

HUN MINISTER  
SAYS COUNTRY  
NOT BANKRUPT

Conditions Could Be Worse  
All Safe So Long as Possibility of Work Remains  
—Will Try to Pay Debts  
—New Tax System to Help — Finance Commission Now on Way to Paris

BERLIN, Thursday, March 21.—(By The Associated Press)—Germany is not bankrupt, because she has the possibility of work. Dr. Schiffer, German minister of finance, told the correspondent today in discussing the financial situation. "But," he continued, "she will become bankrupt so far as it is possible to say at present whenever the possibility of working is taken away."

"The financial outlook simply disappears into nothingness in case of an unfavorable peace that does not give us an opportunity to recover our equilibrium."

Dr. Schiffer repeated the German claim that delay in making peace increases the danger of bolshevism, but expressed optimism for the future. Germany is able to obtain food and raw materials. The minister said that special inducements in the form of a lighter taxation or immunity from certain taxes would be offered to foreign, especially American, capital.

"In any event," he said, "no American or other foreigner not a resident of Germany will be subject to property taxes. Similarly, German residents abroad will be free from property tax. Americans and other foreigners will be immune from the ten per cent tax which is planned to impose upon investment capital."

The finance minister pointed out that American investment was especially favorable under the present rate of exchange.

Debts Piled Up High  
After remarking that the new German taxation system must await the peace treaty, the finance minister said that Germany was faced with the payment, first, of its before-the-war debts and credits granted by neutral countries with internal war debts, loans in support of war sufferers and so forth and third, until the indemnity was definitely established there could be no taxation legislation beyond general outlines.

Dr. Schiffer insisted upon the necessity of paying old obligations owing to the need of credit with which to rehabilitate the country.

He declared that every known means of raising money would be resorted to, especially through direct and indirect taxes. The minister said he wanted to warn the public that taxation would be extended to a degree hitherto unknown in Germany and in a frankly anti-bolshevik way. He said that income property would be taxed heavily both for the purpose of raising money and for the economy of the country.

Finance Commission to Paris  
BERLIN, Thursday, March 21.—(By The Associated Press)—The German financial commission will leave Weimar for Versailles tomorrow at noon equipped with the fullest instructions and powers. It hopes to arrive at noon Saturday.

Versailles is believed to have been chosen for the place of meeting with the allied financial experts, because the members there will escape any unpleasantness they might be subjected to in Paris. Part of the German press, however, considers the choice of Versailles as an indication that the delegates will not be allowed to participate as equal negotiators. Some of the papers maintain on the other hand, that the entente has no such intention, since such a move would upset things from the start. These journals point out that the economic council repeatedly has met at Versailles.

The press in part is convinced by the loan of the entente invitation that the German financial commission will be given questions of considerable importance to work upon and that it will be regarded as a regular and permanent financial and political connecting link between the economic council and the German government.

It is anticipated that important financial and economic questions which will start immediately on the arrival of the commission will lead directly to genuine peace negotiations with which the peace commission will deal.

TO BACK IRELAND IN PARIS

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Passports were granted by the state department today to Frank P. Walsh, former joint chairman of the war labor board; Edward F. Dunne, former governor of Illinois; and Michael K. Ryan, former Pennsylvania public service commissioner, who are going to represent Ireland's claims at the peace conference as spokesmen of the Irish peace convention held last month at Philadelphia.

DEMPOY STAGES EXHIBITION  
DETROIT, March 21.—Jack Dempsey boxed six exhibition rounds with Terry Kellar, of Dayton here tonight. The aspirant to the heavyweight title extended himself at no time but succeeded in keeping Kellar at a safe distance throughout. Dempsey weighed 197, slightly more than he plans to carry in his forthcoming titular match.

## NEWS EPITOME

## DOMESTIC

National Suffrage association closes convention with plea to beware of bolshevism and endorsement of the league of nations.

New York now has an airplane police force.

Senator Poindexter declares league of nations idea is similar to worldwide rule ambitions cherished by former kaiser.

## FOREIGN

Hun minister insists that Germany is not bankrupt, and will be able to pay her debts if she is allowed to work.

Ultimatum to Germany from French says armistice will be considered broken if Polish army is not allowed to pass through Danzig to its own country.

New York Adds  
Air Squadron  
To It's Police

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)  
NEW YORK, March 21.—Plans of the New York police department for a "cloud cop" section materialized today when 26 American, British and French aviators were sworn in in the office of Deputy Police Commissioner Rodman Wanamaker as members of the police reserves.

Colonel Jefferson de Mount Thompson, who will command the police aviation squadron, said the squadron probably would take the air by June.

