

GERMAN REPARATION PLAN NOT APPROVED AT THE SPA CONFERENCE

Proposal Over Coal Deliveries to the Allies Is Not Satisfactory and the Conference Is Likely to Be Continued Some Time Longer Because of Differences.

GERMANY ASKS 30 YEARS TO PAY UP INDEMNITY

Warns Allies That Germany's Ability to Pay Might Be Reduced by an Unfavorable Treatment as to Matters Related to Industry.

Spa, Belgium, July 12 (By the Associated Press).—Prolongation of the allied-German conference here for another day or two, and possibly longer, seemed probable to-day because of the inability of the conferees so far to reach an agreement over the question of coal deliveries by the Germans and the reparation plan in general.

"I am not returning to Paris for the national fête of July 14," said Premier Millerand after this morning's meeting held by the premiers without the presence of the German delegates. "I am going to stay and fight this thing out."

The allied premiers, following this meeting, countermanded the special trains they had ordered for this evening and it appeared that the conference would likely continue until Thursday at least.

The morning meeting of the premiers took the place of what had been expected to be a full session of the conference. The Germans were at first informed that the full meeting had been postponed until tomorrow and it appeared that the allied ministers decided to invite Chancellor Fehrenbach and Foreign Minister Simons to meet them this afternoon in a restricted conference, without the presence of the other delegates.

Spa, Belgium, July 11.—Germany can fulfill future obligations only if they are based on her financial capacity, said a statement outlining the Berlin government's plan for reparations submitted to the allied premiers here to-night. The German budget must balance, the statement insisted, or there would be a rapid increase in the floating debt and consequent inflation that would neutralize her capacity to pay.

As the economic development of the next 30 years cannot be foretold, the statement asserted, a plan must be worked out by which the allied governments would participate in the improvement of financial and economic conditions in Germany.

Experts from the allied nations and Germany should meet as soon as possible to fix the maximum amount of reparation payments to be paid and to pass on the securities to be demanded. Germany's sovereignty in financial matters must not be infringed upon in decisions regarding this feature of the reparations plan.

MANY HITCHES TO PARTY UNION

Labor Delegates and the "48-ers" Are Bickering Over a Name

SEN. LA FOLLETTE LEADING CANDIDATE

Two Separate Conventions Assembled in Chicago To-day

Chicago, July 12.—Amalgamation of the labor party of the United States and the committee of 48 in a new political movement with a single party name, one platform and one presidential ticket, are included in the recommendations submitted to the labor and 48 convention when they reconvened to-day.

Senator Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin remained the most talked of candidate in the presidential race. The terms of the proposed combine are understood by the party leaders to meet his views as expressed last week to Amos Pinchot and George L. Record, leading forty-eighters, who called on the senator to ask if he will accept the nomination should it be tendered to him.

Conference committees appointed yesterday by the labor convention and Saturday by the forty-eighters, smoothed out objections to amalgamation in a protracted session last night and adopted a series of recommendations to be offered to the two conventions to-day. Delegates representing the labor party also proposed appointment of special sub-committees to draft the machinery under which the combine will work and to prepare a joint platform.

The recommendations, if approved to-day, as the leaders confidently expect, mean that the two conventions will preserve their separate identity and continue to function in separate sessions, with sub-committees reporting identical measures to each for discussion and action.

TO HONOR COOLIDGE

Vermonters Will Give Reception to the Vice-Presidential Candidate.

Rutland, July 12.—Through the efforts of Earl S. Kinsley of Rutland, Republican national committeeman from this state, Governor and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge will hold open house at Plymouth from 1 until 3 o'clock on Thursday afternoon of this week. The reception, tendered by Vermonters for Vermonters, will be to honor Gov. Calvin Coolidge, probably the most distinguished son of this state, and will be open to all Vermont citizens and their wives and families.

WESTERN SPRUNG SURPRISE

Ray Kegeris Swam 100-Metre Backstroke in Fast Time.

Chicago, July 12.—Coach Otto Wahl of the American Olympic swimming team, who witnessed the Olympic tryouts for swimmers here yesterday, stated before his departure for New York that the make-up of the American team would be announced next week. Ray Kegeris of the Los Angeles A. C., practically unknown to the eastern swimming world, sprung a surprise by winning the 100-metre backstroke in 1:22 3/4, two and one-half seconds slower than the Olympic record. Herman Ross of the Illinois A. C. won the 400-yard national A. C. championship handily and G. H. Taylor of the Chicago A. A. was awarded first place in the 400-metre breaststroke. Jack Howell of Oakland, A. C. came in first in this event, but was disqualified on request of Coach Wahl for illegal swimming.

