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EUROPE FACING SERIOUS CRISIS

AMERICANS TELL OF STUDY ABROAD.—MEMBERS OF IN- TERNATIONAL TRADE COM- MISSION OF SOUTHERN COM- MERCIAL CONGRESS RETURN

Hoboken, N. J., Oct. 14.—Europe is closer to military conflict than at any period immediately preceding the World war, members of the international trade commission of the Southern Commercial congress declared today upon their return on the President Harding.

The commissioners stated that their study of conditions in all the European countries convinced them that immediate solution of the various financial, economic and reparations problems was necessary to avoid disasters.

Fourteen members of the commission, headed by Clarence J. Owens of Washington D. C. returned on the President Harding. A report of the commission's investigations will be presented to the 15th commercial congress in Chicago November 20 to 22.

"Notwithstanding the treaty of Versailles and the low economic status of European nations," said a preliminary report of the commission, "Europe is more nearly on the verge of military conflict than at any period immediately preceding the World war, temporary and unless some solution of the problem is reached prior to the expiration of the six months' period the condition in Europe will be infinitely worse.

"The fundamental problem is that of the settlement of the war debt and reparations the settlement can not be handled piecemeal, but must include all the nations' parties to international financial obligations America as a creditor nation to the amount of \$10,000,000 plus accrued interest must see that its interests are protected in the contest of settlement. France and Belgium base their program of reconstruction and rehabilitation on the return of exchange to an approximate normal status upon German reparations payments. They say Germany must pay Germany with its gold and securities of value out of the country with apparent financial collapse but with an almost frenzied agricultural and industrial activity in production, boldly claims that the treaty of Versailles must be amended that Germany be freed to commercially with other countries of the world and claims that Germany cannot pay anything like the sum demanded, nor at all until she is free to export.

"Holland, as a neutral observer, agreed that Germany can not pay and plainly says that the economic future of Holland is bound up with the fate of Germany.

COLUMBIA PLANS FIGHT

Against Proposed Revision of The Freight Rates.

Columbia, Oct. 14.—Columbia will present its case in opposition to the proposed revision of the Southeastern freight rates to the Interstate Commerce Commission in New Orleans during the session of the commission's examiner there October 30 to November 4, it was announced here today. Origin of the hearing was set for Asheville but word of the postponement was received today.

An entire day will be given to presentation of Columbia's case it was stated, where as two hours only had been allotted to Asheville.

CLEMSON FOR THE WINTER

Prof. D. H. Henry of Clemson College was in Abbeville for the week-end. He will take his mother, Mrs. Francis Henry back to Clemson with him to spend the winter.

BRITAIN MAKES PAYMENT TODAY

FIFTY MILLIONS FOR INTEREST ON WAR LOANS—TOTAL A- MOUNT OF INDEBTEDNESS FROM ALLIES ABOVE ELEVEN BILLIONS.

New York, Oct. 15.—The British will make the first payment of interest on their American war loans to the United States government tomorrow when checks and treasury certificates totaling \$50,000,000 will be paid to the federal reserve bank here for the account of the treasurer of the United States by J. P. Morgan & Co. acting as agents of the British government.

The British war loans of approximately \$4,500,000,000 have been for some time the center of discussion regarding the payment to this country by her war allies of war loans of more than \$11,000,000,000. A British commission with power to negotiate terms for the payment of the British loans is expected to arrive here soon to discuss the situation with Washington officials. According to unofficial advices from London, Great Britain has promised a full payment.

Previous payments to the United States by the British government have been for amounts of purchases of silver amounting to several hundred millions of dollars made during the war for the purpose of stabilizing currencies of India and other British colonies.

For several months the British government has been sending gold to this country and also buying dollar exchange in anticipation of the first interest payment on the war loans. J. P. Morgan & Co., estimated the gold shipments at between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000. This gold was turned over to the subtreasury here and after the amount had been determined by assay the proceeds were turned over to the Morgan firm in the form of a check drawn on the federal reserve banks. Smaller funds were also accumulated in member banks of the federal reserve system, about ten checks being drawn on the various depositories of the British interest fund as well as a quantity of United States treasury certificates maturing October 16, making an exact \$50,000,000, which will make up the first interest payment.

