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SUPREME COUNCIL TO HEAR AUSTRIA

MATTER OF REPARATIONS BY GERMANY WAS PUT ASIDE TEMPORARILY.

WANT REPORTS FROM EXPERTS

Premiers Considering Whether it is Advisable to Have Hun Representatives Meet With Council.

Paris.—The supreme council, composed of representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium and Japan, heard the military experts and later conferred together regarding the failure of Germany to disarm as provided for by the treaty of Versailles. The experts were asked to make a detailed report on the subject, with recommendations regarding measures to insure execution of the disarmament clauses of the treaty.

The council will, contrary to expectation, take up the situation of Austria, instead of reparations.

The British premier, Lloyd George, and the president of the French council, Aristide Briand, it is understood, desire an opportunity to talk over the different phases of the reparations question before the subject comes up for discussion at the full council's program.

In this connection the premiers are said to be considering whether it is feasible and advisable to have the German representatives sit with the council before the final decision on reparations is taken.

Consumption of Whiskey Less

Washington.—Whiskey consumption in the United States decreased from 39,641,985 gallons in 1917 to 5,581,553 gallons in 1920, the first year of prohibition under the constitutional amendment, according to figures announced by the Anti-Saloon League of America. Consumption of alcohol in the same years decreased from 71,081,121 gallons to 22,639,355 gallons, the figures showed, while beer consumption dropped from 60,817,379 barrels to 9,231,280 barrels.

Not to Disturb Home Brewers

Chicago.—Home brewers will not be disturbed for the present, despite recent government announcements that they would be prosecuted vigorously, Frank D. Richardson, prohibition director for the central states, said on his return from Washington.

Night Riders Issue Warnings

Lexington, Ky.—Night riders visited farmers in Bath and Fleming counties and warned them not to haul any more tobacco to market until prices were higher, according to reports received here.

Rev. Irwin Arrested

Belfast.—The Rev. J. A. Irwin, a Presbyterian minister, who spoke in the United States with Eamon de Valera during the latter's tour, has been arrested, it was learned here.

Guatemala Has Literacy Law

Guatemala City.—Illiterates are forbidden to participate in political contests under the terms of a bill approved by the congress of Guatemala.

Mrs. Harding in Washington

Washington.—Mrs. Warren G. Harding, wife of the President-elect, arrived in Washington where she will spend several days prior to joining Mr. Harding at St. Augustine, Fla.

Retail Prices Coming Down

Chicago.—Retail prices generally are not coming down but are already at that stage, according to members of the Retailers' Commercial Union, which opened a week's convention here.

Woman Candidate for Legislature

Columbia, S. C.—Miss Corine Barfield is one of six candidates for a seat in the House of Representatives of the South Carolina Legislature made vacant by the death of W. T. P. Sprott.

Death of Confederate Colonel

Anderson, S. C.—Col. Joseph Newton Brown, 89 ranking surviving officer of the Confederate army in South Carolina, died at his home here.

Fatal Gasoline Explosion

Memphis, Tenn.—At least 25 persons, most of them negroes, were killed, according to police estimates, and 50 or more injured by an explosion of a tank car of gasoline near the filling station of the Colyar-Rees company, set off presumably by a spark from a workman's chisel.

Six Drowned in Automobile

Chicago.—A big, black automobile which is believed to have held six persons when it plunged into the south branch of the Chicago river, was the object sought by police equipped with grappling hooks.

Southern Secures Loan

Washington.—A loan of \$3,225,000 to the Southern railway for the purchase of new equipment was approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The road must provide \$5,000,000 in cash.

IRON ORE MINING MADE NEW RECORDS

OUTPUT LAST YEAR EXCEEDED ONLY BY THE PRODUCTION DURING WAR YEARS.

INCREASE IN AVERAGE VALUES

Shipments From Georgia, Virginia and North Carolina 445 Thousand Tons, Valued at \$1,848,000.

