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FREEDING OF AMERICANS CONFIRMED

Citizens of U. S. May Leave Russia—Hitch Over Food Relief.

New York, Aug. 13.—Official announcement that soviet Russia has granted permission for all American citizens to leave the country, if they desire, was made by George Chicherin, soviet minister of foreign affairs, in a cable message received today by the magazine, Soviet Russia.

This is the first official confirmation of the guarantee given to Walter L. Brown of the American Relief administration at Riga by Maxim Litvinoff that such permission would be granted. Litvinoff is the soviet envoy for negotiations for Russian famine relief.

Hitch Over Relief.

Riga, Latvia, Aug. 13.—(By The Associated Press.)—Difficulties arose today 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, both in principle and details, to the draft presented by Walter Lyman Brown, the American relief negotiator.

It is not known as yet whether the objections will prove insurmountable. The conference was continuing this afternoon.

Meanwhile, M. Litvinoff has telegraphed the Checkas, the soviet tribunals, throughout Russia, to release all Americans and send them to Moscow.

Council Acts.

Paris, Aug. 13.—(By The Associated Press.)—The allied supreme council decided today that the international famine relief commission, which was agreed on at Wednesday's session, be composed of three delegations 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.

Care for Children.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug. 13.—Twenty thousand Russian children from the famine area, will be brought to Bulgaria and cared for under the direction of the government, it is announced here.

JAPANESE NAVY SELECTS KATO

Tokyo, Aug. 13.—Vice Admiral Kato, director of the naval staff college, has been informally selected by the Japanese navy to head this country's naval delegation to the disarmament conference and far eastern questions to be held in Washington late this autumn, the newspaper Nichi Nichi says.

He is to be accompanied to the United States, it is said, by Captains K. Yamashita, Y. Yedaga Nagao and six other officers.

FIND EVIDENCE OF DRUG CLIQUE

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 13.—(By United Press.)—Exposure of a drug "clique" at Memphis, Tenn., was expected to follow the investigation here today into the seizure of 23 ounces of imported morphine, valued at \$1,500.

The bottles were said to have an invoice of a Memphis wholesale drug concern.

Authorities believed the drug was smuggled into this country from England via Canada.

Two white men and a negro were detained by police in connection with drug confiscation.

PREPAREDNESS GIVEN BLOW BY HUGHES POLICY

Calls Armament 'Constant Menace to Peace.'

BY DAVIS LAWRENCE. (Special to The Argus.)

Washington, Aug. 13.—Preparedness of which so much was heard first from Republican spokesmen and later from Democrats has received its first solar plexus from the Harding administration. Secretary Hughes in his formal invitation to Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan to a conference on reduction of armament has enunciated a doctrine which the liberal element has been preaching for years only to be derided by their opponents.

Armament, in the opinion of Mr. Hughes, is "not only without economic justification but is a constant menace to the peace of the world rather than an assurance of its preservation."

There is a school of thought even in the Harding administration which doesn't agree with that theory and in congress, to be sure, there always has been an element which like the National Security League and kindred organizations insisted that the surest preventive for war was preparedness. The naval and military expenditures of the United States government have been variously defended on the ground that it was necessary to arm against potential foes but the Harding administration through the Hughes note to the powers has reverted to Woodrow Wilson's theory which is that armaments should be reduced to a point consistent with domestic safety—that armies should be large enough only to exercise domestic police power and that navies should be simply coast guards.

But the decision of the Harding administration as reflected in the Hughes note—to insist that armaments be reduced to the point of the peace of the world rather than an assurance of its preservation, is really a sequel to the latest tests whereby bombing from airplanes was plainly shown to be a danger to the capital ships which might in the future prove conclusively the waste in their enormous burden of armament. Some of this is given in Mr. Hughes' further declaration that "it may also be found advisable to formulate proposals by

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Late Bulletins

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 13.—Decisions in the injunction suits to restrain the Springfield Gas & Electric company from shutting down its power plant at midnight next Monday night when its franchise expires, are expected from Judge E. S. Smith, a few hours before the scheduled shutdown.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Completion of the Capper-Teacher bill to prohibit gambling transactions in grain was reached today by senate and house conferees, who adopted the senate substitute bill with minor changes. Final enactment of the bill next week was said to be assured.

