banks, the Nielsen picked up a wireless call from the Auguste Leblonde, saying the trawler was sinking and requesting immediate help.

Proceeding immediately, the Nielsen, with great difficulty, took off her crew early Thursday morning. The trawler sank shortly afterward about 180 miles southeast of Cape Race.

SCHOONER TOWED IN.

The Seth W. Smith Had All Her Sails Blown Away.

Rockland, Me., Dec. 14.—The three-masted schooner Seth W. Smith, reported in a dangerous position last night at Whitehead, 15 miles west of here, was taken in tow today by the cable ship Pequot and was being brought into port. The schooner did not strike but all sails were carried away by the heavy wind.

Captain George S. Sommers of Boston and his crew of seven remained aboard. The schooner is owned by George S. Curran of Calais.

TOLD AGAIN OF ELOPEMENT.

Hazel Brunen Said She Ran Away with Lion Tamer.

Mount Holly, N. J., Dec. 14.—Hazel Brunen, the 17-year-old daughter of "Honest" John T. Brunen, who created a sensation yesterday by testifying against Mrs. Doris Bonnen, her stepmother, and Harry C. Mohr, on trial for murdering her father, was on the witness stand again today.

NEW SWISS PRESIDENT.

Carl Scheurer Was Elected By Big Majority.

Berne, Dec. 14 (By the Associated Press).—Carl Scheurer, vice-president of the Swiss confederation during the last year, was elected president for 1923 today. He received 56 votes out of the 210 in the federal assembly.

POISON SENT IN CANDY GIFT

Attempt Made To Assassinate British Home Secretary

POLICE ASCRIBE IT TO CRAZY WOMAN

Who Has Real Or Fancied Grievance Against Foreign Office

London, Dec. 14 (By the Associated Press).—An attempt has been made to assassinate Home Secretary W. C. Bridgeman, by means of poisoned chocolates sent through the mail.

The candy arrived at the home office yesterday and the police found it contained arsenic.

It is understood the police attribute the act to the same person who recently poisoned Sir William Harwood, head of Scotland yard, in the same manner.

Investigations, it was said today, have led the police to the conclusion that the work was probably that of an unbalanced woman who has some real or fancied grievance against Scotland yard and the home office.

The candy box bore the postmark of Balham, a London suburb, where it is now learned the Horwood package also was posted.

Scotland Yard has found the ship in which the Bridgeman chocolates were purchased.

The attempt on Mr. Bridgeman's life, coming just before Christmas when all officials may expect to receive parcels, has caused considerable alarm among them.

Mr. Bridgeman, formerly a Unionist whip, later a junior lord of the treasury, and director of the war trade department early in the war was parliamentary secretary to the minister of labor from 1916 to 1919, when he became parliamentary secretary to the board of trade.

His cabinet when that ministry was formed on Oct. 24 and was elected a member of parliament for the Oswestry division of Shropshire in the recent general election.

SIX RECEIVED HATS.

At the Hands of Pope Pius in St. Peters Today.

Rome, Dec. 14 (By the Associated Press).—Public insistence by Pope Pius of six of the eight new cardinals took place in St. Peters today when at the first public consistory of Pius' pontificate the recently created princes of the church received from the pontiff the red hat and the rochet, insignia of their elevation.

Cardinal Locatelli and Cardinal Casanova were absent. They will be invested by the heads of their respective states, Portugal and Spain.

To-day's consistory was the first held for many years in the hall of Beatifications, which has been closed during the restoration of the ceiling.

From almost the break of day, carriages, motors and cabs streamed along the road leading from the center of the city to the apostolic palace, where stand the apostolic palaces.

In the throng that hastened to St. Peter's were men in formal attire, women in black dresses and lace mantillas, papal diplomats, members of the Roman aristocracy and the more plainly dressed monks and nuns.

Pius, wearing a red cape and mitre over white vestments, was accompanied by his entire court.

N. H. GRANGE OPPOSED

To the 48-Hour Law for Women—Prohibition Favored.

CONGRESSMEN NOT SHADOWED

Denial of Charge Made at Daugherty Impeachment Hearing

SECRET SERVICE MEN INVOLVED

Charge Stated That Those Who Attacked Daugherty Were Watched

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Charges that operatives of the department of justice had shadowed members of Congress who attacked Attorney General Daugherty were made and denied today at the hearing before the House judiciary committee on impeachment charges against Mr. Daugherty.

Asserting that Senators Caraway, Democrat, Arkansas, and Representatives Woodruff of Michigan and Johnson of South Dakota, Republicans, had been shadowed by such operatives, Jackson H. Ralston, counsel for Representative Keller, author of the impeachment charges, asked the committee to obtain from the department of justice, the names and the daily reports of the operatives.

