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GERMAN GOV'T WORKING TO BE ABSOLVED FROM MEETING REPARATION PAYMENT

Sending Delegation to Paris to Discuss Readjusting of Present Schedule of Payments.

QUESTION OF COUNTRY'S SOLVENCY

Reports Emanating from New York Declare Germany Is Hopelessly Bankrupt.

Berlin, July 9—The German government has started an action which incidentally may result in absolving Germany from meeting the payment of fifty million gold marks required by the Allies on July 15, in sending Dr. Fischer, chairman of the German war debt commission, and Herr Schroeder, under secretary of the ministry of finance, to Paris to confer with the reparations commission on the question of readjusting the present schedule of gold payments.

Although this move is considered a temporary expedient, with the prime purpose of influencing the deliberations at Paris, official financial circles would welcome this revision as indicating a general solution of the present schedule of gold payments, which Chancellor Wirth has declared Germany is in no position to carry out, particularly since the recent collapse of German exchange. Officially, it was said today that the Reichsbank was technically in a position to deliver fifty million gold marks next week, but that their release from the bank vaults "would badly expose the institution whose officials believe that this available gold fund should be devoted to steadying the mark at home and abroad.

Reports from New York that Germany has confessed herself to be bankrupt were declared in official financial circles to be "irresponsible and ridiculous."

"It is not for us Germans to say we are bankrupt, such a verdict must come from our creditors," one leading official in the ministry of finance observed.

Powers To Discuss Situation.

Paris, July 9—A special meeting of the chief allied powers to discuss the situation in Germany was foreseen in official circles today, after confirmation of the report that Germany is sending envoys to request a two year moratorium of cash indemnity payments. While no allied council has been arranged for, the foreign offices are in constant communication with each other on the subject. It is indicated that the reparations commission will probably refer Germany's latest appeal for relief to the allied powers.

France will not take any official attitude on Germany's appeal until the reparations commission decides to place the matter in the hands of the Allies. Until such action is taken, the whole matter will be left entirely to the reparations commission. In reparation circles, however, it is pointed out that the question of a two years' moratorium is so vital to the Allies that a decision involving such a proposition by the powers, instead of through the respective representatives on the reparations commission.

The committee on guarantees, which has been investigating conditions in Berlin for the past month, is expected in Paris this week with a complete report on the situation and on Germany's capacity to pay. It is believed that this report will play an important part in any decision which may be reached, as all the Allies are represented on the committee.

The committee is, strictly a technical one and expert in character, and its inquiry will probably afford a sound basis on which to determine to what extent, if any, Germany is justified in asking for further delays.

Queen Mother Very Active For One of Her Age

Is Opposed to Being Laid on the Shelf, and Finds Lots to Do.

London, July 7—Queen Alexandra, the Queen Mother, now in her 78th year, is far more active than most women of her age. She might take life far easier than she does, but she evidently is opposed to the idea of being laid on the shelf.

She likes to show herself among the people and she is gratified by the applause with which her appearance always is greeted. Undoubtedly it acts as a sort of psychological tonic upon her and helps her to feel as young as she looks.

She crowds many activities into a day. One day recently she appeared in public at the Cart Horse Parade for prizes in Regent's Park; then at a concert in aid of workshops for disabled soldiers, and finally at the Richmond Horseshow. But she makes two concessions to advancing years. She seldom goes out of an evening and she goes to bed early, usually playing a game of "Patience" before retiring.

SOVIETS MUST MAKE CONCESSIONS OR HAGUE CONFERENCE WILL FAIL

English Delegation Remains Doggedly Optimistic Despite Russian Pig-Headedness.

SOVIETS ARE AFTER IMMEDIATE CREDITS

Hope to Make Advantageous Agreements With Different Financial Groups.

(Canadian Press)

The Hague, July 9—European representatives frankly declared today that unless the Soviets made concessions from their intransigeant policy announced Friday, it would be quite useless to continue the conference.

The English delegation remains doggedly optimistic; it believes that a suitable compromise will be found on the vital problem of the property of foreigners in Russia. The Italians also are hopeful. The pessimistic groups think that the Russians do not care whether the conference succeeds or collapses, as they will hope to make advantageous separate agreements with different financial groups and thereby obtain immediate credits, for which they constantly clamor, and which the conference may long postpone, even if a general accord is reached.