According to Colonel Thompson, the squadron when completed will comprise 150 men, including fliers, mechanics, supply officers, medical officials, a chaplain and cooks.

Landing places will be at Governors Island, Van Cortlandt park and Sheepshead Bay. Later he said, landing places probably will be constructed on the tops of high buildings. Both land and seaplanes will be used, he said.

ALLIES DEFEAT

BOLSHEVIKI AS

HUNGARY JOINS

LONDON, March 21.—(By The Associated Press)—A dispatch from Omak announces that Admiral Kolchak's army, as a result of a brilliant attack and much hand fighting, has recaptured the town of Ufa, which recently was occupied by the bolsheviks.

The dispatch adds that the Red Army is threatened with envelopment.

STOCKHOLM, March 21.—(By The Associated Press)—The bolsheviks continue to fall back along their entire western front north of the Pripyet marshes, according to a report from Kovno. It is expected that Vyena, the capital of Lithuania, will soon be evacuated by the bolsheviks.

Lenine's Hand in Hungary Seen

BUDAPEST, VIA COPENHAGEN, March 21.—(By The Associated Press)—Bela Kun, the Hungarian foreign minister, in an address to delegates of the Communist party of Hungary, declared that with inception of united revolutionary action the moment had arrived to liquidate the Communist party.

The soviet constitution, Bela Kun continued, is being worked out on instructions by Lenine, the Russian bolshevik premier, but that Lenine had declared it was unnecessary to copy the mistakes of the Russian revolution. A dictatorship, the foreign minister added, "did not necessarily signify terrorism, which was only one of a dictatorship's weapons to be used when needed. Bela Kun's resolution dissolving the communist party and forming a united proletarian party was carried unanimously."

By a government order former ministers Alexander Szinak and Joseph Szexten have been lodged in prison.

More Handful of Troops Needed

BERLIN, March 21.—(By The Associated Press)—Two thousand resolute French or British soldiers would be able to put down the new Hungarian government and restore order in that country, Prince Ludwig Windisch-Graetz, minister of war, said in an interview in the Geneva Journal.

The prince declared that the new government does not represent anything outside of Budapest.

Want Missions To Go?

BASEL, March 21.—(Havas)—The Hungarian soviet authorities have declared themselves ready to guarantee the safe departure of the allied missions, notably the French, according to a report received here from Budapest.

SHOW UP BARGAIN

TO JAIL RATHBUN

TO 'SAVE' OTHERS

DETROIT, March 21.—Investigation of the Rathbun pardon case entered a new phase late today when the Iowa house judiciary committee heard testimony regarding the setting aside of the pardon and consequent imprisonment of Ernest Rathbun.

The testimony centered around the alleged "bargain" between the Rathbuns and state counsel, which resulted in young Rathbun's consent to imprisonment, and according to previous testimony before the committee, was followed by the quashing of certain indictments against Rathbun's father and brother and his attorney, George Clark.

Most of the testimony was given by A. C. (Butt) Johnston, of Ida Grove, special prosecutor in the Rathbun trial and who, other witnesses have said, first suggested the alleged "bargain" to the Rathbuns.

H. W. Byers, committee counsel, severely scored Johnston, Attorney General Havener and Clark for their part in the agreement, charging Johnston with "saving Clark and sending young Rathbun to the penitentiary."

"That boy is being held illegally in the penitentiary," Byers shouted at Johnston, "and could be released on his own demand."

When asked if he did not think it unfair to have deprived Rathbun of his freedom to "save" others, Johnston declared he "had never considered the pardon legal and therefore did not consider that Rathbun had been legally free."

It has been brought out, according to the testimony of the foreman of the Iowa county grand jury, that indictment voted against Clark and the father and brother of Rathbun, were not returned after Attorney General Havener had acquainted the jury of the "bargain" and had recommended quashing the indictments.

GERMAN-POLISH  
ROW MAY BREAK  
THE AMISTICE

Allies Demand That Polish Army Be Passed Through Danzig Denied — Huns Deny Truce Conditions Require It—Feeling in West Prussia Continues Bitter

BERLIN, March 21.—(By The Associated Press)—The Lokal Anzeiger publishes a statement that it understands that suspension of the armistice with the entente allies is possible.

PARIS, March 21.—(By The Associated Press)—A dispatch received here today that the Germans are increasing the garrison at Danzig. This is taken as indicating an intention to resist whatever disposition the peace conference may make of the port.

BERLIN, March 21.—(By The Associated Press)—General Nudant, representing Marshal Poch, on Wednesday submitted a note to the German government demanding a passage through Danzig for the Polish divisions under General Allen, which were a part of the allied army, and permission for their further march to Poland to maintain order. The note added that any refusal would be regarded as a breach of the armistice.