Washington.—Iron ore mining last year was exceeded only by that of the war years, 1916, 1917 and 1918. The output was 67,773,000 gross tons, the geological survey announced, which was an increase of 12 per cent over 1919, while shipments of ore from the mines aggregated 69,558,000 gross tons, valued at \$290,607,000. Shipments showed an increase of 34 per cent and the total value nearly 43 per cent. The average selling value of the ore at the mines for the country as a whole was \$4.18 per gross ton, compared with \$3.61 in 1919.

Georgia's production was 89,000 tons and shipments 94,000, valued at \$474,000. North Carolina's production 69,000 tons valued at \$256,000, Virginia's production 308,000 tons and shipments 296,000 tons, valued at \$1,118,000.

Russ Territorial Integrity

Washington.—A "public and solemn" engagement among the great powers not to violate or permit the violation of the territorial integrity of Russia is regarded by President Wilson as the sine qua non of an attempt to the pacification of Armenia and other states bordering on the once great empire.

The President's views are set forth in a note transmitted to Paul Hyman, president of the league of nations assembly, by Acting Secretary Davis under date of January 18.

May Cause 1,000,000 Deaths

New York.—Unless the house shortage in this country is relieved, the United States may be visited by plagues which are now troubling Europe and Asia which perhaps may cause more than 1,000,000 deaths in this country, according to a sensational statement by Health Commissioner Royal S. Copeland at a forum luncheon here at the Brooklyn chamber of commerce.

Young Rockefeller Contributes

New York.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., son of the Standard Oil magnate, has contributed \$1,000,000 to the relief of starving European children. This announcement was made by Herbert Hoover.

Coal on Doctor's Certificate

Washington.—Charges that profiteering was carried to such extremes that consumers had to obtain physician's certificates before they could get coal were made to the senate manufacturing committee by Representative Mead of Buffalo, N. Y.

Huns Hide War Material

Berlin.—General Nollet of France, head of the Inter-Allied Control Commission in Germany, will make a sensational report to the Supreme Council meeting in Paris on the discovery of hidden war materials near this city.

American is Released

Baltimore.—Mrs. Marguerite E. Harrison, of Baltimore, newspaper correspondent, imprisoned as a spy by the bolsheviks at Moscow, has been released, according to a letter received here.

Viator is Burned to Death

Elkton, Md.—First Lieut. Harry J. Spaulding, an aviator, of Boling Field, Washington, while trying to land in a heavy fog two miles north of Elkton, fell and was burned to a crisp.

Fleeing From the Plague

Vera Cruz.—Residents of Vera Cruz began to flee from the city in fear of the new outbreak of yellow fever and bubonic plague.

The Same Francisco Villa

Mexico City.—Francisco Villa, the farmer, is still the same Francisco Villa who for nearly ten years was the terror of northern Mexico. His ranch is an armed camp, conducted under military rules.

Coolidge Asked to Speak

Raleigh.—Vice-President-elect Calvin Coolidge was asked to address the North Carolina General Assembly some time in February, during which time he will be spending a two-week vacation at Asheville.

Must Not Hunt Chinchillas

Washington.—You can't go to Peru to hunt vicunas and chinchillas. The Peruvian government has forbidden foreigners killing them, the department of commerce was advised in a recent cable message.

Federation Will Fight Bill

Washington.—Secretary Frank Morrison gave warning that the American Federation of Labor will fight a bill pending before the Texas legislature to establish a labor court similar to the Kansas Industrial Court.



SIR HORACE RUMBOLD. Sir Horace Rumbold of England, who has been appointed commissioner to Turkey.

PERSHING ALSO TO TESTIFY

Great Burden of Taxation Makes the Peoples of All Nations Anxious to Reduce Their Armaments.

Washington.—Another of the American commissioners who helped draft the treaty of Versailles—Henry White, ambassador to France under President Roosevelt—told the house naval committee that the time was ripe for world disarmament and that the United States should initiate the movement.