Such is a brief summary of the situation as the conference is about to start another week of active negotiations.

Kaiser's Latest



Most recent picture of Count William of Hohenzollern, former German emperor, who is reported to have had a break with his son, the former crown prince.

GOV'T MAY SELL HOTEL PROPERTY

Interesting Rumor Regarding Queen Hotel Property at Fredericton — Attractive Offer Made.

Fredericton, July 9—A story of interest in connection with the hotel situation in Fredericton, which was caused by the purchase of the Queen Hotel by the Provincial Government for use by the New Brunswick Board of Liquor Commissioners, is that the property may not be put to that use but may be returned to its original use as an hotel. No confirmation of the story is available, but the report current is that parties interested have negotiated for the Queen Hotel property.

It is reported that a most attractive offer has been made for the property. The sum named is said to be sufficient to give the province a margin of profit, should it be decided that the liquor commission shall remain in the military property. The province in that manner would recover the money placed in the property and also secure a profit.

Persons who are supposed to be interested in the matter decline to talk about it.

FIRE SITUATION STILL CRITICAL

Approximately $1,500,000 Worth of Valuable Timber Land Destroyed in B. C.

(Canadian Press)

Victoria, B. C., July 9—On Vancouver Island and the lower mainland of British Columbia, the forest fire situation is still critical, but a shifting wind, which has died down to a gentle zephyr and indications of rain within the next twenty-four hours, today brought new hope to those battling the flames, which have destroyed approximately $1,500,000 worth of valuable timber.

The World's Best Horseback Rider

Belgrade, Jugoslavia, July 8—The world's best horseback rider is said in Belgrade to be Lt. Pietro Hudenko, one of the Imperial Russian Hussars and now a waiter at the Anglo-American Club.

He claims never to have failed to break and tame the wildest horse. He says he does not use strength and agility, but mesmerism. He takes a wild horse, slips a halter on its head, passes a rope twice through its mouth, jumps on its back without a saddle, gets a knee grip and lets the horse rear, buck, or run at will. After the horse is tired he pets it, whispers strange words into its ears, words known to a few Cossacks of the Caspian steppes, and then, never again, will that horse bite or kick or disobey a man.

Pietro soon is to become trainer and horsebreaker for King Alexander.

BRITISH GOLD TO NEW YORK BANKERS

Consignment of Gold Bars, Valued at $2,500,000, Received by J. P. Morgan Co.

New York, July 9—Gold bars valued at $2,500,000 arrived here on the steamer Berengaria yesterday consigned to J.P. Morgan & Company for the account of the British treasury of which the Morgan firm is the financial agent in this country. A similar shipment is also on the way on another steamer.

While the Morgan firm said it was not advised as to the purpose of the shipment it is believed in financial circles that the British government is accumulating a supply of gold here for the purpose of using it in part payment of the $125,000,000 interest on the war debt due in October.

SIR GEORGE FOSTER FULL OF OPTIMISM

Has Faith in Canada to Successfully Weather the Industrial Storm.

(Canadian Press)

New York, July 8—Sir George Foster, former Canada minister of trade, was among the passengers who sailed for England yesterday on the Royal Mail steamship Orduna. Before his departure, Sir George was interviewed by the representatives of a number of New York newspapers. He gave an optimistic account of Canada's present position based on the industrial situation and the prospects for a bumper wheat crop.

Funeral of Late C. N. R. Conductor

Fredericton, N. B., July 9—The funeral of the late Nehemiah Osborne, conductor on the Fredericton, Newcastle sub-division of the C. N. R., who met death by drowning at Newcastle on Saturday July 1st, took place this afternoon from his late residence at Marysville. The funeral was the largest that had been seen in this vicinity in some time. The funeral was under the auspices of the brotherhood of railway trainmen. Officials of Celestial lodge, S.B.R.T. officiated. The service at the grave was read by Charles Sterling and Walter Long. Harold Logan was marshal. Music was furnished by the York Regiment band. Rev. Mr. McNiel conducted the service. Interment was made in the Baptist cemetery. Numerous floral tributes were sent.