The German government, after exhaustive deliberations, has refused, laid down its standpoint in a reply which asserts that according to the armistice treaty, it was only obliged to grant the allies free access to the Vistula, but that the German government would not permit the Polish divisions to enter German soil, gave the signal for revolt and civil war and who, when he was in Danzig in December, 1918, said: "If the Polish divisions from France and Italy were to enter Danzig, then Danzig and all West Prussia would be Polish."

Feeling Runs High  
Proceeding, the note refers to numerous demonstrations by the German majority in West Prussia who wish to resist Polish attacks by force and says that by such civil warfare, the German eastern front against Russian bolshevism will be endangered.

In conclusion, the communication asks for information as to the composition and strength of General Allen's army, the date of its landing and transit to Poland, and what guarantees the allies could offer that General Allen's army, or a portion of it, will not participate in Polish demonstrations or a possible insurrection of the Polish minority.

Chaplain Warns of Bolshevism  
NEW YORK, March 21.—Rev. Stanislaw Ilek of Duluth, who served as chaplain with Poland's army in France, and supplies for the Polish national depot of Chicago at Warsaw, arrived tonight on the steamer La Touraine from Bordeaux, asserting all of Eastern Europe were in danger of falling in with the bolsheviks.

"Unless the allies at once send home the 60,000 to 80,000 Polish troops in France," said Rev. Ilek, "and send the allies to supply the Polish army in Poland, there is a grave danger that the Russian bolshevik will overrun the country. If this happens bolshevism will have control of all eastern Europe."

The La Touraine brought, besides 275 cabin and 182 stateroom passengers, 18 Red Cross nurses, 89 casual officers and 336 enlisted men from virtually every state in the union.

U. S. and Britain Agree?

LONDON, March 21.—Reuters Paris correspondent says that he learns that the American peace negotiators are prepared to agree with the British delegates on their view concerning the Polish corridor to Danzig.

ROB DETROIT BANK

IN DAYLIGHT; GET

AWAY WITH \$15,000

DETROIT, March 21.—Herdling 14 persons, including several women patrons, into the lavatory and the vault of the West Side Branch of the Commercial State bank here, six unmasked bandits today robbed the institution of \$10,000 in cash and unregistered Liberty bonds which officials say may exceed \$65,000 in value. Fifty thousand dollars in currency had been removed from the branch to the main office only a few hours before the hold-up, according to J. W. McCausy, president.

Two of the men stood guard outside the entrance while four entered the bank with the man at their head, waving a sawed-off shotgun. Charles D. Moore, cashier, and Paul Mallick, his assistant, were ordered from their cages and with several patrons forced to stand with upraised hands while the bank vault was being rifled. They were then ordered into the vault to get with four of the patrons and the big steel door closed. Eight other persons, among them two women each with a baby in her arms, were ordered into the lavatory.

The bandits gathered up all the currency in sight and escaped in a big touring car. Their machine was seen to turn west on Fort Street. The theory of the police is that they were headed for Toledo and authorities of towns on the highway between that point and Detroit were immediately notified.

It was several minutes after the bandits left before the lavatory and vault were opened and the imprisoned persons released.

ARMY HEALTH GOOD

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Health conditions in the army at home and abroad continue satisfactory, according to a report issued today by the surgeon general for the week ending March 21. The report stated that there was no unusual prevalence of disease at any camp or station within the United States and that the non-effective list in the expeditionary forces had continued to decline and was lower than similar lists in this country.

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Army Pei Lion  
Tries to Chew  
Trainer's Head

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 21.—John Greer, an animal trainer with a carnival company, was attacked and seriously injured today by a mountain lion whose cage he had entered. The puma sprang upon the man, knocked him down and with a few blows and when driven off by other attendants armed with iron bars and pistols loaded with blank cartridges. Greer was rescued by Loftus, a circus clown, who entered the cage for him and was taken to a hospital.

The mountain lion as a cub, was presented by Mexicans to General John J. Pershing when he was in Mexico in command of the American punitive expedition against Villa. The cub grew up in the army and recently was sold by soldiers at Nogales, Arizona, to the carnival. Separation from a kitter which had been his playmate at Nogales, is said to be responsible for developing savage traits which culminated in his attack on the trainer today.

"READY TO HELP  
U. S. REPEL ANY  
INVADER"—VILLA

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]  
JUAREZ, Mexico, March 21.—Francisco Villa told an American prisoner in his camp that "he was ready to shoulder his rifle and aid the United States—his neighbor in the fight against invasion whenever needed," according to the American, who has just arrived at the border after being a prisoner of Villa and the home guards in western Chihuahua for 19 days. He declined to permit his name to be used but is known here and throughout Mexico as a reliable man.