Williamstown, Mass., Aug. 13.—The Tacore professorship of law in the University of Vermont, for 1922-23, has been tendered to Prof. James W. Garner of the University of Illinois, it was announced here today.

Galesburg, Ill., Aug. 13.—(United Press.)—An elderly man and woman, driving a Studebaker automobile, were struck by a passenger train on the Quincy branch of the Burlington this forenoon, 16 miles south of here, and both were killed. The only clue to identification was an envelope with the name Wallace, Evanston, Ill., on it.

Early this afternoon it was learned that the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace of Carleton, Hancock county, and that they were on their way to visit their daughters in Peoria.

Ordway, Colo., Aug. 13.—(United Press.)—Overcome with emotion when told his son, Frank Enyart, had been pardoned, Abner B. Enyart, millionaire banker, fell dead. The son, Frank Enyart, who was estranged from his father, and convicted of bootlegging and given a six months' jail sentence.

Peoria, Ill., Aug. 13.—(United Press.)—War between wholesale bakers probably reduced the price of bread per loaf to the price of bread per loaf. Retailers are selling 10-cent loaves at three for a quarter.

Washington, Aug. 13.—By a vote of 169 to 87, the house passed today a bill carrying \$4,500,000 for expenses of the shipping board until next Jan. 1.

NAVY DIVERS TO HUNT FOR GUN BARREL

Ocean to Be Searched for Kennedy Murder Clue —Burch Threat.

Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 13.—A navy diving crew, at the request of Sheriff Traeger of Los Angeles, has been ordered to aid in the ocean search now going on for the missing barrel of a shotgun, the rusty stock of which has been turned over to District Attorney Woolwine here by a beach camper near Santa Monica canon mouth, in the belief that it is a part of the weapon used in the slaying of J. Belton Kennedy, insurance broker. Kennedy was shot near his summer cottage in Beverly Glen, eight miles inland, on Aug. 5.

The stock was found by the camper the day following the shooting. It is part of an old-fashioned 12-gauge double-barreled Belgian gun, and investigation holding to the belief that it is the gun which slew the Los Angeles man point to the fact that the charge which caused Kennedy's death came from a 12-gauge gun. Others point out that the firing pins are probably too old to have caused what they say were extremely clear-cut indentations on the cap of the two 12-gauge shells found in the glen near the scene of the killing.

Authorities who have been making expert examination of the gun and the shells, refused early today either to confirm or deny any statement made in connection with the piece, although Mr. Woolwine yesterday announced to reporters that he "had reason to believe" that the shotgun butt was part of the gun used in the mystery shooting, in connection with which Arthur C. Burch of Evanston, Ill., and Mrs. Maryanne Obenchain, divorced wife of a Chicago lawyer, were indicted yesterday.

R. D. Obenchain, former husband of the accused woman, and Burch's father, Rev. William A. Burch, are expected in Los Angeles before the two principals in jail are arraigned here on Monday on formal charges of murder.

Threatened Life.

Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 13.—(United Press.)—The district attorney's office has produced a witness to testify that Arthur C. Burch threatened the life of John Belton Kennedy previous to the time Kennedy was murdered, it developed here today.

The witness is Mrs. James C. Warren, wife of a Santa Barbara (Calif.) banker.

Mrs. Warren became acquainted with Burch on a Los Angeles-bound transcontinental train.

"I'm going out there to see that a certain party treats a friend of mine right or he doesn't, I'm going to 'get' him."

This is the statement Mrs. Warren is said to have informed the district attorney's office that Burch confided in her during the trip.

GERMAN TREATY NEARLY READY

Document Said to be Taking Shape Rapidly—Signatures Soon to be Affixed.

Washington, Aug. 13.—A treaty with Germany is rapidly nearing completion and will be ready for signature "almost any day," it was learned today.

President Harding has told senators that the treaty is taking shape "rapidly."

Rapid progress is being made toward concluding the negotiations now going on between Ellis Loring Drexel, American ambassador now at Berlin, and the German government, that the treaty will be submitted promptly.

HATPIN TAKEN FROM STOMACH

Chicago, Aug. 13.—Three months ago Mrs. Ella Levy swallowed a seven-inch hatpin when she became excited when her small son fell off a chair. She told her husband but he did not believe her. Yesterday she went to a doctor, and he, although skeptical, examined her. The pin, which had punctured the stomach walls in three places, was removed. Today she is on the road to recovery.