ROADS TO ATLANTA SMOOTH AS GLASS

Charles F. Cromer of Atlanta came over with his family the last of the week to visit his sister, Mrs. W. Frank Nickles. He made the trip through the country via Athens, Hartwell and Anderson, S. C. One hundred and seventy-five miles in seven hours. He says the roads are as smooth as glass, except about eight miles of rough road between Decatur and Lawrenceville. He is making all of the money he wants and in fact looks it.

FUTURE METHODIST MINISTERS MUST NOT USE TOBACCO

Toronto, Oct. 14.—Tobacco will no longer find a place in the habits of the future ministers of the Methodist church in Canada. It was banned last night attending the quadrennial conference of the church.

Millionaire Bootlegger Captured.

New York, Oct. 14.—Anthony Casese, alleged millionaire bootlegger, has been captured in Savannah, Ga., according to a telegram received today by United States district attorney's office in Brooklyn.

BRUCE GALLOWAY "ROOTS"

At the football game Saturday between Furman and the University of Georgia, Bruce Galloway was among the rooters for Furman. Furman students occupied grand stand seats.

CORONATION OF KING ELABORATE AFFAIR

KING FERDINAND AND QUEEN MARIE OF RUMANIA, TO BE HELD THIS WEEK—CEREMO- NIES WILL COST 300,000,000 FRANCS.

Bucharest, Oct. 14.—The much-postponed coronation of King Ferdinand and Queen Marie will be held next week. The ceremonies are expected to provide the most elaborate festivities in the history of Rumania with an estimated total public and private expenditure of 300,000,000 francs.

The program will begin on Sunday with the arrival of the royal family at Albajulla, the birthplace of the hero, Michael the Brave where the coronation will take place. Upon their arrival the sovereigns will be received by the premier and other members of the government and will be driven in gaily decorated carriages with a military escort to the Cathedral, where high church dignitaries will celebrate solemn mass and the coronation will take place.

After the cathedral ceremony a state luncheon will be held. This is to be followed by a military review the day ending with the departure of the party for Bucharest where they will arrive Monday morning.

From the railway station the royal procession will pass under a massive arch of triumph which has been erected over the Chausee. At this point the municipal council will offer the king the traditional bread and salt. The procession will then move on to the Metropolitan church for divine service.

The program provides for a great pageant in the afternoon.

A state reception and dinner will be given in the evening. The United States will be represented at the various affairs by the American minister, Peter Augustus Jay.

At 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, 1,000 mayors from every province to the kingdom, will salute the sovereigns at a banquet in Carol park. Nearly two miles of tables have been erected for this affair which will cost in the neighborhood of 40,000,000 francs. Each mayor receives from the fund the entire expenses of his trip to the coronation.

The king and queen will receive the members of parliament at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and the festivities will end with a gate in the national theatre in the evening.

GOOD MEETING THIS MORNING

To Urge Farmers to Plow Up Old Cotton Stalks at Once.

Mr. J. A. Evans of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, was in Abbeville this morning and gave an interesting talk to the farmers on the importance of plowing up old cotton stalks. The meeting was held in the City Council Chambers at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Evans believes the boll weevil can be controlled, and will be controlled, and the most effective way is to begin at once plowing up this year's cotton stalks. These furnish an ideal place for the hibernation of the weevils through the winter. The sooner these winter quarters are destroyed the fewer weevils will live to destroy next year's cotton crop.

A good crowd was out to hear the speaker. The rainy weather was a handicap but the room was full and the talk was delivered in a natural vein that was agreeable to those present.

Mr. Evans and Mr. C. Lee Gowan, the County Agent, went to Antreville this afternoon to hold a meeting at that place. They will be in Due West Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock and will talk to the farmers of that section in the rooms of the Farmers and Merchants Bank.

