

# WEATHER.

Fair tonight and probably tomorrow; colder tonight, freezing temperature. Temperature for twenty-four hours ended at 2 p.m. today: Highest, 40, at noon today; lowest, 30, at 2 a.m. today. Full report on page 7.

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## RUHR TRAINS PARALYZED; FRENCH DECIDE ON STERN STEPS TO END DEFEAT

Germans Make Good Threat to Strike.

GEN. WEYGAND AT THE FRONT  
Railroad Workers to Be Imported From Poland.

Subduing of Ruhr Weygand's Task



GEN. WEYGAND.

Poincare Under Fire for His Mild Moves.

FRANCE FIRMER ON HARSH ACTS  
Occupying Troops Concentrating on Ruhr Frontiers.

BY PAUL SCOTT MOWBR.

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PARIS, January 25.—The French government's policy of moderation in the Ruhr district has failed. The French parliament buzzes with criticism of Premier Poincare for not having taken stronger measures. Provoked by German resistance and spurred by parliamentary criticism, the government therefore is planning within a few days to cut off the Ruhr area and probably also the Rhineland from the rest of Germany, expelling the Prussian officials, taking over the entire administration, establishing a new currency and stopping all shipments of whatever nature to unoccupied Germany except as may be otherwise decided.

Public Opinion Firmer.

Public opinion, after a few days of nervousness, is now growing firmer. It is now considered that everything which has happened in Germany in the last fortnight merely tends to prove that Germany was only biding her time to resume the war against France, with the assistance of a reconstructed Russia, and that therefore the issue must be fought out now once for all without waiting for Germany and Russia to recover their strength.

"Victorious France," says President Millerand today, "demands that the treaties shall be respected and applied."

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Attitude of Press.

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**BELGIANS PRAISE DEPARTING YANKS**  
People of Antwerp Give Rousing Welcome as Troops Board Transport.

SAD SCENES AT COBLENTZ

Frauleins in Tears as Train Leaves—Reception Planned at Savannah.

By The Associated Press.

ANTWERP, January 25.—A half dozen German women claiming to be wives of American soldiers were hidden at the pier today as the transport St. Mihiel prepared to sail with the American forces which have been on duty at Coblenz. Officers were set at work scouting for other women who had not been registered by their soldier-husbands.

The wives of the soldiers were assigned quarters on the second after deck of the transport, while the men will bunk forward. The afternoon this afternoon was beginning to look like a co-operative household, while the dock alongside was strewn with pianos, sewing machines and other belongings piled there awaiting the burgherly Dr. Van Cauwelaert, for his efforts to facilitate the embarkment of the troops, and the burgherly Dr. Van Cauwelaert, for his efforts to facilitate the embarkment of the troops, and the burgherly Dr. Van Cauwelaert, for his efforts to facilitate the embarkment of the troops.

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A BREAK IN THE CLOUDS.

**BOYDEN DIRECTED TO STATE OPINIONS**  
Hughes, in Instructions to Envoy, Repudiates Letter's Memorandum.

MUST AWAIT APPROVAL

Letter to Senate Committee Says Remarks Did Not Have Approval.

Secretary Hughes revealed today that he had instructed Roland W. Boyden, American observer with the reparations commission, not to express any opinion regarding a reparations settlement in the commission's discussions, and to refrain "from urging the consideration of his suggestions in the absence of instructions from the department."

In a letter sent to the Senate foreign relations committee, the secretary said that the "memorandum" submitted by Mr. Boyden to the commission some weeks ago, and interpreted in some quarters abroad as a plan for a reparations settlement, had in no sense received the approval of the department.

No Further Action.

"I understand that no further action has been taken with respect to the memorandum," the secretary said. "Along with the Secretary's letter was a previous communication sent to the committee, in which it was stated that the return of all personal property to the committee was given, in which Mr. Boyden and his associates have interested themselves, and which Mr. Hughes said that the committee was of great concern to the United States."

Letter Sent to Committee.

The letter was sent to the committee in response to a request for information that might be of service in considering the Robinson resolution authorizing official participation of the United States in the reparations commission. On that subject, Mr. Hughes expressed no definite opinion, although he said that the purposes requiring the presence of an American representative at the commission were of the nature of a "memorandum" and of various reports of the committee on guarantees of the reparations commission and copies of notes presented by French and British representatives on that committee.

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**Debt Negotiations May Be Resumed Early Next Week**  
Negotiations for the refunding of Great Britain's \$4,000,000,000 debt to this country will probably be resumed early next week, it was said at the Treasury Department today.

The British debt commission, which left Washington about a week ago, after conducting preliminary negotiations with the American commission, is expected to arrive in London tomorrow night. A meeting of the British cabinet, unless interrupted by the disturbed European situation, probably will be called Saturday.

Telegraphic communication between the government at London and Ambassador Geddes at Washington will take up the problem early next week, it is expected, and the American commission, according to the present plans, will meet with the British commission in London.

A definite date has been set for meeting here of the commission, it was explained.

**D. C. TAX BILL ASKS FULL VALUE BASIS**  
Chairman Focht Introduces Measure in House—Semi-Annual Payments Provided.

Chairman Focht of the House District Committee today submitted to the House an amendment which he proposed should be made in the act making appropriation for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia as passed by the Senate September 11, 1922.

Principal among Mr. Focht's proposals are that hereafter all real estate and personal property in the District subject to taxation shall be listed and assessed at not less than the full and true value thereof in lawful money.

That all taxes of whatever nature as provided for in the act of July 1, 1902, and all real estate taxes shall hereafter be payable semi-annually in equal installments in the months of November and May, and if either of these installments shall not be paid within the month when due, there shall be added a penalty of 1 per cent per month and whole shall constitute a delinquent tax to be collected in the manner now provided by law.

That the return of all personal property provided in the act of July 1, 1902, shall be made during the month of May in the fiscal year preceding the one under which assessment is to be levied, and the value of tangible and intangible property shall be taken as of May 1 for a basis of assessment for the next fiscal year.

That the assessors of the District shall deliver to the collector of taxes tax ledgers kept in the numerical system and to be finished or collected at such time, as will allow preparation of the tax bills for collection purposes.

Chairman Focht inserts a paragraph that hereafter the board of personal tax appeals for the District shall convene on the first Monday of August of each year and continue in session to and including the first Monday in January or until hearings are completed.

That appeals to this board are to be made within thirty days after notice of fixing an assessment.

This amendment has been referred to the House District committee.

Visited by Officials.

The residence which Mrs. Henderson would turn over to the government is one of the showplaces of upper 16th street. When originally projected many months ago it was announced that it was designed to serve as an embassy. From time to time it took shape there have been rumors that officials were considering it as a possible "little White House" for housing the Vice President of the United States. It was said that an official visit at the time of agitation for providing a home for the Vice President, but no legislative action resulted.

The structure could not be duplicated for under \$400,000 or \$500,000, it is said. The first floor comprises a large entrance hall and a large library, dining room, large salon or ballroom and a "winter garden" into which the entrance is through a large room.

The second and third floors afford ample bed chamber facilities and servants' quarters. There is a garden in the rear, and a garage located on 15th street.

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