"How impossible in the face of our denial that anything like that was done, to produce any such papers," said Paul Howland, counsel for Mr. Daugherty.

When Mr. Ralston declared that the accuracy of the denial would be the subject of future discussion, Mr. Howland replied that if proof were offered before the committee any document and papers relating to it would be produced if they existed.

MORE AWARDS MADE

At Capital Poultry Show in Montpelier To-day.

Awards made today at the Capital Poultry show in Montpelier were as follows: Single comb Rhode Island Red, Joseph Gillett, Montpelier, first cock, first and fourth hen, fourth cockerel, first and second pullet, first pen young. M. D. Dimock, Richmond, second cock, second and third hen, first, second and fifth cockerel, first pullet, first pen young.

Single Comb Anconas: Alton Wheeler, Waterbury, first and fifth cock, first pen old, fourth pen young. Julian Ryan, Waterbury, second and third cock, second and third cockerel, first pullet. Harry Jones, Etna, N. H., fourth cock. A. C. Gilman, Montpelier, first and fifth hen, first cockerel, first pen young. E. O. Gould, Montpelier, second and third hen, fourth cockerel, third and fourth pullet, second pen young, second pen old. R. Wiggins, Montpelier, fourth hen, fifth cockerel, first and second pullet, first pen young. Montpelier, second pullet. B. Bryant, Northfield, third pen young.

Rose Comb Brown Leghorns: A. C. Gilman, Montpelier, first cock, second hen, first cockerel, first pen young. George Buswell, Montpelier, first and third hen, first and second pullet, second pen young, second pen old. R. Wiggins, Montpelier, fourth hen, fifth cockerel, first and second pullet, first pen old, first pen young.

TO OPPOSE CURELY

Or Another Democratic Candidate for Governor.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 14.—Mayor Peter F. Sullivan, who was re-elected for the fourth term as mayor of Worcester last Tuesday, announced today that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination as governor in 1924, against Mayor James M. Curley of Boston, or any other Democrat who cares to enter the race.

TO EXCLUDE LINDENFELD.

Who Was Brought to United States in Wall Street Bomb Case.

New York, Dec. 14.—A board of special inquiry has excluded from the United States William Linde, sometimes known as Wolfe Lindenfeld. He was brought to this country by the department of justice in connection with the Wall street bomb explosion of Sept. 16, 1920, and has been detained at Ellis Island since Thanksgiving day. It is said to be probable that William J. Burns, chief of the department, may appeal from the decision of the board, in an effort to hold Linde for further investigation.

SUPREME COURT SPEEDY.

At This Term Has Disposed of 243 Cases.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—The supreme court, under the leadership of Chief Justice Taft, has established a new record for expedition in rendering opinions and otherwise disposing of cases. When it took a recess last Monday it had at the present term disposed of 243 cases, compared with 192 cases disposed of during the corresponding period last year.

MAJ-GEN. BREWSTER ARRIVES

To Take Charge of First Corps Area in Boston.

Boston, Dec. 14.—Major General Andre W. Brewster, successor to Major General Clarence R. Edwards (retired), as commander of the first corps area, made his first visit to his new offices at the army base today. To-morrow night he will be an honor guest at the army and navy hall.

PERSHING IN BOSTON.

To Speak at Luncheon of Women's Republican Club.

GREAT MOVEMENT FOR FARMERS PLANNED

National Council of Farmers' Co-operative Marketing Associations Meets in Washington.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—What its sponsors characterize as the most important movement for the farmers ever inaugurated was launched here today with the assembling of the first national council of Farmers' Co-operative Marketing associations. Delegates representing the associations interested in every major product, came to Washington to take part in the three-day conference.

The program included a complete review of the co-operative marketing grain, dairy products and other farm products. Other general topics of discussion were co-operative financing and rural credits legislation; common problems of co-operative marketing associations and how to handle them; problems of each commodity group, and co-operative education of the farmers and the public.

The program arranged for today's session was devoted largely to hearing addresses by Secretary Wallace, Secretary Hoover, Dr. Julius Klein, director of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, and representatives of farm organizations. Group meetings of representatives of various associations handling the same commodities will feature the Friday session.

These will include a meeting of the American cotton growers' exchange; a meeting of the tobacco groups, which it is estimated will sell collectively about 250,000 bales of the crop this year; and meetings of grain co-operatives, dairy, perishable, wool growers and other groups.

Publicity men, including editors of farm papers and their representatives, field service and organization men, agricultural college men and extension experts, will meet in a forum to discuss educational features to-morrow night.