General Pershing's views will be sought. The committee already has heard General Tasker H. Bliss, former American representative on the supreme war council and a number of the peace delegation; Secretary Daniels, and acting Secretary Davis, of the state department.

Mr. White gave it as his opinion that the great burden of taxation resulting from the world war made the peoples of the nations anxious to cut down on expenditures for armaments. He expressed it that the world was "crying for some agreement" to limit armaments as a means of reducing taxes.

Discussing the proposed "naval holiday," the former ambassador said he did not think the United States should stop the naval construction it now has under way.

King Albert's Auto Kills Child

Brussels.—The automobile of King Albert, while returning to Brussels from Louvain, knocked down two children in the village of Kesseido. A girl of five years of age of Kesseido. A right and a boy of eight years was seriously hurt.

King Alabert, who was in the machine, was greatly perturbed.

Foreign Trade of America

Washington.—America's foreign trade in 1920 was the largest in the country's history, totalling \$13,507,000,000. Exports were valued at \$8,228,000,000 against \$7,920,000,000 in 1919, and imports were valued at \$5,279,000,000, or \$1,375,000,000 greater than the imports in 1919.

Tea-Tasting Party

Washington.—The annual tea-tasting party to determine standards of purity, quality and fitness of all tea that shall enter the United States in the 12 months beginning May 1 will be held in New York, the Department of Agriculture announced.

Colby in Trinidad

Port of Spain, Trinidad.—Bainbridge Colby, United States secretary of state, and party, arrived here aboard the battleship Florida on his way home from South America.

Gore Would Make It 350

Washington.—Limitation of house of representatives' membership to 350 by constitutional amendment, was proposed in a resolution introduced by Senator Gore, Oklahoma.

Caruso's Voice Unimpaired

New York.—Enrico Caruso's voice has not been in the least impaired by his illness; he is convalescing and will be able to leave his sick room in a few days.

O'Callaghan Will Surrender

New York.—Donal O'Callaghan, lord mayor of Cork, left here for Norfolk, Va., where he will surrender himself to the immigration authorities who announced he would be permitted to re-ship as a sailor, after having come as a seaman.

The President Wants to Know

Washington.—President Wilson has sent another communication regarding mediation in Armenia to President Hymans, of the council of the league of nations.

Plan Marketing Organization

Louisville, Ky.—Preliminary steps to solve the dilemma for Kentucky tobacco farmers, who declare they face ruin because of low prices for their product, have been taken in New York and are expected to reach fruition in a marketing organization.

ATTEMPT MADE TO IMPLICATE SCHWAB

HE IS CHARGED WITH HAVING WRONGFULLY RECEIVED A SUM OF \$260,000.

WAS THEN DIRECTOR GENERAL

One Hundred Thousand Dollars, a Witness Testified, Was Arbitrarily Charged to Wrong Account.

New York.—A voucher for \$260,000 "for personal expenses of an officer of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation," was found in an audit of the main offices of that company, Col. E. H. Abadie informed the Walsh congressional committee, investigating the shipping board. He identified this "officer" as Charles M. Schwab, who was then director general of the emergency fleet corporation. The voucher was made for the month of October, 1918. "One hundred thousand dollars of this amount," he testified, "was arbitrarily charged to ship construction."

It was learned prior to adjournment that Mr. Schwab had been asked to appear before the committee to testify.

The voucher in question, Colonel Abadie added, was not seen by him nor was its alleged amount or purpose verified.

Communist Faction Bolts

Leghorn, Italy.—The communist faction of the Italian socialist party, defeated in its attempts to secure endorsement by the party of the third internationale of Moscow, bolted the socialist convention here.

100 New Express Cars

Knoxville, Tenn.—Local Southern railway officials announce completion of one hundred new express cars for service on the Southern system by the Southeastern Express company.

Clothing Union Is Sued

New York.—Dissolution of Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, an injunction restraining workers now on strike here from picketing factories, and \$500,000 damages are asked in a suit filed in the supreme court here by J. Friedman & company clothing makers.