COTTON EXCHANGES OBJECT OF STUDY

SOUTHERN SENATORS PROPOSE TO INVESTIGATE.—SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT ON DIAL MEASURE WRITTEN BY EX- CHANGES' FRIEND.

Washington, Oct. 14.—Senators of Southern states, it is announced today, will at the beginning of April session undertake an intensive study of the effect of cotton exchanges in the regulation of the price of cotton. Senator J. Thomas Heflin of Alabama has published the fact that he and Senator E. D. Smith of South Carolina would take the lead in the undertaking. Senator Heflin has on more than one occasion advocated the "cutting off of the heads" of the exchanges.

Procedure against the cotton exchanges has consisted in the main in public criticism and following the new maneuver the managers will continue to flourish at the expense of the cotton producer. It is confidently believed Southern senators have suffered the practical defeat of every drastic move against the cotton exchanges attempted during the past several years. At the present time, there pends in the senate a measure introduced by Senator N. B. Dial of South Carolina, which it is contended, would give purchasers an equal break with operators and confer indefinite boons on the men who grow cotton. The measure was adversely reported by the senate committee on agriculture, of which Senator of South Carolina, Heflin of Alabama, Harris of Mississippi, Ransdell of Louisiana and Caraway of Arkansas are members. These Southern senators permitted the only one of their number who, in this particular case, defends the cotton exchanges, to write the adverse report.

Senator Ransdell is open in his defense of the exchanges which operate in his home city, New Orleans, and his adverse report is identical with the report which exchanges would have made had they had the opportunity. No one of the senators who constantly speculated on the defenseless farmer and the "outrageous gamblers of Wall street" attempted to defend the Dial measure. No one of them offered to improve it by amendment, despite the fact that it was common knowledge that the lobbyists of the exchanges were expending their every energy to compass its defeat.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

Will Be Held Tuesday Afternoon At 4 O'clock, Graded School.

The first meeting of the Abbeville Parent-Teacher association will be held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the graded school. Miss Rachel McMaster, assisted by members of her class in elocution will give a short program before the business meeting of the association.

A full attendance of the mothers of the schools, and all others interested in the welfare of the school pupils and the advancement of the schools are cordially invited to attend this meeting and to ally themselves with the association in the good work which they are doing.

The annual dues are 50c for women and \$1.00 for men. The treasurer will be at the seat of custom tomorrow afternoon to receive the dues.

Home of Henry Klugh Burned.

Greenwood, Oct. 14.—The home of Henry Klugh near the Abbeville county line was burned Wednesday night from fire originating in the kitchen. Members of the family barely escaped.

J. A. Verchot, manager of the Opera House, has gone to Alabama for a short visit to his mother.

OTHER LINES TO FIGHT DRY RULE

COURT TAKES ACTION TO PRE- VENT SEIZURE—WHITE STAR AND UNITED STATES AMERI- CAN LINES PROTECTED FROM PROHIBITION AGENTS.

New York, Oct. 14.—Federal Judge Learned Hand late today issued temporary injunction restraining federal prohibition agents from molesting liquor on board the vessels of the British-owned White Star line and the American-owned United American line.

The temporary stays were granted until Tuesday, when the two new cases will be heard, along with the similar case filed by the International Mercantile Marine and the order requiring federal enforcement agents to show cause why they should not be restrained from molesting liquor on the twenty-four vessels of the Cunard and Anchor lines.

The United American line, which was represented by George Adams Ellis, was required to furnish a bond to guarantee that liquor on board the steamship Resolute, leaving New York Tuesday, would not be sold or consumed until the vessel arrives at Hamburg. The bond was double the value of the liquor. Mr. Ellis said he took the action today in order to get the matter before the United States Supreme Court and also to get the liquor on the Resolute into a foreign port to remain until a Supreme Court decision finally settles the validity of the Daugherty decision.

Van Vechten Veeder of counsel for the White Star line, declared he would come back to court with "one or two" similar cases tomorrow. He said the company was in a quandary as to what to do with the large stock of liquor on board the Majestic, which is due to sail from Liverpool Wednesday, and that it wanted some guidance from the court in deciding how to dispose of this stock.