"She should have been dead in 24 hours," Dr. Carl Meyer said, and Dr. H. O. Wiseman characterized the woman's recovery as "a miracle."

Big Power House.

Next to the dam and extending 500 feet to the locks, will be a power house. Electricity from this plant will operate the locks, and the excess current will be sold to the highest bidder. Nine miles from Ottawa, the plant is within ideal distance for public utility service there. It is also just one and a half miles from Utica.

Skirting the river for 2,000 feet opposite Lower's Leap will be the crumpled power house and the power house, a lock with mitre type gates will be constructed, with 600 feet usable length, and 110 feet wide. Capacity of the lock at each operation will be 9,000 tons, equal to the total load of 10 freight trains, Mr. Barnes said.

GRAHAM HELPS FORWARDING OF RAILROAD BILL

Aledo Congressman Is On Important Committee.

(Special to The Argus.)

Washington, D. C., Aug. 13.—Illinois members of congress are taking a leading part in the framing of the bill recommended by President Harding providing for an advance of \$500,000,000 to the carriers out of funds of the war finance corporation, and the sale by the government of railroad securities now in the hands of the railroad administration.

The bill was introduced in the house by Representative Winslow, Massachusetts, and in the senate by Senator Townsend, Michigan. The house and senate committees on interstate and foreign commerce are now holding public hearings on the measure, preparatory to reporting an amended bill to both houses.

Illinois is the only state which has two members on the house committee in charge of the bill. Representative William H. Graham, Aledo, and Edward E. Denison, Marion, are the Illinoisans on the committee. Both have been active in the questioning of witnesses in the hearings this week.

The warrant will be served, it was said, just as soon as Hightower is taken from San Francisco, where he is now under examination.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 13.—Constable S. A. Landini of Colma, on his return early today from a beach on the Pacific ocean, south of here, announced his belief that another body is buried in the immediate vicinity of where the remains of Father Patrick E. Heslin, murdered Catholic priest, were exhumed last Wednesday night. This, with the unearthing of further evidence by William A. Hightower, held in connection with the death of Father Heslin, were developments looking to a solution of the mystery of the murder of the priest.

Constable Landini said that late last night he and other dogs in the sand near the priest's grave but were forced to abandon the search because of a coming fog. He stated that the search would be continued today when the fog lifted. A strong stench, probably that of a decomposing body, rose from a spot where the digging was carried on, Landini declared.

The new evidence against Hightower is in the form of a ten pegs, guy rope, clinch blocks and other articles dug up in the sand around the grave of Father Heslin. These tent accessories, according to the police, at a small tent secretly removed by them from the hotel room of Hightower who led the authorities to the priest's body for the announced intention of securing the \$5,000 reward offered for its recovery.

Find Tent Pegs.

The tent pegs and clinch blocks were recovered from a sand ledge directly above the priest's grave to which Hightower led authorities last Wednesday night.

It was further pointed out by the police that the tent found in Hightower's room was full of fine, gritty sand and was conspicuously marked in large pencil printed letters:

"Tuberculosis."

Flasks and boards, other than those located by authorities the morning following the exhumation of Father Heslin's body, have been found buried at the scene, it was stated.

When collected all these articles are said to form a complete tent outfit.

Digging at the grave also revealed additional papers and currency belonging to the priest.

Police handwriting experts have made a comparison of the lettering on the tent with that of the original letter received by Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, demanding \$5,000 ransom. The experts stated that there was a startling similarity.

Ten pieces of fish cord found near the grave were said by police to be identical to cord found wrapped around a bomb contrivance taken from Hightower's room and with which he said he was experimenting. One of the pieces of string had been passed around a tubular explosive and buried, it is believed, the string had been jerked the cap would explode.

Burial Plans.

While these new developments were reported plans were completed for the funeral of Father Heslin from St. Mary's cathedral here today. Last night the body lay in the cathedral and a service for the dead attended by hundreds was held.

Police continued their search for the unidentified man and two women, Dolly Mason and Dorris Shirley, said to have been friends of Hightower.

It was from Dolly Mason, Hightower said, that he received his information as to the location of the slain priest's grave.

The unidentified man for whom the police are hunting is believed to be the stranger who lured Father Heslin from his home at Colma on the pretense that a dying man needed his spiritual ministrations.