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White, who was shot Friday afternoon at the underwear mill where both young men were employed as cloth cutters, died Sunday morning at Putnam hospital here. The shooting is alleged to have followed a quarrel after White had rubbed Fitzgerald's neck with a handful of snow. The elapsed time between commission of alleged crime and indictment is believed to constitute a record for capital offenses in Vermont.

Whether or not the case will be tried at the present December term of county court is undetermined. It is expected that counsel for the defense, John K. Batchelder, will request sufficient time for preparation of the case, and some local attorneys would not be surprised if a move were made to place Fitzgerald under observation.

The accused young man's attitude of indifference since his arrest has raised the suggestion that he might not be responsible for his actions.

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Well-Known Randolph Man Found Dying by His Wife.

Randolph, Dec. 14.—The death of Eugene Holman occurred at 6:30 on Wednesday morning, the summons coming suddenly after a good night's sleep. Mr. Holman had been out of health since last January, when he was obliged to leave his work, but he seemed to be gaining in strength for a time, and was out on the piazza on Tuesday and very cheerful and comfortable all day. Mr. Holman got up to fix the fire and returned for another little nap, but an unusual noise attracted her attention and she got up to find him unconscious and in a very few minutes he passed away. He had suffered a good deal with his heart and it is supposed that was the cause of his passing so suddenly. Mr. Holman was one of five children born to Mr. Randolph L. Luther and Rachel (Mann) Holman, Jan. 26, 1850, and was the last of his family. Mr. Holman married Louise Priest Guilford of Rutland Feb. 5, 1879, and they have always lived in town, the home for the last years being at the home at the corner of Summer and Railroad streets. One son, survivor, Willard Holman of Ransomville, N. Y., who is expected will arrive here Thursday. Mr. Holman had worked alternately in the Salisbury Bros. and the Webster mills and was a faithful and efficient employe, as well as a much respected man in the community where he passed his entire life.

SAVED BY WOMAN.

John R. Kuhlke Overcome by Gas in Garage.

Battleboro, Dec. 14.—John R. Kuhlke of Brooklyn, a well-known tea and coffee broker, was rendered unconscious by carbon monoxide gas in his garage yesterday, and but for the timely arrival of Mrs. McGreevy, would have been asphyxiated.

Missing him from the house, Mrs. McGreevy went to the garage, which was closed, and on opening the door, saw that he lay face down. He had started the engine and after inhaling gas until he began to feel peculiar he realized what was happening and shut off the engine but was overcome before he could get out of doors.

Mr. Kuhlke is about 40 years old and is a summer resident at Spofford lake, Chesterfield, N. H., where his father, John Kuhlke, of Brooklyn, owns a cottage.

CALLED FOR GUN.

When Saved from Suicide by Using Chloroform.

Newport, Dec. 14.—Pearl Ranney of Kirby, who has been employed in the Boston Maine railroad yard for a few days, made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide Tuesday night by drinking chloroform. When found Wednesday morning in a semi-conscious condition he called for a gun, saying he wished to put himself out of misery. He was taken to Brightlook hospital at St. Johnsbury yesterday afternoon and his parents notified of his actions. The boy is only 17 years old and no reason is known for his depression, as he seemed to be in good health.

SUAVE REPLY.

Attress—Did you write that criticism saying my impersonation of "The Deserted Wife" was a failure? Critic—Yes, you see, you looked so perfectly beautiful that it was impossible to imagine any man deserting you.—Fittsburg Post.

WRECK VICTIMS WERE SCALDED

More Than 15 People Killed at Humble, Texas, Last Night

PASSENGER TRAIN SIDESWIPE ENGINE

Two Score People Were Injured—Others May Be Dead

Houston, Texas, Dec. 14.—Upwards of 15 were killed and two score injured, many fatally, when passenger train No. 28 on the Houston East and West Texas railway side-swiped a switch engine in front of the depot at Humble, 17 miles from here, a few minutes after 10 o'clock last night.

An unofficial report said the wreck occurred when the passenger train sideswiped a switch engine in the Humble yards. The dead include: Conductor Campsey of Houston, in charge of the train wrecked. News agent on train, unidentified. Four unknown negroes.

Engineer Holland of the passenger train reported that the head-light on the engine struck by the passenger train was not burning and that by the engine on the side track it was too late to avoid the crash.

As the cylinder heads ripped loose a two-inch steam-pipe on the freight engine, which ran from the cylinder to the steam chest, broke loose and crashed into the window of the smoking car—the first coach of the passenger train—scalding its passengers with steam and water.

Conductor Campsey of Houston, for 19 years a familiar figure to travelers on the road, was killed instantly. The train news dealer was found underneath a pile of candy, newspapers and magazines.

Two or three other white men are believed dead. The remainder of the dead are negroes.

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CHARGE FALSE WARRANTY.