TROOPS READY TO HANDLE ANY DISTURBANCES

Soldiers on Active Duty in Illinois, and Mobilized in Other States.

RAILWAYS TO OPEN THEIR SHOPS TODAY

Strikers Notified They Will Be Struck from List—Strike Breakers Employed.

Chicago, July 9—With soldiers on active duty in Illinois and troops mobilized in five other states, the ninth day of the strike of railway shopmen passed quietly while many railroads prepared to resume active operations in their shops tomorrow, several carriers having warned striking employees to return by that date or forfeit seniority rights.

B. M. Jewell, head of the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor, had nothing to say at strike headquarters here, and no news was forthcoming from either the carriers or the United States labor board.

While the Sunday holiday was uneventful, the rest of the week was fraught with possibilities. Tomorrow members of the labor board, who averted a strike of 400,000 maintenance of way men and 14,000 signal men through negotiations with union officials last week, are expected to confer with E. H. Fitzgerald, head of the clerks' union, in an effort to prevent the issuance of strike orders to this organization. Confidence was expressed here tonight in quarters close to the labor board, that the clerks would follow the example set by the maintenance of way employees and signalmen.

Urge Strikers To Return

With the carriers urging striking employees to return to work at once, preparations were practically complete tonight on a score of lines to attempt to resume active shop work tomorrow. Vacancies in the ranks, according to the railroads, will be filled by the hiring of new men. Realizing the possibilities for trouble with such a programme, some of the railroads have asked for soldiers to protect their shops, while others expected to afford private protection to those who worked.

While the railroads predicted that many strikers would flock back to work when assured that protection would be afforded, union headquarters here have maintained that the strike is daily becoming more effective.

At Clinton, Ill., where troops were sent yesterday after a boy had been killed and two men, one a striker, had been wounded in a clash between strike sympathizers and Illinois Central guards, all was reported quiet today. State cavalry and infantry were mobilized for duty in eight down state towns, however.

AWARD CONTRACTS FOR TWO BRIDGES

Luther B. Smith of This City Gets Contract for Bocabec River Bridge.

Special to The Journal

Fredericton, July 9—The contract for building the Bocabec River mouth bridge, parish of St. Patrick, Charlotte county, has been awarded to Luther B. Smith of St. John, West. The price is in the vicinity of $12,000.

The contract for building the Musquash River mouth bridge, parish of Musquash, St. John county, has been awarded to Alexander and Roy Forbes of Fredericton. The price is in the vicinity of $7,000.

The contracts in both cases are for substructure, the spans being of steel 125 feet long at Bocabec and 181 feet at Musquash concrete and granite abutments are to be built at Bocabec and concrete and birch timber abutments at Musquash. Stone and earth approaches are to be built in each case.

SUNKO PROCLAIMS KURDISH REPUBLIC

He Assumes the Presidency After Defeating the Shah's Army.

Constantinople, July 9—Angora despatches to local newspapers report that the Persian bandit Simko has proclaimed a Kurdish Republic, assuming the presidency himself, after defeating the Shah's army. It is said that Simko commanded 11,000 and was assisted by Mustapha Kemal Pasha, former Turkish war minister, the fighting lasting for several days. Simko's cavalry is reported to be marching on Tabriz.

The new republic embraces the regions of Kermanshah, Selmas, Urumiah and Erdilak, according to the despatch, which report also an insurrection in Turkistan, Western Persia.

NATIONAL TROOPS CONTINUED OPERATIONS ON LARGE SCALE THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCES

Biggest Encounters Over Week-End at Wexford Where Irregulars Had Strong Positions.

IRREGULARS TRYING TO ARRANGE TRUCE

Free State Officers Will Accept Nothing But Unconditional Surrender.

Dublin, July 9—The weekend here was quiet, but in the provinces operations on a large scale continued. The national troops have taken numerous positions from the irregulars. The biggest enagement occurred in North Wexford, where the irregulars held strong positions.