STARVED ROCK LAKE PLANNED

Chicago, Aug. 13.—Development of one of the finest river lakes in the state which will vie with all others as a place for motor boat and yacht races, will follow construction of the next locks and dam in the Illinois waterway at Starved Rock, according to announcement here of M. G. Barnes, chief waterway engineer. The lake will be 12 miles long, a mile and a half wide and from 8 to 20 feet deep stretching from Marseilles past Ottawa to Starved Rock.

Plans of Mr. Barnes for this next step in building the Illinois waterway have just been completed. Work on the waterway is now being centered on excavation at Marseilles, where work is 45 per cent completed. It will be completed by next March.

Location of the Starved Rock park and the city of Ottawa on the new lake, Mr. Barnes said, will make it one of the most beautiful in Illinois. Actual construction of the locks and dam will be at the foot of Lower's Leap, which adjoins Starved Rock. Here a Tainter gate type dam, 660 feet long will be built, extending half way across the river.

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TO ARREST HIGHTOWER FOR MURDER

Warrant Issues for Man Who Led Police to Priest's Grave.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 13.—A complaint charging William A. Hightower, itinerant baker, with murder of Rev. Father Patrick E. Heslin, Colma priest, was sworn to before Justice of the Peace Ellis O. Johnson at Daly City, San Mateo county, at noon today by Constable Landini of Colma.

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CHANGES MADE IN REVENUE LAW ARE DEFENDED

Party Leaders To Get Draft of Measure Monday.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Repeal of the express tax of 1 cent on every 20 cents of value was decided upon today by the ways and means committee.

The committee also voted to levy a flat license tax of \$10 on all retailers of soft drinks and to fix the manufacturers' tax on cereal beverage at 12 cents a gallon in place of the present manufacturers' tax of 15 per cent on the sale price.

Washington, Aug. 13.—An official statement explaining administration revision program was issued today at the White house. It declares that "the aim was to establish methods that would raise the needed revenue with reasonable certainty, make collections sure and inexpensive and properly adjust the burdens among all classes of the community."

It is felt that highly important progress has been made 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 taxes" will produce about \$1,800,000,000, while the balance will be distributed over the entire community, rich and poor.

"The reduction to 32 per cent of the highest income and surtax schedules is expected by the experts to produce actually more revenue from these sources than do the present much higher rates. 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 which 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.

Makes Exemption.

"In increasing the tax on corporation earnings, an exemption is made of those having earnings of \$2,000 or less—the poor man's corporations. The number that would thus be exempted would exceed 300,000."

After reviewing benefits which it is expected will flow from repeal of the transportation taxes and substitution of manufacturers' taxes for the so-called "nuisance" levies, the statement concluded:

"The whole tax reform program contemplates freeing business from what have been found paralyzing and exasperating restrictions, encouraging enterprise and business, removing every possible incentive to evasion and fraud, and distributing the tax burden with the greatest possible equity among all classes of people, keeping in mind the purpose to impose the larger share on those best able to pay."

Having practically completed revision of the levy sections of the 1918 law yesterday, majority members of the house ways and means committee expected to finish work on the tax bill today, so as to have a committee draft ready for consideration by the conference of house Republicans called for Monday.

LETTER ADDRESSED TO DE VALERA BY GENERAL SMUTS CONFIRMS NEWS

Grant by British Government Made Public at Premier's Home.

London, Aug. 13.—(By The Associated Press.)—Official confirmation of reports that the British government has offered Ireland a dominion status, was given late today when a letter was made public at Premier Lloyd George's official residence, written by General Smuts, South African premier, to Eamonn de Valera on Aug. 4, just before General Smuts left for South Africa.

"The British prime minister," wrote General Smuts in the course of his long letter, "offers a complete dominion status to the 26 counties, subject to certain strategic safeguards which you are asked to agree to voluntarily as a freedom in Ireland. It is far more than was formed in the Transvaal and in the Orange Free States."

General Smuts, in the letter, asserted that he had been desirous of helping an Ireland settlement, but there existed an impasse which he did not at the time know how to get over. This, he said, was that Lord James Craig, the Ulster premier, and Mr. de Valera were equally immovable in their positions, the former considering that Ulster would not consent to a change from her present status and the republican leader insisting that Ulster come under a united Ireland constitution.

Will Be No Break.

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

Close Secrecy.