On Sale of Steam Boiler to LeClair & McNulty.

LeClair & McNulty of Barre City have brought suit against D. E. McClary of Barre for \$2,000, charging false warranty on the sale of a steam boiler, which they claim was not as warranted. E. C. Duffey of Barre is attorney for the plaintiff.

GUN-STEALING CHARGED

Against Soldier Who Accidentally Shot Woman While Displaying Weapon.

Burlington, Dec. 14.—Adeline Mendez, a private in the seventh New York, who accidentally shot and killed Lilla Buick Tileman at the home on First street in this city the evening of Oct. 20, was arraigned before a general court martial at Fort Ethan Allen yesterday, charged with stealing the gun which killed the woman and which, it is alleged, belonged to another soldier.

BECAME HUMAN TORCH.

When Clothing Caught Fire from Acetylene Torch.

S. OF V. AUXILIARY Elected Mrs. Josie L. Denmore as President.

At the regular meeting of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary held Wednesday night the following officers were unanimously elected and will be installed the first meeting in January: President, Mrs. Josie L. Denmore; vice-president, Mrs. Corrairie LaCross; treasurer, Mrs. Carrie C. Gauthier; first trustee, Mrs. Emma A. LaPoint; second trustee, Mrs. Euphemia P. Cor-diner; third trustee, Mrs. Jola M. Robinson; patriotic instructor, Mrs. Mary A. Parker; chaplain, Mrs. Emma A. LaPoint; guide, Mrs. Cora E. Tarbox; assistant guide, Mrs. Peris L. Dufur; color guard No. 1, Mrs. Sadie J. Allen; color guard No. 2, Mrs. Laura L. West; inside guard, Mrs. Sadie B. Parley; outside guard, Mrs. Euphemia P. Cordiner; press correspondent, Mrs. Mabel G. Carr; national delegate, Jola Robinson; alternate, Clara E. Perry; division delegates, Cora Tarbox, Sadie Allen, Sylvia Goodwin; division alternates, Euphemia Cordiner, Hattie Kizer, Peris Dufur; secretary and counselor to be appointed.

NURSES' BALL A SUCCESS.

About 200 Couples Attended Pleasant Affair Last Night.

The nurses' ball held in the Quarry Bank hall last evening was a great success, both as a fun and money maker. About 200 couples escorted themselves in the evening to the ball, which was attractively decorated in a "Christmas-mas" fashion for the occasion.

Small Christmas trees, fir boughs, tinsel and crepe paper all aided in making the scene a bright one. Carroll's seven-piece orchestra furnished music for the occasion. In the corners of the hall booths had been erected by the nurses for the sale of punch and frozen pudding and they were well patronized.

Various nurses from the City hospital being in charge during the evening. The entire dance was under the supervision of Miss Ruth Adie, matron at the hospital. It is expected the net proceeds will be about \$200.

MRS. WILLIAM DEANS.

Former Barre Woman Died at Watervliet, N. Y.

The many friends of Mrs. William Deans, formerly a resident of this city, on Brooklyn street, will be grieved to learn of her death, which occurred at the home of her son in Watervliet, N. Y., this morning.

Mrs. Deans had been in poor health for over a month with cancerous trouble. The family made their home here until a month ago, leaving for Watervliet, where Mr. Deans had employment. The deceased was a much respected woman. She was a member of the Presbyterian church of the Eastern Star and of the Women of Mooseheart Legion.

She is survived by her husband and four children, Mrs. Annie Miles, Arthur and William, Jr.; also a sister-in-law, Mrs. John Paul of West Paterson street, who received word of Mrs. Deans' death. Burial will be in Watervliet.

CASEY, GODDARD CAPTAIN.

Elected to Lead the School Football Team Next Year.

John ("Dixie") Casey of the class of 1924 has been elected as captain of the Goddard seminary football team for next season. Casey, whose home is in Holyoke, Mass., played this season at left guard and substituted at center when Captain Mitchell was out of the game with injuries.

George Sibley of East-Montpelier has been elected manager for next season. At a meeting of the entire student body held in the Goddard assembly hall yesterday, the Goddard "G" was awarded to the following members of the football team: Captain Mitchell, Manager Scribner, Shea, Casey, Sweeney, Driscoll, Hurley, Luck, Ashmore, Soale, Miles, Sinclair, Willey, Hunt, Harrington, Williams and Lathrop. The presentation was made by Principal R. L. Davison.

SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY.

License of Ernest A. Phoenix of Newport.

Secretary of State Harry A. Black has suspended indefinitely the automobile operating license of Ernest A. Phoenix of Newport for an alleged offense of operating an automobile under the influence of intoxicating liquor at Derby December 6.