An official report, issued at National headquarters at midnight, Saturday, said the troops in Wexford had continued manoeuvres that were entirely successful. This morning a convoy, which proceeded from Gorey to Ferns, encountered many obstacles along the route, particularly trees, which had been felled across the road.

On the arrival of the national forces at Ferns, 31 irregulars, occupying the post office, were ordered to surrender. This they did after short resistance in which four irregulars were wounded. All the others were made prisoner. The national troops secured 21 rifles, 12 revolvers and a quantity of ammunition. The town is now being held by volunteers acting under orders from army headquarters.

From Ferns, the troops proceeded to Enniscorthy. They found that the irregulars had retreated into the country, and occupied the town.

Prisoners Taken

More than fifty prisoners were taken today in Wexford. Some of the irregulars in this area are said to have had in their possession flat nosed revolver cartridges.

Another bulletin, issued at headquarters today, details successful operations by the nationalist forces in Donegal, South Litrim, Roscommon, Queens County and West Meath. The situation in Cork is described as normal.

Irregulars at Inch Island, one of the last remaining republican strongholds in Donegal, are trying to arrange a truce, but the Free State officers demand unconditional surrender.

One hundred republican prisoners captured in Donegal, have asked to be treated as prisoners of war. The request has been refused on the ground that they are not prisoners of war but rebels against the government.

At Wexford and other places where the republican forces were defeated, the Free State regular troops have been received with acclamation, the townspeople turning out in torchlight processions with bands.

Fighting For Sligo

Belfast, July 9—It was rumored in Enniskillen tonight that fighting was in progress between the free staters and republicans for possession of Sligo. A train due to reach Enniskillen through Sligo was held up at Colooney by irregulars, who had it taken to Sligo, where they seized a large amount of foodstuffs on board.

Before surrendering Skeogh, the irregulars made a determined attempt to burn the place, but the national troops saved it before serious damage was done. The Mansion House, however, presents a scene of wanton desolation. There was also evidence that the irregulars who were besieged in the Mansion House had enormous supplies of foodstuffs that had been seized from trains or in hold-ups.

SHOPMEN'S STRIKE IN U. S. WILL FIND AN ECHO AT WINNIPEG TODAY

Heads of Brotherhoods on Canadian Rails to Gather In Conference.

HAVE HAD WARNING OF WAGE REDUCTIONS

Canadian Lines Gave Notice That U. S. Rates of Pay Would Be Adopted.

(Canadian Press)

Toronto, July 9.—The shopmen's strike on the United States railways will find an echo at Winnipeg, when the co-operative board of the Canadian Pacific Railway, made up of representatives of the big railway brotherhoods, meet. Toronto and Eastern Canada representatives to the meeting left here yesterday. Officers of way, telegraphers and shop crafts were in the party.

Delegates said that while the strike now in progress in the United States was not set down for discussion, it will surely come up under the heading of new business. Canadian lines have given notice that the United States rates of pay will go into effect for the outcome of the discussion with the Minister of Labor last week, when the shopmen intimated they would ask for a board of conciliation.

MAJESTIC LEFT PASSENGERS BEHIND

Sailed An Hour Ahead of Scheduled Time and 62 Cabin Passengers Were Left.

New York, July 9—More than sixty second cabin passengers of the Majestic were left behind when she sailed an hour ahead of schedule yesterday, to take advantage of the high tide, which is necessary to float her huge bulk out of the harbor.

The advanced sailing had been widely advertised, but many of her passengers apparently did not read the advertisements and arrived at the pier just as she was casting off.

PITIFUL TALE OF MONTREAL WOMAN

Claims She Was Gagged, Thrown Into An Automobile and Placed In An Asylum.

Montreal, July 9—Alleging that she was attacked by three unknown men on the public street, gagged, forced into an automobile and driven to an asylum, Ernestine Menard, wife of Yvon Lamontagne, petitioned the superior court Saturday morning, through her lawyer, asking for the issue of a writ of habeas corpus on which she might plead before the court for liberation from the institution where she says she is now illegally detained.