Three vessels—one American, one French and one Spanish—arrived here today, all of them with their bars sealed. The bar on the President Harding, of the United States line, was sealed Tuesday night on wireless instructions from the company's headquarters here. The sale and consumption of liquor was stopped that evening.

The American liner Finland, it was stated, will leave for Europe tomorrow with her bar sealed. More than \$3,000 worth of liquor on board will be kept under seal and disposed of at Southampton. The temporary injunction granted to the International Mercantile Marine molestation by enforcement officers, but officials of the company decided "not to take any chance."

BACK AT POWER HOUSE.

Mr. J. C. Cox is back at his work at the power house of the Abbeville Water and Electric Plant after a rest of several weeks following a slight illness. The lights seem to shine brighter since his return.

FIRE ALARM YESTERDAY.

The fire alarm was sounded Sunday morning about 10 o'clock. The blaze was at a small negro house near the shops, and the Company made quick work in getting control of the fire. No damage much was done.

North Carolina Banker Dead.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Oct. 14.—Mack C. Braswell, of Battleboro, N. C., banker, merchant and prominent in the co-operative marketing organizations, died at a Richmond Va., hospital early today according to a telegram received here.

Radium will make a real diamond sparkle in the dark while it has no effect on an imitation.

DECISION INCREASES RAILWAYS' WAGE BILL

BOOST FOR MAINTENANCE OF WAR EMPLOYEES AWARDED. 450,000 MEN WILL BE PAID MORE THAN TWENTY-TWO MILLION DOLLARS

Chicago, Oct. 14.—The wage bill of the nation's railroads was increased an estimated \$22,125,000 by a decision of the United States railroad labor board today granting increased pay of two cents an hour to over 450,000 maintenance of way employees.

Four of nine groups of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of way Employees and Railroad Shopworkers were affected by the raise, the largest single group being common labors. The decision raised minimum rates of pay for the classes affected from the present 23 and 30 cents to 25 and 37 cents.

Chairman Ben W. Hooper in a statement following the decision said that the board based its finding on a general upward trend in wages for this and other groups of workmen and not only pronounced change in living costs.

The maintenance of way officers in presenting their case to the board several weeks ago demanded a virtual minimum wage of 47 cents an hour.

The public group today was augmented after a ten day deadlock by W. L. McMenimen of the labor group and Samuel Higgins of the railroad group, these two making the necessary five to make the public group's proposal effective, Chairman Hooper said that the actual decision would be presented to the board Monday, the document not yet having been formally handed down. A. D. Wharton of the labor group refused to vote on today's decision and it is possible that both the members of the railroad and labor groups may file dissenting opinions.

Today's decision was a direct outgrowth of the July wage cuts and the rail strikers and threatened strikes which followed. When the crafts strike was declared, the maintenance of way men were also on the verge of walking out but E. F. Gribble head of the organization, withheld action on appeal to the labor board for a regulation asked a virtual minrun of 17 cents an hour.

In making the decision public, Chairman Hooper explained that about 18,000 maintenance of way employees on roads in the extreme South will still receive from 17 to 28 cents an hour, they having signed agreements with the carriers to this effect and not being affected by today's ruling.

According to figures compiled by the railroads and submitted to the board during hearings a plurality of about 120,000 trackmen or 85 per cent, of the carries are now receiving between 25 and 36 cents an hour.

JOHN KLUGH SICK

John Klugh came home from Clemson Saturday and is confined to his home with a case of pleurisy. John had a long seige this summer with typhoid fever, and his present illness will be regretted by every one.

\$5.00 FOR BEING DRUNK

Only one case came up before Mayor Mars this morning and that was for being drunk and was fined \$5.00

COTTON MARKET.

Cotton sold for 23 cents on the local market today. Futures closed:
Oct. --- -- -- -- 22.20
Dec. --- -- -- -- 22.42
Jan. --- -- -- -- 22.30
March --- -- -- -- 22.42
May --- -- -- -- 22.35