The American told a thrilling story of the arrest of himself and his companions, who were taken before Villa personally and the conversation he had with Villa and Felipe Angeles, who was to have started a new revolutionary movement in conjunction with Villa soon.

"After we were taken to Villa by the rear guard of his headquarters command, we were taken before Villa personally after Felipe Angeles had apologized because he and Villa had eaten all the breakfast," the American said. "Villa shook hands with us and told us not to worry as we would be well treated and that he had no intention of harming any of us. In the big adobe room adjoining the corral, I had a long talk with Angeles, who praised the American democracy and said that was the kind of government Mexico needed as there was too much difference between the high and low classes in Mexico. It was during this talk that Villa, passing by, stopped to tell me that he was ready to shoulder a rifle should the United States be invaded by a foreign force, as we were neighbors and should stand together."

After being released and given a safe conduct through Villa's lines, the American was again arrested by the home guards who are organized to protect their homes from landlithy. They were hiding in the mountain canyons while the American and his companions were at the home guards' ranches. While the American was held at Namiqutpa by the home guards, they had looted their homes during their absence. The American said the home guards and Villa had an unwritten truce and neither force bothered the other.

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Urge Measures to Lessen  
Bolshevism Menace—Big  
Celebration for Missouri  
Victory — Other Resolutions

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

ST. LOUIS, March 21.—The National American Woman Suffrage association today adopted resolutions endorsing the league of nations and urging the United States government to bring about "prompt redress of all legitimate grievances" as a safeguard against revolution by violence.

With the adoption of a long list of resolutions the convention proper practically closed its sessions, the formal adjournment to be taken tomorrow noon after a morning session of the League of Women Voters, composed of delegates from presidential suffrage states.

Heading the list of resolutions was one calling upon the 66th congress to submit the constitution amendment for nation-wide woman suffrage to the states at the earliest possible moment. Other included:

Recommendation that the government recognize the fitness of accepting the services of professional women for work which their training and experience have well qualified them.

That congress establish the women in industry service as a permanent women's bureau in the United States department of labor.

That government residence halls for women be placed in the hands of women.

Urging the establishment at Washington of a national department of education with a secretary of education in the cabinet.

The full resolution referring to bolshevism without mentioning it reads: "Whereas, revolution is life in Europe and may spread to America, and: "Whereas, we desire that all needed improvements in the United States shall be made by peaceful means instead of by violence and bloodshed, therefore be it:

"Resolved, that we urge our government to bring about prompt redress of all legitimate grievances as the removal of the sense of injustice is the surest safeguard against revolution by violence."

The mass meeting tonight developed into a celebration in honor of the passage of the suffrage bill by the Missouri senate today. As at the afternoon session, the meeting was transformed into a bedlam of shouting, applauding suffragists when the news was announced.

Order was restored by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw when she urged the women to sing the Doxology. The 2,000 persons in the hall sang it.

Batons bearing the inscription, "I am a voter" were distributed among the Missouri members.

Miss Helen Fraser of England, and Governor Henry Allen of Kansas, were the speakers.

She made a plea for financial assistance for Europe and declared the only remedy for bolshevism is constructive reform, the building of a better society and the greater spread of justice.

She declared Germany shows no signs of contrition nor repentance and that the indemnity asked of her can be paid by that country in five years.

Later, it is expected, one of the big cruises submarines equipped with deck guns will be sent over. Adverse winds at this season and the unfamiliarity of the American crews with the machinery make the date of the arrival of the ships uncertain. Crews for the submarines were assembled in England, most of the men being sent from the United States.

U BOATS START FOR  
U. S. PORTS TODAY

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Five surrendered German submarines will leave England tomorrow for the United States, manned by American crews and conveyed by the American submarine tender Bushnell. They are expected to arrive in American waters late in April and will be displayed at ports to be selected in connection with the next Liberty loan campaign.

One of these craft is the U. S. 117, a sea-going mine layer which during the war planted mines along the American coast. Two of them are the U. B-88 and the U. B-148 regular submarines of the smaller type. Another is the U. C-97, one of the small mine layers and the fifth is the U-111, the standard German U-boat.

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PLANE FORCED TO LAND

ANDELUSIA, Ala., March 21.—The DeHavland bombing plane enroute to Houston from Elizabeth, N. J., made a forced landing nine miles from here today and a result of damages the flight will be postponed probably two weeks. None of the crew or passengers were injured.