A Considerate Man.

Called—Are the ladies in? Caller—Yes, sir, they're all in. Caller—Oh! Then I'll call again when they are feeling better.—Boston Transcript.

MINERS FIGHT FOR EVIDENCE

In Presenting Their Claim of Profiteering in the Coal Industry

OPERATORS OBJECT TO THE ADMISSION

Hearing Was Held To-day Before the Anthracite Coal Commission

Scranton, Pa., July 12.—Representatives of the mine workers to-day renewed their argument before the anthracite coal commission for the admission in evidence of some of their exhibits which deal chiefly with alleged monopolistic control and profiteering in the hard coal industry, and to the admission of which the operators have objected.

In their argument the mine workers admitted that the power and authority of the commission extends only to such issues as are formally submitted to it by the operators and miners, but declared that it has an additional "implied jurisdiction, which is only limited by the public interest."

THREATEN REPRISALS

Against Countries Voting Down a 48-Hour Week.

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FOUL PLAY IS SUSPECTED

Timothy Smith, Vinal Haven, Me., Man, Found Dead in Bed

BULLET WOUND WAS IN THE BREAST

No Weapon Was Found and Robbery Is Theory of the Cause

Vinal Haven, Me., July 12.—Timothy Smith, a farmer, aged about 70, was found dead in bed to-day with a bullet wound in the breast. Failure to find a weapon led to a suspicion of foul play, and Medical Examiner G. L. Crockett and County Attorney H. L. Withee were summoned from Rockland.

NO TRACE OF BODY OF NIAGARA PLUNGER

Charles G. Stephens' Wooden Barrel Was Smashed to Pieces By 158-Foot Fall and Pounding of the Water.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., July 12.—Rivermen were patrolling the Niagara gorge, below the falls, to-day in the hope of recovering the body of Charles G. Stephens of Bristol, England, who lost his life yesterday in an attempt to duplicate the feat of Mrs. Annie Edgington Taylor and Bobby Leach by going over the cataract in a barrel.

Pieces of the barrel, which Stephens went to death, continued to float ashore in the eddy on the Canadian side, above the Maid of the Mist landing until nearly midnight, but Stephens' body failed to appear and experienced river men said it might be expected to tell which party the barrel was from the cross currents at the foot of the falls.

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GOV. CLEMENT REFUSES TO CALL LEGISLATURE INTO SPECIAL SESSION

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BUMBLE BEE CAUSED WRECK

Settled on Andrew LaFontaine's Arm in Threatening Manner

DRIVER TRIED TO BRUSH INSECT AWAY

Lost Control of Car and Vehicle Tipped Over—Occupants Not Hurt

A buzzing bumble bee, buzzing around and finally settling upon Andrew LaFontaine's arm while he was driving along between North Montpelier and Calais in an Oldsmobile touring car, caused him to drive the car off the road, down over a 12-foot embankment Saturday night. The car turned completely over, landing upside down, or in other words, the hood of the engine struck upon a stone post and was demolished together with the coil box and vacuum tank. The top of the car upheld the entire weight of the body and prevented Mr. and Mrs. LaFontaine, who were riding in the front seat from being crushed. The right front wheel was wrenched somewhat and when pulled from the road failed to revolve correctly. Mr. and Mrs. LaFontaine were starting off on a week-end visit to Sutton and had with them some articles for camping in the rear seat, which escaped damage.

THIRTY ACCIDENTS

Were Reported to the Vermont Secretary of State This Morning.

At 10 o'clock this morning 30 reports of accidents had been received at the secretary of state's office, to say nothing of some half-dozen that had been communicated by telephone. These included Andrew LaFontaine of Barre in East Calais Saturday evening. E. J. Rember of Burlington reports that his automobile collided with an engine on the Rutland railroad. The report of Augustus Lawrence, whose machine committed a similar trick, has been received. Lawrence has already had his license suspended for 30 days.

TALK OF THE TOWN

G. D'Amico of North Main street has returned from New York, where he accepted work a few months ago. Miss Marion Rickett, a social service worker of Lowell, Mass., arrived at her home yesterday for a few days' vacation. "A steel barrel is the only safe kind," said Leach. "If I can have one made by July 20th, the anniversary of my last trip, I'll duplicate it."

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