Many Imports are Duty Free

Washington.—The United States collected revenues amounting to approximately \$337,000,000 in 1920 on imported goods, valued at \$2,188,000,000, it was learned at the Department of Commerce. Goods amounting to about \$3,000,000,000 were admitted to the country duty free.

The largest item on the dutiable list of goods imported was foodstuffs, partly or wholly manufactured, valued at about \$1,120,000,000.

Crude materials for use in manufacturing amounting to about \$1,550,000,000 in value, headed the list of free duty items.

Guests of Mrs. Wilson

Washington.—Wives of ambassadors, ministers and other members of the diplomatic corps were the guests of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, at a White House luncheon. Covers were laid for forty and the luncheon was the most elaborate social function held at the White House since President Wilson was taken ill.

Jap Crown Prince Coming

Tokyo.—Prince Hirohito, heir apparent to the throne of Japan, will visit America after his proposed trip to London and other European capitals next spring.

Carnegie Medals Awarded

Pittsburgh.—One silver medal and 25 bronze medals were awarded for acts of heroism by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission at its mid-winter meeting here.

Hun and Yankee Dine Together

The Hague.—The American and German ministers dined at the same table at a state dinner to the heads of the diplomatic missions.

1,157,873 in Rio Janeiro

Rio Janeiro.—The city's population was 1,157,873 in September, according to figures made public by the census bureau.

Labor Table on Wages

Washington.—A Department of Labor table said that, if the maximum wage cut of 22 1/2 per cent so far reported from any cotton mill were applied generally in the industry to 1920 scales, it would leave an hourly wage 2 1/2 times as high as prevailed in 1913 or 1 1/4 times as high as in 1918.

Ward Frozen to Death

Nome, Alaska.—Thomas Ward, president and general manager of the Ward Copper company of New York was found frozen to death a few miles from Teller, Alaska.

Graft in Shipbuilding

New York.—At least \$100,000,000 improperly paid shipbuilders by the United States Shipping Board will be disclosed through an audit of accounts now in progress, Colonel E. H. Abadie former comptroller general of the board, declared here.



THOMAS L. CHADBOURNE. According to reports from Washington, many Democrats of prominence are urging the reorganization of the Democratic national committee with Thomas L. Chadbourne, prominent New York lawyer, as chairman. Mr. Chadbourne was vice chairman of the war labor board during the war.

NEW COMPANY GETS THE WORK

Southeastern will Cover 10,000 Miles of Territory, with Offices in all Principal Cities of the South.

Washington.—Beginning March 1, all express business over the Southern and the Mobile & Ohio railroads will be handled by the newly-organized Southeastern Express company, it was announced at the Southern railway headquarters here. Although organized under the laws of Alabama, the new company will have headquarters in Atlanta with John B. Hockaday, formerly vice president and general manager of the old Southern Express company, as president. The Southern railway is the first of the big roads to decline to renew its contracts with the company now comprising the recently merged American Railway Express company.

Service of the new company will cover 10,000 miles of railroad and will have offices in the Middle-West and all principal cities in the South below Baltimore.

The Southern is the first large system to refuse service on its lines to the American Railway Express company.

Former Preacher a Thief

Mount Vernon, Ill.—Guy Kyle, former pastor of the Free Methodist church of Mount Vernon, arrested in connection with the theft here last Friday of 31 packages of registered mail containing \$185,000 in cash, confessed he was implicated in the robbery, postoffice inspectors announced. Approximately \$100,000 was recovered at the Kyle home in an egg crate and about \$75,000 and \$1,600 respectively in two garages of which Rev. Mr. Kyle is part owner.

4,100 Would be Demoted

Washington.—Adjutant General Harris, of the army, estimated that failure of the senate to act on officers' nominations before March 4 would demote to 4,100 officers one or two grades in rank.