County Highway Commission, After Preparation of Two Months, Submits Program to Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County for Bond Issue of \$4,000,000 to Be Used with \$500,000 Offered by Federal Government in First Comprehensive Plan of Good Roads Building Yet Presented; Only the Best of Highways Contemplated and Roads to Traverse Every Part of Cultivated Area of County

After two months of preparation by the county highway commission, that body yesterday submitted to the board of supervisors a program for a complete highway system for Maricopa county which will cost, when fully carried out, \$4,500,000. Of this amount, \$500,000 will be derived from the federal government and the rest is proposed to be raised by a bond issue of \$4,000,000.

The bonds, if authorized by the voters, will be sold in blocks of \$500,000, as money may be needed for highway construction. The plan contemplates nothing but hard-surfaced roads of a durable type, of varying width to meet the needs of traffic in the various parts of the county.

As will be seen from the map on another page, prepared by the commission, the system covers the entire settled portion of the valley, and the roads are so distributed that in the least-settled portions no section of land will be more than a mile and a half from a paved highway. In the more thickly-settled parts no resident will be more than half a mile distant from a highway.

U. S. READY WITH  
FEDERAL FUNDS  
FOR GOOD ROADS

Definite Plan Proposed to  
Act with City, County or  
State, Official Explains  
When Asked by D. B.  
Heard

In speaking of the good roads movement which is sweeping the country, and the large amount of federal co-operation which has been made possible by the act of congress passed just before adjournment, providing for the expenditure of \$200,000,000 by the federal government between now and June 30, 1921, in co-operative road building throughout the nation, Dwight B. Heard, president of the National Road Association, who had a conference in Albuquerque last Thursday with E. S. Wheeler, engineer in charge for Arizona and New Mexico, of the federal bureau of good roads, made the following statement:

"In 1916 the principle of federal aid in good roads construction throughout the nation was approved by the passage of the Bankhead bill. This bill provides for co-operation in road building with the various states on a 50-50 basis.

"The friends of federal co-operation were much disappointed that the Pazo bill, which largely increased the co-operation of the federal government, failed to pass at the session of congress recently adjourned, but fortunately the friends of federal aid succeeded in attaching a rider to the post-office appropriation bill which passed just before adjournment, and which provides for a material increase in the amount of federal aid, under the general plan of the Bankhead bill.

"The Bankhead bill provides that when federal aid is given, it shall be for use on rural post roads. The bill which has just been passed provides that rural post roads shall be construed to mean any public road, the major portion of which is now used or can be used, or forms a connecting link not to exceed ten miles in length, of any road or roads now or hereafter used for the transportation of the United States mail.

"It provides further that payments shall be limited on the part of the federal government to the expenditure of \$10,000 per mile exclusive of the cost of bridges.

"For the purpose of carrying out this fine co-operative plan the sum of \$50,000,000 of federal money for the fiscal year 1921 is appropriated.

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ENGLAND TO EXPORT  
NO MORE GOLD COIN

LONDON, March 21.—An order in council issued this evening prohibits the export of gold coin or bullion anywhere.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The new British order in council prohibiting the export of gold will not affect this country, in the opinion of officials here conversant with the international situation. Transfer of gold between the allies virtually ceased when the United States entered the war, credits being arranged to eliminate the necessity for transport of gold from one country to another. For many months gold imports into the United States have averaged only a few millions.

It was not believed here that the new order would change the actual situation at all, since it has been understood that gold shipments were prohibited by agreement among financial interests.

Expect Little Opposition  
Speeches were made by Mr. Bowen of the board and Chairman Hackett of the commission in which both voiced the enthusiasm of the board and the commission. It is the belief of the commission, from such canvass as it has made of the people, that little opposition will be offered to the bond issue, though many persons believe that the issue is larger than is necessary. The supervisors, however, on the recommendation of the commission will not offer the bonds for sale except in such amounts as the progress of the work will require. The voters of the special road districts are said to be strongly in favor of the plan.

It will be observed that the map apparently lacks two important thoroughfares, one leading out of Phoenix to the east and southeast and the other, to the northwest. But as they constitute sections of the state highway they are not included in the plan.

Messrs. Bradshaw and Peterson of the board of supervisors said that the consideration of the report would be begun at once and that possibly by next Monday the board would be ready to issue a formal call for the bond election. The election will be held 20 days after the issuance of the call.

The following is the report of the county highway commission as submitted yesterday:

Report of Commissioners  
To the Honorable Board of Supervisors, Maricopa County, State of Arizona.

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 21, Session Laws of Arizona, 1917, and of the acts supplementary thereto and amendatory thereto, the undersigned, of the Highway Commission of Maricopa county, do