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PLAN TO TAKE RUSSIAN TRADE

U. S. COMMERCIAL HOLD ON RUSSIAN INDUSTRY IS SLIPPING

INDUSTRIAL HEADS IN GROUP

No Mention Is Made of America, But German-British Powers Want to Bring Future Trade Through Their Channels

Berlin.—What in many quarters is looked upon as the foundation stone upon which the political superstructure of a future German-British-Russian entente may rise has been laid.

The fact that it has not been attended with high-sounding speeches and that there has been no public pronouncement in no wise lessens the world importance of the event for the pregnancy of its political and economic possibilities.

The largest and most powerful industrial and financial groups of Germany and Great Britain, I am reliably informed, have concluded what is tantamount to an "economic entente" for the exploitation of Russia.

Hugo Stinnes, Germany's most powerful captain of industry heads the German group. Long drawn out negotiations between the British and German interests finally came to a successful conclusion.

The final touches were put to the agreement in London. The trade entente between the two until every recently enemy countries for the "opening of Russian trade and commerce" was negotiated by private industrial groups, but those groups are so closely allied to their respective governments that the arrangement, in effect at least, constitutes an economic entente within defined lines between Great Britain and Germany.

Both governments were fully advised at all stages of the negotiations and assisted in them—in fact, without governmental approval the agreement could not have been reached. However, both the British and German cabinets are left in a position to deny that there was any official action should such denial become necessary or advisable.

The aim of this trade entente between the formerly bitter enemies is to dominate the coming trade with Russia insofar as that may be possible and to co-operate a long specified directive lines in assisting in reconstruction and reorganization in developing trade and concessions.

The parties aim especially to work together in the matter of granting credits and agreement on payments to be made. In brief, they aim to get a strangle hold on the lion's share of the vast natural resources and commerce of that vast empire.

COLLEGE FUND IS RAISED

Last Day's Drive Pushes Subscriptions Figures Beyond Goal

Oklahoma City.—With more than \$50,000 to spare, the Oklahoma City college campaign for \$1,500,000 came to a successful close. Final reports made at a meeting in the Chamber of Commerce, attended by campaign workers, their families and students and faculty of the college showed that the Oklahoma conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, outside of Oklahoma City, contributed \$1,043,500 to the college fund. Oklahoma City raised \$513,000.

Work of erecting the first building on the twenty-two acre college campus is expected to begin within a few months. The building will be a combined administration and classroom unit. Other buildings will be added as fast as funds are available.

RAIL HEADS ASK NEW CUT

Executives Want Award Of July 1920 Wiped Out By Labor Board

Chicago.—Demanding that the entire wage increase granted by the railroad's wage award of July, 1920, be wiped out, more than 150 railroads appeared before the Board with renewed petitions for wage reductions.

HENRY STEWART



Ten years ago Henry Stewart, then a spry chap of sixty-four, started on a tour of the world to advertise the Panama-Pacific exposition. He visited, among other places, Jerusalem, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Turkey, Egypt, Russia, Hungary, Germany, Norway, Sweden, France and England. Recently Stewart, now seventy-four, returned to San Diego, Cal., whence he had started on his little jaunt, and announced that he was ready to settle down for a spell and to take up boy scout work.

AVOID POINTS ON U. S. RIGHTS

MEXICO DODGES A DIRECT REPLY TO DEMAND

More Notes Are to Follow; Sessions Are Reported As Huerta Murries to Meet His Absent Heads

Mexico City.—The American state department is now in possession of the first communication of a possible series of communications from President Obregon relative to the memorandum handed the president ten days ago by George T. Summerlin, the American charge d'affaires, relative to recognition of the Mexican government, according to the information obtained.

President Obregon's communication which is understood to have been transmitted by Mr. Summerlin is not a definite answer to the American memorandum in that it neither rejects nor accepts the idea of written assurances for the protection of American property and lives in Mexico.

U. S. to Determine Policy

It was said that the communication probably might be regarded as a further "exchange of impressions on international matters," which was the way President Obregon described his recent conference with Mr. Summerlin. Whether this exchange of impressions will continue is believed to be contingent upon the attitude taken by the American state department.

Conference Is Called

Secretary of the Interior, Calles, who has been absent from Mexico City for several weeks is said to be hurrying to the capital from Sonora to take part in a council of ministers which President Obregon is understood to have called for a discussion of matters regarding recognition. Adolfo de la Huerta, secretary of the treasury, who left Mexico City in the middle of May for a month's rest at his home in Sonora probably will not return for the conference.

Secretary of Commerce and Industry Zubarañas has recovered from his recent disposition and again is at his post.

ASKS REPORT ON SIMS LATE TALK

INTRODUCED IN BOTH HOUSES

THE DISMISSAL OF ADMIRAL SIMS IS SOUGHT BY SOME

Members Demand That Inquiry Be Made at Once As to the Speech the Admiral Made Before an English Audience

Washington.—Possible dismissal of the United States Navy as the result of Admiral William S. Sims from of his "jackass" speech in London was foreshadowed in both houses of congress.

The senate passed a resolution directing the naval affairs committee to make a "thorough investigation of the purported remarks" of Admiral Sims and to report to the senate with recommendations.

At the same time Representative Thomas J. Ryan, republican of New York, introduced a resolution in the house calling for a rigid investigation. In a statement Mr. Ryan said that he did so "to make sure that there will be an investigation and that if Admiral Sims is correctly quoted he will be punished."

Case Not Pigeonholed

"I want to be sure that the senate naval committee does not pigeonhole the senate investigation," said Mr. Ryan. "That committee is noted for doing that."

Senate leaders freely stated that if the published accounts of the admiral's speech are substantiated the grave impropriety of it will call for his immediate dismissal or drastic disciplinary action at least.

The resolution authorizing the senatorial investigation of Admiral Sims' conduct was introduced by Senator Pat Harrison, democrat of Mississippi. It was adopted without a single objection, although Senator Wadsworth, republican of New York took occasion to point out that Secretary of the Navy Denby already had undertaken to conduct a similar inquiry.

Senatorial Ire Aroused

The Senators' indignation noticeably had increased after overnight contemplation of the naval officer's open characterization of them as "jackasses." The fact that the officer is president of the naval war college and the speech was made in a foreign land, under whose flag the officer was born, added to the gravity of the offense. The senators have well in mind, too, that this is Admiral Sims' second offense and the naval regulations forbid an officer to criticize the members of another department of the government.

After the resolution had been adopted Senator Harrison said:

"Admiral Sims' address also was discussed at a meeting of the foreign relations committee when it began the consideration of the Lafollette and Norris resolutions for the recognition of the Irish republic. These measures are in the category which the admiral advised the British to ignore as 'forced by jackass votes.'"

COL. GALBRAITH IS KILLED

Head of American Legion Dies When Car Plunges Off the Road

Indianapolis.—F. W. Galbrith, Jr., national commander of the American Legion, was killed instantly and two other men were seriously injured when an automobile in which they were riding went over a twenty-foot embankment.

Henry Ryan, of Indianapolis, national director of Americanism of the American Legion, and Milton Foreman of Chicago, national committeeman of the legion from Illinois were the other occupants of the car. They were not seriously hurt.

Galbraith was elected head of the American Legion at the last session of the Legion in Cincinnati.

Retail Dry Goods Price Is Reduced Chicago.—There has been a general reduction of 33 1/3 per cent in retail prices of dry goods and the aggregate business of merchants throughout the country during the last year

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