The lawyer stated that the affair occurred on July 5th last, and that Mrs. Lamontagne was being held at Longue Pointe asylum. Justice Lafontaine ordered the writ of habeas corpus to issue against the authorities in charge of the institution and enjoined them to bring the petitioner to court Monday morning.

S. S. LAFAYETTE RAN INTO HURRICANE

Compelled to Return to Port After Buffeting in English Channel.

Havre, July 9—The French steamer Lafayette, which left port yesterday for New York, encountered a hurricane in the English Channel during the night and was so badly damaged that she was compelled to return here today. Her passengers were landed and arrangements have been made for their sailing on another steamer.

The grand saloon was completely wrecked, the piano, tables and chairs being smashed when the vessel shipped a huge wave ninety miles out. The hatch of the forward hold was carried away and the amount of water which poured into the hold made it necessary for the captain to put back.

The Lafayette will be placed in drydock at St. Nazaire for repairs which will keep her laid up for about three weeks.

Count 'Em!



Hoyte Pratt, to whom the freckle championship of Nashville, Tenn., is conceded, now is claiming the title of the whole South. "I couldn't have more freckles 'less I had more face," he says.

FOUR MEN KILLED AT GLACE BAY

Lost Their Lives in Collapse of Tower on Which They Were Working.

Glace Bay, N. S., July 9—Norman MacRury, Hugh Connigton, W. Pope and A. Kelly, steel structural workers and specialists in the erection of wireless towers, who lost their lives here Saturday in the collapse of a tower on which they were working, will be buried at Louisburg tomorrow in a common funeral ceremony. About the same time an official investigation into the cause of the accident will be commenced here.

The four men were engaged in extending a wireless mast to a height of 310 feet, and were 180 feet from the ground when the steel structure buckled at the ninety foot height. The workmen fell to earth in a mass of tangled girders. MacRury lived for about an hour. The others died instantly.

CONFERENCE ON UNEMPLOYMENT

Premier King Has Called Provincial Premiers for Discussion of Situation.

(Canadian Press)

Ottawa, July 8—Invitations have been sent out by the Prime Minister to the premiers of the provinces for a conference on unemployment.

The dominion government is now in communication with the provinces in regard to the date and the subjects which will be discussed. Unemployment in its various phases is expected to occupy the chief place on the programme, but it is likely that other subjects will come up for discussion. Among these will be, it is understood the various draft treaties and recommendations which have been made by the international conference under the League of Nations.

TELEPHONE JOKER GETS IN HIS WORK

Has Firemen, Doctors, Detectives, Ambulance and Morgue Wagons Gather at One House.

Montreal, July 9—Firemen, doctors, the ambulance wagon, the morgue wagon, detectives constables and finally a fleet of taxicabs, called one after the other at 318 Doiron street here, between 3.45 and 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Fire stations, hospitals, the morgue, the police, the taxicab establishments were informed by telephone practical jokers, not yet discovered, that fire, accident, murder, suicide, a funeral and a wedding were taking place or had taken place at that address.

The only occupant at 318 Doiron street this afternoon was 12 year old Alice Gravel who was left in charge of her grandfather's house there, and who was at first amused and finally frightened by the repeated calls. The neighbors, drawn there by the excitement, looked after her.

If the practical joker is ever found, he will have a bad time in Dorion street.

W. H. BIGGAR, K. C. DIED SUDDENLY

Vice-President and General Counsel of Grand Trunk R'y System.

(Canadian Press)

Montreal, July 9.—One of the best known railwaymen in Canada, W. H. Biggar, K. C, vice-president and general counsel of the Grand Trunk Railway system, died here suddenly Friday night in his 69th year.

He won first honors in scholastic and athletic fields at Upper Canada College. He was the son of J. L. Biggar, formerly M. P. for East Northumberland. Called to the bar in 1880, he entered into partnership with John Bell, K. C., of Belleville, general solicitor for the Grand Trunk Railway system, under the firm name of Bell and Biggar.

Toronto Lady Won Championship

Buffalo, July 8—Mrs. Harry Hickie, of Toronto, won the women's national clay court tennis championship at the Park Club here today. The Canadian title holder defeated Miss Leslie Bancroft, of Brookline, in the final 3—6, 6—1, 7—5.