Next Meeting in Des Moines

Tacoma, Wash.—Ellis Lewis Garrison, imperial potentate of the Mystic Shrine, has announced that the next meeting of the Shriners of North America will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, June 10, 15 and 16.

Polish Army Mobilizing

London.—Trains are arriving daily in Danzig, loaded with artillery supplies, bomb throwers and ammunition for Polish army, says a wireless message from Moscow.

Willing to Negotiate

Constantinople.—The Turkish nationalists are willing to negotiate for a settlement with the allies, according to an Angora dispatch.

No Increase for House

Washington.—The house of representatives voted against increasing its membership, which now stands at 435.

2,000 More Nominated

Washington.—Nominations of approximately 2,000 postmasters were sent to the senate by President Wilson. This swells the already enormous list of nominations made.

This Jail's Góne Broke

Hartford, Conn.—Prohibition has changed Windham county jail from a self-supporting institution to a \$11,000 yearly liability, the commissioners reported to the general assembly. In years gone by jail inmates were "hired out" to farmers.

2,000 Will be Laid Off

Roads, Va.—Approximately 2,000 employees of the Norfolk & Western railway company will be laid off at once according to information given out.

Will Lay Off 2,500

Wilmington, Del.—Approximately 2,500 employees on the Southern Grand Division of the Pennsylvania railroad which had its headquarters here, will be laid off as a result of a 20 per cent reduction in the working force, it was announced here.

SMALLPOX QUARANTINE IS ON

Visitors at House in Limestone Mills Community to House Because one of Them Developed Disease.

Gaffney.—J. E. Lee of the Limestone mills community, together with three visitors, are quarantined at the Lee home because of the fact that one of the visitors has developed a case of smallpox. The strangers came to the Lee home saying they were from Lancaster, and asking for a night's lodging. As Mr. Lee had a spare room, he accommodated them. They left going to the Southern station and purchased tickets for Greenville. Chief Bryant and Patrolman Lemmonds saw them, and at once discovered that one man suffering from an attack of smallpox. Dr. Nesbitt was called and at once pronounced it smallpox, and the three were at once taken back to the Lee home where they are at present quarantined. Dr. Walter Boone, county health officer, confirmed the diagnosis of Dr. Nesbitt, and a strict quarantine will be maintained until all danger of contagion has passed.

Chesterfield.—One warehouse and four stores were destroyed by fire here entailing a loss between \$50,000 and \$75,000. The stores of goods and other supplies were partially covered by insurance.

Florence.—According to an announcement of President J. R. Kenly, contracts have recently been placed by the Atlantic Coast Line railroad company for new rolling stock costing \$6,220,000. The order includes 25 locomotives of the Pacific type, five six wheel switching engines, 500 box cars, 200 phosphate cars and 25 all steel passenger coaches.

Through formal action for agreement has not been taken the banks of Florence are understood to have quite unanimously adopted the policy of no loans on cotton without 50 per cent reduction of acreage.

Rock Hill.—Becoming too bold in their operations, five youths are under arrest and face the charge of breaking and entering a store in Chester county, three of them also face a charge of stealing a trunk from the passenger station here.

The youths are John Hamrick of Charlotte, and Albert Modlin, Roy Taylor, Harry Webb and C. L. Hunt of Rock Hill.

Greenville.—The condition of Commander Evangeline Booth, of the Salvation Army forces in the United States, is somewhat improved, according to announcement from her rooms at a local hotel. Miss Booth was taken ill in Spartanburg, but came to Greenville to attend the dedication of the Emma Moss Booth memorial hospital, recently completed at a cost of \$250,000.

Gaffney.—Constable C. Y. Allison, accompanied by his assistant, L. H. Allison, and M. S. Turner, prohibition officer, seized a distillery near Hopewell negro church between Blackburg and King's Creek. The outfit was of 50 gallons capacity, and all the indications were that it had been operated within the last few days. There was no one at the plant, but the officers destroyed about 600 gallons of beer.