London, Aug. 13.—Eamonn de Valera's answer to the proposals of the British government of peace, are being considered by the Irish cabinet today. Lord Fitzalan, governor-general of Ireland, and Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary of 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 today reiterated their belief that it was merely a step forward in the negotiations. They declared that the reply asked for explanation of the government's proposal preparatory to the meeting of the Irish republican parliament next Tuesday.

Sensational reports have appeared under bold headlines in some of this morning's newspapers. Giving details, these disquieting reports stated that Mr. de Valera had demanded amnesty for all Irish republicans imprisoned or interned, numbering about six thousand, as a condition precedent to further negotiations. It was also stated he had asked monetary indemnity for the Irish soldiers who were estimated as amounting to some millions of pounds sterling.

The question of the release of prisoners has become acute.

There is a general belief that the government would not allow this to stand in the way of a settlement.

FOOD STOLEN BY JOBLESS FOLK

Chicago Chief of Police Anticipates Crime Wave Unless Work Becomes More Plentiful.

Chicago, Aug. 13.—Thefts of food from doorsteps and small shops in the poorer districts of Chicago are on the increase, Police Chief Fitzmorris declared today. He added that indications are that the city is confronted with one of the worst "crime waves" in its history unless the unemployment situation in the middle west is improved this fall.

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

MOB DISARMS STATE TROOPS

Logan, W. Va., Aug. 13.—Two troopers of the state police and two deputy sheriffs were surrounded and disarmed by a party of armed men, near Sharples, 10 miles from here, last night, according to advices reaching Sheriff Chafin today. The officers were ordered out of the community and told not to return.

THE WEATHER

Thundershowers this afternoon or tonight. Cooler tonight. Sunday probably fair and cooler.

Highest temperature yesterday, 89; lowest last night, 70.

Wind velocity at 7 a. m., 2 miles per hour.

Precipitation, none.

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River stage at 7 a. m., 1.5, a rise of 1.1 last 24 hours.

River forecast—The Mississippi river from below Dubuque to Muscatine will change but little during the next three days unless heavy thunder showers occur during the next 24 hours.

ANDREW HAMRICK, Meteorologist.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday include:

Region of the Great Lakes, upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys:

"Generally fair, except for scattered showers; moderate temperature."

SILESIA CASE GOES TO LEAGUE AT AUGUST MEET

Paris Students Post Partisan Placards.

Paris, Aug. 13.—(By The Associated Press.)—Viscount Ishi, president of the council of the League of Nations, is understood to have decided to summon that body to meet on Aug. 20, for the purpose of considering a solution of the Upper Silesian problem. Estimates of how long it may take the council to arrive at a decision vary widely, running from a few days to several months.

In agreeing to submit the Silesian question to the council of the league, Premier Briand is asserted to have waived the rule providing that decisions of the council must be unanimous and the impression is that he will accept the verdict of a majority of the council.

The students of Paris today entered into the Upper Silesian controversy. Residents of the city found on their way to work this morning that the city had been plastered with large posters issued by an Association of Students. These posters have a carefully prepared argument in support of the French position as opposed to that of Great Britain.

Berlin Surprised.

Berlin, Aug. 13.—(By The Associated Press.)—Information regarding the decision of the supreme allied council to refer the Upper Silesian 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, there was an intimation that the Wirth cabinet was disappointed at the council's inability to reach a final and equitable decision.

Deny Reports.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Reports originating in Germany that the Polish army is engaged in alarming preparations on the Silesian frontier are denied by the Polish government in dispatches received at the legation today. The government characterizes the reports as "customary German tactics to discredit Poland and provoke disorder in Silesia."

GUARD AGAINST RUM RUNNERS

State Police Patrol Waters in Vicinity of Detroit to Foil Liquor Smugglers.

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

Whisky Drop.

Chicago, Aug. 13.—Whisky prices in Chicago have dropped recently \$8 to \$13 a quart, largely because of increased supply of imported liquor in the hands of bottleggers. It was reported today.

One brand of Scotch whisky, which has sold for from \$20 to \$23 a quart is now being offered at \$12 to \$14.

AFTER JONES.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 13.—Extraordinary papers were offered from the governor's office today for the return from Des Moines, Iowa, of Oscar Jones, alias William Wampshire, wanted at Danville on a confidence game charge.

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