Spartanburg.—Associate Justice D. E. Hydrick, of the South Carolina supreme court, died in Washington of bronchial pneumonia, which developed after the associate justice was forced to stop at the national capital because of an attack of grippe while en route to Spartanburg from Baltimore to spend the Christmas holidays with his son.

Columbia.—During the year just closed the state penitentiary produced more cotton, grain and other crops and at the end of the year had more assets than in any previous year, according to the report of Col. A. K. Sanders, superintendent, and the board of directors.

Camp Jackson.—By February 1, the combined payroll at Camp Jackson will be something over \$1,000,000 a month. This shows to what an extent the camp has grown in the last few months.

Jury Postpones Verdict

Florence.—Coroner W. Marrin Smith has returned from the scene of the tragedy near Pamlico in which L. S. Bigham is believed to have shot and killed his mother, Mrs. L. H. Bigham his sister, Mrs. Marjorie Black and her two adopted children, Leo and John McCracken, and then to have gone into the woods and shot himself to death.

The coroner declared there was no new developments. The jury has postponed rendering a verdict for two weeks.

McCully Correspondence Large

Greenville.—A mail pouch filled with letters from all parts of the nation asking permission to adopt the seven Russian children he recently brought to America, caused Rear Admiral Newton A. McCully to state here that under no consideration will he part from any of the children.

The admiral and children were guests at a brilliant luncheon during the few hours they stopped over en route to Anderson. Hundreds met them at the station.

CITY OF CHESTER'S PROSPEROUS TIMES

PAVING PROGRAM WHICH TAKES IN ALL OF THE PRINCIPAL STREETS IS COMPLETED.

COUNTY HIGHWAYS EXCELLENT

During Last three Years 115 Miles of Sand-Clay Roads Constructed at a Cost for \$400,000.

Chester.—H. B. Branch, secretary of the Chester chamber of commerce, tells of some of the important things that Chester has been doing. Chester has taken advantage of the prosperous times during the past few years to get the town ready for the development that she may rightly expect, as one of the best located places in the state with reference to railroad facilities.

Chester has just completed a paving program that took in all of the principal streets of the city and represents an expenditure of \$280,000. The county is known for its excellent highways. During the past three years 115 miles of sand-clay roads have been constructed at a cost of \$400,000. The United States public health service has just completed its first year of an intensive health campaign. The health budget last year was \$13,000. The malarial control work of the government has reduced malaria 80 per cent in this section.

Ample appropriation has been made to continue the work during 1921. The health campaign is under the direction of Capt. M. L. Fisher, of the United States public health service, who is associated with the state board of health. The Seaboard Air Line will build a modern new passenger station at Chester this year to be completed by October 1.

Columbia.—Alleged to have been maddened by his love for her because of her repeated refusal to marry him, I. U. Bourknight, young salesman of Columbia, shot and mortally wounded Mrs. Clara Graham, of Hendersonville, N. C., who was on a visit here through the holidays, and sent a bullet crashing through his own brain. Both died at a local hospital shortly after.

Rock Hill.—Based on the prices obtained December 1, the value of eight of the crops grown in York county in 1920 totaled \$4,707,000. This does not include the value of the hay and other food and forage crops, livestock, etc. Since that time the value of the cotton crop alone has increased by approximately \$1,000,000.

Columbia.—In the report of the state budget commission delivered to the general assembly Governor Cooper recommends a total of \$7,110,688.88 in appropriations to carry the departments, institutions and activities of the state government through the year 1921.

Florence.—A reduction of 33 1/3 per cent in the 1921 tobacco crop, compared with that of 1920, was determined upon by the executive committee of the South Carolina Tobacco association, acting upon authority voted on by the convention of the association here.

Anderson.—Fire of unknown determined origin destroyed the kitchen and commissary at Clemson college. The damage is estimated at \$25,000, fully covered by insurance with the state sinking fund commission.

Greenwood.—The Peoples' bank through its directors has decided to wind up its affairs. A majority of the stockholders have already approved this action of the board and a full meeting of